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REDEMPTION

I think the Redemption story has brought the greatest Scripture light and inspiration to my life of any of the tenets of the Christian faith.

There are many things in Scripture such as foreordination and pre-destination, that used to be very dark to me; they are all clear since the sunshine of Redemption has been shed on them.

One time, while feeling the presence of God and dwelling in the heavenlies, in vision or dream, I can not say which, there was in my room a beautiful figure, neither male nor female; the flesh looked like the beauty of driven snow; beneath this figure stood the person of which it was the exact picture, or counterpart.

I beheld this until this enchantment descended and clothed upon this individual who stood beneath; and I said: "Lord, what is this?" And He said "Redemption."

Listen! "For we know that if the earthly house of our tabernacle be dissolved we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For verily in this we groan, longing to be clothed upon with our habitation which is from heaven. Not that we should be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life." (2 Cor. 5:1, 4). Paul further says; "As we have borne the image of the earthly we shall also bear the image of the heavenly." (I Cor. 15; 49.) "Not the heavenly, but the image of it. Glorification is the heavenly, but Redemption is the image of it."

This chapter has been covered with a robe of mourning and dragged to the cemetery till we have lost its beautiful significance and power. Let us resurrect it this day and realize that Redemption means that we shall be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, and not only we, but the dead shall be raised in that Redemption that we may know the mighty power of God wrought in Christ when he rais-

ed Him from the dead, that it is to have the image of the earthly which we now endure, changed to the image of heavenly. Redemption means to have the same kind of body that Jesus had when he came out of the grave, having the power to appear and disappear, the power to move through space at will.

SPIRITUAL REDEMPTION

Nowhere in the Scripture is Redemption spoken of as conversion. In the 15th Chapter of First Cor. it is stated: "The trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruption must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. But when this corruptible shall have put on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory, O Death, where is thy sting? O Grave where is thy victory?"

It doesn't say a word about going up, not in the entire chapter; but mortality shall be swallowed up and we shall put on our immortal bodies here, and this Redemption shall come down from God. O Death where is thy sting? How can one claim victory when death has had its sting and they stand in the mouth of the grave? But in that day there shall be no more death.

"The trumpet shall sound." There is no inference that it is Gabriel's trumpet which sounds at the descension of the Lord Jesus Christ, when the Bride shall rise up and meet Him in the air to reign with Him.

The only body that takes part in the Parousia, or so called rapture, is the man child; and they go up to the Throne of God and the Lamb; but the body, the church, and the Bride of Christ, remains upon the earth until Christ descends. But this is Micheal's trumpet, the last of the seven trumpets, and in the 10th chapter of Revelation when that trumpet begins to sound and the ministry has finished its work, that God intended from the foundation of the world, and the climaxing trumpet shall

sound which shall mark the end of the conflict between Micheal and the Devil, then Redemption will take place with the prepared saints of God and they shall be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye.

Daniel tells us, referring to the same thing, that in the time of trouble, now about to begin on the earth, when the reign of anarchy shall pervade the entire earth, and nations shall fall and society be devastated and disrupted—at that time God's people will be delivered. God says in His word that "they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament" and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars forever and ever." (Dan. 13: 1, 3.)

For a space of three years and a half this blessed company of redeemed saints will not preach the gospel of the kingdom, that it is our duty to preach now, but will preach the everlasting gospel to every kindred, people, tongue and nation, saying—"Fear God and give glory to Him; for the hour of His Judgment is Come." (Rev. 14:7.)

GLORIOUS CHURCH INAUGURATED BY REDEMPTION

I have a view of that heavenly soldiery in Redemption bodies in my mind. Jesus said, when he came out of the grave: "All power in heaven and earth is given unto me." O' Christian, that which you are striving for may never come to you personally, and may never come to the church entirely until the glorious church, "without spot or wrinkle," is inaugurated by the mighty power of Redemption. The same thing will be true of the church, then, that was true of Jesus—"all power, dominion and authority" will come to be the recreated—man restored.

The church of Jesus Christ has never been in existence. When people say that the church was inaugurated at Pentecost, it is false. When people say that Jesus founded a church, it is not true. Jesus came to spiritualize Judah; and Adam belonged to the church Abraham belonged to the church, and every saint of God that has found spiritual life and has been born again, belongs to the church, in this age and in every age. You are taken into the church of the living God by conversion on probation but you do not come into full membership until you are sanctified. God has been using various stones and timbers and different parts of the Glorious Church throughout

the ages. Paul carried the spiritualized message of Judah to the Gentiles. That is the whole sum and total of it.

WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP

Every church that has ever been established has formed a part of His great machine shop on earth, and the Lord has been gathering the good into the Methodist church, the Baptist church, the Presbyterian church and every other church. He has many factories in which to burn out the dross. He is graciously drawing different ones into these furnaces and the farther we get in God the hotter the fire will be because the infinitesimal dross requires a hotter fire to get it out of the gold; this continues until we are seven times purified and shine forth, reflecting His image even as the artisan, as he works the gold gazes in to its mirrored depths and sees reflected, perfectly his own features. We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus.

Since I threw my life into His hands put my faith and confidence in the blood of the everlasting covenant which was able to make me perfect, I have ceased all my strugglings, ceased all my groanings, and fastings for myself and have given my life to be poured out for others; and when people criticise the unfinished work, the lack of varnish, the lack of beautiful carving that some may adorn the cornices, and cap this building, I say: Brothers and Sisters, I have perfect confidence in the Master Builder; the architect knows his business; He knows better than I the exposed places that may be marred by some super-structure falling, or some odds and ends crashing down; He knows better than to put plate glass in a window where the upper structure may break and fall upon it. He knows His business, and I am satisfied with what has been done; Oh, so satisfied: There was so little to admire before the Master Builder started to build. He first dug up the loam and then the clay, to lay His foundations. He dug down below the rubbish and founded upon a Rock. I have admired the structure as it went up, and as I have gazed upon it, I have caught a faint glimpse of what it will be in its finished beauty, and I am absolutely satisfied thus far with the construction.

Brothers, sisters, have you grieved the Architect by your murmuring and complaining because of the unfinished portions of the build-

ing He is constructing? Put your faith and confidence in Him; He will finish the structure and beautify it, and ornament it, until it will be worthy to be a part of the great Temple that He the Architect is building for eternity.

He has been drawing His stones and His timbers from the various movements and churches in all ages. He has been getting His Gold from Ophir, stones from the quarries of Persia and trees from the mountains of Lebanon, and they are going to come together in a body; each one of us will take our place, without the sound of a hammer, without human instrumentality, and the glorious church, without spot or wrinkle will be inaugurated by His mighty power of Redemption; and then and only then, will we have organic unity. But until that time you and I must find individually, that unity which will enable God to slip us into our place in the body. If the Master should use me for the filling in the wall, or hide me in the cellar, never to be seen. I shall be satisfied; if He wants to carve me into a stone for the cornice or to cap some beautiful pillar that supports that cornice, I shall be satisfied.

WHEN REDEMPTION TAKES PLACE

Daniel sealed up things, "till the time of the end." (Dan. 12;9.) and John, the Revelator, was told to "seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered and write them not." (Dan. 10, 4 to 7). The mystery that Daniel sealed up and that John, the Revelator shut up, was this: "We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, and the dead shall be raised, and this corruptible body shall put on incorruption and death shall be swallowed up in victory. (1 Cor. 15: 51, 52.)

Redemption takes place in the time of trouble, and in that time of trouble the Jews will go back to Palestine and establish their sea of government in Jerusalem. For fifteen years their Congress has met as a legislative body in Basle Switzerland, or London, and has exercised all the functions pertaining to legislative bodies. They have already carried the flag to Jerusalem, and every congress has met and adjoined since, "next year we meet in Jerusalem," but they never have, and they never will, until the appointed time comes. We are now living in the dawn of this time.

From Genesis to Revelations, not only is

the consanguinity of Christ's Life marvelously outlined but from Genesis to Revelations the blood that flowed through Abraham's veins has been traced with unerring finger; and when you sing, "I've been adopted, my names' written down," you are singing a falsehood. You cannot adopt anybody into the family of God. You might just as well adopt a negro into a white family and expect him to turn white. Everyone that comes into the spiritual realm must have a definite conception and proper pre-natal influence in order to have birth into this spiritual life and he is born into this kingdom not adopted; adoption does not pertain to the soul, it pertains to the body. "Adoption to wit; the Redemption of our bodies." (Rom. 8; 23).

PRE-DESTINATION AND FORE-ORDINATION

Fore ordination and pre destination have nothing to do with the damnation of infants. Where are the finest dignity and trod as kings and queens princess babes who are never privileged to attain spiritual life in this world? They never attain immortality and enter through the gates into the city, but "such is the kingdom of heaven;" And when God comes down to earth with "The Holy City" and capitalized the world with the Holy City, when the meek shall inherit the earth, and the kingdom of heaven comes down to earth in the beginning of eternity, all the babes will appear, for they will belong to that "kingdom of heaven" on earth.

Some babes are born, but for a season so as to enter a home for a particular child ministry, their work is to be wrought in that particular household and when their work on earth is done, God takes them and transplants them into the Garden of Paradise. When your work is done on earth at any period of your life, God will take you hence; but never let the devil kill you with diseases. And if God should see fit to let your babes quietly pass away in a beautiful, sweet, sleeping death—if dissolution should take place for you tonight, how beautiful it would be, but do not let the devil kill you before your time.

Let us see how clear pre-destination and fore-ordination are. In the First chapter of Ephesians it says: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who hath blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the

heavenly places. Where? In the heavenly places. If you want to get up in the heavenly places get up out of the kingdoms of this earth, into the Kingdoms of heaven; be translated out of the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of His dear Son" (Col. 1; 13)

"According as he hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world," I wish every Bible student would take up his Bible and hunt every verse that refers to being "In Him" and he will be astounded at the necessity of being in Him. That is a deep experience that many have never reached. To be "In Him" means to be sanctified in the body of Christ to lay everything on the altar (and the altar is not Christ) but the altar has sanctified our gift and He has sanctified and put Himself on the altar, but He being on the altar, we simply take our place in the body of Christ take our place as a rib, toe, or as a finger, the whole body, fitly joined together works in perfect harmony and beauty, and is altogether lovely, from head, which is Christ, down to the feet.

In Him shall all be made alive. We were chosen in Him before the foundation of the world, "That we should be holy without blame before Him in love; having fore ordained us unto the adoption of children. "We were fore-ordained before the foundation of the world, unto the adoption as sons, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

There never is, in scripture, any real sonship, though we are heirs of it, until redemption takes place. You are conceived in conversion, born in sanctification, and are in childhood until redemption takes place, then you are in your majority and obtain your inheritance in the land of Canaan. Sanctification was never intended to be our inheritance until we have driven all our enemies out of the land. Canaan is a land of warfare, where we fight to conquer, not to lose, till every foot of ground is ours; and then the division takes place in Redemption.

God fore ordained and predestined before the foundation of the world, before the morning stars sang together, or Adam ever dwelt in the Garden of Eden. Then, in the mind of God, and when in the courts of glory, angelic creatures were weaving into the great garments of His salvation the plan of God he fore-ordained and pre-destined that every soul through the ages that should come to the

grace of being IN HIM living IN HIM! moving IN HIM! running IN HIM!—!the life hid with Christ in God; and having obtained these gifts and graces, with the reward to be obtained in the end, the prize of the high calling of God in Jesus Christ. These gifts and graces are but given to lend speed in the race that is set before us, so that we may have that sweet consciousness that we have run the race, we have kept the faith and henceforth there is laid up for us a crown of righteousness.

That is what God fore ordained and predestined, and it runs throughout the scripture, that everyone that should reach that grace of being "IN HIM" should in the fulness of time be gathered in one. He says, "That in the dispensation of the fullness of time He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both in heaven and earth, even in Him, in whom we also have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the council of His own will; that we should be to the praise His glory, who first trusted in Christ. "In whom ye also trusted after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also after that ye believed ye were sealed with the Holy Ghost of promise, which is the earnest of your inheritance until the Redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His glory." (Eph. I) Throughout the past ages and at the present time we are being made ready and beautified by the sanctification of spirit, soul and body, being baptized by the Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

ELECTION IN JESUS

This clears away the mist of fore ordination and pre-destination high calling and election, and the prize of the high calling. What is the election? Just to say I am elected! Oh, no; when a fellow is going to be elected he has to campaign, he has to run even for the nomination first and then has to run for the election; and after election he must qualify before he can take his office. So when you get the grace of sanctification that puts you in Him, you will have to qualify and that qualification means sanctification of this body, and Pentecost for your soul.

When you obtain a real conversion and reach a life of salvation, you must have a justified life on a converted plane, and when ye get sanctified and live a life of holiness resu-

tant from this experience, you must be justified before God in your sanctified experience and the life of holiness. Sanctification puts you in Canaan, but when you obtain the Pentecostal blessing, that puts you in the heavens. You have gotten your election on Jesus, and your life must be beautiful, sweet, mellow and justified on the Pentecostal plane or you will lose it.

IN THE PRESENCE OF OUR KING

The Holy Spirit is like a dove, so easily wounded that He retires quickly when the least that is rough and uncouth or unnatural or unbecoming is done.

In the beautiful home God gave us (one of the most beautiful mansions in America) where Pentecost fell, the drawing room was finished in hand carved wood from the cedars of Lebanon, the marvelous stairway that led up to the upper rooms was of handcarved white bird's eye maple and each room was of different colored wood. It was in the drawing room, under the carved edges of the cedars of Lebanon, that Pentecost fell, and we walked the corridors of that beautiful mansion moved through its rooms with a feeling of such reverence and sacredness because the Holy Spirit, the Prime Minister of Heaven, the representative of God and His son, were our guests; and we put on our best raiment, and our best manners as princesses in the courts of our God, that nothing foolish or unbecoming should occur to mar the visit or to shock the refined sensibilities of the heavenly Visitor in our midst.

Oh, men and women, those were the days of hallowed glory. May God give us that in our lives which will cause us to tread as in the courts of a king, because we are going to be the guests of Royalty some day, and we need to be trained, that we act with becoming dignity and modesty "in the presence of our King."

"The Morning Cometh"

Brave the heart that looketh upward,
 Heeding not the tempest wild;
 Brave the faith than never falters,
 Trusting like a weary child.
 In the morning joy availeth,
 Clouds and darkness pass away
 To the beauty and the sunlight
 Of a blissful cloudless day.

SHORT LESSONS ON SEVERAL SUBJECTS

By CHARLES F. PARAHAM

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WATER BAPTISM:

For years after entering the ministry, we taught no special baptism of water, believing the Baptism of the Holy Spirit the only essential one; having been marvelously anointed from time to time and received the anointing that abideth, we put the question of water baptism aside.

One day, meditating alone in the woods, the Spirit said:-- Have you obeyed every command you believe to be in the Word?

We answered, yes; the question was repeated, the same answer given. The third time the question was asked, we answered, no,— for like a flood the convincing evidence of the necessity of obedience rushed in upon us, how Peter said, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ. Was not this one baptism?

Then came the second; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Again, Peter proceeded at once to baptise Cornelius and all his house, who had received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, with the Bible evidence of speaking with tongues. Thrusting aside all arguments, he said: Can any man forbid water, that those should be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we.

Paul did not recognize the baptism of Pohn to repentance as sufficient but baptized them in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ before he would lay hands upon them that they might receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

These and other scriptures were so convincing that the next day we were baptised by single immersion.

Years afterward, through reading many argument and discussions on triune immersion, were intellectually persuaded that it was right, and persuaded many of God's children to be baptized by this mode, although we were never baptised by triune immersion.

About 25 years ago, however, we found that for which we had searched. Knowing that God's people must come into unity, and realizing that organization, non organization, creeds, or the following of some man into some city or desert place, cannot bring unity, we turned longingly to God for some help on this

line; for we had received special direction from God to preach the unity of the Body-- the Church.

At last we found this precious promise. For as much as ye know that ye were not condeemed with corruptible things as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers.

But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. (I Petrs 1: 18, 19.)

Here we found the power that men had sought for, and by their own works and efforts, tried to accomplish; the cleansing of all unscriptural teachings, that the people of God might be brought into unity.

This does not require us to become a member of any secterian body organized or unorganized, or followers of any modern day prophet, whose ever teaching you must believe to be infallible.

Simply do just as you did in justification and sanctification; you laid your sins at His feet; so now lay your teachings, creeds and doctrines at His feet and by faith in His cleansing blood trust that every error false-teaching or unscriptural thought may be cleansed.

When the blood of Jesus Christ has thus cleansed us we shall begin to see "eye to eye."

We can well remember when we sought God in this cleansing, how some of the teachings we had believed to be so scriptural and some we had loved so dearly and been the most preserving in propagating were wiped from our minds.

Among them was triune immersion; though we had been able to discuss this question for an hour, we could not afterward find a single argument in its favor. Indeed, for months nothing pro or con came upon the subject, until one day at the Bible School, we were waiting upon God that we might know the scriptural teaching of water baptism. Finally the spirit of God said: "We are buried by baptism into his death." We had known that for years; again the Spirit said: "God the Father, and God the Holy Ghost never died."

Then how quickly we recognized the fact that we could not be buried by baptism in the name of the Father, and in the name of the Holy Ghost, because it stood for nothing as they never died or were resurrected.

Flashing across our minds came the words

of Jesus when they asked of Him a sign as to His divinity, he declared,— There shall no sign by given, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. (Matt. 12:38.)

Christ did not prove His divinity by the miracles that He wrought as some would try to persuade us; seeing that miracles were always part of the work of the Church.

God has set miracles healing and tongues in the Church, along with apostles, pastors and teachers; as apostles, pastors and teachers have not ceased, why should miracles, healing and tongues. (Cor. 12:18,30.)

As Jonah was three days and nights in the whales belly so must the Son of man be three days and nights in the bowels of the earth, and by rising triumphantly therefrom proved His divinity.

So if you desire to witness a public confession of a clean conscious toward God and man, faith in the divinity of Jesus Christ, you will be baptised by single immersion, signifying the death burial ad resurrection; being baptised in the name of Jesus, into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; they are one when in Christ you become one with all.

Well may the devil, through the mouth of higher critism, seek to ridicule the story of Jonah; for in so doing he strikes at the chief corner-stone, upon which is built the super-structural teaching of the divinity of Jesus Christ.

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ANNOUNCEMENT EXTRAORDINARY

On Sunday, August the 8th at Booker, Texas, Mr. Eldon J. Ballinger, and Miss Beulah May Thompson were united in marriage.

Sunday, August the 15th at the home of the bride's parents, Houston Texas, Evangelist Russell Swanson, and Miss Nora Ditto were united in marriage.

All the contracting parties, are earnest Christians workers, and we are praying God's blessings upon them, that they might be a mighty host in winning souls to God, in these the closing days of the age.

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Divine faith never falters.

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Christ is known to the believer by His presence and power.

EVANGELIST OPENS REVIVAL MEETINGS AT STERLING, KAN.

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Sterling, Kansas, September 21.—Alice Wil- son Parham, the most famous woman evange- list of the Pacific coast, has arrived in Kansas and opened her meeting in a big tent here.

On the coast she is known as the "Sunshine Evangelist" and says she has always had a desire to come to the "sunshine state" of Kan- sas.

She is not the sensational type and her meet- ings are intersersed with high class musical selections both vocal and instrumental.

She is accompanied by her husband, Wil- fred Parham, who is a soloist.

One of the outstanding features about her meetings is that no collections are taken up.

When her meetings are over at this place, September 19, she expects to hold services in Hutchinson and Wichita.

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Faith In God

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A lady and her husband were on deck of a ship during an awful storm. The winds howled, and the ship was tossed like a feather over the great waves. The lady had hold on with both hands to keep from falling. She was very much frightened and asked her hus- band if he was not afraid. He said nothing, but in a moment after he held a naked sword with its point close to her heart, and asked her: "Are you afraid?" "No," "Why not! Do you not see the sword within an inch of your heart?" "Yes, but I am not afraid for it is my husband that holdeth it." "Yes," said he, "and it is my Heavenly Father who holds this storm in His hands and should I be afraid?" This was faith in the care of God just as the lady had faith in her husband. So trust in God and be not afraid.—Publishers Unknown.

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He who trusted and tried Christ, did not slide.

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The outcome of severe trials and tempta- tions show God's love and care for His children.

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It is better to do the will of God joyfully, than to be forced by the devil to do it through affliction and suffering.

"THE LAST WORD"

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The glorious revival at Houston, went over the top for God. Many souls were saved and bodies healed, about fifty missions of the state were represented at this Convention. Not only was the specials in music a great treat and spiritual uplift, but an orchestra of fifteen to twenty pieces rendered special treat thru this meeting. The original truths of the Full Gospel have been restored to many missions and hundreds of workers and christians and the free open non-sectarian work thoroughly established as against the organizing demons that have been busy at work seeking to under- mine the real work of God.

The next great meeting for Texas will be held in Hempstead, Texas, where there is a strong body of believers about the middle of Septefber. The State Convention for Michigan will convene in Lansing, Michigan. Let every- one in that section of the country and Canada prepare to come. Further information will be sent on addressing The Apostolic Faith Pub- lishing Co., Baxter Springs, Kansas.

Reports from all over the country prove that the Free Full Gospel work is going by leaps and bounds and is being heartily approv- ed by the people everywhere and that the world is tired of nonsense of starting more church- es, they want christianity, not churchanity, salvation not religion, spirituality not formal- ity. Many churches of different denomina- tions are calling for our preachers, being non sectarian they know we are not proselyters or sheep stealers and so are not afraid to hear the Full Gospel from those who are free from flesñ- ly manifestations and Holy Rollerisms.

Bro. Parham has invitations to hold Union Meetings in Several towns for all the churches and over 400 calls from all over the U. S and Canada. Let everyone assist in all possible donations to carry on this great work and needy preachers and publish the paper, which is our biggest preacher, as we are trying to make it the best soul food paper in the world.

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To the christian there are no accidents, they are incidents.

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The crucifixion of the self life the carnal nature is the only means of entering into the life that is free from sin.

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This paper is mailed to all free, especially the poor. All those who can give are expected at once and from time to time to give all they can to keep it going, spreading the original truths of the Pentecostal Apostolic Movements or latter rain work to all the world. This will mean that some will have to give into the hundreds to do this.

This paper is the official organ of 100,000 Apostolic Faith believers who are firmly established in the following truths: Conviction for sins, followed by repentance to God and man; this results in a real conversion—thus conceived of God and made alive. To remain justified we seek, through entire consecration, sanctifying grace and thus enter a life of true holiness. In this grace of sanctification we teach deliverance from all disease, inbred and acquired, as well as the law of sin in our members, which enables us to live above disease as well as sin.

After leaving the Cherryvale camp-meeting Bro. and Sister Bigger, helped in the revival services being conducted at Cave Springs, Ark. by Bro. Waterbury and Bro. Durbin; from there they went to Lewisburg, Tenn. to visit relatives, also giving some Bible lessons at this place. On their return they held a few services at Cedar Park, Ark. having a good attendance and good interest. Their next meeting was at Cross Roads, Ark. The meeting here continued about three weeks. God blessed the people as

they accepted the Truth, and souls were brought to God. After closing this meetin they arrived at Baxter Springs Sept. 7, for a short visit on their return to their home at Guymon, Okla. From here Sister Lillian Thistlethwaite, of Baxter Springs, accompanied them, and together they expect to hold Evangelistic services in Oklahoma and Texas this fall and winter. Let us not neglect to remember them in prayer, that God will bless them and use them in His service, where He leads. Their permanent address will be 316 North Main St. Guymon, Oklahoma.

In a letter just received from Mrs. M. E. Parham at Cheney, Kansas, she writes: "Mrs. Ostrander and party are now in Mount Vista, Colo. In going over there they had a wreck and their car pretty badly torn up. Mrs. Ostrander had her back wrenched and head cut. Francis Scott was hurt also, but neither were seriously hurt. They were sitting by the road side, when a young man coming up behind them, not seeing a big bus coming toward him, attempted to go past them, and to late, seeing his danger he ran into the smaller car to escape the large one. It was thr the mercy of God that none were hurt badly."

Their home address is Cheney Kansas.

Bro. Durham and Co., are expected at Cheney, Kansas, Sept. 9 to begin a meeting at that place.

Benny Stanberry, left Houston, Texas Sept. 6th to assist his father in meetings. They will work in Nebraska for some time.

"NOW"

Behold, now is the accepted time: Behold now is the day of salvation. I Cor. 6:2. Today if ye will hear my voice, harden not your hearts.

As we read these scriptures, we see that they are for the present, not for tomorrow, yesterday has gone into the past. Has returned to God who gave it to us. We can thank God for the blessings of the past and ask Him to let His precious blood cover our failures and mistakes, but we can't change our yesterday's or live them over. But He has given us today to live for Him! Today is our with all its blessings, benefits and opportuni!

Also its duties, sorrows or trials: but as the darkness of tonight falls, may we return the day to our Father with peace and victory in our souls and the assurance that we have spent it for Him. Then can we joyfully say with the poet: "One more day's work for Jesus. One less of life for me!"

Perhaps we look into the future in time of trial, and it looks so dark we became "weary and faint in our minds." Then we hear the Savior say: Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. St. Matt. 6:34.

And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. Luke 9:23.

He hasn't given us tomorrow yet, just today. Perhaps some of our worries are "carried over from yesterday, or borrowed from tomorrow," and that is why our burdens are too heavy for us, for He gives us just the grace for today's needs.

"Charge not thyself with the weight of a year,

Child of the Master, faithful and dear:
Choose not the cross for the coming week:
For that is more than He bids thee seek:"
"Bend not thine arms, for tomorrow's load;
Thou mayest leave that to thy gracious
God;

"Daily only, He said to thee,

Take up the cross, and follow Me."

His grace is sufficient" for today and "He is able to make us more than conquerors, thro Him that loved us." If He permits the light of tomorrow to shine over our lives, it will be another 'today', and with it also He will give us the grace to live it for Him, if we will trust Him for it.

A short time ago, we had a wonderful rain till the earth was filled and over flowed with water, but very soon the earth became dry and hard again. So as we thank God for our past blessings, we realize they will not suffice for today. We may have been filled to overflowing with His Holy Spirit but today, be hungry for more of that Bread that cometh down from Heaven, and thirsting for the living water.

As the heart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O, God. Ps. 94:1. As we need the daily food for

strength, so do we need the daily food spiritually to grow and be strong in the Lord. Sometimes we go to a meeting and it is so dry and cold we wonder what is the matter. Perhaps it needs a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Truly He alone can refresh our lives and satisfy our hearts with His love. We see young people so hoping, planning, and living (in their minds) in the future that they seem to fail to appreciate their present blessings and opportunities. Also the older ones, so living in the past that they are not enjoying as they might the blessings God is still bestowing on their lives.

Trust no future, how e'er pleasant.

Let the dead Past, bury its dead.

Act, in the living Present.

Heart within, and God o'er head!"

May God help us to enjoy His daily blessings, and use the opportunities, as they come our way, lest they pass us by forever. Seek ye the Lord, while He may be found call upon Him while He is near. Isa. 55:6.

Strive to enter in at the straight gate, for many, I say into you, will seek to enter in and shall not be able, when once the master of the house is risen up and hath shut to the door. Luke 13:24,25. As sometimes also we fail to use an opportunity for service today and tomorrow is too late! Perhaps we have felt that we should visit a sick friend but by putting it off till tomorrow, it was too late. The loved one had gone on without even knowing your kind intention.

People often say they are afraid to try to live a Christian life, for fear they can't hold out to the end. As the pennies make the dollar, so the days make the year. We don't walk a mile all at once; just step by step, so as we try to follow in the foot-steps of Jesus day by day. He is able to make "all grace abound unto us, that we having all sufficiency in all things may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

"Every day, every hour

Let me feel Thy cleansing power;

May thy tender love to me,

Bind me closer, closer Lord to Thee."

—S. E. PARHAM

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"The best place to get your ticket to glory is at the Cross, the time is now, the price—without money."

THE TRIBE OF JUDAH

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How wonderful the promise to Abraham has been fulfilled where God said He would make him the Father of many nations, (Gen. 17:4) when we read the voluminous proofs of who they are to-day.

It is not our intention in this short sketch to give the scriptural or the historical proofs, but the sum total in as few words as possible. As it is necessary that this subject should become part of this volume so that a proper understanding of other subjects discussed may be obtained. We leave our readers to gather from other authors the uncontrovertable proofs of these facts.

The twelve tribes of the children of Isreal were separated 975 B. C. (I Kings 11 and 12 chapter; Zec. 11-14). And in the ninth year of Heshea, the King of Assyria carried Isreal away into Assyria and placed them in Halah and Habor by the river Gozan, and there was none left but the tribe of Judah, only, (I Kings 17, 6, 18 verse).

From Babylon mountain we find they became a very war-like people. ("Isuki,") the first company of them pressing Eastward captured India, from whom descended modern Hindoos.

The second company crossing the continent of Asia threatened China, on being repulsed, part of the Chinese wall was built as a defence measure. They then were supposed by scholars, (of a few years ago,) to have crossed over into Alaska and become the Red-men of America. The fallacy of this theory is proven by the Word of God wherein he says, He will make them the head and not the tail of nations. There is sufficient proof that upon reaching the ice-bound regions of North Eastern Asia they turned southward, traversed the peninsula of Kamschatsha, entered upon a conquest of the island laying to the southward. Conquering the natives who were called Oswegos, taking their country they became the modern powerful nation of Japan. The descendants of the Hindoos and Japanese became the chief inhabitants of Hawaii.

Next we desire to trace the westward flight to Isreal's race, until they locked the whole world in their embrace. It is very strange indeed that scholars who recorded the Aryan imigration into western Europe never

put two and two together and discovered that the cradle of the Aryan race was the exact country where previously the ten lost tribes of Isreal were colonized. While passing through Northern Greece, historians of that day frequently wrote of them, noted their peculiarities. It was said by one historian that they believed in the immortality of the soul and one God, which the Greeks did not; also that in primitive times they had received their law and regulations from one Ike Moxes (Moses) who spent many days in the mountains and returned with the same. Pushing their way westward into what is now Germany, many were captured and sold on the slave market of Rome. When Caesar inquired who these beautiful creatures were when they told him, he said, "They should be called angels;" a term which has ever followed them.

During their migration, they were known by different names, according to the country through which they were passing. Such terms as Isuki, Sacae, Sacea, Suncea, Saxones, and many others, until it terminated in Saxons; their land was called Saxony. Thus coupled with Caesar's title, they became Anglo-Saxon! The word Saxon being a derivation of ISAAC'S SONS; fulfilling the prophecy.—In Isaac shall thy seed be called. (Gen. 21:12). The Saxon conquest of Great Britain (and to-day coupled with the United States) of nearly all the world proves the scriptures; they were to be the "head and not the tail of nation."

To day the descendants of Abraham are the Hindoos, the Japanese, the high German, the Danes (tribe of Dan) the Scandinavians, the Anglo-Saxon and their descendants in all parts of the world. These are the nations who have acquired and retained experimental salvation and deep spiritual truths; while the Gentiles,—the Russians, the Greek, the Italian, the low German, the French, the Spanish and their descendants in all parts are formalists, scarce ever obtained the knowledge and truth discovered by Luther,—that of justification by faith or of the truth taught by Wesley, sanctification by faith; while the heathen,—the Black race, the Brown race, the Red race, the Yellow race, in spite of missionary zeal and effort are nearly all heathen still; but will, in the dawning of the coming age, be given to Jesus for an inheritance.

Just where the tribes are located has not

been fully determined, except in the case of the Danes (the tribe of Dan); England, who stands for Ephriam, and of the United States for Manassa. All the prophecies concerning the sons of Joseph are fulfilled in these two nations, who stand almost inseparably united as Brother John and Johnathan.

Some of the prophecies: "They should be the head and not the tail of nations"; never be overcome except by their own people"; were to be the Mistress of the sea"; "controls the markets of the world"; "possess the gateways of their enemies"; which accounts for the possession by them of Gibraltar, Suez and Panama Canal; they were to possess the gold and silver and precious stones, mines of the world. This accounts for the purchase of Alaska, and for the prolongation of the Boar war. Prophecy grants unto England the possession of gold mines, but not necessarily the country. They were to push together the inhabitants of the earth to the end thereof, possess it, yet retain the good will of him that dwelt in the bush. It is a fact of history that the Anglo-Saxon race have and are pushing the natives of Asia, Australia, Africa and America to the ends thereof and possessing them, yet they do have their general good will.

It has been a question for school house debates, what will become of the American Indian when he comes to the "Jumping off place?"

In the last days when Isreal is to be gathered to stand with Judah, during the Millennium as the angel of the Lord before the world (Zec. 12:3) they are to be gathered from the North Country the Isles of the seas, and the coasts of the earth, which they are fast obtaining; this accounts for the island possessions obtained during the Spanish war and since by Manassah.

Joseph married an Egyptian woman; his descendants were half Hebrews and half Egyptian. The seal of Great Britian reveals this fact; on the one side is the Lion and the Unicorn, special Hebrew Emblems, on the other is the Sphinx an Egyptian emblem, signifying their Hebrew-Egyptian emblem origin while the U. S. seal has on the one side the Hebrew emblem of an eagle and an olive branch, on the other side the Pyramid of Egypt, signifying the same hybred origin.

England is called the Lion because she possesses the sceptre of David and her ruling power is seed royal of Judah. The Lion is a fig-

ure of kingship, Christ, the King, is oft referred to as the Lion of the tribe of Judah.

Ephriam to be a company of nations. England.

Manassah was to be the gathering of nations. United States.

Now, if the reader will carefully read Jacobs' blessing upon his children, for the last days, and all the prophecies concerning Isreal in the Old Testament, realizing they pertain to the above named nations, the Old Testament will become a new book to you of vital import and interest.

The Tribe of Judah

One Hundred and Thirty-seven years after the ten tribes were carried away the Kingdom of Judah was taken into Babylonian captivity returned seventy years later, remaining in Palestine that the Scriptures might be fulfilled of Jesus who came to His own (tribe) and His own received Him not. (John I:II.)

After the crucifixion of the Savior, the taking upon themselves and their children the blood of the Son of God they remained forty years to realize the culmination of Old Testament prophecies and the withering effect of the prophetic curse of Jesus of Nazareth, concerning their dispersion.

The city was taken by Titus—the account of which is the most dreadful of all sieges of history—scattered without a name—a hiss and a by-word among all people—hated and despised of all nations, until in later years when their financial importance brought them into favor.

But O, the joy that fills our souls as we behold Jerusalem arise from the ashes of desolation, putting on of her beautiful garments. (Ps. 51:1) see the smiling favor of Jehovah, upon the restoration plans of the great Zionist movement—looking toward the purchase, colonization and renationalization of the Jews.

According to the teaching of Daniel the Jews must be in their own land under their own government as a distinct nation, seven years before the coming of Messiah. Sixty-nine weeks of years were used by them before being scattered, the seventieth week is yet to be determined upon them, and upon the Holy City, to make an end of sins, and reconciliation for iniquity to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up the vision and prophecy, and

anoint the Most Holy. (Dan. 9:24.)

We make no dates, as many prophetic teachers do, yet believe that when the Jewish Congress meet in Jerusalem and by proclamation declare themselves a restored nation, seven years from that day the feet of Jesus Christ shall touch Mount Olives. When that proclamation is issued the world will realize that truly a Nation is born at once. (Is. 66:8.)

God declares that forth from between the knees of Judah should go forth the law to govern the nations. Again He swore unto David that he would never want for an heir to sit on the throne. When Zedekiah was carried away into Babylon, his eyes put out, and died there, infidels declared, "Your God has lied, for He promised the law to go forth to the nations, from between the knees of Judah, and that sceptre should not depart from Judah until Shiloh come. (Gen. 49:10.)

Orthodox theologians seeking to conciliate the infidels have declared that Jesus took the sceptre of David. If we were to grant the fact that Jesus came as a King and not as a Priest and Savior Nineteen Hundred years ago, there would be yet left a spacious lie of over Five-Hundred years between the death of Zedekiah and the coming of Jesus, who will not come as a King nor take the sceptre of David until the close of this Age. Let us trace this sceptre; to find that not only does God keep His Word, but by so doing has wrought the Romance of History.

Zedekiah was the son-in-law of Jeremiah. For his prophesies concerning the fall of Jerusalem, Zedekiah had thrown Jeremiah into the pit, yet when this prophecy came true, he was granted permission by the King of Babylon to take his family, go wither-so-ever he would. Taking Hamutal his daughter the wife of Zedekiah; and TeaTaphi, his grand child and the daughter of the King, heir to the sceptre and Throne of Judah; went southward into Egypt, prophesied the destruction of that nation. Manuscripts lately found in the court about the Castle of Taphenes in Alexandria, prove that he occupied that castle during a sojourn there. When the city fell he escaped on board a ship plying in tin-trade between Britian and the East. Jeremiah had been sanctified before he was born, a prophet to the nations. (Jeremiah 1:5,10.) to root out to pull down, to destroy and to throw down; which

he had faithfully performed in Jerusalem and Egypt. The next we find him a resident in the Castle of Tara in Ireland. From manuscripts found there, he begins to execute the latter part of his commission "to build and to plant."

Ireland at that time was a great centre of learning. Later Senators and noble men of the Roman Empire sent their sons thither for education. It was a common remark in the streets of Rome after hearing some wonderful oration in the Forum or elsewhere, that the speaker must have been to Erin. This intellectual eminence of the Irish was later wiped out by the Catholic priests, who sought to displace their pagan philosophies by Christian civilization. Yet, in spite of her degradation Ireland still produces, and probably ever will, the greatest orators of the world.

Not so long after the arrival of Jeremiah and his court in Ireland, Tea-Tephi holding the sceptre of David became the Queen of Hermon, the chief King of Ireland. Thus the sceptre had overturned once, but the prophecy declared it should overturn thrice. (Is. 21:26:-27.) Later the Duke of Argyle, who became the King of Scotland and Ireland carried the sceptre into Scotland from whence James brought it into England, and from him handed down, until King George of England hold the sceptre of David, and the blood of Queen Victoria flows in the veins of nearly every ruler of Europe. Thus the law does indeed go forth from between the knees of Judah and David has never wanted for an heir to sit upon the Throne. While Isreal rebelled from God appointed Kings and was carried away captive, crossed the Continent of Europe; the marvelous dealings of God with a rebellious people are manifested, and though they knew it not, yet for hundreds of years, have been ruled over by their Divinely appointed Sovereign, whom God brought around by the sea, and caused them to submit to, in the Western Isle. Man truly proposes, but God disposes.

The stone of Scone on which the Kings of Ireland, Scotland and England have been crowned was brought by Jeremiah to Ireland, and was the stone on which the Kings of Judah were crowned, and is a memorial stone of Isreal, belonging to Joseph's sons. (Gen. 49:24.)

The Divine rights of Kings can truly be

held by those Sovereigns in whose veins flow the blood of David, anointed King of the Hebrews.

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 WHO, BUT JESUS?
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In the 6th chapter of John, Jesus declared He was the bread and life and except ye eat My flesh and drink My blood ye have no life in you. From that time, many failed to follow Him and Jesus said, will ye also go away? And Peter said: To whom else Lord shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life.

Who, but Jesus, can reach down in the gang wire of sin, and lift the polluted soul that has been bound by Satan for to these years and set Him free. Who, but Jesus, can wash that soul whiter than snow, and change the tattered garments, for the robe of righteousness, plant the kiss of forgiveness upon his brow, set his feet upon the Rock of Ages, install a radio in his soul, until he can tune in with the Infinite? None but Jesus.

Who, but Jesus, can unlock the prison house of sin, where souls have been grinding for years, serving time, because they were slaves to the appetites and passions of the flesh. Who can bring the pardon that sets the captive soul at liberty, give them "beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garments of praise for the spirit of heaviness." Change the gnashed and thorny human shrub into "trees of righteousness," None but Jesus.

Who but Jesus, will stretch out a welcome hand to the backslider and say, "Return unto me, and I will return unto you." You draw near unto me, and I will draw nigh unto you." "I will forgive your back-slidings, I will love you freely, Not only seven times, but seventy times seven." Only Jesus.

Who, but Jesus, can lead His own who hunger and thirst after righteousness and true Holliness, across the Jordan's swelling tide, up and out into the land of Canaan—the land of Beulah, which the Lord thy God carest for: The eyes of the Lord are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year." a land of wheat, and barley, and vines and figs and pomegranites; a land of oil, olives and honey—a land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarciness, thou shalt not lack anything. Who, but Jesus?

Who, but Jesus, can deliver His children when in heaviness thru manifold temptations when all the powers of darkness surround them, who can speak the cheering words—Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed, for I am thy God. I will strengthen thee, yea, I will help thee—Yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

When the enemy shall come in like a flood upon thee, then the spirit of the Lord Shall lift up a standard against him."

God, is faithful, who will not suffer us to be tempted above that we are able, but will with the temptation also make a way of escape that we may be able to bear it—Who is so faithful, but Jesus?

Who but Jesus, can comfort and uphold in the hours of sorrow, when surging billows roll, and the heart cries out, "All thy waves and thy billows are gone over me, who but Jesus can whisper,—Peace be still, It is I be not afraid, for I will never forsake thee nor leave thee alone. Child pillow thy head upon My bosom, then I whisper, It is Jesus. Who but Jesus, can transform the vision, until the things which are sure and are temporal will look exceedingly small, but the things which are not seen, are eternal; when viewed by the telescope of Faith, will glow and gleam with a heavenly luster: so that the enraptured soul will count nothing dear unto himself, that he might finish his course with joy, tho it means to forsake all to follow Jesus, may there be such a deep "Amen Lord!" in our soul until heaven and earth will understand.

"Gladly will I toil and suffer,
 Only let me walk with thee."

Who can make such a transformation?
 Only Jesus.

Who, but Jesus, can support with an everlasting arm, the soul that is passing thru the "Valley and shadow of death, "And span the river, as He sweetly whispers, I am thy resurrection and the life—he that believeth on me, tho he were dead, yet shall he live," Because I live, ye shall live also.

Who, but Jesus, can be the wonderful light of that City which hath no need of the sun, nor the moon to lighten it—that City, which hath foundations; whose builder and maker is God! Who, but Jesus can be the chief joy of that radiant company who have "washed their souls and made them white in

the blood of the Lamb." Who, can wipe away all tears from their eyes and feed them and lead them to living fountains of water.—None but Jesus. Truly we can say with Peter "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God!"

May these words be a blessing and comfort to all who read them.

Lou Love, Evangelist,
Galena, Kansas.

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Pastor Chas. F. Parham,
Houston, Texas.
Beloved:

I note by your August paper that you are holding a meeting at Houston, so I am addressing you there tho I do not know your local address, but hoping you receive this letter. I have been thinking so much about you and wish I might receive a line; however I am glad to learn of your work through the Apostolic Faith. It seems to me this August issue is especially interesting; every article teems with interest and life. I wish you would give my love to all the workers whom you meet at Houston.

Say, brother Parham, when are you coming east again?

I am enclosing check to help along with the paper.

Now don't forget all about me and the rest of us in Chicago who have learned to love you. I suppose you have more song books than you know what to do with, if not we have stock of all kinds.

Your old Friend,
Thoro Harris.

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My dear brother Parham:

Am getting your paper regularly. Both wife and I enjoy them very much.

Well here I am flat on my back with a broken leg. Wife and I arrived at Carnation 38 miles from here June fourth to spend the summer with our son Dwight and my youngest brother, the one you meet in Los Angeles. We were having a fine time on July 11th; I fell and broke my right leg just below the hip joint I was brought to this hospital in an ambulance the same day. Do not know how long will have to remain. It all depends on how fast the bone knits. At first the pain was intense. Much prayer was offered and God took away all pain both in leg and rheumatism. I am as comfort-

able as I can be, no aches, no pains; have good nursing and good care. Am just laying here reading my Bible, good books good papers and a Radio by my head. Listened to Billy Sunday three times yesterday, waiting on God while He repairs the damage.

I do not know why all these afflictions come upon me and remain I am still looking to the Lord for deliverance.

I almost envy you in your active life. I would like to be out in the field doing what you are doing. Of course I could not do what you are doing on such a large scale but could do the same kind to the extent of my ability had I the right use of my running gears.

Well God knows all about it. I do not; I am not rebellious. God knows my heart. I do not believe God sent these afflictions, but He has permitted it. So far as I can see faith is the only thing that stands in the way of healing. "According to your faith is the measure of our blessings. But how to get the faith is the question.

Well God bless you in your labor of love. Pray for me that God's will may be wrought out in me.

Yours in Him,

R. M. SIMMONS.

(Former Gen. overseer for Dr. Downie's church of British Columbia, Canada.)

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Arnett, Okla.,

August 30, 1926

Dear Bro. Parham.

Peace to thee, in His great love.

We just closed a real victory for God near Arnett. God blessed us in a wonderful way.

Old and young came seeking God. Many were saved, sanctified and healed, also one baptised with the Holy Ghost.

Truly the gospel of Jesus Christ satisfies the longing of the hungry soul, as they seek Him for His fullness.

These are wonderful days to work for God and stand for the "faith once delivered to the saints."

God is calling for workers that will take the whole armour of God and go forth in His name standing for that which He has wrought in their lives.

This is no time to let down or back up, for there is a greater demand for the Full Gospel all the time. We have calls coming in all around for meeting, so pray we may go where

it pleases Him.

Our next meeting will be 20 miles South-east of here, starting September 1. So pray for us in the battle here as we pray for you.

May He bless one and all and give us grace to stand true to Him.

Your in the service of the King.

Chester Jackson and Wife.

Arnett, Okla.,

Sept. 26, 1926.

Charles F. Parham,
Baxter Springs, Kans.

Dear Brother in Christ Jesus:

Bro. Jackson and Bro. Barker have just closed a meeting at the Eddie School House. I feel so thankful for a prayer hearing God.

All summer, prayer has been offered for this place, and at last God heard that cry, and sent the dear brothers to us. Many Sanctified, saved and one baptised with the Holy Spirit. Praise His name!

I would be glad to read your paper.

Yours in the Master's Name,

Helen Clearwater,

Arnett, Okla.

Dear Brother Parham:

Your letter came and we are always glad to hear from you, and the meetings. Sure am praying that you may have a great meeting in Houston, and many may gladly receive the gospel message. We closed our meeting Sunday night. Sure had a wonderful meeting. Five or six saved three men of about 35, and several others that had almost lost out, but wouldn't acknowledge it, were reclaimed. There was 10 baptised in water, six or seven sanctified, and three baptised in the Holy Spirit. Besides many other blessings of various kinds of healings, and encouragement. With renewed vows and covenants many started anew to serve God in a mighty way. So we had a wonderful time in the Lord. I sure need the prayer of all, that we may just go where He wants us. I am undecided yet where our next meeting will be.

There is a meeting near here in an Arbor with Johnnie Booe in charge. We were there last night. Well I must quit but again I say pray earnestly for us.

Yours in Service,

Floyd M. Durham.

"BEGIN AGAIN"

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Every day is a fresh beginning,
Every day is the world made new;
You who are weary of sorrow and sinning,
Here is a beautiful hope for you—
A hope for me and a hope for you.
All the past things are past and over,
The tasks are done and the tears are shed;
Yesterday's errors, let yesterday cover;
Yesterday's wounds, which smarted and
bled,

Are healed with the healing which night
has shed.

Yesterday now is a part of forever,
Bound up in a sheaf, which God holds
tight;

With glad days, and sad days, and bad
days, which never.

Shall visit us more with their bloom and
their blight.

Let them go, since we cannot relieve
them,

Cannot undo and cannot atone;
God in His mercy, receive, forgive them;
Only the new days are our own,
Today is ours, and today alone.

Every day is a fresh beginning;
Listen my soul, to the glad refrain,
And, spite of old sorrow and older sinning,
Take heart with the day and begin again."

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"Go On Wid Dat Prayer"

A negro who had been a slave came to a lady missionary among the freedmen and asked to be taught to pray.

She began to teach him the Lord's prayer, sentence by sentence, explaining it to his entire satisfaction until she came to the one on forgiveness.

"What dat mean?" said he: "That you must forgive everybody or God will not forgive you." "Stop, teacher, can't do dat," and he went away.

After a time he appeared again. "Now go on wid dat prayer. I dun forgive him. Ole massa once gib me fifty lashes and hit me wid a crow-bar, and thro me out for dead, and I met him on the street and wouldn't speak to him; but today I met him an, said, How'd'ee? Now go on wid dat prayer."—John Three Sixteen.

THE ANTI-CHRIST

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By W. Bacon, Home address, Fairland, Okla.

Knowing from Paul's statement in the second epistles to the Thessalonians, 2 Thes 2:1, 2, 3. that the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gathering (or rapture) of the saints into Him (in the air) will not take place except there come a falling away first and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition.

I feel that as children of the day we should know some what about this man and get an outline and understanding of his life and doings from the Word of God.

Personally I believe that the stage is being set in order for the next great event in Prophecy, and that is the coming into play, the part of the worlds Hero.—The Anti-Christ.

All ready future events have cast their shadows before, and the spirit of worlds power and rulership has manifested its self, being the hearts desire of many people of many nations saying, give us a superman give us a world's court, give us a union of nations who will be so powerful that they can command peace in the world.

Before I take up the Bible on the subject of the Anti-Christ, I would like to add these news items, they seem to be of importance and show us that the details are being planned out for the real ten toed, ten horned, ten King Kingdom that shall arise before the Anti-Christ comes into his Kingdom.

Beneath the surface of the deep waters of diplomacy in Europe there is a movement afoot to regulate and rule the entire world by an association of nations.

The delegates of the League of Nations met at the Geneva Conference to frame and sign the famous protocol intended as an instrument to establish the "outlawing of war," But it really turns out to be a "soft gloved effort to force control of world events by an iron hand, as you will see by their articles.

The Protocol is held in reserve and some of these days not many days or years off we will see the real inactment of articles now framed up. What drew my attention more closely to this event was that ten of the pow-

ers signed the Protocol, and the council consisted of the following ten countries: Britian, France, Italy, Japan, Brazil, Uruguay, Spain, Belgium Sweden and Czecho-Slovakia.

This is not the ten toes of Daniels Image, but the fact that ten was the amount or number of countries that signed may be significant of the ten Kings that agree and give their power and strength unto the beast. Rev. 17; 12. 13. 14.

Here is the foundation which is already laid and except for a few changes, could be adopted by the coming ten powers as a means of rule and practice which when carried out would bring the entire world into subjection to them. Then if the Ten Powers confer all their power and strength (Militarism) unto the Beast ("Anti-Christ") that will make him the master General of all the world, then the scripture in Rev. 13.4 will be fulfilled, "Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

No nation would dare to fight the Beast because he has the combined strength of the Ten Great Military Powers backing him up in whatever he undertakes to do.

No. 1.—According to the protocol, any nation that adopts virgorous measures for the protection of its citizens and interests is to be regarded as an aggressor if it has not first obtained the approval of the league. No matter how grave the situation, how urgent the appeal for immediate action, a nation's hands are tied. Any war of aggression is defined as an "international crime."

No. 2.—Arbitration is made compulsory. This is, instead of going to war over trouble that may arise between two nations, they should submit their case to a permanent court of International Justice, and be willing to accept the compulsory jurisdiction of that tribunal (article 8.)

No. 3.—The league is given complete and absolute jurisdiction in all kinds of disputes between nations, whether legal, economic, political or otherwise, and various methods of setting disputes by arbitration or conciltation are prescribed in elaborate detail. Nothing is excepted, even a question generally recognized as purly within national domestic juriis-

diction may be passed on by the league (Articles 4 and 10.)

No. 4—Any nation, whether in or out of the league, that does not accept its jurisdiction or its decisions is liable to various kinds of constraints, even that of war itself, on the part of the member of the league. These measures include, according to article 16 of the covenant the severance of all trade or financial relations, the prohibition of all intercourse between their nationals and the nationals of the covenant-breaking state, and the prevention of all financial, commercial or personal intercourse between the nationals of the covenant-breaking state and the nationals of any other state, whether a member of the league or not" (articles 4, 11, 12, 13).

In these articles is clearly seen the "Iron" of the fourth Kingdom in Daniels Image. Dan. 2, 40, 41, 42, 43.

And the fourth Kingdom shall be strong as iron; for as much as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things, and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise." The object of the League is to subdue the whole world and break in pieces and bruise all that will not obey their demands.

"And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters clay and part of iron, the Kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the Iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the Iron mixed with miry clay." Ver 41.

The Anti Christ Kingdom will be the Iron power that will rule, the clay is the weaker Kingdoms that mingle with the Iron but do not cleave to the league but obey through fear and national weakness.

"And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the Kingdom shall be partly strong and partly broken. Ver. 42. "And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men; but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay." Ver. 43.

The League by delving into the affairs of all nations mingle themselves with the seed of men (races of people). But they won't stand together or be one. Under the guise of peace and commanding all nations to submit to terms

the Kingdom will tread down and devour the whole earth and break it in pieces. Dan. 7:23, 24, 25.

The Anti-Christ gains his kingdom as head of the ten kingdoms by coming in "peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries." Dan. 11, 21.

"After the league made with him he shall work deceitfully. Dan. 11.23.

The Lion in sheep's clothing soon is unveiled and thru he says peace! peace! the peace dove with flatteries, will soon hatch a war Eagle and tread down the whole earth. He shall honor the God of Forces, (Muintious,) Dan. 11.38. Returning to the protocol again, it says: The council shall be entitled to receive undertakings from state determining in advance the military, naval and air forces which they would be able to bring into action immediately to insure the fulfillment of the obligations in regard to sanctions which result from the covenant and the present protocol (article 13).

No. 5—All the preceeding measures of constraint and coercion are to be applied to nations which are not members of the league.

(Article 16)—We can see by this there can be no doubt concerning the leagues fundamental purposes to make of its self a powerful superstate. The method of friendly voluntary conciliation among nations is to be abandoned in favor of compulsory conciliation. This overbearing forcing to do against ones will, is just what the Bible says the Anti-Christ does. Daniel 11.36.

And the King shall do according to his will, and he shall exact himself, and magnify himself above every god.

He shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain. Dan. 11.39. and with the arms of a flood shall they be overflown from before him, and shall be broken. Dan. 11.29. He will be a King of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, and understanding dark sentences. Dan. 8:23. His power shall be mighty and he shall destroy wonderfully and shall prosper and practice. Dan. 8.24. He will think to change times and laws. Dan. 7:25. All of these

traites that are to be in the Anti-Christ are now manifest in the spirit and desire of men. I am looking for and expecting that another great war will come with in three years in Europe. Out of that war will arise the ten toed or King Kingdom the real one of Daniel and Revelation. In conjunction with the war will arise the Anti-Christ, he will subdue or pluck up three of the ten nations and become great. Dan. 7, 8, 23, 24, 25. So we are not to look for the Anti-Christ to be revealed until the ten King Kingdom is set up, he will then come into power as the little horn. Dan. 7, 10, 11, 12.

Paul said in his day that the mystery of iniquity doth already work. 2 Thess. 2:7. Surely we can see it working in this day as never before.

The Temple at Jerusalem, from the word of God I understand that the temple at Jerusalem will be built and that it is to take place before the Anti-Christ resigns. 42 months Rev. 13,5 Dan. 7,25.

Here are the scriptures that make this fact so real. And there was given me a reed like unto a rod, and the Angel stood, saying, rise and measure the temple of God and the altar and them that worship therein.

But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles, and the Holy City shall they tread under foot forty and two months. Rev. 11: 1. 2.

Temple, was the name given to the whole sacred precincts on Mount Moriah in Jerusalem, including the sanctuary and the various courts and buildings. The first temple was in David's heart to build 2 Sam. 7, 3. 1 Chr. 17, 2 and 28. 2. But David being a man of war was forbidden to build the temple. 2 Sam. 7. 5. 1 Chr. 17. 4. and 28. 3.

Solomn David's son builds the temple 1 Kn. 6. 2 Chr. 3 and 4. This Temple was destroyed by the Chaldaeus 2, Kn. 25. 9. 2 Chr. 36.

The decree to build it again was given by Cyrus and Darions Ez. 6, 3, 12.

It was finished and dedicated Ez. 6. 15. 16. It was made a den of thieves. Matt. 21, 12. Mk. 11, 15, Lu. 19.46. Christ drives out buyers and sellers. Matt 21, 12. Mk. 11, 15,

Lu. 19, 14 Jno. 2, 14, Christ fortells its destruction. Matt. 24, 2, Mk. 13.2. Lu. 21. 6.

70 year A. D. Titus destroyed the temple of the Jews. For the last 1856 years the Jews have been without their temple on the original grounds.

Now then, John the Revelator is speaking of the temple its dimentions are measured, but the court is left unmeasured as that space will be reserved entirely for the Gentiles and they will still tread down or be in control of the City, 42 months or 3½ years while the Anti-Christ resigns. Does not these verses imply that the temple will be finished and open for final inspection and is in readiness for the 42 months of Anti-Christ's reign.

Paul in speaking of the man of sin, says: that "He as God sitteth in the temple of God shewing himself that he is God. 2 Thess. 2. 4.

The temple will be in Jerusalem and in readiness by the middle of Daniel's week, if not before. Daniel also confirms this by saying. "In the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the obligation to cease. Dan. 9. 27.

Also he shall pollute the sanctuary (temple) of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice. Dan. 11. 31.

If the temple is not built by the time the Seventh week of Daniel begins, the Anti-Christ will build the temple in anticipation of setting up his throne in it, to be worshiped as God. Daniel says, that "he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain. Dan 11. 45. If he sits in the temple and makes that his throne room, it is most likely that the tabernacle of his palace will be the temple with its buildings and courts. if so, then he will build or plant them right soon after he makes the covenant for 7 years. Dan. 9. 27. with the Jews.

Surely these things are soon coming to pass; may the Lord help His children to be ready.

The reason the court is given unto the Gentiles and is not measured, is most likely because, in order to keep peace the Jews have the temple service in charge and that is carried on by rules and regulations trying to follow all measurements of the Mosaic law, while the

court without is turned over to the Gentiles who in turn worship God in many kinds of ways without law or order.

Would Revive Sacrifices

Kansas City, August 12, 1926.—Jewish Zealots are seeking permission to bring a burnt offering to Mt. Moriah, where the Mosque of Omar stands and are endeavoring to persuade the Supreme Moslen Council to allow the erection of alters where a temple once stood, that they might revive the sacrifices interrupted when the temple was destroyed, (by Titus.)

We have booked for this to come to pass for years and 1927 is the year in prophecy that the daiy sacrifice will be set up. The next event will be war in Europe and the rising up of the anti-Christ who will make a covenant with the Jews for 7 years.

Time is short; watch and pray.

Yours in Jesus,

W. BACON.

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The very test of consecration is our willingness not only to surrender the things that are wrong but to surrender our rights, to be willing to be subject.

When God begins to subdue a soul, He often requires us to yield the things that are of little importance in themselves, and thus break our neck and subdue our spirit.

No Christian worker can ever be used of God until the proud self-will is broken, and the heart is ready to yield to God's every touch, no matter through whom it may come.

Many people want God to lead them in their way and they will brook no authority or restraint. They will give their money, but they want to dictate how it shall be spent. They will work as long as you let them please themselves, but let any pressure come and you immediately run up against, not the grace of resignation but a letter of resignation, withdrawing from some important trust and arousing a whole community of criticising friends, equally disposed to have their own opinions and their own will about it. It is destructive of all real power.—A. B. Simpson.

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“Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein: and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him.” (Prov. 26:27).

THE NEAREST DUTY

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My soul was stirred; I pray; “Let me
Do some great work, so purely
To right life's wrongs, that I shall know
That I have loved Thee surely.”
My lips sent forth their eager cry,
The while my heart beat faster,
“For some great deed to prove my love,
Send me; send me, my Master!”

From out the silence came a voice,
Saying: “If God thou fearest,
Rise up and do, thy whole life through,
The duty that lies nearest.
The friendly word, the kindly deed,
Though small the act in seeming,
Shall in the end unto thy soul
Prove mightier than thy dreaming.

The cup of water to the faint,
Or rest unto the weary,
The light thou givest another's life,
Shall make thine own less dreary.
And boundless realms of faith and love
Will wait for thy possessing;
Not creeds, but deeds, if thou wouldst win
Unto thy soul a blessing.

And so I wait with peaceful heart,
Content to do His pleasure;
Not caring if the world shall mock
At smallness of the measure
Or thoughts or deeds or daily life.
He knows the true endeavor—
To do His will, to seek His face—
And He will fail me never.

—Sarah A. Gibbs.

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Fellowship with Christ produces peace and power.

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“Let Your Yie'dedness Be Known Unto
all Men (Phil. 4:5, R. V.)

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Goodness, gladness, gratefulness and greatness are because of the grace and gift of God.

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Some churches substitute patriotism, charity and good works for the gospel, but they will not save from sin or give eternal life.

TALKATIVENESS

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Talkativeness is utterly ruinous to deep spirituality. It is one of the greatest hindrances to deep, solid union with God. Notice how people will tell the same thing over and over—how insignificant trifles are magnified by a word or words—how things that should be buried are dragged out into gossip; how a worthless non-essential is argued and disputed over; how the solemn, deep things of the Holy Spirit are rattled over in a light manner—until one who has the real baptism of divine silence in his heart, feels he must unceremoniously tear himself away to some lonely room or forest, where he can gather up the fragments of his mind, and rest in God.

Not only do we need cleansing from sin, but our natural human spirit needs a radical death to its own noise and activity wordiness

See the evil effects of so much talk.

First it dissipates the spiritual power. The thought and feeling of the soul are like powder and steam—the more they are condensed, the greater their power.

Second it is a waste of time. If the hours spent in useless conversation were spent in secret prayer or deep reading, we would soon reach a region of soul life and divine peace beyond our present dreams.

Third, loquacity inevitably leads to saying unwise, or unpleasant, or unprofitable things. In religious conversation we soon churn up all the cream our souls have in them, and the rest of our talk is all pale skim milk, until we get alone with God, and feed on His green pasture until the cream rises again. The Holy Spirit warns us that “in the multitude of words there lacketh not sin.” It is impossible for even the best of saints to talk beyond a certain point without saying something unkind, or severe, or foolish, or erroneous. We must settle this personally. If others are noisy and gossip, I must determine to live in constant quietness and humility of heart; I must guard my speech as a sentinel does a fortress, and with all respect for others, I must many a time cease from conversation or withdraw from company to enter deep communion with my precious Lord. To walk in the spirit we must avoid talking for talk’s sake, or merely to entertain. To

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speak effectively we must speak in God’s appointed time and in harmony with the indwelling Holy Spirit.

“He that hath knowledge spareth his words” (Prov. 17:27). “In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength.” Isa. 30:15; Eccl. 5: 2, 3. —Selected.

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FEW CHILDREN OF PREACHERS

BECOME INSANE IS CLAIMED

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San Antonio, Sept. 3.—If your father was a preacher, you have a 50 to 1 better chance of staying out of an insane asylum than if he was a digger of ditches, according to Dr. W. J. Johnson, head of the state hospital here, who addressed the Conopus club Friday.

“Insanity is on the increase,” said Dr. Johnson, “and unless the educated classes and the physically and mentally fit of this country do not raise the average number of their children, this country will be faced with a serious problem within a few years. The outlook now is alarming.”

“Alcohol, drugs and the specific infection are the chief cause of insanity, statistics show,” went on Dr. Johnson. “While the number of patients admitted to the state hospital due to alcohol is steadily decreasing, it is true that the cases are more aggravated because of the low grade of alcohol that is being used today. The number of alcoholic cases is about 20 per cent.”

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There’s nothing finer ’neath the sun
Than brave, right living; duty done.

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The sweetest lives are those to duty wed,
Whose deeds, both great and small,
Are close-knit strands of one unbroken thread,
Where love enobles all.

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The highest duties oft are found
Lying upon the lowest ground,
In hidden and unnoticed ways,
In household works, on common days,
Whate’er is done for God alone,
Thy God acceptable will own.

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Choose ye this day whom ye will serve;
but as for me and my house we will serve the
Lord. Josh. 24: 15.