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Sincere christian greetings from Pastor and Mrs. Alvin Branch, 596 Lake Ave., Battle Creek Michigan.

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." 3rd John 2.

LOVE

Love is very patient, very kind,

Love knows no jealousy; Love make no parade, gives itself no airs, is never rude, never selfish, never irritated, never resentful;

Love is gladdened by goodness, always slow to anger, always eager to believe the best, always hopeful, always

disappears,

3; 4-8.

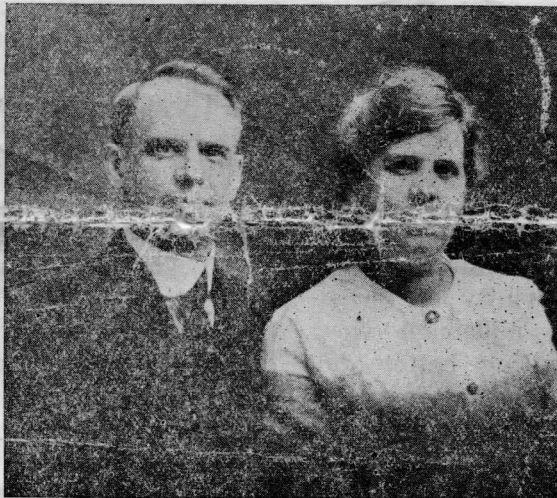
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is definition of Love could be read each on our knees, asking God to help us put in our own lives, how different the would be, and how much happier we, and the touch would be.

OUR CHURCH

and confessions! High church or low? not say; but you would vastly please us, which some pointed Scripture you could show, which of these belonged the Saviour Jesus. Thank to all, or none; not curious creeds, ordered forms of churchly rule He taught, the soul of love that blossomed into deeds, which human good and human blessings fraught me no priest, no presbyter, nor pope

Bishop, nor dean may stamp a party name;
But Jesus, with his largely human scope,
The service of my human life may claim
Let prideful priests do battle about creeds;
The church is mine that does most Christlike deeds.
Prof, Blackie, Edinburgh.



Mr. and Mrs. Alvin R. Branch

The Four-Fold Gospel Assembly of Battle Creek is not an organized denominational body, but a voluntary fellowship of christian people seeking to find a larger expression in actual experience and character to the complete revelation of the will of God for His church.

Realizing that Jesus Christ IS actually the SAME yesterday TODAY and forever; and that it is plainly the plan of God

for His Church to continue without interruption the same works that Jesus began. we heartily welcome into this fellowship all who desire to know HIM as the Saviour from sin, as the healer of our infirmities and diseases, as the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit with power to be His witnesses in testimony and service as on the Day of Pentecost, and as the Soon Coming King.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin R. Branch,
Battle Creek, Michigan.

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

(John 13. 35.)

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THE COMING OF THE LORD

Sermon By

CHAS. F. PARHAM,

Compton, Cal., December 30, 1925.

At the outset of this discourse. I want to present to you two schools of thought that have arisen in these latter days regarding the coming of the Lord. The first is the Post millennial view held by many of our super-intellectuals, evolutionary preachers who are not very anxious for the Lord to come and catch them in their salary grabbing professional non soul saving ministry. Once and for all the modern church should arise and drive from her midst every teacher and believer in evolution, for if modernism is correct they have no right to the claim of christian nor to live upon the gifts of the Christian church. Modernism with its evolutionary thought utterly repudiates the Bible. A denial of the creation according to scriptures, would mean that there was no fall, and if there was no fall the entire scheme of redemption through Jesus Christ our Lord becomes a farce, and makes the blood atonement as taught throughout the Bible absolutely worthless, and is the most dastardly Anti-Christian attack upon the Divinity of Christ ever perpetrated. The Post millennial view teaches that the world is getting better and better, that peace and harmony among the nations of the earth will be obtained by arbitration and not war, and that the late war with the roar of the cannon and the flash of the lightning clarified the atmosphere, making the world immeasurably better and that if the Federation of Churches can be accomplished with power to compel legislation along religious lines that the world can be saved and thus brought to Christ by law, and that in a million years the world will be so thoroughly converted and christianized by the power of these super-intellectuals that they will be able to invite the Christ to come and sit upon the Throne and rule the kingdom that they have thus prepared for Him. But brethren, the world will never be saved by law, we are saved by grace, and if it is not in the human heart to do right, you can never compel them to do right by law. Any reform for man's betterment however perfect or pure its motive and principles will be of no lasting benefit to the human

race unless it shall begin with the new birth, the regeneration of the inward man. A hog shaved will grow bristles again, a goose picked will grow feathers, the world if saved must be saved by the power of that new birth change of heart, regeneration of the inward man.

The opposite school is known as pre-millennialists who believe that the world is growing worse and worse, that the mid-night approaches, the time of trouble such as there never was, that the door of mercy is now closing, that these nations are soon to fall, that this civilization has run its course and about to perish, and that Christ will come in the darkest hour of the world's history when He Himself said, "Would there be any faith on the earth?" and Himself establish the great millennial Sabbath. The latter school believes that this age is closing but not the end of the world. That ages come and go. Nations rise and fall, but the foundations of the earth are sure, they remain forever, and once and for all I want to state emphatically that the Coming of the Lord has no connection whatever with the end of the world. To the latter school of thought most all Full Gospel people and preachers closely adhere.

Regarding the next thousand or Sabbatic seventh thousand years there are two schools of thought, one is, that at the Coming of the Lord, Christ will take all His saints away in the clouds and the population of the earth utterly destroyed and the earth left for one thousand years. At the close of the thousand years part of this school of thought believe that Christ will return to earth to reign with His saints. The second school of thought regarding the Sabbath to which we adhere is this, that a multitude of people will be slain in the judgments of the Lord that are about to be visited upon the nations and those remaining upon the earth at the Coming of the Lord will be lifted from sin and disobedience but not converted as Pastor Russell taught and that for the next Sabbatic thousand years their lives will be lengthened as the life of the fig tree, and dwelling under their own vine and fig tree safely with none to make them afraid. The earth restored to Eden's Paradiscal estate where under the benign and beneficent reign of Christ begetting children without hereditary taint in a world where the lion lies down with the lamb, the leopard with the ox, and the

child plays unhurt at the den of serpents, where the gold and silver is thrown to the moles and bats, (they are both blind and can't find it) where there will be no burning heat or bitter cold and all the fulness of perpetual spring, where man to man will be united, and all things before God righted, over which the Son of God, with His resurrected saints of the last six thousand years will reign in a glorious messianic-Christocracy when the earth shall keep her jubilee in that glorious golden age, prophesied by priest, prophet and sage, the millennial age.

When we speak of the soon Coming of the Lord, doubters say we don't know anything about it, that "since the Fathers fell asleep all things continue as they were from the beginning." "Where are the signs of His coming", they say. But Daniel tells us concerning these things that "the wise shall understand and instruct many." Jesus said, that when the fig tree put forth her leaves you know that spring is nigh, so that "When ye shall see all these things come to pass, know that the end is nigh, even at the door."

And truly all the signs from Genesis to Revelation that were to mark the soon coming of the Lord are now in the world, either having been fulfilled or else events proving that the world is pregnant with the possibilities of their immediate fulfillment. Again, Paul says, "of the times and seasons brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you, for ye yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord cometh as a thief in the night," here they stop and hold up their hands and declare that we know nothing about it, but Paul continues by saying that when they shall say, "peace and safety", that sudden destruction shall come upon them. How true this is, for while the world is crying peace, peace peace, each nation is sitting upon a volcano which is liable to burst at any time, the streaming lavas of which may flow in raging war and anarchy to all the nations around about, so that Paul says, "Sudden destruction shall come upon them and they shall not escape." But listen, Paul says, "We are not in DARKNESS that that day should overtake us as a thief." Well, this and many other scriptures prove conclusively that the real children of God will know when the end is at hand. After presenting these opening thoughts I want to give you four of the most

indisputable proofs of the soon coming of the Lord, First, that as God labored and toiled six days and rested on the seventh, Barnabas who traveled with Paul says in his writings which are still in existence that this signifies that the human race will labor and toil for six thousand years (or six of God's days) and that then the Christ of God will descend in power and great glory and establish His kingdom on the earth for the seventh or sabbatic thousand years. God has sanctified the seventh part of time, the seventh day, then the seventh month, then the seventh year, then seven times seven and the Jews celebrated the year of jubilee and all slaves were set free and debts were cancelled so brethren, we are now closing six thousand years from Adam by all possible means of computing time whether you shall take it from biblical chronology, historical data or astronomical measurements. With absolute certainty we know that the Coming of the Lord is at hand.

Second. All scriptures agree that Palestine shall be trodden under foot of the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be come in. That then the land would be wonderfully restored to the Jew.

The worlds war gave Palestine to the Jew, but under British protection. The imminent overthrow of England's government anticipated by noted men because of her labor difficulties would automatically free all of her colonies, making Palestine an independent state. The astonishing thing to me is that so many learned Bible exponents are blind to this stupendous fact that the return of Palestine to the Jews means the end of the Gentile age, and in connection with this the Bible agrees that a time of trouble would set in, causing the Jews to flee "like doves to a window in a storm" back to their own land. Well truly the storms threaten over all the earth. Thirty five years of Bible study has proven to me that the close of the Gentile age will mean more than the return of Palestine to the Jew, these things are to take place according to the scriptures in connection with the closing of the Gentile age. The downfall of the present nations in anarchy. The utter perishing of this civilization, the closing of the door of mercy, the rapture of the saints into the heavens to meet the Lord who shall come secretly to snatch His own out of the time of trouble. The return of the Jews to

Palestine, which is to be followed by the establishment of ten States signified by the ten toes of Daniel and the ten horns of the scarlet colored beast of Revelation. These ten States will cover the present civilized world with the exception of what Russia will control. They will be a working men's government. A United States of the world, a League of Nations, controlled by a commission of ten men, the present governments having fallen, the rich and ruling class destroyed, the masses will arise and establish a communistic United States over which the Anti-Christ will arise as a supreme dictator of a Socialistic kingdom, imitating the reign of Christ on earth, who will be destroyed with the brightness of the Coming of the Lord. This leads us to the third proposition. The indisputable fact that we have reached the midnight of the world's history, the time of trouble spoken of by Daniel. The fact that every nation internally and externally is absolutely on their last legs. Impossible for them to navigate much longer. The greatest Statesmen of the world have declared that the continuance of the present nations is an impossibility, that we are headed to the overthrow of the present civilization, that anarchy, chaos and savagery threatens the world, within the present generation. It is a fact that all great nations and civilizations have not fallen gradually but precipitously, being plunged from the height of their political, intellectual and scientific attainment down to savagery and barbarism. All civilizations and nations that have existed in the past have been built up and around religion of one kind or another. So that when the people lost confidence in their religion, the priesthood were corrupted by money, the wealth was gathered in the hands of the few, and gross immorality swept the land, these civilizations and nations perished. Brethern, we are there today. The teachings of evolution in the grades, the high schools, colleges and universities is undermining and destroying the faith of the rising generation in God. Destroying their confidence in the Bible as the word of God, and the Christian religion is due to perish. For what they thus teach in the schools of today will be the fact tomorrow. Half of the more intellectual preachers, schools, colleges and universities and most of the papers of the world have taken a stand for evolution against the Bible, and a person however intelligent who

dares to declare his faith in creation as taught in Genesis is looked upon and ridiculed as an ignoramus. The majority of ministers are mercenary grafters, professionals, prostituted by money, afraid to declare the whole counsel of God for fear of their salaries. The world at large has become grossly immoral, reaching down even into the grade schools. The wealth of the world is piled up by corporations and trusts in the hands of the few, so that all the diseases that caused the destruction of past nations are with us today. Leaving out Bible prophecies concerning this time of trouble if history repeats itself as it surely does, this civilization is doomed to perish. On reading the 5th chapter of James you will find that the rich are to perish for their oppression of the masses, according to many scriptures they are to be killed like dogs in the street, to throw their wealth away to get rid of the evidence against them, to cloth themselves in rags to hide their identity, and yet, the 5th chapter of James says they will continue to nourish their hearts as in a day of slaughter unmindful of their coming destruction. At this time, the children of God are to establish their hearts, be patient, withdraw themselves from the worldly and ungodly political revolutionary strife, etc., for the coming of the Lord is at hand. The business of christians is not to strive or seek to correct the affairs of the world for congress and Parliament are meeting with whitened faces seeking to balance empires that are about to perish, but let us as wise servants redeem the times which are evil by feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, healing the sick snatching men and women as brands from the burning. And lay up our treasures in heaven, where moth and rust, thieves and robbers, bolsheviks and profiteers ne'er come to destroy.

Fourth proposition: The world is astounded at the most phenomenal movement in religious history known by various names, and being conducted by various leaders and organizations. Such as Apostolic, Pentecostal or Full Gospel. Which in 25 years has girthed the world and won to its standards ten million of people, great and small, learned and ignorant, and thousands of preachers who are today permeating every quarter of the world, carrying the restored gospel into isolated districts, villages, towns and cities. Holding services in the open air, in cottages, small halls, rickety store

buildings, tents, school houses, theaters, auditoriums and manificent temples costing over a million dollars. What meaneth this great commotion pray, ah! it is the fulfillment of that verse in the 24th chapter of Matthew where Jesus said that "This gospel of the kingdom should be preached to all the world as a witness and then the end would come." He did not say some creed bound gospel, or man made conception of the gospel or modernistic views of the gospel of this super-intellectualism that is seeking to destroy the blood atonement made on Calvary, but **THIS GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM**, a gospel that saved the soul, sanctified the believer, healed the sick, cast out devils, raised the dead, baptised in the Holy Ghost, evidenced by speaking in other tongues and bestowed the fruits as well as the gifts of the spirit. A gospel that established universal brotherhood among believers and not a thousand divisions into denominations and clicks and gangs and bunches and answered the prayer of Jesus Christ that made them one even as He and the Father were one. You will note that Christ preached a kingdom, not a church. neither did He establish a church, nor was there a church inaugurated on the day of Pentecost. If there was such a thing as a church, Abraham and David and Jeremiah belonged to it, the fact is brethern, that the word church. did not occur in the Greek testament. Paul declares that His church or body is an spiritual house into which God puts the members as it pleases Him. And that God sets in the church. Apostles, prophets pastors, teachers, miracles, healings, helps, governments and diversities of tongues. You could be voted into a modern church, initiated into a lodge, naturalized as a citizen of the United States or a citizen of the invisible empire of the Ku Klux Klan, but when you become a christian you a re born into an invisible Kingdom, for the church of Jesus Christ consists of all the truly converted people in all the churches and outside of all the churches, and nominal church membership don't amount to a pinch of snuff in a whirlwind and wont raise any more dust than that when these unconverted church members hit the middle of hell.

The world is amazed and astounded at the great sweep of this Full Gospel movement, but it should not strike them with such astonishment, the restoration of any truth ever preach-

ed by the church of the living God should be anticipated and received with gladness and not with doubtful disputations and persecutions. It is within the province of God and has been the hope of the Fathers since the days of Roman apostasy to see a restoration of primitive christianity. Luther hoped to accomplish it. Wesley did all in his power for its restoration, and with prophetic vision wrote, "Don't you hear them coming brethern marching up the steps of time, a glorious church without spot or wrinkle, washed in the blood of the lamb," adding to this the statement that the people of God who closed this age would have all the gifts and graces of the early church. Alexander Campbell who started the reformation that resulted in the christian denomination, said he expected the Christian church establishing unity among all believers to rise in all the gifts and graces in the early church. But now Brethern in spite of accumulated fanaticisms, wildfires, false teachings and Holy Rollerisms (which have always been prevalent in great reformations) we are witnessing a stupendous world wide, restoration of the faith once for all delivered to the saints. So that what Peter said, on the day of Pentecost can be joyfully anticipated, that "The heavens would receive Jesus until the restoration of ALL things spoken by the mouth of ALL the holy prophets since the world began. Witnessing the present restoration of ALL things spoken by the mouth of ALL the holy prophets gives us the assurance that the Coming of the Lord is at hand.

Thus we conclude the four most incontrovertable proofs of the soon coming of the Lord. There are many minor ones. Such as these, in the days of the preparation for the coming of the Lord, the chariots will rage in the street, run with a fearful din, jostle one another in the highways, run like the lightning with flaming torches. Here is a picture of our modern automobiles and electric cars. In the last days there was to be a new thing in the earth, a woman should compass a man, fulfilled by our new woman who is taking many of the positions formerly held by men, even the modern pulpits, so that when I see a woman going down the street dressed in men's attire and short hair and taking a man's job it forcibly reminds me of the soon coming of the Lord.

In closing this discourse I would like to present to you what I anticipate after many years

in the study of prophecy the events that are to take place between this and the Coming of the Lord. We are entering the midnight, or perhaps as the watchman says, the morning cometh, but also the night." For while the eastern skies begin to lighten with the rising of the Son of righteousness with healing in His wings, the darkest hour before the dawn is yet to cover the earth with the judgments of God, against a wicked and preverse generation who failed to recognize Him or give Him due worship. The accumulated sins of nations have fallen on a heap, for nations, like individuals, reap what they sow. The law of retribution is about to claim her own. The millions of sacrifices that have been offered upon the altars of nations in their imperialistic and commercial expansion call for vengeance. The lust of power have caused wars, slaughtering millions. The saloons and the brothels wine presses of iniquity where millions of our sons and daughters lives have been ruthlessly bruised out in the lust for money, and God has said that when your cities are run by blood, "I will destroy the nations," thus prophecy for fulfillment stands and all is ready for the sword of God. In the coming struggles of nationalism against internationalism or the rising tides of radicalism, the present nations will perish. The cities of the world will be destroyed. Not only will the nations fight each other, but factions and organizations within each nation will fight each other until every semblance of rule and order will perish. Governments will fall, lodges, unions, and churches will perish from the face of the earth. Property rights and the value of money will become worthless as the governments fall. Protection for home and life and property will cease. Angry mobs will surge through the land pillaging and ravaging families will be scattered and women and girls thrown into the street at the mercy of mobs. The rich be killed like dogs in the street. Well no better description than this can be given. The word of God says "that with fire and sword will He plead with all flesh until they will not be gathered or buried but be as dung on the face of the earth." In the opening days of this struggle the Jews will flee to Palestine carrying with them three fourths of the coinwealth of the world bankrupting every nation. The real saints of God will meet the Lord in the air the door of mercy will close and for the

last seven years of this age corresponding to the seven days in which God shut Noah in the ark there will be no one saved. Unprepared christians will be slaughtered in the days of anarchy, whose souls will remain under the altar clothed in white raiment until their brethren shall be slaughtered in like manner under the reign of Anti-Christ.

When the governments have fallen, when the rich and ruling elements of the world have perished, the Pope, the only power that controls sufficient of the conscience of men will call the combined forces of catholicism under arms and restore order. The masses alone will remain. At about this time a man will arise, a great teacher, a mighty intellectual, promulgating a new treatise on government and society. The world tired of war and bloodshed will flock to his standards. He becomes the intellectual guide out of bloodshed chaos and anarchy. With the consent of the Pope all the now known civilized world outside of what Russia will control, will be divided into ten States. A United States of the world and a commission of ten men will govern these States, this has been foreshadowed by the Hague, the League of Nations, The World's Court idea and the thought of leading statesmen that no universal peace can be accomplished without a United States of the world.

Russia as the kingdom of the north which will take part in the battle of Armageddon will in the coming days of anarchy, crush three ribs and extend her borders over all of Europe and Asia that did not belong to the Roman Empire, and under a dictatorship will continue to the end of the age. The rest of the world under the ten States as sort of working men's government will continue for three and one half years, but in the middle of the last week of years, this great intellectual giant, this great humanitarian socialist who is so greatly beloved by the world because he accomplished the establishment of peace and universal brotherhood among men will be assassinated or wounded by the sword unto death, the world will wonder and mourn his decease as it never has on the death of any living individual. His dead body will lay in State at Jerusalem, but suddenly he comes alive, his spirit has really departed, but the eighth spirit to be using the body of the seventh great prince of the earth or rather the spirit of the Anti Christ the man

of sin the son of perdition will take possession of his body. In coming to life he will be accepted by the Jews as their Messiah, having fulfilled all their scriptures and their expectations as to what the Messiah would do in making Jerusalem the chief city of the earth and establishing a universal brotherhood. The Pope, the only remaining ecclesiastical power will declare Him to be the Christ, the Savior, and with the consent of the Jews will place an image of him in the rebuilt temple at Jerusalem. To him will be given power to perform all manner of miracles, even to make fire come down from heaven. He will be the incarnation of all this christian scientific, spiritualistic, theosophical, I AM, stuff. So that sitting in the temple of God, he is declared to be God. The exaltation of the ego, the I AM, the self, so that the worship or edification of man is fast displacing the worship of God through the teaching of the above cults. The enthronement of the Anti Christ as the Christ will make him the worlds dictator of a socialistic empire, and an order goes forth backed up by the Pope who will become the false prophet of the Anti Christ, that you cannot buy or sell unless you have the mark of the beast and the number of his name in the right hand or forehead, this will simply be a reaction from universal brotherhood and the rule of a commune of ten men to a one man autocrat and one big union which will require, not a card or a badge but an absolute stamp in the right hand or forehead before they can transact any business and all will accept it who have ceased to worship God. Those refusing will be utterly slaughtered to join the white robed martyrs who are resting under the throne. History repeating itself will make it easy to understand this exaltation of the Anti Christ. When Rome could no longer stand, the rule of the rich and the iron heel of the tyrant they arose and killed the ruling class and slaughtered the rich. Establishing the plebiscite, out of which arose Ceasar the dictator. When France could not stand the same condition they guillotined the aristocracy slaughtering the rich, and establishing the Commune out of which came Napoleon the dictator, when Russia could not stand the bloody rule of the Czar she arose and slaughtered the rich and killed the ruling class, bolshevikism resulted, out of which will come a dictator who will rule to the end. When the rest of the nat-

ions can no longer stand the rule of the rich, of profiteers, they will rise enmasse and anarchy or the time of trouble will ensue followed by the establishment of ten States in a workingmens government out of which will arise the Anti Christ as the worlds dictator. The battle of Armageddon closing the age will be the result of the two great dictators ruling the world, one in Russia the other from Jerusalem, aspiring to worlds wide power or one man rule in the world. Their forces will push one at the other until Russia gathering all her militaristic powers will pass south, east of the Jordon into Egypt where gathering the forces of Ethiopia with her she turns back to utterly destroy the power of the Anti Christ in Jerusalem, who has gathered for his defense all the military power of his kingdom. The King of the north lays siege to Jerusalem, part of the city is taken, the houses rifled, the women ravished, at this juncture the heavens open and the Christ the King of glory begins his majestic descent. The scriptures imply that an armistice is signed between these contending forces and together they unite their forces in the Valley of Megeddo awaiting the descent of the Christ of God. His foot touches Mount Olivet, it splits in two, toward the north and the south leaving those who come with him in the valley made by the rent of the mountains and He passes down to the battle field alone, destroying the fighting forces of the world in one great battle. Triumphantly returning to the city of Jerusalem He will cleanse and purge the earth and with His resurrected saints in immortal, incorruptible bodies will reign over the entire world from sea to sea and pole to pole for the next thousand years.

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THING OF IT!

Millions of leaves, yet not a single duplicate.
Stars galore though each a differnt pattern.
Leaves—oceans of them—but minute
search has failed to find any two alike.

Even the trees and flowers, arrayed in
greatness of number, have defied the prying
hand to reveal a twin.

Convincing, sure, unchangeable, these
proofs of ruling Master over it all.

And God intended it so, since Satan had in
store the scoffing atheist and the infidel, who
calls it all just nature.

I prefer to call it GOD. Wall Wallace.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Dear Brother: I take occasion to acknowledge my high appreciation of the Apostolic Faith and to compliment you on getting the paper out each month by faith. It is surely like hearing from home with the added pleasure of not only hearing from saints already known and loved, but noting a steady increase in the family, born into the same likeness.. God has greatly blessed our work with the healing

gift and I feel the need of having superadded the power to cast out devils.

Thanking you for the good papers and the good work in His name, I am,

Yours very truly,

W. M. Allison, Miami, Okla.

Dear Brother in Christ: I received the Christmas number of the Faith paper and there is nothing better. May God bless the meetings. Your prayers have been answered. I am still praying for the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Maggie Day Barnett, Omaha, Neb.

I am with you in spirit this glad Christmas day, but a clasp of your hand in old fashioned way, would warm up my heart as I wish you good cheer, a right Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

H. O. Brown, Galveston, Texas.

Dear Brother Parham:

Having just read the December number of The Apostolic Faith, as well as all other numbers, I have received heretofore, decided to write you and include a small contribution. I have greatly enjoyed each paper, but some how this last one impressed me somewhat beyond the ordinary. Am glad to note the great number of the faithful relentless servants in the front ranks of the battle, forging aggressively forward in our Master's cause, whose voice and command they ever recognize and heed, He, being the Captain that never leads to defeat or fails of victory. May our Lord's richest blessings be with you.

T. W. Gray, Gray, Okla.

Dear Brother Parham:

I trust with confident expectation that this letter will find you in good health and finishing up a successful year in God's service and that he has given you many souls as a reward. The paper has been read with pleasure and has given us spiritual blessings. We will be pleased if you retain our names on the mailing list for another year.

Our family is blest by God with good health and by prosperity, and tho we may not be just where we should, we count ourselves as still continuing for the faith once delivered to the saints, and tho we have not the opportunity at

all times still love to sing the songs of Zion.

We pray that the Lord of glory will make the coming year your greatest in His service, that we may have the opportunity of hearing you in the near future declare His full counsel, that the Lord may give you greater faith, and that His spiritual blessings may brightly shine all along your way.

Your brother and sister thru Jesus.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Tucker,
Katy, Texas.

Never a Christmas morning, never the Old
Year ends,

But somebody thinks of somebody, Old days,
Old times, Old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ed Cabaniss, Katy, Texas

Dear Brother Parham:

Greetings to thee, and Fred too:

With others, have held a few meetings in the sticks, and school houses and out of the way places, and can report victory, for souls were saved and the sick were healed. It is some satisfaction to return to these places and see how remarkably well the young converts have held out and wanting the deeper things from the Lord. It is with the greatest interest and desire that I read your paper and after I have read it through I have occasion to refer to it time and again for it is food to my soul and a great help to me in my ministry. Then it helps me to keep in touch with the "gang".

Oh, there is a great joy in my heart just now for the Lord dwells there. And I know that I have passed from death unto life for I love the brethern. I am thankful for them who have love enough in their hearts to drive them into the remotest nooks and into the darkest region of the earth, just to tell the lost of a Saviour who saves.

I am really out for a closer walk with the Lord, and believing that your prayers will help greatly to bring this about, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Robert Denton, Baxter Springs, Kans.

Dear Brother Parham:—

I received one of your papers, and I sure did enjoy reading it. Well I guess you heard about the Polar meeting. We are having prayer meeting twice a week and Sunday school every Sunday. The Lord is blessing. Well I guess

you are having some good meetings in California. We will be glad to get a letter from you anytime you get a chance to write.

Yours for Jesus.

Corbett Clanton and Wife.
Polar, Texas.

My Dear Brother Parham:

I am writing you to send in my testimony for Jesus, He is so good to me. Keeps me under the blood that cleanses from all sin and keeps clean, praise His holy name.

Wife and I are tarrying for the Promise.

Your brother in Jesus precious name, looking for His coming.

Chas. I. Slaton, Canyon, Texas.

Dear Brother Parham:

Will write you a few lines today. The Lord sure has been good to us lately for which we are thankful. How soon after the holidays will it be before you will be in south Texas? We are anxious to see you.

You remember sometime ago I asked you to pray for us with reference to our financial condition. The Lord has certainly answered for He has permitted us to prosper, I believe more than we ever have. We are sure coming out, for which we are thankful to God for His blessings.

The Morton sisters are at Beasley now. Brother Bacon will be here today to work in Houston indefinitely. We hope soon to have a work established here and to be so situated for you to come for a big meeting, that it may be put over the top.

Please continue to send the paper to me.

We are as ever,

Arthur and Melissa Corl,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Brother Parham:

I will try and write you my testimony on healing. Some years ago, about 1905, I had a spell of the daugue fever and had to go home to Alvin, Texas. After being sick and getting no better but getting worse my father asked me if he should call for the elders to pray and annoint me with oil in obedience to the 5th chapter of James, we did so and as they had prayed for me the fever left me and I got up and went to church that night. I caught the train after meeting to my work, and Praise His

great name, it never did come back on me. Whenever God touches our body we can feel the disease leave.

W. H. Campbell, San Leon, Texas

Boatman, Okla.

Dear Brother Parham:

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I will write you a few lines in regard to the "Apostolic Faith" paper. I surely do appreciate the paper and think it is wonderful. It is good for the whole family to read.

The Lord has been a great helper and healer in our family. Less than a year ago my husband's lungs were so weak he coughed and spit up blood. Some of the saints at Eugene, Ore., anointed a handkerchief and sent him, and praise the Lord, he has never spit up another bit since. We can't live humble enough in the presence of our blessed Saviour and we ought not to do anything that would grieve Him.

I am persuaded to believe that the coming of the Lord draweth near. Many will say in that day,—Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name?—and in thy name done many wonderful works? Matt. 7:22.

Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. James 4:4.

Pray for us. Your sister in Christ.

Mrs. Annie Turner.

I am praising God for saving me, and healing me of a diseased jaw bone. A specialist treated me over a year, but could'nt cure me. But God healed me, sanctified me, and baptized me with His Holy Spirit, in less than a year. How I praise, love, and worship His Holy name.

Mrs. O. F. Wendt,

Box 264

Bellville, Texas.

COMPTON CALIFORNIA

We are glad to report that the revival fire is burning in the big tent at School and Culver Streets.

Chas. F. Parham of Baxter Springs, Kansas with world wide reputation as Evangelist, with musicians and singers, is starting a reign of terror to satan and the powers of darkness in Compton and surrounding country.

Attendance increases as the meeting progresses. People within a radius of one hundred miles, many of them old friends of the

Evangelist, who have been saved, healed or baptised with the Spirit under his ministry are attending the meeting.

Unique? Yes!, because of the fact that he uncompromisingly lifts, in this superficial age of religious teaching the Bible Standard.

As an original, independent thinker, in our judgment Mr. Parham ranks among the great men of this or any other age. With the Scriptures, history, facts and figures, reason, logic, eloquence, humor and sarcasm at his command, the modernist, evolutionist and sectarian alike, wither under the blaze of his eye and tone of his voice as he pleads for the faith once delivered to the saints, and pictures the oncoming doom of both church and nation that forget God.

There is not that air of indifference and flippancy on the part of the congregation that one so often finds in the modern revival, but as the messages go forth from this forceful and fearless preacher, under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, with such unusual power and effectiveness, seriousness is depicted on the countenances of the listeners, and old time Sinia conviction settles down and sinners, cut to the hearts by the power of God have sought pardon, backsliders reclaimed and nominal christians catching a new vision of Calvary and all it holds for them, are moving up.

The tent was crowded Sunday night to its utmost seating capacity and we are expecting in the near future to "enlarge the place of our habitation." Those who may be prejudiced against Pentecost, or the Full Gospel teaching are especially urged to attend these meetings and hear the truth from one who is not a novice but is able to give a reason for the hope he has within him.

E. L. Cooper,

Pastor North Side Full Gospel Tabernacle.

Compton, California.

SOME SPECIAL HEALINGS AT LAKE ELSINORE, CALIFORNIA.

One of the most remarkable healings of years is that of Mrs. Sol Owens of Lake Elsinore. Sister Owens was examined by different physicians who discovered a large inward growth which was pushing the organs of her body out of their normal position and caused her a great deal of pain and suffering. One of

her limbs would at times draw up and she could not straighten it out to walk upon it. On attending the meetings there she came up for prayer and after Brother Parham prayed for her she was completely healed and is now well and strong and preaching the gospel in that place.

Dr. Durham, a German lady who is a noted physician, having been graduated from many different Medical societies in Germany, South America and America, and who practiced in Argentine and many other places, came into the meetings in Elsinore. She had been injured in an accident 8 years ago and one hip and knee so badly injured that the consulting physicians of New York City said that she could never be benefited in any way. The knee cap had been broken and she was unable to kneel, or climb a stairway or raise her foot upon a step of any kind without taking the injured limb in her hands and lifting it up. After the first time in the prayer line she was wonderfully healed and can now kneel, climb stairs and walk with comfort and ease. Dr. Durham is a Roman Catholic but afterwards on talking with Brother Parham stated that she did not now need her beads to pray as she had God in her heart.

Adrian Rutquist, 1023 Wall St., Los Angeles, Cal., who attended the Elsinore meetings, had been afflicted for some time with a terrible case of rheumatism, was a dreadful sufferer. After being prayed for the swelling left his limbs and he was completely healed. Later that night after retiring, when the enemy tried to bring the same affliction upon him again he immediately arose from his bed called upon God and on pleading the blood of Jesus was delivered and the symptoms have never returned.

Mrs. Shepherd, wife of a prominent business man of Lake Elsinore was completely healed after many years of suffering and years of travel throughout the United States for her health. Mrs. Shepherd came into the meetings practically an invalid, walking with a cane, and her eyesight was also badly impaired, having worn glasses since she was seven years old. She is now wonderfully healed and her eyesight has been restored and she spends the afternoons visiting the sick sometimes walking a distance of 32 blocks or more a day. Her daughter Alice who is a student of the Elsinore High School and was compelled to wear glasses, re-

ceived healing for her eyes, was wonderfully saved and filled with the Holy Spirit.

These are only a few of the wonderful healings which occurred in the meetings. About 9-10 of all the people prayed for being healed. Surely Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.

One who attended the meetings.

PURPOSE OF REVIVAL TOLD

By A. R. Hammond, Pastor Community Chapel

Charles F. Parham of Baxter Springs, Kan., and a good company of workers, are holding revival services in the big tent one-half block north and one-half block west of the depot. The meetings will continue for at least two weeks longer and those loving old time religion should come. The meetings will be entirely undenominational so that people of all churches can assist without prejudice to their own church affiliations.

Mr. Parham has won a world's reputation as an evangelist and prophetic preacher. An orchestra is aiding in the music and singers of national reputation will sing. You will not be disappointed if you come.

Purpose: The restoration of Primitive Christianity with all its Gifts and Graces. This great religious movement of which Mr. Parham is the original preacher has won to its standards in 30 years, ten millions of people and thousands of preachers. It is said by the Ladies' Home Journal to be the most phenomenal movement known in religious history. The leading features: Conviction for sin, old time conversions, healing, sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Spirit. No church to join only a missionary movement. No collections, seats free. John Wesley taught the people of God who close this age will have all the gifts and graces of the early church and in vision saw a glorious church without spot or wrinkle washed in the blood of the lamb. Alexander Campbell, the original preacher of the Christian church, said: He expected the Christian church establishing unity among all believers to rise in all the gifts and graces of the early church. For the faith of the fathers, these evangelists are fighting.

Mr. Parham is seeking to raise the standard of Christianity to the simple, yet sublime level of the teachings of the Christ and the ministry

of the apostles. All ministers, singers and musicians are invited to come and assist in this campaign for God and souls.—The Compton News-Tribune.

BROTHER DAVE GIVENS GOES TO HIS REWARD.

Most of our readers know that we drove a thousand miles the first of December to pray for our dear Brother Givens, who was then in the article of death. A message came to me for him while enroute. That life or death was at his choosing, but if he lived, he must devote his whole life to God. The second return of consumption from which he had been so marvellously healed came when he gave up the ministry and took up secular work. With great will power he retained his life from the time we received the telegram until we arrived. Upon administering the sacrament he seemed to be delivered. And for three weeks his recovery seemed assured. But a few days before he died he seemed to grow weak, and said to his wife, "Whether I live or die, I am the Lord's man". His acceptance of God and the assurance of a welcome awaiting him from the precious Lord, seemed uppermost in his mind. The day before he passed on as his wife was writing to me he said, "tell him I am not prospering, but am fully prepared for whatever the Lord wills". On Sunday morning December the 27th, his wife helped him to a sitting position on the side of the bed, suddenly he fell forward upon the floor. When placed back upon the bed he breathed but a few times, and passed without speaking. Thus ended one of the most unique as well as blessedly saved men who have walked in our midst. He was beloved by hundreds of people who have heard him sing, and preach the gospel.

Friends from many States will desire to write help and comfort our dear Sister Givens in her sad bereavement. They can do so by addressing.

Mrs. Edna Givens,
1546 E. Jefferson St., Phoenix, Arizona.

JUDAISM SHAKEN TO ITS FOUNDATION

Rabbi Wis's statements regarding Jesus the Christ bids fair to lead many of the Jews to accept Christ.

Jews from babyhood have been taught that

Christ was a myth and not a man. Dr. Wise now states that He was a teacher, a prophet, and that they accept Him as one of the world's greatest teachers, rejecting only His claims to be the Son of God. Dr. Wise's position as perhaps the greatest teacher among the Jews today, and as head of the great Zionistic movement lent tremendous emphasis to his statement. The daily papers have been full of it. Great Rabbi's have commented upon it. Orthodox Jews have resented it. Reform Jews have heralded it as a great step toward advancement toward liberty of thought among the Jews. It really opens the way for a union of many Jewish congregations with many so called christian congregations, such as Unitarians who reject the Divinity of Christ and only accept Him as a great teacher.

No such controversy has ever shaken Judaism. Practically every synagague in America heard discourses upon this particular point last Sunday. The case of Dr. Wise has profound bearing upon the future of religious life. The statement of leading Rabbis is here—with appended.

Rabbi Dudolph Grossman, preaching in the temple Roepph Sholon pleaded for tolerance and a true understanding of one another that is born of sympathy and genuine knowledge. He said:

"Whether a man be a Christian of a Jew, Buddhist or a Moslem under a different name; it is the same truth he seeks, though along different paths; it is the same happiness that he desires, through it be clothed in a different garb.

Rabbi Maurice H. Harris at the Temple Israel said: Judaism and Christianity have an intimate and indissoluble relation. History fails to show any other instance in which two separate religions are so closely linked."

Dr. Samuel Gup of Providence, said: When Rabbi Wise tells his congregation that Jesus was a man, he is not precipitating anything new and startling upon Judaism.

That there are Jews who believe that Jesus was a man and not a myth does not constitute an issue upon which Jews need fear a new modernist-fundamentalist debate."

Rabbi Samuel Hirschberg at Temple Emanu-El, Milwaukee, entered the conflict with the assertion; "I have no doubt of the historic reality of such a person as Jesus of Naz

areth."

Rabbi Samuel Yalon of Syracuse said: "Rabbi Wise is absolutely wrong in his view and interpretation of Jewish opinion about the Nazarene.

Rabbi Benjamin Fried of the same city differed with this opinion; "Rabbi Wise and I hold the same view points about the position of Jesus of Nazareth in the religious realm. The Jews recognize in the teachings of Jesus the teachings of our own rabbis.

EVOLUTION

So many are utterly asleep as to the dangers involved in the teaching of evolution. This is the most astounding teaching that has ever struck the world making a most cowardly dastardly attack upon the christian religion.

If evolution is true then there was no creation as recorded in Genesis, consequently no fall, and if there was no fall, it makes the sacrifice of Jesus Christ of none effect, unnecessary and a farce. The people should be aroused everywhere to see to it that these things are not taught their children in the public schools. everywhere we go they tell us they are able to keep their children in Sunday school until they enter the high school, where the teaching of scientific facts, regarding evolution destroys their fear of God, their faith in the Bible as the word of God and gross immorality with petting parties and license to do anything that happens to arise as a craving in their system is now common among the rising generation. These things are being taught in many Sunday schools from many pulpits and are often hinted at in the grade schools while the higher branches of education do not pretend to teach anything else. The newspapers, throughout the world hurled at the State of Tennessee all manner of ridicule and scorn regarding their ignorance and backwoodsy condition when she sought to eliminate the teaching of evolution from the State.

The heaping of ridicule upon anyone who yet believes the Bible is driving thousands of people over to the more popular side, they don't want to be considered as ignoramasus, but up to date, and sort of super-intellectuals. The time has come for christians to be aroused and refuse to pay a cent of salary to teachers and preachers who teach this damnable stuff, this brew of hell, this spawn of Satan, and unite to-

gether to drive the so called self styled super-intellectuals in modern schools and pulpits, back to the jungle and up the cocoanut tree where they can preach their theories to their ancestors. A boycott should be established against every preacher who teaches the doctrine. Preachers who teach this doctrine have no claim upon the christian churches for their support and if modernism, evolutionary, baboon champanzee, Orangatang stuff is true, we just as well close our churches and seek a new religion, which is really now predicted by imminent scientists.

After all, this conflict will be the means of purging the church of the living God, for the real ones will stand by the word. And out of the conflict will come a pure and holy and grander faith in the living God. Let us not try to avoid this conflict, but let us enter it with heads erect, proud of the Faith of our Fathers, and if we go down let us go down with the flag flying.

Truly the sheep and the goats, the wheat and the tares are being manifested. Nothing is more sure than that the christian religion is on trial, and the way of the Anti Christ and the mark of the beast is being made ready. And great persecution awaits those who are ready to stand by the Bible and its glorious teachings.

I shall devote my time, utmost strength and ability to defend the faith, stand by the cross, and uphold the atonement of Christ.

RELEASE

Slaves to the demon discontent.

Yoked to the fetters of sin.

Grime of lust upon our feet.

Nothing of good within.

Yet surely man cannot thus travel.

Perchance there is means of escape,

Some loophole, some way of deliverance,

That sinner and saint can take.

To the rescue comes only one offer,

One Spirit, one Savior, one Truth,

Jesus, Son of the Master,

Rise up—be strengthened in faith.

He is our generous ransom.

Release from sin's crushing tide.

Lamb of God, mercif'ly offered.

Jesus—and Him crucified.

—Wall Wallace.

PROMISES TO OVERCOMERS

"Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us." (Rom. viii, 37.)

"Through God we shall do valiantly, for He it is that shall tread down our adversaries." (Ps. lx, 12.)

"To him that overcometh, to him will I give of the hidden manna." (Rev. ii, 17.)

"To him that overcometh, to him will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God." (Rev. ii, 7.)

"He that overcometh, and he that keepeth My works until the end, to him will I give authority over the nations." (Rev. ii, 26.)

"He that overcometh shall thus be arrayed in white garments." (Rev. iii, 5.)

"He that overcometh, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God." (Rev. iii, 12.)

"He that overcometh, I will give to him to sit down with Me in My throne." (Rev. ii, 21.)

"He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be My son." (Rev. xxi, 7.)

 OBITUARY

Marie E. Waterbury, wife of Evangelist, S. E. Waterbury, passed away January 13, at 10:30 a. m., at the home of Brother H. H. Mace, Joplin, Mo., after a short sickness. Her faith failed her not at the crucial hour, she fought a good fight and kept the faith. Quietly yielding to the Father's will, she answered the call, and entered into her rest. In her last public testimony, she expressed the thought that she was weary with the cares of life, and was longing for the time "when all should know the Lord," and the Christ should come. Her loved ones have the comforting assurance that she was ready to meet him.

Sister Lou Love, of Galena, Kan., preached the funeral sermon in the large Bethany Presbyterian church at Joplin, Mo., Jan. 16, at 2 p. m. The church was filled with loving friends, and God inspired the message with words of sweet comfort. Many at a distance, who couldn't come, added to the beautiful floral offerings, bespeaking their loving sympathy. A wonder spirit of Christian love prevailed, as brothers and sisters in the one great family of God. Earnest prayers will continue to be offered that God will comfort Brother Waterbury, his son Charles and the other relatives in their sor-

row. Those wishing to write our brother may address him, Cave Springs, Ark.

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 Last night as I slept, I saw a lady, fair and tall walking down a straight and narrow path, with trees and shrubery on either side. As she walked along she planted a flower here and there never stopping to rest but kept trudging along looking on either side. Now and then she would come to a large tree and soft grass inviting her to stop and rest but she kept willingly pressing on. Where the trees were the most fragile she planted the most flowers.

As the slope grew steeper she seemed to bend a little more but kept on going till she had planted the last flower. When she reached the top she turned and looked back with an awe.

Then turning to the Eastern Horizon, with gold shining on her face she folded her hands and at last laid down to rest—'Twas Sister Waterbury, I looked and she was gone.

C. O. Smith.

 BILLY SUNDAY FLAYS DOGMA OF MODERNIST

Chicago, Dec. 21.—(By Associated Press.) —The Rev. William "Billy" Sunday, evangelist returned yesterday to Chicago, where he was converted thirty-seven years ago, to deliver three fiery attacks on modernists and rum. "Science and religion can never be reconciled," he said at Moody Church in attacking modernism in religion. "If we are going to believe these modernists who attack old time religion, we might just as well tear down our churches."

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 Thank God, there's still a vanguard
 Fighting for the right!
 Though the throng flock to rearward,
 Lifting ashen-white
 Flags of truce to sin and error,
 Clasp hands, mute with terror,
 Thank God, there's still a vanguard
 Fighting for the right!

 THE FIRST COVENANT WITH PROMISE
 —OBEY THE VOICE OF GOD

"Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Put your burnt offerings unto your sacrifices, and eat flesh, For I spake not unto your

fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices; But this thing commanded I them, saying, OBEY MY VOICE, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well with you." Jer. 7:21, 23.

These are the words of God to Jeremiah, to be delivered to the children of Judah at Jerusalem. God is calling them to mind that he did not speak about burnt offerings or sacrifices when he spoke to the children of Israel with his own voice, the whole congregation being gathered together at the foot of Mount Sinai to hear God speak, and when they heard God's voice they were exceedingly afraid and as soon as God had finished speaking the Ten Commandments they drew away and told Moses to go near and hear what God had to say to them, and he could tell them and they would do it. This was really not the first covenant that God made with them, but the one he was about to make was the only one he ever made with them direct, speaking to them by his own voice. The promise of a covenant was made through Moses and the condition was, if they would obey His voice. They had not heard it yet, but sent word by Moses, saying, "All that the Lord hath spoken we will do." Then the Lord proceeds to make arrangements for them to meet with God and hear his voice. The arrangements were all made according to the nineteenth chapter of Exodus, but the record of what God said to them is recorded in the first part of the twentieth chapter. God started off by introducing himself, saying, "I AM THE LORD THY GOD WHICH HAVE BROUGHT THEE OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT, OUT OF THE HOUSE OF BONDAGE." Thus he was telling them just who he was so there would be no mistake about whom they were listening to, that they might consider what was spoken, always. Then God called Moses up into the mount and gave him a written copy of what he said, and told Moses to put it in the Ark.

When they asked God not to speak to them any more He promised to send them the prophets who would speak for him, and told them, "Not to touch his anointed, and to do his prophets no harm." That is the reason he sent them prophets to make his will known to them, and the prophets were in reality delivering to

them the VOICE OF GOD. And they had promised to obey the voice of God, but they did not do it, and God made them pay for their rebellion.

God also promised them a special prophet that would tell them all that he would say to them. It is recorded thus, "The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken; According to all that thou desiredst of the Lord thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not. And the Lord said unto me, They have well spoken that which they have spoken. I will raise them up a prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and I will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him." Deut. 18:15, 19.

This prophet that God promised was Jesus Christ, and it will be noticed that God said, whosoever would not hear that prophet, God would require it of him. When Peter quotes this passage in his discourse to the people at the Temple just after the healing of the man who was impotent in his ankles, he says, "For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people. Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days. Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed. Unto you first, God, having raised up his son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities. Acts 4:22, 26. Jesus said the words which he spake were not his words, but the words of God the Father who sent him. St. John 14:24. They were in reality the voice of God. And as much as we are the recipients of this covenant, these words apply to us, they

are the voice, or the words of God to us. **THE VOICE OF GOD.**

God is still speaking by the Holy Ghost through those who are filled with the Holy Ghost, the same as the Apostles were. When the Holy Ghost speaks it is the **VOICE OF GOD.** Jesus said, "Take heed how ye hear." God speaks today to those who are near and dear to him, the same as he always has, as he did to Jesus, and to the Apostles. "If you would hear his voice harden not your hearts," **OBEY HIS VOICE.** Read the following Scriptures: Ex., chapter 19 and 20; Deut. 4:9, 15 and 32, 36; 5:1, 30; 8:19, 20; 9:8, 11; 10:1, 5; Acts 7:37, 38; Heb. 12:18, 29.

Henry G. Tuthill, Evang.

SUBDUED

Before God can launch us out into the breadth and sweetness of His service and entrust to us great things for Himself, we must be perfectly subdued in every part of our nature to His will and the disposition of His mind. We must be subdued in our hearts, in our wills, in our words, in our tempers, in our manners; subdued through and through so thoroughly that we will be flexible to all His purposes and plans. We must be so subdued that harshness, severity, criticism, sluggishness, laziness, impetuosity and all wanting our own way even in religious matters, must be subdued out of us. Conversion will not finish this work, and perhaps not in one case out of a thousand will the second work of grace produce this complete condition of teachable subjugation to God's Spirit. Being able to preach strong sermons on sanctification will not do it, or having charge of camp meetings, or conventions, or Bible schools, or the writing of books and editing papers on Christian holiness will not prove adequate for this grace.

We must be subdued not merely in our own opinion, not merely think ourselves subdued but subdued so perfectly that the allseeing eye of God can look us through and the omniscient One knows that we are subdued. God must conquer the man that He can trust with His great thoughts and plans.

The Holy Ghost must saturate us with a divine conquest before He can use us to conquer other souls. The Lord will begin to subdue us with gentle means, and if we sink lovingly and promptly into His mind, the work will

be done but if we have flint or iron in our nature and it is necessary He will use heroic means and put us between the millstones and grind us to powder, until He can mould us without any resistance to His purpose. The greatest difficulty in the way of God's using His servants, even His zealous and oftentimes sanctified servants, is that they are not perfectly, universally, and constantly subdued under the power of God.

We must be so subdued as to stop meddling with other people's matters that God has not entrusted us with; so subdued as not to be calling God's servants hard names, and thrusting at Christians who are doing what they can in their various fields for the Master; so subdued that we can hold our tongues, and walk softly with God, keep our eyes upon Jesus, attend to our own work, and do God's will promptly and lovingly, glad to have a place in His kingdom and to do a little service for Him.

Oh! it is grand to be absolutely conquered by the Holy Ghost, and swing out a thousand miles from everybody and everything into the ocean of God's presence, and work with Him in humility, without chafing, without fault-finding, without stumbling over others, without religious peevishness, and bend with every plan that God gives to us.

When we are subdued in the sight of God, He will work miracles in us and through us: miracles of mercy and power in experience, in healing, in finance, in opening doors, in widening the fields of service, in gentleness and sweetness of the inner heart life, miracles of grace that will astonish us and surprise our friends and utterly amaze our enemies when they come to know the magnitude of what God has wrought. Let us get subdued in every way, in everything; so subdued that we can keep still in God and see Him work out the great, bright thoughts of His eternal mind in our lives.—Author Unknown.

ALONE WITH GOD

Every true servant or prophet of God has seen the time when he felt himself alone forsaken by all except his God. Elijah, When he said, "And I, even I only, am left" 1st, Kings 19-14. Paul said, "No man stood with me, but all men forsook me. 2nd, Tim, 4:16. Jesus, When all his disciples had forsook him and fled. Math. 26:56. Jacob was alone when he found

the Lord, Gen. 32:24. And after that, the Scriptures sayeth, "The Lord alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him. Deut. 32:12.

Another that walked alone with God was old Father Abraham. God Said "I called him alone, and blessed and increased him". So be not discomfited my lone brother if all men forsake you, For God will bless you and increase you.—J. M. Barnes, Carthage, Mo.

THEY NEED CHRIST

In a life of Ramabai written by Helen S. Dyer this picture is given of a child-widow and the following description.

"This poor little child, married at the age of five to a man forty years her senior, became a widow at six. She was left in charge of her husband's brother, a Brahmin innkeeper in a country district, a day's journey by rail from Poona. As the child grew up, she became a regular little slave, beaten and half-starved. She was employed constantly in going backwards and forwards to a well a quarter of a mile away to fetch water, which she carried on her hips and her head in great copper vessels. She was very miserable and her treatment was no secret to the people around."

Writing about the woman of Indian, in the *Missionary Review* Julia R. Gibson says:—

"Infanticide is common in Indian, but girls are the chief victims. Among the Rajputs of Northern India some years ago in a community of 30,000 people there was not a single girl. This fact alone might help to elucidate the meaning of another rather pertinent saying: "The parents look after the boys and God looks after girls." Alas! Many of them are but the helpless victims of the old mid-wife's thumb on the exposed brain ere breath has been drawn. Some are drowned; some are left for the jackals; others are disposed of in various ways. If, perchance, they escape these methods, they are cruelly neglected until they die.

"What poison is that which appears like nectar?" "Woman."

"What is the chief gate of hell?" "Woman."

"What is cruel? The heart of a viper. What is more cruel? The heart of a woman. What is most cruel of all? The heart of a soulless, penniless widow."

Thus read some of the Hindu proverbs on woman. Is it possible to conceive anything

more heartless than the last quoted proverb—"the heart of a soulless, penniless widow?"

A similar sentiment was expressed by Buddha when he rejoiced that he had escaped the three curses of being born in hell, or as a vermin, or as a woman.

Dubois, an Indian Historian says:—

"Her husband may be crooked, aged, infirm, offensive in his manners let him; also be choleric and dissipated, irregular, a drunkard, a gambler, a debauchee; let him live in the world destitute of honour; let him be deaf or blind, his crimes and infirmities may weigh him down but never shall his wife regard him but as her god."

Mrs. W. S. Urquhart in "The Goal of India" says:—

It is doubtful if the sufferings of early motherhood, terrible as they are, can be compared with the life-long penance imposed upon child-widows. It is almost superfluous to do more than mention this subject, so often written about. It has recently given rise to agitations among Hindu reformers themselves. So painful is this topic in zenana that the name "widow" is scarcely ever spoken. One soon learns that it is considered unkind to say to a woman, "Are you a widow?" One finds out indirectly. "Since when has she been thus?" You may ask in a whisper of someone not too closely related. There is usually little need to ask. The marks of her forlorn state are plain to all. Grey-faced and meagre through much fasting, shaven and without ornament of any kind, dressed in a coarse and dingy sari and wearing withal the look of one inured to a colourless and joyless existence, she presents an appearance strikingly pathetic and mournful. Her signs of grief must be worn perpetually. To a woman with sons who has known and loved her husband, this life of penance may have some meaning and some solace; but what can it be for those who have no such compensating memory of joy?

The widow is to be regarded not only as afflicted but as accursed. Have not the gods given this signal punishment for the deeds done in a former existence? May she not fairly be counted as the cause of her husband's death and may not her advent be resented by his family? Her presence is regarded as an ill omen; therefore she is not allowed to appear at festive gatherings lest she should cast a

blight on the good fortune of others. It is easy to imagine the effect of such a position upon the mind of the widow, and to understand why, in the first hours of her bereavement, she screams and roars madly like a beast in pain, tearing her hair, casting off her garments, and sometimes passing through excess of emotion from one fit into another. Her behavior for a long period is like that of one demented: even suicide by self-starvation is sometimes attempted."

Statistics say that there are twenty-six millions of widows in India. When we consider that many of these are under ten years of age and think of the lot of the Hindu widow, we may get a faint idea of the enormous amount of sorrow, shame and suffering which these figures reveal. We who have been brought up in Christian lands can never fully understand the shame and sorrow of the Hindu widow. We say shame; for to have to go with shaven head, and be considered the cause of her husband's death, and her very presence as causing harm, is enough to cause any one to want to slink out of sight and die. It is no wonder that many of these widows, even in childhood, lose all interest in life and waste away and die.

If any people of any land need Christ surely the women of this land do. Whether wives or widows, their lot is the lot of a woman in heathendom, that is to be despised and downtrodden and to be considered nothing much better than a beast of burden. Here is where the cow and the monkey are sacred and the woman despised, because they are without Christ. Christ and Christ alone can bring to them hope and joy for this life and the life to come.

If we could but comprehend a small part of their sufferings we would praise Christ for all he has saved us from, and with a heart of sympathy do what we can to bring them the same salvation which we enjoy.

"Millions are dying—

I can hear their bitter wail;

How dare I face them

If to help I fail!

Can I let them perish,

Souls for whom the Savior died.

Live in ease and comfort

While they are denied?

J. E. Norton.

SANCTIFICATION

Every device is being used to deceive the children of God, and if possible keep them from coming in to possession of their inheritance.

Anything to confuse and scatter the people is being taught, and as humanity is continually seeking an easy way, the easier is as continually being presented by perversion of the Scripture.

Though some advocates of the "second work" have brought it into disrepute by falseness in exposition of doctrine and failure to live the professed life, yet that two works are taught is plain according to the written Word.

"This is the will of God, even your sanctification." "You hath He quickened who were dead in trespasses and sins." There must be conception before birth. Jesus said: "Ye must be born again." If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." To forgive sins (actual transgressions) and to cleanse from all unrighteousness are not synonymous, as shown by construction of sentence, and also by different meaning of words used.

Sins (actions) can be forgiven, but sin (the nature) cannot be forgiven, for its origin begins with the fall of man. David says, "shaped in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me." Yet there is a provision made for the removal of the law of sin, and the renewing of a right spirit within.

Paul speaks as a converted man (for the carnal mind is enmity against God) when he says, "with the mind, therefore, I serve God, yet I find a warring in my members, and when I would do good, evil is present with me."

In this condition he cried out, "O, wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" The answer is then given, "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord."

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus." (Rom. 8:1.) Christ in you the hope of glory" describes the justified experience, but to be in Christ means to be a partaker of His sufferings in sacrifice as a gift for service.

"Christ is not, as some teach, the altar, but He is the Gift upon the altar. A sinner cannot consecrate himself and become a part of the Gift "who is the Son consecrated forevermore,"

but a Christian or quickened soul can.

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." He was the "Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." This was the general plan of God for the blotting out of sins, but "Christ so loved the Church that He gave Himself for it, that He might sanctify and cleanse it, that He might have a glorious church without spot or wrinkle."

"Christ, that He might sanctify His people, suffered without the gate." "Let us go forth therefore without the camp, bearing His reproach." Sanctification means to be cleansed and set apart for God. The sinner can only surrender, be pardoned and quickened into life by His spirit.

"Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." "By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in the hope of the glory of God." Being justified, there is access by faith to another grace found through an act of consecration which brings us into Christ, where there is no condemnation because the law of disobedience is cleansed out, and the law of obedience found in Christ, operating, works "both to will and to do His good pleasure."

In the Old Testament times the high priest offered yearly sacrifices for the sin of the people and the daily sacrifices morning and evening. (Lev. 16:15; Heb. 10:3; Num. 28:3,4. Sanctification—Eph. 5:26; Heb. 10:10.)

Of what use were these types if there is only one work of grace? It is not necessary to wander in the wilderness forty years as did the Children of Israel before reaching Canaan; but the converted soul may step into the promised land as soon as the invitation is heard through the Spirit of God.

Though arrived at by a growth, sanctification is a crisis reached through consecration, which must come to every Christian living in obedience, though the experience is not always labeled, and many have lived and are living the consecrated life without knowledge of spiritual terms and phraseology.

This act, however, does not make the individual absolutely perfect as taught by some. The self-life still remains to "die daily," but as the consecration vow is kept fresh each day "by

walking in the light as He is in the light, the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth from all sin," and is a continual work under the law of obedience.

Sanctification, or the "new birth," is being put in the proper condition to grow.

The seed planted in the ground is quickened before it appears above the earth (when it becomes "first the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear.") There is also the chicken life before the shell is broken, so is life in different phases.

Though justification or initial sanctification is necessary, the Christian life without consecration and the new birth, which delivers from the "body of death" (sin), Rom. 7:24), can never come to perfection any more than the seed under the ground or the unhatched chick can reach maturity.

This is, then, the perfection of which Paul speaks, (Phil. 3:15), "Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded;" yet he plainly says he has not attained, neither is already perfect (verse 12), but "forgetting those things which are behind," he presses toward the mark for the prize of the high calling" of God in Christ Jesus. Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not appear what we shall be"—"But every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself even as He is pure."

The imputed righteousness received by the purified heart must be wrought out in the life by a sanctified walk; the law of disobedience is not only cleansed out but kept out because the law of obedience is operating through the consecrated life.

The work of our Christ for the full redemption of man was "finished" and "complete" when He died on the cross and rose triumphant over every foe, yet as He the Captain of our salvation, was made perfect through suffering, so those who would be like Him must step out the life He orders, faith making the Christ within a living power that really "changes from glory to glory," until again the "finished work" is revealed; for that which was made possible by His death has been attained by obedience to a living Christ, and the Sons of God are made manifest as the fullness of salvation appears through the "Adoption, to-wit, the redemption

of our bodies," and this mortal puts on immortality.

"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly, and I pray God your whole spirit, soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He who has called you, who also will do it."

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**"NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY
MY SPIRIT SAITH THE LORD"**

When life seems to be filled with sickness, sorrow, discouragements and financial troubles of all kinds, then is the time that a person can receive immediate aid by turning to the Great Physician. If you are among the dear ones whose heart is nearly breaking because of unhappy conditions there is an unfailing remedy. You can right your entire environment by turning your thoughts to God. Try this method. These instructions are to those many mothers in quiet homes whose load seems to heavy to bear.

On this brilliant morning when all the world thrills with life and activity, you are there within your four walls, overcome with the grief of life. You are ill, the weekly income is not sufficient for expenses, perhaps the children are quarrelsome or there may be some deeper cause for sorrow. The more trouble you have, the greater need there is for you to turn to the Father.

Stop right where you are in the middle of the morning's duties, go to your room or some other quiet place, sit down in a comfortable chair and have a quiet talk to God about it. Place yourself and your home in His care. Tell Him all of those little griefs and sorrows just as you have written them to me, but do not stop there. The next steps are the most important ones. Say: "And now dear Father, I do not know what has brought all of this unhappiness and trouble about, but I do know that you can RIGHT the situation. You can direct me and guide me in all things and you can put health in place of sickness, plenty in place of lack and you can establish your beautiful harmony in our household. You have said, 'Before they call I will answer,' and I am going to give thanks RIGHT NOW for our health and happiness and for the Divine love that fills our

home."

Talk to the Father in this way. When you have thanked Him for His goodness and love then get up and with a glad and joyous heart, resume your day's work, and if thoughts of the various annoyances creep into your mind, say, "That is in God's care and I know this situation has been righted."

Your duty does not stop even there. You must take up your life and live it, doing all that you can to make your home systematic, orderly, healthy and happy and to fill it with God's love.

Proceeding along this line, you will soon find that the magic of God's Love has transformed your entire surroundings.

By Flavia Gaines Leitch.

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**SENDS DOLLAR TO SQUARE 2 CENT TOLL
EVASION**

Pittsburgh, Nov. 28—"A Thrill theft" of 34 years ago came to light yesterday when Allegheny county received \$1 by mail. It will be referred to the county commissioners and doubtless will find its way into the county treasury.

The payee, anonymous, wrote that 34 years ago he stole—just to see if he could do it—a trip, on foot, across one of the bridges over the Allegheny River from Pittsburgh to the then separate City of Allegheny. He thus boldly evaded payment of a toll of two cents. Having become "a saved man" since that time, the lead penciled letter stated, he wanted to square the debt.

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Oklahoma City, Okla.

Praise the Lord. I am so glad today that I can report victory and that my sins are all under the blood. I am rejoicing in the hope that my Saviour is soon coming and by His grace I expect to be ready to meet Him. He keeps me by His mighty power when I am well and heals me when I am sick. I was healed of influenza when I was at death's door in answer to prayer. Prayer is the key that unlocks the door to Heaven. Praise Him. My soul is just bubbling over with joy and peace and love. Oh, how I love Him and I love everyone of His children too. Pray for us. Yours,

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