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SONS OF GOD

In these last days, when we are expecting the return of our Lord to earth again; when we see the signs of His coming in the earth, the sky and the world about us; and when the Spirit within crieth, "Even so come, Lord Jesus"; there are certain scriptures that stand out before our minds with an impelling clearness:

"Every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure." To the natural mind it would seem impossible for mere man to become as pure as Jesus, the Saviour; but to those who have known the power of the cleansing blood of Christ, and have felt the refining fire of the Holy Spirit burning out the dross, it is the miracle of God wrought out in our lives day by day; as it is written, "He is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; and He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness." It is as true today as it was when the undefiled Son of God was made an offering for our sins, that the only acceptable sacrifice unto the Creator is pure; "holy, acceptable unto God."

"Touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." Only sons and daughters are heirs to all their father owns; likewise those who inherit all that God the Father has, must become His sons and daughters; as it is written in another place, "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God; and if children, then heirs; heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together." "Ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father." If we are ready for the coming of the King: if we are children of the Heavenly Father, then His Spirit within crieth, "Abba, Father."

"As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." Does the Spirit lead in our lives day by day and moment by moment? Or do we yield our lives unto Him only a part of the time; do we obey His bidding merely when we do not want to do something that is very important to ourselves? If this be true, how sad it will be for us if the Lord comes when we are too busy with our own affairs: for verily we say unto you, only those who are walking in the Spirit, those who are led by the

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The Coming of the Pilgrims and Thanksgiving Day

The Pilgrim movement began in the northern part of Nottinghamshire, England. After they had listened to the preaching of a young man, they decided to separate themselves from the Church of England.

They tried to worship God but they were hunted, persecuted and imprisoned when they tried to leave their home and country to go to Holland. After several attempts they reached Amsterdam in 1608. They lived in that city a year and in order to escape the quarrels among the English churches they moved to Leyden, Holland. These separatists from the Church of England were called Pilgrims because of their various pilgrimages; expecting to find a place where they could worship God in spirit and in truth.

They remained in Leyden as a distinct congregation eleven years. (1609-1620). They had three leaders, William Brewster, their Elder or Deacon was a teacher and the Pilgrims worshipped in his home. John Robinson was their pastor, teaching them to live together in peace, love and holiness. William Bradford, then only a boy, served as Governor in the Pilgrim colony in America. In Leyden, Holland, it was hard for them to earn a living, and not wanting their children to learn the language or the ways of the Dutch, as they knew their congregation would cease to exist. At that time Holland was afraid of an attack from Spain.

This was the reason the Pilgrims started on their last and most famous pilgrimage. Not to find wealth or fame but of their own free will to build homes in the wilderness, where unmolested they might worship God. God sifted a nation in order that He might send choice grain to this wilderness. They obeyed God's voice when He said, "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." 11 Cor. 6: 14-18. The Holy Spirit is still calling today, "Come out from among them."

The Pilgrims left Holland for

their long journey in July, 1620. After many discouragements, one hundred and two men, women and children sailed September 6, 1620 from Plymouth, England in the Mayflower.

The Pilgrims selected for their permanent settlement the place now called Plymouth where they landed December 21, 1620. In the dead of winter they built their homes from logs cut from the forest. On account of exposure from cold and dampness half of the Pilgrims died during the first winter. At one time only seven well persons remained to care for the sick. Elder Brewster and Captain Standish were two of the seven that remained well. They nursed the sick and suffering day and night.

The Pilgrims knew they could not survive unless they raised corn. Fortunately the fields had been cleared by a tribe of Indians who had died of a plague, except one Indian, a member of this tribe, escaped the plague by being kidnaped and taken across the ocean and sold to the Spaniards as a slave. He finally reached London, learned the English language and recrossed the ocean in March, 1621, and joined the Pilgrims and spoke to them in their own tongue. His name was Squanto. He taught the Pilgrims how to fertilize the soil, by putting fish into the hills of corn. He showed them how to keep the wolves from digging up the fish; and keep the crows from pulling up the corn. Squanto, the Pilgrim Indian friend, also helped to make peace between the Pilgrims and the tribe of Indians of whom Massasoit was the chief. For over fifty years the Pilgrims were not harmed by the Indians.

The Pilgrim or Plymouth Colony is the only one of the American colonies that gave the United States of America a legal holiday. That is our Thanksgiving, the last Thursday in November.

When the Pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock they fell on their knees and thanked God for having brought them safely to this new land. The first Thanksgiving was celebrated at Plymouth in November, 1621, after the harvest was gathered. Governor Bradford sent out hunters to provide game for the feast. The Indians came as guests bringing five deer with

them. They almost outnumbered the Pilgrims two to one. Surely that was a wonderful Thanksgiving Day. May God help us to always keep that day in memory of our Father Pilgrims and also to thank our Heavenly Father for keeping us and supplying our needs up to the present time; and that we are still free to worship God according to the dictates of our conscience, the old-fashioned Bible way.

Let us not only give thanks on Thanksgiving Day but be thankful every day and work while it is yet called today, for the night cometh when no man can work.

Mrs. Ace Shafer,
Supply, Okla.

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Spirit of God moment by moment, and whose ears are attuned to hear each word of that still, small voice, will be conscious of His coming and will rise to meet the Lord in the air.

May each of us ever remember that the Master said: "Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation." "Be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh." Watch ye, therefore, for ye know not when the master of the house cometh: at even, or at midnight, or at the cock-crowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly He find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, WATCH."

May we repeat Romans 8: 14. "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." —Kittie V. Stockdick,
Katy, Texas.

REQUEST FOR PRAYER

We have just received an urgent request for prayer for the father of Sister John Modrick who lives in Colorado. Brother and Sister Modrick are in Colorado now. Please remember this request at this time.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY

The Young People's Rally of the Wichita District was held at the Hoovard Orchard Mission in West Wichita on Monday night, October 21, with a large attendance and fine service.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

—Matt. 5: 4.

Apostolic Faith Mission, Eagle Lake, Texas



HISTORY OF CHURCH

On August 12, 1937, Evangelist Selma Burger and party started a tent revival in Eagle Lake, Texas. A lot was secured near the heart of town, people of all denominations attended, and many people sat in their cars unable to get seats.

Each Friday night was devoted to a "Healing Service." Evangelist Burger called for the sick to come and be anointed with oil and the prayer of Faith would heal them. Inspiring messages went out from night to night and conviction began to settle down upon the crowd. God began to move as she preached on "Salvation," "Sanctification," "Baptism of the Holy Spirit," "Divine Healing," "The Coming of the Lord," and many other interesting subjects.

After seven weeks of hard preaching, God wonderfully gave a break in the revival. Men and women, boys and girls began to come in around the altar seeking salvation, sanctification and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. God, in His great love and mercy pardoned and set the captives free. The blessings of God flowed upon the hungry hearts. Many were converted during the revival.

After a nine weeks' revival,

Evangelist Burger held a baptismal service in the Colorado river. Tears filled the eyes as the blessings and presence of God hovered over the scene, where fourteen were baptised. Sister Burger held street services every Saturday afternoon for several months after the revival closed until different homes were opened for prayer meeting. Sister Burger came every Thursday night from Houston and preached in the homes. The people prayed that God would give them a more convenient place to worship as the homes were unable to hold the crowds.

In June of 1938, Evangelist Burger came back to Eagle Lake and held a revival in a hall. God wonderfully blessed and much was accomplished. We were able to keep the hall for services. The Thursday night and Sunday services were continued. As the crowds began to grow, we prayed for God to give a place to worship of our own. God began to move upon hearts toward building a little mission. It was in February, 1940, that a lot was secured and a church was built. On Easter Sunday, March 24, 1940, the Eagle Lake Mission was dedicated to God. Brother Darrell Sutton brought the dedication message. Many visitors

and ministers of the Gospel were present at this service. The great God was there to own and to bless. It was dedicated as a soul-winning station for Jesus. Your prayers and cooperation are desired that the work of God may grow in love and grace and that this place may continue to be a soul-winning station.

CHURCH DEDICATED

The Apostolic Faith Mission of Pineville, Mo., was dedicated on Sunday, October 27, with an all day meeting and basket dinner.

The work of the Lord was started here about two years ago by Evangelist Beulah Clay and party. Sister Etta Mae Peters has been conducting a revival in the new church and closed the night of the dedication.

The church was dedicated in the afternoon service by Evangelist Robert L. Parham, assisted by a number of ministers. The blessing of the Lord was on the services throughout the day. The following ministers were present: Rees Brothers Evangelistic Party, Tica Tabor, Lee Brocks, Gene Cornell, Olen Bachler, C. O. Bard, Jim Royce, Etta Mae Peters, John Cook, Gail Schultz, Bob Palmer, Sister Stockton, Devonia Scaggs, Ray Clogston and Beulah and Lawrence Clay.

PRAYER REQUEST

Mrs. Mae Rogers
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Mrs. Ellen Danner
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Bob Taylor
Pearl Thomas
Harve Holderman
Mrs. John Hockersmith
Mrs. George Johnson
R. C. Johnson
Earl Sex
Mrs. Amy Randle
Mrs. Sadie Buls
Mrs. Mollie Horn
Mrs. William Floto

Brother and Sister Roland Eaken and Sister Hallie Chitwood have recently closed a revival meeting at Midway school, close to Caldwell, Texas.

Brief Mention

JOPLIN, MO. — Evangelist and Mrs. Millard Brown are now in a meeting at Full Gospel Mission, 1314 Main Street, Joplin. The church has looked forward to this meeting for some time. They anticipate a good revival meeting there.

WICHITA, KANS.—The Apostolic Faith church which was located on South St. Clair street has been moved to 600 North St. Francis Street and was dedicated Sunday, October 13, by Evangelist and Mrs. John Modrick and was followed by a week's meeting which was very profitable to everyone.

ADRIAN, MO. — Brother and Sister LaVerne Johnson have closed a revival meeting here. The Lord has blessed. Many were benefited by the meeting. They are now in a meeting at Elkhart community, about eight miles from Adrian, Mo.

GALVESTON, TEX.—The church at Galveston has moved to a new location at the corner of 13th and Avenue I. The church is nicely located. Brother Alford Whitely preaches every Tuesday night. Everyone should remember the new location of the church and attend the services.

PEORIA, ILL.—Brother L. G. Moore reports the Lord is blessing in the work there. They are spending one day a week in prayer. Souls have been saved and healed. One brother was healed of cancer of the lower lip when it was nearly eaten off. New flesh is growing and he is happy in the Lord.

FAYETTEVILLE, ARK.—Evangelist Ralph Durham, the Rees Brothers' party and Leonard Turner have recently closed a revival meeting at Fayetteville. The Lord blessed in the meeting. Several were saved during the revival.

Evangelist Gail Schultz has recently closed a revival meeting at Bellville, Texas, and another one at Hempstead, Tex. He also stopped at Rockdale for a few nights, and is now in the Tri-State district.

FOUKE, ARK.—Evangelist and Mrs. Robert Parham have recently conducted a meeting at the Methodist church, Fouke, Ark., and at the Holiness church in the Fairland community. A large number of people attended the services. Additional seats had to be added to the church and people were still forced to stand as Brother Parham showed pictures and preached on Prophecy. Many were blessed of God. A number came to the altar. Some of the leading people of the town who had not attended church were touched by the power of the Gospel.

FRANKLIN, TEX.—Brother and Sister Edd Stark and Brother and Sister Reuben Busch and Ruby Schneebeli have recently had a revival meeting at Franklin, Texas. The people responded to the Gospel and a large number were healed. One man who had been in the hospital and wasn't expected to live, was instantly healed.

Sister Whited is conducting a revival meeting in the New Salem community near Rockdale, Texas.

Evangelist and Mrs. S. W. Ditto of Houston, Texas, is now in special services at the Cheney Mission at Cheney, Kansas.

Evangelist and Mrs. Claude Parham are now in a tent meeting at Palm City, California. Sister Ostrander is pastoring the church there and is doing a great work for the Lord.

J. W. Depew who has been in California with Brother and Sister Claude Parham has returned to Perryton, Texas.

Evangelist Marcus Adair and Brother Jona Janzen plan to start a meeting at the Fifth Street Mission in Baxter Springs, Kansas, the first part of November.

Evangelist and Mrs. Murphy Barnes and Altis and Amos Watkins are now in a revival meeting at Roswell, New Mexico.

Brother and Sister L. C. Bowen of Booker, Texas, have been conducting Sunday school about twenty-two miles south of Booker. The Lord is blessing in this Sunday school.

Evangelist Jack Barker and Brother and Sister Floyd LaMunyon have just recently closed a meeting at 909 Knox street, Houston, Texas. The Lord blessed in the meeting and several were saved.

Brother Wm. E. Malt reports that the work is progressing nicely at Englewood, Kansas.

The Gospel Tabernacle of Granby, Missouri, wishes to extend an invitation to all ministers of the Faith to stop by for services when passing. We desire your help and cooperation. — Granby Tabernacle Church Board, by R. W. Allen.

Brother and Sister Anthony V. Margo who have formerly pastored the church in East Chicago, Indiana, are now in the evangelistic work. May the Lord bless them in their work for Him is our prayer.

Evangelist Beulah Clay and family plan to start a revival meeting about November 1, at Booker, Tex.

Evangelist Homer Coberly and party report real good services at Bowden, West Virginia.

Evangelist Carroll Heller and wife have been conducting revival meetings in Hugo, Colorado, and are now in Flagler looking after the work of the Lord there. They report several saved and sanctified in the meeting.

Many of the ministers and evangelists of the Faith were in meetings in different parts of the country and returned to their homes to register on October 16, and are now back in active service for the Master. Let's all remember the ministry in prayer.

Evangelist and Mrs. Olen Bachler have been in a tent meeting in East Joplin, Joplin, Mo., for several months and plan to move their meeting to a building on East Seventh Street. An invitation is extended to all ministers of the Faith to stop by for services.

There seems to be an urgent need and a desire for a Convocation some where this winter. We trust the Lord will make it possible.

Brother and Sister Joe Faries are pastoring the church at Hardesty, Oklahoma, and the Lord is blessing in the regular services there.

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Evangelist and Mrs. J. V. Schumaker have conducted a week's meeting at the Frisco Mission in Webb City, Mo. Large crowds attended the meeting.

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Evangelist Clifford Thacker writes they are very busy for the Lord in Blytheville, Arkansas. God is blessing and they have a wonderful Young People's work there.

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SENECA, MO.—The Lord has been blessing in the regular services, souls have been saved and a revival spirit prevails. They plan a revival meeting soon to be conducted by Ralph Durham of Granby, Missouri.

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KATY, TEXAS—Rev. Edna Mae Long is now pastoring the church at Katy, Texas. The Lord is blessing her ministry. Reports are coming in that the church is progressing nicely.

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TEMPLE CITY, CALIF. — Mr. and Mrs. Claude Parham have just closed a very successful revival meeting here. Eight souls were saved and the Lord blessed. A revival spirit is continuing on. At the close of the revival, Brother and Sister Dewey Green dedicated their new car for the Lord's service to bring people to church. Brother and Sister Reuben Davis are pastoring the church.

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STEPHENS, ARK.—Brother and Sister E. W. Dickson and Brother and Sister J. M. Scott have conducted a tent revival at Stephens, Arkansas. The meeting reached out and many people of the different denominations were converted and accepted the Gospel in its fullness. It was a great seed sowing time that will, no doubt, reap a bountiful harvest. They plan to return for another revival meeting sometime in the future.

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BRADLEY, ARK. — Brother and Sister E. W. Dickson and Brother and Sister J. M. Scott of Magnolia, are now in a revival meeting near Bradley. They have the tent up and expect the Lord to bless. Let everyone remember them in prayer.

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SENECA, NEW MEXICO — Evangelist and Mrs. Albert Janzen have been conducting a revival meeting here. The Lord has been blessing their ministry.

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ALIEF, TEX.—Evangelist Otto Busch is conducting a revival meeting here. Brother and Sister Bennie Stansberry and many other Gospel workers are helping. They have been having good crowds and the Lord has been blessing. They anticipate building a church. Let everyone pray to this end.

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ALVIN, TEX.—Evangelist Ben Barker assisted by Brother and Sister Floyd LaMunyon have recently closed a tent revival here. The Lord blessed and a spiritual awakening seemed to touch hearts of all the dear ones of the Faith. Several were saved during the meeting. Brother and Sister Alford Whitely are pastoring the church.

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Evangelist John Hockersmith of Purcell, Mo., has conducted a very successful meeting at St. James, Mo., and the Lord has blessed the Work of the Lord there under His ministry.

VINITA, OKLA. — Evangelist Beulah Clay and family have recently closed a meeting near Vinita. Fifteen have been converted during the meeting, seven were baptised. A lady who had been crippled for 14 years was healed. A Sunday school was organized at the close of the meeting so that the work of the Lord might be carried on in this community.

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CHENEY, KANS.—The Sutton Brothers have recently closed a wonderful revival meeting at Cheney. Ten were saved, seven were sanctified, one received the Holy Spirit and thirteen were baptised in water. The Lord blessed throughout the revival. Brother and Sister C. G. Menke are pastoring the church.

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PONTIAC, MICH.—A homecoming rally was held at the Pontiac church, September 21, and 22. A large number were present for the meeting. Delegates were there from Lansing, Port Huron, Detroit, Flint, Orion, Utica and Hillsdale. A large number of ministers took part in the services. Among those present were Pastor L. M. Round, Miss Ruth Nofsinger, Brother Fred Peters, Mother Lang, Brother A. F. Overly, Brother and Sister Stahl, and Evangelist F. Lindblade. A great time of fellowship was enjoyed. Basket dinner was served in the spacious basement. The Lord has blessed the laboring of the Saints there.

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The Rees Brothers Evangelistic Party are now in a revival meeting at Union Chapel, two miles west of Stella, Mo. Albert Durham, pastor.

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Brother and Sister Vica Barker of Rio Hondo, Texas, are now living in Arnett, Oklahoma, and are laboring for the Lord in that section of the country.

Evangelist and Mrs. Eugene Cornell and family have been in the Tri-State district in meeting and are now in a revival at the Granby Tabernacle in Granby, Mo. Everyone is looking forward to a good revival. Ralph Durham, pastor.

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Evangelist Irene Dilworth is now in a revival meeting in the Macedonia community, near Hempstead, Texas.

MY TESTIMONY

I always like to stand as a witness for the one who gave His all for me, that I might have life and that more abundantly. I am indeed thankful that God has seen fit to call me from the way of sin into paths of righteousness, that He sanctifies and keeps me from day to day. 'Tis wonderful to know my sins have been cast into a sea of forgetfulness and will be remembered against me no more. I may have to live in this sin cursed world many years yet, but thank the Lord I have been elevated to a plane where wordly desires and habits no longer fill my mind. The atoning blood of the Savior has been applied to my heart and worldly lusts have vanished.

"The Lord is my shepherd." In traveling about strange places, and after all life is but a journey, one sees someone to assist him and show the way. Jesus said, "I am the way." If we but follow Him we are sure to reach our destination.

For years I wandered about in sin, trying just about everything in the devil's catalog and inventing some of my own. I never thought that "It is appointed unto man once to die and after that the judgment." I neglected everything pertaining to the wonderful Savior, yet He was merciful to me, often keeping me from personal injury and a few times from death. Then, I did not appreciate His great love, but I do now. Since yielding my life to the Lord, I have joy and peace and satisfaction that I never knew before. It is indeed wonderful to know that the approval of God is stamped upon your life and that you can rightly be called a child of the King.

I like to think about my inheritance in that city whose maker and builder is God. Worldly goods I have few but "In my Father's house are many mansions," and by doing the things He would have me do I am laying up for myself treasures in Heaven. My Father's house is full of good things and to that store house I hold a key. Prayer, I like to pray to my Father in Heaven because I know that He is still on the throne hearing and answering prayer. He tells me to "knock and it shall be opened," "ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find." Many of us fail to receive because we fail to ask.

I enjoy this wonderful salvation

of our Lord Jesus Christ. Am truly glad it is for "Whosoever will." I like to think of the greatness of it. Some are satisfied to stay near the shore in ankle deep salvation, others venture out to knee deep, some go on to a waist deep experience, and a few launch out into the deep. Friends, there is still depths to explore if we but cut away from the shore line and set out to explore them.

I like to know that when I go the way of all flesh, "Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me." I am trying to live my daily life so that it will be honorable before my fellowman and acceptable to God. I expect some day to hear said to me, "Well done thou good and faithful servant. Thou hast been faithful over a few things, and I will make thee ruler over many.

—Francis E. Gunn.
Seneca, Mo.

A Timid Preacher

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A timid ministry in the pulpit, a wordly people in the new. It takes earnest, positive preaching of the Gospel of Christ to save the people from their sins and keep them saved.

Nothing more unfortunate, perhaps, nothing more worthless, than a timid preacher in the pulpit, afraid he will give offense, who is afraid to speak out plainly, earnestly and with a tone of authority the truths of God against the sinfulness of men. Most every one is pleased to listen to a preacher who has something in his mind, tone and statements that are positive proof that he isn't serving himself, but that he is serving his God and is interested in the welfare and salvation of his fellowmen.

Nothing more disgusting to intelligent, serious people, than the timid, cowardly movements and messages of a time-serving preacher who is thinking of himself, saving his position, increasing his salary, getting into a larger church which will bring him more money rather than an earnest, courageous preacher of the Gospel, who with holy freedom and a warm heart offers a positive, saving message to the people who wait upon his ministry.

Nothing more delightful and refreshing than a Gospel message from a well informed, warm-heart-

ed, earnest preacher of the Gospel of Christ, who experiences the Gospel he preaches in his own heart and manifests in his life and ministry an unselfish interest in the salvation and welfare of the people to whom he ministers. By all means give us a God-called, Spirit-filled ministry. Then the church will be spiritual, its influence will be felt in society as salt and light, and it will be well with the surrounding population. The consecrated life and faithful Gospel preaching of a true servant of God is invaluable in its effect on any community.

—Rev. H. C. Morrison.

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SEND OUT YOUR SHIP

Two people who were watching boats in the harbor were talking. One said, "I wish my ship would come in." The other, so the story goes, asked, "Have you ever sent it out?" "It can't come home if it has never started, can it?" The things we sent out are the things that come back to us. Kindness, courtesy, friendliness, return to us in kind. We have the promise that bread cast upon the waters will return to us after many days. But first we have to cast it.

A PREACHER'S PRAYER

"Oh, Lord, give me a back-bone as big as a saw log, and ribs like the sleepers under the church floor; put iron shoes on me, and galvanized breeches. And give me a rhinoceros hide for a skin, and hang a wagon load of determination up in the gable-end of my soul, and help me to sign the contract to fight the devil as long as I've got a fist, and bite as long as I've got a tooth, and then gum him till I die. All this I ask for Christ's sake. Amen!"

Whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. Believest thou this? —John 11: 26.

DID ISRAEL RETURN FROM CAPTIVITY?

It is not uncommon to be assured that Israel returned from their captivity in Assyria when Judah returned from theirs in Babylon. That this could not have been the case, let the following reasons show:

When Israel returns "the second time" they are never to be pulled up again out of their land (Amos ix, 15). But those who returned from Babylon were "pulled up" by Titus under the Romans in A. D. 70.

When Israel of the Ten Tribes returns, their gathering will be from "the Islands" (Jer. xxxi, 10). At the return from Babylon no islands had been in possession at all.

When Israel returns they will be in union with Judah (Jer. iii, 18). At the date of the return from Babylon Israel was still in rebellion against Judah (11 Chron. x, 19).

When Israel is gathered, it must be from "the north" and "the west" (Isa. xlix, 12). Babylon was to the east. Israel returns redeemed (Isa. li, 11). The Jews were not redeemed when they returned.

Before Israel returns she must have become a multitudinous seed (Hosea i, 10). The Jews returned from Babylon a mere handful. The Isles must have become too small for Israel's people (Isa. xlix, 19). The Jews from Babylon knew nothing about islands. When Israel returns she must possess immense colonies (Obad. 17). The Jews never had any "possessions" since they were in Babylon.

Israel returns a righteous nation (Isa. xxvi, 2). The Jews were not so when they returned from Babylon.

Israel's return was to be the ending of their sorrows (Jer. xxxi, 12). The Jews had more sorrows after their return than when they went to Babylon!

When Israel returns Samaria will be her possession (Jer. xxxi, 5). The people from Babylon had nothing of the kind. Israel must return to sing (Isa. xxxv, 10). The Jews returned to cry and mourn.

Israel is to return representatively, "one of a city, two of a family" (Jer. iii, 14). The people from Babylon were not so selected. When Israel returns, one King is

to be king to all of them (Ezek. xxxvii, 22). The people from Babylon had no king.

The Lord promises to do better for Israel upon their return than ever before (Ezek. xxxvi, 11). But the Jews suffered more after they returned from Babylon than they did prior to their captivity.

When Israel returns, the deliverance from Egypt is to be forgotten, and a new song sung (Jer. xxiii, 7, 8). But Egypt was not yet forgotten nor was the new song sung by the Jews.

These, and many other reasons, may be advanced why it is impossible that Israel and Judah returned together from Babylon. The promised return is, therefore, yet future.

Lost Art of Meditation

"He took Peter and John and James, and went up into the mountain to pray, and as He prayed the fashion of His countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistening . . . they saw his glory." (Luke 9: 28, 29, 32).

"If I have found grace in thy sight, show me thy glory." (Exo. 33: 13).

When Jesus took these three disciples up into that high mountain apart, He brought them into close communion with Himself. They saw no man but Jesus only: and it was good to be there. Heaven is not far from those who tarry on the mount with their Lord.

Who has not in moments of meditation and prayer caught a glimpse of opening gates? Who has not in the secret place of holy communion felt the rush of some white surging wave of emotion—a foretaste of the joy of the blessed?

The Master had times and places for quiet converse with His disciples, once on the peak of Hermon, but oftener on the sacred slopes of Olivet. Every Christian should have his Olivet. Most of us especially in the cities and towns, live at high pressure. From early morning until bedtime we are exposed to the whirl. Amid all this maelstrom how little chance for quiet thought, for God's Word, for prayer and heart fellowship!

Daniel needed to have an Olivet in his chamber amid Babylon's roar and idolatries. Peter found his on

a housetop in Joppa; and Martin Luther found his in the "upper room" at Wittenberg, which is still held sacred.

Dr. Joseph Parker once said: "If we do not get back to visions, peeps into heaven, consciousness of the higher glory and the larger life, we shall lose our religion: our altar will become a bare stone, unblest by visitant from heaven." Here is the world's need today—men who have seen their Lord.

—Selected.

PIONEERING IN PALESTINE

One of the strange phenomena of the present day is the reclamation of one of the oldest areas of civilization in the world.

In 1913 the plain of Esdraelon, familiar to Bible students, supported only a few scattered Arabian families. Now it hears the rattle of tractor exhausts and witnesses the lush green of orange groves, with marshes drained and desert lands irrigated, making a home for 18,000 Jewish "pioneers."

Dr. Walter Lowdermilk of the United States department of agriculture, has spent 15 months investigating the work of Jewish repatriation in Palestine and says it is "one of the most remarkable works of the restoration and reclamation of wasted lands that I have seen on three continents." It is said that there is a possibility for the resettlement of 2,800,000 persons. Already 120,000 Jews are farming in Palestine.

Nothing more eloquently demonstrates the truth of the saying that history works in great cycles.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY

The last Young People's Rally was held at the Frisco Mission, in Webb City, Mo., October 14. A large number of delegates from all the Missions of the District attended. An election of officers was held, and the following officers were elected: Tica Tabor, president; Ralph Durham, vice-president; Betty Palmer, secretary-treasurer. The next rally will be held at the Mission in Seneca, Mo., Monday night, Nov. 11. Everyone is urged to attend.

I am the Good Shepherd, and know My sheep, and am known of Mine.
—John 10: 14.

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TESTIMONY

Muskogee, Oklahoma

Dear Brother and Sister Parham:

You may think I'm dead by this time—I have waited so long to write. But I'm not. Thank the Lord. He performed a miracle in my body. The growth that I had carried for over four years burst and passed. I feel so happy about it I feel that I want to leap with the lame man who sat at the gate begging alms as Peter, James and John passed by and said: "Look on us." I thank God that he sent you folks to pass by, praise my Lord. I have prayed many, many times for deliverance from that trouble. He who knows how to do all things did this wonderful thing for me.

You folks pray for my children as you pray for the Lord to bring them all back to Him. They are backslidden. I am closing with lots of love and pray that the Lord will continually bless you in all you do for him. I thank you and praise Him.

CORA DARDEN

Clear Lake, Oklahoma,
October 10, 1940

Dear Brother and Sister Parham:

May our God bless you. We are laboring for the Lord here. We need your prayers. Brother and Sister Robert Girouard just closed a four weeks' revival. Eight souls found God and four were sanctified. We surely praise God for His wonderful love and mercy extended unto us. The meeting was enjoyed by all Christians. Such wonderful sermons went out under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Surely Brother Girouard is a great and humble messenger of God. Much conviction was shown in the services Sunday so pray that God will continue to bless and save the lost. Our Young People's meeting is well attended and good interest is shown. Add us to your prayer list for surely in these troubled days that lie ahead of us we need much prayer. May God richly bless each life.

PEARL THOMAS, Pastor

OBITUARY

Mr. J. W. Scott of Magnolia, Arkansas, passed away September 16, after a long illness, at the age of 79 years. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nora Scott; three children, Mrs. Willow Mae Sumner, Jewel M. Scott, both of Magnolia, and Lacy Scott of Nacogdoches, Texas. Funeral services were held near Haynesville, Louisiana, his former home, with Reverend E. W. Dickson and Reverend Wade of Magnolia, Arkansas, in charge. Mr. Scott was an earnest Christian having given his heart to the Lord a good many years ago. He will be greatly missed by the family and friends.

Mrs. Sallie Jane Barfield was born October 15, 1871, in Gonzales, Texas. Departed this life October 2, 1940, at her home in Center Point, Texas. Age 68 years, 11 months, 17 days. She was united in marriage to Mr. H. C. Barfield, September 14, 1892. To this union was born two children, Elvin and Caretta. She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband, H. C. Barfield; daughter, Mrs. R. M. Park; son, Elvin Barfield; one grandson, Barfield Park; one sister, Mrs. A. L. Spann, Ballinger, Texas; one brother, J. F. Wood, Gonzales, Texas. Many other relatives and a host of friends. Funeral services conducted by Reverend Ben Barker.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Miss Opal Reno, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reno, of Cheney, Kansas, and Mr. John Wimer of Kingman, Kansas, were united in marriage in a beautiful wedding at the home of the bride's parents, on September 1.

Evangelist and Mrs. Tica Tabor announce the birth of a son, Ronald Dean, October 4.

There has been a 5,000-word Bulletin prepared in readable language telling about the details of the draft, operation and period of service, exemptions, deferments, government and state officials, ministers of religion, men employed in necessary industries, students attending colleges, conscientious objectors, etc. Thirty questions and answers commonly asked. This Bulletin can be had by sending 5c in coin or stamps to Mr. Frederick M. Derby, Director, Washington Service Bureau, 1013 13th Street, Washington, D. C.

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