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BE A BOOSTER

If you think your church the best Tell 'em so! If you'd have it lead the rest, Help it grow! When there's anything to do, Let them always count on you, You'll feel good when it is through, Don't you know?



If you're used to giving knocks, Change your style; Throw bouquets instead of rocks For awhile Boost your pastor and your church; Knock the knocker off his perch; Lift the stumbler from the lurch-With a smile!



When a stranger from afar Comes along, Tell him who and what you are-Make it strong. Never flatter, never bluff, Tell the truth, for that's enough. Be a booster, tat's the stuff, Don't just belong.

SERMON OF THE MONTH Sign of His Coming

By Ben Barker

Let us look at the world conditions as they are coming to us through the press and the radio by the greatest statesmen of the world. All of them are talking of peace, but the nations of the world continue to prepare for war which is bringing to pass the scripture in I Thessalonians 5:3. "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape."

The people of the world have a faint heart at the thought of war and of what war brings; yet the prophets declare that war will come. "Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: Let the weak say, I am strong." Joel 3:9,10. Consider the words of Jesus as he says, "And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: See that ye be not troubled; for all things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. Matthew 24:6. Jesus also said:

Likewise also it was in the days of lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded:

But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.

Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed. Luke 17:28, 29, 30.

There are many people who feel that the world will keep on going as it is now, and they make fun of the coming of Christ.

Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days, scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming?" For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation. II Peter 3:3,4.

Think now about the great trusts

and combines of our time which are heaping money together. James pictures the conditions of these people in his writings. James 5:1-6.

Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you.

Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth eaten.

Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.

Behold, the hire of the labourers who have fraud, crieth; and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth.

Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter.

But to the brethren James gives encouragement and makes us to know that Christ is soon to return. James 5:7,8.

Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts; for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

The heavens and the earth are also declaring his soon coming by the signs which they have shown.

And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood and fire and pillars of smoke.

The sun shall be turned into darkness; and the moon into blood, be fore the great and terrible day of the Lord come. Joel 2:30, 31.

Another important sign of Christ's coming is that sign concerning the Jewish nation. The Jewish people were scattered among the nations. "And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations; and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." Luke 21:24. The Jewish people were to be gath-

ered together in the close of the Gentiles times as an ensign.

And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth." Isiah 11:12.

The Jews have the promise of their homeland to be given to them.

But, The Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them; and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers. Jeremiah 16:15.

Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the Lord, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks. Jeremiah 16:16.

We are told in Hosea that the Jews will seek the Lord God, "Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the Lord their God, and David their king; and shall fear the Lord and his goodness in the latter days." Hosea 3:5. God declared that they will be made a praise in that day. "At that time will I bring you again, even in the time that I gather you; for I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth, when I turn back your captivity before your eyes, saith the Lord. Zephaniah 3:20.

It is necessary for Christians to study some of the church conditions. To clearly understand that the church from a Bible standpoint is in the last days, read Matthew 24:4. "And Jesus answered and said unto them, take heed that no man deceive you." This is a very important warning, Matthew 24:11. "And many false prophets shall arise, and shall deceive many."

Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or, there; believe it not.

For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

Behold, I have told you before.

Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth; behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. Matthew 5:23,24,25,26.

Paul says, "Now the spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy having their conscience seared with a hot iron;" I. Timothy 4:1,2.

The apostle, Paul, marveled at people shaken so easily and wrote:

I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.

But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you that ye received, let him be accursed.

For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

But I certify you, brethern, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man.

For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. Galatians 1:6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.

Paul tells what to do with those who cause divisions in Romans 16:17. "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them." Other scriptures are:

If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:

For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds. II John 1:10, 11.

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

Traitors, heady, highminded,

lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. II Timothy 3:1-6.

But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. II Timothy 3:13.

In Matthew 24:12, "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold."

But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark. Matthew 24:37, 38.

Jesus instructed us to strive to enter in the strait gate. Luke 13:24. "Strive to enter in at the strait gate; for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father whch is in heaven.

Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? Matthew 7:21, 22.

But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Matthew 4:4.

The most important thing in the life of a Christian is to be a doer of the word. James 1:22, 23, 24, 25.

But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

But whose looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

That which is in the shop is seen in the window. That which is in our heart is seen in our life.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Alief Church is happy to announce that twin girls have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Doty. The grandmothers are Mrs. Stella Doty of Alief, Tex., and Mrs. Laura Barnes of Perryton, Tex.

RALLS, TEXAS-

Brother and Sister Hugo Tipp, whose home was our home during the Ralls revival, write us that the Apostolic Faith Report is a blessing to them. Brother and Sister Whiteley have made a trip to their home in Arkansas. During their absence Brother Neal Regan has been filling the pulpit. We surely do thank the Lord for so many of the younger ministers that are going forth in full armor for this glorious gospel.

OLATHE, COLORADO-

Brother Homer Coberly witnessed again to the folk of the western slope of the mighty power of God to save, of the eternal truth of sanctification and the gracious gift of the Holy Spirit. Brother and Sister Jimmy Wallis pastor this work. Pray for them. Ministers of the Faith are always welcome.

Check the travels of Brother and Sister Wooster (Sept. No.) and be ready for a big service with them. They have a lot of information for the coming term of Bible School. They will also be a blessing as they minister to you.

Brother and Sister Ralph Tankersley held a two week revival, beginning the 24th of July, at the Greenwood Community Church, Southwest of Joplin, Mo. There were twenty-seven conversions. Five received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and several were sanctified. Nineteen were baptized in water. There is to be another baptizing at a later date for others. Several wonderful healings were witnessed, all for the glory of God.

Empire Union Mission at Galena, Kans., (Empire Heights) has elected Brother and Sister Ralph Tankersley for a term as their pastors. We wish them well. Ministers of the Apostolic Faith are welcome to all services. Mid-week services are on Wednesday.

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From My Viewpoint

(EDITORIAL)

By Gail Schultz

How are you everyone? I know that most of you are some where working for the Lord with a vision and a hope that does not dim. Each of us must be afire with our message and duty.

We are glad to report to you that the Lord is blessing The Apostolic Faith Report with new names every month and we want to thank every one of you that have sent in offerings. Some of the churches are sending in offerings, and others too remember the need of the Word going forth by the printed page. We are fully trusting the Lord to meet every need.

We are really busy these days. In the first place we are moving. Our address will now be Baxter Springs, Kans., Box 110. In order to move we are going to sell some property at other points and the work has already begun on a new house for us here. We have prayed a great deal about this and feel that this is the will of the Lord. All this is a faith step. Pray for us that everything works out as it should with undue

strain. We want to be settled if possible before the coming Convocation and Bible School.

I am dreadfully sorry that the ministers list was not complete, but try as we did, there were some mistakes. We will make corrections where it is necessary, but we cannot keep up a change of address every month. I think that about once a year should be sufficient.

Happy, oh so happy is the man that can say, My Saviour, Lord and King. The miser may say, "My gold, or my money, my bank account." The land owner may repeat many times, "My property, my holdings and investments." The rancher can say, "My cattle or my livestock." The king can proclaim, "My kingdom, or my empire." Even the officer might boast, saying, "My army," but best of all is the man who speaks from an overflowing heart, the beautiful words of victory, "MY SAVIOUR!" Wretched indeed is the man whose eyes see only earthly things. The hope of life is not here, but hereafter. Vain is the thought of making this earth our lasting habitation. His word must be our foundation, for heaven and earth will pass away but His word never will.

The Lord willing we will be with you again next month. Don't forget we need your prayers so much. May God bless you and yours and supply your every need in spirit, soul and body.

Without Christ means poverty of the soul—the worst kind of poverty there is.

Pharisees and publicans both pour out their hearts before God, one in bragging, the other in begging.



Special Notice

The address of your editor is now, Baxter Springs, Kans., Box 110., Telephone 283. Mail sent to Taneyville, Mo., will still reach us but there will be unnecessary delay.

THE PASTOR

If he pays us a visit, its too short.

If he stays too long, he's a nuisance.

If he doesn't visit us often, he's lazy.

If he attends a committee meeting, he's butting in.

If he stays away, he's a shirker.

If he asks for enough money to run the church, he's insulting.

If he fails to get enough money, he's slipping.

If he asks for advice, he isn't competent.

If he doesn't ask he's bull headed. If he uses notes with his sermon, it's

too long.

If he condenses the sermon, it's in-

complete.

If he pushes things along, he's trying to run the whole thing.

And if he remains quite, he's lost interest in the church, and consequently the church stands still.

WHAT IS THE PASTOR TO DO?

ALVIN, TEXAS-

Sister Lula Parham has just closed a very good meeting in Alvin. She writes us that two were sanctified and that others prayed through to victory. There was good crowds and interest during the revival. Sister Cynthia Roberts is traveling with Sister Parham. They, with the help of Brother and Sister Pletcher started a revival at Liverpool, Tex., Sept. 25. Isn't it grand to know that the Truth is still going forth?

It would be good for us to ask ourselves this question each morning, "Will what I do today hinder or help my spiritual growth?"

The scripture tells us to "Wait on the Lord," but many people expect God to wait on them until they get ready to seek Him.

A life without Christ is as fruitless as a desert without water.

The more a man remembers Christ, the more he forgets himself.

NEEDED VIRTUES

By Joe B. Dewees

As we study the lives of many of the old and the new testament characters, we find some outstanding characteristics about each one.

In the study of Noah's life, we see a determination and a strength of purpose, as he went about doing what God told him to do. We could all emulate that virtue, as many times we have to face unbelief and our work seems to reach so few.

Then to be as faithful as Abraham, who did not stagger at the promise, but knew God was faithful, who had promised. He always obeyed God.

To be constant as Isaac; even though the Philistines covered his wells, he kept digging until he found a place where there was room.

To be a tithe payer as Jacob, who made a covenant with God, when he fled from his homeland, that if God would go with him and bless him, and bring him back in peace, he would give Him a tenth of all that came into his hands. Jacob kept this vow and though he went away empty, he came back with plenty.

To be as trustworthy as Joseph was in Egypt. When his master's wife cast her eyes on him, he resisted the temptation, even though it cost him his position and brought him a jail sentence. Many people think they can do what they please away from home and no one will know, but God knoweth all things.

To be meek as Moses, the man God used to deliver the children of Israel out of Egyptian bondage. The Israelites grumbled and complained but Moses seemed to take it meekly. A wonderful virtue we could all use.

To be tenderhearted as Jeremiah, the weeping prophet, who cried out, "Oh, that my head was water and my eyes a fountain of tears that I might weep both day and night for the slain of the daughters of my people." We need a burden for humanity.

To be a man of faith as Daniel, who trusted God for deliverance from the lion's den.

We need to be warriors as Joshua who fought the enemies of Israel, and defeated thirty-two kings. We have some spiritual battles to fight. Our warfare is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, powers, rulers of darkness of this world, and spiritual wickedness in high places.

To be as patient as Job when he lost his health, his possessions and his family and still could say, "The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."

To be as strong as Samson: we need a strong body to met the demands of a Christian life, but above all we need spiritual strength. If we could be as strong spiritually as Samson was physically, we could be better servants of God.

We need the wisdom of Solomon to face the problems of life. We, too, have decisions to make in dealing with humanity, but we can go to Him who said, "If any lack wisdom, let him ask of Him who giveth to all men liberally."

We need to be true to our friends as Johnathan was to David, and willing to give place. Read the story.

We should realize that we are as human as Elijah. Though he was subject to like passions as we are, he was able to get his prayers through. The same God that answered him, knows our frame, that we are but dust. We also need to remember that our body is the temple of God and that God wants only a reasonable service. Remember and keep in mind that we are human, but that God will do as much for us as he did for Elijah.

We should be as watchful as Elisha. He was told that if he saw Elijah when he was taken away, He could have a double portion of his spirit. Let us keep our eyes on Jesus and we will have a double portion of His spirit.

We ought to be as consecrated as Paul, who said he was not only willing to suffer for the gospel, but but was willing to die for the gospel.

We need to be as quick to speak as Peter, but be sure our tongues are sanctified.

To be as forgiving as Stephen; even as he was stoned, said with his last breath, "Lay not this sin to their charge."

As lovable as John and always leaning on His breast.

The scriptures tell us of the com-

TRIALS

By Mrs. Ollie Summerford Ralls, Texas

There are times I meet with trials that look like mountains high, They often seem too steep to climb, no matter how I try!

Then I think of Job, or Daniel in the lions' den;

I say, "Lord Jesus, here this is— You somehow always win",

And when the Lord takes hold, the mountains fade away—

I go along on smooth dry ground, like the Israelites that day.

You just can't lose a battle when Jesus is your guide,

The soul who fully trusts in Him is on the winning side.

When sorely tried and tempted, as you will surely be,

Just say with courage stronger, "Lord, I have my faith in Thee;" He knows our every heartache, and

understands our need, His own He never will forsake, He is a friend indeed.

TANEYVILLE, MO .-

The Lord is blessing in a revival that is being conducted by Brother Tommy Van Meter of Laverne, Okla. Brother Van Meter is a real servant of the Lord and very able in the pulpit. They have a tent at Taneyville. Several have been saved. The singing is extra good and the interest is fine. Brother and Sister Edwin Waterbury are the pastors.

GRANBY, MO .-

Brother and Sister Bob Palmer have had a mighty good meeting at Granby, Mo. The meeting was marked with good attendance, the largest in the past eight years according to Pastor Bob Cooper. There were seven saved and five sanctified and the meeting continued three extra night.

ing Messiah, and many are the prophecies concerning Him and the great blessing He was to be. As I have enumerated these different virtues, we can find all of them incorporated in the life of Jesus and can be ours through Him. Truly He is the climax of God's love and gift to humanity.

"Amazing Grace"

By Mrs. Robert Fagin

Psalms 139:7-8 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? Or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: If I make my bed in hell, behold thou art there.

Once a man has accepted the covenant that God would make with His children, he is the only one who can break that tie. God never will. What a marvelous thought! What infinite patience! What long suffering!

When Abraham accepted God's call to leave Ur of the Chaldees, he entered such a relationship. He made many mistakes, it is true, but God kept building again with broken materials, until Abraham finally stood the greatest test of faith in the sacrifice of Isaac.

The adversary tries to make us think we have sinned so greatly that God will not, cannot, receive us again, but remember, the real truth is that God never deserts us, even though we make our bed in hell. There is only one place we can go where He cannot save us, the place where Judas went, where all the selfishness, bigotry, pride, malice and avarice that satan is capable of craming into our lives flame up with explosive force in active conscious rebellion.

Our choice then, or power of choice, gives us the mastery of our destiny, and with sorrowful reluctance Jesus has to watch us careening down suicide alley, powerless to help us. What does it mean to you today that God knows all about you, is interested enough in you to take you as you are and never forsaking you, lead you step by step in spite of many a fall to the New Jerusalem.

Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders? Exodus 15:11

What is meant by God's holiness? You say it's beyond man's power to define it. Yes, it is like trying to state the qualities of electricity—you cannot define it, but you can experience its effects.

It was a vision of God's holiness that caused Isaiah to cry out, Woe is me (Isa. 6:5) and yet to rejoice over the fact that his heart could be cleansed and he could have the honor of being God's messenger.

Longing the joy of pardon to know, Jesus holds out a robe white as snow; Lord, I accept it! Leaving my own, Gladly I wear Thy life alone.

Heb. 10:22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

Faith is the connecting link between our needs and Christ's power to supply them. This is illustrated in the experience of the poor woman who received healing when she touched the hem of Christ's garment. A great crowd surged around Christ there, but amidst all of them He felt that one touch. Compassion touched because of a need. How much He loves us! Amazing Grace!

One day the disciples overheard Jesus praying. When He finished one of them said, "Lord, teach us to pray". They longed to have such power in prayer as Jesus hadpower to resist temptation and power to win Souls. A few months before, Jesus had taught them The Lord's Prayer. In answer to their request He now repeated it, as much as to say, "My dear disciples, if you had understood and lived out in your lifes the principles laid down in the prayer I have given, you would have the power for which vou long."

As soon as He had repeated the prayer, He commented on that part which has to do with forgiveness as if it referred to one sin above all others they needed to guard against. How awful becomes the prayer, Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, if we cherish unforgiveness in our hearts. If Christ dwells in us divine forgiveness will flow naturally from our hearts to those who wrong us as we sincerely pray-Our Father, forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Redeemed! How I love to proclaim it! Redeemed by the blood of the lamb: Redeemed by His infinite mercy. His child, and forever I am.

The spotless Son of God hung on the cross, His flesh lacerated with stripes, those hands so often reached out in blessing—nailed to the wooden bars of a cross, those feet so tireless on ministries of love—spiked to the tree, that royal head—pierced by a crown of thorns, those quivering lips—shaped in a cry of woe. Each day let us thank God for His "Amazing Grace" that saved a wretch like me.

Christ's authority embraces the universe. And Jesus came unto them and spake unto them saying, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth", and Daniel, B. C. 555, saw His Grace and power in a dream or vision. He wrote Dan. 7:14, "And there was given Him dominion, and glory and kingdom, that all people, nations and languages, should serve Him: His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom that which shall not be destroyed." Matt. 11:27 All things are delivered unto Me of "My Father", and no man knoweth the Son but the father. Neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal Him.

And Jesus says—Come unto me. A bruised reed shall he not break and smoking flax shall he not quench. If there is life, the life of Christ will make its light burn again. He shall feed His flock like a shepherd. He will gather the lambs (those who are young in the experience of salvation) and carry them in his bosom. Amazing Grace!

The Holy Ghost is the Spirit of Grace. He said, I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of Grace and of supplications, and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced.

The law was given by Moses, but Grace and Truth came by Jesus Christ, and of His fulness have we all received Grace.

The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrha was amazing. Lot's wife turning to a pillar of salt was Amazing. It stands today a monument to looking back-a witness of God. The burning bush was Amazing. The plagues of Egypt-water made blood, the frogs, lice, flies, murran among the cattle, boils, thunder and hail, locusts, darkness, and last, the death of the first born were all Amazing. Still another demonstration of God's Amazing Grace-the Red sea divided by an East wind. I wish I had time and could be given opportunity to write

The Place of Beginning Again

By Mrs. Floyd LaMunyon

"I wish that there were some wonderful place Called The Land of Beginning Again, Where all our mistakes, and all our heartaches,

And all our poor selfish grief,
Could be dropped like a shabby
old coat at the door,
And pover put on again"

And never put on again."

-Selected...

In the lines above the poet has expressed the deep heart-cry of millions of people, a desire for a place of beginning again. Since the days of Adam and Eve, Satan has lured countless numbers of people into sin, little by little, leading on deeper and deeper into the path of ruin, until they were completely held captive to the will of Satan. And from their hearts the cry has come for a "place of beginning again."

There is no way back to yester-day; there is no way to go back and undo the mistakes, the blunders, the sins of the past. No one can live his life over again. But, thanks be unto God, there is a place of begining again! There is a place where all the mistakes, and sins, along with the sorrows they might have brought, can "be dropped like a shabby old coat—and never put on again." That place is found in the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, HE IS A NEW CREATURE: Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." (2 Cor. 5:7) What blessed words, filled with hope

it all, but time and space limit so we will try to bring to our hearts a need, a vision of the Amazing Grace of Our Wonderful Lord, Almost every paper or magazine today reminds of the signs Jesus said were to be of His return. One of the most outstanding is-There is a famine in the land for the Hearing Of The Word, and of men's hearts failing them for looking after those things which are coming on the earth, but He is going to give the Kingdom to those who fear the Seal. Is it secure in our lives enough to hear that Welcome plaudit, "Enter In"?

for sin-sick humanity! A place of forgiveness from sins, a place of release from sin's consequences; a place of receiving newness of life. Thanks be unto God for such a wonderful plan of redemption.

This is a universal plan. The text says "if ANY man be in Christ", signifying that any and all may come. No one is excluded, the invitation is to "whosoever will." The Golden Text of the Bible, John 3:16, gives this promise: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Whether the sins that have been committed are large or small, many or few, makes no difference for "the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from ALL sin." (1 Jo. 1:7)

How may a person receive this experience of beginning again? By confessing his sins to God, by repenting to God, and by forsaking sin. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (I Jo. 1:9) "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (Luke 13:3b) "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whose confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." (Prov. 28:13)

By following the procedure outlined in the preceding scriptures, one becomes "a new creature". There is a change of heart, a passing from death unto life, and "old things pass away". The old sins are gone, the feeling of guilt and remorse is gone, and "the Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." (Rom. 8:16)

Not only are old things passed away but all things become new. "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you." (Eze. 36:26a) We are commanded to "walk in newness of life." (Rom. 6:4) Titus 2:11-12 tells us: "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world." So we see that after finding our place of beginning again we are to live righteous lives henceforth in this present world. God's plan of salvation changes the human heart,

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If a man on the verge of starvation were to sit down to a table with bread before him, and declined to eat until he had arrived at a scientific solution of the processes of germination and fermentation and digestion and physical assimilation, what would you think of him?

If your soul is hungry, don't quibble about the things you don't understand. Partake of the Bread of Life, then you'll live!

and gives us a new way of life in this world, as well as the promise of eternal life in the ages to come. The Apostle Paul tells us: "Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come." (1 Tim. 4:8b)

To those whose lives seem to be wrecked and ruined by sin; to those who can see no solution to the problems which confront them; to those whose heart cries out for that "place of beginning again"; Jesus is calling to each of you, "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and My burden is light." (Matt. 11:28-30)

The Devil Doesn't Shoot At An Empty Seat

The devil is just as real as the angels above. He is contemptuous and is active. He has a well organized army, full of action, co-ordinated, and ready for action at all times. He works on the gullible individual and he knows no retreat. He doesn't waste a shot on an empty seat.

The devil has an army as large as the army for Christ. His recruits are kept busy. They are always on the alert; they work while we sleep. And brother, they are real marksmen. But the devil doesn't shoot at an empty seat.

The devil never misses a meeting at church. He even follows the preacher home and whispers in his ear, "Preacher, we have some members here we had better get rid of." Brother, the devil is uncanny and he hates defeat. But he is too smart to waste ammunition on an empty seat.

You'll find the devil at the altar, in the choir, teaching the classes, preaching the sermons, saying the prayers, and healing the sick (mock). In all of this he is so humble yet always ready to take a shot at the one who fills an empty seat. The devil doesn't shoot at the person who does nothing; that person is already on the devil's side. Neither does he give encouragment to those who have a conviction and a zeal to work. To those he acts holy, sublime and so sweet and all of a sudden-Bang! When the smoke clears away you have some more empty seats.

He calls his gang together to chart up the objectives they will take and you can hear them whisper, "Who will we get next?" The devil speaks up, "We must still the piano, it's playing too loud." Then he says, "I'll play to her vanity, to her ears I'll entreat; then I'll blast her to pieces and there'll be another empty seat.

Then he plays on stupidity. The devil has a gang who pays their way, and counts the good graces of the preacher by keeping him informed on the current gossip of the neighborhood and thus trying to tear down character faster than God builds. To these he says,

"Thirty pieces of silver for his life I seek." The moral of this is—
"Those who live in glass houses should not throw stones." The devil doesn't shoot at an empty seat.

Listen folks, don't turn your ears to the devil and heed to his deceitful voice. Don't pay homage to a no clean Judas or an Antichrist. Don't be enslaved by chicanery, trickery or other devices used unscrupulously by the demons who are trying to uproot civilization through our Government, our churches, our schools, and in our community. You may wake up to the fact that you are the devil's gun and he is the ammunition. To the ones who shoot guns for the devilwhy don't you take these places in the community and in the churches, raise your snakey head out of the swill and filth of the devil's quagmire, get out in the open from your fifth columnist underground rendevous and be identified as leaders, and show, by your endeavors, your qualifications. If you can't do this, then be like an ostrich, keep your head buried in the sand, or forever sleep in your own vomit, and always remember-for the ones you have shot, and the lives you desmirch, you have made vacant seats in your own little church.

The devil knows the preacher is his public enemy No. 1. So, his gangsters will keep him under observation, and covered at all times. You'll hear him scream; "He preaches too long, he preaches too loud, I heard he blasphemed the other night. That guy's a nuisance with his ecclesiastical fit." Then I heard the devil shooting — now there's an empty seat.

On yonder hill our soldiers were locked in battle; it blazed in all its fury, casualties were increasing at a rapid pace. On the field, one of our best soldiers was disabled. They felt his pulse dimly fading away. It seemed his life was hopeless. They were about to leave him to die when his buddy carried him to a first aid station, give him a blood transfusion from his own veins and he was restored to the field of battle. The soldiers of Christ should give first aid to the fallen to keep replete lines. A blood plasma from Calvary's Cross will fill every empty seat.

The devil has another modern weapons of creating fright by fear of division and possession. If your church has been spiritually dedicated, earnestly and conclusively, to God Almighty then you have no reason to fear. If the church is a spiritual body, and it should be, and the love of God is in the mind, in the heart, and in the soul of each person, then how can it be stolen by someone unless you willingly want to separate yourself, and sell your opportunity of Heaven for hell? The soul is not for barter or for sale to a cheat—it has an inheritance for a Heavenly seat.

The Lord loaned you that soul, you only have it borrowed to use while you are here. You are supposed to take good care of it. If it is handled with diligent care it will last a long time and you will enjoy it immensely. If you abuse it, He might take it away from you at any time then you'll get "hot over the deal"-you might kick, stomp and hollar, and I expect you'll be "hot about it for a long, long time". "And the Lord formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." Gen. 2:7. The Lord giveth life and the Lord taketh away.

Those things that are spiritual cannot be auctioned off at will, or be subjugated to man. It must be placed, wholly and acceptable, on the altar, subject to the will and desire of the God who made it. So, we, render unto Caesar what is Caesar's, and unto God what is God's.

Church organizations are like banks, they have been embezzled, mismanaged, and there have been as many robbed from the inside as there have been from the outside (spiritually speaking). So let us keep our lines together, take our orders from the same commander, go in the same direction, shoot at the same target, take care of your wounded comrades, and, last but not least, don't shoot your own comrades, you may need them.

What five letter word is never pronounced right? W-R-O-N-G. So wrong will never be right, in spelling or otherwise, and it is easier to be wrong than right. It resolves itself to the fact, that if the preacher practices some of his own sermons, and church members listen attentively to these sermons and ab-

The Importance of Definite Decisions In Our Lives

By Mrs. Ward Stanberry

The need for definite actions and thoughts on our parts are ever present throughout our lives. Practically everything we do in both our spiritual and daily activities call for a decision before they are completed. Most of these will be inconsequential and relatively unimportant but the ones I want to emphasize are the life shaping decisions we make, the ones that must be faced and disposed of, one way or the other, before we can be a complete and useful man or woman.

As children we are helped and guided in making our decisions by our parents and at the same time they are trying to teach us to examine things and to distinguish between right and wrong. I believe that everyone would agree that one of the greatest single weapons that could be used to curb juvenile delinquency would be parents indoctrinating their children with the principles of good citizenship. As parents we should teach our children from the cradle up to be good citizens and to love God. Incidents such as our deserters in Korea accent the need for more emphasis on personal integrity.

As we grow to maturity and assume more and more responsibilities our problems increase and decisions become more important. A person who has learned to face a problem and having examined it, reach a

sorb them as battle orders and regulations, then you'll have a formidable army for the Lord that the devil can never cope with. But, you cannot serve two masters at the same time, because you're forever defeating your own purpose.

The truth is, we have to be careful that we are not a Benedict Arnold in our own ranks.

In facing a situation of coalition we cannot compromise in terms of numbers alone, it cannot be figured by mathematics, it must be figured by the code of Christ, by His scale. Just ask yourself, "How would Christ handle the situation?"

sound decision and stand behind it is a strong ally to any cause.

Of course the real meat of this subject is, I believe, in its application to a persons spiritual life. We have all heard a lot about people making a decision for Christ. We realize that this is only a step in the right direction, never the less it is a very important and necessary step. It is the turning point, or the first rung in the ladder to a useful Christian life.

The scriptures are full of incidents where in men and women decided to give God and Christ righ of way in their lives and thereby gained fame as well as eternal life.

Moses decided to forsake the Egyptian splendor he was brought up in and returned to his people and then became Gods chosen leader to guide his people out of bondage.

Caleb and Joshua decided that the promised land could be conquered and were allowed to enter in.

Solomon decided to ask God for wisdom to rule his people and he was granted that and much more.

Daniel decided against defiling himself with the Kings meat and became a great blessing to his people.

Saul who was an arch enemy of Christ decided to follow him when he was spoken to on the road to Damascus and thereby became a Saint and a martyr.

On the other hand we have some who made the wrong decisions, Eve made the first one and Adam followed blindly.

Miriam decided Moses claimed too much authority from God and was made leprous for seven days.

Saul decided to withhold some of the spoils taken from the Amelekites, instead of utterly destroying them, and was rejected of God.

Judas decided to betray his leader and became the chief of sinners.

These are only a few of the demonstrations of the necessity of making decisions and of course the only right decisions are those drawing you closer to God through Christ.

The sinner under conviction must decide to ask God to forgive him, this decision cannot be made by anyone else. It must be positive and definite or it will be rejected by God.

The same holds true with the

OBITUARY

Clara Geren, 88, departed this life at her home in Arnett, Okla., Sept. 14. She was a faithful Christian. Her passing will be felt by many including the local church where she was faithful in services and in prayer.

Funeral services were conducted at 10:00 a.m. Sept. 17 in the Apostolic Faith church of Arnett. Brother Jim Weese, pastor of the church was in charge.

MADERIA, CALIF .-

Brother and Sister James Davis wrote us a nice letter stating that the Apostolic Faith Report was a blessing to them. Brother Davis has been in the Faith for many years and these people are still true to the Faith. May God bless them richly.

higher steps in grace, the need must be known and the decision made before God has a chance to bless us. He will not come to us unless and until we know our need and ask Him to meet it. This is especially true when we are seeking some special blessing such as the baptism of the Holy Spirit or healing. If we present our petitions in a wishywashy, half-hearted way, in effect telling God that, if He wants to, He can bless us, we would probably have been better off not taking up space at the altar. If we have really decided to have a blessing that has been promised, we will get in earnest with God and will contend for it until we have been blessed. I believe God wants us to work for our blessings. We will retain them better and appreciate them more. As we go about our daily occupations we need to act and talk in such a manner that the people around us can see that we have a goal to reach and that, that, goal is Heaven. If people get the impression that we are just going along with the crowd or that we just sort of lean to Christian belief we have little chance to influence that person and no chance at all to win him to Christ

Let us always remember that we are Christ's representatives here on earth and that He is known through our actions.

Have You Been Warned?

"And a highway shall be there and a way and it shall be called the way of Holiness." Isa. 35:8.

We realize we are all going somewhere. In my life's experience I have found two highways. The way of Holiness, patroled by our Lord, and the highway of earth patroled by man.

We are held accountable for every act and deed we do on these highways. "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and

the good." Prov. 15:3.

One evening last spring, as I was coming home from Columbus, when I left highway 96 at the intersection north of Crestline, I was driving very slow, before me was a STOP SIGN, I looked every direction and did not see a car anywhere, so I disregarded the STOP SIGN and drove on. I had a feeling I should. When I did not come to a complete stop, for I was aware there is an all seeing eye watching me. but I was not aware that there was another eye watching me. He was the Highway Patrol, looking through a field glass from a distance. I drove onto highway 69, as though I had done nothing wrong, but the Highway Patrol was on duty, and immediately he came driving along behind me. He let me go for some distance. So does the Lord, but finally he gave me the stop signal, then I stopped. I knew he meant business. He walked up to the side of my car. In a low pleasant tone he said, "I want to remind you, you failed to stop back there at the intersection." He asked me if I had a driver's permit; I gave him my driver's license. He took a book from his pocket and began to write. I was praying, I was guilty. I asked him if he held any charge against me. He said, "You have not harmed me, you have harmed yourself." How true. He said to me, "I'm giving you a warning.

Did you ever get a warning? We are traveling two highways in this life. I took the written warning and began to read. The Patrolman drove on. My name was at the top, and several things below. It was nobody's record but mine. I saw immediately

HOUSTON, TEXAS-

Brother and Sister Harold Wills wrote us a mighty fine interesting letter. They are both working now on jobs, but soon expect to be free to be in meetings. We need your help Brother and Sister Wills as ministers. You have lots of talent and are good preachers, so we hope you can be in full time service again.

JOPLIN, MISSOURI-

The work continues on the new Apostolic Faith church in Joplin, Mo., on Fourth street, just off from Cox street. Brother and Sister Paul Clanton are the pastors. You will find a welcome here. Don't miss a service. This will be a very beautiful building when finished and you will be glad to call it your church home.

DES ARC, ARKANSAS-

The Lord continues to bless the work. The revival conducted by Brother and Sister Charles Mahan and Brother and Sister Stephen Welsh closed in real victory. Daily they conducted a 9:00 a. m. prayer service. Two young people were saved. Christians drew closer to the Lord. Brother and Sister S. B. Echols are the pastors.

Many people think so much of themselves that all they can talk about is number one, but let us remember one is next to nothing.

Worry never robs tomorrow of its sorrow; it only saps today of its strength.

he had me located. Have you ever been located? He knew I lived in Galena, Kans., he had my house number, and the name of the street. He had my license number, and my engine number. As I read on, what a regret; how I wished I had obeyed. At the bottom of this warning in large letters was written, A copy of this warning will be sent into head-quarters. Then I realized if too many copies like this went into headquarters I would lose my permit to travel the highways.

Have you been warned?
I am looking for Jesus to come.
Mrs. Alfred Bell
Galena, Kansas

Work Week

You are needed for work week at the Bible School, for the first week in November. There is repair work to be done and also some finishing. Remember your labor will be appreciated.

Also don't forget that funds are needed to complete the building program. Send your offering to "Building Fund" Apostolic Faith Bible School, Box 110, Baxter Springs, Kans.

Now is the time to give.

GOLDTHWAITE, TEXAS-

Brother Sol Getz has resigned as the pastor. The church is in need of a pastor. If you have a burden for this church, please write Brother and Sister W. B. Wooster, Box 115, Goldthwaite, Tex. The church is not large, but spiritual and growing. Any ministers of the Apostolic Faith are not only welcome but will be appreciated.

SILOAM SPRINGS, ARK .-

Brother and Sister Howard Whiteley are now living in Siloam Springs, and attending school. They go to services at different points, including Cave Springs, where they report good services are being conducted. If you need a minister for the week-end or special service new this point contact Brother White and Write them in care of John Brovio University.

SPENARD, ALASKA-

Brother and Sister Kerr and Sister Busch are just as busy as they can be in the services in Alaska and report that their Sunday school attendance is growing, as people return from the states for the winter there. In a service conducted in the Air Force Federal Prison, there were ten saved. Some have been saved at the church. The singing is just grand and the Lord is blessing the meetings. Do pray for this work.

There are many who find it hard to lead a Christian life because they devote so little time to it.

Fear God and you will have nothing else to fear.

A Short Sermon

By Krag

"If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him."

In Heb. 5, the Bible says, "Though he were a son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered."

If the Son of God had to suffer to learn obedience, and His life was perfect, why should we think it strange if we have to suffer and go through trials.

In Romans 5, it tells us why we have trials and what they accomplish in our lives. It says, "But we glory in tribulations also, knowing that tribulations worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope; and hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."

To give you an example of what I mean I'll tell you a story.

One day a lady went into a blacksmith's shop to watch the blacksmith work. He was going to make a small wrench. He took a piece of steel and heated it in the forge until it was very hot, so hot that it was almost transparent. Then he took the hammer and gave it blow after blow, until she thought that surely he would smash it into bits and it would be ruined so it couldn't be used for anything. But when she looked he had hardly made a dent in the piece of steel.

The process went on until the wrench was finally finished. Then the smithy laid it to one side with all the other wrenches he had made.

And all the while the lady was watching the blacksmith work, she kept thinking in her heart, "That is just the way God works with His children." To be able to make them into the perfect vessel that He wants them to be, He has to shape them by putting them through severe tests and trials. But God always watches over His children and He knows just how hot to make the fire, and just how hard to strike while we are on the anvil. Because in the book of Job, the Bible says, "He knoweth the way that I take and when He hath tried me I shall come forth as gold."

ARNETT, OKLA .-

The revival at the Apostolic Faith church of Arnett, Okla., conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Lloyd A Schrimpf, closed with victory Sunday, Sept. 11. An all day service with the Sacrament Service in the afternoon led to wonderful victories at the altar for healing and spiritual help for many. The revival was primarily to the church and everyone met the challenge of God's Word eagerly. The church, under the leadership of their pastors, Brother and Sister Jim Weese, is looking forward to and praying much for another revival scheduled for early fall that will reach out to the hearts of the unsaved in the community.

I wish to thank the Lord for the healing of my baby, Kathy Dell. Several months ago, when she was six weeks old, she had spinal meningitis. We took her to one of the best hospitals in Galveston, Tex. The doctors there told me 10:30 Sunday morning that she could not live through the day unless her fever went down, and if she did live it would leave her mentally deficient for life.

I called mother to have Brother A. B. Corl pray for my baby. He called those present at the time after the morning services and at 2 o'clock that afternoon she was clear of fever and in a few days I brought her home from the hospital. At seven months she is one of the happiest babies you can find anywhere. She weighed 20 pounds and was 29 inches tall and is in the best of health. Every day I thank the Lord for healing my baby.

Mrs. John La Faso, Box 972, Dickinson, Texas.



OBITUARY

Herbert Kelly Sutherland passed away, September 1, 1955, at Chyla Vista Hospital.

The baby was born to the parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Sutherland, 346 Evergreen, Imperial Beach, California, August 31, 1955.

Surviving are the parents and two sisters, Doris Carolyn and Nelda Sue. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shepherd of Perryton, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Sutherland, Santa Anna, Texas.

Graveside service was held at 3:00 p. m. Saturday, in Babyland at Glen Abby Cemetery.

The service was conducted by Rev. Doyle Wiles of the Silver Strand Church of Palm City, California and was assisted by Rev. Allen Long.

Came Back

A boy and a girl were playing one day

And gathering flowers along their way;

"You know something, sister, I'm glad to be here

I'm glad to be back with one I love dear.

Up here there's no heartaches, no sorrow, no pain

While there is so much on earth's great domain:

I know that our loved ones would love us tis true,

But such pain and sorrow we couldn't endure.

Up here we are happy, we're carefree, we're safe

And we can be ready and wait at the gate

To welcome them home, when their journey is o'er

And their work down on earth is done evermore.

Yes, sister dear, I'm glad to be here Our folks have each other for comfort, my dear,

And I know that you longed for my company

Now together we'll be thru eternity."

In memory of Herbert Kelly Sutherland. Composed by Juanita E. Johnston

Somehow

Somehow, when ways are dark, Somehow, when paths are dim; Somehow, when cloudy over head He lets His Sunshine in. Somehow. when rivers are deep, Somehow, when mountains high; Somehow, when Sorrow comes our

way He lets His Love shine in. Somehow, when storms around us

Somehow, when troubles creep; Somehow, when deepest gloom sets

He lets His Smile be seen.

Somehow, when waves rock the

Somehow, when the tempters snares are set:

Somehow, when sickness comes
He lets His Hand be felt.
He stays the Storm,
Turns night to day;
Sorrow and Shadows soon are gone
When He can have His Way.

By John Peacock Dedicated to Brother and Sister Byron Opydyke

SNELL, MISS .-

Brother and Sister Chas. Manhan plan to be with the Snell folk (near Meridan, Miss.) for some services. Let us hold this place up to the Lord in prayer that the light of the Gospel may ever shine forth from this outpost for the Gospel. The people that attend church in Snell are mighty fine, we still remember the good times that we had with them in revivals of the past.

Some folks wish for a thousand tongues to praise the Lord with. The Lord will be satisfied if we use the One we have.

It is a shame to see a Christian fall down, but the greatest shame is when he stays down.

The sinner parts with wealth at death while the Christian just begins to enter into his.

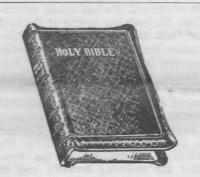
The most common and most dangerous disease is the hardening of the heart.

Mans greatest treasure is "Godliness with Contentment."

PALM CITY, CALIF .-

Brother and Sister Wiles who are the new pastors of this work report that everything is progressing nicely for them. On their arrival there they found the people had a mind to work, for they had painted the outside of the church and inside and outside of the parsonage. They plan to do some remodeling on the church. Every service is a good one with the blessings of the Lord abiding. One night one was saved. Brother and Sister Allen Long were over for one Sunday morning service and he brought the message. The folks there are glad to see another Apostolic Faith church near them, that is at Spring Valley.

Christ sends none away except those who are full of themselves.



CHICAGO, ILLINOIS-

Brother and Sister J. O. Ferry write that they are having services in their home at 6030 So. Mayfield Ave. This is a place of real worship unto the Lord, meet with them if you can. They would like to see somebody, perhaps a young man and wife come up their way and help in some of the services. Maybe to start in another place in Chicago. If you feel a burden for this city and for the work with Brother and Sister Ferry contact them.

WICHITA, KANSAS-

Brother Bob Palmer started a revival at the New York Tabernacle on Oct. 2, that is to continue through Oct. 16. Don't miss this spiritual awakening and new call to sinners. Brother and Sister Paul Bailey are the pastors.

Following the Wichita revival Brother Bob Palmer plans several one night stops in West Oklahoma and Texas. I do not know the exact churches, but keep this trip in mind and meet Brother Bob Palmer if you can.

While you live, pray, and as you pray, live.

We are never right until we are right with God.

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