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## **EVANGELISM**

#### Editorial for August

EVANGELISM is a term implying the preaching or promulgation of the Gospel. The evangelist is one who has a message or news of man's Redemption through Christ. The world is in sin and darkness, but the Gospel brings light and freedom. Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift. II Cor. 9:15. A collective body of Christians, or a body of worshippers is a church, and to this group Christ gave certain powers (Power over the enemy) Luke 10:19, and helps. each in its order was to edify Christ and build up a soul saving unit. Eph. 4:11-12. Evangelists, pastors and teachers are part of God's workmen in spreading and continuation of the Gospel. A church with no pastor has a harder struggle, for a pastor is to feed the flock and watch that they be not destroyed. John 21:15-17. Acts. 20:28. A teacher is to add to of the good things of the Lord, instruct in righteousness, in sound doctrine, II Tim. 2:1-2. Tit. 1:9, and to build up this holy cause. An evangelist is to conduct revivals, a continuous series of meetings. Some times these meetings will be a reviving of spiritual interests, and at other times "seed sowing" and again, which we all like best, a harvest of souls. A church without frequent revivals most generally dies out either in attendance or spiritual growth or both. Unity is one of the essentials of a good revival. The perfect will of the Lord should be sought and followed by evangelist, pastor and church in revivals. A new field is missinary work, and follows different rules in that there will be no church to consult unless a certain church is backing the new adventure. The congregation by voice or consent, with the approval of the pastor should invite the evangelistic group. Evangelists should not force their way in, and churches should not close their doors to spirit filled men. Some say that the evangelist does more harm than good. Not if he is in divine order, called of God for that time and place. As to a poor or incapable evangelist, that can be true of that profession, and also of any other. (Continued on page 22)

## Therefore Let Us Not Sleep As Do Others But Let Us Watch And Be Sober

By Mrs. E. A. Greever, Spearman, Texas

This is the theme of a message from God's Holy Word, found in I Th. 5:6. Therefore, for this reason, we know the Lord's coming will come as a snare and because it is revealed unto us the times and seasons in which we live and because we have been translated out of darkness into light and from the power of Satan unto God, let us (God's people) not sleep as do others but let us watch and be sober.

Now let us note three other words in this text worthy of our consideration, lest we (you and I) might find ourselves coming short of our vows unto God.

SLEEP:

Are we slumbering, resting, motionless or inactive? This would mean death if in that state when Jesus comes; "Whose reward is with Him to give to every man according as his work shall be." Rev. 22:12.

WATCH:

We must have close observation, be on guard, attending to that which God has given us to do, without sleep, as watchmen warning the unruly, comforting the feebleminded, supporting the weak and be patient toward all men. For we know the watch or division o ftime in which we live and are working. Truly we are the servants on duty when it is hard to awarken the people.

SOBER:

We must be habitually temperate, having our senses exercised

to discern both good and evil: Heb. 5:14. Be self-possessed or be master over our bodies, "A vessel unto honour, sanctified and meat for the Master's use and prepared unto every good work." II Tim. 2:21. Ever calm or undisturbed; (to men wemightappearcalm, but does God know we are?) Quietly enduring, "Letting your moderation be known unto all men, the Lord is at hand." Ph. 4:5. Be steady or firm in God's marvelous plan, rooted and grounded in love. "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith, that ye being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth and height and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God." Eph. 3:17-19. Be sedate or serious, not in a trifling manner or slothful about the Lord's work, "For the Devil as a roaring lion walketh about seeking whom he may devour." I Pet. 5:8.

Beloved, first let us "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God. Therefore the world knoweth us not, because, it knew Him not." I Jn. 3:2, and the next verse states, "That when He shall appear we shall be like Him." And until that hour the peace Jesus gave us shall flow on as a river. With our hearts neither troubled or afraid. I'm praying we shall all stay in this state of mind and

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## **MULTITUDES**

By C. O. Ferry, West Fork, Ark.

"Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision; For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision." Joel 3:15.

Are you in that multitude? On your decision deepnds your salvation. God grant you may decide

aright.

"Enter ye in at the strait gate; For wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction and many there be which go

in thereat."

"Because strait is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Mat. 7:13. Evidently then, we can't go with the multitudes and have salvation. "Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil." Ex. 23:2. Anyone who has watched knows that untold thousands, yea, perhaps millions have disobeyed that commandment. This includes many born again people, yes, and people who have been sactified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. They do things they wouldn't have done years ago, because, it is so prevalent, that they try to justify themselves, because multitudes do it.

Moving up to Jesus' time on earth fourteen - hundred years later we find Him warning of the same danger. "And because iniquity shall abound the love of many shall wax cold." Mat. 24:12. Those who wax cold seldom become cold suddenly. It is the little things at first. The ylet up on their prayer life, then Bible study is neglected, meditation on the things of God is of less importance and they drift away from

God. Then because they are neither hot not cold, He will spew them out of His mouth.

There are many professed Christians today, doing things which self-respecting people who made no pretense to Christianity would not have done twenty-five years ago. Iniquity abounds and they have followed the multitudes.

Paul, in Rom. 12:2, speaks the same language, "And be ye not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your minds that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

It is a deplorable fact that many who have been transformed, later conform. It doesn't matter what has been our past, we need to watch our step. Every one of us, and keep in the narrow way. In this narrow way there is always room for two, Christ and yourself. If you try to walk that path alone it leads to disaster.

Sure, you will be called oldfashioned if you don't conform. But will have good company. "I am God, I change not." "Jesus Christ the same, yesterday and forever." So they too, are old fashioned. We are instructed to be old fashioned. We read in Jer. 6:15, "Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the way and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they answered, we will not walk therein." therein."

If you haven't found rest for your soul, it is for you, but you will only find it in the old paths. The above invitation is still open, what is our answer?

#### CORRECTION

We regret the fact that a mistake in the date of the Webb City, Mo. camp meeting went out in the July issue of this publication. Please note that the correct date for this encampment is, Aug. 10-20th.

Plans are progressing and many are planning to attend, looking forward to a time of blessing from the presence of the Lord. If you desire tents or reservations please write the committee at once stating your desires.

All reports received from the Mississippi Camp Meeting as we go to press tell of a very successful series of ervices there. We regret that many from a distance who would have attended were unable to on account of transportation conditions.

The South Texas Camp meeting is in session as we close our forms for this issue of the paper. It is under the very able direction of Eangs. Roy D. Wooster and Alford Whitely and will no doubt be a real inspiration and blessing to all who are permitted to attend.

These consecrated servants of the Lord who accept the responsibility of the Camp Aeetings deserve our prayers and support in every way. May God richly bless and repay each one of them.

For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. (I Cor. 6:20).

YES, we have some people yet who would spit in the face of Jesus our wonderful Savior and who would drive the nails a little deeper and make the thorns a little sharper.

Our mail recently brodght to us a front cover of "The Gospel Voice" with every word and the arrangement on the cover smeared and marked in a very complete manner. This only proves what such a person would do to the Son of God if they had an opportunity for they who reject His words reject Him.

#### A NEW CHURCH

Evang. Jake Pletcher writes from Vici, Okla., that he has secured a building there and has opened a church of this Faith. He is urging all the Ministers of the Apostolic Faith Movement to stop by when in reach and give them a boost in the services there.

There is truly a need for a greater vision and burden for evangelism so let us each one take a burden of prayer and support for this and all other new churches.

Praise the name of the Lord. For His Name alone is excellent; His glory is above the earth and heaven. (Psalms 148:13).

Many can mourn over a body from which the soul has departed, when they do not mourn over a last soul departing from the ways of God. AUGUST 1944 Page Seven

## 'The March of World Empires"

An outlined study of the book of Daniel By Evang. Ralph A. Durham

SERIES NO. 5

We are very glad for the manner in which the Lord has blessed this study of the book of Daniel, quite a number have expressed their appreciation for the effort we have made in this manner and we feel that whatever is accomplished is by the help of the Lord and to Him we give the praise and also trust Him for further help in bringing these lessons.

We have reached the eighth chapter of the book of Daniel and now as we make a study of this particular chapter there is a need for every one to give the most careful thought to this lesson for there are some things in it which are very easily overlooked and some very mistaken conclusions have been arrived at because of careless study.

Before we read this chapter let us return to the previous chapter for just one thought, in the form of a question:

OF WHICH BEAST IN CHAPTER SEVEN WAS DANIEL MOST CONCERNED?

In verses 19-21 we find Daniel expressing a special desire to know the truth or to fully understand all things concerning the fourth beast.

It is evident that Daniel felt the fourth was the one which needed the most explanation and I feel that almost all the remaining chapters were given in order to fully explain to Daniel the rise of the Roman Empire, it's diminish-

ing and then its revival which was merely introduced in chapter seven as the dreadful beast with TEN HORNS AND A LITTLE HORN.

Now let each one read from chapter eight, verses 1-14, the remaining verses will come later:

WHAT IS THE VISION GIVEN IN THIS CHAPTER?

In order to make Daniel understand the rise and fall of the successive World Empires or the progress of the "Times Of The Gentiles" down to the revival of the Roman Empire and the Antichrist the vision of the Ram and the He-goat was given. Let us bear in mind that this vision was given just shortly before the rise of the Medo-Persion Empire and of course was the proper place to begin the revelation concerning the remaining Empires.

WHAT EMPIRE DID THE RAM REPRESENT?

From the reading of verses 5-7 it is very easily understood that the Ram was the Persian Empire. Note how perfectly the two horns conform to the two arms in Nebuchadnezzar's dream and also the two horns, one higher than the other conforms to the bear raising itself on one side thus very definitely substantiating the arms of the image, and the Bear as being the same Empire as that now being shown as a Ram.

WHAT DID THE HE-GOAT REPRESENT?

It is so clearly stated in these verses as to the He Goat that it is hardly necessary to say more than that the He Goat was the Greecian Empire. In verse seven we find a very exact description of the fall of the Persian Empire under the attack of this rough Goat, this is also a matter of secular history now.

WHAT WAS THE NOTABLE

HORN?

There is no question but what the Notable Horn was Alexander Great the first king of Greecia; the Bible in a simple statement thus: "And the rough goat is the king of Greecia: And the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king."

WHAT IS THE FOUR

HORNS?

In verse 22, we find this statement: "Now that being broken, (the notable horn) whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, (notice it says four kingdoms out of the nation, or out of the Greecian Empire) but not in his power." Thus we have the prophecy of the untimely death of Alexander the Great due to gross immorality, and also of the division of his Empire by his four princes or erals, (the four wings and four heads on the leopard) These were the resulting kingdoms of this division: Syria, Egypt, Macedonia and Asia-minor.

WHAT WAS THE LITTLE

HORN?

Let us give this question the most careful consideration for it is here that many become confused and fail to note some of the things contained in this passage. This little horn is not the Antichrist as it is easy to conclude if we fail to look carefully into this. and yet it is a perfect type of the Anti christ.

Now let us study verse 9, "And out of one of them (one of one of the four divisions of Alexander's kingdom, keep this in please) came forth a little horn. which waxed exceeding great, toward the south and toward the east and toward the pleasant

land." (Palestine)

There follows in the next verses a description of a number of things this little horn will do but before we study those things let us take further note of the rise of this little horn. In verse 23 we find a very important clue: "And in the latter time of their ningdom, (Note the possessive form, THEIR kingdom, the four kingdoms out of Alexander's kingdom) when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance and understanding dark centences, shall stand up. And so we have a most exact explanation concerning the place and the time this little horn was to rise; in the latter time of the four kingdoms out of the Greecian Empire and out of one of these four kingdoms, and so we see that the little horn cannot be the Antichrist because all this is past now. Permit us to digress from our subject here to say again that there is a great danger in trying to put things in the future which have already been fulfilled.

We wish to state again also that though this littel horn was not the Anti-christ yet it is a very exact type of the Anti-christ and also please remember that in each the foregoing Empires beasts there was going to be some prophetic type which would be carried on down to the last beast. In the Head of Gold or Lion it

was the voice or decsee that all must worship an image. In this Empire or beast it is a little horn which will again be manifested in the last beast; then, the little horn will be the Anti-Christ.

Perhaps we have departed somewhat from our ghestion as to who this little horn was; now to identify this little horn of the latter time of the Greecian Empire we find is not at all difficult; In secular history we find a man o fthat time and from the proper location fulfilling all the things spoken of. This person was Antiochus Epiphanes, IV, or Epimanes, "The Madman," eighth king of the Selucid nasty on the Syrian throne. He was a tyrant oppressor of the Jews, his wicked deeds, blasphemy, and sacrilege was described by the following, Book of the Maccabees, by various Bible historians, confirmed by secular history and last but not least who shown to Daniel in this prophetic vision.

Now let us note that he ascended the Syrian throne, thus fulfilling that which was spoken that out of one of the four divisions would come this little horn, so, then we have him positively located as to his rise. Now we shall study some of the things he was to do, was to wax great toward the pleasant land, (Palestine). Thus we find once again the place of importance Palestine holds in the fulfillment of prophecy; magnify himself to the prince of the host; by him the daily sacrifice would be taken away cast some of the host down to the ground, cast down the truth, power should be

mighty but not by his own power, (Imbued with power of Satan) shall destroy the holy people.

These things were all fulfilled by Antiochus Epiphanes IV. The first thing we call attention to was his waxing great toward the pleasant land; he conquered Jerusalem, took away the Jews' daily sacrifice in the temple, took complete possession of the Temple and magnified himself as prince of the host, offered a sow on the altar instead or the Jews offering, sprinkled the broth over the Temple instead of blood, thus corrupting it, changed the feast of the Tabernacles to the feast of Bacchus, auctioned off the Priesthood, stopped all true worship and instituted idolworship, devastated the whole land and city, massacred 100,000 Jews and came to an END AS THE PROPHECY STATED.

WHAT WAS THE 2300 DAYS?

An examination of the historical facts shows that as near as can be ascertained this statement meant just what it says: or for that period of time the Temple was in the hands of this vile person and then was regained by Judas the Maccabee who restored and cleansed the Temple and set up the Jews worship again. Other events in the Bible have been foretold to the exact day, for the example, the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt.

And so we have in this chapter a vision of events which were to transpire down to the latter time of the Greecian Empire and not to the end of this age as it has commonly been supposed. Re-

member that Daniel is being shown in detail the things which were to come in answer to his earnest question concerning the fourth beast therefore we can expect to find further revelation of those things in the remaining chapters.

Now read the other verses in chapter eight V. 15-27 and you will seen these things are clearly explained to Daniel and also for our benefit in this closing time of prophetic fulfillment.

We feel there is a need of every one becoming interested and concerned about the fulfillment of so many important prophetic events of today lest there come upon us unawares many things which we will not be prepared for. Remember, prophecy is history pre-written, history is prophecy fulfilled and as we compare these two it should erase from our minds and hearts every trace of doubt as to the fulfillment of all things and the consummation of the Gosper dispensation.

The message of the coming of the Lord is meeting severe persecution today and many are turning from the truth unto fables, because iniquity is abounding the love of many is waxing cold.

My Brother, the cry, the Bridegroom cometh will truly and surely ring out soon. Will your lamp be burning or will the cares of life and the slumbering spirit of this age cause yo uto be turned away.

For thou art my lamp, O Lord: and the Lord will lighten my darkness. (II Samuel 22:29).

## Therefore Let Us . . .

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heart and crying, "Even so come Lord Jesus."

Peace to this old word will never come by any plan of man or any agreement of nations for Jesus said, "Ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars, many shall be offended and because iniquity shall abound the love of many shall wax cold." Mat. 24: "There is no peace saith the Lord unto the wicked." Isa, 48:22.

"Oh that thou hadst hearkened unto my commandments, then had thy peace been as a river and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea." Isa. 48:18. Today, "The whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only the ybut ourselves also which have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves waiting for the adoption towit, the redemption of our bodies." Rom. 8:22-23.

Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am there ye may be also." St. Jn. 14:2-3. This glorious message makes our heart burn within us, and if sin reigns in these mortal bodies it fills us with fear. "Fear hath torment, perfect love casteth our fear." I Jn. 4:18.

Knowing He returns with power and glory, the Prince of Peace; if hungry hearted we find ourselves striving to know what the will of the Lord is concerning us.

In the first verse of the chap-

ter from whence our text is found, we read. "But of the times and seasons brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you." In Rom. 13:11-12, "And that knowing the times that now it is high time to awake out of sleep for now is our salvation than when we believed. The night is far spent the day is at hand, let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and let us put on the armor of light." "Put on the whole armor of God that ve may be able to stand against the wiles of the Devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ve may be able to withstand in the evil day and having done all to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth and having on the breastplate of righteousness. And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. Above all taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the firey darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit which is the word of God." Eph. 6:11-17.

These are weapons of defense and offense. "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds, casting down imagination and every high thing that exalteth itself to the obedience of Christ." II Cor. 10:4-5. "Be ye therefore ready for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Mat. 24:44.

"And let no man deceive you, he that doeth righteousness is righteous even as He is righteous." I Jn. 3:7.

The destruction everywhere in the world today is the work of man, but as a watchman we blow the trumpet in Zion, sounding the alarm in the holy mountain, "Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand." Joel 2:1. "As a destruction from the Almighty shall it come." Joel 1:15.

"But we are looking for new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness." II Pet. 3:13. "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea." Isa. 11:9. What a glorious day of rest with the Lord. We are almost finishing six thousand years or six of God's days. "But beloved be not ignorant of this one thing that one day is with the Lord as a thousand vears and a thousand years as one day."

As God rested the seventh day from all His works so we are soon to enter the seventh day or the day of rest with Christ. From Adam to Abraham two days or two thousand years were finished. From Abraham to the birth of Christ, two more of God's days. Today we are writing 1944 since Jesus was made flesh and dwelt among us. Should we write two thousand we would finish six thousand years from Adam; but Jesus said, in Mat. 24:21-22, "For then shall be great tribulation such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened there should be no flesh be saved, but, for the elects sake, those days shall be shortened." Are you ready for the notable day of the Lord?

"As it was in the days of Noe so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage until the day that Noe entered into the ark and knew not until the flood came and took them all away, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Mat. 24:37-39. In the days of Noah the earth was also corrupt before God and the earth was filled with violence. Gen. 6:11. And now let us remember the words of Jesus that we may know the times and seasons. "Watch ye therefore for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even or at midnight, or at the cock-crowing or in the morning. Lest coming suddenly He find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, watch." Mk. 13:35-37.

So we, living in this day of grace made up of four watches are truly in the last watch which is the morning watch. The cockcrowers have delivered the message of all things being destored that the prophet Joel said would be, and the latter rain has fallen closing the harvest. This rain began to fall in the first month, Joel 2:23. This took place in Topeka, Kan., Jan. 1, 1900. The early rain first fell when the disciples were gathered together in

the upper room in Jerusalem. Acts 2: "Be patient therefore brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth and hath long patience for it until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient, establish your heart for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh." Jas. 5:7-8.

#### WATCH

Watch and be not slothful, but pay thy vows,

The love of many waxeth cold, O soul arouse!

Stir up your pure minds, Jesus coming is near,

Hold fast that you have and be of good cheer.

Watch thou in all things, listen for God's truth,

Many deceivers in the land who watch for you;

There is a crown awaiting if we watch for Christ's return,

So ever be faithful, may your heart within you burn.

Watch lest coming suddenly He find you asleep,

Pray without ceasing, the flesh truly is weak;

Fully surrender to God, seek for things above,

Be filled with the Spirit, the fullness of His love.

Watch for you know not the hour when He shall appear,

Be ye therefore ready, the day is drawing near;

Cast your care upon Him, rejoice evermore,

And His name above all names ever adore.

Watch and be thou sober, never slumber nor sleep,

For the day of the Lord fast upon you creeps;

He's coming again, truly 'twill come as a snare,

Put on God's armor and Satan's snares beware.

Be fervent in spirit, ever serving the Lord,

Who are led of the spirit are the sons of God;

Trim your lamp my brother, let it be burning bright,

The day is fast passing we are entering night.

He came not in the evening nor at the midnight hour,

Neither at the cock-crowing, but I hear a mighty shower;

God's blessings restored, gifts given to men,

In the morning watch He's coming, be ready then.

Let not your heart be troubled in this darkened hour,

Abundant grace is promised, God's old time power;

The latter rain has fallen, harvest soon o'er.

Enter the aSnctuary, His oil upon you He'll pour.

No diet is sufficient for the health of soul that does not contain at least one portion of daily prayer, one of meditation on God's Word, one of praise to Him, and one of service to mankind.—Charles H. Spurgeon.

Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise Him for the help of His countenance. (Psalm 42:5).

#### CONSIDER THE HAMMER

It keeps its head.

It doesn't fly off the handle.

It keeps pounding away.

It finds the point, then drives it home.

It looks at the other side too; and thus often clinches the matter.

It makes mistakes, but when it does, it starts all over.

It is the only knocker in the world that does any good.

When God intends to fill a soul, He first makes it empty; when He intends to enrich a soul, He first makes it poor; when He intends to exalt a soul, He first makes it humble; when He intends to save a soul, He first makes it sensible of its own miseries, wants and nothingness, and then fills it with Himself, which is unspeakably glorious. This is the fullness of New Testament privilege for every Christian.—The Presbyterian.

"Temper is a valuable possession, so don't lose it."

"The sign on the door of opportunity reads "PUSH."

"Stumbling blocks may be carved into stepping stones."

"The non-church-goer cannot be reached by the non-going church."

"When a man concudes that he is utterly useless, he is."

"Many people are "dolling up" on "a dollar down."

#### ARTICLES OF FAITH OF THE APOSTOLIC FAITH MOVEMENT

Acts 2:42

**Enlightenment** 

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

Conviction

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

Repentance

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

Sanctification

SPIRIT, SOUL AND BODY

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

Baptism of Holy Ghost

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

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

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

Divine Healing

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

Trinity of the God-Head

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

The Personal Return of Jesus Christ

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

Conditional Immortality

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

#### TWELVE GREAT THINGS Jn. 3:16

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

> RADIO "The highway and hedge call"

> > **PROGRAMS** of

The Apostolic Faith Movement

"SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP" Sunday, K O A M, 2-2:30 p. m. Pittsburgh, Kan. Olen Bachler, Sec.-Treas.

"LIGHTS OF HOME" Sunday, K A N 5, 9:15-9:30 a. m. Wichita, Kan. Albert L. Dulham, director

"GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM" Tuesday, K P D N, 2-2:30 p. m. Pampa, Texas Ralph A. Durham, director

#### Final Destruction of the Wicked

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

The Ordinance of the Lord Jesus

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

The Support of the Ministry

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

#### A CHALLENGE TO ALL!

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

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

"Keep not back part of the price. Make a full surrender of every motion of thy heart; labor to have but one object and one aim, and for this purpose give God the keeping of thine heart. Cry out for more of the divine influences of the Holy Spirit, so that when thy soul is preserved and protected by Him it may be directed into one channel, and one only, that thy life may run deep and pure, and clear and peaceful; its only banks being God's wil. its only channel the love of Christ and a desire to please Him."-Chis H. Spurgeon.

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## The Voice of Christian Youth

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

## A Soldiers Testimony

#### JUST TO SEE HIM

Somewhere In England Today as we look on every hand, and see so much turmoil and strife, we are made to wonder if we are not nearing the clos-

ing of the age. Truly I believe we are living in the last days when the true children of God are being tested and tried. We see great men falling, nations crumbling which proves the prophecy

of the last days.

I'm sure we all come to a place at times in life when it seems as though all hope is gone, and it seems as if we can't go on any further, but I've found God to be a present help in every time of need; Who seeth and doeth all things well, the giver of every good and perfect gift, the lover of

all mankind

When I'm in a trial I remember the story of the lad who was flying a kite at the countryside; a passerby noticed the lad asked, "Sonny what are doing?" The lad replied, "I'm flying a kite," the man looking up said, "I don't see the kite." "I don't either," replied the lad, "but I feel the tug." Oh I'm glad that even in the darkest hour we can feel the tug of the power of God that leads us on to eternal life.

To know that God is in the future and that He shall soon return for His own gives courage to stand; how I long for the glad day when the last battle shall be won, the last cannon shall roar and the last life has been given

and God says it is enough.
Acts 1:11, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven." Surely today that is the hope of every Christian, when we shall behold with our own eyes the Prince of Peace in all His glory and beauty.

When we shall enter the great kingdom of God to live through eternity, where there will be no more wars, heartaches or tears but all will be joy and peace with everlasting love. Just to see Him, just to live in peace and rest from the toils of this life and the labor of battles; "Just one glimpse of Him in glory will the toils of life repay."

-Pvt. Othel E. Cumbie

All things are naked and open unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do. (Heb. 4:13).

The eternal God is thy refuge. and underneath are the everlasting arms. (Deuteronomy 33:27).

"The correct place for the knocker is on the outside of the door."

## DARE TO BE A DANIEL

By Viola Modrick, Spearman, Texas

Daniel is one of the greatest and most outstanding of Old Testament characters. His life is marked with success from the beginning to the end. There is not found on record one single flaw or mistake. Let us study his ife and see what it was that made it so wonderful and such a great success.

At the time the Book was written the children of Isarel as a nation were disobeying God. In fact their disobedience caused the downfall of Jerusalem, vessels from the house of God to be taken to Babylon, and along with these, choice young men. These young men, in whom were no blemish, were skillful in all wisdom, and understood science. It was the king's desire to teach them the learning and tongue of the Chaldeans, that they might serve in his palace.

I believe the beginning of Daniel's successful life was the environment in his home and his early training. He had God's people for his ancestry. Although as we said, some had disobeyed and were worshipping idols, yet there were those who had the God of Abraham for their Fathers, and through the long years of religious training generations back, had instilled in them the religion of the Jews.

Not enough can be said about early training and home environment. That this is true is proven by the fact that there are more sons of minisers in "Who's Who" than any other prifession. There is a high percentage of successful men that have come from homes of ministers.

Perhaps, as young people, when you think of Daniel, you think of him as an old man with long whiskers, interpreting dreams and writing a wonderful Book prophecy, hard to understand. Let us remember that when he was first taken so far away from home he was only perhaps years of age. He was placed in a strange and Godless environment. This move in life could be compared to our service men and women of today. Both Soldiers and Seamen have like temptations as did Daniel. Companions often laugh at them and say, "You're in the Navy," or "You're in the Army," as though this would permit them to do things they would not do at home. There has been many persons away from home that has done things they would not want neighbors or relatives to know about.

But not Daniel. No doubt the secret of his useful and Godly life lies in the fact of the PURPOSE he had to not be defiled. There were a number of MORAL conflicts in Daniel's life. Let us notice the first one.

Daniel was to stand in the King's palace. He was to be a servant to the king—an honorable position. It was necessary that he be his best physically. The meat set before him might have been that of unclean animals or conse-

crated to Babylonian gods. Daniel's reigious background gave him the courage to take his stand. We can all understand what effect the wine would have upon his body. He PURPOSED in his heart to not be defiled.

Although Daniel had a moral backbone he was not rude. He just made a reasonable proposal. His life was in danger, but he did not falter. His faith was in the God of his fathers.

The results were most gratifying. Now we begin to read of his three companions. No doubt Daniel's stand influenced them to take a stand with him. At the end of ten days they appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the others. This their first battle was won. Never again were they asked to eat or dink the wrong things.

I firmly believe that our young people today, in our country's service and at home too, should realize that just one firm stand for God and right will deliver them from many snares of the devil.

Today while we are governed somewhat in what we eat by food regulations and restrictions. liquor flows in abundance, ruining and damning the souls of our young. Not only is it the young men, but even young women are PUBLICLY indulging seen strong drink. Our Bible says, "Righteousness exaltern a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." And again, "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet." Our young men can't even take their physical examination without having liquor flaunted before them, and their companions so drunk they can hardly find their way home from the bus. May God hep those who want to do right to firmly take their stand, and PURPOSE in their hearts to not be defiled.

The rewards in Daniel's life are as good as any young person could ask for. When brought before the king he was found to be ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers. Not only this, but in the interpreting of dreams he had wisdom above all the wise men of that day. This knowledge given him of God caused the king to set him above presidents and princes and first in the kingdom.

Soon the presidents and princes became jealous of Daniel and sought occasion against him. They could find no fault in him other than concerning the law of his God.

Here was another conflict in Daniel's life. Should he not go in secret prayer, and thus not endanger his life? Oh, no, not Daniel. "Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being opened in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime."

This caused Daniel to be put in the ion's den. Not only did Daniel have a PURPOSE to not defie himself, he also had a PUR-POS to not neglect his praying. Then we read God wonderfully delivered him again, and all his accusers were destroyed in his stead.

Dare to be a Daniel,
Dare to stand alone,
Dare to have a PURPOSE true,
Dare to make it known.

#### A SOLDIER'S TESTIMONY

New Guinea

Dear Bro. Durham:

Just a few lines to thank you for sending me the "Gospel Voice." I sure enjoy reading it. It is a great help to me in this place. Gives me courage to keep up the fight.

How is the church there? I always enjoyed attending services there. I wonder how the young people are? I guess about all the boys are in the service of our country now.

I sure will be glad when this is over and we can all be back to enjoy the meetings together. That is really something to look forward to.

I must close now. Write when you can and pray for me.

-Sgt. Cecil L. Johnson

#### TESTIMONY

I'm happy to say I have found real salvation; My greatest desire is to see other young people serve the Lord in Spirit and truth.

He is the only one who can satisfy all your wants and answer all your prayers. I've found Him to be a great blessing to me and He is to all who know Him. He is constantly with me through trials and temptations. I want to always serve Him.

A child of God, Tommy Jean Weldon

#### STAND

The word STAND defined means to be firm, cease to move, etc.

I Cor. 16:13, "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit ye like men, be strong." Eph. 6:14-15, "Stand therefore having your loins girt about with truth and having on the breastplate of righteousness and your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace."

Today, young people how we need to watch, pray, and stand for the Lord. We see so much sin about us, surely the devil is going about seeking whom he may devour.

Never was there a time in the history of the world when the devil has so many allurements for the young people. We see many of our young folks running to the things of the world such as shows, parties, games of all sorts, etc. Do you think you can retain your Christian experience and do such?

The word says, "Love not the world neither the things that are in the world, if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in Him." I Jn. 2:15.

In order to stand for the Lord we must shun the very appearance of evil. If you will pardon the personal reference I would like to relate my own experience concerning the show: I had been a Christian since the age of ten and had never been to a show. At the age of eighteen I associated with some girls who attended the movies, they kept inviting me to go see a "Talkie" and one time I decided to go. I never felt so miserable in all my life but the desire to go more took hold of my

life and I lost my salvation as a result. I failed to stand for the Lord. I knew and realized just where I had let the world creep in.

We must be overcomers of the things of this world. We have the greatest Gospel there is and we lift up a greater standard so let

"Stand therefore in the liberty wherein Christ hath made us free and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." Gal. 5:1.

-Mrs. Cleo Cooper, Curtis, Okla.

#### **TESTIMONY**

I am so glad that I know the true meaning of living for our Lord in these days. The Lord has blessed my life and I know He is blessing others that are trusting in Him. He is the same prayeranswering God of years back and I feel privileged to have my trust in so great a God. I know what I commit into His hands He will keep, and He is a never failing friend.

As our prayers are so often of our boys in service I would like to add to the list my husband who is "Somewhere in Italy." I thank God for a good Christian husband who has been a great encouragement to me. Let's always remember all the boys in the service of our country. They need and appreciate our prayers.

May God bless every effort for His glory and honor.

-Mrs. Earl Perkins

"Faith never is surprised at success."

#### THEY LET HER HAVE HER WAY

A young girl said to her parents, "I'm fifteen years old you know,

Come let us move to the city, Country life is far too slow." "Daughter dear, do heed your

parents,

The wickedness there they say, Is worse than you can imagine," But, they let her have her way.

"Mother dear, I want my hair bobbed,

All the others wear it so, And the sleeves, take from my dresses.

'Tis the fashion now you know."
"O my daughter, heed your parents.

Christians do not go that way;"
Tho their hearts were aching sadly.

They just let her have her way.

"I'm going to the dance, mother, Make this dress above my knee, A gay young man will bring me

home,
So, you needn't wait up for me."
"O my daughter, he's a sinner,

Will you break our hearts this way?"

But their daughter danced 'till daylight,

For they let her have her way.

Many months slipped sadly by them,

'Till a year had rolled around; Once their daughter loved her Saviour,

Now her soul for hell was bound.

At last Satan claimed his victim, In an accident one day, And her parents were to blame For they let her have her way.

These poor broken hearted parents.

Saw their fault, but 'twas too late:

Firm tho' tender they could have been,

And saved her from her awful fate.

When their daughter was a baby, At their knees she learned to pray,

Now her sins are on their heads For they let her have her way.
—Contributed.

## THE HABIT OF PRAYERFULNESS

The habit of prayerfulness produces a singular serenity of spirit. To use Bengal's phrase, we are "built up into a recollected consciousness of God." When one looks into the quiet eyes of Him that sitteth upon the throne, the tremors of the spirit are stilled. Pharoah, king of Egypt, is but a noise; and the valley of he shadow of deah is tuneful with songs of praise. Storms may rave beneath our feet, but the sky above is blue. We take our station with Christ in heavenly places; we dwell in the Sabbath of God.—D. M. McIatyre.

There is no time so dangerous to the Christian as the moment after a great spiritual victory.—Selected.

"When we make trouble for others, we make it for ourselves."

#### A GOOD RECIPE FOR A SCRIPTURAL CAKE

Have a good time looking these references up.

Four and a half cups of First Kings, 4th chapter, 22nd verse,

One cup of Judges, 5th chapter, 25th verse (last mentioned article),

Two cups of Jeremiah, 6th chapter, 20th verse,

Two cups Samuel, 30th chapter, 12th verse (First mentioned Articles),

Two cups Numbers, 17th chapter, 8th verse.

Two tablespoons First Samuel, 14th chapter, 25th verse,

Six of Isaiah, 10th chapter, 14th verse,

Half cup of Judges, 4th chapter, 19th verse (last mentioned article),

Two teaspoons Amos, 4th chapter, 5th verse,

One pinch Leviticus, 2nd chapter, 13th verse,

Season with Chronicles 9th chapter, 9th verse.

-Gospel Mesenger

## PRAYER REQUEST

Mr. W. W. Chapman Sutton brothers' father. Mrs. Cal Williams' granddaugter.

Sister Pryer's mother. Several requests for unsaved ones.

"Don't see how little religion you can do with; see how much you can get."

"Dollars go farther when accompanied by sense."

Younger or older evangelists should each be accepted for each have a message, and will prove a blessing. Jealousy or envy on the part of any God-called minister should not exist. James 3:16. A minister, not as an over-lord or boss, I Pet. 5:2-3, but as an humble servant should seek to do God's will and be his best on all occasions, giving out his life with an eye single to the Glory of God. II Tim. 4:5. Do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry, are the words of Paul to Timothy. In order to give a good sermon, it must be soaked in prayer and study and meditation. Above all the Holy Spirit must be honored. Let Him speak through lips of clay, for after ail He is THE PREACHER. God knows the hearts of men, Heb. 4:12-13. Sin unknown by any man can be revealed and reproved by the Holy Ghost. John 16:8. Jesus gives the words of life, John 6:63. Phillip was an evangelist, for it was to his house that Paul went on one occasion. Acts. 21:8. That an entire family may preach, or that a woman may be a minister is proper, for the four daughters of Philip were preachers. Acts. 21:9.

#### TIME AND PLACE

Now is the accepted time. II Cor. 6:2. Seek the Lord while He may be found. Isa. 55:6. The Leadings of the Lord must rule at all times. There are more convenient seasons for certain districts, and these should be used as much as is possible. Welcome, and cooperation must be assured to any revival for success. A divided church is hard to please, but in some cases where the Devil has succeeded in bringing division, the trouble must be faced by conducting a revival, so that through prayer and repentance the approval of God may again be established. Standing firmly for the truth and right, for the

faith and justice, the work must go on.

In a new field the open door is the only call as to place, so that it may be said, Go any place and every place, at any time and at all times, as long as the Gospel may be preached. But with bound hands and tied tongues little if any good can be accomplished, and some times even harm will be done, for leaving out and letting down on the truth opens the road to confusion and distrust. As for me, this is an Apostolic way and a compromised route only ends in disappointment. Some say, There might be more light. We are all permitted to climb higher, but never go back into bondage, or return to the elements from which you were redeemed. Gal. 2:18. Gal. 4:9. The battle cry of unity is ever present, which is true, in the unity of love one for the other and the contending for the faith. John 15:12. Jude 3. But not union with something that will lessen the power of God, or just for numbers sake at the cost of the truth. I ike both quantity and quality, but if one or the other has to be sacrificed—I prefer that quality be retained and not an unestablished majority. Many are called but few are chosen. Matt. 22:14. Fear not little flock for it is the Father's good pleasure to give unto you the Kingdom. Luke 12:32. God has never used big numbers, but the faithful few. Gideon's big army dwindled to 300 under God's examination. Jud. 6th and 7th chp. Jesus asked, as the crowds melted, "Will you also go away?" John

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6:67. It took a Luther, a Wesley and a Parham to neep the reformation rolling, and it will take still a few spiritual, whole hearted firm believers to see the excellent glory of the Gospel established and the faith that Jesus seeks when He returns. There is no doubt a time to start a revival and a time to close one. Don't stay too long and wear out, don't leave too soon, while criviction is still falling, or leave a lot of new converts to be devoured or adopted by one of another faith. A pastor is very necessary everywhere, and the newer the work the more urgent.

#### QUALIFICATIONS

In order to be a success the individual must have a direct and special call from the Lord. He must have a personal experience, and a holy zeal for God's cause and the souls of men. Rom. 10:14-15. The word must be preached, and the preacher must have an up-to-date God-given and Holy Ghost-annointed message. Isaiah at one time said, "Lord send me." The gifts and the callings of God are without repentance, so until the work is completed, and the duration of the call is filled, obedience, and faithfulness to God must come first above every other desire. Rom. 11:29. Each minister should have in his life the graces and the gifts that he preaches, and that are confirmed by the Word, or at least be contending for them. II Tim. 2:6. For example one might know that God was able to give them the baptism of the Holy Ghost, yet while tarrying, he might go forth working till that hour when the blessing would be bestowed. But a know-so salvation is necessary, and sanctification as a second definite work of grace must be added, for in God's plan of salvation it is indispensable. The Baptism of the Holy Ghost is given for power to witness, and should never be denied His rightful place. The ministry should be supported by tithes and offerings, not collections and begging. Then the tithes of the tithe should be paid. Heb. 7:9. For it is unjust and unwise to ask a price of a people that the advocator will not himself gladly pay. Trust the Lord for healing, for He says, "I am the Lord that healeth thee. II Cor. 5:18-20. As ambassadors of Christ, let each bring a Gospel of peace. Matt. 5:9. Mark them that cause division. Rom. 16:17. Faith, wisdom and patience must have their place in an evangelistic life. Know that this is a high calling, and must be God's Grace lived up to. As an empty vessel, an instrument of righteousness, let no flesh glory in His sight. I Cor. 1:26-29.

Without the fear of men, and without respect of persons preach the entire council of God, that you might be free from the blood of all men. Acts 20:27.

#### METHOD

Some preach Christ for contention. Phil. 1:16. But the only sure way to gain ground is to keep the Love of God brightly burning on the altar of your heart. When your life is bringing forth fruit, as did the rod of Aaron, Num. 17:8, then you know and people know that the approval of God rests upon your life. We might have the approval

of men, but not of God and still go on. Not all that say Lord, Lord shall enter in. Matt. 7:21. Yet we must have discernment and acknowledge all workers and works that meet the New Testament standard. Mark 9:38-40. Dead formal meetings, often found in organizations, rules and powers of men kill, and uncontrolled wild fanaticism given to the flesh only ruin. God help us to take an open road, free from bondage, and subject to the Lord of Glory-seeking not ours, but God's, that He might be glorified in all things. So go preach, teach and make or add Believers every where. New converts bring joy to any heart. Go to school houses, churches, tents and in the open-air, bringing in the lost. Know the truth, and preach your convictions. Preach the word, II Tim. 4:2. In order to have a strong, healthy Christian give them all the Word. Take them step by step through Salvation, sanctification, the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, by the way of repentance, consecration and tarrying. Tach and practice all the Ordinances of Water Baptism by immersion in the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost, foot washing and the sacrament. Teach all the Bible from the days of Creation to the Destruction of the wicked. Also the Second Coming of the Lord, with all the prophecies thereof. Some will be offended because of the Word. Matt. 21. Yet with gentleness, care and love, firmly contend for the faith. Paul said, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ. I Cor. 11:1. We need at all times the Wisdom of God. I Cor. 2:4. Not by might or power but by His Spirit.

My prayer is that each of us may have a clear vision and a living hope. A love for Christ and His Gospel, that we might be established in His Gospel, so that we soon be not moved to another. Gol. 1:6-9. It is not only the ministry, but layity as well that should demand such a Gospel, both full and precious. Let us co-operate one with another and not be just a lone preacher. We need to honor God, and the power of God in one anothers lives. A selfish spirit will ruin, but fellowship, as with true yoke fellows will enlargeg the Gospel. Phil. 4:3. Live so that the ministry be not blamed. II Cor. 6:3. People read the lives of Christians. II Cor. 3:2. Let us keep liberty in all services, II Cor. 3:17, and let our praise be of God and not of man. Rob. 2:29. Leave any congreagtion so that it is better for you having been with them, if possible.

CONCLUSION

The night cometh when no man can work. John 9:4. Let us go forth bearing His reproach. Heb. 13:13. Jesus is Coming soon, and we should be able to give to every man a reason for the hope that we have within our hearts. I Pet. 3:15. Let us fight a good fight, stay true to our course, and keep the Faith. II Tim. 4:7. At the best we are all unprofitable servants. Luke 17:10. We are marching on together, (Psa. 133:1), trying gto weed out divisions. I Cor. 1'10, endeavoring to keep unity, II Cor. 13:11, as members of one body, Rom. 12:5, of which Christ is the head, Eph. 5:23.

Every soul has to give an account to God, has a judgment to

face, a Christ to serve, heaven to gain and hell to shun. May we walk worthy of the calling whereunto we are called. I Thess. 2:12. The world does not understand and sometimes objects to real salvation, yet we must go on, for we are about ready to cross the great Divide into that land of peace and rest, where Jesus is King and Lord of Glory. Heb. 4th. chp. May God bless and keep the ministry, make them a blessing to the thousands, and in joy or sorrow, in need or plenty give all a ringing victorious message, so that all the world will hear in the midnight cry, the voice that warns of sin, that cheers the weary and makes clear the path of the righteous.

By Evang. Gail W. Schultz, Laverne, Okla.

## **Wounded In Action**

Somewhere in England July 8, 1944

Dear Bro. Durham:

Just a few lines this evening to say I am still on the Lord's side, certainly am glad for His goodness toward me; Truly I wouldn't know what to do without the Lord.

I received your letter several days ago and sure was glad to hear from you and that God is still blessing over there. I am back in England now. I was wounded July 1st, and was shipped back over here. I am getting along fine as can be though, will be O. K. in a week or two I think.

I have sure enjoyed the paper, it is lots of encouragement to read how God is blessing them that trust Him.

We have been privileged to witness sights here that really makes me appreciate knowing the Lord, truly He is one that sticketh closer than a brother. Pray for me, your Brother in Christ.

Nolan (Cpl. William N. Eiland)

"The transformed life is the answer to all unbelief."

#### BUILDING FOR GOD

God told faithful Moses to go to work and build a sanctuary, a tabernacle, for God. He was not building it for himself, but was building it for God. When we come to God we gain many things. We gain eteranl life. We escape the damnation of hell. We gain peace and rest in our heart. We have a conscience that is void of offense toward God and man. We are at peace with our fellow men. But, after all, we are building a tabernacle for God, for we belong to God.

He has bought us with a price, the price of the Blood and the life of His Son. And as Moses was faithful in all things concerning the house he was building, God wants us to be faithful in building for God, so that when Jesus comes for His own we shall be ready to meet Him and bring many others with us.

When the Ninevites brought forth fruits meet for repentance God "saw their works." The kind of "works" which God sees is that a man turn from his evil ways and denounce sin; then he finds God's mercy.

## A Personal Letter To You

We are so thankful to the Lord and our dear co-workers for the blessings which are being received from this effort to spread the Gospel, many letters are reaching us, a number from boys overseas and from various camps expressing their thanks to God for the messages going forth in the "Gospel Voice." It would be impossible to carry on this work without the different ministers and workers who are sending in their sermons and articles and we would like to say to those contributing in this manner that several have spoken of how much they appreciate the opportunity of reading sermons by the various ministers which they can not see or hear in person.

We have had a splendid response to our effort in increasing the mailing list last month and as a result the paper with its messages will go into many new homes where this Gospel has never been preached. Will you each one join with us in prayer that this will be the means of many knowing the fullness of the Gospel message of this age and preparing their lives for the events of the future.

The duties of publishing and mailing the paper are becoming greater as the months pass by and we covet your propers that God will help us to make every issue a little fuller and richer in the truths and blessings of the Lord; we surely do feel our inability to meet the need of so many people who are in trouble or sick in body, also so many requesting prayer for unsaved loved ones: Christians, let us all carry a greater burden of prayer for those in need. If you don't know the need personally please pray for the requests coming to us.

Again, just a word of encouragement to all the boys and girls serving in the armed forces of our nation; God has not and will not fail you as you trust Him for the help that can only come from Him. Many of our boys are proving this Salvation in various foreign lands and under severe trials and reporting gracious victory in every need. The victory of the Hebrews in the fiery furnace is again being found in a twentieth century version and just as the Son of man was present in that trial so is He present with you wherever you may be. Hundreds of friends are daily praying for you and will not forget you. May the richest of God's presence and blessings be yours.

We desire to express our appreciation for the manner in which the financial responsibilities of this work has been cared for, and it is our desire to use every offering in the way God would have it used and when so used it will bring a blessing to many.

Let us say again that we are depending on your prayers as we strive to lift up the name of Jesus. We enjoy your letters and they are a real encourageemnt to us. Let us all contend for the faith once delivered to the saints.

Your humble servants in the vineyard of the Master,

MR. AND MRS. RALPH A. DURHAM

## NOT GROWING OLD

For which cause we faint not; But though our outward man perish, yet the inwardman is renewed day by day.

—II Cor. 4:16.

They say that I am ggrowing old, I've heard them tell it times untold In language plain and bold. But I'm not growing old, This frail old shell in which I dwelf Is ggrowing old, I know full well, But I am not the shell.

What if my hair is turning gray? Gray hairs are honorable, they say; What if m eyesight's growing dim? I still can see to follow Him Who sacrificed His life for me Upon the Cross of Calvary.

What should I care if Time's old flow Has left its furrows on my brow? Another house, not made with hands, Awaits me in the Glory Land. What tho' I falter in my walk? What tho' my tongue refuse to talk? I still can tread the Narrow Way, I still can watch and praise and pray.

My hearing may not be as keen As in the past it might have been. Still I can hear my Savior say In whisper soft, "This is the way." The outward man, do what I can To lengthen out this life's short span, Shall perish and return to dust, As everything in nature must.

## DON'T QUIT

"When things wo wrong, as they sometimes will, When the road you're trudging seems all up hill, When the funds are low and the debts are high, And you want to smile, and you have to sigh, When care is pressing you down a bit, Rest if you must, but don't you quit!

Life is queer with its twists and turns, As every one of us sometimes learns, And many a failure turns about, When he might have won had he stuck it out; Don't give up, though the pace seems slow, You may succeed with another blow.

Often the goal is nearer than
It seems to a faint and faltering man,
Often the struggler has given up,
When he might have captured the Victor's cup;
And he learned too late, when the night slipped down,
How close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out,
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you can never tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems afar;
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit,
It's when things seem worse that you mustn't quit."