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*I am the Resurrection
and the Life:*

*He that believeth in me,
though he were dead, yet
shall he live.*

John 11:25



EDITORIAL

I Believe You Would

If you had an opportunity to help the great cause of Christ, would you? Sure, I believe you would!

The office equipment of the Apostolic Faith REPORT is very meager. It's value would fall below \$200.00 by appraisal. We need a new typewriter. In fact one man has started a typewriter fund with a fine offering of \$25.00. A school girl has added \$1.30 to the fund. This is the separate from the other expenses, this is an individual project. I believe you will help. Do not rob another of the Lord's projects, but help bear this need if you feel so led. God bless you!

The itemized expenditures in the financial statement do not include any personal or traveling expenses. We have made no charge for our services. We thoroughly appreciate all of you that have stood by the "REPORT" in the past and know you will continue.

SCRIPTURES

A bright little boy once took the Bible from the center-table of his father's home and turned its dusty pages and said: "Mother, is this God's Book?" "Certainly," was the good mother's reply. "Well, I think we had better send it back to God, for we don't use it here," said the little fellow. This is a fair picture of many a home and the way the Bible is treated. The center-table Bible is a catch-all. It is a place for relics, letters, poetry and pressed flowers. He has revealed to us words of truth and grace, and like David, we should meditate upon His word by day and by night. The Scriptures are sufficient to make us wise unto salvation. Christ says, we are sanctified by them. Paul says, we are begotten by them. Peter says, we are born again by them.

— Public Speakers Library

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SECOND ANNUAL

Prayer Conference in the 49th State

WELCOME TO OUR INDOOR CAMP MEETING

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SPENARD CHAPEL, Spenard, Alaska

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PLAN TO COME!

You'll be glad you came!

Seeking Jesus

By JOHN WHIPPLE

MATTHEW 28:5-6, "And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."

Of the four seasons in the year there is no greater time of expectancy and joy than springtime. Volumes of poems, books, and essays have been written and all manner of analogies made concerning this great season of the year. But with all of its grandeur there is no greater joy than the coming of Easter and with it the newness of life that comes with spring. Easter! Joy Unspeakable and full of Glory, the completeness and fullness of Jesus Christ, the resurrection. Spring! Easter! Out of the dusty ground shoot forth the new sprouts of life. In time if we faint not, out of the dust of the earth will shoot forth new life, life, life never before lived, life eternal through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Those who are alive, Paul said, will be changed, **"Behold I shew you a mystery; We shall not sleep, but we shall all be changed. For this corruption must put on incorruption, this mortal must put on immortality."** To those who follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth Easter is a promise of a glorious redemption.

Easter, and the glorious triumph of the church, has not always been understood and never as keenly felt as with the darkest hour ever known in their short lives. To them there was little comfort or hope in a Christ who lay on a slab in a tomb. The picture presented a body wrapped in grave clothes. No doubt Matthew had more to tell us in these scriptures than just the fact that these women visited the tomb. He wanted us to experience and feel with them the torture, dismay, and agony of the hour. Also he wanted us to feel the fears, perplexities, difficulties, trials of faith and the triumph, victory, and joy which came through consecrated service.

The Christian's victory is in the tomb where we have our hope through the resurrection of Christ. It was here these early Christians found themselves, conquered their fears, dedicated their lives at the way of the cross. Let us rejoice today with Paul that we are not left in this huge world without a hope. Paul says, 1 Cor. 15:19-20, **"If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. But now is Christ risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that slept."** May we pause here and ask God to enlighten our hearts and help us to gain the wisdom and knowledge contained in this small incident and the words, phrases, and points I shall draw out in the following discourse.

Let us draw our attention to the search made by these women. It was a definite search, a search for the real and the tangible in contrast to the aimlessness of the world about them. Most of the world at this early hour was asleep . . . the condition of the world at that time and the condition of the world as a whole today. With this idea we see a point needed in the Christian life today. Too many people were drifting with every wave of doctrine and fancy, going to and fro, seeking something they knew not what. This story is being retold in the lives of many Christians in 1960. These women, however, had one thing in mind, **find Jesus and do what they could for Him.** There is still plenty room or a soul-searching faith in the church today and if it could be found and turned loose the result would be miracles, signs following, both the individual and the group.

On this Easter at sunrise the journey to the tomb tells that they sought one thing. JESUS. Their attention was undivided. An idea giving us a sidelight as to the condition of the world at the time Matthew is writing. The human tendency is for our minds to be drawn away from the Saviour and placed on other things. I hear some of the Apostles before

this saying, **"I go fishing"**. I hear people complaining today, "The day is too short". Time gets away because we have too many interests. The Apostle conveys to us life has but one goal and he recognizes it will take time-out to attend to the more precious things in life. Easter! Glorious Easter! Have we forsaken thee? Today's commercialism, unconcern, sleepishness, and lack of faith express a different picture from that of these women coming to the tomb.

Before the tomb at this early hour there could be nothing but sorrow in the hearts of these humble women. Sorrow with tears for a life so dear to them, blessings which ceased. I can think of no darker hour in the life of an individual than those spent without a Savior. Never before in the experience of these women had they felt such a loss as at this hour. The greater part of the world of people go down life's road without taking notice of the best things in life. They never know what it means to love deeply, to give out more than they take. In their expression of love for the Saviour is contained an humble devotion with no desire for personal gain. It was Paul who said, **"It is more blessed to give than receive."** Again Matthew reminds us here in 1960 that Jesus looks for and loves the sincere, the loving, the giver of more than is received.

The Search, not a search of God looking for us, but a search, an eternal search, for the way, a narrow way of service bringing us to a knowledge or rebirth. One desire was manifested before the tomb, a desire to serve Him.

Life is full of difficulties. These women as they made their journey to the tomb were not exceptions. Fear came into their hearts and into their imaginations. Fears became a great mountain standing in their way. We face many of the same type of mountains placed in our paths by Satan. Many a Pilgrim is defeated, before he even gets started, by natural fears. Many of the fears are worries which never come true, haunt the heart and harass our faith in God.

A great fear which came into the minds of these women was a logical natural one, **"Who will roll away the stone."** They had witnessed the sealing of the tomb and knew how many

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BOX 383**Perryton, Texas**

Dear Bro. Regier:

I want to write a few lines to send \$10 for the paper. We enjoy reading it so much.

Friends in Christ
Ruth & John Spencer
Cherryvale, Kansas

Dear Sir:

We have enjoyed the "Report" so much in the past. Trusting the Lord it will continue to be a paper to tell the wonderful story of Jesus and His Love!

We, too, would like so much to have the "Articles of the Doctrines of the Apostolic Faith" reprinted in the "Report."

We, also want to thank God for the wonderful message Bro. LaMunyan gave: "Faith That Honors God." Praise the Lord! That's my testimony --to have "Faith That Honors God!"

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Lloyd and
Mrs. Sadie Holden
Wichita, Kansas

We do enjoy the "Apostolic Faith Report" so much, and look forward to each issue. May the Lord richly bless you each one as you labor for Him. I am sending an offering for the paper.

Christian love and prayers,
Lella and Clarence Peck
Katy, Texas

Dear Bro. Regier:

I'm sending another dollar for the "Report". May the Lord bless you as editor of the "Report." And may He increase the circulation of it. I'm praying daily for you and the "Report."

Your brother in Christ,
J. W. Elliott
Tyler, Texas

Dear Bro. Regier:

Greetings in Jesus' precious name: I really enjoy and appreciate the "Apostolic Faith Report." I read it through each time I get it. May God bless your work for Him. I'm enclosing a small offering for the paper.

Sincerely,
Mr. and Mrs. Travis Flowers

EXCERPTS**BOX 133****Hardesty, Okla.**

Dear Editor:

Enclosed you will find my \$1 for this month's "Report." It gets better every month.

God bless you all.
Iva Mae Kelsey

Dear Bro. Regier:

I enjoy reading the "Report." I enjoy the Minister's reports. I am sending \$2 for the "Report."

Earnest Brisendine
Laverne, Oklahoma

Dear Bro. Regier:

Just a few lines to let you know I really enjoy reading the "Report." It certainly lifts a person up to read of the great work and of the good it is doing.

Enclosed you will find a little offering to help with the "Report." I am also enclosing the name of a couple who would like to read the "Report."

Yours in Christ
Mary J. Johnson
Laverne, Oklahoma

Dear Editors:

Enclosed is a check for \$10 for the "Report." Enjoying reading the paper very much. Thanks a lot.

Kate R. Michener
Baxter Springs, Kansas

Dear Bro. Regier:

Greetings in His wonderful Name. Just a few lines today to let you know we haven't forgotten the "Report" work. Enclosed is our Sunday School offering for February and March; also, some names for the mailing list.

Pray for us and the work of the Lord here. We need a Revival very much at the present time.

Sincerely,
Eugene and Lucy Webster
Crosses, Arkansas

Dear Bro. Regier:

Am sending a small offering for the "Report." I am so glad to hear that the churches in the Panhandle area are going to have a Vacation Bible School Workshop this year. It will certainly be a help and blessing for everyone.

With prayers,
Lerra Woodson

Bro. Regier:

I am enclosing a check for \$25 as an offering to the "Report" and will send some names and addresses.

We always enjoy the "Report" very much. I have so appreciated the sermons by Bro. Girouard in the last few issues. I, too, would like to see the "Articles of the Doctrines of the Apostolic Faith" printed.

Could you tell me where I could secure the pamphlet that explains the parable of the "Rich Man and Lazarus"?

May the Lord bless and help you and Bro. Jerry in editing the "Report."

Yours,
Mrs. J. V. Haines
Logan, Oklahoma

Editor's Note:

The pamphlet that explains the "Rich Man and Lazarus," as best we know can be secured from Gail Schultz, Box 7, Baxter Springs, Kan. Also from Mabel G. Smith, 8142 Fairview Road, Hollister, California, (Ask for Tract No. 43.)

Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I have intended for so long to write you folks and have the "Apostolic Faith Report" put on my mailing list. We have really been enjoying God's good blessings. Our son has been saved and filled with the Spirit. He is now preaching.

We will be looking for the "Report" I miss it so very much.

Your Sister in Christ,
Mrs. Richard Rowan
Camarillo, Calif.

Dear Bro. Regier:

God bless you and your work on the "Report." I enjoy it very much. It is such a blessing to receive it each month.

We moved here in 1956 from Lovington, New Mexico. Have really missed not having a church of our faith. We are praying that it may be possible. God knows the need and He's able to supply. Please help us pray that His will may be done. We certainly have a wonderful Saviour, don't we?

God bless you,
The Beauford Bishops
Box 136

PASTORAL REPORTS

Buckhorn Church, Hempstead, Texas

God is blessing the Buckhorn Full Gospel Church. As soon as the weather permits work will begin on the church building. The work of the pastors, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Briles is appreciated.

Panhandle Apostolic Faith Ministers Meeting

Ministers from the churches of the Panhandle district met in the Perryton Full Gospel Church on March 8th for the monthly meeting. Supper was served by Mr. & Mrs. A. W. Ferguson and Mr. & Mrs. Jacob C. Regier. A good fellowship was enjoyed by more than 40 attending. A business meeting followed in which (1) Youth Camp, (2) V. B. S. Workshop, (3) Camp Meeting location, and (4) Apostolic Faith Report possibilities were discussed. The next meeting will be in the Perryton Full Gospel Church on April 4th. Ministers are always welcome.

Mrs. Mary Adair, Secretary

Amarillo, Texas

Pastor Winston Barker is suffering with a terrible ailment like rheumatism. Pray for him. Bro. Jim Fox filled his pulpit March 20th.

Roswell, New Mexico

The work here is making a gradual growth. We have begun work on an addition to the church which will consist of two Sunday School rooms and a rest-room.

Gene Waterbury, Pastor

Spring Valley, California

Pastor Bill J. Allen of the Spring church, in Spring Valley, California extends an invitation to all the workers of the Faith . . . "visit and work with us." The Sunday School has grown and the church is doing fine. The church is in the process of buying a lot, a little larger than an acre, and hope to start building soon.

Lovington, New Mexico

Mr. & Mrs. Roy Townsend have resigned the pastorate of the church at Lovington, New Mexico, effective June 10, 1960. Anyone feeling a burden to fill this vacancy should contact, W. E. Caudill, Route 1, Box 47, Lovington, New Mexico.

Vacation Bible School Workshop

The second annual Work-Shop for Vacation Bible School work will be held in the Panhandle district on April 8th. The workers of the churches are all invited to attend and work. A program for the entire day has been arranged, with workers and ministers from various churches participating. A covered dish luncheon will be served by the ladies.

Perryton, Texas

Brother Robert G. Palmer was a blessing to the church at Perryton. He preached here March 13th. From Perryton he worked in every direction; Kings Mill, Texas on the 14th; Range, Oklahoma on the 15th; Fallett, Texas on the 16th; and Balko, Oklahoma on the 17th. Bro. Palmer urges the ministers here to attend and work in the Alaska Prayer Conference in late summer this year.

Jacob C. Regier, pastor

Hardesty, Oklahoma Mission Church

A recent improvement by the church was the spreading of gravel in the parking area.

Several weeks of Sunday night youth services were a special touch by the excellent leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cornell, evangelists. The "Crusaders" competed for honors in a contest held during these special services. The contest was brought to a climax with a Ham-Bean Banquet (Ham for the winners . . . Beans for the losers!) held at the home of the youth sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Buford Stump. There were 16 youth present. The banquet was highlighted by the showing of a film: "The Man Who Forgot God," shown by Rev. John Whipple.

Jerry McClenagan, pastor

REVIVAL REPORTS

Center Point, Texas

Evangelist Ben Barker assisted by Evangelists Mr. and Mrs. Floyd LaMunyan have been contacted by pastor Charles O. Mahan to conduct a revival in the Center Point, Texas church April 10th through 17th. They desire the prayers of others that this will be a Holy Ghost revival.

Kings Mill, Texas

The exact date for a revival with Bro. and Sis. Gail W. Schultz as evangelists has not been set, but will follow shortly after the Easter season. This meeting has been planned for some time and with hope in the Lord, standing upon His promises, we look forward to all the good things that He has for them that love Him. Pray every day for this meeting and when the set date arrives, be present at every service.

Edwin Waterbury, pastor

Enid, Oklahoma

Jack Cornell and evangelists party will be in revival at Enid, Oklahoma immediately after Bible School closes.

Eugene Cornell, pastor

Sunray, Texas

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. (Bob) Russell are in a revival in the Sunray, Texas church. Lealand Grimmer, pastor.

Stockton, California

Evangelist Jack Cornell and party plan a revival in the Stockton, California church soon. Bill Patterson, pastor.

Spearman, Texas

Mrs. E. A. Greever, pastor. Surely the blessings of the Lord have rested upon the work during the past several months. The Sunday School keeps a record of near sixty mark and one Sunday gave us a record of 66. The Bible lessons, given by Bro. and Sis. Gail Schultz, were well attended. Some of the note books were comparable to ones compiled during the Bible School term. The Word was joyfully received. Thanks be unto the Lord for His special anointing to preach the Word each Sunday.

The church is now looking forward to a pre-Easter revival of two weeks, April 3rd to the 17th. These services will begin at 7.30 each evening. Bro. and Sis. Elbert Poole are spending a few weeks at home with his parents and will assist in this meeting. Come, if at all possible, and expect great things from God. Let us contend for the faith of our fathers and look to the Lord for the strength and blessings of the last days.



Friends of Christ

BY LOIS ALLEN



Black Ink Spots

"I JUST WON'T GO," screamed Sue, as she held up her new dress for her mother to see. "Look! Just look," she cried, "black ink spots all over my dress; it's ruined. I won't go," she sobbed, as she slammed the door and headed for the orchard. In the cool shade of the trees Sue cried with all her might. "That hateful skunk, she said, "I will never, never forgive him. I wish I didn't have a little brother. It won't be any use for mother to try and make me go to church because I just won't go without a new dress to wear."

After her tears ceased to flow down her cheeks, and the hot anger cooled off a little, Sue went back to the house to help with supper. As she was setting the table Johnny walked by and Sue whispered, "You little skunk," as she gave him a pinch.

"Ouch! stop that, or I'll tell mother," Johnny said.

"Sure, go run to mother," replied Sue, "she will protect you. What does she care if I don't have a new dress to wear? And it's all your fault."

"Oh, Sue," cried Johnny. "I told you I was sorry. You know I didn't mean to spill ink on your Easter dress."

"Oh, sure," sneered Sue, "I know you are sorry, but that doesn't give me a new dress."

Sue pouted all through the evening meal. She never missed a chance to gripe at Johnny. Finally, she was sent away from the table. After the dishes were washed, Mother went to her room and said, "Sue we are all sorry your Easter dress was ruined. It is unfortunate it happened the afternoon before Easter. You know it is too late to get you another dress. I am surprised at you Sue! I haven't seen you act so hateful since you were saved last summer. I don't want

you to do anything else to Johnny; he has been punished for being careless and ruining your dress. He has asked you to forgive him. What more can he do?"

"I will never, never forgive him," cried Sue. "Because of him I will be the only girl in the whole church that won't have an Easter dress."

Sue's mother turned sadly away, and as she left the room she said, "Prayer is in half an hour. See that you are there without being called." As Sue sat alone in the darkness she wished she had the nerve to miss prayer. Somehow she didn't seem to feel much like praying tonight.

She got angry all over again when her father read from the 18th chapter of Matthew about forgiving your brother seventy times seven. "Well, I don't care," thought Sue to herself. But as the words sank deep into her aching heart, she knew she did care. With tears falling down her face she asked God to forgive her for acting so hateful over something that was an accident. After she prayed she asked Johnny to forgive her. With a little smile she said, "If God for Christ's sake can forgive me my black sin spots, I guess the least I can do is forgive you your black ink spots!"

As Sue went to bed that night she told her mother she was sorry she acted so mean all afternoon. She said, "I'm not really going to stay home from church tomorrow."

"I know," said Mother. "And Sue, when things aren't like we want them to be, if we let the Lord, He will help us bear our disappointments with a smile."

"Alright," laughed Sue, as she gave her mother a hug, "I will smile all day, even if I will be wearing my old dress."

EMPTY GRAVE

"Come, let us go," said Mary,
"To see where Jesus lay."
"Yes, let's," said the other Mary;
So they went without delay.

Behold, the earth was shaken,
An angel did appear.
His clothes were white and spotless;
The guards were still with fear.

"Don't be afraid," he whispered,
To the women he gently said,
"I know you seek for Jesus,
But why look among the dead?"

"The dark cold grave is empty,
In the tomb He does not lay.
Never again look for Him here,
He arose from the dead today!"

—Lois Allen

YES OR NO

1. Two Marys went to see the grave?
2. There was a great earthquake?
3. Three angels came down from heaven?
4. The angel was dressed in white?
5. The guards ran the angel away?
6. "I know you seek Jesus," said the angel?
7. "He is risen from the dead," said the angel?
8. The ladies told the disciples what had happened?

Answers to YES or NO

- Yes. 7. Yes. 8. Yes.
1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. No. 4. Yes. 5. No. 6.

MY FAVORITE STORY

"Baby Moses" is my favorite story says Deryl McClenagan, Hardesty, Oklahoma.

David Stump, also from Hardesty, likes "Daniel in the Lion's Den."

Luan Randles, another Hardesty child, prefers the story of "Jesus Heals the Little Girl."

Do you have a favorite Bible story? Send it NOW to Lois Allen, 1206 4th St. Alvin, Texas.

Crusaders for Christ

Youth Rally Reports

Dixie Crusaders for Christ organized a Youth Rally at Pine Hill, Alabama on March 12th. The program consisted of a business meeting, a message given by Sister Dot Anderson. The message instructed youth to beware of the evils of the world which were divided into three categories: the lust of the eye, the lust of the flesh and the pride of life. The message was very appropriate for the problems of today's youth.

Slides were also shown of the 1959 Youth Camp held at Pine Crest to encourage youth to make plans to attend the coming Youth Camp.

Officers elected were: president, Berta Anderson of Pine Crest; vice-president, Bryant Carney of Hinton; and secretary, Carol Ann Flemings of Pine Crest.

It was also decided that the Dixie Youth Rally will be held the first Saturday night of each month.

The Dixie Youth Rally consists of the following churches: Hinton, Pine Crest, Pine Hill and Snell.

Your friend in Christ,
Lois Carney, Reporter

Mid-Panhandle Crusaders for Christ met at Liberal, Kansas in the Apostolic Faith Church for their March Youth Rally. The church was packed with more than 150 people attending from the five churches represented. Bro. Winston Barker, pastor of the Amarillo, Texas Apostolic Faith Church, was the speaker; he delivered an inspiring sermon.

Kaye Regier, secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Born to Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Ray of Spenard, Alaska: Seven pounds, 12 ounces, Son, John Nathan Ray. Date of birth, March 4, 1960.

Born to Rev. and Mrs. Bill J. Allen of San Diego, California: daughter, Carole Rene Allen. Weight 8 lbs. ½ oz. Date: Feb. 6, 1960.

Crusader's Sword

A knight demanded a dependable sword—one without flaw and forged from the finest metal. Every true knight spent hours polishing his sword; he spent even more time in practice and drill so that he became an expert in wielding his weapon. He never permitted it to be out of his sight. He was never ashamed of his sword, but was bold in using it against the enemy.

How about you? As a Christian Crusader you have a "flawless" Sword. Do you spend the time you should in "practice and drill" so that you become an expert in wielding the Word of God? Do you hide it in your heart, never permitting it out of your sight? Are you ashamed of the Word of Christ?

Be a loyal Crusader for your King!

GOOD ADVICE

Take a tip from nature. Man's ears aren't made to shut; his mouth is.

Youth Asks?

What Happens When I Receive Christ?

You have . . .

1. **Eternal Life.** (I John 5:13)
2. **No Condemnation.** (Rom. 8:1)
3. **Your Sins Forgiven.** (I Jh. 2:12)
4. **Peace with God.** (Rom. 5:1)
5. **Promise of Christ's Presence.** (Now & Hereafter. Matt. 28: 20; John 14:3)

Think About It

As a Christian you have **Christ!** And since all God's fulness dwells in Him, you have all your heart could desire—and more!

Next Month

We will answer the question: "Is it important to tell others what Christ has done for me?"

GOD'S PROMISES

God makes a promise. Faith believes it. Hope anticipates it. Patience awaits it.

HIDE IN YOUR HEART

Ps. 119:11; Col. 3:16.

Memory Verse

Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling." Psalms 91:9-10

Quick Quiz

What is the sign that God has given to prove that He will not again destroy mankind by water?

(Answer: The Rainbow. Gen. 9:13-15)

"April Showers" this month will merely provide a background for God's sun to display an array of colors in a semicircle which we call a "rainbow." It is the sign of God's withdrawn hand of judgement by flood. But more precious promises than this cast their beauty in our heart, reflecting His glory and beauty in our nature. Will we, also, rejoice in these promises? "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, . . . (II Pet. 1:4)

OBITUARY

Bennie L. Payne, 26, former resident of Garfield County, Oklahoma died Saturday morning, March 5, 1960. His home was Bixby, Oklahoma. At the time of his death he was enrolled in the Apostolic Faith Bible School, in Baxter Springs, Kansas, where he passed away.

He was a veteran of the Korean war. He is survived by his wife, Mary, and children Chery Mae and Terry; his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Payne of Enid, Oklahoma; five brothers; and three sisters. One of the sisters is the wife of Rev. Eugene Webster of the church in Crosses, Arkansas.

Rev. Paul Clanton conducted the funeral services.

Victory Over Satan

through the

By ROBERT G. PALMER

HE IS NOT here: for He is risen, Has He said . . ." Matthew 28:6. The triumph of the Risen Christ is fact. All that preceded the first glimpse of the Empty Tomb—the rejection of Jesus by His own; the cruel mockery and ridicule; the physical torture at the whipping post; and suffering on the cross—were but steps toward the great moment of victory. The instant the Roman seal on the tomb was broken was the moment of triumph. It brought Justification . . . Rom. 4:25. It gave assurance of a righteous judgment for all men . . . Acts 17:31. It defeated satan. He had tried to defeat Jesus and had failed.

Satan, our adversary, had dominated, ruled and ruined the vast majority of the human race. The Empty tomb revealed he was a weakling when facing God's power. True, he is still a powerful enemy. More powerful is he than any man outside the protection of the Lord Jesus. But certainly he is less powerful than the triumphant Christ. And although he is described in First Peter 5:8 as an adversary who walks about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour, we know he is fallen. He acts and works in direct disobedience of God. His power is limited. His destiny is sealed—he is doomed!

Paul writes to the church in First Corinthians 16:9, concerning his plans hopes and desires for the work of God **"For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries."** He spoke of his opportunity in Ephesus. When he went into Ephesus, he taught boldly in the synagogues, for about three months, at which time some of the unbelievers

became hardened against his preaching. He moved into a school where he taught for approximately two years. So in the general area of Ephesus, folk heard the message of the Lord Jesus Christ. But he said that there were adversaries.

All of us would feel we could do more for God if there were not some adversaries. Hindrances—high hurdles—these we must overcome. Sometimes it is help, sometimes it is circumstances of relatives that press and demand that we stay around. Sometimes it is financial hindrances, and sometimes there are other invitations . . . but beyond all this we know that God is there.

I believe there is a real devil. It is said a little boy told his friend he had finally found out who the devil was, "Just like Santa Claus, it's your daddy." I do not believe it that way. I believe there is a real devil: cast-down, fallen-angel that was made of God to worship the Lord Jesus Christ. I believe that the angels give honor and glory to the Lord Jesus Christ. I believe that the angels give honor and glory to the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the great attraction of heaven, and has always been. Jesus Christ has been that center of attraction in the heavenlies even before he came to earth as a babe. I believe the angels today rejoice because of what Christ did when they see a backslider or a sinner accept Jesus. There's rejoicing among the angels in heaven, because of their honor to the Lord Jesus Christ.

But the devil is our adversary. Most alive, very impressive, he is our adversary. But I want to tell you

something. I enjoy telling it, yes I do: "I'm not under the devil's heel, praise God, I'm not his Servant, I'm not under his dominion by any sense, If I am a child of God."

The devil is an adversary, but he is fallen. He is in disobedience. He is under limitations. The Bible tells us that he is DOOMED. He is fallen! He is doomed! He does not have a place of honor! He is dishonored! The devil is cast down out of heaven, the Bible tells us in the 14th chapter of Isaiah. Satan, because of his pride, because he sought to exalt himself against God, was cast down. Some were cast out with him. Cast out! Cast down! Keep this in mind, your adversary is a fallen adversary. Don't put yourself under him. Don't allow yourself to come under his dominion. He is fallen!

Who is risen? Who is on the throne? Who sits above him? **The Lord Jesus Christ!** Ephesians chapter two tells us that the Lord Jesus has been raised to the heavenlies, and he is above powers and principalities. Thank God, that when we have accepted Jesus Christ we will raise up with Christ to sit with him in the heavenlies, over the dominion of satan and over the power of the devil. Praise the Lord!

The devil works against God. He is in disobedience. He encourages and tempts you to disobey God. He tells lies, saying that if you do this or that, God doesn't care. But check how God deals with disobedience.

Check with Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, and you will find out how God deals with disobedience. Man and Woman in fellowship with God; they talked with God; they

empty tomb

walked with God—until they disobeyed God. God is a loving God and takes us in, but He deals most sternly with disobedience; don't forget it! Adam and Eve were driven from the garden! A curse came upon them and upon the land. Fear came, even into the hearts of the animals. Mankind, ever afterward, has suffered.

Check Moses. I see him standing on the mountain-top. He is old now and he's looking into the promised Canaan's land. He has endured the murmurings, the drouth, the feeling of wilderness and isolation from the world, and now he is looking into the promised land. "**Moses, how will you feel when you get over there?** And Moses who received the tablets from the hand of God; who communed with God; who took orders from God; this Moses might answer, "**I cannot go in! I can only see it! Because of my disobedience.**" Though he is a loving, merciful, forgiving God, he deals with disobedience.

King Saul who was ordained of God is another example. He was ordained of God. Young people, if God calls you, count it a wonderful privilege. If he ordains you for the foreign fields, accept the call. Wonderful choice . . . to be chosen of God.

This is no light thing to be called and chosen of God as was Saul. Check how God dealt with King Saul's disobedience. When he saw the gold, silver, beautiful garments, fat sheep and cattle, and the enemy king, all of which God had forbidden . . . King Saul disobeyed and took them. The Prophet Samuel had more discernment than the king thought. He understoos him. Brother, Sister, as laymen, do not ever minimize what your preacher knows about you. I

know a lot more about my people in Spenard Chapel than they'd like for me to tell. I may look dumb, but thank God I'm not that dumb. God has given his ministers an insight and although they may not write it down and talk about it, they could tell you in a predictive manner that some people are going to fail God because they are messing around with the world. In brief, God dealt with the disobedience of the King. The kingdom was removed! Saul died a suicide! "Can a suicide be saved?" you ask. One thing sure, a suicide commits a sin he can never repent of. Yes, God deals with disobedience.

God is going to deal with your adversary the devil who is acting, practicing, tempting, enslaving you, even, to be disobedient to the plan of God.

The devil is a limited edversary. He realizes his limitations. He is smarter than some Christians are, you see. He knows that he can only go so far. Some Christians haven't as yet awakened to the fact that the devil cannot make them do some things, if they want to serve the Lord.

When the devil tried Job, that wonderful man of God, he realized his limitations. He did every thing but take his life. God would not let him do that. He might have said, "God you've got a hedge built about Job, I can't get to him." Brother, Sister, we have not as yet suffered like Job. Everything that Job had he lost, except his life. The loss of family, the loss of possessions, the loss of health, and the speaking of an idiotic foolish woman, called his wife. Women, let me tell you something! If your husband has an inkling toward the service of God, encourage him along the way!

What is it that puts limitations on satan? What is it that places the devil at a disadvantage, to come to a certain point and no farther? **FIRST**, I believe is the Name of Jesus Christ, and **SECOND**, is the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. Why do I say that? Because at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow, brother, including the devil, every knee shall bow and the tongue of every creature shall confess that Jesus is Lord to the Glory of God! The Name of Jesus is the name that thrills you when you use it in prayer, when you pray to God in Jesus' name. When you honor the blood of Christ over your life; over your church; over your service; over whatever ministry you may have; there is a limitation that the devil has and he can't go any further. **PRAISE THE LORD!**

Satan is doomed! What did Jesus say about hell-fire? He described casting away of those who didn't believe, who would go into outer darkness and into fire prepared . . . (Heaven is a prepared place, you know, for the saints!) . . . **FIRE PREPARED FOR THE DEVIL AND HIS ANGELS.** He is Doomed! The Bible tells us that the devil will be destroyed. I preach it and some folk haven't understanding enough to know what I'm talking about. When the Bible says he'll be destroyed, that is what it means. **He will be destroyed.**

The Bible tells us in the book of Colossians that the Lord Jesus has made an open show of the weakness of Satan, triumphing over them in it. What? His death and His resurrection.

Brother, Sister, your adversary is working; he's looking for you; but he is the fallen one. He is in disobedience. He is the limited one, and he is doomed for the lake of fire.

Rejoice, because you know that in the name of Christ, your blessed wonderful Saviour, you have the privilege to rise above the force and power of Satan. **Praise the Lord!**

Let us rejoice together in the knowledge of Satan's defeat at the empty tomb. God's power defeated him. Shall we isolate one day of our year to give praise to the great triumphant Christ? On the contrary, let us daily give praise to the Lord Jesus Christ and with the song writer say, "Hallelujah, What a Saviour!"

Facing Facts

By Gail W. Schultz

Oh the glory of that day when Jesus shall come back to this old earth just as He said He would, return with power and great glory and put an end to all the sin and suffering that bends men low in despair and discontentment today.

The fact of His coming is before us all! He has not left Himself without a witness! In Hebrews 9:28 it is recorded, **"Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for Him, shall be appear the second time without sin unto salvation."** In Col. 3:1, we read, **"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God . . . When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory."** So it is that Christ was offered, now to them that call upon His Name and seek in their hearts to be like Him, to them at that day shall He appear. There are many factors that help us lead a happy Christian life, used and given out in service to the King of Glory, but there is no one force that can reach out to strengthen and bouy with courage, like the hope of His soon return. We seek not to live and labor for that meat that perishes, but we seek Jesus, knowing that the first world and its powers must pass away, but the second shall endure forever.

WE FACE THE FACTS

Yet in the face of all facts, and evidences that have been left to us, there are many who blindly grope in unknown vales with no hope in Christ, who say, **"Where is the promise of His coming?"** Beyond that we even meet professional Christians who deny the fact and fashion of His coming and others that sleep on, taking their rest until the mid-night hour of His appearing.

WE FACE THE PROPHETS

I would like to draw our attention to some of the conditions, and events set forth in Prophecy that

gave definite witness and proof of the soon return of the Messiah in bodily form just as He went away.

So many feel that there is no general knowledge of the turn of events nor the certainty of His Coming, outside of the prophecies of Daniel and Revelations. It is true that the above named books add much to the field of prophecy, but they would indeed unwind slowly in their information, were it not that Jesus set forth the terms of His return. In Matthew chapter 24; Mark chapter 13; and Luke chapter 21 He gave the foundation of all Prophetic teachings, so that by them we measure the words of all other writers. An example might be Nahum 2:3-4 which flashed the message of the automobile, even to its night lights, its swiftness on the road, and the wrecks that dot our highways, until some of them have been given the name of "blood-route." Jesus might not have taken time to mention such events, but He gave some of more importance. He told of the rise of sin, sin so black that no law can curb it, sin so treacherous that men do not mention it, and women slink away while others count themselves as the beasts of the field that know no God and walk in every lust that will kill and destroy. Jesus took in hand the nations of the world and told of the rise of super-men and powers, like the coming Anti-Christ, when he spoke of the abomination as spoken of by Daniel. Jesus foretold the falling away that would cause men to walk in darkness and forget to confess Him any longer. Jesus told of the Jews, the fig tree and its place in History, how they should be again His own and chosen. Jesus knew all things, prophesied all things and gave us that plan of eternal salvation, so that we might not be in ignorance all the days of our lives, but in this OUR DAY could look forward to His return with gladness and singleness of heart.

KNOWLEDGE AND INVENTIONS

May I hurry on to other prophecies. Here in America we take for granted the super highways and the increased travel from coast to coast and from north to south, but according to Daniel all this had to be. Read Daniel 12:4, and in reading that scripture you will note that not only was travel mentioned but another common achievement, the art of education that now swings far and wide, for indeed knowledge is increased and we are surrounded by knowledge of science and study of every sort and fashion. Sometimes, I think that we forget the knowledge of the Bible that has been disclosed, that we are coming behind in no gift. We can live a life of accusing and excusing ourselves, or know that we are approved of God because we have studied His Word.

The long slow process of year around drudgery of the farm is now past, because of the modern machine age. Amos looked forward to this day in that field when he prophesied saying, **"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed . . ."** Many times as the reaping devise comes out of the field the machinery for plowing and preparing for another crop follows close behind, sometimes within hours or even minutes. Amos 9:13.

Many of the intricate inventions of this day, that seem in their respective jobs almost human were foreseen years ago by the wisdom of Solomon when in the Proverbs it is written, **"I wisdom dwell with prudence and find out knowledge of witty inventions."** Prov. 8:12. It might be the common thermostat on the wall, the electric eye, the making of materials from the raw products, or the filling of a bottle or tube, yet all of it comes about by the witty inventions of our day. To trace, locate and detect the almost impossible is the job of many an invention that

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indeed is witty almost beyond imagination.

Along with some of the prophesied tools and helps of our time. there were also the unpleasant and undesirable things that were to come. Among them the prophet Zechariah in chapter 8, verse 10, foretold the day of unemployment, "... there shall be no hire for man, nor any hire for beast..." So the markets for the beasts-of-burden have lagged, and while in our country men are working today as a result of war conditions, we have seen the days of workless hours and may see them again.

SIN AND WAR

Selfish and godless men often try to place the responsibility and blame of war on God, because He is All-Power. It is true that all powers are subject to His commands, nevertheless God has left to men the right of choice and decision. When in their wilful ways they sought Him not, they brought about the greed, hatred, and seeds of malice that brought forth wars. Wars were to increase with sin of the last days, for Jesus prophesied saying, "For nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom. Matt. 24:7. On August 1, 1914 when the world was shocked by that declaration that brought into conflict and envolved the major nations of the world, they did not know nor sense that it was only the beginning of wars added to wars, and sorrows multiplied to sorrows, so that even today the nations fear and dread one another. It is the over-all command to wake up and prepare for war. The counselors of war gather in consultation of what they claim and try to make it so, a Peace conference, that only ends in

more strife and differences until again the silence is broken by cannon roar. Joel 3:9. Does not the same prophet speak of the great iron scrap drives when is advocated the beating of plowshares into swords, and the pruninghooks into spears. No marvel, that blood is flowing, for these times are to increase in their fury until there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation. Jer 30:7. Yes, as it was in the days of Noah, so it is to be in that great day of His coming. Men cannot live behind screens of smoke and in rivers of strong drink, forgetting God, breaking His laws, slighting His Sabbaths, and walking after the lust of the flesh continually without reaping the dregs thereof which is bitter as gall, black as night, and heartbreaking and distressing beyond compare. Because iniquity was to abound, the love of many would wax cold. So we have the great falling away, or the deserting of voluntary professed principals pertaining to Christ and His salvation that is called apostasy.

I must mention that the taking of Jerusalem by the British in 1917 under General Allenby was a direct prophecy. In one stroke the Jewish nation was placed in a position to become the longed-for, sought after home of this persecuted people. This happened without the firing of a gun. Read Isaiah 31:45. Surely the power of the Gentile world is coming to a close and the words of Jesus and Paul are now well on their way to complete fulfillment. Luke 21:24 and Romans 11:25. The Jews are compared to the fig tree and the tree is now putting forth in token of the coming summer, or in token of the soon Second Coming of Christ. Much could

be written about the Jew, because they are the chosen people of the Lord and their land is to carry His blessings so long as they stay in Divine favor. Jerusalem, their Capitol, bears the approval of their God. For generations the Jews have suffered because they turned against their God and Saviour, but now for a short season He is going to plead with them again. For this season, the holy land is receiving such blessings and attention. The Jew that has built in many countries for many generations only to lose in the land in the end, is building for the days of the return of the Lord. They do not know it, but the prophecies of Daniel, his 70th week is now upon us. The 69 weeks were fulfilled that brought about the birth of Jesus, then the Gentile church age was placed in between the 69th and 70th week. A week is of a seven-day period and with a day for a year in prophecy, this leaves us with seven years, a time for God's grace to turn again to the Jews. Surely, truly, the Gentiles have had their day and for many years walked in the light of the Lord. Now their rejection of the way of the Cross, leaves no other alternative save for the Lord of Glory to look again to His chosen people, then close this age and bring in the covenant of everlasting righteousness. "Amen Jesus, come quickly," we cry, so that you may find faith at your returning.

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SEEKING JESUS...

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soldiers it took to move the huge stone. Physically these women were incapable of moving such a heavy stone. Physically these women were incapable of moving such a heavy stone. There are stones today which are immovable as far as physical man is concerned. Many hearts are closed to the voice of the Holy Spirit of God. Nevertheless, Jesus said. Rev. 3:20, **Behold I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.** How Foolish! Fear! Little did these women realize the power of God. The Stone! What Stone? It was already rolled away by the Glory of God, praise his holy name! Brother Sister, when we make the start on the road to Glory the battle is practically won.

Logically, another fear fell, "doubt". In the form of a question, "Shall we be interrupted?" Would the soldiers allow it? How small our doubts seem when we know the truth and the fullness of God's power. Men

THE HAND

In trouble, in sickness or in fear,
Look up and reach for the Hand so near,

It will lift you up with loving care
And all your burdens, it will bear.
The Hand so mentioned can help you
and me

To have salvation and set us free
From all trouble, sickness or fear;
Reach up for the Hand so near.

Now, when we reach for the Hand
Faith is the greatest must.

And after taking hold of the Hand,
We have to trust, trust, trust.

The Hand is God's Hand,
So big, clean and pure;
And through the Blood of His Son,
Jesus

Our deliverance is sure.

Now, in trouble, great or small,
Don't forget the Hand that reaches
down.

On the slightest call, with God's
Hand as a crutch

We can never, never fall.

Submitted. Anonymous.

are powerless, armies are powerless, rulers are powerless against the great hand of God. Soldiers? Could they mean the sleeping soldiers? Blinded by the light, the Gospel light for your and my sakes, Foolish? Doubts are only vapors that soon pass away when God comes upon the scene.

By this time the tomb came in sight. Alas! The stone was rolled away. Fear came again. The body. It was gone- A young man in radiant clothing sat where Jesus lay. Disappointment- Nothing but an empty tomb. Could someone have stolen the body? Where would they have taken it? Humanity, how frail, how corruptible, how dependent in times of adversity. Aren't you glad, Christian Friend, that God did not leave them in this condition? Instead, He gave unto them the CONSOLATION, **"FEAR NOT."** Thanks be unto God there is a consolation in Israel. It doesn't make any difference how great our fear, perplexities, anxieties, difficulties, there is a healing balm in Gilead. It was Simeon in Matthew 2:25, while Jesus was yet a mere babe, who recognized the consolation of Israel.

The Consolation came first from the Angel who said, **"He is risen."** He was not stolen, nor was the tomb without proof. For the next words of the Angel was **"... come and see."** There upon the slab was the proof, the head-napkin neatly folded. For if the body had been stolen the grave clothes would have surely gone with it, the thief would never take the time to fold the napkin neatly. Brother, God does not expect you and me to merely take some-ones word, the proof is always before us. John said, I John 4:1, **"Beloved, believe not**

every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world."

Next came the word of Christ, **"Mary"**, and immediately Mary recognized him and cried, **"Master"**. Jesus appeared on the scene. Things are different today when Jesus comes on the scene. Fears are melted away, worries gone, the future stilled by the simple words, **"Fear not"**. He is the answer to the past, present and the future.

This scene also presents a contrast. A little sidelight passed along for generations to come. The Angel hastened to reassure the women and comfort their hearts. On the other side were the soldiers without a word of comfort. The world today has no promise except that of destruction. Death has already taken over when we are entombed in doubts, fears, selfishness, and unconcernness. There is only one destination, eternal destruction, for Luke says, **"Fear not the one who can destroy this body but fear that one who can destroy both body and soul."** Brother, we are one hundred percent destructable and without Christ there is only one end to our life.

Our only hope today on this Glorious Easter Morning is our seeking Christ. The kind of seeking which has been portrayed to us by these humble women before the tomb. Don't lose heart! Seek him and thou shalt find him! What greater way could we celebrate than an Easter filled with consolation? An Easter full of reality and newness of life. Mary has led the way. The good part was found at the feet of Jesus. Life, the most precious thing in the world, lays a the foot of he cross.

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