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But the Greatest of These is Charity. I Cor. 13:13

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# Charity

What though ten thousand wait upon my word, Content that in my accents flows the voice of God; What though they see beyond the present truth I preach.

And feel eternal verity in faith; What though almighty thunders speak through me Of peace, and love and life; Still am I worse than useless in His cause, If in my soul abides not charity.

And though all mysteries and hidden truth Before my searching eyes should come to light; Though knowledge of the ages past Or aeons yet to come should to my mind Become, at last, revealed; Yet should I miss the truth that is all Truth. If, somehow, in the years of quest I have not learned to love.

And though between my soul and God
There lies no doubt;
Though I may trust the wisdom of His choice,
And know that safely in His care
Are all my days;
Though I may be content to walk with Him
Beyond the farthest isles my flesh can see;
Yet if I do not love,
Yet if within my soul of souls there is no fire
That burns the selfishness and dross of earth away,
Still is my faith a thing of little worth,
And I, a stranger to my God.

James Asa Johnson.

# THE COMING OF THE LORD (Con't.)

Scriptural Illustrations, Pre-Figuring the End of the Age.

(Sermon by Chas. F. Parham)

The message to the seven churches in Asia fitted their then spiritual condition, six of them had back slidden and the seventh had left her first love which she was ordered to return to or suffer the loss of the candle stick out of her church. While these messages fitted the churches of those days they are also arranged to fit the seven periods of church history from the time the Lord went away until He comes again. The Ephesian church represented the Apostolic period and so on down through the ages, until we reached the church of Thyatira which properly fits the modern fashionable worldy adulterous churches, who have committed adultery with the world, the flesh and the devil. Of whom Christ says if they do not repent He will take them and commit them with all that do commit adultery into the great tribulation. Thus foretelling the utter downfall of Babylon.—Babylon the Great, the mother of harlots, is the Roman Catholic church; her daughters are the Protestant churches and all the little organized systems, creed bound institutions of our day. John the Revelator gives us a prophetic picture of the time when the whole system of organized churchanity will go down in an hour. During the time of anarchy which will shortly cover the earth, not only the governments, lodges and unions go to pieces, but all church systems will be utterly destroyed and everything in heaven and earth will be shaken and only that which can not be shaken will remain, and the only thing the Bible teaches cannot be shaken will be that wise man who built his house on the rock. Brethren, in this day it does not matter what church or organization you belong to or whether you belong to any, the thing that should concern you is whether or not the character and life of Christ is wrought out in you and that your names are written in the Lambs book of Life. Following this Thyatira period of worldly churchanity the church periods are of short duration as all prophetic periods shorten towards the close of the age.

The world moves much faster than in former years, all prophetic teachers agree that we are now living in the period of the Laodicean

church or the last church period of this age. When Christ recognized the condition a tremendous amount of works but mighty little faith, and because they were neither cold nor hot He would spue them out of his mouth. (Another prophecy representing the downfall of all church systems.) Nothing could more clearly portray the condition of the churches today who boast that they are rich and have need of nothing, of immense church holdings, of wonderful colleges and universities, of great hospitals, (here the sick are slaughtered and killed instead of healed in the name of Jesus.) Of the immense holdings of the membership, of the tremendous salary paid their hireling salary, grabbing professional evolutionary modernitic preachers. But Christ says instead, that they are poor, and needy and blind and naked. What of? Why the essential things that pertain to real salvation, and Bible Christians. So He councils the church of today to buy of Him gold, tried in the fire, this represents old time religion. It has carried many a soul through life in victory and power and proved real gold in all their fiery trials. And white raiment that thou mayest be clothed, that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear. This represents the spiritual nakedness of modern churchanity. Their profession without possession. The world can see so little of reality in the lives of modern professed Christians that the shame of their nakedness, apparent to all observing sinners, is doing more to keep the world from God than all the rest of the things that entice sinners put together. This beautiful white linen we are asked to clothe ourselves in to me represents the grace of sanctification. And then we are exhorted to annoint our eyes with eye salve, which represents the beautiful infilling of the Holy Ghost, bringing light, knowledge and illumination of God's messages from the very heart of God Himself. Not only is Jesus standing at the world's door knocking, coming very soon, but He is represented in the lesson as standing knocking at the heart door of every child of God, seeking entrance. Oh, you poor, half starved, hungry or dead, backslidden professors, if you would just open your heart's door, Christ would come in, in all His fullness and you would enjoy a feast of fat things the year around and an evergreen experience and the joys of a full salvation, that would not

only save you from all sin, but heal you from all diseases and lift you from wretchedness poverty, distress and want. We are truly living in the last church period of this age. Before the glorious advent of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Jesus said upon one occasion that He called them into the vineyard in the first hour, the third hour, the sixth, ninth and eleventh hour and to each He gave a penny. On quoting this sometime ago a member of the union said to me, "That is most unfair, that a person should labor 12 hours and receive only a penny while another receives a penny for only one hour of labor." I laughed and told him that it had no reference to a scale of wages, that this represented the time from when the Lord went away until He came again. That the first hour represents the call of the Apostolic church to whom Jesus committed the teaching of the Gospel, and that the penny represented that we, in the eleventh hour can have the penny too, which represents the fulness of the gospel. That we can have all the gifts and graces and the power that they had in the first hour, that the first shall be last and the last shall be first, and that they without us cannot be perfect and we without them cannot be perfect. Following the glorious message committed to the early church by the Lord Jesus Christ, there came a falling away, then the third hour struck and the great Armenian revival sought to bring back the church to the power of primitive Christianity; then came the period of Catholic dominance and spiritual darkness, and the sixth hour struck; then Martin Luther stepped from a Catholic monastery was marvelously converted of God, and sought again the restoration of apostolic faith and power. Marvelous healings and the actual resurrection from death of Malanchon, his traveling companion, followed the preaching of Luther. After a period of great spiritual life and another decadence, the ninth hour struck, and John Wesley, the mighty apostle of holiness whose preaching spread the flames of full salvation, healing and holiness. John Wesley's journals are replete with marvelous cases of healings. His teaching of holiness, following a definite work of grace, sanctification, still remains a blessing to multiplied hosts of Christians. After a worlds wave of spiritual life and power

there came another decadence, and the rise of our modern worldly churches, when suddenly the eleventh hour struck, and the Moody revivals, the Salvation Army, the Holiness movements opened with a great awakening of spirittual life and power. Following these came the healing movements, then the Pentecostal movements, thus restoring the church as John Wesley freely predicted to all the gifts and graces of the early church, of whom Alexander Campbell said that he expected the Christian church to rise in all the gifts and graces of the early church. The German war opened the midnight hour, the eleventh hour is ending, the door of mercy is closing (all prophetic periods overlap each other) while we are ending the eleventh hour the midnight hour is already begun. Very shortly without warning the eleventh hour will absolutely close, the real saints of God ascend into the clouds to meet the Lord, the Jews will flee to Palestine. The seventieth week of Daniel opens, representing the last seven years of this age during which time no one will be saved. If we do anything for God with our money or time we ought to be up and about our Master's business, for shortly when the nations fall our property rights and money values will cease to be ours to use. Don't spend too much when building churches or tabernacles on needless ornamentation and architectural beauty. Build only such large and commodious buildings as are necessary to keep the light and truth of God flashing out to the multitudes. for there remains to us but a very short period to spread the highway and hedge truths, and then this age will close. We ought to continuously ring in our hearts, "work for the night is coming, when man's work is done."

Upon another occasion I heard Jesus saying, "Who knows whether I will come in the first watch, second watch, third watch or the fourth watch, or the evening, the midnight, the cockcrowing or the morning? This again represents the time from when the Lord went away until He comes again. From the time that the sun set on Calvary on a sea of blood until the son of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings. In the dawn of the great Sabbatic thousand years. When the light of the sun went down on Calvary, the Apostles kept the light of that Sun like a twilight, burning in this old world for 500 years. The Jews had the

night divided into four watches, from six to nine, nine to twelve, twelve to three and three to six, so that with the opening of the second watch at the ninth hour there came in the midnight or the dark ages, and a period of blackness, which was followed by the third watch or the cockcrowing period. This represents the glorious days of the reformers. Huss and Jerome, Luther, Calvin, Knox, Fox and Wesley. These were the great cocks that crowed in the blackness of the night. They were game, not afraid of anything. They set all the roosters in Rome crowing with their burning message of life and liberty. Thus we see that Christ did not come in the first watch or the second watch or the third watch and it is now the fourth watch of the night and dawning toward the day. Oh, but some one of you might say, "Brother Parham, you have just said we are entering the midnight hour," and so I did, we yet have the proverbial darkest hour before the day. The world is to feel the terror of judgment, retribution and reaping what they have sown, and then through the blackness and the darkness, the Son of Righteousness will bring in all the effulgent glory of the millenial day. The day star has arisen in the east and the silver rays of light betoken the rise of the Son of Righteousness, with healing in His wings and all the world stands as the Scriptures have said, with their hands on their hips on tip toe, looking for the things that are coming upon the earth, and all stricken statesmen are appalled at the storm that threatens the ships of State and terror fills the hearts of many who gaze into the future. We who believe in this glorious teaching of premillenialism standing with bated breath, shining faces fuller proof of the Soon coming of the Lord.

Let me paint for you a picture of the Coming of our Lord. The scene is about evening time, the Master is very weary with His labors. His disciples solicituous toward His welfare, with words of earnest entreaty are leading Him away up the side of the mountain to find some place where they may rest in seclusion. But suddenly the great Shepherd casts His eyes over the valleys below, and here and there from villages and hamlets He notes the merging crowd of people. He knows they seek Him. He knows they desire the loaves and fishes, but the great heart of the Master goes

out, and stopping, He cries to His disciples, "They are as sheep having no shepherd." Tears fill His eyes and kindly sympathy over spreads His features in spite of all their entreaties He refuses to go further. Those crowds of people are now converging on the plains below. He waits until the great wave of suffering, sin sick humanity roll up the side of the mountain and break sobbing at His feet. He heals the sick, comforts the sorrowing, and feeds the multitude, and not until then does He seek His own rest. The disciples take shipping, rowing all night, accomplishing little or nothing, but in the morning, in the fourth watch of the night, as it begins to dawn toward the day. Jesus comes to them walking upon the waves of the sea. Peter, the only one who had arisen early or seemed to be on watch, saw His coming and sought to arouse the other preachers regarding the Coming of the Lord, but sleeping and indifferent they said, "Oh Peter, that is just a spirit you are seeking to scare us." How similar to modern days when we who are waiting and watching have seen such incontrovertable proof of His coming and have tried to arouse the ministers of today regarding the imminent return of our Lord, and they, from their soft, easy professional pulpits hurl back at us the same statements. They say that all this is but our vain imaginings, that our Lord will not come for a million years, and that we are only seeking to frighten the world with our propaganda, etc. But Peter had a vision of the Coming of the Lord. It was irresistable, his heart leaped for joy and in spite of the rolling waves, representing the unsettled conditions of today, he said, "Lord, bid me come to thee." The Lord gave consent, but before he ventured out to meet the Lord he threw aside His outer garments, representing to me the fact that we must shed the world and the things of the world, and purify our lives or the best of us will not be ready to meet Him at His soon coming. Peter sank when he looked around about him, as many of us do when we stop to look at others, but He was close enough to grasp the Lord, and together they came back to the boat. When they came aboard every angry wave was settled and they were immediately at their desired haven.

Now then let me give you the interpretation of my picture. Jesus feeding the five thousand

represents the gospel He preached given to the world. The disciples entering the boat represents the church which has been rowing through all these two thousand years and now when the nations ships are being rocked by awful storms, the church fails to see the coming of the Lord. After two thousand years the church has accomplished little or nothing, the heathen are nearly all heathen still. Two thirds of the so called Christian nations do not go to church, and two thirds of those who go to church including the preachers are not converted, and the so called Christian nations have just closed the most atrocious, savage barbaric war the world has ever known, yet we who are awake have arisen early and caught the gleam of the morning star, can see in all these things the Soon coming of the Lord. Shortly in the opening of the time of trouble we are going out to meet the Lord, then a little later we are coming back with Him to the battle of Armegeddon and when He shall step into the affairs of this old world, destroying the militarianistic forces at the battle of Armegeddon, the waves of woe and misery and sin and war will cease, we will be immediately in our desired haven, the devil will be bound a thousand years, and nations shall beat their swords into shears and their spears into pruning hooks and learn war no more. The curse shall be lifted and man dwelling under his own vine and fig tree safely, with none to make him afraid, earth shall keep her jubilee, Christ shall reign with His immortalized saints for a thousand years. Hail the day so long expected! Hail the years of full release, when the nations shall truly drink of the wine of liberty, and quaff from the cup of freedom.

The End

#### HAVE FAITH

The promise that I drew for today is found in Rom. 14:23, reading as follows, "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin. What is faith? Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. By faith great promises fall into our hands. There is a natural faith and there is a spiritual faith. Natural faith assures you that the auto is safe or you would not enter the machine. You can not have faith and fear. When fear leaves, faith appears. Many, one time, would not ride in the auto because of fear

but natural faith won and they think nothing about it now. So it is in a spiritual way, you must have faith to win. He who comes to God must believe that He is and a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Heb. 11:6. When you have faith that God for Jesus' sake will save you, you may obtain salvation. Sanctification cannot be obtained alone on consecration, but with that there must be a faith that God will do what he said. There is a seal unto the day of redemption; but again if you do not believe that the Holy spirit can seal you, be with you and in you, and through your lips speak in other languages, how hard it is to please God and obtain the promise.

I want you to believe the Word from the natural reading and I want you to obtain the promise by faith, for the letter will kill but the spirit will make alive. Faith moves the spirit to give you your heart's desire as it pleases God. All that you possess is by faith and if you claim to obtain it in any other manner it is sin. For all power is of God and through him we live, move and have our being. Rom. 13:1. You should strive to accomplish your desired goal by faith and not by natural training. Let the future be ever so dark, faith is your stay. Rest in God, behold his glory and walk in the newness of life by faith. See the greatness of God and then know that God is all-powerful. Eat your bread, clothe yourself, and do all things in a temporal and spiritual way by faith, then you will have praise of God and not of man. Have faith in God. Only believe. Mark 5:36.

Bring up a child as he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it. Mothers and fathers will be held responsible if they kill or fail to cultivate faith in God, so that their children know that this is the day when God is still the same and that there is no shadow of turning but forever there is One who can and will help. If we are faithful unto our trust there is a reward for us. Name the different things that you may have to give to your posterity and the greatest is faith, for it is the key that opens up the wealth of the heavens and reserves to you the impossible, for God is able . . . to do even more than we are able to ask or think according to the power that lies within.

Let us be sure that we walk in faith, go in faith and move in faith. None shall be confounded, who put their trust in God. There is rest and a hand to lead you forth so that at every pit-fall, faith has over come the world, for greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world and this is the victory that overcometh the world even our faith. Be not overcome with evil but overcome evil with good.

GAIL W. SCHULTZ.

# HOW WILL GOD WEIGH A SOUL? (A. Cantwell)

Moses' law was an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. How will God weigh between professors?

We find that one of the worst existing sins in the world today is backbiting, and it is probably one of the most hindering causes against the upbuilding of God's work.

Of this particular sin, how will God judge between the backbiter and the object of criticism? In case the latter should go down and out, and be forever lost, will the one who was responsible for the deed hear the "Well done thou good and faithful servant?" In our estimation, would He be a just God to do that?

There is no use to talk to a backbiter. You can preach to them until you grow bald-headed, and as soon as the sermons are cold, he or she will look God's Word out of existence and go at it again. I have in mind now one given to that damnable habit, who, if reproved, will say, "Oh, that isn't backbiting. I'm telling the truth." Did you ever know one such to hold strictly to the truth, or who would not take any one's word for truth, if it was slander? Did you ever know one who would strain a nerve to build a little influence for the other fellow for the good that might come of it?

Just think of the awful mess God will be up against! Don't worry, though. He will judge justly. We may call the brother or sister aside and tell them of all the rot we have heard for months and get them "on our side," but how about meeting your rot in judgment, after living a professed Christian thru such a life.

We may excuse ordinary sins for all sorts of reasons, but how about excusing those who spend their time solely to injure the character and influence of others.

Show me a backbiter who has actually gone to a brother with sufficient love to restore him after being found in fault. They may tell him about the fault, all right, and probably they "don't care who hears it," but the one I want to see is the one restored.

Are they ever found bearing one another's burdens? How much of the real fruits of the Spirit (that Paul outlines and which we must bear) can we find in a backbiter, or scandal monger, full of envy, murder, deceit, etc.—Rom. 1. 29-32. Gal. 6. 4: "But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone and not in another."

# THERE IS SOMEBODY LOOKING FOR JESUS IN YOU

There is somebody looking for Jesus in you!

Let this sink in your heart if you've found

Him true

And your life is all His and you long to do What will please Him most of all.

Yes, someone is looking with searching gaze

For that life is scarred by the world and
its ways

And the unrest of soul thru the weary days—Does the searcher find Jesus in you?

And one close beside you, so tempted and tried Just beginning the journey, with Jesus as Guide,

Is Looking to see if you really abide
In His sunshine, hour by hour.

Nothing that comes into your life or mine

Needs to darken the face; for the power

divine

Of the Master within can make it shine With His radiance warm and true.

In your words, your actions, the deeds that you do

Many are looking for Jesus in you,

Oh, let them not miss as the world you pass
thru

The charm of His loveliness there.

From Chas. F. Parham's Scrap Book.

If only we could sow what we please, and then reap only what would delight us when the harvest time comes, this would be a very, very easy world. But the law of the universe will not change, and the "Whatsoever" of the sowing time is sure to be followed by the "that he shall also reap" of the season of ingathering.

### NEWS OF THE DAY By W. N. B.

## A Methodist Merger in Britain.

A few years ago there were five distinct Methodist sects in England. These were the Wesleyan, Primitive, United, Free Branch and Bible Christians.

Later the two latter were consolidated by the first three mentioned and now a later report comes that these were merged into one Methodist denomination in October.

It thus becomes the second largest church in England; the Anglican being the first, and the Roman Catholic church third.

There is a still further merger predicted—that of Methodist and Anglican. And that is not all. Listen to a later news item on the subject.

"Speaking of the possibility of further church mergers in England the Bishop of London, said, "Why confine the reunited church to the Wesleyans and Church of England? Why should not the Baptists, Presbyterians, Greeks, Old Catholics and at last a reformed Roman Catholic church all join with the molten glory of one Holy Catholic church thru-out the world? While therefore I welcome this reunion and wish you godspeed, I look upon it as only a prelude to a greater reunion in days to come."

The confederacy of churches is on the way. It is part of the Prophetic Word, and is as sure to come as is the confederacy of the Nations.

These two great mergers will join hands together in usurpation of Christ and His people.

They will usher in the counterfeit Kingdom of God upon the earth—an imitation of Christ's Kingdom.

We can plainly see the Scripture being fulfilled on this line. It is marvelous to view the signs before our faces, but how few have their eyes open. The majority look upon these church affiliations and national mergers as blessings to the world; but they are a curse.

They betoken a world-wide rebellion against God and His King. Men may not know what they are actually doing; but Satan knows. He is the instigator of all the revolt against God and His authority, which will precede the great day of the Lord.

The world receives the news of the church merger of England with applause. Arthur Henderson describes it as "one of the half-dozen outstanding events in the whole history of Christianity." And other great men voice the same sentiments; all agreeing that it is a great step toward the desired religious unity, and an example to all the other Christian people to do likewise.—From Grace and Glory.

### MY PRAYER

When I think how He died as my Savior— How He went to the Cross just for me, I pray that from now my behavior Just a Bible for others shall be.

Just a Book that shall always be open So that all passing by me might read, Of His Mercy and love while I'm hoping That more to my Christ I might lead.

And then when my work is completed,
And the race of my life has been run,
When I look on the face of my Savior,
May He say to His servant, "Well Done."
Contributed by Mrs. A. G. Smith

### WATCHWORD FOR 1933

"Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thy habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes." Isa. 54:4.

"Expect great things from God,
Attempt great things for God."
Expect and pray for the greatest year for God and Souls.

The secret of success on any line is concentration. This is especially true in Christianity. One man, amid scoffing and persecuting Pharasees kept from confusion by concentrating. "One thing," he said, "I know, that whereas I was blind, now I see."

May God bless the dear readers of this Paper and pray for it that it may go forth from month to month, as it reaches hundreds and hundreds of people that don't get an opportunity to hear the Gospel any other way.

One young man came to Jesus and appeared to be a very good man in many respects but Jesus told him, "One thing thou lackest," and that lack was of sufficient love to forsake all for Jesus.

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### CAMP MEETING AND CONVENTION

There are a number of people in different parts of the country that want a Tent Meeting or Camp Meeting, and realizing the depression is on everywhere, we have hesitated to state where the Camp Meeting will be. We want it in the reach of all, but that seems to be almost impossible, so we hope to have a Camp Meeting and also Tent Meetings for as many as possible in different sections of the country. Many can come to the Tent Meeting, which will be similar to a local camp meeting or convention for different sections with one great Camp Meeting for the summer.

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Faith is not an uncertainty; it is the ground, the assurance, the subsistence, the substance of the things hoped for; it is the conviction, the evidence of the things not seen. Therefore have faith for what you do. Be certain.

John Hoskersmith is holding a meeting at Neck City, Mo.

### BRIEF MENTION

God is pouring out His spirit in Wichita, Kan., and much good is being done under the ministry of Brother and Sister E. K. Cornell, assisted by Edna Long and Edna Pryer.

Brother James Davis who has been helping in the meeting at Ventura is now with Robert Parham and party at Compton, Calif.

Brother M. A. Wood is conducting a tent meeting in Ivanhoe, Calif., where God is greatly blessing the people.

The revival at Ventura, Calif., conducted by Robert Parham and party, closed, souls were saved and strengthened in the faith.

Dedication services of the New Full Gospel Mission, Houston, Texas were held February 26 with A. B. Stanberry, pastor, in charge, at which time Gail Schultz assisted by Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Tucker began a revival, they earnestly desire your prayers for the success of this meeting.

Jake Pletcher is having a successful revival at Carmargo, Okla., remember him in prayer.

Evang. Mrs. Jannie Evans and party have opened a full gospel mission at Meade, Kan., and ask an interest in your prayers.

The new tabernacle in Oakhurst, Texas was completed and dedication services were held February 26, by brother and sister Mack Wyatt assisted by brother and sister Fred Campbell.

Robert Parham and party are now in a revival at the Full Gospel church in Compton, Calif., where brother E. L. Cooper is pastor. They are urging every one close to make a special effort to attend, earnestly desiring an interest in your prayers that great and lasting good may be done in the name of the Lord.

Brother H. L. Watkins is in a revival at Webb City, Mo., and reports great interest among the people.

A living sacrifice is death to the self life, our former beliefs, creeds, opinions and doctrines received from men; then take the Word of God as our faith, creed and guide.

When we can see God in difficulties by faith, and praise Him for them He makes them blessings, increases faith and a desire to love and trust Him.

There is a wonderfully close connection between the two words, Disciple and discipline.