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The Potter's Wheel

Jeremiah 18:1-4

THE WORD WHICH CAME TO JEREMIAH FROM THE LORD, SAYING, ARISE AND GO DOWN TO THE POTTER'S HOUSE, AND THERE I WILL CAUSE THEE TO HEAR MY WORDS. THEN I WENT DOWN TO THE POTTER'S HOUSE, AND BEHOLD, HE WROUGHT A WORK ON THE WHEELS. AND THE VESSEL THAT HE MADE OF CLAY WAS MARRED IN THE HAND OF THE POTTER: SO HE MADE IT AGAIN ANOTHER VESSEL, AS SEEMED GOOD TO THE POTTER TO MAKE IT.

Jeremiah 19:1-2

THUS SAITH THE LORD, GO AND GET A POTTER'S EARTHEN BOTTLE, AND TAKE OF THE ANCIENTS OF THE PEOPLE, AND OF THE ANCIENTS OF THE PRIESTS: . . . AND PROCLAIM THERE THE WORDS THAT I SHALL TELL THEE, . . .

Jeremiah 19:10

THEN SHALT THOU BREAK THE BOTTLE IN THE SIGHT OF THE MEN THAT GO WITH THEE,

II Timothy 4:9-11

DO THY DILIGENCE TO COME SHORTLY UNTO ME: FOR DEMAS HATH FORSAKEN ME, HAVING LOVED THIS PRESENT WORLD, . . . ONLY LUKE IS WITH ME. TAKE MARK, AND BRING HIM WITH THEE: FOR HE IS PROFITABLE TO ME FOR THE MINISTRY.

(The foregoing scriptures are explored in Bro. Otto Busch's sermon in this issue.)

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR:

Dear Readers of the REPORT:

We are entering a new year of publishing the Apostolic Faith Report. This issue is number one of volume seven.

We need your help. Without your cooperation we cannot publish a single issue. With your help we can make this publication the blessing and edification with which God would be pleased.

The Apostolic Faith as we know it now, was built around the message of the healing power of Christ in our present generation. We want to ask you to send us your testimonies of healing. If your testimony does not pertain to physical healing but as a testimony of victory, we would like to publish it also if possible.

Thank you and God bless you for your financial support the past year. Thank you too for rallying to our need of a new typewriter for the REPORT office. Thank you for your prayers.

Due to lack of funds we are sending out an eight-page paper this time. We hope to resume the 12 or 16 page editions hereafter.

To the Apostolic Faith ministers we send out this request: **Please send us your sermons and reports.**

We send our special thanks to the churches who are regularly supporting the REPORT with their funds.

God Bless you all,
Sincerely,
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NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE!

The Bible School needs a large deep-freeze. Notify: The Apostolic Faith Bible School, Box 110, Baxter Springs, Kansas, if you can help or advise them with this need. If an "Ice-Cream" freezer-chest is obtained it needs to be at least a 6-hole size.

**SPECIAL
ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Bible School
Work-Weeks**

During the annual business meeting, July 26, 1960 it was decided to conduct two separate work weeks this year. The purpose of these work weeks is to repair and beautify the Bible School Buildings.

September 5, 1960 is the date of the beginning of the first work-week.

The beginning of the second work-week will be announced later.

Everyone cooperate! Bring your tools and work clothes. If you cannot come, you can send food for the workers and money for the needed repair-materials.

The amount of your transportation to and from Baxter Springs, Kansas would be a nice offering if you cannot come.

Last year some of the lady-folk came and helped with the work and cooked for the workers. It was appreciated. The welcome mat is out to them also.

**NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE!
BIBLE SCHOOL STUDENTS**

If you play a musical instrument, please bring it when you come to Bible School. We plan to form an orchestra. You'll be glad you did.

Miss Edna Neff, Music Teacher

APOSTOLIC FAITH

BIBLE SCHOOL MEMORANDUM

CHRISTIANS EVERYWHERE: Pray for a greater school for 1961 which begins January 3, 1961. Support the school with food and finance.

PASTORS: It is our plan to visit your church shortly. Brother Truman Summerford will conduct me on this tour. Be sure to learn the date I'll be with you and announce it. Meet us for the service. Slides will be shown (if requested) excepting daylight services.

God has given us a wonderful faculty; a large selection of studies; and the prospect of a fine large student body.

STUDENTS: Make your plans now to attend the 1961 term.

For further information write:

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The GIFT OF PROPHECY

BY ROBERT GIROUARD

The eighth of a series on "The Gifts of the Spirit"

IN THE OLD Testament religious order, the Lord raised up prophets to deliver His message to the people during times of Spiritual declension and times of national crises.

Prophets were preachers of righteousness declaring the Lord's message to the people. They were moral and religious teachers of their nation, reformers who awakened the religious life of the people; forewarners of the certainty of the divine judgement on sin; foretellers of future events by divine inspiration.

We shall quote two passages of scripture which give us an insight into the method of inspired utterance as given to the prophets. David said, **"THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD SPAKE BY ME, AND HIS WORD WAS IN MY TONGUE."** II SAM. 23:2. JEREMIAH SAID, **"THE LORD PUT FORTH HIS HAND AND TOUCHED MY MOUTH AND THE LORD SAID UNTO ME, BEHOLD, I HAVE PUT MY WORDS IN THY MOUTH."** JER. 1:9.

The Prophets whose messages were written and preserved as the word of God no doubt had inspiration that was infallible.

In the Old Testament as well as in the New Testament we find a type of Prophecy which was evidently of a much lower degree of divine inspiration and was not regarded as infallible. Numbers 1:25-29; I Sam. 10:10; I Cor. 14:29-32.

In treating of the spiritual gift of prophecy it is absolutely necessary to make a distinction between the spiritual gift which is a gift of the Spirit to the individual, I Cor. 12: 10, 11; and the gift of prophets by Christ to the church, Eph. 4:11. It is within the realm of possibility for everyone who has received the baptism of the Holy

Spirit to receive the Spiritual gift of prophecy, I Cor. 14:24, 31. But all do not receive the office of a prophet. I Cor. 12:28, 29. The true prophets such as Agabus could foretell future events by divine inspiration. Acts 11:27; Acts 21:10, 11. But those who had the spiritual gift of prophecy had a more restricted ministry. I Cor. 14:3.

Because the Bible declares that the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy (Rev. 19:10), some people have mistakenly said preaching is all there is to the New Testament gift of prophecy. Nothing could be further from the truth. In a large part of the Christian world there has been a persistent tendency to debase the gift of prophecy by robbing it of its supernatural character. It is one hundred per cent supernatural.

Anointed preaching is not prophesying and prophesying is more than anointed preaching. In preaching of the highest order the mind of the speaker is illuminated and quickened by the Holy Spirit and the message goes forth in the power of the Holy Spirit. That kind of preaching is divinely inspired but not supernatural. In prophesying the mind is passive as the Spirit gives utterance to the words spoken. As speaking with tongues in supernatural utterance in and unknown tongue, so prophecy is supernatural utterance in a known tongue.

We remember hearing the late Charles F. Parham say while he was still with us that sometimes he would speak supernaturally in his own language for as long as twenty minutes at a time. His message was as new and as inspiring to him as to his audience.

Following is a list of some of the

benefits that follow from the operation of this gift:

1. He that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort. I Cor. 14:3.

Edification, exhortation and comfort has been rendered, "building up, stirring up, cheering up" by Ellicott.

2. One who prophesies is declared to be greater than one who speaks with tongues unless he interprets. I Cor. 14:5.

3. Prophesying brings conviction to unbelievers. I Cor. 14:24,25.

4. For ye may all prophesy one by one that all may learn. I Cor. 14:31.

Through the operation of the gift of Prophecy the Spirit can do a wonderful job of teaching by exhorting or edifying in Spirit given words. I Cor. 14:3.

Paul taught that no more than three persons were to prophesy in one meeting. I Cor. 14:29.

The fact that the messages of the Prophets were to be judged indicates that the inspiration was not always infallible. I Cor. 14:29.

The New Testament gift of Prophecy can be a wonderful blessing to a church, but it can never take the place of the written word of God. Any message in Prophecy that is not in harmony with the infallible word of God is to be rejected.

Follow after charity and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy. I Cor. 14. 1.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

In the Next issue of the *Apostolic Faith Report*, we will print the ninth and final installment of Brother Girouard's articles in this series: "The Gifts of the Spirit," Brother Girouard writes, "My next article will treat the three gifts of power: Healing, Faith and Miracles."

A Tribute to

Mrs. Pearl Chapman
A Tribute To Our Deceased Sister Pearl Chapman.

She has left her family and friends a spiritual legacy of "Devotion to God." She has built a monument of great magnitude by prayer, good deeds and works in her town and community.

She was a stalwart and tower of strength to her Christian associates. Her influence will live on. Our loss is heaven's gain.

Submitted by Mrs. M. C. Wallingford,
Box 104, Franklin, Texas

PASTORAL REPORTS

LOGAN, OKLAHOMA

Bro. Roland Busch is in revival in the Midway Country Church. Murphy Barnes, pastor.

FOLLETT, TEXAS

Bro. Marcus Adair conducted a farewell Tent Revival in Follett in August. His family assisted with their talents.

Seven souls were saved in the Follett tent revival. Good spirit prevailed. The Follett Chapel people gave the Adair family a wonderful warm farewell.

(This report came in after we went to press.)

BIXBY, OKLAHOMA

A tent revival is in progress in Bixby, Oklahoma. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cornell, Neil Ragan, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Barker and Miss Ruth Pshigoda are conducting. This is a new field.

KINGMAN, KANSAS

Jim Fox assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Modrick are in a revival in the Kingman, Kansas church. Mrs. Pearl Menke, Pastor.

GRANBY, MISSOURI

Bro. Marcus Adair plans to conduct a tent revival here soon. Otto Busch, pastor.

PERRYTON, TEXAS

Bro. and Mrs. Harrol Waterbury conducted a good revival in the Perryton Full Gospel Church in August. The VanBenthusen sisters, Edna Neff and Ronnie Smart assisted. Three were saved. Five were baptised in water.

Jacob C. Regier, Pastor

BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS

Bro. Roy Wooster reports that Bro. Johnny Scruggs conducted a good one-week revival in the Big Springs church recently. He says he would recommend Bro. Scruggs as a good evangelist and pastor.

BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS

Card of Thanks!

The people of the Big Springs Apostolic Faith Church express their thanks to all that assisted in the building of their new beautiful church. Several helped in donated labor, others sent money, and many prayed. God Bless you. Roy V. Wooster, pastor.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

A son, born to Mr. and Mrs. James Hardy of Amarillo, Tex., June 28th. named Bobby Scott.

LOGAN, OKLAHOMA

NEW RADIO PROGRAM

Brother Murphy Barnes, Pastor of the Midway country Church is launching a new radio program over the KEYE (1400) Radio Station at Perryton, Texas. Tune in each Sunday morning at 8:15 o'clock. (This report came as we were going to press.)

LAMPASAS, TEXAS

Bro. Jim Fox and evangelistic party plan a tent revival for this new field soon.

TENT REVIVAL IN WAYNESBORO, MISSISSIPPI

As we go to press we learn that Bro. and Sis. E. H. Russell are beginning a tent revival in Waynesboro, Mississippi. The Elston Sisters are assisting them. Bro. L. J. Ehrlich, and Bro. Harold J. Bollinger are helping to promote this revival. Be sure to support this evangelist effort. This is a new field.

DUMAS, TEXAS

Pastor Jim Morris plans a revival with Evangelist Marcus Adair in the near future.

BEAVER, OKLAHOMA

Bro. and Sis. Lowell Long have opened a new Apostolic Faith Work in Beaver, Oklahoma.

They are conducting services in the Boy Scout Cabin, one block west of the Swim-pool.

Prayer Service Thursday at 8 p.m. Pray for this effort.

MISSISSIPPI-ALABAMA

CAMP MEETING REPORT

God blessed the 1960 Pine Crest Camp Meeting. There were 65 people camped on the grounds. Night services were well attended with peak crowds of about 200 or more. The Bible Lessons were given by Bro. Ferry of Chicago, Ill.; Bro. Jack Barker and Bro. Marcus Adair. The other messages were brought by different ministers.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Rev. Jack Hopson, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Hopson of Minatare, Nebr. was married to Miss Elizabeth Alcia Fleming, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Fleming, of Quitman, Miss. The wedding took place on July 1st, 1960 with Rev. L. J. Ehrlich officiating over the double ring ceremony.

BAXTER SPRINGS, KANSAS

CAMP MEETING REPORT

The Camp Meeting in the 4-state district was very good. A great many ministers attended and served in various capacities. The Bible lessons were given by several ministers. Practically all the general sermons admonished God's people to draw closer to God to face the serious issues of our present day.

The new camp ground was very convenient. Although the weather was rainy much of the time, the permanent dining hall; dormitories; and tabernacle made the camping commodious. Four hundred people were served meals on Sunday.

The Business Meeting of the Apostolic Faith Bible School was conducted on the Tuesday as announced. Bro. Jack Barker was elected as boardmember to replace himself for the next three years.

The following is a list of the ministers that are accepting new pastorates.

Harrol Waterbury, Katy, Texas

Paul Clanton, Rockdale, Texas

Joe B. Dewees, Snyder, Texas

Homer Allen, Lovington, N. Mex.

Elbert Pool, Imperial Beach, Calif.

Edwin Waterbury, Spring Valley, California

Doyle Wiles, Guymon, Oklahoma

A. B. (Bennie) Stanberry, Bayard, Nebraska

Neil Ragan, Amarillo, Texas

A. W. Ferguson, Kings Mill, Texas

Donald D. Dibbens, Follett, Texas

Jack Cornell, Balko, Oklahoma

Lowell Long, Beaver, Oklahoma (new work)

Bob Cooper, Joplin, Missouri

Gail W. Schultz, Baxter Springs, Kansas

Larry Welsh, Doniphan, Missouri

Van Earl (Hap) Blythe, Cave Springs, Arkansas

Robert Girouard is open for calls, 2206 Chestnut Drive, Pampa, Tex.

Marcus Adair is open for calls, 2400 9th Ave., Apt. D. Canyon, Texas

Miss Nancy Young is assisting the Homer Allens in Lovington, N. Mex.

Miss Glennis McClenagan is assisting the Fergusons in Kings Mill, Tex.

Schooled by Grace

BY JERRY McCLENAGAN

Back to school! Some of you enter into it with dread; and some with delight! What is important is to enter into it with Christ!

Christ wants to walk the halls with you, sit with you in class, help you as you study, calm you during test-time, be with you at lunch-time, and bless you at recreation-time.

Yes, Christ has said, "I will never leave thee." I wonder, do you want His constant Presence? Someone added ironically to the song title "If Jesus Goes With Me"—we'll both be embarrassed! Is this true of your school days? I pray it will not be thus this coming term.

Christian, you have a Master-Teacher! Christ, by His grace is schooling you in God's ways. Paul wrote to Titus, a young Christian. His words: **"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching (or, schooling) us . . ."** (Titus 2:11-12).

He wants you to sit at His feet as Paul set at the feet of Gamaliel. He says, "Learn of me." He carefully prepares each lesson especially for you in hopes you will grow in His grace and knowledge. Will you spend some time during this school term in the Presence of Christ "in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge"?

TEST TIME

As in school, there will be a testing time of your Christian life. But

Christ has said, "I will be with you." Instead of feeling that circumstances are against you, give thanks, and accept it as a test of your faith. Look beyond you—Christ is there! Look beside you—Christ is there! Look inside you—Christ is there! Test-time can be victory-time through the power of Christ within you.

LUNCH TIME

You seldom think of missing a meal in school. But what about your schooling in Christ's grace? Do you miss a meal now and then? Often? Or, do you pray as Christ has taught you . . . "Give us **this** day our **daily** bread"? When God fed His people with manna from heaven they were to gather it **daily**, or it would spoil!

Why is it important to have this daily "lunch-time" in the school of grace? Because it is your strength! The Psalms speak of that "Bread which strengtheneth man's heart." There is no need of you being a Christian weakling! "Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus."

Christ is the Bread! He spoke of the manna from heaven and then said, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven." He is the Heavenly Manna, the Living Bread!

He said, "He that eateth me, even he shall live by me." How can we eat of this Bread? When we eat a meal we partake of the life-giving food. When we "eat" Christ we **partake** of his Life—His grace, His pow-

er, His love, His Spirit! He is that "bread which strengtheneth man's heart."

We partake of His life by filling our hearts with His words. ("Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.") Jesus said, "The words that I speak unto you are **life**." We also partake of His Life through prayer. Prayer is surrender, worship, and petition. It is through such praying that we become "strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man."

Don't miss your lunch-time!

RECREATION TIME

Recreate means to make anew. Recreation is to build you up, not to tear you down.

Again we are made aware of our daily need. We have compared our spiritual nourishment to eating. A part of this is our spiritual **exercise**.

Paul wrote these words: "The inward man is renewed day by day." He had his daily recreation-time. He never missed it!

What did he tell Timothy? "Exercise thyself unto godliness. For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come."

Being truly Christian is the important exercise! It promises rich returns. Put all of your energy into it. Be fervent in spirit. Love the Lord "with all your strength," and He will strengthen you in His love!

Happy school days! Yes, if you let the Master-Teacher school you in His grace, you will be happy in Him, and happy in this term of school!

DES ARC, ARKANSAS

V. B. S. REPORT

Bro. and Sis. Elbert Pool conducted a very good Vacation Bible School in the Des Arc, Apostolic Faith Church. Seventy-five were enrolled. Average attendance was 72. God wonderfully blessed all. Beside other blessings, the Lord saved 4 young people in the services after the Bible School closed and others are attending church.

SPEARMAN, TEXAS

V. B. S. REPORT

Sister Lula Parham assisted by Lamoyne Barker and Shirley Woodson conducted a successful Bible School in the Spearman church July 4th through July 18th. The attendance averaged around 50.

MISSISSIPPI-ALABAMA

YOUTH CAMP REPORT

The Pine Crest Youth camp of 1960 was a good success with God blessing every phase. There were 55 enrolled; 65 attended classes every day; and 85 to 95 meals were served 3 times daily. A goodly number were saved, sanctified and received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Fifteen were baptized in water.

Two new dormitories have been completed. The boys dormitory is 42 by 20 feet in dimension and is constructed of concrete. The girls dormitory is 16 by 16 and is of log-cabin construction. Showers and lavatories are installed. A new office building has also been finished. This office has living quarters attached.

ASHLAND, KANSAS

YOUTH CAMP REPORT

Mid-West Apostolic Faith Youth Camp was a victorious camp. There were 112 enrolled. 25 were saved, 22 were sanctified and 11 received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. 7 girls and 15 boys followed the Lord in Water Baptism.

DIXIE YOUTH RALLY REPORT

The Dixie Youth Rally met at the Pine Crest Faith Chapel on July 2nd with President Berta Anderson presiding.

The Hinton Alabama church received the attendance banner. Seventy-eight were present. The next Rally is to held at Snell, Mississippi, August 6th. You have an invitation.

Lois Carney—Reporter

On the Potter's Wheel

BY OTTO BUSCH

IN the foregoing scripture we learn of the prophets experiences. Jeremiah was that prophet. Jeremiah was sent to the potter's house. The scripture said, "There I will cause thee to hear my words." Was the potter a preacher? The potter was not a preacher. But there was something that his eyes would see, that would leave an impression upon him that he should deliver unto the house of Israel. He went to the Potter's house and there he saw the potter take some clay and place it on the wheel. The wheel began to spin and with his hands the potter formed the vessel. The vessel did not suit him so he marred it. He pushed it down again. If it was dried out a little bit he had to put some water on it to make the clay pliable. He made the vessel again, a vessel that suited . . . and that vessel he kept. I would like to use that thought in this sermon.

We today should be as clay . . . the Lord started us off with clay, did he not? He just had a lump of clay that he started off with and the Lord still wants that lump of clay. He doesn't want that suit of clothes you wear, that car you have, or any other thing you possess. The only thing about you that he wants is that lump of clay that you are.

We fix this lump of clay up real nice. We take care of this lump of clay, we feed it, we rest it, we do a lot of things with this lump of clay and we're real (shall I say) proud of what we do with this lump of clay. But my friends, the Lord wants that lump of clay! Do you know where He wants it? He wants it on the potter's wheel, so he can mold it as it might seem good unto Him. Are we the Lord's . . . do we really belong to Him? People speak of what the Lord used to mean to them. Well, has the Lord changed? Talk about the revivals we used to have! What God used to do for us! Has God changed?

I heard so much in one place that I said it was a pity that the Lord had backslid. Listen folks, the Lord is not backslid. If anybody's lost the blessing it is because we've gotten out of time and we've gotten off of

God's wheel. God wants us on the wheel . . . God wants us as clay! Here is wonderful thought that I'd like to pass on. It is about being Sanctified. It is about the clay. Do you know what Sanctification does? Sanctification is that molding part . . . and the Holy Spirit puts the color and the power, the glory . . . into vessels God wants. He can put the beauty to it, and the coloring to it, and the finish to it, and the glory to it so it will be outstanding.

The scripture said there was a man sent from God whose name was John. He didn't say what man, just a man . . . just a man! God wants just men . . . and women today . . . that's what he wants. He wants clay and he wants them on His potter's wheel. He wants clay that is pliable. Yet, I read the scripture where he said take an earthen potter's vessel that's been already made, already set, already brought to the oven and already baked. He told Jeremiah to break that vessel! You know the story, "All the Kings horses, all the King's men could not put humpty dumpty to gether again." It is broken . . . it is broken! My friend, God wants us as clay that can be molded in His hands. You and I sometimes get ourselves too set don't we? Sometimes we get so set we cannot change.

There are some folks that are old when they are only 30 years of age. They're old. They can't enjoy a sunset! They can't enjoy a beautiful flower. They can't enjoy the things about them! Folks they are OLD! They're set!

We as God's people can be so set that we are not clay in the potter's hands. Can God still use you? Can God still form you? O you say you can't teach an old dog new tricks. I'm not talking about Dogs . . . I'm talking about clay in the potter's hands! Clay that God wants to use! Just lumps of clay! He wants to send them out . . . He's the Master. The master wants to form into vessels that will please Him . . . that His name might be glorified! He wants to send us. Send Us! Listen folks, the Lord wants clay that is usable in

His hands. Here we find he made a vessel that didn't suit him. So he marred the vessel and he pushed it on the wheel and it became mud again. I heard someone say recently "Many times the Lord's had to spit water in my face and make me all over again. Something needed changing. Something did not suit Him right." Is there something about us that needs changing? Some may say "No brother, I've done it this way all my life, and I'm not about to change." Suppose the Lord wants to change you? I'm not talking about men changing you. O no! Men can't change you if you're made of the right stuff, but listen, a person might be 70 or 80 years old and the Lord can still change him to His glory. He marred the vessel . . . and he made another vessel. Why? Because he was clay on the master's wheel. And this vessel suited him.

There was a young man . . . on the breast of Jesus. Some Bible Scholars say it was John Mark. When they arrested Jesus it got too hot for him. You see he wasn't on God's wheel yet. He was with the disciples all right but he wasn't on God's wheel. He had his body covered with a linen cloth. When they reached for him they caught the cloth and the man ran off naked. There might be some of you that have been like John Mark. You've hung around a long time but you've never been on God's wheel. Once I returned to Mississippi and there was a man teaching a Sunday School class. I asked some of the boys on the outside, "When did that fellow get saved?" One of the boys said, "He didn't really get saved, he just kinda took it up." There are too many folks that just took it up. They've never been on God's wheel. They have never been in God's hands. They still have the sticks and the stones in them.

John Mark's mother's name was Mary. Any body that lived in Mary's house ought to have old-time salvation. There are a lot of people have been around us a long time . . . some have testified in our churches . . .

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that have never been on God's wheel.

Perhaps Barnabas was John Mark's uncle. We find that John Mark had fled during the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. But after the resurrection it was different again. The gospel was preached and people turned to God. After the day of Pentecost all the folk got back and had a real old time revival. Souls were blessed of God . . . 3,000 turned to Christ . . . 5,000 turned to Christ! This thing, it seemed would fill the whole country. John Mark got right in there, just like the rest of them. "We're having a big time. I'll just join right up with them. I'll be one of them."

About that time, Herod rose up and started some persecution. They put Peter in prison. Down at Mary's house they started a prayer meeting. The people waited upon God, whereupon the angel of God himself opened up the prison and waked Peter. Peter was not worried. He was on God's wheel, if you please. When Rhoda went out and found Peter at the gate, she ran back with the news. The folks wouldn't believe her. Nope, he's in prison! You know that is the way we pray sometimes. When the things begin to take place we don't believe it. God is still real, isn't he? If God could just pick us up and put us on his wheel he could do something with us.

I had this thought not long ago. I have a 50c piece here. It is mine. If I want to spend this 50c, for two hamburgers and this 50c talked and said (money talks, you know), "No, No, You're not going to spend me for hamburgers. I want to be spent for something better than hamburgers with onions on them. I don't want to be spent that way." Sometimes we're on God's wheel and he wants to do something with us and we say. "O No! Not me you're not gonna make nothin' like that outta me." You need to get on God's wheel.

Soon after this time, Barnabas had gone out to find Saul. Paul was staying in Antioch about the church business. This was no 2-week revival. He stayed a year and then brought him back. Nowadays a 2-week revival wears people to a frazzle! We're getting just like the rest of the world.

Paul, Barnabas and John Mark set out on a successful missionary journey. The chief deputy of the country

desired to hear about Jesus. When Paul began to preach about Jesus, a sorcerer there withstood him. Paul rebuked him: "Child of the devil, full of iniquity . . ." That was hard preaching! That was too much for John Mark. He is ready to check out. He left them there and Paul never quite got over that.

Paul and Barnabas returned to Jerusalem after some time. They related some of their experiences. They told of their glorious revivals. How the sick were healed . . . How God opened up the blinded eyes for them. How that during the persecution, God had brought them safely through. Mark must have said, "Uncle Barnabas, I'd like to go back with you on this next journey," because Paul had said to Barnabas, "Let us go see how the churches are doing."

Barnabas said, "I believe we'll take Mark with us." No, we'll not take him, said Paul. They had quite a descension right there. Paul took Silas with him, Barnabas took John Mark.

Although Barnabas was a wonderful man for God, little is said about him after this.

Years went by, Paul was about to lay his life upon the chopping block for the faith of God that he had. His journey was about over. His days were shortening. He writes to Timothy, "**Timothy, I want you to come by Troas and bring my cloak and get here before winter time. Only Luke is with me. Demas has forsaken me having loved this present world.**" You know what is beating the people out of their chances today? The Love of this present world! Do you want an easy way to serve God? In one sense of the word, I can tell you, Serve Him in the beauty of holiness and you'll have an easy way. It'll cost you, brother, there'll be some prices to pay. But if you want to get by cheap, don't try the way of the cross, but you will not run very far.

Demas has forsaken me having loved this present world. Do you love the World? . . . Do you want the dollars and cents? Are you out for popularity and fame? . . . Or do you want the way of the cross. Do you want the power of the Holy Spirit operatin' percolatin' in your soul? Do you want to believe God and have the heavens open up for you? Get on God's Wheel!

I understand that the book of Mark was written right under Caesaer's

nose! Mark wasn't afraid any more. Brother, he sat down, told the story of Christ. And some of the messages that Mark gave are just as rich and pure as the others. We could not do without the book of Mark.

Listen friend, someone got on God's Wheel. Someone lost the fear of the world! And gained the Fear of God! As Paul was about to check out he needed a few faithful ones to stand by him, he said, "Bring Mark to me for, he is profitable to me." I need Him! The last few years we have seen many crawl off of God's wheel. Amen! The way got too hard, the way got too rough, the persecution got too strong. We're facing some things in the near future. It will take a complete surrender to God's holy will. Get on God's wheel!

Here is my testimony as a preacher, I was still a young man when the Lord called me off into the backwoods of Mississippi, where Brother Bennie Stanberry said they needed a revival meeting. I went out there to start the work that had died out. If I'd a-had enough money the afternoon I got there, I'd a-turned around and gone back. But I'm so glad I stayed. I'm glad the Lord could use me in the back woods. The Lord has been good to me. In the hours of trial and testing the Lord has seen me through. I'm glad tonight to say, "I was on the master's wheel." There is a message still burning in my soul. O listen I may not please you, in fact I would not attempt to please man. When I started off in this work, by the help of the Lord, I intended to please Him. I want to give God the glory . . . I still feel that way.

Many communities are still waiting for someone to tell them of Jesus and His Love. At the same time so many are crawlin' off of God's wheel! Why not be clay in the potter's hand? Others my friend, God can't use . . . they're hardened . . . they're hardened . . . they've been in the oven . . . they've been baked! Start to mold them just a least little bit, and they break. They'll be just like humpty dumpty. You can't put'em together again. God needs someone! We're facing opportunities! The message needs to be preached to souls that are without God at all.

You can change, my friend, you can change . . . get on the Potter's wheel of God and let Him make you a vessel unto His honor.

WHAT DOES THE FUTURE PROMISE?

By J. W. ELLIOTT

THE BIBLE tells us, "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape." 1 Thess. 5:3.

It is popular to go with the crowd but it is what the Bible says that counts. The Bible is the true word of God. God knew thre END from the beginning of time. He caused his Holy Prophets and Apostles to prophecy what should happen in the last days. This includes the Lord Jesus Christ. We read the newspapers, listen to the radio, view the television appearances, and we learn what has happened yesterday but the Bible is the only book that tells man's destiny and the future. Jesus rebuked some in His day and called them hypocrities and asked them if they could not discern or understand the signs of the times. Matt. 16:3.

We are living in perilous times as Paul wrote Timothy. But in these times it is not hard for a born-again Christian, especially if he has received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, to discern the times. This is even more true if God has really called him to preach the Gospel.

Jesus says in John 14:26, "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things . . .". The apostle Paul said, "But ye brethren, are not in darkness, that day should overtake you as a thief." If there is anyone that should know what the future holds it is a born-again, Spirit-filled Minister. Again we read the words of the Apostle Paul as recorded in First Cor. 2:11, "even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God." so in verse 14 of the same chapter it says, "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." Modern men of the world and also church members that do not have the Spirit of God to teach them the deep things of the Bible, cannot understand these truths. In verse 15 we read, "But he that is spiritual judgeth all things,

yet he himself is judged of no man." In the 16th verse he tells us, "For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ." So we understand why the world cannot understand or discern the signs of the times or the future.

Yes, as we found in the scripture in First Thessalonians, the world has been crying, "Peace! Peace!" Many countries including the United States are preparing for war by build-bombs, missiles and many other things to be used when war does come to the United States and the world. Russia has 500 submarines while the U. S. has 300.

The killing of one man in 1914 in the small country of Austria began a war (World War I) that cost the lives of millions. The flu epidemic during that time took the lives of ten million.

In April of 1917 God moved on me to preach on the streets and warn the people any where I could get a few people to listen. I walked from place to place preaching once or twice each day for six days a week. If I did not have the money to pay for nights lodging I would stay in some church, box car or empty building. My Bible was my pillow but I was healthy, hardy and God was with me. I hardly ever had an ache in my body. I preached all during World War I, during which time Dad Parham alone comforted and encouraged me to press on.

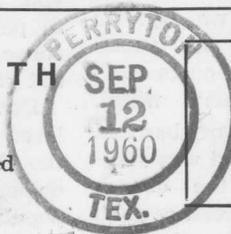
World War I ended in 1918. Now, only forty-two years later we are on

the brink of World War III. Near the end of World War II, two atomic bombs were dropped on two large cities in Japan. As a result 200,000 Japanese people died along with most of all their nurses and doctors.

Communism has grown from 40,000 in 1917 to nearly 80,000,000 at the present time. No other movement has grown as fast as Communism. Even in the United States the Communists number in the millions. They are in the labor unions, youth organizations, defense plants, schools, and colleges. It is said by reliable sources that there are thousands of preachers that have communistic views and many belong to the Communist party.

Should God permit these millions to attack in another global war these communists would bomb our large cities in America, and the streets would flow with blood bringing in a time of trouble as was spoken of in the prophet in Daniel 12:1-3, ". . . and there shall be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time; and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; . . ." In the 10th verse of this chapter it tells us that the wicked will not understand. This all makes us to know that the world is, as it were, sitting on a powder-keg. My! how Christians should be walking humbly before the Lord, for Redemption of the saints will take place at the beginning of the time of trouble. (Continued next month)

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