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What Is Your Rating?

By Hattie B. Jones

Are you a Wisher, a Doubter, a Shirker?
What's your ambition, I pray?
What are you thinking, while eating and drinking?
Just idling the hours away?



Are you a Peddler, a gossiping Meddler,
Strewing no news but the bad?
Are you a Prowler, a Scowler, a Howler,
Driving your neighborhood mad?

Are you a Prater, a Noisesome Debater,
Causing division and strife?
Pages you're turning, and yet never learning,
But holding traditions through life?

Are you a Guesser, a "Hope-So" Professor,
Painfully plodding along?
Or a real Christian, a Blood-covered Christian,
Knowing that Christ is your own?

How are you talking? Where are you walking?
Counting your steps every mile?
Are you a Pest with your nonsense and jest,
Leaving no discourse worthwhile?

Are you a Cheater, a Cheap Novel Reader,
Giving no time to God's Word?
Are you a Browser, a Worldly Carouser,
And claiming you love the Lord?

How are you spending, trading or lending
The wages you earn every day?
Are you a Stincher, a Cheap Penny-Pincher,
Robbing your Lord of His pay?

OR

Are you a Worker, a real Live-Wire Worker,
Taking invoice every day?
A Hearer, a Do-er, a Pray-er, Pursuer,
LISTENING TO WHAT HE MAY SAY!

Are you a Reader, a Heeder, Believer,
Walking God's Line to a Tee?
There's no debating how you are rating;
JUST LOOK IN HIS MIRROR AND SEE!



Saving the Grain

Leonard Turner

Let us consider the words Jesus spoke to the disciples as it is recorded in the 4th. chapter of St. John and the 35th. verse. "Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, for they are white already unto harvest."

I am sure that at this time there was a very urgent need for the disciples to visualize the great responsibility that was theirs to work in the great harvest fields.

There is always something about working in a grain harvest that seems to be a great challenge. I have been privileged to work in several wheat harvests in the Panhandle country of Texas and Oklahoma. I noticed especially as harvest time drew near, that the farmers would begin working weeks ahead of time. They would check their machinery to see that it was in the best possible condition. Usually there would be several spare parts for the machinery and every precaution was taken to prevent the loss of time in the field, due to breakdowns, if it was possible to do so.

The reason for all this hustle and bustle is that **THERE IS SUCH A SHORT TIME TO SAVE THE PRECIOUS GRAIN AFTER IT IS THOROUGHLY RIPENED.**

There are many things that make harvest time one of anxiety. One is the possibility of a lot of rain that will slow down or even stop all harvesting. Another is the danger of a wind storm or hail that sometimes completely destroys entire crops in a very few minutes. Another is that the time well filled grain will stand before falling to the ground, making it nearly impossible to save the grain, is very limited.

There are many other things that we could call your attention to that make harvesting time one of anxiety, but will not take the time to do so now.

It doesn't make any difference which of the above mentioned calamities, overtake the farmer in

the harvest field, the ultimate result is the **LOSS OF THE GRAIN AND, THOUGH THERE BE OTHER YEARS OF HARVEST FOR THE FARMER, HE CAN NEVER RECOVER THE GRAIN THAT WAS LOST.**

We see those that seem to think that there is "yet four months and then cometh harvest."

Christian friends, may we accept the great challenge that the great harvest fields offer.

Have we taken every possible precaution to prevent the loss of time in the harvest field? May our only motive in life be to strive to save the precious grain of the souls of men.

May we be aroused to look on the fields for they are truly white unto harvest.

Let us ask God to create a new **ZEAL** within our hearts that we might become **ANXIOUS FOR THE PRECIOUS HARVEST OF HUMANITY.**

It is a very true picture of human life when we consider the many things that arise to destroy the souls of men, before our very eyes.

Some are caught in the deluge of sinful pleasure and satans many deceitful snares and unless we work long and hard, many will be **LOST.**

The wind or hail that often destroys the grain fields, is like unto war, calamity, accidents, etc., that destroys our fellow men on every side.

Just as time is a destructive element in the over-ripe grain so is it with all humanity. Our life is

so short. The years that souls may be safely harvested are ver few.

Can we not see that **EACH OF THESE DESTRUCTIVE FORCES LEAD TO THE ULTIMATE LOSS OF THE SOUL OF MEN AND THOUGH THERE BE OTHER GENERATIONS OF GRAIN (souls of men) THAT NEED TO BE HARVESTED, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO SAVE THE GRAIN ONCE IT IS DESTROYED.**

May God help us to realize the great need for working day and night to save the precious souls of men. Let us answer the challenge by resolving to do more for the Lord than ever before and may our future goal be to give God **NOTHING BUT OUR BEST.** If we give God our best then our Best will be given for humanity.

Let us pray the master of the harvest that He will send forth more laborers into the vineyard. May God bless every person old or young that has gone and are planning to go into the fields that are so white unto harvest. It is a great and worthy calling. We should feel honored to know the Lord, can and does use us in certain work, to His glory.

The world is the Lord's field and may we all work faithfully in our places of labor that when the Lord comes we may have some sheaves to lay at His feet. I am reminded of the old song that says, "Shall I go empty handed." I would like to ask this question, "AM I GOING EMPTY HANDED?" May God make us faithful for Him.

May your vision begin to enlarge and may we all become very **ANXIOUS FOR THE SOULS OF HUMANITY.**



CLOSING EXERCISES

for

BIBLE SCHOOL

Baxter Springs, Kans.

Sunday

February 29

The Sure Word of Prophecy

By Gail W. Schultz

PROPHECY is that art of interpreting certain Bible Scriptures correctly and clearly, so that by them, a trend of events are definitely set forth that point to the Coming of Christ, or to the object under discussion. Prophecy must be divided and classified accordingly to the ages, peoples, and events under discussion. The types and shadows, the spiritual and literal sides kept straight, also symbols and figures. A declaration of something to come to pass, or a prediction is called a prophecy.

This is a very interesting subject because through it, we watch history of the past, and by current events we see prophecy fulfilled today, and by faith we know that all future prophecy will be unfolded and revealed in its proper time and order. Prophecy is one way in which the Bible may be proved, and the average honest, clear thinker will accept the Bible after he understands that God foreknew and foretold events in almost every field, many years before they came to pass, through His chosen prophets.

Prophecy is necessary, for it is by its interpretations that we know of the times and seasons in which we live. Each age has closed only after the people of that generation were fully warned. The flood was prophesied in Genesis 6:22 and the first Coming of Christ was set forth by Divine proclamation so that those that looked for Him knew Him. Luke 2:25-30. Now again we stand at the cross roads of civilization and prophecy gives us a clear view ahead. Christ is coming Soon, and it is time to set our house in order.

The field of prophecy has several attributes. First it is delicate, and a person must study it with prayer and ask for knowledge and wisdom from God. Yet on the other hand it is powerful and will bring retribution on the heads of them that add to or take from. Rev. 22:18-19 Prophecy is God given and God interpreted. II Pet. 1:21. False prophets may arise, and unscriptural predictions may

be made, often being blamed on the Holy Ghost, thus the prophecies, and the prophets fail and often causes followers to stumble, yet true prophecy comes about as declared, for all spoken prophecies must come to pass. Acts 3:21.

Often the Old Testament is looked upon as a Book of history, whose real worth outside of that is little, only from a literary position. Yet if we know the prophecies we would find many events and inventions that surround our lives today are fulfilled prophecies.

The possibilities of extensive work and research in prophecy is almost without limit. We are told that about one-half of the Bible is prophecy. We stand in the limelight of prophecy because we are in the closing days of time and so much of it is being fulfilled.

Let us ask some of the old prophets to tell us some of the things that they saw. If the people of Israel would not obey God's laws, they were to have the curse or disapproval of the Lord upon them. In Deut. 28:23-24, we are told that rain would be turned to dust and powder. No doubt the dust storms are a part of that fulfillment. David looked forward to a time when men with proud hearts would think that their estates would endure forever and name them after themselves Psalms 49:11.

Isaiah gave us many wonderful pictures in prophecy on the coming of Christ the first time, and then of the spiritual victories of the church, his prophecy of the outpouring of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost is most wonderful. Isa. 28:9-12.



Jeremiah, I feel, went into detail when he told of the modern women with their paint and worldliness, as they seek to pass a man in the political and business field. Jer. 31:22. More outstanding is that divine prophecy that stated that some day Jerusalem would be the capital of the world. Jer. 3:16-18. Surely Jesus is coming some day and He will rule out of Jerusalem while the nations of the earth flow into it.

From the prophet Ezekiel we learn that great world wide events are upon us, such as the marching of many armies, the battle of Armageddon, and after Jesus comes to earth again the cleansing of the land, with a picture of the quietness that is to follow. Ezek. 37-39 Chps.

Daniel took up the story of the nations from the days of Babylon to the days when Christ should come, again. Dan. 2:3-35, and gave us a view of the most powerful of the present nations in Dan. 7:1-6. He also told of the coming anti-Christ. Dan. 9: Surely He gave us a sure word of prophecy as a guide of the last days, and we need to take heed to it.

Hosea gives us some most beautiful word pictures of the Millennium. The first one is found in the third chapter where for many days Israel should abide without a king, then with the consolation that on their return they will seek God, and David their King, in the latter days. This during the reign of Christ will be fulfilled. Then taking a day as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day, we find that after two days He will raise us up and in the third day we shall live in His sight. Hos. 6:2. That is in the sight of the Lord on this earth during the 1000 years reign.

Of course, the prophecies of Joel like Daniel cover such a vast territory, yet such testimonies as the Spiritual downfall and then the regrowth of the church are important. Joel 1:4 and Joel 2:25. The outpouring of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost is also proclaimed in loud tones. Joel 2:28-29. Others about war and dust storms and the return of Christ may be found in this book.

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Christ Is Coming

By Mrs. Floyd LaMunyon

Some day, perhaps at dawning's
light,

My Lord shall come from the sky,
All glorious in His majesty,
And wondrous in His might.

Or it may be at the noon-tide hour
The trumpet shall sound the call,
For all the earth to receive her
King,
As He comes to reign in power.

Or yet, perhaps in the twilight's
calm,

My Lord shall return again,
To fill the earth with His
righteousness,
To heal its woes with His balm.

For He is coming to rule the
world;
His word the promise has given
Of a reign of happiness, peace, and
joy,
With Jehovah's flag unfurled.

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IN CHARGE

YOU COME — ALL COME — WELL-COME

THE SOUL-WINNER

If a Christian desires to be a successful soul-winner, he will find it profitable to consider his need of:

1. *Conviction.* He must be fully persuaded that men are lost without Christ, and must hold as a positive conviction that Christ and only Christ can save them.

2. *Consecration.* This means a separated life—a life that is clean, guileless, and wholesome. It means a Spirit-filled life.

3. *Confidence.* We mean by this a quiet trust in the Holy Spirit to empower for each special service. How wonderful to see the Spirit of God at work using the Word of God through the lips or in the hands of the Child of God. We think it a good general rule, though it may not always apply, not to speak to a man about his need

until there has been an opportunity to pray for the man.

4. *Concentration.* And this means earnestness and sticking to the task until it is completed. You remember Acts 8:29: "Then the Spirit said unto Philip, go near, and join thyself to this chariot." There is a certain translator who insists the word "join" might be "glue." Go glue yourself to that chariot. Well, anyway, Philip ran to the chariot and stuck to the Ethiopian until he got him to Christ.

Two motives for this kind of service are suggested by the apostle Paul in II Corinthians 5:11, 14: "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men . . . The love of Christ constraineth us." These motives should press us to consecration and concentration in our soul-winning efforts.

VISITORS AT BIBLE SCHOOL

The following people visited the Apostolic Faith Bible School at Baxter Springs, Kansas the first two weeks of the school:

Clarence Peterson and Paul Allen Pletcher of Perryton, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Knox Pipkin of Perryton, Texas, Rev. and Mrs. Ben Barker of Laverne, Oklahoma, Rev. Pearl Yeakley of Kingsmill, Texas, Rev. and Mrs. Charles Mahan of Laverne, Oklahoma, Rev. and Mrs. Amos Watkins and family of Balko, Oklahoma, Rev. and Mrs. Earl Neilson and family of Meade, Kansas, Rev. Tica Tabor of Perryton, Texas, Mrs. Ed. Greever of Spearman, Texas, and Evangelist Jennie Evans of Perryton, Texas, Brother Taylor of Wichita, Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Spicer of Wichita, Kansas, Robert Wayne Girouard of Wichita, Kansas, Rev. and Mrs. Jimmie Ahrens of Keelville, Kansas, Rev. Earl Sherwood of Seneca, Mo., Mrs. Goldie Palmer of Webb City, Mo. and Mrs. Claude Bard of Joplin, Mo.

IT TAKES COURAGE

To refrain from gossip when others about you delight in it.

To stand up for an absent person who is being abused.

To live honestly within your means and not dishonestly on the means of others.

To be a real man, a true woman, by holding fast to your ideals when it causes you to be looked upon as strange and peculiar.

To be talked about and yet remain silent when a word would justify you in the eyes of others, but which you cannot speak without injury to another.

To refuse to do a thing which is wrong though others do it.

To live according to your convictions.

To dress according to your income and to deny yourself what you cannot afford to buy.

—Selected

Remember Your Missionaries

Apostolic Faith Bible School Convenes

The third term of the Apostolic Faith Bible School has convened for the annual eight weeks session. Everything is moving along smoothly and the blessings of the Lord are resting upon each effort. Several weeks before the opening of the school a tour was made in the interest of this term. Bro. Alfred Whiteley, the appointed Dean of this term, was physically unable to serve, nevertheless we are glad to have him and his family with us. Bro. Floyd LaMunyon was appointed as Dean and is serving in a most able manner.

The faculty consists of Bro. Gail Schultz, teacher of Prophecy; Bro. Albert Durham, teacher of Doctrine; Sister Pauline Parham, teacher of Evangelism; Bro. Paul Bollinger, teacher of English; Sister Grace LaMunyon, teacher of Music; and Bro. Paul Harbin, teacher of Piano.

There are 51 students in attendance, enrolled in from three to five subjects each. The aim of each course is for instruction, enlightenment, and correction so that all may be benefitted in their work for the Lord.

The school home has been recently redecorated with the main rooms repainted and new floor covering added to the Kitchen and the hallways. Some needed equipment for the Kitchen has been added for convenience so that the large task of caring for so many is made easier. Sister Wilma Russell and Bro. Don Russell are the cooks, and to dine at any one of their meals is complete proof of their ability to serve in this manner.

Bro. J. M. Scott is assistant Dean and is helping with the work of the school. Sister Vera Scott is the House Matron. Her encouragement is appreciated by the students. All departments of the School and the School Home are under supervision at all times. The School begins with a call at 6:45 each morning. Breakfast is served a few minutes later. At 8:30 there is a Chapel Service for everybody before the day's classes begin. Each

evening closes with a general prayer hour at 10:30 o'clock.

The classes are conducted in the 12th Street Mission. This building, too, was renovated and furnished with new seats and a new heating system, so that it is a comfortable place for services. Each Sunday morning and Sunday night and Friday night there are general public services conducted at the 12th Street Mission where the blessings of the Lord are enjoyed.

As a whole there seems to be a deep concern for the welfare of the school and a spirit of prayer is prevailing. Above all to have a spiritual school has been indelibly impressed on each one until it has become a motto with us. The Lord has supplied every need in every way for which we praise Him. We wish to thank you who have made the school possible and ask a continued interest in your prayers that this unit of the Apostolic Faith may continue to be a blessing. Without God we can do nothing, but by His grace our success is assured.

The following is a list of the students that are attending Bible School:

Rosemary King, Seneca, Mo.
 Ruby Peterson, Perryton, Tex.
 A. W. Ferguson, Webb City, Mo.
 Roy Townsend, Dumas, Texas.
 James W. Arnce, Webb City, Mo.
 Anna Ruth Scott, Magnolia, Ark.
 Carl Pitts, Duenweg, Mo.
 Vera Scott, Magnolia, Ark.
 Naomi Ruth Mahan, Laverne, Okla.
 Mrs. Jessie Dibbons, Wichita, Kans.
 Patsy Peterson, Perryton, Tex.
 Jessie Green, Seneca, Mo.
 Eula Mae Taylor, Norwich, Kans.
 Wyona Roosa, Galena, Kans.
 Neil Ragan, Beaver, Okla.
 Belle Stewart, Meridian, Miss.
 Don Ogdon, Joplin, Mo.
 Charles King, Webb City, Mo.
 Bill Sparks, Milano, Texas.
 Alvin Lee Barker, Laverne, Okla.

Winston Barker, Beaver, Okla.
 John Fortner, Gans, Okla.
 Ouida Mae Pipkin, Perryton, Texas.

Henry Pletcher, Perryton, Tex.
 Opal Whiteley, Elkins, Ark.
 Howard Whiteley, Elkins, Ark.
 Dorcas Crouse, Argonia, Kans.
 Eva Modrick, Perryton, Texas.
 Walter Jacobs, Adrian, Mo.
 Clay Stewart, Meridian, Miss.
 L. F. Weaver, Magnolia, Ark.
 Opal Harrold, Pleasanton, Kans.
 Alberta Barker, Beaver, Okla.
 Euteva Barker, Laverne, Okla.
 Erma Curtis, Vanderpool, Tex.
 Paul D. Mahan, Laverne, Okla.
 Atriel Ferguson, Webb City, Mo.

Mitchell Modrick, Perryton, Texas.

Pauline Fortner, Gans, Okla.
 Denzel LaMunyon, Laverne, Okla.

Cecil Clington, Center Point, Texas.

Ramona Modrick, Perryton, Texas.

Gilbert Cowart, Houston, Tex.
 Reba Clington, Center Point, Texas.

Marsena Mahan, Laverne, Okla.
 Calvin Springer, Rockdale, Tex.
 Edna Scroggs, Waka, Texas.
 Leota Jacobs, Adrian, Mo.
 Earl Davidson, Meridian, Miss.

THE GREAT COMMISSION

The exact meaning of the Great Commission is this:

"The one main business of the church is to be witnessing; the witnessing is to be both private and public, the private to be done by all, and the public to be done by those whom the Holy Spirit selects; the private witnessing is intended to being about such a condition of heart as shall open the way for a climax of decision under the influence of public witnessing; the theme of the testimony is to be Christ Himself in all that He is and does for the salvation of lost men; the witnessing is to be undertaken only at the leading and under the power and enabling of the Holy Spirit; and the spirit of prayer and praise is to saturate every thing that is done.



ITEMS OF INTEREST



NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

The long awaited new Sunday school outlines of the National Sunday School Association is now in use for the first time by a million Sunday school pupils.

The new lessons have been carefully constructed by a group of evangelical scholars and are set up to give more emphasis to Biblical doctrine, evangelism, soul-winning and proper application to life's problems than do the International Uniform Lessons sponsored by the theologically liberal International Council of Religious Education.

The new lessons will be distributed throughout the American and British zones in German translations and Station HCJB, Quito, Ecuador, will broadcast them by shortwave to the entire world in English.

The members of the committee drawing up the new lessons were from the United Evangelical group of fundamentalists.

The new lessons will not avoid such subjects as the second coming of Christ, the ministry of the Holy Spirit or the crisis experience of conversion as do the present International Uniform Lessons.

IN CHINA . . .

As a symbol of revived evangelical interest in China, Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship now reports at least 50 chapters of Christian young people on the university and college campuses of what is known to most people as a "heathen" nation. Chinese students are united in their purpose to evangelize their country within a generation.

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LINCOLN AND THE MINISTERS

Lincoln had a Springfield poll book with notes on how each citizen was going to vote. "I wish particularly to see how the ministers of Springfield are going to vote." They turned the leaves, added up results, and Lincoln said: "Here are twenty-three ministers of different denominations, and all of them are against me but three; and here are a great many prominent church members, a very large majority of whom are against me."

Then he paused, and after a while rose and walked up and down the room. Bateman saw tears fill his eyes as he stopped in his pacing to and fro to say: "I know there is a God, and that He hates injustice and slavery. I see the storm coming, and I know that His hand is in it. If He has a place and work for me I believe I am ready. I am nothing; but truth is everything."

And he went on in a lengthy and dark meditation on God and Christ, Slavery and the teaching of the New Testament. "I may not see the end; but it will come, and I shall be vindicated; and these men will find they have not read the Bible aright."

—Carl Sandburg

Prayer

By the late A. B. Stanberry

THE PURPOSE OF PRAYER

The purpose of prayer in God's plan for us cannot be over estimated. He who clothes the lily and cares for the sparrow is always intently interested in the success and security of all his children. Nothing so transforms human nature as fellowship with God in intercessory prayer. It seeks divine wisdom and awaits divine instruction. Communion with God clears the mind and secures divine aid. Field and home interests require only their part of time and effort. Prayer is the ballast of the soul; it keeps it from rolling and tumbling in the sea of life. Prayer forgets self in service for others. To live in the constant spirit and habit of prayer is the greatest achievement of the Christian life. It is paramount in the preparation of each child of God to fill his place and perform his part in the world.

THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

The ministry of prayer opens the door of opportunity for work to every Christian. All pure thoughts and holy aspirations come from God; they are reborn in us in some solitary place in secret communion with their Author. There is one great inlet of power: "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." There are five great outlets—our life, what we are; our lips, what we say; our service, what we do; our money, what we loose, and our prayers, the only medium through which the universal needs of the world may be touched, and our only direct point of contact with God, and how we appreciate these sacred forms of holy ministry. These constitute the vital breath of Christian experience.

Tears of joy steal down our cheeks when we stand in holy awe before the pictures of the great accomplishments of the transforming power of the ministry of the Gospel. We are most glad for its purifying effects in the hearts of men and nations. And the mighty ministry of sacred song calms the storm-tossed soul, and softens the

hardest hearts. The personal lives of saints and martyrs have ministered to the world an example of suffering, service and sacrifice too eloquent for words to utter. The marvelous ministry of Gospel giving to worthy causes, and for the upkeep and extension of God's kingdom, have been great outlets of power for good in the world. Yet all these beautiful pictures of useful ministry have their local coloring.

The prayer life is not only one of the essential elements in all these useful ministrations, but it adds to the picture the beautiful tints of universality. We can preach, sing, live, and give only where we are; but the fervent, effectual prayer of one righteous man may take the wings of the Spirit, and visit the object of its ministration in any state or nation, in any case or condition, at any hour of the day or night, without permission, passport or price, and there minister to its spiritual, physical, and temporal needs. We may pray for all men everywhere. We may visit our loved ones at home or abroad with many answered prayers. All may not be able to preach, sing or give, yet anyone, anytime, anywhere, can pray for any man anywhere, every man everywhere. The Christian's closet is God's powerhouse. The secret, family and public altars are his great transforming stations. In these are generated the power that makes possible the efficient ministry of prayer.

THE MYSTERY OF PRAYER

Prayer is the only medium by which we can prevail in the spirit world. Self denial and self abandonment are scriptural prerequisites to spiritual understanding. To be taught of the Lord, self must be dethroned and Christ enthroned. The Word of God reveals this mystery, and the prayer of faith lays hold of the promises and prevails. The spirit of worldliness will never be broken by harsh criticisms or strong words of censure. The powerlessness of the church

can never be cured by the outward application of any antidote. The trouble is an internal one. God looks on the heart.

When we learn that the root of our trouble lies in a lack of a deep and sweet communion and close relationship with God that "endues with power from on high," and how to "tarry,"—in a large measure the mystery and place of prayer in the Christian life will have been solved. If the lack of prayer lies at the root of our trouble, there is no remedy but prayer. The remedy is apparent to the most casual observer, and the results seem sure and simple. There must be some mystery. Prayer calls into action all the resources of mind and soul. We see the ease of omnipotence in the miracles of Jesus, wonderful and marvelous as they are, but of his prayers it is said, "He offered up prayers and supplications with strong cryings and tears." Real prayer is wrestling in agony with breaking hearts and weeping eyes, until the answer is assured. To time-serving, pleasure loving people, it is a great mystery why all those who have shared in Christ's intercessions and triumphs, have also tasted anguish and pain. They have wrestled against principalities and powers; contended with the world's rulers of satan's kingdom; and grappled with spiritual forces in the heavenly sphere.

Prayer is not a peace offering, but a passion; not a compromise, but a sending forth judgment to victory. Satan fears prayer, therefore he keeps his shop running overtime, turning out prayerless sermons, prayerless songs, prayerless work, and a prayerless religion, that is both passionless and powerless. Prayer turns the eyes inward, not seeking man's approval but God's. Human nature has always been prone to seek an uppercrust religion that meets the demand of public sentiment and public opinion. There is no such thing. "One is your Master, and all ye are brethren." The carnal disposition to bring the divine religion of Christ down to the human plane is unscriptural. "For he hath raised us up together and made us

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Brief Mentions

WICHITA, KANS. Evangelist Lenard Carlson, and Evangelist and Mrs. Charles Mahan have recently held a good revival at the New York Tabernacle in Wichita. The first week of the meeting two were saved and one sanctified. Robert Girouard, Pastor.

KINGSMILL, TEXAS. Evangelist Lulu Parham recently held a special week-end service in the church at Kingsmill. Pearl Yeakley, Pastor.

MERIDIAN, MISS. Evangelist and Mrs. Lee Brock and family have recently been in special services at the Snell Church. Several souls were saved. The Lord is blessing the labors and Ministry of the pastor, Rev. Earl Morgan.

SENECA, MO. Evangelist and Mrs. James Ahrens have just closed a good revival at the Mission in Seneca. The Lord blessed and anointed every service.

MAGNOLIA, ARK. Evangelist Otto Busch has recently held a good revival in Bethel Church in Magnolia. Bill Handley, Pastor.

BIG SPRING, TEX. Evangelist and Mrs. George Polvado and girls are in a good revival at the church in Big Spring. Paul Bailey, Pastor.

KATY, TEXAS. Evangelist Tica Tabor is now in a revival at the church in Katy. Hap Watkins, Pastor.

PRINCETON, KANS. Evangelist and Mrs. George Hintergardt and Leona are now in a revival in a rural community near Princeton.

JOPLIN, MO. Rev. Audley Hervej has been elected Pastor of the Full Gospel Church, 1314 S. Main. Attendance is increasing and added interest is shown. Evangelist and Mrs. Charles Mahan are now in a revival there. God is blessing every service.

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BADO, MO. Evangelist and Mrs. Darrel Sutton recently held a good revival at Bado. Six souls were saved, and the meeting proved a great blessing to the community. Large crowds attended every service. Homer Sutton, Pastor.

BUCKLIN, KANSAS. Evangelist and Mrs. Albert Janzen and family have returned home from an extended tour of the west coast. Any one desiring them for a revival meeting can contact them by writing to Box 109, Bucklin, Kans.

BROKEN ARROW, OKLA. Evangelist and Mrs. Jake Pletcher and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Huff recently conducted a good revival in Broken Arrow. Brother and Sister F. P. Copeland and D. C. Williamson are now back and in services in the different communities in and around Broken Arrow. Evangelist Lealand Grimmer has been in charge of the work for sometime.

CENTER POINT, TEX. The Center Point Church was blessed in a very special way during the Convocation. Seven or eight men of the church were saved, also some sanctified. The revival spirit of the Convocation continues. Rev. Eugene Cornell, Pastor.

VANDERPOOL, TEXAS. Brother Fritz Moore is in charge of the regular services at the church in Vanderpool. The Lord is blessing, and the congregation is proving faithful in attendance.

STOCKTON, CALIF. The work of the Lord is progressing at the Stockton Church, plans are now made for an Easter Convocation there. The entire congregation is looking forward with great expectations to this week of services. Rev. Wm. Yeakel, Pastor.

TANEYVILLE, MO. Evangelist and Mrs. Elmer Russel, and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Crouse are continuing the revival at Taneyville. The last report eight souls had been saved, and conviction was resting heavy, with great interest shown in the meeting and in the building of the new church.

PERRYTON, TEX. Evangelist Jennie Evans has recently closed a revival at the McMillan Schoolhouse south of Perryton. The Lord is blessing the regular services there, and the Sunday School is also progressing.

DUMAS, TEXAS. Sister Ava Durham, Pastor of the Dumas Church has been having tarrying meetings. The Lord has been graciously blessing. The first week six were sanctified, one saved and several received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

SPEARMAN, TEX. Sister E. Greever reports the continual blessing of the Lord on the regular Thursday fast and prayer day at the Greever home. All requests for prayer and requests for anointed handkerchiefs will be given special attention.

Camp Meeting

at

SNELL COMMUNITY

25 Miles Southeast of

MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI**JULY 8 - 18**

For Information Write

EARL MORGAN
Rt. 7, Meridian, Miss.E. W. DICKSON
Rt. 1, Magnolia, Ark.**PLAN NOW TO COME**

KEELVILLE, KANS. Evangelist C. O. Bard has been preaching at the regular service at Keelville. About six were recently saved, some sanctified and a number received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost in the regular services. Evangelist and Mrs. Mitchell Modrick are in services there while they are attending Bible School at Baxter Springs.

PERRYTON, TEX. The Perryton Church is progressing spiritually, new families are coming. Souls have recently been saved in the regular services. A new parsonage is almost completed. It is a lovely six room house, with four bed rooms, and is located east of the church. It will be finished by the first of February. Rev. Harold Cooper, Pastor.

SPEARMAN, TEXAS. The Spearman Church reports splendid services, with new families being added to the church. The Sunday services, as well as the Tuesday and Thursday night services are well attended. Neola Moore, Pastor.

Remember Your Missionaries

CAMP MEETING FOR MISSISSIPPI

Rev. Earl Morgan, Pastor of the Snell, Miss. Church suggested to the ministers at the Cheney, Kansas Convocation that the church at Snell would like to have a Camp Meeting this coming summer. Everyone present gave their hearty support and interest. Brother Morgan and Evangelist E. W. Dickson have announced a Camp Meeting to be held at Snell, beginning July 8 to 18. Everyone interested and desiring information, please write to Rev. Earl Morgan, Rt. 7, Meridian, Miss. or Evangelist E. W. Dickson, Magnolia Ark.

THANKS TO CHURCHES

An appreciative thanks to the following churches who have been giving regular offerings to the Apostolic Faith Paper:

KATY, TEXAS
BALKO, OKLA.
CHENEY, KANSAS
GRANBY, MO.
GREENLAND, ARK.
WEBB CITY, MO.
RALLS, TEXAS
EAST ANCHORAGE, ALAS-
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FROM RALLS, TEXAS

Dear Ones in Christ:

Greetings in the name of our Lord!

We have just closed one of the

most successful years of our lives. The Lord surely has been good to us. Our church is doing fine. Several were saved and added to our number this year. We had a good representation at the Center Point Convocation, five prayed through to the Holy Spirit.

We were privileged to have several good revivals in different churches this year, and we are looking forward to greater things from the Lord this year. We are so near the coming of our Lord and the close of this age, may God give us a greater vision than ever before to work for souls.

The church has been sending offerings to the paper, and several have expressed their desire for the paper; so we are sending a list of names, also another offering.

We pray the Lord shall continue to bless and use the paper for the spreading of the gospel.

Your co-laborers in Christ,

Rev. Elvis O. Bishop
and family.

CAMP MEETING FOR MENARD, TEXAS

At the Convocation at Center Point, Texas, the Mayor of Menard, Texas came to extend an invitation to the Apostolic Faith believers to have another Camp Meeting at Menard. Since the building of a new church there, the town is intensely interested and a good sized congregation is anticipating another great encampment.

Evangelist Murphy Barnes, Pastor of the Menard Church, and Evangelist Otto Busch are announcing a Camp Meeting for Menard, July 14-25. The meeting will convene at the Baptist encampment, where the Camp Meeting was held last year. It is a very beautiful and spacious camp ground, with every facility to make the ten days enjoyable.

Brother Barnes and Brother Busch are announcing a common table, with well prepared meals served to everyone as the Lord provides.

Everyone desiring information, please write to Evangelist Murphy Barnes, Menard, Texas.



CHILDREN'S PAGE



Good King Josiah

Viola Modrick

"And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left."

February is the month in which are the birthdays of both Abraham Lincoln, and George Washington. These were both wonderful men, Presidents of the United States. Their lives are like heroes for you boys and girls. First and most important, these men loved God, and often prayed to know what to do in times of trouble.

Lincoln was very poor as a boy, and his life shows us what can be done when a boy or girl really tries to make their life a success. Washington did not lack money perhaps, yet what is better, he did not let what he possessed hinder him in serving his God, and his country.

I am going to tell you about a BOY in the Bible who became a TRUE man like Washington and Lincoln. In the Bible men who ruled the people was called a king. You may feel it would be easy to live right if you were a man or a woman, but good King Josiah was only EIGHT years old when he became king.

During the time when Josiah's father was king, the people were very bad. They did not love the Lord, and made big idols and worshipped and prayed to them. Worse than that, Josiah's father was bad too. The Bible says he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord. Even the grandfather of Josiah was very wicked.

Amon, the father of Josiah, was so wicked the Lord only allowed him to reign two years. Then Josiah began to reign. What a wonderful life he lived, and we read about it even now. "He did that which was RIGHT in the sight of the Lord." Isn't that wonderful!

One of the first good things he did was to have his carpenters repair the house of the Lord. It had

been a long time since the people had gone to church. They had been worshipping idols. But Josiah made the people break down their idols.

While the faithful men were cleaning and repairing the Temple, or Church, they found the book of the law. This was the Bible. No one had been reading it, and it had become lost.

Josiah loved the Lord so much that God gave him a peaceful reign, and it is said of him in the Bible, "Like unto him was there no king before him that turned to the Lord with all his heart, and with all his soul,****neither after him arose there any like him."

—Viola Modrick.

A TRIBUTE

'Tis the month of February,
Time to wave red, white, and blue
For brave Washington the faithful,
And Abe Lincoln, good and true.

In a cabin poor and lowly,
On the day of two and ten,
Lincoln came to lift the standard,
And set free the slaves of men.

The first president we honor
On the day of twenty-two
When was born in old Virginia,
One to join the faithful few.

Loyal was he to his homeland,
Give to him the honor due—
Prayerfully he fought and
struggled
For the red and white, and blue.

May their memory still flourish
In our hearts; and may each
hand

Pay the sincere, worthy tributes
Due the saviors of our land.

—Selected.

OVER THE FENCE

Boy

Over the fence is a garden fair
How I would love to get over
there!

All that I lack is a mere pretense;
I soon could leap over the low
white fence.

Conscience

This the way that all crimes
commence;
Sin and sorrow are over the fence.

Boy

Over the fence I can toss my ball,
And then I can go for it, that is
all;

Picking an apple up under the tree,
This would not really be thieving,
you see.

Conscience

That is a falsehood, a weak
pretense;
Sin and sorrow are over the fence.

Boy

What is the voice that speaks so
plain?

Twice I have heard it, and not in
vain;

So I'll not venture to look that
way,

Lest I should do as I planned
today.

Conscience

That is the way to be safe and
strong,

Never be tempted to what seems
wrong;

For remember, the way that most
crimes commence

Is by coveting that which is over
the fence.

—Selected.

Convocation Reports

CHENEY, KANSAS CONVOCATION

The Convocation convened in the spacious auditorium of the Cheney High School, and was well attended for every service, and splendid crowds filled the Auditorium every night, many coming from the surrounding towns of Wichita, Kingman, Arlington, Hutchinson, Anness, Norwich and Argonia. Seemingly, the theme of every speaker and of the Convocation was the need of more prayer and more power with God.

A fine choir filled the large stage every night, and was ably directed by Floyd LaMunyon with Sister LaMunyon at the piano.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Depew were in charge of all special numbers, and gave a fine selection of specials in every service from the different singers and musicians present.

Miss Naomi Mahan and Mrs. Viola Modrick were in charge of the Children's service. Mrs. Stanley Jowers was in charge of the Young People's service each evening.

Well prepared meals were served in the School Cafeteria. Every delegate attending cooperated with the pastors, and with the Cheney Church in every part of the five days convention.

Different ministers gave outstanding Bible Lessons every morning. Spiritual and well anointed sermons were given in the general service in the afternoon.

Evangelistic messages were given nightly, followed by many making their way to the altars seeking the different blessing of God. Many received deeper blessings and experiences and several were saved.

The Watch Night service was the high light of the meeting. The Divine favor and blessing of God rested on the service throughout the evening. The Communion service was given and the entire audience was on their knees in prayer as the old year went out and the new year came in.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Eakens,

Camp Meeting

at
CITY PARK
MEADE, KANSAS
AUGUST 11 - 22

DIRECTORS
MARCUS ADAIR - AMOS WATKINS
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BOX 203
MEADE, KANSAS

EVERYBODY WELCOME

Pastors, and the Cheney Church, were excellent hosts and did everything possible to make it a pleasant time for everyone, and to make the Convocation very successful.

The Chamber of Commerce of Cheney extended a hearty welcome to the Convocation. Large placards of welcome were printed by the Chamber of Commerce and placed in every store window in town.

CENTER POINT, TEXAS CONVOCATION

The Convocation held at Center Point reports great and wonderful victories through the meeting. A glorious revival spirit prevailed. About fifteen were saved, several sanctified and eight received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Around thirty ministers were present as well as many gospel workers. An outstanding feature of the Convocation, many remarked, was the well anointed preaching at every service. Services were held in the High School Auditorium, as the crowds outgrew the church.

The Watch Night service was the crowning event of the series of meetings. Everyone was rejoicing as the Lord added blessing to blessing under the mighty anointing of the Holy Spirit. Approximately two hundred were partakers of the Lord's Supper after the midnight hour.

Bible lessons were given by Rev. Harold Cooper, Rev. Elvis Bishop, Rev. Roy Wooster and Rev. Lloyd Schrimpf. Children's church was conducted every afternoon by Yvonne Cornell, Mary Ross and Bonnie Schrimpf. Frances Spearman and Barfield Parks were in charge of the Young People's service every evening. All ministers took part in the general service, also in the evangelistic service at night.

Rev. Eugene Cornell and Rev. Paul Bailey did a grand job in conducting the Convocation, and everyone present was well pleased with the hospitality of the Center Point church and the directors.

IN THE SOUTH . . .

According to Dr. Robert G. Lee, leading southern Baptist preacher of Memphis, Tennessee, the Southern Baptists plan to put on a revival in every city, village and country place in the South during 1948. Under the leadership of Dr. C. E. Matthews, the denomination is planning with much prayer that God will send a mighty revival throughout America, especially in the Southland.

Remember Your Missionaries

Themes from Prophecy Class of Bible School

Gail Schultz, Teacher

As I See Jesus

By Alvin Lee Barker

Dear Father:

I am looking forward to your return with much anticipation. Something very wonderful and exciting has happened this day. It was my privilege to have read many prophecies concerning our Messiah today.

To make the story complete, I will start this story with my chance meeting with Akan, your very good friend. Akan told me of a scroll I could obtain in Jerusalem, of the writings of the great prophet, Isaiah. Of course, we are all extremely interested in the prophecies concerning our people and especially those prophecies dealing with our coming Messiah, so I journeyed to Jerusalem and purchased the said scroll.

This week I have been diligently praying and studying the prophecies given to the prophet, Isaiah, by God. I will try to relate to you the way I understand the great plan of God. Akan, who has been studying the scroll with me, believes our Messiah is to come as a king, to set up His glorious, everlasting reign. I do not, however, understand the writings to teach that type of reign for the time we are looking forward to. I believe the Messiah shall come in humble manner and suffer many things for our sake.

By reference to another prophet, I believe the Messiah will be born in the small town of Bethlehem. This prophet writes thus: "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall He come forth unto Me, that is to be ruler in Israel, whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting!"

It seems that He shall be born in this town in humble circumstances. Micah 5:2. Isaiah writes, "Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son and shall call His name Immanuel." Isaiah 7:14.

Contrary to the belief of the majority of our people, I can only see Him coming this time to be despised and rejected. The great prophet writes; "Who hath believed our report and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground: He hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from Him; He was despised and we esteemed Him not. Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed. All we, like sheep have gone astray, we have turned every man to his own way and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all." Isaiah 53:1-6.

I cannot understand, dear Father, why the Holy One is to be so despised. It is said that all we, like sheep have gone astray, Isaiah 53:6. Why shall this folly come. I cannot understand this unless He is to be rejected as the Messiah because He has not come as a Prince of Peace. It was stated that the iniquity of us all hath been laid on Him. Isaiah 53:6.

Could it be that He is to be given as an offering for our sins? To this effect the prophet has stated that the Lord shall make His soul an offering for sin. Isaiah 53:10. It was also stated that He bare the sin of many and made intercession for the transgressors. Isaiah 53:12.

Could it be that the Holy One is to be slain? I dread to think of such dreadful thoughts, but how are the following prophecies to be interpreted if this death does not come to pass. Isaiah writes that He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter. Isaiah 53:7. Also in another

place I find these words. "Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He hath put Him to grief: whom thou shall make His soul an offering for sin." Isaiah 53:10. Likewise He shall divide a portion with the great because He hath poured out His soul unto death. Isaiah 53:12.

Again I read of another prophet writing of His death thus: "And they shall look upon Me whom they have pierced and they shall mourn." Zech. 12:10.

Summarized, the way I understand His coming is as follows. He is to be born to a virgin in Bethlehem. Then His life seems to be full of kind deeds and suffering for humanity. He will possibly be able to heal all diseases. Isaiah says that by His stripes we are healed. Isaiah 53:5. Then after a useful life of ministry, He will be slain as a sacrifice, once and for all, for all men. We are not to lose hope though for through diligent search and prayer, I believe the prophecies teach the Holy One is to return with a glorious reign of righteousness.

You will possibly want to know how He can come a second time if He was slain the first time. This I do not know, dear father, but He is the Holy One and The Son of God, so He surely possesses power over death. Thus He could be resurrected and then make his second glorious appearance. You will possibly wonder how I know these things, seeing few believe it in this manner. However He has to make two appearances, for one time He comes to be slain and one time He comes to set up an everlasting government.

One prophet states these words. "The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts." Haggai. 2:9. Another prophet tells of this second coming in these words. "I saw in the night visions and behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven." Daniel 7:13. Again we hear Isaiah say, "For unto us a child is born unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon hi

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Who Hath Believed Our Report

Naomi Mahan

"Who hath believed our report and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? Isaiah 53:1. What was Isaiah's report? And truly who has believed it? Let us go back and study with Isaiah about the first coming of our Savior.

The world down through the ages has looked to beauty, glamour, and prestige. Even in looking for the Savior, the people were looking for a ruler, a king, and not the meek, lowly man, Isaiah prophesied of, when he said, "He hath no form or comeliness; and when we shall see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him." Our God works in mysterious ways His wonder to perform. He made Lucifer the most beautiful of all the angelic host, but because of his beauty he was lifted up in pride and thought to put himself above God and all that was called God. God knew that outward beauty wouldn't accomplish the needed things in the Savior of the world. He sent Him rather in beauty of character, meekness of spirit, and humility. Even His birth was of a lowly nature. The Only Begotten Son of Glory was born in a manger and wrapped in swaddling clothes. Why? That He might fulfill the Father's will and be the ransom for yours and my sins.

"Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows, He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him and with His stripes we are healed." Oh! what a debtor we are to this wonderful Savior. Not for His own deeds did He suffer, but that we might be free from the law of sin and death; that through His broken body our bodies might be made whole. He who knew no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth, was numbered with the transgressors; and bore the sins of the whole world on His shoulders. It pleased the Lord to bruise Him for our sakes. What an example of meekness and humility He left us when He was brought as a lamb

to the slaughter, and as a sheep before the shearers is dumb yet He opened not His mouth.

Isaiah tells us that Jesus made His grave with the rich in His death. Yet it was the borrowed tomb of Joseph of Armathea where they laid Him. It was a rich man's tomb but it wasn't His own. In death and in life He had no place to call His own. All during His mission here on earth He gave us a complete example of self-sacrifice. What a big job we have to follow Christ for He said in John 13:15, "For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you." Even in the Garden of Gethsemane. He prayed "Father not My will, but Thine be done." If we are to live a successful Christian life this will be the theme of our prayer daily.

Isaiah gave us a wonderful vivid report of the coming Savior, His birth, life, sufferings, and death upon the cross. It seems as we read it that the whole world could have worshipped this wonderful Christ, Who paid the uttermost farthing for them. But then as today the masses passed up this lowly Man of Galilee for the glitter and glamour of the world that lasts but for a season. Today these prophecies of His first coming have been fulfilled. The fullness of the gospel has been shed across our pathway, yet with Isaiah I wonder—"Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?" Turning from the masses who have rejected this Christ, I see a group of blood-washed Saints, who have believed the report. John tells us that, "These are they which followed the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb." These are they who have proven that the arm of the Lord is revealed to him, who hath believed our report.

If you forget your sins, God will remember them; but if you will confess your sins, God will forgive and forget them.

AS I SEE JESUS

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shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David and upon His kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this." Isaiah 9:6-7.

The Holy One's reign of righteousness will be a wonderful time. All will be peace for, "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." Isaiah 11:6-9.

Won't it be a glorious time to be with Him, both in His first ministry here on earth and then when He sets up His kingdom it will be wonderful. My heart rises in praise and adoration to God for allowing me to preview such a wonderful time as this. The blood sacrifice will no longer be a remission for sins for all will be righteous and we will all live together in a glorious reign of peace. I am so thankful for this wonderful hope, made possible by the Holy One's great sacrifice of giving His precious life.

In closing, dear father, I plead with you to pray for the Messiah's soon appearance.

Your loving Son,
Lamech.

THE COVENANT WEEKLY

Our Lord God doeth like a printer, who setteth the letters backward; we see and feel well His setting, but we shall read the print yonder in the life to come.

—Martin Luther.

"Unless we make the right decisions today, there will be no tomorrow!"

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From Our Missionaries

EAST ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

The Bob Palmers and Glayron Rees' report the following, "Our Radio work is receiving good response, that is, good response for here. We received 10 letters and that sounds like a very small amount, and is, but most of the other religious programs don't get that much over a period of months. We sent a copy of the paper out to an Eskimo lady last week. It was the November issue with all the pictures of the Bible School teachers in it. So the Eskimos in the village of Sleetmute will read all about the school. She wrote in for a song on the broadcast and seemed so hungry to hear more about the Lord that we sent her some reading material.

We had a Shield of Faith Radio Rally at Wasilla. One young girl was saved. She said, in a letter to us that the rally helped her find the Lord. So we hope we can have more Rallies and that at least one will be saved every time.

We had 38 in Sunday School one Sunday, but don't get much response from the older people in church attendance. We covet your prayers that God will bless our efforts. We are praying for a revival to sweep the community. We took a number of pictures of the Sunday School and will send one soon.

May God abundantly bless the paper is our prayer, we are enclosing an offering to help on the paper.

We desire the prayers of every one."

Remember Your Missionaries

HONOLULU, OAHU, T. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beydler arrived in Honolulu on December the 31st. They were just on the Island two hours when they found an apartment, while many had been there for months and couldn't find a place to live. They are rejoicing over the way God is leading them and blessing them. The first week there they had made arrangements and were granted permission for a service every Tuesday evening at the Federal prison. They are now having street services over the city. They have also been granted permission to use the Community building two afternoons a week for children's services. There are several recreation parks with recreation programs and they expect to get on this program for the story hour, using the Flannel-graph.

These Missionaries are making a tremendous effort to do something for Christ and spread the gospel to the lost. They are worthy and deserving of our support. Let us stand with them and support them in this big effort.

Any one desiring to write them, address as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beydler, General Delivery, Honolulu, Oahu, T. H.

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TALKEETNA, ALASKA

The Leonard Turners write, "We have started a Sunday School and the response has been good. We don't have a large crowd and the adults are hard to reach but the children are very interested in the most simple things of the Bible. It is a real joy to be able to see the look on their faces as we tell them the story of Jesus and His love. They enjoy the singing of choruses too. There is one old native man who comes sometimes and takes it all in just like the smallest of the children. We hope to build a small church here in the summer. It is hard to get the older people to come to services in the house but some would come to a church. A number of the old sourdoughs have said they thought a church would be fine and they would come if we had one."

PRAYER

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3.—Prayer is the master-key to Christian success. Acts 9:11. Acts 12:5, 11.

4.—Prayer is a true exponent of Christian desire. Mark 11:24. Psa. 55:17.

Christ's example.—I Peter 2:21-23. Luke 6:11. Heb. 5:7.

Christ's teaching.—Luke 21:36. Luke 11:9. Mat. 6:5. John 17:20, 21.

Christ's promise.—John 14:13. John 15:7. Luke 11:13.

Apostle's example.—I Cor. 11:1. Acts 20:12, 31. Acts 16:25.

Apostle's teaching.—I Thes. 5:17. I Tim. 2:1, 2, 8.

Apostle's promise.—I John 3:22. Jas. 5:13, 16. I Thess. 5:23, 24.

Answered prayers.—
Jacob.—Gen. 32:24-30.
Hannah.—I Sam. 1:1-28.
Hezekiah.—II Kings 20:1-6.
Cornelius.—Acts 10:31.
Publican.—Luke 18:9-14.
Malefactor.—Luke 23:42, 43.

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PRAYER

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to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." Following the examples of Christ and the Apostles, with reverence for their teachings that calls for any necessary self-crucifixion, will solve for us the mystery of prayer.

They went forth weeping, bearing precious seed, spending whole nights in agony and pain, coming out of the conflict with great spiritual victory. They did not try to substitute good works for devotion and meditation. They were always willing, if necessary, to sidetrack earthly concerns, material interests, commercial enterprises, domestic affairs, and everything else, thus giving prayer the complete right-of-way to the Divine Presence. They were not frivolous. With intellectual honesty, moral sincerity, and spiritual resoluteness, they faced and fought false spirits, giving the world an example of prevailing prayer. They lived in the crimson flow of Calvary's fountain that purges from all pride and egotism, and with lowliness of mind and simplicity of heart, and a teachable spirit, their prayers touched the throne of God and the hearts of men. Their affection set on things above, their prayer submitting all things to heaven's standards, they could easily seek the judgment of God, and live in the unseen. The self-denying, cross-bearing Christian, who is willing to suffer with Christ without the gate; to take the little that remains in the cup of tribulation that Jesus drank with dying pains, has the promise of reigning with him, and understands something about the mystery and constant need of prayer.

THE MASTERY OF PRAYER

Prayer is the deciding factor in a spiritual conflict. Earth is the scene of this battlefield. Here Christ fought every battle through. He was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin; and now He is able to succor all that are tempted. He was a complete victor, and as the captain of our salvation, will lead those who will fully give themselves up to God, and freely give themselves over to

prayer, on to certain victory. Individual mastery of our problems through prevailing prayer is the Bible way of giving God a new spot in the contested territory on which to erect the banner of victory—a new footing on the enemies' soil.

Prayer is a war measure. Our adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about seeking whom he may devour. We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers, and the rulers of the darkness of this world, and spiritual wickedness in high places. Nothing short of the whole armor of God will enable the Christian soldier to stand against the wiles of the devil, and quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. There is no substitute for the prayer of faith, but to it all things are possible.

Such a life of prayer seems absolutely simple, but it is by no means easy. Satan sees to that. He sentinels the gateway of prayer. Those who enter may expect a great battle on the threshold. Satan is the enemy that sows the tares, while men sleep. He fears and dreads the praying saints who are always wideawake and hard at work. If he does not attack he will divert. He understands why God teaches men to pray, and how prayer illuminates and transforms. When the sons of God meet to worship, Satan comes also. Victorious prayer rebukes and resists the devil, and enables true worshipers to draw nigh unto God and to see things in his light. Their hearts find the divine touch, and they feel as he feels. Such companionship is pleasant, and such communion is sweet. The frivolous are not sincere enough to pray. The worldly minded are too busy to pray. The unforgiving are not blessed when they pray. The unfaithful and disobedient expect no answer to their prayers.

Mastering our own circumstances through Christ, and ruling our own spirits by his grace is a greater thing than leading an army to victory, or capturing a city. That he might be a victor, Jesus spent whole nights in prayer. He would rise a great while before day and go out into a solitary place to

pray. He was heard in that He believed. Paul, the great Gentile Apostle, fought the good fight and won the victor's crown by giving himself over to God in wholehearted service day and night "in many prayers and tears," thus keeping the way clear to the divine presence. Through the ministry of prayer a beautiful life may be entered and enjoyed by all of God's children. We may not understand just how, yet we know we may dwell in the secret of His presence through the mystery of prayer. And, through the mastery of prayer, Christ may manifest to the world the riches of His grace, through a victorious and obedient church.

For the sake of emphasis may we repeat—the power of prayer, the place of prayer, and the purpose of prayer in our Heavenly Father's plan for each of us in this world, cannot be over estimated. One hour each day spent in spiritual thinking, earnest communication, and patient waiting before the Lord, would be time well spent, energy well invested, and would do much towards making us masters of our circumstances, and often save a lot of worry, as well as time and money; besides keeping our hearts young and tempers sweet.

For further study use concordance in searching scriptures for instances of private, family, and public prayer. Also, the relation of prayer to forgiveness, confessions, supplication, intercession, adoration, believing, humility, and thanksgiving.

(Suggestion: The ordinary young person can commit this sermon outline to memory surprisingly quick, and it would be time and energy well spent.)

SERMON OUTLINE

Subject:—Why men ought to pray. Luke 18:1.

Scripture lesson:—Mat. 6:5-15.

Text:—Eph. 6:18. (Context) Eph. 6:10-16.

Introduction:—

1.—Prayer is the vital breath of the Christian experience. Rom. 8:26. Jas. 4:2, 3.

2.—Prayer is a dominant factor in Christian living. Mat. 21:22. Mat. 7:7.

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NO MENTION OF HEAVEN OR HELL

The Religious Director of the British Broadcasting Corporation says he has read over 6,000 sermons and addresses, and not ONE of them contained a vital word on immortality. Mention of heaven or hell is sadly lacking in American sermons as well. Is it any wonder the churches have lost their power with the masses?

SURE WORD OF PROPHECY

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However speeding on we call as our next witness Amos who tells us about the harvester and the swift methods of plowing for farming, in that the plowman shall overtake the reaper. Amos. 9:13. Obadiah forewarns the time when all the possessions of Jacob would be gathered again in holiness. Obadiah 17. Jonah told of the soon destruction of Nineveh except it repent, however this destruction did not come because the city sought God. O that men everywhere would seek the Lord, so that He could give us of His good blessings, rather than His wrath. Micah adds to modern conditions this statement, that the priests or preachers will work for hire. The calling of the ministry is to be holy and divine and not for commercial reasons, yet many seek the wages in place of the souls of men. Micah 3:11.

Nahum continues to give us prophecy in the form of our modern invention of the automobile. Nahum 2:3-4.

Habakkuk tells of the desolate days of Palestine. Hab. 3:17. A curse that has rested until lately over that land because Israel failed to keep the testimony of the Lord.

No doubt the airplane in war is cited from Hab. 1:8. That is the dreadful horseman that flies as the eagle. The world is upset and in trouble, which in more or less restless condition shall continue growing into a great time of trouble. Zephaniah tells us about things in Zeph. 1:14-15. Later in Zeph. 1:18 he foresees a day when gold and silver cannot deliver people. After all God looks on the heart. The failures of money matters, or where all that a person earns is consumed is prophesied in Haggai. 1:6.

The great outpouring of grace and supplication that shall cause the Jews to cry for Jesus to save them from complete destruction is found in Zech. 12:10. Then in Zech. 14 we are informed of the direct return of Jesus to the Mount of Olives and of the battle of Armageddon, and of that day of the righteous reign of Christ when even upon the horses shall there be bells proclaiming holiness to the Lord. Malachi gives us the beautiful calling of the redemptive class as the jewels of the Lord. Mal. 3:16-18. and then continues his research by giving the destruction of the wicked and the day when Christ shall arise with healing in His wings. Mal. 4:2-3.

Yes the Old Testament is full of prophecies, some of them fulfilled since they were given, and others are yet to be, so let us search diligently for every word of prophecy and by its guiding light be ready for the Coming of the Lord. The Lord is not willing that any should be lost, so let us help publish the Word of salvation and sound the warning, that message of glad tidings, that Jesus is coming soon!

"SEND FORTH THY LIGHT"

America is the light of the world. "A city set on a hill cannot be hid."

May we, as a people, be equal to the day of our opportunity and take heed to the Divine Commission.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

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