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## Light Shining Out Of Darkness

WILLIAM COWPER

God moves in a mysterious way  
His wonders to perform:  
He plants his footsteps in the sea,  
And rides upon the storm.

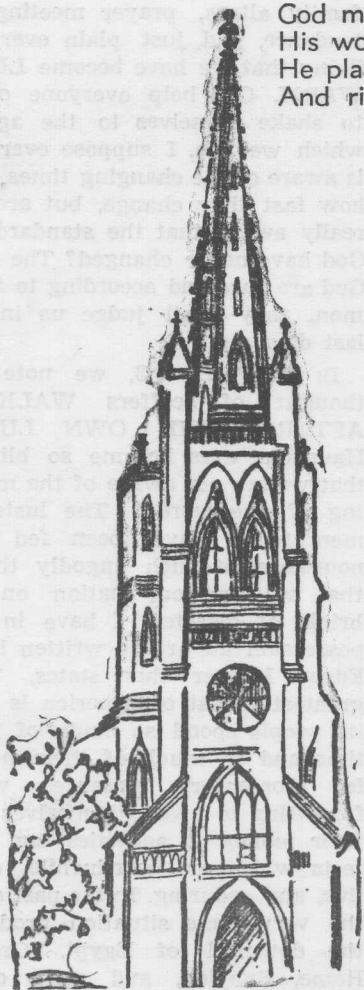
Deep in unfathomable mines  
Of never-failing skill  
He treasures up His bright designs,  
And works His sovereign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take:  
The clouds ye so much dread  
Are big with mercy, and shall break...  
In blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,  
But trust Him for His grace;  
Behind a frowning Providence  
He hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast,  
Unfolding every hour;  
The bud may have a bitter taste,  
But sweet will be the flower.

Blind unbelief is sure to err,  
And scan His work in vain;  
God is His Own interpreter,  
And He will make it plain.



## WHAT MANNER OF PERSON OUGHT YE TO BE?

by Ted Barker

In the twentieth century of time, it seems like everything is governed by standards: Our daily living, our conversation, and our business dealings. Everything we do is measured.

I am reminded in these scriptures we would like to examine, of the standard for a real Christian In II Peter 3:10-- we find BUT, THE DAY OF THE LORD WILL COME AS A THIEF IN THE NIGHT; IN THE WHICH THE HEAVENS SHALL PASS AWAY WITH A GREAT NOISE, AND THE ELEMENTS SHALL MELT WITH FERVENT HEAT, THE EARTH ALSO AND THE WORKS THAT ARE THEREIN SHALL BE BURNED UP. SEEING THEN THAT ALL THESE THINGS SHALL BE DISSOLVED, WHAT MANNER OF PERSONS OUGHT YE TO BE IN ALL HOLY CONVERSATION AND GODLINESS.

As I look at these scriptures, I can't help but wonder what Peter must have really meant in writing these words to us. I look at the verses in the early part of the chapter and find Peter very concerned in trying to warn us again as had been done so many times before of the last days. He spoke of scoffers walking after their own lusts and saying, WHERE IS THE PROMISE OF HIS COMING? FOR SINCE THE FATHERS FELL ASLEEP, ALL THINGS CONTINUE AS THEY WERE FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE CREATION. Let us examine this statement very carefully. We remember in the beginning, God created men, but still there was no one to till the ground, so God formed man from the dust of the earth, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul. Not long after this Satan beguiled Eve and she gave to Adam and he did eat, and from there, started the ending. Because of the sins committed in the garden, everyone of us are subject to the sin nature and will be until God himself puts down sin eternally. Let us remem-

ber what Peter said about scoffers from the beginning and we will see that Satan was one of the first scoffers of the law of God and taught man also to scoff at the law of the Almighty. A few generations passed and we find the time of Noah was no different than most of the people of this day and time. They seemed to say "It has never rained on the earth before, now, why should we be so concerned with this idea?" Still could brother Noah kept on preaching that God was going to destroy the earth with water, so people had better get right with God. To a world of people, it seems absurd to think that Jesus would come now. Most of the people will agree that sometime in the long future something might happen, "But not now." Surely, to the born again Christian, we can see what Peter meant by saying, "WHERE IS THE PROMISE OF HIS COMING?"

People have become so involved with the CARES OF LIFE AND THE DECIETFULNESS OF RICHES, whether they speak the words audibly or not, their actions speak for them in saying, "SINCE OUR FATHERS FELL ASLEEP, ALL THINGS CONTINUE AS THEY WERE FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE CREATION". Our hearts should be charged with new zeal and ambitions, seeing that the last days are upon us, to do more than we have ever done to see souls saved, and help encourage the Christians to stay saved.

Regardless of the theme of the day, which seems to say with such long and loud phrases, "Just kinda go along, and do pretty good." Let us as true soldiers of the cross never be deceived by saying or even thinking, "WHERE IS THE PROMISE OF HIS COMING?" There has never been so many signs, nor have they been so plain as they are now, THAT JESUS IS COMING SOON. The newspapers, televisions, radios, and even our everyday conversations seem to scream aloud that the time is near. Twenty years ago, I heard the ministers stand to preach

the trues of the "End time" and of things that should happen, which at that time were still prophecy, but since those sermons of twenty years ago, they have become history. In the last few years we have seen great strides made in the scientific world that almost scare us at what man is actually able to do through his own wisdom. We call to mind the words of one of the Bible writers which goes something like this, "IN THE LAST DAYS MEN SHALL RUN TO AND FRO, AND KNOWLEDGE SHALL BE INCREASED." We also read in the book of Revelation the third chapter, of the church condition in the last days, and it certainly gives a perfect picture of the church world in general today. Seemingly, the churches of today have become so lax in their praying, Bible study, family altars, prayer meeting attendance, and just plain everyday living that we have become LUKEWARM. God help everyone of us to shake ourselves to the age in which we live. I suppose everyone is aware of the changing times, and how fast they change, but are we really aware that the standards of God have never changed? The laws God are sure and according to Solomon, they shall judge us in the last days.

In II Peter 3:3, we note the thought of scoffers WALKING AFTER THEIR OWN LUSTS. Have our eyes become so blinded that we are not aware of the meaning of the words? The lusts of men today have been fed and nourished of such ungodly things that we find our nation on the brink of disaster. I have in my possession an article written by J. Edgar Hoover that states, "The greatest threat of America is that its people spend so much of their time and so much of their money for momentary pleasures, while forgetting to invest themselves and their money in activities and projects which are worthwhile, creative, and enduring. In the past ages, the very same situation produced the downfall of Egypt, Greece, Rome, Babylon, and many other

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## OBITUARIES

### WILLIAM EARL JONES

Willard Earl Jones, son of Earl and Thressa Jones, was born on April 30, 1914, at Hardesty, Oklahoma. Willard spent his early life in and around Hardesty working for his father and neighbors.

He was married to Alta Mae Grimmer on December 24, 1938, at Boise City, Oklahoma. Willard was associated with the Apostolic Faith Church, and in the last few months of his life, lived to be able to attend Church services, and he left a wonderful testimony in his community for Christ.

He was preceded in death by his father on April 23, 1956.

Willard is survived by his wife, Alta Mae, one daughter Mrs. Jeff Hogner, a son-in-law Jeff Hogner of Hardesty. His mother, Mrs. Thressa Jones of Hardesty; four sisters; Mrs. Oletha Reeves, Ardmore, Oklahoma; Mrs. Oneta Evans, Vider, Texas; Mrs. Earlene Turner, Decatur, Arkansas; and Mrs. Audine Brannan, Las Vegas, Nevada; two brothers, R. C. "Whitie" Jones of Hardesty, and Owen "Preacher"

Jones of Guymon, Oklahoma. He also leaves to mourn his passing several nephews, nieces and a host of friends.

### RICHARD HALE TOOLEY

Richard Hale "Dick" Tooley of Center Point passed away at Com-fort Community Hospital on February 15, 1966, after a lengthy illness.

Dick Tooley was born December 19, 1893, at Denlow, Missouri. He was married to Miss Laura Rowland in 1936. Bro. Tooley found Christ to his Saviour in a meeting conducted by the late Evangelist Elmer Russell in a schoolhouse near Clayton New Mexico. Brother Tooley had lived a consistent Christian life since the time he was saved until his passing.

Brother Sidney B. Rees and Rev. John Blythe officiated at the funeral services which were conducted in the Country Community Church on February 19, 1966.

Brother Tooley is survived by his wife, Laura Tooley; Two daughters, Mrs. Kenneth Priest Willow, Alaska; Emmal Lou Tooley of Austin; and two sons Teddy and Richard of Center Point.

### THOMAS M. LANFORD

Thomas M. Lanford was born at Brenham, Texas, June 20, 1892, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lanford. He passed away at his home at 11:15 A. M. January 20, 1966 at the age of 73 years and seven months. He and Miss Laura Caywood were married at Cameron, Texas, April 19 1914. To this union six children were born. A daughter, Mrs. Laura Lands, preceded him in death and Mr. and Mrs. Lanford cared for her four children as their own. Surviving are: his wife; two sons; three daughters, one of whom is Miss Betty Jo Lanford, of Rockdale, also four grandchildren, which includes Miss Nancy Lands and Gerald Lands of Rockdale; ten other grandchildren, two brothers and two sisters.

In recent years he was a member of the Apostolic Faith Church in Rockdale and attended faithfully until the past year when he was

in failing health. Services were conducted from Phillips and Luckey funeral Chapel in Rockdale, with Rev. Edwin A. Waterbury officiating.

### MRS. MARGARET CORNELL

Funeral services for Mrs. Margaret Cornell were conducted in Buena Park, Calif. on January 12. She was born January 11, 1881, at Great Bend, Kansas, and was married to Wm. Cornell in May of 1901. They became the parents of 8 children.

Mr. Cornell preceded her in death in 1956.

Survivors include 7 sons and 1 daughter; Rev. E. K. Cornell and Emmett Cornell of Laverne, Okla.; Walter and Herbert of Oklahoma City, Ellis of Fort Worth, Harold of Hayward, and Gilbert of Buena Park, Calif.; Elizabeth Everetts of Durango, Colo.; one brother, Bill Bushnell of Winslow, Ark.; and 19 grandchildren.

### MANNER OF PERSON—

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AMONG MEN, BEING THE FIRST-FRUITS UNTO GOD AND THE LAMB. AND IN THEIR MOUTH WAS FOUND NO GULE: FOR THEY ARE WITHOUT FAULT BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD. Seeing the wonderful greatness of God to His people that serve Him, and the terribleness of being away from God, I'd like to ask the question one more time, "WHAT MANNER OF PERSONS OUGHT YE TO BE?"

### I STAND IN CHRIST

By Sherman Roddy

I stand in Christ secure,  
He keeps me lest I fall;  
I stand in Him complete.  
He is my all in all.  
I stand in Christ secure,  
He fills each part, the whole;  
I stand in Him complete.  
He's the Captain of my soul.  
I stand in christ secure,  
His battle song I sing;  
I stand in Christ complete,  
He is my reigning King.

Trial is the school of trust!

## ARTICLE VI

**The Seventy Weeks of Daniel's Prophecy****Daniel 9:24-27**

By Robert Girouard

In previous articles we have brought out the fact that 483 years of the 490 years of this prophecy which are decreed upon the Jews and upon Jerusalem before the full measure of national blessings promised to Israel in Daniel 9:24, come to pass have already been fulfilled. We have also shown that the 70th week, or the last seven years of this prophecy remains unfulfilled. How can this gap or interruption in the fulfillment of this prophecy be justified?

God is a God of sovereign power and authority. He is under no obligation to give to any one a reason for His actions. The prophecy itself does not demand that it be fulfilled without interruption. However, there is a precedent in Scripture for God not counting time when His people were in Divine disfavor.

"According to the book of Kings, Solomon began to build the temple in the 480th year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt. This statement, than which none could, seemingly, be more exact, has sorely puzzled chronologers. By some it has been condemned as a forgery, by others it has been dismissed as a blunder; but all have agreed in rejecting it. Moreover, Scripture itself appears to clash with it. In his sermon at Pisidian Antioch, St. Paul epitomizes thus the chronology of this period of the history of his nation: forty years in the wilderness; 450 years under the Judges, and forty years of the reign of Saul; making a total of 530 years. To which must be added the forty years of David's reign and the first three years of Solomon's making 573 years for the very period which is described in Kings as 480 years. I Kings 6:1 Acts 13:18-21: Can these conclusions, apparently so inconsistent, be reconciled?

If we follow the history of Israel as detailed in the book of Judges, we shall find that for several periods, their national exis-

tence as Jehovah's people was in abeyance. In punishment for their Idoltary, God gave them up again, and again, and "sold them into the hands of their enemies." They became slaves of the king of Mesopotamia for eight years, to the king of Moab for eighteen years, to the king of Canaan for twenty years, to the Midianites for seven years, and finally to the Philistines for forty years. Judges 3:8, 14; 4:2, 3; 6:1; 13:1. The servitude of Judges 10:7,9 affected only the tribes beyond Jordan, and did not suspend Israel's national position. But the sum of 8 plus 18 plus 20 plus 7 plus 40 years is 93 years, and if 93 years be deducted from 573 years, the result is 480 years. It is obvious, therefore that the 480 years of the book of Kings from the Exodus to the temple is a mystic era formed by eliminating every period during which the people were cast off by God. If then, this principle were intelligible to the Jew in regard to history, it was both natural and legitimate to introduce it in respect of an essentially mystic era like that of the seventy weeks. "Sir Robert Anderson in "The coming Prince".

A few days after 483 years of this prophecy were fulfilled the Jews crucified their Messiah. This brought the divine disfavor upon them as a nation. So far as the 70 weeks prophecy is concerned, God's prophetic clock has quit ticking. Jews as individuals may be saved by repentance toward God and personal trust in Jesus as their Savior, but the nation so far as national blessings are concerned is cast off during this church age.

God, who knows the end from the beginning foresaw that the Jews would crucify their Messiah, and purposed "from the beginning of the world" — — — Eph. 3:9 — — — to form in this age One Body, the Church, composed of believing Jews and Gentiles. Eph. 3:1-6. So the gap in the fulfillment of this prophecy is used by the Lord to build his church.

Perhaps a few words are in order here about Daniel's people. Daniel 9:24. We believe that it is quite

likely that Daniel was of the king's seed. Dan. 1:1-3. If so, he would be of the tribe of Judah. Then why not call him and his people Jews instead of Israelites?

The descendants of Jacob whose name was changed to Isreal were originally generally called the children of Israe or Israel. But when the Kingdom was divided into two nations, I Kings 12:1-33, the smaller nation was called the kingdom of Judah, and the ten tribe nation was called Israel. The name Jew was applied to a member of the kingdom of Judah after the separation of the ten tribes. II Kings 16:6. After the captivity of the two nations the word Jew or Israelite was used regardless of the tribe. Ezekiel in his prophesying after the captivity called the captives of the kingdom of Judah, Israelites. The books of Esther, Ezra and Nehemiah all use the word Jew regardless of the tribe. This is also true of the word Israel. This practice was also carried into the New Testament. So after the captivity the word Jew, or Israelite is applied to any descendant of Jacob regardless of tribal connection.

God's promises of Daniel 9:24 are not for Judah alone but for all twelve tribes. When God said, "All Israel shall be saved," Romans 11:26, He meant members of all twelve tribes who are living at the time of Jesus return who qualify.

At this time the majority of Israelites are blind to the fact that Jesus is their Messiah. "For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in." Romans 11:25. The fulness of the Gentiles refer to the full number of Gentiles that are to be saved in this church age. At the close of the church age blindness will begin to be lifted from Israel.

God will again begin to deal with Israel as a nation when the Anti-Christ makes a firm covenant with the Jews for one week or seven years. See revised text in October issue. Daniel 9:27. The signing of

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# Items of Interest

We feel we would like to share with the people of the Movement a problem about which we've become very concerned. As many of you know, Rev. Ross Briles and the Modesto Church sold their old building which was in the slums of Modesto and purchased a real nice lot with an older house on it. It is in a very nice part of town and the lot is valued at twice the amount that they owe on it.

They were able to secure a "use permit" to use the house for church services for one year. Also, AFTER A LONG, HARD STRUGGLE, they were able to obtain a building permit which expires September 1, 1966. The City Council was against the church and it was an exceeding big task and a Miracle of God that a permit was issued.

It will be necessary for them to be at least in the construction of the church by the first of September or they lose the money that they had to give for the permit and they will have to again come against the City Council for a new permit, which unless God undertakes again, they will not get. They figure that an organization that takes out a permit and can't build in a year is not a very good organization and they aren't interested in having them around.

Since there is a balance due on

the lot, it is impossible to get a loan for the building. Also, they do not have enough men in the church to satisfy a Bank Loan. I do not know the amount that is needed to clear the lot of indebtedness as I have not ask Bro. Ross and he doesn't know about this letter. The Stockton Church is sending a monthly contribution to help the people at Modesto and we are working on the same idea at Fair Oaks Chapel.

I feel that we as a Movement have an interest in this church and should fulfill the Scripture, "bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." Let us all rally behind these people and see the Gospel of Christ advance. After all, if they lose this chance for building, it will not only be a black-eye to them but to the entire Movement.

May God bless each of us as we pray together and work together to see souls born into the kingdom of God.

Rev. Bob Taylor

(Ed. Note: The National Council of Churches is setting up church zones and it is a near impossibility in many areas to receive permission to build a church unless it is one of the large denominations. Let us not fail God and loose what we have in the town of Modesto.)

## BIBLE STUDY TOUR

We are very encouraged by the way plans are progressing on our tour. The total fare will be \$1085.00. This includes: air fare from New York and return, surface transportation, sightseeing tours, first class hotels, meals, (except evening meals in Berlin, Athens, and Rome) tips, transfers, (to and from airports) and baggage handling.

Departure date is set for October 19 (Wednesday) and return 21

days later. We will go directly to Berlin and those who wish may attend the Billy Graham Crusade in the evening.

At present our itinerary includes stops in Berlin, (east and west), Moscow, Cairo, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Israel, Athens, Corinth, and Rome. Arrangements are being made through KIM Royal Dutch Airlines.

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## Daniel's Prophecy—

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this covenant will mark the beginning of the seventieth week of Daniel's prophecy. The prince will evidently give the Jews religious freedom and pledge military protection. After three and one-half years of this covenant he "shall cause the sacrifice and oblation to cease." Daniel 9:27. He will break his covenant with Israel and become their persecutor and oppressor. He will receive a deadly wound from which he will recover, but from this time his character will be altogether devilish. For a period of three and one-half years he will demand human worship and will be the greatest persecutor of God's people who are still on earth this world has ever known. II Thessalonians 2:3-9; Revelation chapter thirteen.

The last three and one-half years of his reign is called in Scripture the time of Jacob's trouble. Jeremiah 30:1-11. It will be during the time of Jacob's trouble that God's two witnesses will prophesy in Jerusalem. Were it not for the power of God's witnesses to bring judgment upon evildoers, Israel would probably be destroyed during this time. Revelation 11:3-12.

At the end of the seventieth week of Daniel's prophecy the two witnesses will be killed. After three and one-half days they will be raised from the dead and caught up to heaven. Soon after this Jesus will return to fight the battle of Armageddon. He will save Jerusalem and the Jewish nation from destruction. Zech 12:1-9, Zech. 14:1-4. It is at the return of Jesus that God's promises to Israel found in Daniel 9:24 will be fulfilled.

Israel restored and converted will in a special sense be God's earthly people. They will be the leading nation in the world during the millennium. Micah 4:1-7.

The church will be God's heavenly people.

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## NEW ADDRESS

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# NEWS from the CHURCHES

## **MIDWAY COUNTRY CHURCH, LOGAN, OKLAHOMA—**

We are happy to report once again that God's wonderful blessings are being felt in our services. There have been personal victories and healing for which we praise God. The snow and cold has made some of the crowds smaller but the blessings still come our way.

Mrs. Deryl Lamunyon, reporter  
Doyle Wiles, pastor

## **ALVIN, TEXAS—**

We are glad for souls saved in our regular services the past few months and ask you to pray for the salvation of some unsaved that attend our church. A few months ago we started Children's Church on Sunday morning during the eleven o'clock worship hour and would like to report we feel it is successful. We have three classes for ages three through six years. We are thankful for dedicated teachers working with these groups.

We feel God has blessed all of us through the miracle we have seen performed in the life of Sis. Downey Wooster. Surely God is still answering prayer for the healing of His people.

Mrs. Roberta Methvin, reporter  
G. K. Kerr, pastor

## **GUYMON, OKLAHOMA—**

Greetings from the High Plains, February 15th marked the first meeting of Apostolic Faith College Students at PanHandle A. & M. College. There is a wonderful potential here and we pray that God will so grant us to work in this capacity. There is a great interest at the college and we believe even more is in store for us. We are

praying to know God's further will. We ask an interest in prayer for these students who live in such crucial times and unrighteous environment.

Our work in Guymon is also progressing well and we are looking forward to a Revival in March with Rev. and Mrs. Floyd LaMunyon.

Edwin Modrick, pastor

## **BAYARD, NEBRASKA—**

We enjoy the people here very much. Our work is progressing satisfactory. We are praying for a Revival to be conducted in the near future. The new chairman of the church board is L. L. Hintergardt, Rt. 1 Bayard.

Bill Patterson, Sr., pastor

## **HINTON, ALABAMA—**

We are glad to report victory in our services. One has been saved recently for which we are very thankful. Our 2 week Revival with Rev. Roy Wooster was a blessing to each of our lives. The presence of the Lord was in every service in a special way.

We appreciate the great Love of God that passes all understanding. We appreciate the Apostolic Faith Report so very much and trust the Lord will bless the ones that work so faithfully on it.

George Hintergardt, pastor

## **BUCKHORN COMMUNITY CHURCH, BELLVILLE, TEXAS—**

At this writing a Revival is three days in progress at our church with Evangelist Myrtle Carney and Gospel party, Peggy Sutton, Ginger Raney, and Dorothy Kinser. The meeting began Sunday morn-

ing, February 13, with a mighty out-pouring of the Spirit of the Lord upon the service. On the second night one testified to receiving salvation, while others received victories and deeper experiences in the Lord. We're expecting a victorious Revival.

Of late we have had several visiting ministers; Rev. Darrel Sutton and R. B. Clanton have brought some inspiring messages. These services were enjoyed and appreciated by all.

Mrs. James N. Hold, reporter  
Winston J. Barker, pastor

## **HUDSON, WYOMING—**

The Lord has been so good to us here in Hudson and we enjoy working for Him. We are seriously considering leaving the Church here and would like to see another Apostolic Faith Minister come here to pastor. The Church is an organized Apostolic Faith Church called, "Hudson Community Church". The Church has its annual election the middle of April. We will plan to stay on until school is out the last part of May, but would like for the new pastor to come by that time.

We desire the prayers of all of you concerning this matter and anyone who is interested can write to us. We will give the letters to the Church board. As for our plans, we have none as yet, but are waiting on the Lord for His leading. Your prayers will be appreciated.

Robert and Dora Beydler, pastor  
Box 108—Hudson, Wyo. 82515

## **UNION CHAPEL, STELLA, MO.—**

Once again God has been in our midst to bless in Revival with the

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**CHURCH NEWS**

preaching of His Word through Rev. F. E. Waterbury. The Word was brought with anointing. God touched hearts in many ways. Every service was wonderful and a large attendance was witnessed each night. We enjoyed Sis. Fran and Mike and Craig with their ministry in music. We were also happy to have Bro. Lee Oakes and family and Sis. Wana Carman and family to help in our Revival. We had so much good help each night and we thank God for each one.

Onal Nunn, pastor

**GALENA, KANSAS—**

God has once again manifested Himself unto us for which we praise His Name. Three souls have accepted the Lord as personal Saviour during the past month, and others have deepened their lives in the Lord. We're waiting on the Lord that we might again see His Hand move in a mighty way in our midst!

Howard Whiteley, pastor

**ROSWELL, N. MEXICO—**

We've been having some very good services here. Myrtle Carney and her Gospel team came by last month and held a wednesday night service for us from which we all received a blessing.

We desire your prayers that our church may continue to increase in number and nearness to God, that others may see Christ in us.

Zinnia Clouse, reporter  
Paul S. Clanton, pastor

**FOLLETT, TEXAS—**

We are glad to report that God is still blessing in our church. Recently in a Sunday morning service, Brother Ronnie Martin preached for us. He brought a soul-searching, inspiring sermon. Bro. and Sister E. K. Cornell were recent visitors in a Sunday evening service. In this sermon we were reminded that God keeps his promises and never fails.

This past month our church enjoyed a time of fellowship at a church supper after which gifts were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Babbs for their new home.

We ask for your prayers for

our church that we may see it grow as the Lord desires. We are praying for a Revival in the near future.

Jack Cornell, pastor

**WAYSIDE CHAPEL, EDNA, TEX.**

We have just enjoyed a weeks Revival here at Wayside Chapel, which was conducted by Harrol Waterbury. The presence of the Lord was with us and how we appreciate and are thankful to the Lord for this. The church was uplifted very much, however there were not any conversions. There has been a lot of interest in our community of late and we are glad the Lord continues to deal with people about their condition whether it is of sin or if they need advancement in the Lord. Time is passing, opportunities are passing, and we as Christians must use this time in faithful service for our Lord.

Danny Robinson, pastor

**BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA—**

With the help of the Lord we are beginning work here with the people for a church. It will be in the Lenwood area just West of Barstow proper. Please pray for us and this new work. We need His guidance and help.

Francis M. Dearing  
34459 Birch Rd  
Barstow, California

**WILLOW, ALASKA—**

Our church work seems to be progressing little by little. We have mostly children for Sunday School and three more have started lately. The Anchorage church, Bro. and Sis. J. D. Ray gave and installed new paneling, ceiling tile, and windows. We are grateful for this and are enjoying it very much. We truly thank God for the many blessings which He adds each day.

Kenneth Priest, Jr., pastor

**PINE CREST, MISSISSIPPI—**

We have entered into this new year praying for a good old fashioned Revival. The people here are wonderful and very faithful but we would like to see many souls saved and added to the number here.

Weather and material permitting, we want to start some more im-

provements and make some additional trailer facilities for campers this summer. There is ample level space and plenty of shade, so with water and electricity, the camp can take care of a number of trailers.

Remember us in prayer.

Jerome Crowhurst, pastor

**NETTLESBORO, ALABAMA—**

We are glad to report that everything here is progressing according to the scriptures.

Rev. Roy Wooster held a Revival for us January 26 through February 6. We are thankful for the good attendance that we had during the bad weather. God certainly did His part in convicting hearts of sin. We feel like some seed was planted during this Revival that will, in due season, bring an increase.

Dennis Huff, pastor

**KATY, TEXAS—**

Our work here continues with our appreciation for God's blessings. Pray for us that the Word may go forth in a spiritual ministry.

Harrol Waterbury, pastor

**PERRYTON, TEXAS—**

The Lord has blessed our services with His Spirit the last several weeks. A young man was saved recently in a Sunday morning service, and there has been conviction on others.

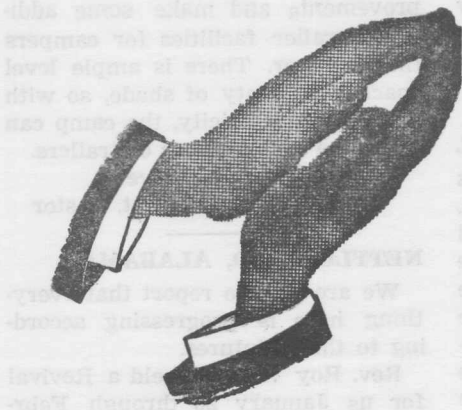
We were privileged to have the area Ministers and board members meet together at the Perryton Church on February 1st. A steak supper was served to 70 adults and a few children. The Lord blessed our fellowship.

Mrs. Bill Cornell, reporter  
O. A. Busch, pastor

When God puts a tear in your eye it's because He wants to put a rainbow in your heart!

God is more interested in making you what you ought to be than in giving you what you think you want!

No enemy can come so near that God is not nearer.



### UNDERSTAND THE NURSERY PUPIL — AGE 2 AND 3

Mrs. Lillie Spencer

All of us want to be more effective in our work for the Lord. Whether we teach little children or not, it is well to know the characteristics of different age groups, we are always in contact with children and we may be a great influence in their lives, quite apart from Sunday School. Wonderful truths about the love of God and His care can be taught to these little ones whenever an opportunity arises that may be much more effective under the circumstances than in a class.

The nursery child is continually active. His arm, leg and other large muscles are growing fast. The child needs to be given plenty of opportunity for activities requiring some control — walking, carrying, handling large objects. He tires easily when being made to sit quietly. The teacher may plan physical activities just before Bible study time, perhaps imitate action of Bible characters walking to God's house sharing activities, etc.

The 2 and 3 year old child is unable to co-ordinate finer muscles. The larger muscles are growing rapidly and he is acquiring skill in using them. Finer muscle control comes later. Don't expect the child to handle small materials efficiently or to be interested in detail. Teach him to use small items gradually. Avoid activities requiring much skill in fingers. He "works" hard at play and expends much energy. The average attention span is about two and one-

half minutes at two years and about four and one-half minutes at three years. To keep a child interested during the span of a Sunday School hour, change activities frequently. Vary activities, alternate action with quiet or listening activities.

Children learn primarily through their senses at this age. Allow them to hear, feel, taste, smell and see. Don't expect to keep "hands off" but teach them to handle items carefully. Let them see pictures, hear stories, songs, touch and smell flowers, feel feathers, etc. Have a variety of materials for children to handle. Be sure they are tied in with the lesson theme.

The two and three year old is ready to learn responsibility. He needs to learn to share and cooperate with others. Provide opportunities for him to share in activities related to the lesson theme. Give him responsibility in helping care for materials.

At this age, the child is uninhibited. He reacts spontaneously. Follow his interest of the moment and relate it to himself and the Lord. He is very sensitive and reacts quickly to the moods of others; cries with another child, becomes frightened and so on. The teacher must be calm in every situation and speak quietly, be friendly, avoid hurry. Provide plenty of materials to avoid quarreling among the children.

At age three, the child knows half of what he will learn all his life. He learns to walk, talk, understand ideas, build vocabulary, handle materials, use muscles. The child matures so rapidly at this

# Teacher's Notebook

age, the teaching program needs to be adjusted to his changing needs and abilities. Deal with individuals instead of a group.

The vocabulary of the two and three year old is limited. Their sentences are very short and simple. He cannot express himself adequately. When teaching, use simple words and much repetition. In prayer, pray very short, simple prayers that the child can understand. Their memory is very short, so repetition is very important. Repeat the story, songs, Bible words several times during the class session. Use the same teaching materials for two or three weeks. You may tire of the repetition, he does not.

This is the only means of them remembering a Bible truth, to go over and over the same story and

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## How Others Do It

### OBJECT LESSON

#### WAYS TO TREAT A WOUND

Visual aids: spray-antiseptic, band-aids, etc.

Lesson: Points: Don't cover a wound with dirt or with another wound. You want it to heal without a scar.

Spiritual Wound: Cover sin with disobedience, cover one lie with another or mean things with neglect? We need to care for such hurts. God has promised to forgive and heal the wound if we come to him and confess our sins. I John 1:9; Romans 10:4; Eze. 14:6; Matt. 3:2; Luke 13:3; Matt. 10:32; Rom. 10:9.



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civilizations." With this in view, WHY should we not ask ourselves, "SEEING THEN THAT ALL THESE THINGS SHALL BE DISSOLVED, WHAT MANNER OF PERSONS OUGHT WE TO BE?" It is an evident fact that the lusts of life have caused men to declare WHERE IS THE SIGN OF HIS COMING?

The past few months I have thought so much about the promises of God, and the fact that they shall be sure. In II Peter 3:9 we find just how sure the promises of God are. Let us examine this verse, THE LORD IS NOT SLACK CONCERNING HIS PROMISES, AS SOME MEN COUNT SLACKNESS; BUT IS LONGSUFFERING TO USWARD, NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH, BUT THAT ALL SHOULD COME TO REPENTANCE. The only hope that a man has is the promises that God has given so generously to all men. We do not hold in our possession a ticket made up of paper and some writing on it to get up into the Holy City, neither do we sign a church roll with the assurance we have it made, but only the hope of the promises of God being sure, gives us the knowledge that beyond a shadow of a doubt if we keep the laws of God, we have it made. After it is all said and done, all we live for as a Christian is the hope of the promises of God being sure.

In the 10th verse of II Peter, 3 we find a positive statement, "BUT THE DAY OF THE LORD WILL COME AS A THIEF IN THE NIGHT . ." I call to remembrance some of the words of the Lord while He was here on earth some two thousand years ago when He declared His coming WOULD BE IN A DAY WHEN MEN DID NOT LOOK FOR HIM. Everyone of us take such precautions to make sure our money is in safe keeping, our valuable papers are well preserved, our life insurance policies are kept paid up, our homes, cars, and other possessions are well insured against hail, wind, fire, and theft, but often take little thought about the destiny of our own souls. So

often I think how I would prepare if I found out that some thieves were going to rob my house on a certain night. I would call the city police (if I lived anywhere else except Hardesty), I'd notify the county sheriff, I'd get word to the highway patrol, and would even try to get the F. B. I. to stake out a watch of my house. I'd take my family to a safe place, and would stop at no lengths to prepare for the robbers, and keep my house intact. We find the words of the Lord in Matt. 24:42,43 WATCH THEREFORE: FOR YE KNOW NOT WHAT HOUR YOUR LORD DOTH COME. BUT KNOW THIS, THAT IF THE GOODMAN OF THE HOUSE HAD KNOWN IN WHAT WATCH THE THIEF WOULD COME, HE WOULD HAVE WATCHED, AND WOULD NOT HAVE SUFFERED HIS HOUSE TO BE BROKEN UP. I think the emphasis of this scripture is placed on "If the goodman of the house would have known." How oft we hear people say, "If only I'd known," but too many times it is too late. May I stress the point, THE LORD WILL COME, and He will COME AS A THIEF IN THE NIGHT. There will be no television announcements, the radio will issue no bulletins, the headlines of the newspapers will give no warnings, and most of the people of the world will not know until it will be too late to prepare, that Jesus is coming. We also see in the 10th verse of chapter 3 of II Peter that there will be terrible trouble because the HEAVENS SHALL PASS AWAY WITH A GREAT NOISE, AND THE ELEMENTS SHALL MELT WITH FERVENT HEAT, THE EARTH ALSO AND THE WORKS THAT ARE THEREIN SHALL BE BURNED UP. It is almost impossible for human minds to comprehend what a circumstance of this nature could be like. We have Bible records for nearly 13,000 years back, and the most of that time there have been the Heavens, the Earth, and the works therein, and then to see them in almost a moment of time, be burned up is almost unthinkable, but let us keep in mind that GOD IS NOT SLACK CONCERN-

ING HIS PROMISES.

Peter followed the 10th verse by saying, "SEEING THEN THAT ALL THESE THINGS SHALL BE DISSOLVED, WHAT MANNER OF PERSONS OUGHT YE TO BE?" I realize that the biggest share of the readers of this paper are Christian people, but I can't keep from asking myself, as no doubt you do, what more can I do to help wage the battle against sin and what is expected from me when I stand before the great judge? So often I fail, and seem to be so weak, but my daily prayer seems to be, "Lord in weakness, make me strong." I am so glad that when we falter along the way, God is so merciful and forgives and helps us to be overcomers.

Coming down to the close of this article, may I encourage everyone that reads this little sermon to do your best for the Lord in these the closing days of time. May I remind you of the signs of the time and warn everyone of us to act accordingly as the Bible has instructed us to do. Certainly, it will be worth it all to see Jesus if we have prepared for that great and notable day of the Lord. From Rev. 14, AND I LOOKED, AND LO, A LAMB STOOD ON THE MOUNT ZION, AND WITH HIM A HUNDRED FORTY AND FOUR THOUSAND, HAVING HIS FATHERS NAME WRITTEN IN THEIR FOREHEADS. AND I HEARD A VOICE FROM HEAVEN, AS THE VOICE OF MANY WATERS, AND AS THE VOICE OF A GREAT THUNDER: AND I HEARD THE VOICE OF HARPERS WITH THEIR HARPS: AND THEY SANG AS IT WERE A NEW SONG BEFORE THE THRONE, AND BEFORE THE FOUR BEASTS, AND THE ELDERS: AND NO MAN COULD LEARN THAT SONG BUT THE HUNDRED AND FORTY AND FOUR THOUSAND, WHICH WERE REDEEMED FROM THE EARTH. THESE ARE THEY WHICH WERE NOT DEFILED WITH WOMEN; FOR THEY ARE VIRGINS. THESE ARE THEY WHICH FOLLOW THE LAMB WITHERSOEVER HE GOETH. THESE WERE REDEEMED FROM

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# Crusaders for Christ

## 12 INCH ANSWER

**QUESTION:** Must I wait for another to bring up the subject of religion, or may I advance thoughts about Jesus and the plan of salvation? Name some ways in which a young person may be a true, outstanding witness for God.

**ANSWER** There has been a great deal of thought given to recreation, how far can one go in the direction of the world and still retain salvation etc. that it is refreshing to talk about things we can do with no limitations. This is a field that should interest every true Christian for we all want a reward when we meet Christ.

Witnessing for the Lord covers a vast field, both time and experience are involved. Age is not a deciding factor in salvation nor witnessing, for God will save and use every one who responds to the conviction He sends.

There are times to witness — they just fit in, it just seems right. Perhaps it is brought about by the question of another, or maybe an act (good or bad) under consideration. Perhaps it is easier to witness to a person of ones own age and educational standards because of the **common ground** on which they meet.

There are some pitfalls to be guarded against. Let us study a few of them. A person cannot assert undue authority or knowledge, as "I know all the answers" type, a braggadocio spirit. Humbleness

goes a long way here.

To condemn the acts of another is not wise. Reproving is best left in the hands of the Lord, however, He will give you what to say in that hour. We must endeavor to lead, **never drive**. When a person is feeling low, there is an opportunity to point them to the one who said, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Matt. 11:28.

A teen-ager has such a wide field wherein he may witness. He may be a blessing to younger boys and girls, younger brothers and sisters. This age usually looks to the teen-ager as their idol. Use this precious time while you may to influence these small boys and girls. He may work with those of his own age. The sinner teen-ager often feels that religion is for older ones. A fiery testimony from one of his own age is often more convincing to Him. Older people too are blessed by the fire and love of young people. The very breath of youth coupled with the anointing of the Lord is a challenge to almost any soul.

Of course there are the regular church services, a time to sing, pray, and testify as the service may be ordered. Let me say here that a consecrated young person should carry the responsibilities as unto the Lord and not be motivated by feeling alone. Often the enemy will make you feel that you don't want to sing, etc, when in reality victory is just a step away.

Far beyond the confines of a church there are places to testify of His Grace and of His saving power. There is so much abroad today on the "God is Dead" theme that Christ was not Divine, or that the Scriptures were not inspired, and that miracles never did happen, or if they did in Bible lore, they will not happen now . . . . all of this gives a fertile field to stand up for the right and explain the truth. You must seek to win souls while you may.

Have you ever thought of offering a good book or a tract? Have you carried a burden of prayer or extended an invitation to attend a place of worship? Maybe you have a Revival in mind, a youth rally, or a "singing".. "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your father which is in heaven." Matt. 5:16.

Often we grow impatient, for we want quick harvest but we have Paul's admonition, "And let us not be weary in well doing! For in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Gal. 6:9.

Beyond everything, be a witness that you may win souls to Christ, which is the very heart of wisdom and reward.

God grinds the axes He means to use!

He who abandons himself TO God will never be abandoned BY God.



# Children's Hour . . .

— Kathryn Cornell

## THE WEDDING AT CANA John 2: 1-11

A family in Cana of Galilee gave a feast. One of the family was to be married, and they had invited many people to the wedding. Among the guests were Jesus, His mother, and His followers.

The wedding feast lasted several days. Perhaps these people were poor, or maybe they had not expected so many friends to come. The feast was not over, but the wine was all gone.

When Jesus' mother found out about this, she called her son aside. "They have no more wine," she explained. Wouldn't he help their friends at a time like this?

Mary called the servants. Pointing to Jesus, she said, "Do whatever He tells you."

And Jesus told them, "Fill the water pots with water."

And the servants filled the huge jars to the brim. Then Jesus said, "Pour out some and take it to the Governor of the feast."

Again they obeyed. But instead of water, wine came out of the great stone jars. How surprised they were! Quickly they carried some to the Governor of the feast, for he had to taste everything before it was served to the guests.

The Governor took the wine without knowing what had happened. When he tasted it, he was surprised that this was much better than the wine that had already been served.

At once the Governor called the bridegroom and told him, "At

other wedding feasts the best wine is served first, but you have kept the best until the last."

**This was Jesus' first Miracle.** By it He had helped people who were in need. The men who were with Jesus marveled at what He had done. Surely no man could do such Miracles!

## MARCH BIRTHDAY CALANDER

- 4 — — JOHNNIE RAY
- 6. — — — JERRI JUNE MORRIS
- 11. — — — RENE HAINES
- 21 — — — KATHY McLEOD
- 22. — — — RHONDA CORNELL
- 23 — — — LAURIE LEE MAHAN
- 24. — — — GINGER DEE ADAIR
- 24 — — LACHELLE WHITELEY
- 27. — — DEWAYNE WILKERSON
- 28. — — — TODD BERRY
- 28. — — — TIMMY BARKER

## UNDERSTAND THE NURSERY

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verse. Give a clear impression. At this age, a deep impression often sticks for life.

Show the nursery child that you love him. If he is afraid of leaving mother to go to a class of his own, understand that he is fearful in new situations. Talk to him and help him understand mother will come for him later. Give him a sense of security by your own calmness. Speak of Jesus as a friend and help the child feel confident in His love. Make clear the truth that Jesus loves him and is taking care of him.

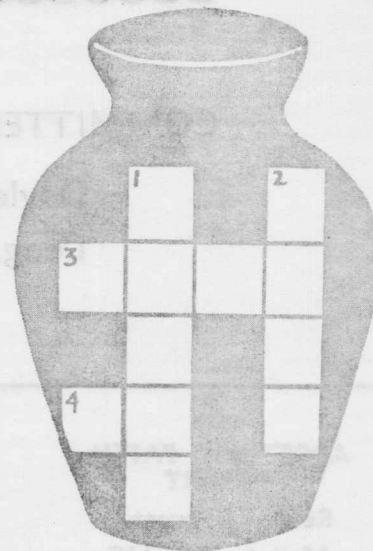
## FIRST MIRACLE

### DOWN

1. Jesus said unto them, "Fill the waterpots with \_\_\_\_\_" (John 2:9).
2. The water was \_\_\_\_\_ Wine (John 2:9).

### ACROSS

3. The first miracle was performed at \_\_\_\_\_ in Galilee (John 2:1).
4. After this \_\_\_\_\_ went down to Capernaum (John 2:2).



## ANSWER

- DOWN: 1. water 2. made  
ACROSS: 3. Cana 4. he

# MID-WEST YOUTH CAMP

LAVERNE, OKLAHOMA

## FIRST CAMP:

AGE 9 Through 12 Enrolls July 10 at noon; will dismiss Friday, July 15 after the night service.

## SECOND CAMP:

Teen-agers 13 and up enroll Sunday, July 17, at noon and dismiss Friday, July 22 after the night service.

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