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By Jacob C. Regier

# We Give Thanks



"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: Be thankful unto Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations."  
Psalms 100:4-5

Thanksgiving day is being observed throughout all our good land. This day is traditional in our lives since it has been observed for many generations, yet we do not find it in our hearts to object because we know that Thanksgiving in itself is proper and right. God is pleased with it.

In Phillipians 5:18 we read, "In everything give thanks: For this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." Of course we find it easy to give thanks for the special blessings that flow to us from the throne of God. We thank Him for Salvation through Christ, for the blessings of Sanctification and the

Indwelling of the Holy Spirit. We thank Him when our sick are healed. We thank Him for good health, for comfort of life and for the way God supplies all our needs according to His riches in Glory. But we should thank Him for our responsibilities too. We should be thankful for being witnesses for Him and for the privilege of letting our light shine among men to glorify our heavenly father. The apostle Paul in writing to the Phillipian church gave several pointed admonitions such as: 1. Rejoice evermore; 2. Pray without ceasing; 3. See that none render evil for evil; 4. Quench not the Spirit; 5. Prove all things and cleave to that which is good, and 6. Abstain from the appearance of evil. Each of these contain wonderful thought and a sermon could be preached from each text. But among these things he also said, "In everything give thanks."

God wants us to be a thankful people. It is hard to think of the children of God as an unthankful group. In fact the Bible classes the unthankful with the unbelieving and unholy. But the giving of thanks is not entirely an obligation. We do not observe it as a command or a response to sheer duty. It is a willing service from the heart. It is the grateful expression of the soul. Thanksgiving is a joyful experience and is regarded as a privilege by the true Christian. We pay our debts, we pay our taxes, and we work as we are ordered, but when thanks are given it is not a payment but a gift of thanks, hence Thanksgiving. After giving thanks one feels an inner calm that comes from no other source. It is like testifying in a testimony meeting. It brings blessings three ways: First, it glorifies God; next it blesses those who hear, and last it blesses the one that testifies. This is the basis and foundation of thanksgiving, it gives glory, praise and honour to our God. Thanksgiving helps us believe God for the things we ask of Him. It helps us have faith. It drives away our fears and doubts. In Phillipians 4:6 we read, "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God."

The giving of thanks and special

days of thanksgiving are not new. The Pilgrims did not stumble upon a new discovery. Thanksgiving always has been practiced by wholesome people. The children of God throughout the history of the Bible were thankful to God and often worshiped Him. God's people give thanks while selfish people make personal demands. When we take our requests to God, we do not approach Him and demand or command Him to fill our requests, but with humility and thanksgiving we beseech Him for our desires. In the Psalms we often read, "O that men would praise the Lord." Immediately after Noah left the ark that saved them in the flood, he builded an altar unto the Lord and offered burnt offerings to the Lord which was a sweet smell to God. (Gen. 8:20) Moses and the children of Israel sang a song of praise unto God immediately after their safe crossing of the Red sea in which their Egyptian enemies perished. (Exod. ch. 15) Joshua made a monument of twelve stones to show the coming generations how God dried up a path through the swollen Jordan for their safe passing. (Josh. ch. 4) Peter and John after their release from prison had a special prayer meeting with the other saints of God and worshiped God for the privilege of being His servants. (Acts ch. 4) Likewise the pilgrims in 1621 observed a Special Thanksgiving day. Although they had suffered great losses the preceding year, they found it in their hearts to give thanks to God. Despite their sufferings, God had blessed them and they were thankful. Is there any reason why we should not have a day of thanksgiving? Despite our losses, our hardships and our trials and afflictions, we truly owe thanks to God for His bountiful blessings to us.

We firmly believe in worship. The very earliest writings in the Bible record how men worshipped. We are instructed in Genesis to worship God. We are also instructed to worship no other gods. There are scores of scripture passages that tell us to worship. Praise is also a Christian's privilege and obligation. In fact, praise and worship mean practically the same to us. Where shall we place thanksgiving? It seems to blend in

with worship, praise and adoration of God. Malachi the prophet wrote, "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord and thought upon His name." To fear the Lord then is to worship Him, to think upon Him, to praise Him, to speak to each other of Him and to give thanks to His great name. Read Psalms 22:23 concerning those that fear the Lord, "Ye that fear the Lord, praise Him; all ye seed of Jacob, glorify Him; and fear Him, all ye seed of Israel." Often God's people are oppressed in different ways. Sometimes they are mistreated by their fellow-men. Sometimes it seems misfortune follows them everywhere. The enemy of their souls seems to camp on their trail. They could take the stand or attitude that they do not owe God praise and thanks. On the contrary they do owe God praise and thanks. Regardless of the state of our affairs we can always find others who fare worse. The Bible tells us to consider Jesus who bore such contradiction of sinners. We have not yet resisted against sin to the shedding of blood. Again we read in Psalms 74:21, "O let not the oppressed return ashamed; let the poor and needy praise thy name."

What about the unthankful? We might say, "Others never give thanks, never fear God, never make a sacrifice and never pray a prayer or bear a burden for God, yet seem to prosper more than we." The Psalmist testified he nearly backslid when he was envious of the foolish and looked upon the prosperity of the wicked. When he went into God's sanctuary and received understanding, he learned that God had set the wicked in slippery places and their destruction was sure. Instead of making man our example let God be our pattern. Let the Lord Jesus show us the way. God loved us while we were sinners. He sent His Son to die for us that we might live. Christ Jesus loved the church so much He suffered without the gate that He might sanctify and cleanse the church. Not while we were worthy, but unworthy. That is our example. We find His advice in Luke 12:35, "But love your

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## From My Viewpoint

(EDITORIAL)

By Gail Schultz

Greetings to you again. How are all of you? We are doing very well and progressing nicely with our new home here in Baxter Springs, Kans., at 14th and Grant St.

We have so many wonderful articles this month that I will only add my Thanksgiving testimony this time.

I wonder how thankful we are? This should be a thanksgiving time and not only for a special national day, but for many days — in fact our praise to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ should never end.

Praise is a God given blessing. Enter ye into His gates with praise. There are spiritual blessings all along the way — for them we must be thankful — for the clothes we wear — for the joys we share — all along the way. Everyday let us shout His praise.

Life would seem strange without Him. He is a part of my very being and all the written and spoken words at my command seem so limited and empty, compared to

God's love for me, and the desire that I have to give some praise.

There is a Thanksgiving for the little things — for the greater things — for life itself and all it holds each day. He has spread a carpet of green beneath me — and a blue dome above me — and supplied my every need — in spirit and soul and body and made me to know that in Him we live and move and have our being.

The child may say, "Thank you, Jesus," and He hears and understands. Youth may, too, give a special praise for His guiding and protecting hand. The older we grow — the more we know of His grace and providence — so we praise Him more. Thanksgiving means more to me than ever, as a day of really, really **thanking** God for all good gifts that continually flow from His hand. Let us give thanks habitually — continually and willingly — for this is acceptable in His sight. Battles and trials are overcome by praise and thanksgiving and blessings won. Surely it pays to thank the Lord. Peace — sweet peace — is the reward of a thankful heart. Let us all right now praise the Lord. Thanks be unto our God for His unspeakable gift to us all.

May God bless each reader and help you to reach out for greater faith and victory every day. Pray for us, for it is by His grace that we serve.

As ever,  
Your Editor

### ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO—

Brother and Sister Jerry McClenagan, as pastors of the Roswell church, report that their services are doing well. Also there is a good interest in the children's services and the junior boy's meetings. They want a revival. Let us pray that this need will be met. We surely wish these young folk well in their work for God.

### ALVIN, TEXAS—

Brother and Sister Jake Pletcher and Sister Lula Parham and Sister Cynthia Roberts just closed a revival at Liverpool, Tex. The people there enjoyed the services and the presence of the Lord was in every meeting.

## THANKSGIVING

Oh Lord, we bow in thanks,  
For Thy abundant grace,  
We thank Thee for Thy tender love.  
Thy compassionate embrace,  
We thank Thee for Thy Son,  
The Son of Gallilee,  
Our cross He bore to Golgothas hill,  
And suffered patiently,  
He suffered death that we might live,  
He gave us life anew  
That we might live beyond the grave  
Beyond that veil of blue.  
And Lord, we are thankful for this  
day that's set apart  
And we breathe a prayer in unison  
From the depths of our hearts,  
We are thankful for Thy bread of  
life  
We are thankful that we're living  
We thank Thee for Thy blessings on  
this blessed day,  
Thanksgiving.

—Chas. Bedinger

### KINGSMILL, TEXAS—

Dear Brother and Sister Schultz:

We had a wonderful service this morning. A better Sunday School attendance and several came for the church service. Brother Girouard has been giving some outstanding Bible lessons at our Wednesday night services. The latest one on "Take Heed" was most wonderful.

Our revival begins November 9, 1955, with our Brother Bob Palmer. We will use the pianist and song leader of our own congregation. We are looking forward to a great revival. We are hungry and waiting for a great outpouring of His precious spirit.

The service with Brother Roy Wooster was very good. Not too many in attendance but a wonderful spirit and sermon.

Our Brother and Sister Lloyd Schrimpf have been in attendance at Kingsmill for a week or so. He has filled the pulpit several times.

Raymond and Elsie Christenson with their little son have been visiting her parents, the Amos Harris', and have been in attendance at our church also.

Ethel Johnson from Arkansas has been visiting in the home of her sister, Jo Girouard. Also Bill Berry from Siloam Springs, Ark., has been a visitor in the Girouard home and attended church.

## WHY I THINK SUNDAY SCHOOL IS IMPORTANT

By Edna Schultz

This question was brought to my mind, "Why do I think Sunday School is important?" As I ponder this question, it becomes a mountain of thought. While it will be impossible to answer this question in every detail, I will endeavor to give a few reasons why I think it is a very important institution.

First, we are all products of teaching. Someone has said "A man is not what he thinks he is, but what he "thinks", he is." We all think in the channels in which we have been taught, therefore it is needful to be taught in the Word of God.

While Sunday School is for all ages, yet we often associate it with children. We all realize the importance of child training, and it is with this phase of the Sunday School that I will deal. The Word teaches us to bring up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.

It was little ragged, unkept, poverty stricken children that inspired Robert Raikes to start the first Sunday School.

In Gloucester, England, 1870, this man's heart was touched by these children. They had to work during the week for a living, and on Sunday roamed the streets. Because of no teaching, no guidance, and no planned recreation, they became destructive. While others complained, Robert Raikes did something about the situation. He rented a small building, gathered these poor children together and began teaching them. He not only taught religion, but also reading, writing, and conduct. In spite of the refusal of the church to help, the Sunday School grew and prospered: until at the time of Robert Raikes death in 1811, the membership was 400,000. Thus was the origin of the world wide institution we have today.

Perhaps we may feel that was all right in that day, but in this enlightened age, when education is within the reach of so many, is it still necessary? Let us turn from the past and look about us today.

With crime on the increase, especially among the youth, do we need to question the fact that Sunday School is important?

There are a good many reasons why the responsibility that rests upon religious leaders is greater than ever before. Perhaps one of the greatest reasons, if not the greatest, is the economic condition. So many homes where both mother and father work, small children are left in nurseries or with baby sitters, and are denied the teaching that children received in the home a few years ago. Children who are not taught the Bible at their mother's knee, must learn it in the Sunday School, or they will grow up in ignorance of God's wonderful truth. It is so important that these neglected children have an opportunity to be taught the Words of Life.

Again, we have few teaching pastors compared to the early day. Jesus was called "teacher" 60 out of 90 times. The disciples went out teaching and preaching. Today pastors preach more than they teach; therefore it places more importance upon the teaching that is received in Sunday School.

Children of earlier days received a great deal of Bible training in the public school. The Bible and prayer were a part of the daily routine. Many of the stories in the readers were taken from the Bible; in fact, the whole system was based upon the Bible and Bible teaching. The enemy of man has succeeded in taking the Bible out of practically all schools, and in doing so has closed one more avenue of religious training to our youth. One more reason why Sunday School is important.

Last, but by no means, the least of the reasons I shall discuss in this writing, is the crime among our youth. Statistics prove that only 3 out of 4,000 criminals ever attended Sunday School. If this is true, it is positive proof that Sunday School training helps to curb crime. 90% of crimes are committed between the ages of 16 and 24. The first crime is seldom committed after 16, none by young men after 20, nor a young woman after 21 years of age. It is a terrible thing, but we must face the fact that our youth are neglected as far as relig-

### BAYARD, NEBRASKA—

The Lord has been very good to us during the revivals we held after Camp Meeting, which were at Katy and Sunray, Texas. Austin Morgan took care of our services here, and we report he did a splendid job. Two prayed through to the Baptism and others gained victory. We are glad to be home again with our flock, and they seem to be digging more in every service as many are seeking the Baptism. We had a very good service Sunday night, one soul sanctified and others gained victory. We would like to request prayer, as we plan to build a parsonage in the near future. We are in need of some Sunday School rooms which will be put in the basement of the parsonage. It will soon be time for Convocation and Bible School. We have a few in the church who plan to go to Bible School. Remember us in your prayers. Pastors, Rev. and Mrs. Amos Harris.

### STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA—

As last reported to us and to the best of our knowledge the people are going on with their plans for a Convocation at Stockton. We are sorry that we do not have a last minute report for you about this California Convocation, however watch the December number for further and complete details. Brother and Sister Lee Brock are the pastors, and are doing a wonderful work for God.

ous training is concerned. When such men as J. Edgar Hoover says America needs to return to religion, it substantiates the fact, that God alone can solve our problems.

Upon the Sunday School is placed the burden of religious training; formerly shared by parents, pastors, and teachers in the public schools. Since its burden is so much greater, then surely the importance of it is many times greater than ever before. If we are to reach our youth, save them from terrible disaster, our Sunday Schools **must** be increased and improved. That is why I think Sunday School is so very important. Let us not go down the flowerless path of vain regret, but reach them while we may. Let us boost our Sunday Schools!

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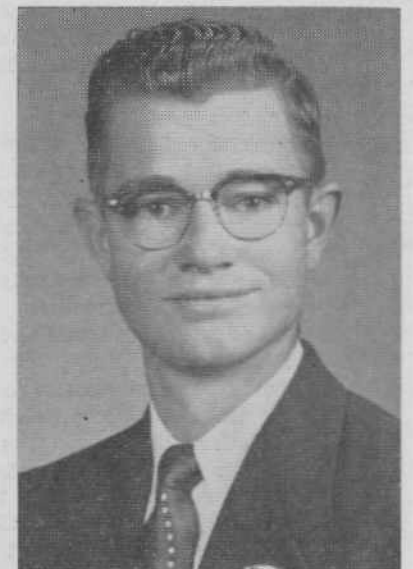
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## THE ORIGIN OF THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is not a new event; in fact, long before the Pilgrims landed in America thanksgiving was practiced. The giving of thanks can be traced back to the beginning of human history.

Perhaps the thanksgiving we celebrate today emerged from the God ordained Mosaic law of the Old Testament which said, that all the people should gather together for the feast harvest which began 50 days after the passover and lasted 7 days. The people were to bring the first fruits of their labors whether it be cattle, sheep, goats, grain, fruit or vegetables as an offering to God.

During the progress of man there have been various forms of thanksgiving.

In the New Testament thanksgiving is never depicted as a day, but as a manner of life, a moment by moment thanksgiving expressed in a thankful heart.

When King James the I was made ruler of England, the country was in a religious upheaval which had lasted for a century, however, England was definitely going Protestant. A large group of people, the Puritans, were anxious to purify the English Church of the forms of Catholic worship which still remained. Most of the Puritans thought this could be done by working within the church, however, the radical Puritans decided this was hopeless, so determined to separate from the church of England.

It was from this group that the Pilgrim fathers came. Such reformers could expect nothing from King James for he was determined to make the people to conform or else make them get out of England. To conform was the last thing the Puritans wanted to do, so under the leadership of their pastor, John Robinson, the Pilgrims fled to Holland where they lived for 10 years. In Holland, where they worshipped God according to the dictates of their hearts and came under a national Thanksgiving Day observed by the Dutch celebrating their victory over Spain in 1575.

The great famine in this strange

land, the persecution in England, and a natural desire to maintain their own language and traditions made the Pilgrims want to set sail for a new land. Some had been working to get money and the Kings permission to move to America to be free and to worship God as they pleased.

One hundred and two men, women and children set sail from Plymouth, England on a little boat called The Mayflower in September, 1620.

There was great excitement on The Mayflower when the exhausted passengers anchored in Provincetown harbor on November 12, 1620. For weeks they had been cramped together and tossed about on the little ship. Many were bruised, ill, and discouraged as the trip had taken longer than they thought. They had been existing on dried peas, cornmeal and a little salt pork.

When the Mayflower safely anchored, a few selected men went ashore to claim the land. It must have been a strange feeling to walk on a sandy beach after pitching and tossing for so long.

The first thing these men did when they stepped ashore was to remove their hats, and kneel down and pray.

Today one can go down along the sandy beach at the far edge of the town and find a small bronze and granite tablet to mark the place where this small group of Pilgrims knelt in the first prayer of Thanksgiving on American shores.

They decided on Plymouth as the sight of their settlement, and by the middle of December started building huts. The winter was terrific and about half of the number died. Only 55 of the 102 settlers survived the terrible hardships.

The following spring crops were planted in the little clearing among the trees. After the crops had been harvested Gov. Bradford proposed a time for Thanksgiving and showing of gratitude to Almighty God for the bounties received in the new land of hardship and struggle. The date was set for December 13, 1621. The governor appointed four of the best marksmen to go hunting and to bring back enough food for a three day feast.

Only four women were left in the colony, but these along with one

servant and a few young girls prepared the feast for the celebration. The Pilgrims were joined by 90 Indian braves who brought five deer to Governor Bradford as a token of peace. Elder Brewster conducted the religious service for this **first Thanksgiving**. This religious festival was kept for a long time thereafter.

President Washington twice appointed a national day for the giving of thanks in the perilous years when our young nation was becoming established.

After 1789, there was not another Thanksgiving day until 1864 when a Mrs. Hale sent President Lincoln a copy of Washington's proclamation of 1789 and a letter in which she stated: "To the service of that Great and Glorious Being, who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is and that will be." Her reward came when President Lincoln in 1864 set aside the last Thursday in November as an annual national Thanksgiving day.

This year once again, our annual Thanksgiving day will be observed on the fourth Thursday of November, Nov. 24.

For the people in our nation Thanksgiving Day should be one of the greatest days in the year. Perhaps more than any other nation we have had the protecting hand and blessing of Almighty God.

Abundant blessings contain only one pitfall; we may like the gifts so much that we forget the **Giver**. We enjoy our prosperity but sometimes forget Him who prospers us. We enjoy our freedom but at times neglect to give credit to Him who has freed us.

In these times the thought no doubt comes to many: What are we thankful for?

We need to be thankful that our wonderful country has not been invaded by foreign foe; that our cities and homes have not been destroyed by falling bombs; that we still have bountiful crops, assuring us of sufficient food and clothing; that we have life itself; physical life, and most of all spiritual life which is offered to all everywhere, here and hereafter, through Jesus Christ our Lord.



## FELLOWSHIP

By Robert Girouard

The word fellowship, when it is used as a verb, is defined as follows: To accept as in good standing or communion, according to the requirements of some standard of faith and practice; especially to admit to Christian communion or fellowship. When used as a noun, the word fellowship is defined as the condition of being sharers or partakers; community of interest, condition or feeling; joint experience or interest.

All truly converted people have fellowship with one another as a result of relationship with God. The fellowship that one Christian has with another Christian on the basis of relationship with God is rightly called Christian fellowship. Irrespective of race, color, church affiliation, degree of education or social standing, every Christian the world over has something in common with every other Christian. All Christians own God as their heavenly Father and Jesus as their Saviour, all share in the hope of eternal life, all expect some day to live in the place that Jesus has gone to prepare for his disciples, and all true Christians have a desire to see lost souls won to Christ.

It is a sad thing to see the Christian world divided into so many different sects and religious groups. We long for the day to come when there will be a greater fulfillment of the prayer of Jesus for the unity of believers than the Christian world has seen thus far. John 17:20, 21. The travail that the people of God will go through before the man child is caught up to the throne of God will no doubt cause God's people to be drawn closer to him and to one another. Rev. 12:1-6. Jesus will certainly have a church that is without spot or wrinkle, or any such thing to present to himself at his coming. Eph. 5:25-27.

While the forgoing is our hope and expectation, the fact remains that in the present divided condition of the Christian world, it is practically impossible for all Christians to have a consistently harmonious working fellowship in gospel work. Experience has shown that Christians sharing substantially the same

religious views and standards of faith and practice have better results working together for the upbuilding of the cause of Christ than Christians having greatly different views on these matters. The ministers of the Apostolic Faith Movement do not expect to be asked to conduct revival meetings for other religious groups, or to pastor their churches, nor do they think it strange if they are not invited to preach an occasional sermon for them. We do not consider other religious groups as narrow minded and unchristian because they prefer to use their own ministers. It is perfectly fitting and proper that they should do so.

The Apostolic Faith Movement now has the largest and the ablest number of young ministers that it has had in many years. While some ministers look for religious groups that offer them a sense of financial security and other advantages, fancied or real through organization, our ministers have a vision of security through faith in God. By conviction they adhere to the teachings of the Bible as held in trust by the Apostolic Faith Movement. They deserve our prayers, our financial support and all the encouragement we can possibly give them.

Some ministers in time past have withdrawn themselves from a working fellowship with the Apostolic Faith Movement for what to them were justifiable reasons. If they are happier and can do better work for the Lord with other religious groups, they are where they belong. Ministers of the gospel who are not by conviction believers of the teachings of the Bible as held by the Apostolic Faith Movement cannot be happy in our fellowship and we are better off without them. Amos 3:3.

However, we understand that a few ministers who withdrew themselves from a working fellowship with the Apostolic Faith Movement are now unhappy because they feel that some of the ministers of the movement do not give them the kind of fellowship they used to have with them. Fellowship is something that cannot be put on or forced. One either has it or does not have it. Sometimes misunderstandings mar fellowship. In many cases when

### HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS—

November 1st was the starting date of our Fall revival. Rev. George Polvado, pastor of the Apostolic Faith church of Big Spring, is the speaker. In connection with the revival we are looking forward to the Bible School visit of Brother R. D. Wooster November 11th. We appreciate the continued blessings of the Lord in our regular services and feel like we are keeping on for God and right. Donald D. Dibbens, pastor.

### ENID, OKLAHOMA—

Brother Jim Fox conducted a two weeks' revival assisted by Brother and Sister Bill Cornell. There was one saved and one was sanctified.

misunderstandings are cleared up, fellowship is restored. We cite the case of a minister of the Apostolic Faith Movement who many years ago felt that he was justified in withdrawing from the movement to join a large religious organization, which he did. But after two years of labor with the other religious group he felt that he had made a mistake because by conviction he was an Apostolic. This young minister went to an Apostolic Faith Camp Meeting and contacted one of the Camp Meeting committeemen and sought his advice as to what steps he should take in order to be restored to a working fellowship with the Apostolic Faith Movement. He was told by the committeeman that the best course for him to take was to make a public statement at Camp meeting, admitting his mistake and to express his desire to be recognized as an Apostolic Faith minister. This he did when an opportunity was given him. We are happy to be able to say that this young minister was taken into full fellowship by the Apostolic Faith Movement after he made his statement at Camp Meeting. We doubt that any other course taken by him would have secured for him the same full, unquestioning and instantaneous confidence of the ministers and laity of the movement. We believe the door still remains open for any minister who may sincerely desire restoration to a working fellowship in the Apostolic Faith Movement.

## REDEMPTION

by Harold Crane

End time, last time, that is today, our time. The hour of sin, distress, woe, and calamity. All these and many more are upon the world, and still man as a whole plunges deeper into the pits of sin and destruction. Humanity is wandering here and there, engaging in the things Satan has to offer, but yet their souls are dissatisfied, groping into every corner of the earth without a hope in the present world or the world to come. Time marches on, and we draw closer to eternity. We have looked into the paintings of sin and have found nothing with a future.

Where is our future? We can answer that question by turning to the Bible. "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" (John 3:16). Yes, we do have a future, and it is found in Jesus, the Son of God. In this issue we would like to bring your attention to the future of the Christian people, especially the Redemptive class.

The Redemptive class of people have the best qualities and are the most productive servants of good among the Christians. There are three brackets in which we can place Christians: The thirty fold, sixty fold, and one hundred fold (Rev. 12, Matt 13:23). There are many adventures to come to pass for each group, but as we have stated before, we wish to deal with the subject of Redemption. First we must define the word. We find that "Webster" describes it in these terms: To ransom, release, deliverance, and rescue. The Bible speaks of redemption through the Blood of Christ, but we want to explain it in another sense. In other words we wish to speak about the Redemption that is to take place before the great tribulation, or the 70th week spoken of by Daniel. This is to develop the last seven years before Christ comes back to earth. We hesitate to mention this more fully, because the point we wish to announce to you is Redemption.

To clarify this issue, we might answer the question quite often

asked, "What is the difference between Redemption, Translation, and the Rapture?" These are not to be confused as different happenings, but actually they are one and the same. As we have already defined Redemption, we will not define it again. Translation has the meaning of "to be taken from this earth and removed to heaven without death." Rapture is "the act of transporting or fact of being transported to heaven." As we place these figures side by side, we that all have practically the same meaning. Different people use these different terms, although they describe the same event.

We can say approximately when the Rapture will take place, but as to bring it down to setting a certain date or definite time, no one, by the authority of God's word, can venture out to do this. "Then shall two be in the field, the one shall be taken, and the other left. Watch therefore; for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come" (Matt. 24:40,42). When by our own authority we do set a certain time, we are only putting ourselves out on a limb so to speak. God in no way is obligated to us, but we are to follow His plan that He has laid for us.

Another phase that we might bring to your attention, in order that we might bring this subject more clearly to your mind, is found in II Thessalonians 2:7. Here we read that the Holy Spirit will be taken out of the pathway of the Anti-Christ, whom he now hinders. Along with the lifting of the Holy Spirit, Redemption will take place.

Let us note that by types we can also determine the fulfillment of the Rapture. Noah entered the ark seven days before the deluge began upon the earth. To the amazement of the outsiders, it began to flood. Taking a day for a year (Ezek. 4:4-6) we find that the Rapture will come to pass seven years before the second coming of Christ in all His splendor and glory as Lord of Lords and King of Kings. Also, when Noah entered the ark, God, not Noah, shut the door, God, too, will shut the door of mercy when Redemption closes this dispensation in which we now live. Those who have turned Christ away from their hearts door, will be rejected of Him for not believing in Him.

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### BOOKER, TEXAS—

I have been temporarily pastoring the Booker Full Gospel Church for the past six weeks, while they are looking for a pastor. Our Sunday School has climbed back to 45. There has been a good spirit in the services. We have appreciated so much the help and encouragement we have received from the preachers; John Modrick, Speedy Johnston, Tommy Van Meter, Lela McKeever, and also, Sister Jake Pletcher, though she is not a preacher but a good musician. These we feel indebted to. We are inviting all ministers of the Faith to stop by for services. Our regular night is Wednesday.

Brother Bob Russell

### DECKER'S PRAIRIE, TEXAS—

The Gospel Mission observed their fourteenth anniversary with a Homecoming service Sunday, October 16, 1955. There were three services for the day, the regular 11:00 a.m., and 7:30 p.m. services and also a 2:00 afternoon service. There was also a basket dinner at the noon hour. A. B. Corl, pastor.

### BALKO, OKLAHOMA—

Rev. John Modrick is conducting a revival at the Balko Apostolic church, which began October 16. Bill Cornell and wife are assisting. John Whipple, pastor.

An invitation is extended to all of the Apostolic Faith ministers and workers to come by for services. Their help will be greatly appreciated. The church has no pianist or any type of musicians at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Webster,  
Pastors  
Caldwell Camp, Sulphur, Okla.

**BE CAUTIOUS**—Springs are little things, but they are sources of large streams; a helm is a little thing, but we know its use and power; nails and pegs are little things, but they hold the parts of a large building together; a word, a smile, a frown, are all little things, but powerful for good or evil. Think of this, and mind the little things.

—Hillis

Today I shall treat everybody as Christ treats me.

## SERMON OF THE MONTH—

**We Give Thanks**

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enemies and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest; for He is kind to the unthankful and to the evil." Jesus also said that we should let our light shine among men that they would glorify God when they'd see our good works. In Phil 2:14-15, we read, "Do all things without murmurings and disputings: That ye may be blameless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world." Unthankfulness is a sign of the end-time. Paul wrote to Timothy thus: "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,—” Unthankfulness is listed here with other evils of the last days.

The Bible says, "Finally my brethren be strong in the Lord." When we think of Christians we think of spiritual strength. Unthankfulness, uncleanness, and wickedness certainly rob people of their strength in God and ultimately will destroy a Christian experience. But faithfulness, cleanliness, Christian virtue and holiness fill the humble Christian heart with satisfaction, joy, and thankfulness. We can rejoice and give thanks on Thanksgiving Day and every other day of the year. In fact we as God's people will enjoy life better if we'd make every day a day of thanksgiving. Phillipians 4:4 reads, "Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice."

**GUYMON, OKLAHOMA—**

Brother Roland Busch conducted a 10-day revival in the Guymon Chapel. The preaching was good and the church helped. Sister Ione Martin, Brother and Sister Steve Welsh and others helped in the meeting. Eugene Cornell, pastor.

**KEY OF LOVE**, radio program, 8:45 Sunday morning, Liberal, Kansas, KSCB, 1270 on the dial. An Apostolic Faith program. Aubrey Murray, minister in charge.

**OLATHE, COLORADO—**

We started our revival out here in Olathe the 11th of September and closed on Sunday the 2nd of October. We certainly do want to praise the Lord for the work that was accomplished in the meeting! Brother Homer Coberley conducted the revival and did some wonderful preaching being led by the Lord at all times. To the best of our knowledge there were nine saved and one sanctified and several that claimed healing for their bodies. The young people in particular were helped by this revival as well as the older folk. We certainly thank God for giving us the souls that he did during this time of reaping. We also want to thank Brother and Sister Jack Barker and LoMoyne Barker for helping in this meeting. Also Brother and Sister Ray Mitchener from Baxter Springs, Kans. All of these folks were an inspiration in the services. Pastors, Rev. and Mrs. Jimmy Wallis.

**LIBERAL, KANSAS—**

The services are as follows: 10:00-Sunday School; 11:00-Worship Service; 7:00 p.m.-Childrens Service, also, Young Peoples Service and Bible Study; 8:00 p.m.-Evangelistic Service; Tuesday night at 8:00 p.m.-Midweek Service. Ninth and Kansas in the 7th Day Advent church. All ministers are welcome. Aubrey Murray, pastor.

**HARDESTY, OKLAHOMA—**

Brother Roland Busch is now holding a revival in the Hardesty Apostolic Faith church. Those helping are Sisters Peggie Bishop and Ione Martin, Brothers Neil Ragan and Gene Grant. The prayer services have been good. Pray for this meeting. James Brooks, pastor.

**OBITUARY****James W. Oyler**

James William Oyler, son of James Winfield Scott Oyler and Mary Oyler, was born near Mt. Moriah, Mo., October 17, 1877. Passed away at his home in Stockton, Calif., September 9, 1955 at the age of 77 years, 10 months, and 22 days.

The early years of his life were spent near Adrian, Mo., where he grew to manhood. At an early age he became a Christian and he lived a consecrated life through the years.

Several years of his life were spent in Jefferson City, Mo., where he met Clara E. Scott, whom he married December 22, 1910. To this union were born four children, a daughter who died in infancy. Surviving are Mrs. Loreta Davis of Temple City, Calif., William Glen of Stockton, Calif., and Mrs. Annabelle Turner of Stockton, Calif., three grandchildren, Carol Ann and Billy Turner, and Glen Edwin Oyler.

Mr. Oyler was the second child of a family of eight, of whom three are living: George W. Oyler of Hardesty, Okla., Mrs. Mary Hackler of Tahlequah, Okla., and Mrs. Jessie Adleman of Archie, Mo.

In 1936 the family moved to California and has lived the last eight and one half years in Stockton, Calif., where he has been a regular and faithful attendant at the Apostolic Faith Church.

One of many commendable traits of his life is that he was always kind and generous, and his word was respected at home and by all who knew him. He was a devoted husband and father and will be greatly missed by those who love him.

**CENTER POINT, TEXAS—**

Brother Austin Morgan and gospel party conducted a revival at the Center Point church which began October 9. The gospel party consisted of Larry Welsh, Steve and Doris Ann Welsh, and Shirley Fish. Interest seems to be increasing among the young people. Joe Faries, pastor.

Spenard, Alaska  
Box 1

Hello to the Schultz Family:

Well you might know that some of these days old K and Mona would take time out to drop you a line. Brother Gail, I have been intending to write you for some time now and tell you something of our work and plans for the work of the Lord here in Alaska.

I am enclosing a leaflet here that we put out ourselves here in the basement of the church — we request that each member of the Sunday School take at least 6 of these and pass them out among their neighbors, in their own neighborhood. We also have started printing a Spenard Chapel News — which is passed out to every one on Sunday morning, after church is dismissed. In the paper the Church is reminded of their Sunday School contest that is to begin on October 16. There seems to be a little fire burning among the contestants already. We are giving a prize of some nice figure ice skates to the youth and have some other prizes in mind for the older folks.

God has rewarded us over and over again, for making the move to Spenard. We have had about 20 people to profess finding the Lord — 10 of these are prisoners in the Federal prison out on the army base. The rest are ones that have come to the altar in our regular services. We hope that you will remember them in prayer. Sunday a drunk native came in just before Sunday School ended — I met him at the door and asked him to come down toward the front. And I prayed with all my heart that God would sober him up. He listened to the sermon that morning and left at the altar call — my heart was broken when I watched him walk out the door. But at 3:30 p. m. I saw him walking toward the chapel and watched him walk in the front door — I came in by the way of the side door and listened to him pray. I have never heard a man pray like he prayed — He wept bitterly, and cried out for God to save his soul. After he finished praying I had a talk with him. He said this morning God told him to go break all his whiskey — he walked 4 miles and broke the whiskey bottles and walked back the 4 miles and

down the isle to the altar. I asked him why he walked all the way back to the church — and explained that after he had broken his bottle, that he could have found God right there at home. But he gave me the answer when he said, "No, here is where God spoke to me, and I had to come back where God was." God had His way in it all; I believe I understand now why all the walking, out in the cold, it was to sober him up so he would get the real meaning of salvation. This is just one of the many that walk the streets of Anchorage and Spenard.

Old man winter is at the door; the mountains are beautiful, white as the snow can make them. The nights are getting longer and longer. One of these days, there will hardly be a day — about 3 hours of sun and 21 hours of darkness, but business goes on just the same. Gary will be going to school in the dark. The sun will rise and set while he is at school, and back home he will come and it will still be dark. He says he is going to night school.

We have a man and his wife here that are planning to come to Baxter Springs to Bible School this winter. They are leaving for the states in December. He plans to visit his folks a while in Abilene, Tex., then if everything works out right he

plans to enroll in the school, both he and his wife.

I must get around to closing this letter. It is almost time for the children to gather for Sword Club. I must get busy for I have to make two schools and bring a load from each school.

Remember us in your prayers,  
The Kerrs

#### SILOAM SPRINGS, ARK.—

Brother and Sister Roy Townsend, who live two and one half miles east of Siloam Springs on highway 68 would be delighted to have people of the Apostolic Faith to come by for a visit. They are now pastoring the Mt. Olive church, which is located northeast of Decatur, Ark. They report that the Lord is blessing, but they do feel the need of minister of the Faith to come by. (So preachers drop by if you can.) Sister Townsend also requests prayer for the healing of her body and for their son Darrell. Both of these cases are of special need, so let's pay them mind and pray.

#### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Your assistant editor and wife are the proud parents of a baby boy born on October 6. His name is Stephen Eric. Mother and son are doing nicely. Congratulations.

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