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## IN MEMORY OF



EVANGELIST

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**B**ROTHER Elmer H. Russell, affectionately known as Brother Bob was born near Paris, Illinois on June 17, 1894. He passed away in his his home at Booker, Texas, December 20, 1960. He was 66 years, 6 months and 13 days of age at the time of his death.

Once at the age of 19, Bro. Bob was enroute to visit his father in Canada. He missed his train and was delayed for 24 hours during which time he attended a service in a "Mission." He testified later that night the minister "read his life's story." Elmer, that night felt the call of God and never could forget it.

In a revival conducted by the late S. W. Ditto in 1923, Elmer Russell gave his heart and life to God. Because of his own failure to carry the gospel he lost the victory out of his soul. But in 1931 he was reclaimed and immediately set out to do the will of God.

He spent most of his life around the panhandle which was his familiar homeland. His boyhood home was Balko, Oklahoma.

Elmer Russell and Gladys Long were married August 31, 1918. They were the parents of 5 daughters all of whom out-lived their father. His companion's Christian influence was responsible for his return to the Lord and re-dedication.

Brother Russell received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in 1934 while assisting in revivals. About the year of 1935 he entered full time ministry. Four of his first years of ministry were spent in evangelizing the new-fields in the territory near Clayton, New Mexico and the western Oklahoma panhandle.

From 1938 through 1940 he and his family worked in and out of Wichita, Kansas. Here he established the down-town Mission of the Apostolic Faith. This church is now known as "The New York Tabernacle".

His missionary journeys took him from Canada to Texas and from California to Alabama. His wife and daughters accompanied him in many of these successful Revival Campaigns. He had a deep appreciation for the help of his family in the Lord's work and the way they unselfishly gave their time and talent, often under severe conditions of privation and hardship.

"Brother Bob" also served as pastor at different times. Among the churches he served in this capacity were: Wichita, Kans., Katy, Tex., Taneyville, Mo., Booker, Tex., Center Point, Tex., and Guymon, Okla.

Brother Bob suffered a heart attack in September of 1960. Up to this time he testified that his past eleven months had seen him in a dozen revivals with souls finding God in each case. He had to cancel a number of "calls" at this time. He never did completely recover from this severe heart attack. He died in his sleep, without a struggle or apparent pain. His companion was standing beside him when he died.

Perryton, Texas was his church home the past few years. He called the pastors of this church, "My pastor." He was faithful.

Elmer Russell was a veteran of World War One.

To mourn his passing are his widow, Mrs. Gladys Russell of Booker, Texas; and his five daughters: Lenore Peck of Edna, Texas; Luella Crouse of Wichita, Kansas; Belva Jo Moore of Sabinal, Texas; Mona Eccles and Betty Slovacek of Booker, Texas; seventeen grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He is also survived by two brothers: Glen and Lawrence of Canada; and four sisters: Mrs. Jesse Lancaster of Springfield, Colorado; Mrs. John Lynn of Houston, Texas; Mrs. Wilma Rowland of Billings, Mont.; and Mrs. Nell Cox of Mena, Ark.

**"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." Revelation 14:13.**

THE COMING YEAR

*A calendar year has come and gone.*

*We've removed the pages one by one.*

*The last one now we throw away*

*To usher in a fresh new day.*

*A day to bring us hope and cheer,*

*For it opens up a bright new year.*

*A year with problems to be met;*

*A year unsullied by regret;*

*A year white hot with fears of men*

*And faith in God a precious thing.*

*A year of failure or success,*

*These things the new year brings to us.*

*This threshold day of 61*

*Bids us step in, move swiftly on*

*To meet each challenge, great or small,*

*And trust in God; give Him our all,*

*For God, who's greater than all fear,*

*Will lead us through the coming year.*

*Edna Schultz*

Mary Jane Wylie

Mary Jane Wylie, 53, of Bayard, Nebraska died Monday morning, Nov. 7th enroute to a Bridgeport hospital.

She was born to J. W. and Margaret Bonar at Marionville, Kansas. She was married Dec. 31, 1921 to G. Ival Wylie at Bellville, Kansas. They and their family moved to Bayard, Nebr., in 1934.

She was a member of the Apostolic Faith Church of Bayard, Nebr., where her funeral was conducted by the pastor, A. B. Stanberry, Nov. 11, 1960 at 2 p.m.

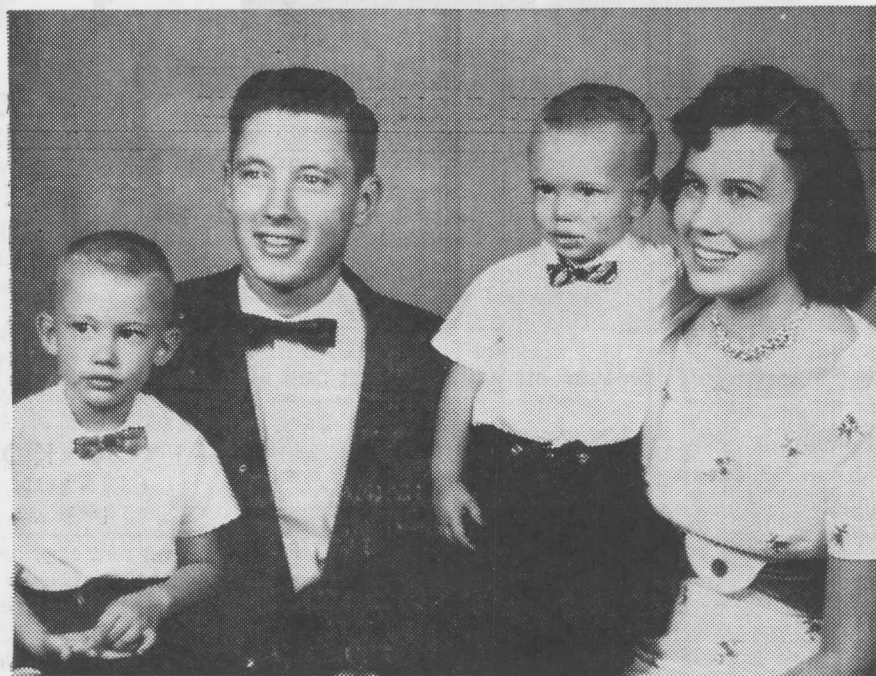
One son, Robert, was killed in Korea.

Survivors include her husband; one daughter, Mrs. Shirley Vassos of Bridgeport; three sons, William I. of Cheyenne; Albert L. and Allen E. both of Bayard; two brothers; two sisters; and three grandchildren.

# Best Wishes for the New Year To All Our Readers From Your Editors' families



*Mr. and Mrs. Jacob C. Regier, Joye, Dale and Kaye*



*Mr. and Mrs. Jerry McClenagan, Darrel and Don*

EDITORIAL

# Introducing . . .

THIS is our second installment of editorials introducing the personnel of the Apostolic Faith Bible School. Much more could be said than the space we have to write it.

**We Introduce:**

Rev. Jack Barker of Laverne, Okla. I am not able to tell the exact time of the conversion of this servant of the Lord, but it must have been in the early 1920's. It was in the 20's (when your editor was a lad) that Bro. Jack and the Late Bro. John Modrick brought the Full - Gospel message to our community. They were conducting revivals in rural school buildings and churches. He had heard the Full Gospel from the lips of Bro. Charles F. Parham as well as the "Morton Sisters." All these years brother Barker has been staunch for the Bible truths and has stood by the



Apostolic Faith Doctrines. Before the Apostolic Faith Doctrines were taught to the Barker family, Jack's parents brought up their family in strict "Holiness" traditions. Brother Barker with his Brother Ben Barker conducted camp meetings near Laverne, Oklahoma.

In recent years Bro. Jack has served on the Board of Directors of The Bible School. Along with the duties of the Bible School the board also oversees the printing of the Apostolic Faith Report.

Brother Barker's children are grown and married and have families of their own. They are all true to the Faith. One of his sons, Glen (Ted) is one of our ministers.

Other parts of the "Introducing" feature on pages 10, 12 and 13

## MINISTERS MEETING

The Apostolic Faith Ministers' meeting of the Panhandle district met at the Full Gospel Church at Perryton, Tex., on December 6th. A fine time of fellowship was enjoyed by all. A move was made toward establishing a permanent Apostolic Faith Camp Ground. This will be discussed further in a meeting Dec. 27 at Convocation, and again on Jan.

3rd at the regular meeting.

## HEALING TESTIMONY

A Physician's examination showed that I had ulcers. For over two months I was unable to eat anything but milk, poached eggs and all the stuff that goes with those things. During the prayer conference one night I had the folks to pray for me. The next day I had a big steak and

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## ROCK OF AGES

By Brother Murphy Barnes  
Each Sunday at 8:15 a.m.

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bacon and eggs and the works. Since that time I have eaten normal and have gained some of the 15 pounds that I had lost. It's a wonderful thing to serve this wonderful Lord.

J. D. Ray  
Spenard, Alaska

# The Soul's Answer to the Unknown

By HARROL WATERBURY

Today we stand upon the verge of the unknown. There lies before us the new year, the second of a new decade, and we are going forth to possess it. Who can tell what we shall find? What new experience, what changes shall come, what new needs shall arise? Above us, the constant threat of war so awful, so universal, so destructive as would lay the planet waste in horror—and around us millions who are permanently hungry, millions who are slaves in labor camps or prisons, slums, slavery, destitution, frustration, and appalling boredom . . . what hope is there for our world that is paying for centuries of sin? Is God to save us from all this?

When Stanley found Livingstone in the African wilderness, he gave him the letters he had brought and said, "Read your letters from home first, you must be impatient for them." "Oh," replied Livingstone, "I have waited for years for letters, I can wait a few hours more. No, tell me first, how is the world getting along?"

Over the minds and hearts of multitudes of people throughout the world, this question has plagued both small and great: HOW IS THE WORLD GETTING ALONG?

It was a dark night in the world nearly twenty centuries ago when first that "Star of Hope" appeared. In Romans, chapter one, the inspired apostle gives a most distressing picture: almost every trace of original righteousness had been obliterated. The proofs of God's eternal power and providence, so manifest in the creation and preservation of the universe, were wholly disregarded. A vain philosophy without right, principle, or end, was substituted for those Divine truths which had been originally given to man. Their hearts were contaminated with every vice which could blind the understanding, prevent the judgement, corrupt the will, and debase the affections and passions. This was proved in the strongest manner in verses twenty-nine, thirty, and thirty-one of this chapter

where the apostle gives a list of their crimes.

In this scripture setting is one of the strongest tests to be found, for here the apostle gives us one of the finest views of the Gospel of Christ to be met with anywhere. We see God's method of saving a lost world, in a way which that world could never have imagined; there is nothing human in it, it is all truly and gloriously Divine, essentially necessary to the salvation of man, and fully adequate to the purposes of its institution.

By all this, we see what the world was, and what it would have continued to be had not God sent a Divine revelation of His will, and established a public ministry to proclaim and enforce it.

Through this history, we understand how God, through the redemptive work of His son, salvaged a world that was near despair, for never was the love of God and the dignity to which He has raised the human nature so clearly shown and demonstrated.

The same apostle that wrote of those sinful events of his day also wrote in prophetic terms about our world today. He tells of the unworthy elements which would creep into nearly every assembly, in the form of deceivers, hypocrites, and unchristians of every vile form. He speaks of "falling away" and even lists the crimes of an apostate church of the "last days." According to scripture, we know that evil is to run its course and reach its climax.

What, then, is our hope? Are we left on the brink of despair as a helpless, hopeless, doomed, and damned race? Thank God, no! this is not our lot. Christ has not gone to heaven to stay there . . . He has gone for His church's benefit, and for His church's benefit He will return again—not in spirit only, not in providence only, not in the mere removal of men by death, but in His own proper person as the "Son of Man." Few believe this, and still fewer lay it to heart. Many sneer at the very

idea, and would laugh down the people who are so simple as to entertain it, but it is nevertheless, the immutable truth of God, predicted by all His prophets, promised by Christ Himself, conformed by the testimony of angels, proclaimed by all the apostles, and believed by all true Christians.

The second coming of Christ enters so essentially into the very life and substance of Christianity that without it, there is no Christianity. That religion which does not look for a returning Saviour, or locate its highest hopes and triumphs in the judgement scenes for which the Son of Man must reappear is not the religion of the Bible, and is without authority to promise salvation to its devotees.

When we look at scriptures on this subject, we are made keenly aware how unmistakably certain the events of our day are leading us to the coming of the Lord. Also, when we view church conditions, it makes one wonder if even at our best, we are only half-awake. May God arouse us by His spirit, and not permit us to sleep until the thunders and terrors of that great day are upon us! Terrible as it will be to the wicked and the unprepared, and those who refuse the warnings which we give them, it is a precious day to the saints—a day to be coveted, and to be prayed for with all earnestness of desire. The poor, fainthearted Christianity of our times can hardly contemplate it without trembling and annoyance. Many who profess and call themselves Christians, would rather not hear about it, and would prefer, if they had their choice, that Christ might never come. It was not so in the days of Christianity's early uncorrupted vigor.

Then the anxious inquiry of the disciples were "Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" "Lord, wilt thou at this time restore the Kingdom of Israel?" Then Christians wrote to each other in joyous congratulation

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# PASTORAL REPORTS

## SPEARMAN, TEXAS

The Spearman Apostolic Faith Church is rejoicing because of the wonderful time of refreshing during the recent revival which commenced Nov. 13th and closed on the last night of the month.

Bro. George Polvado and wife from Hempstead, Tex., were with us. From day to day everyone anxiously looked forward to the night service to hear the anointed, soul-stirring message by Bro. Polvado.

Elbert and Carole Pool assisted in these services. He had charge of the song services and special numbers. They with local singers, as they sang with the Spirit and understanding also brought joy to the hearers.

The morning prayer meetings were well attended and many victories were won as we traveled before the Lord.

Mercy drops have fallen upon us many times but for weeks we have been praying for showers of blessing, and the dear Lord was pleased to give us a reaping time. Praise his wonderful name!

Never was there a great number in the congregation, but several hungry hearts were there.

We rejoiced to see some repent and be saved, some as they consecrated their lives were sanctified while others had the Father's seal placed upon them. Victories over different binding forces were received. Two young married couples were baptized in water.

At all times when we were assembled together perfect love seemed to prevail and we could know of the meaning of Psalms 133:1, "**Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.**"

We desire the prayers of all of like precious faith, yes, of all the readers of the REPORT that the hearts of them who have recently found the Lord as well as all of us, may burn within as we walk with the Lord and desire He open unto us the scriptures.

This report is sent in so that others may rejoice with us.

In the master's service  
Mrs. E. A. Greever

## LIBERAL, KANSAS

Mrs. J. D. Ray was called to the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Bill Briles who underwent a serious operation. Mrs. Ray flew from Alaska. Ross Briles drove up from Hempstead, Texas. Continue to pray for Mrs. Briles' healing.

## HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS Buckhorn Church

Brother Edwin Modrick and wife assisted by Ruthie Pshigoda held a very good revival here. Two were saved and one sanctified. One of the conversions was a Catholic girl.

## RALLS, TEXAS

Bro. John Scruggs of Hempstead, Texas conducted a good 2-week revival here in October. One was saved and two received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Bro. Jimmy Echols and family have recently moved to Ralls. He is one of the Church Board now. Brother Jimmy has faithfully worked in the church. He is open for calls for revivals, pastor, or special services.

Missionary Henry Pletcher from Mexico conducted week-end services Dec. 9th-11th. Everyone enjoyed these services.

## PINE HILL, ALABAMA

"We have been favored with special services this month. First Sister Myrtle Carney from Hinton, Alabama held some outstanding services and then Bro. Schultz and Bro. Summerford visited us in behalf of the Bible School. Brother and Sister E. W. Dickson held 3 nights of services also."

Harold J. Bollinger, pastor

## PERRYTON, TEXAS

Henry Pletcher from Mexico held one night's Missionary service. God did bless. Bro. Elbert Pool preached one Wednesday night.

This church is scheduled for revival beginning January first with Bro. and Sis. Harold J. Bollinger.

## ROCKDALE, TEXAS

Ray and Edna Michener from Baxter Springs, Kansas held a wonderful revival here. Three were saved; two sanctified; four received the Holy Spirit and several were healed. It was outstanding how God blessed.

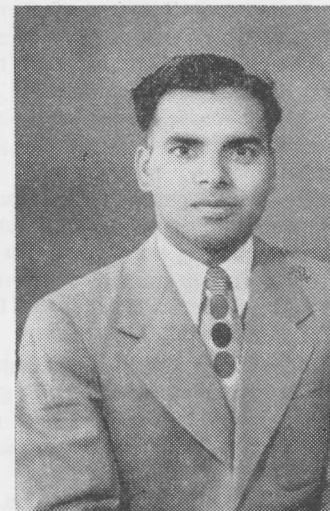
Paul Clanton, Pastor

## TEXARKANA, TEXAS

Bro. J. W. Elliott still sends out the gospel whenever he has the opportunity. He preaches on the street, using his portable public address system. He supports the REPORT each month. He sends his New Year's greetings to the Apostolic Faith Readers.

## INDIA

### Missionary Sends Greetings



T. S. Abraham and his family send New Year's Greetings to their friends of the Apostolic Faith in America. His address is: "**Hebron, Kumbanad, Kerala, India.**"

## DECKER'S PRAIRIE, TEXAS

Mrs. Melissa Corl, (Katy, Texas) pastor of this church reports, "God is blessing our lives and we are so thankful. We had 34 out Sunday Morning and praying the Lord will send us more."

## BAYARD, NEBRASKA

We have re-decorated the church. Recently Floyd and Grace LaMunyon were with us for seven days of services. We enjoyed their visit so much. We send Greetings for the New Year."

## Bennie and Viva Stanberry SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Brother Paul Bailey (7737 13th Ave. S. W., Seattle 6, Washington) sends greetings. An excerpt from his letter, "... I know we have many friends who will be glad to know we are going on with God and have been faithful to our calling in God. We have a very good church here and many souls have been saved in it these four years we have been here."

# PASTORAL REPORTS

## LUBBOCK, TEXAS

Bro. Homer Coderly writes, "The Liberal, Kansas meeting was such a wonderful uplift, for which we are so grateful and thankful unto the Lord. The anointing of the Holy Spirit was so wonderful in the preaching. The 7:30 prayer meeting each morning was well attended and the 6:45 p.m. prayer services were such a blessing. Sister LaMoyné Barker was used of the Lord in the Children's services. During the Children's service the adults met in another room and different ones of the church leading these services as they are led with Bible Reading and prayer. Praise God's wonderful Name!"

## Prayer Request GRANBY, MISSOURI

My mother, Mrs. Clyde Means of Granby is very ill . . . she suffered a stroke seven years ago and has been a semi-invalid . . . suffering another stroke 6 years ago. She is a bed-patient and very ill. I covet your prayers." Emma Fitzgerald,

Neosho, Missouri

## HUDSON, WYOMING

Bro. and Sis. Floyd LaMunyon returned recently from a meeting in Hudson, Wyoming where the Robert Beydler's are the pastors. They gave a heartening report. God is blessing the work of the Beydler's in that an Apostolic Church is established. It is the only protestant church in town and influential people are interested. The Beydler's only desire is to keep the work true for God. Why not pay them a visit? They are only 15 miles off the Yellowstone Nat'l Park highway.

## SOUTHERN, CALIFORNIA

Evangelists Floyd and Grace LaMunyon plan revivals in Southern California this month. Pray for their success.

## Prayer Request CENTER POINT, TEXAS

Be sure to hold Bro. Charles O. Mahan up to God's throne with your prayers. He is need of healing. Pray for him.

## DENVER, COLORADO

Billy Joe Allen and family are residing at: "2640 Greenwood, Denver, Colorado. He will be open for calls in March.

## FOLLETT, TEXAS

Attendance in November was down somewhat, due to the weather. The Follett Church folk have enjoyed meeting some of their pastor's and the pastor's wife's relatives. Lt. M. F. Dibbens (their son) is home for Christmas.

Former pastor Marcus Adair will conduct a special Christmas service. A boy from Korea will be with them. This lad plans to attend the Bible School.

## Prayer Request KATY, TEXAS

Pray for Evangelist Winston Barker. His health is not good. He would love so badly to be in revivals. He and his family reside in Katy while he is convalescing. They have jobs to try to defray some incumbent debts.

## GRANBY, MISSOURI

Pastor Otto Busch reports that the Lord is still blessing the church at Granby, Missouri. Of course, we are anxious to see more done for God.

The Lord has been so good to us through the years, healing us and our family of diseases, injuries and afflictions. I am enclosing a little poem the Lord layed on my heart to write.

Cecil and Florence Fields  
Gage, Okla.

## HE HEALS

Jesus is the Great Physician.  
He's the One who understands.  
He can cure all of our ailments,  
You can feel His healing hand.  
God is the One who made us.  
We are His handiwork I'm sure.  
And we know with every ailment,  
He's the One who has the cure.  
Whether it is just a tiny pain  
In the end of our little toe.  
Or a great big awful ailment,  
He can fix it up I know.  
I have tested, tried, and proved Him,  
With all of our family's ills.  
He can do the work more thorough  
Than a wagon load of pills.  
When He purchased our salvation  
Upon the Calvary's Tree,  
He didn't leave anything out  
That would be good for you and me.  
His Precious blood was shed  
For redemption for our soul,  
And His perfect Body was broken  
To make our bodies whole.

—Florence Fields

## OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

Evangelist Marcus L. Adair is scheduled for revival here soon.

## SUGARLAND, TEXAS

Pastor Olen Bachler writes, "I have some good news about our new church. It is being built now near Sugar land, Texas. We were a long time getting everything put together but finally have it under way. My plans are to give much more of my time to it in the future I hope and pray we can really make it go."

We receive many letters expressing appreciation for the Apostolic Faith Report. With these letters, our readers support the "REPORT" by including offerings in money. The following are names of some of these folk who have written and sent offerings:

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Mears,  
Alvin, Texas

Jostphine Cooper,  
Guymon, Oklahoma

Katie Mathis,  
Hempstead, Texas

Mrs. George Stephens,  
Caney, Kansas

Marvin Carnagey,  
Laverne, Oklahoma

Alex W. Kornegay, Sr.,  
Gause, Texas

Miles Heller,  
Arlington, Kansas

Sister Leona Spence,  
Arlington, Kansas

Mrs. J. M. Barnes,  
Webb City, Missouri

Mrs. Dollie Counts,  
Bowling Green, Kentucky

Ann Lambert,  
Rockaway Beach, Missouri

Simmie Ferguson,  
Modesto, California

Carl E. Allen  
Denver, Colorado

Barney McDaniel,  
Pineville, Missouri

Mrs. Lola Kidd,  
Anderson, Missouri

Bro. J. W. Elliott,  
Texarkana, Texas

John ann Mary Smith.  
(formerly of Cave Springs, Ark.)

Lomita, California

Mrs. Iva Mae Kelsey,  
Wichita, Kansas

# THE CALVARY OF THE

By J. D. RAY

Superceding even the Gospel's account of the crucifixion is the stirring prophecy of Isaiah 53. I choose to call this the **Calvary of the Old Testament**. Here is heavenly love revealed, divine condescension personified, heaven's gates opened and hell's powers defied. Here the Sacrificial Lamb adorns the altar, the High Priest takes office, the sinner finds pardon and the **ARM OF THE LORD** is revealed.

Before we can realize the full impact of the verses of Isaiah 53 we must read the preceding verses of chapter 52. Read from your Bible Isaiah 52:13 through 53:

"Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high. As many were astonished at thee; his **VISAGE WAS SO MARRED MORE THAN ANY MAN'S**, and his form more than the sons of men: **SO SHALL HE SPRINKLE MANY NATIONS**; the kings shall shut their mouths at him; for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider.

Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the **ARM OF THE LORD** revealed? For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men a **MAN OF SORROWS**, and acquainted with grief; and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised and we esteemed him not.

Surely he hath **BORNE OUR GRIEFS** (the word translated griefs is in the original a Hebrew word "Choli" which means **disease**) and carried our **SORROWS** (Sorrow is a derivative of the word "Thokob" which is more properly translated **pain**): yet we did esteem him stricken; smitten of God and afflicted. But he was **WOUNDED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS**, he was **BRUISED FOR OUR INIQUITIES**: the chastisement of **OUR PEACE** was upon him and; with his **STRIPES WE ARE HEALED**. All we are like sheep have gone astray; we have

turned every man to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of **US ALL**. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a **LAMB** to the slaughter. As a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgement; and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit found in his mouth.

Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him, he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul and offering for sin, he shall see his seed he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made **Intercession for the Transgressors.**"

The actuality of Calvary indeed stirred the heart of the prophet of Judah more than seven hundred years before it took on fulfillment. Before the foundation of the world this great event, Calvary, became the focal point of all history and prophecy combined. More men have been stirred and compelled by this incident than all others combined. Among the greatest of the satellites of Calvary was Paul the Apostle.

The cross was the nucleus around which this man's life revolved. It was to him, more than anything else, his symbol of service and duty. Paul pens in his letter to Galatia "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the **CROSS** of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world" Galatians 6:14.

The Cross of Calvary is the "Arm

of the Lord" revealed to the world ascertaining God's love and compassion to a dying man. Let me emphasize now that God does care about you. He is infinitely concerned about your welfare. Never be budious about whether or not God loves you. When you think about God, neighbor, you must of necessity think about his relationship with you personally. Calvary is God's expression of His love for mankind.

Consider for a moment the questions that men through the ages have proposed concerning God. When they have all been analyzed and boiled down the distilled essence of them all is this: **What is God like?**"

Jesus answered that question once and for all when he became God personified. When the "Only Begotten" pushed aside the purple robes of glory, left the ivory palaces and condescended to men of low estate; he became God in the flesh. Please observe when the disciples inquired of Jesus as to the nature and being of God; Jesus answered "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father" John 14:9. Jesus expressed what God was like by his living, and more than by his living, by his death. On the Cross Jesus became the Arm of the Lord, to prove irrefutable that God is a God of love and concern.

This story of the crucifixion and of the cross is the center of the Bible. It is the center of history. It is the center of the church. It was the center of Paul's life and must of dire necessity be center of your life. All our activities must revolve around the cross of Christ.

Our service, our work for God, our ministry through our churches, our every effort must become the important issue of our lives. This thing must utterly possess us. Christ demands preeminence in your life. He must live in your heart.

One of the greatest generals the United States has ever produced was a Tennessee Confederate general by the name of Nathan Forrest. One of the soldiers that fought under General Forrest recounted many years later one of the most memorable battles in which he had taken part. He relates then how, in the thick of the battle,



# OLD TESTAMENT

General Forrest was riding up and down the front lines; shouting orders and words of encouragement to his men. During the course of the day some four or five horses were shot out from under this great soldier, never to slow down or darken his courage. This confederate soldier pays this glowing tribute to Forrest, who fought when other Generals would have retreated. "On that memorable day so many years ago General Forrest rode into my heart ... and he rides there still."

Paul expresses the same loyal devotion and pays the same homage to the Captain of our Salvation. I believe now more than ever before that I feel this way about my Saviour. One day a number of years ago Jesus Christ the Lord rode into my heart and HE RIDES THERE STILL. It was the very fact; that at the head of the battle he fought so bravely. It was the fact that on the cross of Calvary Jesus faced the forces of sin and hell in my place that makes me love him. When the forces of Darkness rallied all its might; instead of cowering into the background, instead of calling for a legion of angels; Jesus bravely-heroically—faced all the impish powers of hell. He died on Calvary to reveal to me that God loved me. There is something about the way he fought that battle that caused him to ride into my heart—and to ride there

still.

Jesus knew well the implications of the cross. He knew that all his suffering and agony was associated with the presence of evils. Here he was to meet the sins of PAST—PRESENT—and FUTURE. Isaiah has declared in Chapter 12:14 "his visage (look or face of a person ... Webster) was so marred more than any man." I have known and read of some very grave brutalities, I've read of untold suffering men have endured; but my Bible tells me that my Lord endured more than any man. Even more than the stripes upon his back or the nails in his hands was the agony of his face. The face expresses the feeling of the heart and the emotions. The face of Jesus must have indeed expressed the agony that went on within the Prince of Glory as he faced the weight of my sin and yours on Calvary. You will remember that when Jesus was a little over 30 years old he was mistaken to have been fifty. ( Ref. John Chapter 8.)

Jesus knew that at Calvary wrath was to culminate from every corner. First it was to come from MAN. Even though it was the Jewish nation that crucified him, their cry was the expression of the heart of all men who revolt against the call of God. Those whom he came to save crucified him. This was the deriding jeer, this was the crux of man's resentment towards God, this was the loaf

that the world handed the Son of God. CRUCIFY HIM.

Secondly wrath was to culminate from the POWERS OF HELL. This was Satan's day of triumph. This was the fulfillment of God's prophecy in Genesis 3:15. This was as close as Satan shall ever get to smiting the Arm of the Lord. I'm sure that all the Devils alive jumped with impish glee when they saw Jesus hanging on the cross seemingly defeated, rejected, and full of sorrow. He, whom they had once worshipped in the glories of God's presence, was now facing open and contemptable shame of the wooden cross.

Not only did Jesus suffer the wrath of man and the wrath of the Devil but he also suffered the WRATH OF GOD. On the cross there arose from the parched lips and swollen tongue a cry that should be indelibly stamped upon the minds of all men. "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME? Never before or since has any man been forsaken of God. Here Jesus feels the pangs of loneliness; here he, for the first time, loses the assurance that God the Father stands by. GOD HAD TURNED HIS BACK. This was nearing the finality of God's plan for redemption and realizing the glory that awaited, Jesus bravely faced alone all the wrath of the world.

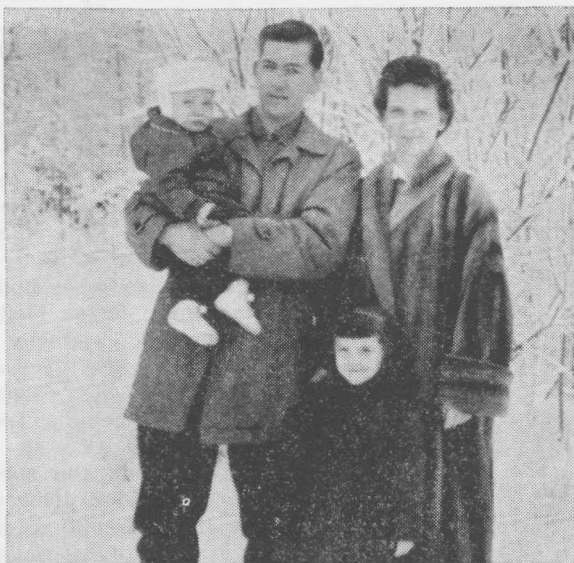
Jesus undoubtedly knew that the fact that God had turned his back and could not look upon that lonesome form that hanged suspended between heaven and earth; was a result of one thing ... SIN.

It has been sin from the beginning that has marred the whole plan of God. What a beautiful world this would be if there was no sin. Try to picture it if you will, this world without sin. Can you imagine a city without the presence of sin. There would be no slums. There would be no taverns. There would be no houses of ill repute. You would find the absence of: jails, hospitals, mental institutions, courts and law enforcement agencies. It was SIN, Sin ruined the whole picture and finally it was sin that nailed Christ to the cross.

Sin is not natural. Sin is not normal. When a man becomes a child of God, then and then alone, does he become normal. Transformation by the power of Christ is the secret of en-

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NEW  
YEARS



from J.D., Eula, Joanie and Johnnie Ray

GREETINGS

# Read your Bible Through in 1961

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Rev. Olen Bachler

WE INTRODUCE Rev. Olen Bachler of Katy, Texas. Bro. Olen is also one of the Board of Directors of the Bible School. This is his first term, but is not his first connection to the Bible School. It was he that made the phone calls to the ministers concerning the purchase of the property of the Bible School. In practically every activity of the Bible School since its beginning Bro. Olen has been involved. He is extremely anxious to see the original purpose of the Bible School maintained. He, along with others had driven many miles and worked hard to keep the Bible School and to see it through our many trials. Bro. Bachler was present in the first meeting of the Bible School. This meeting was held in the Webb City Church where he was pastor.

Bro. Olen was brought up in a Christian home. He has been a Christian for 27 years, of which 26 years have seen him in the ministry as Evangelist, pastor and teacher. He is 46 years old. His son is married and lives in Alaska. One daughter is at home with Bro. Olen and Sis. Phyllis Bechler at Katy. At the present Bro. Bachler is building a new church near Sugar land, Tex. This congregation originally had their sanctuary in Alief, Texas.

From Bro. Olen's own letter we quote, "I personally feel that the future success of our Movement, largely lays in the success of the Bible School. I'm doing all I can to make it go. Conditions in the world look bad ... Jesus must be coming soon."

# Partake of the Lord's Supper

By MRS. MAE ELMORE

The next time we partake of the Lord's supper we need to pray that our eyes be opened. Some of us may partake of the Lord's supper in a similar mood, we may dwell so solemnly upon the sorrow of the cross that we fail to recognize the presence of the living Christ at the communion table. We may celebrate only His death. We need our eyes opened to see the resurrected Christ in our midst.

Luke tells us that when the two disciples reached Emmaus the Stranger entered their abode to sup with them. As He broke bread, their eyes were opened and they knew Him. His presence made such a great change in their Communion.

Christ is present at our Communion Table, but we need spiritual eyes to recognize Him. OH, for a divine touch that will take away our spiritual blindness and make the Lord's supper a vibrant, life-changing experience.

We need our eyes opened to see that the Communion is not just a memorial of His crucifixion but rather a remembrance of the crucified Christ.

**"This do in remembrance of ME."**  
When our eyes are opened, we will discern His body and purpose for which it was broken. We will understand that with His stripes we were healed! We will realize: "He was broken that we might be made whole in Spirit, mind and body." And we will see that all who eat His flesh and drink His blood (spiritually speaking) are our brothers and sisters.

**TRI-STATE  
YOUTH CAMP**  
June 22nd to 29th  
Baxter Springs, Kansas

**CAMP MEETING**  
July 19th to 27th  
Baxter Springs, Kansas

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INTRODUCING...



Miss Lois Allen

WE introduce, Miss Lois Allen of Palm City, Calif.

Lois is an active Gospel worker. She was born in South Texas but reared in Southern California. She was one of those children the parents "sent" to Sunday School. This Sunday School was the Palm City Apostolic Faith Church. She and her brother Homer (one of our present ministers) were saved in this church. Their christian influence brought their mother to the Lord.

Lois attended our Bible School in 1956 and 1957. She served as assistant nursery teacher in 1958. Since that time she has helped in the churches at Crosses, Arkansas; Artesia, New Mexico; Boise City, Oklahoma; Alvin, Texas; and Big Spring, Texas. She has had charge of Children's services at various Camp Meetings and Convocations. She writes the "Children's page" currently called, "Friends of Christ" in the Apostolic Faith Report.

Lois Allen will serve as Nursery Supervisor at the Bible School. Her work will enable students who have children to attend classes and study-hall unhampered by their youngsters. Sister Lois is giving her service as the other Bible School faculty ... without money or without price. She needs our support. In her letter she writes, "No matter how good a children's worker is, nor how large a burden they carry for the children, at least 90% of their training must come from their parents."

**CHECK OFF THE  
CHAPTERS AS YOU READ**

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**Four Chapters Daily  
Will Take you  
through the  
Bible this year!**

# The Calvary of the Old Testament

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joying life and taking your place in society. The capacity to live life to the fullest comes from a compelling conversion at Calvary. This abnormality of sin will dilute the soul of men. It will lead to normal and physical bankruptcy. This is why sin will lead you downward and not upward. This is why sin will bring you unhappiness and dispel joy. This is why sin will break up your home. This is why in America daily 2500 homes go on the rocks.

Any individual who dares to live in sin soon must learn that SIN DOES NOT PAY. Let a beautiful young woman live in sin for a few months. Let her drink the bitter dregs of the cup of sin. Then you will see that sin is not natural but distorting, ugly and vile. Sin is no more natural in the heart than cancer in the human body. Sin is not any more normal to the soul than T. B. is to the lungs.

Young people, when you start out in this life without the Lord Jesus Christ as the center of your life you are destined to find life to be most abnormal. Some day you will wake up to the fact that life has been an nightmare. The world will begin to cave in around you. There will not be a way to look or turn and every alley you turn up will be blind. Every street falls off into a great chasm. Every where you go it will seem as though the world is caving in on you. When you live in sin soon you learn sin is abnormal. Plan your life around the cross; make this the axis of your activities. Become a **Crusader of the Cross**.

It was SIN that nailed Jesus to the cross. It was his LOVE that kept him there. Jesus knew why he was slowly dying in agony on the tree. He also realized the consequences if he did not give his life. Man would have hurled his world into moral bankruptcy. Man would have degraded until none would remain. None would live; all would die.

Jesus also knew the result of his dying. It was for the redemption of the human race. It was for YOU.

## INTRODUCING...



Miss Leora Woodson

**W**E introduce: Miss Leora Woodson of Beaver, Oklahoma.

Leora is the Secretary of the Bible School. It is her duty to arrange and print the lessons for all the classes. She operates the Duplicating machine that prints these lessons. She also carries on the correspondence under the supervision of the Superintendent.

Miss Woodson is a conscientious Christian. She donates her time a secretarial ability to the Lord. We can all help her by supporting her as the servant of the Lord.

She has been a Full-Gospel Chris-

When I read again the 53rd Chapter of Isaiah I realize this glorious and horrible fact: ALL THE SIN AND SUFFERING HAS MY NAME ON IT. It was for ME.

When you realize what Jesus went through, neighbor; I don't know how you can help but love him. When you think how he suffered, how can you turn your back upon him? Go back and re-read Isaiah 52 and 53. Don't walk away from it but absorb what God is saying. He whispers through the Preamble to Calvary, Child, I love you.

See it now. Drink in the raptureous scene. The man on middle cross; DYING FOR YOU. The ARM OF THE LORD. Reach out—let that arm embrace, redeem save and change you. Do it now.

tian for 3 years. Since that time she has given herself, full-time to the Lord's work. She attended the Bible School as a student for 2 years. She served as Secretary in the 1960 term of Bible School.



Miss LaMoyne Barker

**W**E introduce Miss LaMoyne Barker, of Enid, Oklahoma.

LaMoyne is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Ben Barker. She was converted at an early age. She has had two years of college work. While attending Bob Jones University her studies were centered around "Christian Education Courses." The courses taught Christian Leadership in Sunday School Work, Child, Youth and Adult Evangelism.

In our Bible School this year, Miss LaMoyne Barker will direct classes in these three fields, (1) Child and Youth Evangelism, (2) Sunday School Training and (3) Talent Development. Those of us who are in the Lord's work quickly see the need of these classes.

Along with the other workers of the Apostolic Faith Bible School, Miss Barker is serving on the free-will offering plan.

Still as of old ... man by himself is priced! For 30 pieces of silver, Judas sold himself ... not Christ!

**All sunshine makes the desert!**

# Friends of Christ

BY LOIS ALLEN

## TOWER OF BABEL

By Gloria Ann Leythan

Genesis 2

Editors Note: Gloria Ann is 12 years of age. She gave the following article as a theme in a youth service in the Apostolic Faith Church at Bayard, Nebr.

The people of Turkey, after the flood, did not move far from the site of the landing of the Ark on the mountains. Living was now much easier. Of course, many of these people did not know how it was back in the days of Noah. Many forgot about Noah and his sons.

As the population grew meeting places developed, which were not like the ones in the Cypress grove, except that perhaps the sins committed there were more those of stiffnecked pride and foolishness rather than sins of blasphemy and of the flesh.

A rough ruler had a plan in his mind. When he deemed a sizeable enough crowd was present, he said, "I think we can build a tower. Not a mere seventy-five feet wide and forty-five feet high tower, as the Ark was said to have been. But a tower that will reach the heavens!"

There were many people who agreed on this. They were told that if they built this tower to reach the heavens that when another flood came they could climb to the top and be safe.

There was one righteous man among them. He reminded them of the Rainbow. "What about the Rainbow?" he said. But they ignored him.

"What about building material?" one asked. The king answered, "We can make bricks and burn them and stick them together with pitch."

So they started to put wooden blocks on top of one another as a terraced pyramid. Everyone was happy.

The righteous old man spoke again and said, "The Ark was made by specific instructions from God. Has anyone received any instructions from God?"

"Who needs instructions?" the ruler said. "We can do it alone." The others shunned the old man. They told him to go milk his goats.

The tower of Babel was constructed by a river. Great ovens were built. The keeper of the stone ovens had many people working under him. The keeper of the pitch pots had another

set of workers under him, as the boss did under the brickmakers.

After the tower had reached a certain peak, the Lord was aware of what was going on so He made the fire go out and the pitch in the pots go hard. Angry people from the top of the tower were mumbling. They thought they would come out and try the next day. But the next day all remained the same.

When they persisted in building, God caused them to speak different languages. Those who could understand each other built homes and villages in far away places.

The unfinished tower stood as it had the last day of work except pigeons and starlings now lived there. The years passed—seed time, then harvest; summer, then winter, as God had promised. Damp winds blew up from the southeast from the gulf. Gay echoes could be heard throughout the rooms as they tried to outdo each other in their gabbling. In the wintertime old bearded men would come and sit by the tower and warm themselves from the bricks.

The Lord tears down the house of the proud. Many are the plans in the mind of man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will be established. In years gone by Noah learned the wisdom of submitting to God's purpose. How long before all his descendants will learn that wisdom too!

**BOYS AND GIRLS, REMEMBER:**  
"Always do and say the kindest thing in the kindest way."

## NEW YEARS GREETINGS

from

PASTOR-EVANGELIST

**O. A. Busch**

Naomi, Buzzie, Jene' and Brad

GRANBY, MISSOURI



YOUTH PAGE

# A Teen-Agers Resolution

By JERRY McCLENAGAN

Visualize this startling picture. America is conquered by some anti-God government! Thousands of people are killed. A few are preserved—the young who are strong, and wise, and capable; those who can be used for the enemy's evil purposes. **You** are one of them! You become a slave after a nightmare of hydrogen warfare!

This could happen! To **you!** This is similar to what Daniel experienced as a youth. In the book of Daniel, chapter 1, we see this exciting drama unfold.

Babylon defeats Israel. Daniel and some other young men are taken captive. Why these? Because they were youths "in whom was no blemish, but well favoured, and skillful in all wisdom, . . . and understanding science, and such as had ability in them . . ." (v. 4).

One false move on Daniel's part and his life was in great danger. Babylon was a pagan city and demanded their captives to learn and practice pagan ways. But Daniel showed typical teen-age enthusiasm.

## NEW YEARS WISHES

From



Pastor Eugene & Stella Cornell  
Enid, Oklahoma

"Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank." (v. 8) Daniel made a resolution!

Matthew Henry said, "When people are in Babylon they have need to take special care that they partake not in Babylon's sins." Daniel resolved not to eat the king's meat (for he was subject to God's laws which forbid eating certain foods), nor to bow his knees to pagan gods. The social pressure in his day was as great as it is today! One was expected to "conform and compromise." But, even so, "Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself!"

Teen-age reader, resolve to keep yourself pure in 1961! "Flee youthful lusts." Be an example in faith and purity! Purpose in your heart to be undefiled. You don't have to conform to those about you. Dare to be a Daniel, even if you have to stand alone! Pray to Daniel's God, and trust Him, that you enter not into temptation. Instead of letting others influence you, you can influence them. "God brought Daniel into favour" (v. 9) with those about him.

## Youth Rally Report

### Dixie Crusaders

The Dixie Crusaders for Christ met December 3, 1960 at Pine Crest Faith Chapel with the attendance being 70. The banner was presented to Hinton with 26 from that church.

Pine Crest was in charge of the program and presented a skit entitled, "Christmas Tidings." The story was told of the "true meaning of Christmas-gift-giving." Carol Ann Fleming the president made a suggestion of roll-call for officers. This will aid our next election. Harold J. Bollinger gave a sermonette on "Love and Marriage."

Our next Rally will be held at Snell, Mississippi where we hope to have a large attendance.

D. C. C. Repr., Berta Anderson

God can do the same for you if you'll resolve to be a true Christian.

Robert L. Stevenson said, "To know what you prefer, instead of saying Amen to what the world tells you you ought to prefer, is to have kept your soul alive." One-fourth of the nation's crimes are committed by the youth because many of them don't think for themselves. Someone has asked, "How can youth remain strong in a world that is basically designed to make them weak?" T. J. Shipp, a youth pastor, answers that question: "In a world which seems to demand conformity, young people must learn to think for themselves."

The temptation to smoke and drink, to carouse and be immoral are a part of the "deceitful lusts" (Eph. 4:22) that lurk in the heart. But notice, they are "deceitful" desires! These desires will deceive you into thinking if you give in to them you will be satisfied and happy. But these desires lead to sin, and sin ends in death! (James 1:15) Yield not to these deceitful, misleading desires!

That same verse in Ephesians says, "That ye put off concerning the former conversation (your former conduct as a sinner) the old man (or, sin nature) which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts." Purpose in your heart to "put off" all the "old" life and to "walk in newness of life" in 1961!



### WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Ancel McClung of Perryton, Texas announce the marriage of their daughter, Lynda Sue on Christmas Eve to Mr. Mayo Francis Brown. The wedding took place in the Full Gospel Church. Mayo Brown is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brown of Perryton, Tex.

# If My People Will Pray

By LULU PARHAM

Salvation through the story of Jesus, is brought to us. When I think of this time of the year I am often reminded that the angel of the Lord brought the message of **great joy** to the people. I am so glad that we have that message of great joy to our hearts today. What a privilege we have in this day to worship the Lord in spirit and in truth. I'm glad for the mercy and love of God.

We are just about to close another year. We thank God for His mercies to each and every one of us as we think over the days that are past and gone—the weeks and months. We can truly say that God has been

good to every one of us. We praise Him for it.

The poet said, in referring to the closing of a year and the beginning of another:

**We are standing on the threshold  
We are in an open door,  
We're treading on the borderland  
We've never tread before.**

And this is true! What lies out there in the new year for you and for me I do not know. But I am sure of this one thing: The same God that brought us through this past year will be out there in the future, if we'll trust Him.

Every promise in the word of God

is for us. As the message of God's Word is proclaimed, we are reminded as GOD'S PEOPLE to do God's will! We find in II Chorn. 7:14, "**If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.**"

"**IF!**" The promises are yours. They are mine. God's divine protection is yours and it's mine—**IF!** **If** we love Him; **if** we keep His commandments; **if** we walk in His ways; **if** we commit our ways unto Him; **if** we serve Him the promises of God are ours!

## The Soul's Answer to the Unknown

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that their citizenship was in heaven, where they looked for the coming of the Saviour, and comforted one another in the assurance that the Lord Himself is to descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the arch-angel, and with the trump of God . . . and, as directed by their Lord, lifted up their heads, and looked up with joyful hope at every turn in human affairs which they could by any means, construe into a probable herald of His approaching descent.

Then the prayer "Thy kingdom come" had a depth of meaning and lively anticipation which has well-nigh been lost. Then "the appearing of Jesus Christ" had a power over the soul which made it "rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory," and the most earnest and constant call of spstles and their followers was "Come, Lord Jesus; come quickly." No church can be her true self, or enter into the true spirit of her faith, nor rise to the highest height of her hope, where this is not the highest object of her deepest desire. For how, indeed, can we regard ourselves as rightly planted upon the apostolic foundation if we cannot join with heart and soul in this apostolic prayer? Are we so in love with aches

and ills, and wrongs, and disappointments, and treacheries, and diseases, and death-beds, and graves, and torments and temptations of Satan, as not to be willing to be done with them forever?

The New Testament has more references to this particular topic than it has pages. Of all the seven or eight thousand verses of which it is composed, one out of every twenty-five points forward with eager gesture, to the appearing again of the Lord Jesus Christ. Again and again, it is set forth as the great hope of the church. There is not a Christian grace or virtue for the enforcement of which appeal is not made to it. Nor is there another subject upon which more stress is laid in all the

Word of God. Christian faith and hope for this world have no outcome but in the glorious coming of Christ.

Is it any wonder then, why the whole creation groans and travails together in pain for the manifestation of the sons of God, how much more those sons of God themselves! Why should not this be our spirit? for this truth commands our fondest joy, and our gladdest anticipation because it brings to pass our completed happiness and finished redemption.

"Amen. Even so come, Lord Jesus."

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