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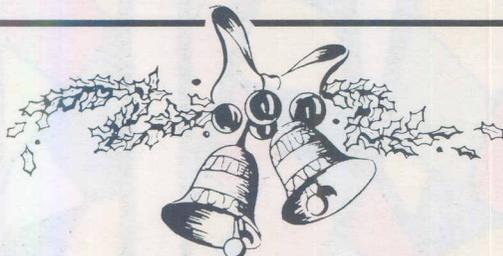
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He came alike to loved ones and stranger;
The baby from Bethlehem, born in a manger.
From the portals of glory, to earth he came to
dwell,
With the love of the Father; a message to tell.

A life meek and lowly, he did then begin.
Called Jesus, his mission was to free men from sin.
All who would listen and believe on his word
Received what they asked for from the hand of the
Lord.

Praise be to God, for the gift that was given,
Leading the way through this life and into heaven.
He's our strength and help from day to day,
When the gift of our life at his feet we lay.

— Jeanie Mullins

By Laws Of The Apostolic Faith Bible College, Inc. ARTICLE VII Doctrine

It is recognized that the true church of Jesus Christ consists of all believers in the saving grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who have accepted Him as their personal Savior. It is recognized and agreed that no organization or man has been granted authority by the Lord to exclude from or accept anyone into the Kingdom of Heaven, as this is done by Jesus Christ only. It is further recognized and agreed that we as Christians are to love all members of the Body of Christ (Christians), and this love and fellowship derives from the unity instilled by the Holy Spirit. Although differences in doctrinal beliefs and interpretations should not influence our love for one another, adherence to similar doctrinal beliefs and modes of worship have bonded together those of the Apostolic Faith Movement as founded by Charles F. Parham in the early 1900's. The scripture teaches us to adhere to the truth and proper doctrine. The common doctrinal beliefs are essentially as follows.

Triune God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Creation and Formation.

Man is basically sinful and in need of Salvation.

Salvation by Grace upon repentance toward God and acceptance of Jesus Christ as one's personal Savior, which is the conception of Spiritual Life.

Sanctification of the Spirit, Soul and Body, A second definite work of Grace by the Lord Jesus Christ.

Baptism of the Holy Spirit; evidenced by the speaking in other languages.

Water Baptism (of all believers) by immersion in water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Washing of Feet.

Divine Healing through Jesus Christ for all believers.

Do not condone divorce and remarriage, Matt. 19:8-9.

Destruction of the Wicked.

Conditional Immortality.

Rapture of the Man Child Class.

Return of Jesus Christ to earth again; bodily and visibly.

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These doctrines shall be adhered to in the teaching of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, which in addition to other doctrinal teaching approved by the Board from time to time if they are not in consistent with the above listed basic doctrines.

THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST

The word gospel means good news. It is a revelation, it is teaching to bring man to a place where he could be redeemed from the fall of sin. In the beginning man had everything, but because of Adam, Eve's sin death was pronounced on the human family, I think that the gospel really began when God in Gen. 3:15 promised that he would not leave man without a Saviour. So the good news was that man would have a chance to be redeemed from sin, but the question is asked, "What is The Gospel? St. John 7:16 Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but of him that sent me, speaking of God the Father. True doctrine is the Gospel. You can't have one without the other. With all the different teachings and beliefs being taught in the world today let us be sure of what we accept, because in spite of all these that we hear of, there is still the pure unadulterated gospel of Jesus Christ. Any thing that does not agree with what Christ and the Apostles taught is not right, Gal. 1:7-9. Paul said, "Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." "As we said before, so say I again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed," I have been asked why do I believe that the Apostolic Faith Movement teaches the true gospel? Because we teach what Christ and the Apostles taught, thus our movement is called the Apostolic Faith Movement. In Gal. 3:8. Paul speaks of the gospel being preached to Abraham, and the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. The gospel began in the new testament with the preaching of John the Baptist, Matt. 3:1-3. His message was repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Mark 1:1 "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God." What was this gospel for? II Tim. 1:10. "But is now made manifest by the appearing of our saviour, Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." Isn't that what we are all working for—eternal life? Eternal life only comes through Jesus Christ, 2 John 5:12, "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." God's word makes very plain to us. Who has eternal life and who does not. Jesus said in Mark 13:10, "And the gospel must first be published among all nations." Mark 16:15., "And he said unto them, go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." The gospel is a very important part of

the bible, for without it we would not be informed as we are in Rev. 14:6, "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on earth and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people."

I know that we can not use all of the scriptures pertaining to this subject in one short writing, but remember this, all the earth and all peoples will hear the gospel before the coming of the Lord. In Mark 16:15 they were commanded to go and preach the gospel to the whole world. Mark 13:10, Jesus said, "And the gospel must first be published among all nations. I Peter 4:7 tells us, but the end of all things is at hand; be ye therefore sober and watch unto prayer. Let us hold fast to the precious gospel of Christ.

In the Masters Service,
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Step by Step

"Here's a great affirmation for the New Year"

He does not lead me year by year
Nor even day by day,
But step by step my path unfolds;
My Lord directs my way.

Tomorrow's plans I do not know,
I only know this minute:
But He will say, "This is the way,
By faith now walk ye in it."

And I am glad that it is so,
Today's enough to bear;
And when tomorrow comes, His grace
Shall far exceed its care.

What need to worry then, or fret?
The God who gave His Son
Holds all the moments in His hand
and gives them one by one.

— Selected

*Character is what we are when we think
nobody is watching us.*



Jack-of -All-Trades and Master of One

.. Raymond L. Cox



Dion De Marbelle picked up his pen and commenced to compose a poem.

There's a land beyond the river
That we call the sweet forever,
And we only reach that shore by faith's decree.

The year was 1887, and the author, just a year short of age seventy, had his own home-going in mind as he proceeded:

One by one we'll gain the portals,
There to dwell with the immortals,
When they ring the golden bells for you and me.

It seemed to De Marbelle that the chiming of heaven's bells echoed out of future eternity to peal even then in his consciousness. He penned the refrain:

Don't you hear the bells now ringing?
Don't you hear the angels singing?
'Tis the glory hallelujah jubilee
In that far-off sweet forever,
Just beyond the shining river,
When they ring the golden bells for you
and me.

Some might suppose that a man experiencing the checkered career which Dion De Marbelle pursued would be the last man in the world to voice the sentiments his hymn expresses so eloquently. Phil Kerr called this composer "a colorful adventure whose life story reads like a piece of exciting fiction."

July 4, 1818 was the day Dion first opened his eyes upon the world. That was America's Independence Day, but this boy was born in France. In later years, however, Dion De Marbelle celebrated the Fourth of July with gusto, for following a period during which he roved the Arctic seas as a crew member of a whaling-ship, the Frenchman adopted America, or America adopted De Marbelle. He enlisted and served in the United States Navy. Later he distinguished himself in the Mexican and Civil Wars, serving in the Sixth Michigan Infantry of the Union Army and playing in the regimental band.

When not in warfare, Dion De Marbelle made his home in Illinois, where his musical prowess attracted notice. Had Dion De Marbelle been inclined to continue a partnership with James Anthony Bailey, the "Greatest Show on Earth"

might have been headlined Bailey and De Marbelle, for De Marbelle and Bailey started a circus several years before Barnum and Bailey became partners. But De Marbelle pursued other projects independently. He toured America with an opera company, serving both as a singer and musician. He organized a brass band. He performed as a magician and ventriloquist. He rated applause as a Shakespearean actor. He worked as a printer. He taught school. He could play almost any musical instrument, and he composed scores of secular songs.

Although De Marbelle had been away from James Bailey's "Greatest Show on Earth" for some time, the lure of the circus still worked for him a siren's song. When Bailey merged his mobile menagerie with that of Phineas T. Barnum in 1881, the partners hired Dion as their circus' first clown. Though past sixty, his antics amused the customers immensely. De Marbelle went on to organize his own circus. "He made people laugh, and he laughed with them," a newspaper commented. "He was a one-man minstrel show" and "could make an eloquent speech on any subject without preparation." But even in this enterprise, the misfortune which haunted many of De Marbelle's projects struck. While on a tour of Canada, one of his circus tents caught fire. The conflagration spread, and Dion lost everything.

This jack-of-all-trades proceeded to team up with Col. William F. Coty and helped "Buffalo Bill" organize his famed Wild West shows.

The frustrations which plagued his projects might have made another man surrender all faith and hope. Dion De Marbelle never received a penny's profit from the numerous songs he composed. The rich royalties of the crowning effort of his life, "When They Ring the Golden Bells," were stolen too. But his trust in God survived every shock. As long as he was able, Dion De Marbelle continued singing in the choir at a Methodist church. He lived for sixteen years after writing, at Kirkland, Illinois, the song which immortalized his memory. He looked forward to his eventual experience of promotion to paradise which his poem reflects :

We shall know no sin or sorrow
In that heaven of tomorrow,
When our barque shall sail
Beyond the silver sea;
We shall only know the blessing
Of our Father's sweet caressing,
When they ring the golden bells
For you and me.

Critics proved quick to point out flaws in De Marbelle's words, but they sounded more charitable when they discussed his music. A newspaper summarized attitudes about the song thus: "It contains only one good line of poetry, but the song is clothed in a bewitching, haunting melody which can never die."

For Dion De Marbelle the golden bells chimed on December 18, 1903. The last three years of his life were spent in obscurity and poverty. He resided then either in an abandoned schoolhouse or in a donated room over a blacksmith shop. He would have starved several times if kindly neighbors had not come to his rescue with gifts of food. When he died, the Grand Army of the Republic buried De Marbelle in the Bluff City Cemetery near Elgin, Illinois. A small government-erected marker bears the epitaph, "Drum major, D. A. Marbelle, 6th Mich. Inf."

The tendency of history is to write off a career like De Marbelle's with the caption "jack-of-all-trades and master of none." But surely he proved to be a master of one in the crowning effort of his life which concludes,

When our days shall know their number,
And in death we sweetly slumber,
When the Kings commands the spirit to be free;
Nevermore with anguish laden,
We shall reach that lovely aiden,
When they ring the golden bells for you and me.

Don't you hear the bells now ringing?
Don't you hear the angles singing?
'Tis the glory hallelujah jubilee
In that far-off sweet forever,
Just beyond the shining river,
When they ring the golden bells for you and me.

Gospel Herald



We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy is when men are afraid of the light.



THE BEST GIFT

God does not see the lavish gift
Made for all eyes to view;
He does not see the costly price
Of big things sparkling new.
He sees the small and honest Gift
That's given from the heart,
The kind of gift that love alone
Is able to impart.

The thoughtful act so simple done.
The deed of kindness—
It is the gift of one's self,
That can most truly bless.
Then let us give the gift Christ gave
When He was here on earth—
He gave his love what we might know
What gifts of love are worth.

—Rega Kramer McCarty



Another Special Blessing

Name: Joseph Louis Keeling "Jay"

Arrived: October 30, 1993

at 7:34 a.m.

Weight: 8 pounds, 1 ounce

Length: 19 inches

Parents: Kenneth and Pamela

Proud Sister and Brother: Tracy and Ty

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A F B C Report

1993 FALL CHOIR TOUR

Income:

Hardesty, OK
 Liberal, KS
 Pampa, TX
 Follet, TX
 Perryton, TX
 Midway, OK
 Woodward, OK
 Canyon, TX
 Amarillo, TX
 Spearman, TX
 Snyder, Tx
 Roswell, NM
 Kingman, KS

Total Income: 10,518.32

Expenses:

Bonus For Faculty On Tour	610.00
Bus Inspection	5.00
Bus Repair	585.08
Diesel Fuel	560.49
Ice Purchased	9.00
Meals Purchased	374.00
Motel Rooms (3)	128.70
Postage - Itinerary Mail-Out	9.75
Printing	27.00
Report Covers and Binder	18.98
Report Paper (2) Reams	13.77
Sodas Purchased	45.00
Toll Charges	7.00

Gross Expense: 2,393.77

Net Surplus: 8,124.55

Stats:

Churches Visited	13
Concerts Given	13
Miles Per Gallon	8.03
Miles Traveled	3,445

CHRISTIAN FINANCE COURSE

Bro. Howard Whitely gave 5 night adult classes on the topic of *Christian Finance*. The lectures were given on Tithing, Financial Planing, Credit and Debt, Credit Cards, and Bankruptcy. The 24 page booklet is available to anyone upon request. Additional material was given on the need of record keeping and what type of records to keep in order to satisfy the IRS.

Dec. 1993, Jan. 1994

COLLEGE ON THE WEEKEND

The *College on the Weekend* was conducted Saturday, November 20. the classes were as follow:

Romans 7 & 8 by Paul Morrison
The Baptism of the Holy Spirit by Paul Clanton
The Period of Beginnings by Lyndel Arnall
Sign Language by Bev Karber
The Art of Story Telling by Paul Morrison
Gentile Times by Lyndel Arnall

AREA-ALUMNI BANQUET

A delicious banquet was served by Katherine Arnall and Margaret Morrison consisting of two meats, (turkey and ham), mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, green beans, hot rolls, stuffing and a salad bar.

The program was provided by a trio with Tammy Dorris, Joel Dorris, and Julie Pulsifer. A soloist followed, Carla Wilson, and the Apostolic Faith Bible College quartet provided two numbers.

I presented a list of eight goals that I would like to see accomplished within the next five years and expressed my appreciation to everyone for their support of the Bible College.

AREA CONCERTS

Since our Choir Tour through the Panhandle of Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico, the choir has held concerts in Crosses, AR., Cave Springs, AR., Union Chapel, MO., Granby, MO., Prosperity, MO., and Purcell, MO.

FINANCIAL REPORT

As of August 1993:

General Fund	3,450.80
Building Fund	155.44
Faculty Fund	3,640.12
Special Fund	41.91
Washer Fund	850.70

Thank You for your prayers and support.

Sincerely,
Savoy Grimmer

LADIES DORM REPORT

We are happy to be back in school after a wonderful choir tour. The Lord poured out his blessings on us, and we are truly thankful.

The choir tour was an enjoyable learning experience for us all. We had such a wonderful time doing the Lord's work. The tour also helped us grow closer, and make lasting friendships with one another. We were blessed at the altars, and felt the presence of the Lord throughout the concerts. Each of us is looking forward to the Spring choir tour and we pray that God blesses it as He did this one. We praise the Lord for the work He is doing in our lives.

The holiday season has arrived quickly, and we have been busy with our studies. We are preparing for the end of the semester, and our schedules have been full. We trust that next semester will be as beneficial, and we pray earnestly, that more students will attend Bible College.

We would like to thank the faculty for their leadership, encouragement, and prayers throughout this semester. They have been a blessing.

Leanna Shipman

MEN'S DORM REPORT

We thank the Lord for giving to us a semester of restoration. God has dealt unto us his spirit literally. We will not go home, this Christmas, as we first came to school, there has been a change that the whole world can see. The time and energy spent at the Apostolic Bible School, was well worth it.

It's time to set our sights on things eternal. We thank the Lord for giving us the opportunity to work in his vineyard. God gave us the might and depth to perform his will.

As we approach the Christmas vacation we pause to thank God the reason there is a Christmas. If there were NO Christmas, life, as we know it, would not exist. Without that perfect sacrifice, men would have destroyed himself long ago. Everyday should be Thanksgiving and the celebration of Christmas.

Next semester we know the Lord will bless us and give us the increase we need. All that can be possibly obtained from the Lord. For we fall short if we cease to continue for perfection.

Please pray for the student body and the Bible School. We need the prayers of the righteous more the silver or gold. Prayer changes things.

God Bless You
Jacob Urick
Dean of Men

YOU TELL ON YOURSELF

You tell on yourself by the friend
you seek,
By the very manner in which
you speak,
By the way you employ your
leisure time,
By the use you make of dollar
and dime.

You tell what you are by the
things you wear,
By the spirit in which you your
burdens bear,
By the kind of things at which
you laugh,
By the records you play on the
phonograph.

You tell what you are by the way
you walk,
By the things of which you delight
to talk,
By the manner in which you bear
defeat,
By so simple a thing as how you
eat.

By the books you choose from the
well-filled shelf:
In these ways and more, you tell
on yourself:
So there's really no particle of
sense
In an effort to keep up false
pretense.

—From *The Lighted Pathway*

God's Wholly Holy Day!

A little girl, trying to learn the Ten Commandments, was told by her mother to write them out. When she brought the results for inspection she had written, "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it wholly."

The mother said, "Don't you know how to spell better than that? The word should be 'holy', not 'wholly.'"

The grandmother who was sitting by said, "Maybe the child has not made a mistake. At least her idea of holy is preferably to that of many who think they keep the Lord's Day if they go to church in the morning and spend the rest of the day feasting, lounging, or pleasure-seeking."

—Unknown

Have you ever tried to imagine a world without Christmas? What if Christ had not come and the world had missed the true import of such a happy occasion as the Advent of the son of God? Christ was given to the world as the unspeakable gift of God. John 3:16. God so loved - - - that He gave his only son - - - God gave. And as an expression of gratitude to God for such a gift as Christ, the wise men brought their gifts and treasurers to lay at the feet of the Babe. It is God's gift that inspires our giving both to Him and to others. Isaiah the prophet, over 700 years before the birth of Christ (Isa. 7:14) said that a virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall call his name Immanuel. Again Isaiah said, (Isa. 9:6) "for unto us a child is born, unto us a son is give, and the Government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the might God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." As we approach the coming Christmas season our joy perhaps is dulled by the specter of war. Man is searching for more deadly and destructive weapons as each day goes by which makes us wonder if the world has lost the true significance of Christmas, that of peace on earth, good will toward man. But thank God we can have the Prince of Peace reigning in our hearts, even in a war torn world. Let us thank God for this legacy of Peace we have in Jesus.

Let us suppose for a moment that there was no Christmas. No Christmas bells, no wreaths of Holly, no church to be found anywhere, no single book written about the Savior. How tragic it would be when we came to the parting of the way with our loved ones and open our Bible seeking a message of consolation, but we would find no word of a glorious resurrection, we would be left only with hopeless despair, for the Bible would have ended with the Book of Malachi of the Old Testament.

Again let us suppose Christ had not been born. What kind of a world would this have been? It would have been one in which child-life would not have come into its own. Bethlehem's manger taught us the value of all babes.

In olden times children were offered up to be burned as human sacrifices, but Jesus taught love and care of children. If Christ had not come there would be no Sunday Schools, no institutions to care for under-privileged children, no orphanages.

What of womanhood in such a world? Even today in countries where Christ is not recognized, woman is considered little better than a beast of burden. She is down trodden and is a mere chattel and a plaything of man. but praise God, where the Christ-Child, who was born of woman, is honored, the daughters of men take their places as equals, with rights and privileges in social and religious

services and in the commercial and national world. Just contemplate the debt of love and gratitude which womanhood owes because of the first Christmas.

Think of it, a world without Christ would have been without a complete Bible, no hymns, no Easter, no hope, no Heaven. Countless millions would have been lost without a Saviour. But praise the Lord, He did give His only begotten Son that we by grace through faith, might have eternal life in the presence of Christ Jesus.

Let us consider what manner of man is this Christ which changed the world at His birth.

Christ was born in the meanest of circumstances, but the air was filled with the Hallelujahs of the heavenly host. His lodging was a cattle pen, but a star drew wise men from afar to pay Him homage. His birth was contrary to the laws of life; his death was contrary to the laws of death. No miracle is so wonderful as His life of teaching. He had no cornfields or fisheries, but He could spread a table for 5,000 and have bread and fish to spare. He walked on the waters and they supported Him. . . His crucifixion was the crime of crimes but on God's side no lower price than His infinite agony could have made possible our redemption. When He died few men mourned, but a black crepe was hung over the sun.

Though men trembled not for their sins, the earth beneath shook under the load. All nature honored Him; sinners alone rejected Him. Sin never touched Him. Corruption could not get hold of His body. The soil that had been reddened with His blood could not claim His dust. Three years He preached His Gospel, He wrote no books, built no churches, attended no college, had no money back of Him, but after 1900 years He is the one central figure of human history. More books have been written about Him than any other man that ever lived; more lives have been changed for better because of Him, and His teaching. He is the theme of all preaching, the pivot around which the events of the age revolve, the only Saviour of the human race. Was it merely the son of Joseph and Mary, was it human blood that was spilled on Calvary's hill which has worked such wonders in men and nations through the centuries? We can only say, "My Lord and My God".

God's Word tells us that this same Jesus will return before long to catch His Bride away. Are you ready for that soon return, because that day cannot be far off. The prophetic utterances of God's Word are being fulfilled before our very eyes. What better time than this Christmas season to yield your life to Him. Then and only then can you have true peace in your hearts and good will toward men.

If Christ Had Not Been Born

... by E. K. Cornell

*In John 1:29 we read,
"Behold the Lamb of God
which take the away the sin of
the world."*

Since the time of Adam and Eve's transgression in the garden the blood of animals has been spilled that men might have a covering. Though the Bible does not say anything of a sacrifice, God made garments for Adam and Eve from the skins of animals. The Beacon Commentary says that though the text does not say it is highly possible these skins came from sacrificed animals. Adam Clark says in his commentary about the same. He also says the Hebrew word which has been translated "is" in the phrase "is become as one of us" should be translated "was". Hence it would tell us God made Adam to be like Him but when Adam ate of the forbidden fruit he fell to a lower plain. There is a paraphrase by a learned man which says, "And the Lord said; The man which was like one of

THE SACRIFICE

....Dora Beydler

us in purity and wisdom is now fallen and robbed of his excellence," (This also is found in the Clark Commentary.) Though Eve was first in the transgression and was included in the judgements from God, He gave her the promise which we understand now to be the first prophecy of a Savior to come. We find again in I Timothy 2:14-15 almost the same words where it says Eve would be saved through child-bearing. Here in I Timothy it applies to humanity being saved from the fallen sinful state because of the promise to Eve. Seth, her third son, Genesis 4:25 is listed in the blood line of the Messiah. Thus coming from the son borne by Eve we have a Savior who not only brought salvation for Eve, but all humanity can be saved because of the third son born to Eve and all the generations who had a part in bring-

ing the direct lineage down to the birth of our Savior. It does not apply to each individual woman as some would say but covers the span of years from the time Seth was born to begin the Savior's blood line to the birth of Jesus, who shed His blood to become the sacrifice for our sins. It has been said it is highly unlikely that man would offer sacrifices of his own accord so probably the offering of the sacrifices offered by Cain and Abel were from the example set by those sacrifices offered by God himself for the covering of Adam and Eve. Though Cain and Abel were brothers their chosen occupations were very much different. Cain chose to till the soil while Abel was a shepherd. Then each built an altar and forced a sacrifice to God from their labors. Cain offered from the fruits of the ground while Abel the firstlings of his flock. God accepted Able's sacrifice but rejected Cains sacrifice, Gen. 4:3-5. continued page 10

WHEN THERE'S NO STRENGTH TO FLY

Before I crossed this Valley of Weeping,
I soared the sky far and high above.
Your hand, Dear Lord, My strength and shadow,
My wind, your spirit and unfailing love.
I found myself falling from the heavens,
having done all, though wounded I stand.
When asked, I cannot say, "Why it happened?"
This broken eagle needs the touch of your hand.
I have but one question, My Father,
If or when there's no strength to fly,
What happens to the weary, wounded eagle,
does his strength and freedom die?
In the Cleft of the Rock, He finds refuge,
Even eagles seek a haven of rest.
In the storms maybe battered or wounded,
Yet they still have the ascent to their nest
In this Valley of Weeping, you'll find refuge!
When you are weary, I'll give you rest.
When it seems there's no strength to pray,
It's in these time you are perfectly blessed.
When there's no strength to fly,
You must find strength to live!

Trials, shadowing our path can viewed as either provision or as proplexity. The outcome of a trial is held captive by our faith! Our faith, can break the fetters and chains of doubt and fear. Do we Believe? What is impossible, God can do. He can make a curse a blessing (Duet. 23:5). From the ruins of a stumbling block, God can create a stepping stone (as He did for Joshua at Jericho). When we find ourselves in a valley of Baca (Weeping; Psalms 84:6) Come and let us return unto the Lord: for He hath torn, and He will heal us; He hath smitten, He will bind us up (Hosea 6:1).

The 31st of July, I preached my first funeral, my Grandmother's, the following Friday, I lost my left arm from the elbow. October 18, 1993, we again would suffer loss. Crystal's grandfather Ottendorf died in his wheelchair. When life strikes you in both cheeks, turn to Jesus Christ, let your faith go free, don't be afraid to cry out Abba Father, don't be afraid to cry, but let your soul rest in God (for the help in his countenance; Psalm 42:5) He bare you on Eagles wings (Exodus 19:4) and pulled you into his arms the last time you suffered, He can do it again!

We Weep for joy, We weep for Sorrow, For PEACE today and for HOPE tomorrow. Erik Cameron

Some have expressed the idea that the difference was that Able offered a blood sacrifice while Cain Did not. God did not look at the sacrifice but he looks at the heart and life of the one offering the sacrifice. Genesis 4:7 also says God told Cain "Sin lieth at the door." The word "sin" in the K. J. V. is translated elsewhere to mean if Cain would accept God and His way, he could receive God's acceptance but he left the presence of God without God in his life. Satan was waiting at the door. Cain did not heed God's words and left with hate in his heart. Because of sin and hate, Cain became a murderer. God, because of Cain's sins, placed a curse upon him and he went to the land of Nod where he married one of the created race. His first child was one year old when Seth (Eve's third child) was born.

All through the following years people built altars in worship to God. Noah built and altar and made a sacrifice after he and his family left the ark. Jacob built an altar to God with the stones he had used for his pillows in the land which is not called Luz, but he had nothing for a sacrifice. Noah burned an offering in thanksgiving on his altar. Jacob just talked with the Lord and promised to serve Him after building his altar.

In the course of times, Jacob's family moved to Egypt in search for food. Years later they were made slaves to the Egyptians.

God planned a deliverance for them and chose Moses to lead them to the land He had promised to them through Abraham. But Moses needed some extra instructions directly from God and fled Egypt to go to Midian and there he became a shepherd for several years. There in the desert while herding sheep he learned to know more about God and serving Him.

After forty years God sent Moses back to Egypt to lead

His people to the promised land, Caanan, and to mold them into their own nation. Before they were ready to leave Egypt, however, God taught them to trust in the blood of a sacrificial lamb. In Exodus 12:25 "And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which the Lord will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this service." Israel is told to keep the passover in their new home land. The sacrifice was to be a lamb and this became the pattern for the special offering. As time passed and they settled the land, all who could, made the journey to Jerusalem every year for the passover.

Now let us look at Genesis 3:15 where we find the first promise of a Saviour. "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." God tells us the seed of the woman (Jesus) will bruise the head of the serpent (satan). There is an interesting thought here, Eve was first in the transgression which brought the downfall of man, but without the aid of man the woman brought forth the Saviour who gave Himself to save both man and woman from sin.

History has told us that about 4 years before the death of Herod, Mary gave birth to the promised Messiah. The story of his birth is in Luke 2:1-18. Luke 3:23 gives us the record of Jesus' baptism that He was about thirty years of age at that time. Numbers 4:35 tells us that under the law those who served in the tabernacle were to be between the ages of 30 to 50 years. After His baptism He went into the wilderness where He was tempted forty days and nights by satan. After this time of temptation was finished John says, "Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples; and looking upon Jesus as He walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God! And the two disci-

ples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus" John 1:35-37.

From this time Jesus began His ministry of grace and truth. "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not." John 1:11. Jesus did not preach for popularity and the religious people (the priest, scribes, Pharasees and Saducees) were very displeased with Him. Due to their dissatisfaction they plotted to kill Him, but all their efforts failed until the time came for him to give Himself as the Lamb of God, "Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew His hour was come that He should depart out of this world unto the Father. . . ." John 13:1a. The rest of the verse says, "Having loved His own which were in the world, He loved them unto the end." John 13:1b. Jesus came first to the Jews but when they refused Him; "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not." John 1:11. He spent most of His time in Galilee preaching to the people of that region. Read Matthew 4:12-16. Jesus came to the people of Judah first but He came to bring the message of deliverance to all peoples. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

Also we find the promise to all families of the earth in Genesis 12:3a where it says "And in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed." This is part of the promise God made to Abram but all people of the world are included as God also said, "And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed." Genesis 22:18a. A portion of a short writing—author unknown, says, "He suffered rejection so we could be his friends."

These promises to Abraham were given before the law was given to Moses but the promise to Eve was made before

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the time of Abraham. God started trying to teach the Israelites to become His followers. He had promised Abraham that through his seed all the families of the earth would be blessed. Genesis 12:3a. Then in Genesis 49:10 we find these words; "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come." The people of Israel were chosen because of the promise to Abraham—to be the people of God and to show and tell of the greatness of God to the nations around them. He led them out of slavery in Egypt to Caanan—the land He had promised to Abraham for a homeland for them.

Though they failed to live up to God's expectations, God made them into their own nation and kept His promise to them. The day came for God to fulfill His promise given to Eve and also to prophecies given through Isaiah. In Isaiah 7:14b "Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel." This was fulfilled when Jesus was born of Mary. He was not called the Son of God in the Old Testament. There He was called by different titles but in all places He was serving as a messenger from God to man. He was and is always shall be one of the Godhead. He was with God in the creation of all things. The word "God" as used in Genesis 1:1 is a plural word and includes God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit—three Gods in one Godhead. (Father" as used here is the Leader—the same as we say George Washington is the Father of our nation.) Mary, who was espoused (engaged) to Joseph, was still a virgin when the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit) over shadowed her. Read Luke 1:26-35). This truth was also told to Joseph in a dream and he also was told, as was Mary, that the child was to be named Jesus. Verse 21 also says "He shall save His people from their sins." (read Matthew 1:18-23).

Under the law given to

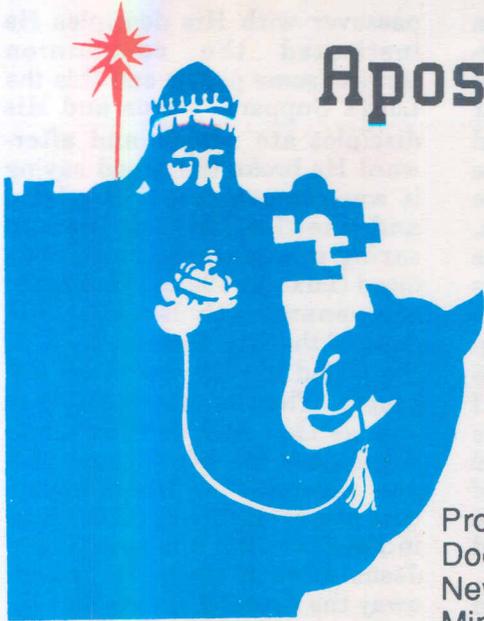
Moses the people were to offer a different kind of sacrifice for various things but for a sin offering they were to offer a kid of a goat or a lamb or a sheep. (Read Leviticus 2:27-35). John the Baptist spoke of Jesus being the Lamb of God. Isaiah 53:7 says, "He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter. and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth." I Peter 1:18-19 tells us we were not redeemed by silver and gold but by the precious blood of Christ as of a lamb. He paid the debt for our sins—yours and mine.

The feast of unleavened bread lasted for seven days and on the seventh day was the passover. The lambs were killed for the sacrificial offering. By this time it had become a customary ritual to offer a lamb for the passover offering in commemoration of the Lamb used at the time the fore-fathers left Egypt.

Hebrews 10:4 tells us it is not possible for the blood of bulls and of goats, (A priest or the whole congregation was to offer a bullock but a ruler or person of the rest of the people was to offer a kid or a lamb, Leviticus 4:1-15, 22, 27, 28). In the Old Testament and under the law given to Moses, God seems to have required more sacrifice of His priests (or those who teach the Word of God) than of the rest of His people. Paul writes in I Corinthians 9:27 that he keeps even his body in subjection that he should not become a cast-away. Now back to Hebrews 10:4—those sacrifice which were offered in the Old Testament could not forgive sins nor blot them out and they had to be covered again in a year. (Hebrews 10:3) In Hebrews 10:5--10 we read that God prepared a human body for Christ that Jesus would be able to be the sacrifice for sin that shall not be repeated, thus He became the Lamb of God.

After Jesus ate the

passover with His disciples He instituted the communion service (some people call this the Lord's Supper). Jesus and His disciples ate supper and afterward He broke the bread saying it was (represented) His body and likewise He took the cup saying it was (represented) His blood (Luke 11:19-20). God made a covenant with Israel in the days of the Old Testament to be their God if they would be His people. They so utterly failed to live as God had said so when Jesus gave his life God made a new covenant for His followers (His people) Hebrews 8:10. Then in Hebrews 10:9 it is speaking of Jesus when it says, "He taketh away the first (covenant) that He may establish the second." Galations 3:24-25 tells us the law was a schoolmaster to bring us to Christ. Schoolmaster comes from a term which really means a custodian or guide and here refers to the man or slave whose duty was to accompany a boy or youth to and from school. He guided the child's conduct while the child was in his care. In this place the law served as a guide to bring us to Christ. But when Jesus gave His life as the Lamb of God, He completed the law of sacrifice and established the law of faith. Ephesians 2:8 tells us we are saved by grace through faith. Grace is unmerited favor from God. Hebrews 11:1 tells us "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." When Jesus gave His life on the cross He fulfilled the prophecy in Genesis 3...15 that the serpent will bruise the heel of the Messiah, but the Messiah will bruise the serpent's head. The serpent succeeded in getting Jesus put to death on the cross but on the third day He arose from the grave and He is still alive and sitting at the right hand of God. Jesus will cast the serpent (satan) into the lake of fire and he will be destroyed there. Jesus will have fulfilled the prophecy of bruising the serpent's head.



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