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TRAGEDY AND TRIUMPH

Have you read the crucifixion and the things that happened there—
Tears and sweat, then condemnation, meted in the Governor's square?
Have you seen the bitter suffering as the Cross alone He bore.
Or heard Him whisper, "God forgive them"? Listen, let me tell you more.
Out beyond the courts of mockery, further than the temple mall,
Christ the Son of God is suffering, shut outside His city wall.
His beard still drips with angry spittle, placed there by a mob gone mad,
'Round His shoulders hangs a mock robe for the King they could have had.
On that precious brow so tender, piercing thorns scrape 'gainst the bone;
Lifeblood falling, mixed with teardrops from the Saviour sad and lone.
Somewhere on that hill is Mary, God-called one to bring Him here,
And her mind is filled with memories, some nostalgic, all so dear.
She muses first the angel's blessings, then precious Spirit hovering 'round,
Until that night He filled the manger in swaddling clothes that she had bound.
Too, His care and preparation; then the work He had begun,
And now betrayed, condemned and smitten stands God's only, loving Son.
His lovely hands and feet are riven, pierced through with spikes so cold,
While soldiers gamble for His garments, evil men both cruel and bold.
Two thieves, sharing in the suffering, part bloody lips to have their say;
One has naught but scorn for mercy—the other, in faith begins to pray.
The day moved slowly toward the sunset; framing pain unparalleled:
Tissues torn and sinews broken, turning darker as they swelled.
Rocks are broken, hard winds lashing trees as darkness filled the sky:
The Temple veil, too, split asunder as His moment came to die.
Through this vale of tearful suffering few have been the words He's said,
Now He whispers, "God forgive them"; then He shudders and is dead.
Smirking hordes of evil's legions gathered there from the wide world o'er
Shake the air with shouts of victory, "The life of Jesus is no more."
In a borrowed tomb they laid Him, Governor's seal and guard to hold—
God's only Son, so freely given, lies in death so still and cold.
A day is gone and nothing's happened; finally even two have passed.
Satan's forces are more jubilant; seems they've triumphed God at last.
Then with the third day fast approaching, Mary came to anoint Him well;
And seeing that the stone was bothered, ran to others the news to tell.
Others came at her insistence in the early light of day,
And neither did they understand it, so they said, "He's taken away."
This same Mary lingered, weeping, just outside the rough-hewn door,
When Someone—she thought the gard'ner—spoke, "What are you weeping for?"
And when she answered, He said, "Mary," then His brightness broke the gloom.
Her eyes bedazzled saw His glory—Christ had triumphed o'er the tomb.
Running fast, she spread the story; shouts of praise are lifted high.
Death's cold dungeon could not hold Him; He's alive, no more to die.
Through the ages men have sung it, cried and preached this joyful lay,
And here's the strength and beauty of it—Christ the Lord is risen today!

—The Lighted Pathway.

SERMON OF THE MONTH

DOCTRINE

Baptism of the Holy Spirit

By Teddy Barker

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity of the God-Head. He is a gift to the world, to be their teacher, their guide, and their comforter.

Today, the Baptism is in force in our world and often takes a lot of rebuke and reproach. In spite of this fact, the Holy Spirit never fails His duty. Often people do not discern the Holy Spirit right and it brings wild fire and fanaticism. Possibly this great gift is the most mis-used gift today. We must understand His work and prosper from it in order to be pleasing to God, after receiving the light on this work. It is in God's plan for the Holy Spirit to use us, instead of us using Him.

We find the Holy Spirit was in use in the Old Testament as well as the New Testament and our day and time. He worked under different circumstances in the olden times. We will find the Holy Spirit was not in those people, but on them and over them to lead them in all truths.

In Psalms 51:11-13, we find David pleading for the holy spirit not to leave him, but to stay with him that he might lead sinners to be converted unto God. David felt it was a "must" in order for the transgressors to be saved, to find the will of the Holy Spirit.

There was also another work of the spirit that we have record of in Numbers 11:25. We find the spirit moved on these men and they prophesied and did not cease. So, we find the second purpose of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament.

We find another story in the Old Testament that shows us another and different work of the Holy Spirit of God. I Samuel, third chapter, shows us how the Holy Spirit worked in the life of Samuel. The spirit called Samuel to bear news to Eli that his house was not in order. The spirit worked through Samuel and the whole land from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was to be a prophet of God. This story shows the spirit of God teaching Samuel in his youth.

This is just a small amount and a

few accounts of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament. Peter bears record, "Prophecy came not in old times by the will of man, but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

In the New Testament we find Christ giving promises to His disciples and not only them, but to us also. In Luke 24:49, Jesus gave the promise of His Father unto them, but they must tarry until they be endued with power from on high. We can imagine the disciples wondering what this power would be and how it would come, and what effect it would have in their lives. Possibly, they didn't realize that this was going to be their life, hope, teacher, their guide, guard, their ministry, and most of all, a comforter that took the place of the Lord Himself. No doubt they would have been of all men, saddened by the ascension of the Lord, had they not had the promise of the Comforter. The Lord told His disciples in John 16:7, **Nevertheless I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away: For if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you.** This brought new hope to those men that so faithfully followed the Lord while He was here on earth.

So on the day of Pentecost a new era of time started for the whole world. There were some one hundred twenty (120) gathered together in the upper room in Jerusalem and all were in one accord and were worshipping God according to Acts 2:1 **"And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and filled all the house where they were sitting." "And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them." "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the spirit gave them utterance."** Acts 2:2-4. This was certainly a new experience for the people in Jerusalem. We are told in Acts 2:5-8 that there were devout men in Jerusalem at this time from every nation under heaven. These men were confounded because every man heard his own language. This was known as the former rain.

This was the sign given of the

Holy Spirit dwelling in hearts of the people. This was the day that shall never be stricken from the books of God, because no doubt, even the angels of Heaven rejoiced because the Holy Spirit from God had entered the world to do His office work among God's people.

From this Holy place, the one hundred twenty (120) went to tell the good news of the Holy Spirit that had taken up His dwelling place in their hearts. Not only the Jews heard the story, but also the Gentiles.

From this glorious event of approximate 32 A. D., the story of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost was spread. However, there was a time this great story nearly faded clear away. It seems nearly impossible that such a great guest as the Holy Ghost could be forgotten, but it was. Time passed, the Dark Ages draped across the world, and there seemed to be no hope.

Time passed on and ages went down in history without the knowledge of God. Certainly this time had a reason to be called the Dark Ages, because a picture, or world without God is a dark picture.

One day while climbing the stairs in Rome, Italy, toward the idol god, Martin Luther caught a glimpse of the true God and proclaimed, **"The just shall live by faith."**

Again the light of Christianity had begun to shine in a dark and dismal land. It was not only Luther that restored hope to the world, but all the rest of the early reformers, such as the Wesley Brothers, Knox, Parham, and many others.

There had been a few instances of the Holy Spirit coming into the lives of some, but they had not heard of this great work and didn't realize just what it really meant. We have record of such instances as early as the middle 1800's. Most of the messages that had gone from the lips of reformers were that of Salvation, Sanctification, and Divine Healing. The messages were common among most churches in the world.

It was on the evening of December 31, 1900, that a group of Bible School students at Topeka, Kansas were having a watch night service and seeking after the Holy Spirit. Charles Fox Parham was the superintendent or leader of this school, but at that particular time was away on business. Sometime between 8 p.m. on

the 31st of December, 1900, and the morning of January 1, 1901 this wonderful story of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit was restored. There was evidence of the Holy Ghost by speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave the utterance, which is the Bible terms as evidence. Bro. Parham returned in a few days and on the third day of January 1901, he was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke in other languages for several hours.

It was in this place, the latter rain spoken by Joel, was poured out on the people. From the school, news spread throughout the world that **"Pentecost is restored."** It was the news headlines in some of the leading newspapers of the world.

It was from Topeka, Kansas to Kansas City, Missouri that Bro. Parham took the message of the Baptism for the first time. It was not all a bed of roses, but through doubting and accusations of the people, the message was nearly smothered out. Through the patience of Bro. Parham and the grace of almighty God, and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit working through Bro. Parham, that he kept this message alive.

A few years later we find that the people accepted the message of the Baptism more fully and it became a timely message and people were blessed wherever Bro. Parham took this great truth.

Time rolled on and so did this great message. In 1906, Bro. Parham and gospel party went to Houston, Texas to conduct a Bible School. It was from this school that a colored man by the name of W. J. Seymour took the message of the Holy Spirit to Azusa street in Los Angeles, California. Seymour had a wonderful meeting there but could not handle this meeting, and from this place one of the most detrimental occurrences that could happen to the great Pentecostal world developed. It was wild-fire and fanaticism that dominated the meeting, and most tragic of all, it didn't stop there but spread throughout the world. We might say that Mr. Seymour was not in favor with this action, but did not have the wisdom or knowledge to control this terrible thing.

This is one of the most dreaded experiences of some Pentecostal movements. It is detrimental, destructive, and will damn ones soul.

It is a constant fight to keep our heads above the water and to be led by the Divine Spirit of God. We must follow the Lamb of God wheresoever He goeth, or we too might fall into a trap of the devil.

There is only one line that can be drawn between wild-fire and the true Holy Spirit of God and this is the line the Holy Spirit draws himself. By following and being led by the Holy Spirit, we can find a complete deliverance from fear of any work of God, the devil hatches up of these damnable things of the devil. We realize that for every true a counterfeit. The Holy Spirit is the teacher and we must learn and follow His ways.

Later Brother Parham took the wonderful story to Zion City, Ill. From the results of this great meeting, there were some five hundred (500) workers took the story to every corner of the world.

The work of the Holy Spirit did not come to a standstill, but rather grew to a large work known to us today as the "Full Gospel, Pentecostal Movements. There are many of these works, some of which teach a false doctrine of wild-fire and fanaticism.

Time marched on and souls were blessed by the work of Charles Fox Parham. In a few years, death overtook this great warrior of the cross. It came on January 29, 1929 in Baxter Springs, Kansas at the age of 56 years. This man has gone down in history as the founder of the Message of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in these latter days. He has passed on, but his message and ministry lives on and heralds the tidings that "Christ is coming soon." He was a firm believer that Christ would return to this earth in the very near future. Although Charles F. Parham never lived to see the coming of the Lord, his zeal and anxiousness of the Lord's return burns upon our hearts today and spurs us on to **"Lift up our heads and rejoice, because our redemption draweth nigh."**

Since this time, the Baptism of the Holy Spirit has been a timely message to the Apostolic Faith Movement. Bro. Parham was also credited with being the founder of the Apostolic Faith Movement and taught his followers to heed the wooing of the Holy Ghost.

In our present day to be a real successful preacher of the Gospel we feel we must have the Baptism of the Holy Ghost in order to fulfill our duty to the fullest capacity. The Holy Ghost serves us in the same manner He served the disciples in olden times. He (the Holy Spirit) leads us to cope with the powers of the devil, teaches us in order to lead others, guides us into all righteousness, directs us and keeps us from all harm, preaches through us, as a witness, and many more helpful blessings. We cannot mention all the works of the Spirit for lack of space and time.

Since the coming of the Lord is so evident in our day, we are very concerned with the work of the Holy Spirit in the last times. The Holy Spirit will play a major part in the closing of the age.

There will be 144,000 people that shall be redeemed from this world and their bodies will be quickened to immortality by the Son of God. There are many requirements laid down in the word of God whereby we must live here on earth in order to make Redemption. The Baptism of the Holy Ghost is the first requirement in order to make Redemption. This is not the only standard by far, but it certainly is a big step in that direction. The Holy Ghost is a seal, as spoken by Paul in Ephesians 4:30. This does not necessarily cinch Redemption for us when the Holy Spirit comes into our life, but we must keep that experience up to date, and follow the Lamb wheresoever He goeth. When we do this, we will have a full time job. We might add also, to make Redemption we must retain the rules or laws we have previously mentioned and also be without spot or blemish before God.

When the 144,000 shall be redeemed from this earth, they shall meet the Lord in the Heavens and shall sing the song that even the angels cannot sing. It will usher in the last seven years of time. This will be a time of sorrow such as the world has never known. Truly it will be a glorious thing to make the Rapture which is the greatest plan ever to be drawn up for the mortal man. Our goal should be that of Paul of old, **"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."** Philippians 3:14.

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From My Viewpoint

By Gail Schultz
(EDITORIAL)

Greetings to you in the Name of our Risen Lord:

Surely we have a fine message to relate, a glorious hope to expound. I cannot live within my own self, it is too narrow, too dark, and too hopeless, but I can live in Him, Jesus Christ, my Lord. It seems to me that a lost world would seek deliverance. We all know that we must keep faith in Jesus.

These are busy days for us, not only do we have the general routine of work, but we are a little early with the "Report". I wanted it this way in order to meet the close of the School Announcement. Be sure and send in all your announcements of Youth Camps, and D.V.B. Schools, for they are right on us. I know that we must reach the youth of your church and countryside, if at all possible.

The Bible School has been extra good this time. One thing was that several came with a real need in their lives, this kept an interest in praying. I think it is nine that have received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Then too, we had some who were new to the School and wanted to gain more knowledge from every lesson — others that had been here before desired all the deep things of the Lord — so it was necessary

to give out deeply that these, too, would be fed.

The paper is coming along nicely. Do you know of somebody that wants to read this "Report"? Please send in their names. When we became editor several years ago, we did not have an established mailing list as a starter, but we had to begin at the beginning. In the established churches this was not so difficult, but the scattered ones have been harder to locate. Some felt that the Apostolic Faith Movement no longer had a paper, some do not know that we have a School, so, round up all the old faithful ones that you know about and inform them that we are marching right on with this precious Truth.

From my window I can see a budding tree, so I know that summer is nearing, although it is quite chilly on the outside. So, I know amid the coldness and forgetfulness of this old world, there is a sign of the Coming of the Lord, and it is time to press forward toward a place of refuge. Don't give up, Dear Ones, but keep fighting the good fight of faith. May every pastor be encouraged, I'm sure you are doing your best to see your church grow. Don't be down hearted, as evangelists and gospel workers, I know we do not always see the expansion and spiritual fire burn as we wish, but that Word is not going to return to God void. We are depending on you to push into new territory for Jesus. Lay member, I would not "forget" you. You are the root and branch of Christianity. It is up to you to help in all the services, and keep faith, never wavering, fully trusting and happily serving. Younger or older, you have your niche, so fill it well.

Pray for us and every department of the Church. May God bless you and give you overflowing joy and hope, so that you will become behind in no gift, waiting for the Coming of the Lord. Write us often.

Bro. and Sis. J. T. (Sonny) Rogers of Big Spring, Texas, are going into full time service for the Lord. They are open for calls as Evangelists or to conduct D.V.B. Schools or to serve in other capacities as their services might be needed. They have completed two terms of Bible School and are able to minister as the Lord leads.

Lines From The Co-Editor

LIFE — What a small and simple word to mean so much. Just four letters which actually holds humanity. It doesn't matter what walk of life a person is in, whether he is rich or poor, free or bond, white or colored, life is equal to all.

In trying to sustain life, man will go his limit in every way. To buy a few days, the rich will spend all his wealth. The murderer, which has counted the life of another so little, will try anything to just save himself. He would much rather waste away in a prison than to face some means of capital punishment. Yet in seeking to save or prolong his natural life, man has completely misunderstood the whole meaning of life itself. Natural life is surely enjoyed by all humanity. But here is what the Lord said about it, "For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away". James 4:14. In other words, even though we may live out our allotted time on earth, this natural life is so short. And this, my friend is where God's plan comes in.

Christ gave his own life on the cross that all might have salvation, or forgiveness of sins. But if we only had hope in Christ in this world, where would we be? The scripture can answer that. "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable." I Cor. 15:19. So then we realize through Christ's death we have the atonement, but through his life (or resurrection) we have **LIFE**. Our hope therefore is not merely in this life; but we glory in the life which Christ purchased for all mankind — **Eternal Life**.

So, my friend, in your search to sustain life, don't forget God's plan, but rather fit your life, soul, and body to his plan, that you might gain **Real Life**, which comes only through Christ, our resurrected Saviour.

M. D. Methvin

**FOUR-STATE
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June 24 thru July 1

CHILDREN'S PAGE

LET'S HAVE FUN

By Lois Allen

An Adventure of Freddy Fox

In the little town of Wildwood there lives a little boy fox named Freddy. He lives with his mother, daddy and two little brothers. Freddy is just your size, and being a little boy, he sometimes gets into trouble. Now Freddy isn't a bad boy, Oh my no, but he doesn't always think before he does things. Freddy's daddy is Reverend Elmer C. Fox, pastor of the Animal Community church in Wildwood.

Every Sunday morning Freddy puts on his good cowboy boots, his green corduroy jacket and a little green cap, then he and his family walk down the shady street to the little brick church on the corner. Freddy always has to sit very still, and his mother says he must not fold his Sunday school paper into airplanes to play with while his daddy brings the message. Freddy usually sits still and thinks of the nice dinner waiting at home.

One day as Freddy and three friends were walking home from school they decided to plan a trip to the woods, the boys thought next Sunday morning would be a good day. Freddy said I can't go if you pick Sunday, you know I always have to go to church. Freddy's three friends didn't go to church although Freddy had asked them time and time again. Pokey Opossum said, "Freddy, if you weren't such a goodie goodie you would skip church and come with us". Freddy just begged the boys to change the day, he did so much want to go to the woods. But no! the fellows said, "It's Sunday or never." As Freddy walked slowly home two tears fell on his furry cheeks, he knew without asking that his parents would never let him go to the woods on Sunday.

That night as Freddy was drying the supper dishes he decided to sneak out of Sunday school and go to the woods anyway, he expected to get a whipping from his daddy when he got home but he thought

the fun would be well worth the whipping.

Freddy dressed in his Sunday clothes as usual and went to church with the family, but when everyone went to their classes Freddy slipped out the door and ran for the woods as fast as he could go. When he got to the woods he sat down to catch his breath before he looked for his friends, as he sat there something seemed to say "Freddy go back to church", "Freddy this is wrong", "Freddy you know better". Tears came into Freddy's eyes, Yes, he knew better than to sneak out of church.

Freddy jumped up and ran back toward church. He thought, "I don't care if I never go to the woods". Down the shady street to the little brick church on the corner went Freddy Fox, he went to his class and opened the door. As he went in who should he see but his three friends, Pokey Opossum, Teddy Turtle and Willy Wolf. Freddy just stared, then he started crying so hard that his teacher put her arm around him and sat him on her lap. Freddy told her how he skipped out of class to go to the woods, and how bad he felt after he got there. His teacher told poor sad Freddy that he was like a lot of little lambs who try to go their own way instead of the way of God. His three friends spoke up and said they were sorry to be mean and make Freddy want to miss church. They said they got to thinking how Freddy had asked them to go to Sunday school with him, so they came instead of going to the woods. The whole class decided to have a trip to the woods some day soon. Freddy asked God to forgive him for being naughty, and he never skipped church again.

LET'S MAKE A POEM

I went to the river to have a look,
 And with me I took a little
 The book was black with title gold,
 I read the story that Daniel
 I watched the water rushing by,
 And thought of God up in the
 I see some squirrels and also deer,
 I feel that surely God is

MY FAVORITE STORY

Wayne Woodson of the Midway Country Church, Logan, Okla., says his favorite story is "Joseph Thrown in the Pit". Gen. 37.

Delvin Wiles of the Palm City, California church, says his favorite story is "Moses As a Man". Exodus through Deuteronomy.

Barry and Ronnie Methvin of the Galena, Kansas church say their favorite Bible story is Jonah and the Whale. Book of Jonah; Their brother, Duane, likes the story of "The Palsied Man Healed". Mark 2:1-5.

NUMBERS

1. How many sons had Noah?
2. How many sons had Jacob?
3. How many sons had Adam?
4. How many daughters had Jacob?
5. How many daughters had Laban?
6. How many daughters had Jephthah?

MATCH THE WORDS

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|-----------------|---------|
| 1. Daniel | Swine |
| 2. Prodigal Son | Serpent |
| 3. Elijah | Whale |
| 4. Eve | Lions |
| 5. Jesus | Raven |
| 6. Jonah | Dove |

How Christ Reveals Himself

1. He is revealed as a judge, striking terror to the hearts of thousands of the wicked, lawless, and ungodly.
 2. He is revealed as a mighty warrior, leading His holy army on to conquest and victory.
 3. He is revealed as a great General going forth conquering and to conquer.
 4. He will reveal Himself as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, when He comes in power and great glory. It is then every knee shall bow, every eye shall see, and every tongue shall confess He is the Christ.
- Selected

As you read these lines they become your personal invitation to attend all the closing services of the Apostolic Faith Bible School.

Commencement Service

of the

Apostolic Faith Bible School

Baxter Springs, Kansas

Thursday, April 2, 1959, 7:30 p. m.

Special Closing Services

Wednesday, April 1, 2:00 p. m., 7:30 p. m.

Thursday, April 2, All Day

All Services Conducted at the

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1009 LINCOLN AVE.

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.
Psalm 122—1.

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Kathryn Booth
Ross Briles
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William Brown
Janice Burrows
Tina Carrell
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LaDonna Tooley
Mavis VanBenthusem
Vonda VanBenthusem
Freddie Wiebe
Leora Woodson
Nancy Young

Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee: yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Isa. 41—10.

Special Service

— A WELCOME AND SALUATION TO ALL —

Wednesday April 1 2:00 p. m., 7:30 p. m.

We desire this day to be Evangelistic in nature.

Seek and ye shall find; Knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Luke 11—9.

The special singers and speakers will be selected from the visitors,
by the faculty, as the Lord leads.

Ordination Service

Thursday April 2 10:00 a. m.

Master of Ceremonies Rev. Gail W. Schultz

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Song Solo

PRAYER

Song Male Quartette

Song Ladies Trio

Sermon Rev. Marcus Adair

ORDINATION

Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. Heb. 10—9.

Homecoming Service

Thursday April 2 2:00 p. m.

Master of Ceremonies Rev. Harold J. Bollinger

CONGREGATION SINGING

PRAYER

Special Singing Former Students

Speaker Rev. J. D. Ray

“From every class of every term, we admonish you,
make full proof of your ministry.” II Tim. 4—5.

Commencement

Thursday April 2 7:30 p. m.

CONGREGATION SINGING

INVOCATION

Song Octet

Song Trio

Song Male Quartette

Presentation of Speaker Supt. Robert Girouard

Speaker Rev. Donald D. Dibbens

Presentation of Diplomas Supt. Robert Girouard

BENEDICTION

Here am I; Send Me. Isaiah 6—8.

PRAYER POINTS

(Compiled by E. M.)

What is Prayer? Webster says it is a solemn address to the Supreme Being: entreaty; worship; to ask earnestly, with humility and reverence; that part of a petition which specifies requests, or desire. Prayer is all this, and more.

Prayer is the Christian's vital breath.

Prayer is fellowship and communion with God.

Prayer is a definite transaction between man and his creator.

Prayer is the breathing of the soul's sincere desire to God — uttered, or unexpressed.

Prayer is a vital, living force; man's greatest weapon against the powers of evil.

Prayer is cooperation with God. It is not only a refuge for the weak, but reinforcements to the strong.

Prayer is evoking God's blessings upon undeserving man. It is the key to Divine guidance.

Prayer is the greatest factor in conforming the life and character to God's plan and purpose.

To pray is a command. Phil. 4:6.

Prayer is not an endeavor to bend God's will to our own, but is the aliening of our wills to his.

Prayer is the essence of religion. Through every age men have instinctively felt the need to pray; and have found themselves better or worse, as they prayed more or less.

Desire is the main spring of prayer; faith is a requisite; obtaining an answer, the natural consequence.

Prayer is man's greatest privilege, yet most neglected duty.

The Importance of Prayer can not be over emphasized. The fact that our Lord both began and ended his ministry with prayer; and his spending entire nights in prayer, shows something of the significance of prayer. Miracles were not as important to him as prayer. Preaching and prophesying were not as important, for he taught men to pray and left the other untaught.

Who Should Pray? All men, every where, (I Tim. 2:8).

When Ought Men to Pray? Always. "Men ought always to pray and not faint. Pray without ceasing." Luke 18:1, I Thess. 5:17.

How; And to Whom Should Men

Pray? To our Father in heaven. (See perfect example in Matt. 6:9,13. Prayer should be offered in Jesus' Name. "Whatsoever ye ask the Father in my name, he will give it you." John 16:23.

Prayer should be offered with thanksgiving, and with confidence. (Phil. 4:6, Mark 11:24.)

Prayer must be accompanied by faith, (But let him ask in faith. Jas. 1:6) for we only receive in proportion to our faith. "According to your faith be it unto you." Matt. 9:29.

Prayer is not a routine recitation of words. "Use not vain repetitions."

Prayer is Confidential. Although Matt. 6:7.

God knows the need before we ask, he has said to ask. It is his ordained order. "Ask, and ye shall receive. Ye have not, because ye ask not. Whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." John 16:24, Jas. 4:2, Matt. 21:22, John 14:13, — 15: 7-16.

The above seems to infer that answers to prayer are sure and un-failing; the ordinary, rather than the exception. Yet we see so few, comparatively, positive answers to prayer. Why? Because God's conditions have not been met. His every promise is undergirded by conditions, and until these conditions have been met, we have no right to claim the promise.

The asking is to be accompanied by faith. Without faith it is impossible to please God. (Heb. 11:6). For the effective operation of faith there must be pure conscience. (I Tim. 3:9) Faithless prayers never reach God. But, "If ye have faith, and doubt not. . . ye shall say unto this mountain. Be thou removed, . . . and cast into the sea; it shall be done." Matt. 21:21, see also 17:20. Luke 17:6.

Abiding in Christ is Essential. "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done." John 15:7. ("He that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him." I John 3:24.)

We Must Believe. If thou canst believe all things are possible to him that believeth." Mark 9:23 The Lord does not say ye can believe, but if ye can. He knew there were many things to paralyze the arm of faith and prevent our taking from God's inexhaustible supply, what he is

more than willing to give.

Common Hinderances to Prayer. An accusing conscience. Faith and a good conscience go hand in hand. I Tim. 1:19.

A **Phariseeical** spirit. God refuses to hear the "better than thou" sort of prayer.

Wilfulness will block the channel. "He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination." Pro. 28:9.

Wavering Faith cannot receive. Jas. 1:6,7.

A little unbelief makes faith void and of no effect. When the disciples asked the reason of their failure, Jesus told them in a few words — "because of your unbelief."

Selfish Motives. "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lust." Jas. 4:3.

Faith to Act, must rest upon His will. It is impossible to believe for something we are not sure it is His will to grant. "And this is the confidence we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us." I John 5:14.

Secret Sin, above all, will hinder the prayer of faith. "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." Ps. 66:18.

God has promised only, to answer the prayers of those in right relationship with Himself. The answer to prayer is not half as important as maintaining this right relationship with God. God never refuses to answer a single petition unless some unfulfilled condition is blocking the way.

Those only, may be sure of an audience with God, who surrender both life and will to him. The fully surrendered are privileged to ask what they will, for there is no possibility of the truly consecrated, or spirit controlled one, asking amiss.

The Lord does not say, ask what ye wish, but "what ye will." The will, rules both heart and mind. A will to do, brings action, while wishing puts forth little effort. "Many prayers are only wishes sent up year by year, while we rest content without the answer." (Andrew Murray)

No Christian can reach any appreciable spiritual heights without much prayer. It is good to remember that delays are not denials; but are sometimes necessary as a trial of faith, or to prepare us for the

FELLOWSHIP

FELLOWSHIP is having an association, comradeship, companionship, and a general common interest.

First and uppermost, let us have a close fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ, before we seek the longed for fellowship of our brethren. When we are fully satisfied in Jesus our souls will not be so restless. Contentment or discontentment, like love and peace must spring from the heart.

Present day "fellowship" as discussed so widely these days, must be considered from a great many angles. We must first acknowledge that self-centered selfishness and narrowness is harmful and cannot gender good will to the increasing of the cause of Jesus Christ. Neither can a well balanced, sure foundation church be built on the "all bars down" attitude.

When the disciples saw one (not of their number) casting out Devils in the name of Jesus they forbid him. Jesus informed them to "forbid them not." Luke 9:49-50. Here was one that was doing good — and must be treated with respect. Let us all unite our efforts to fight sin, but not to devour one another. It has been said, that when we are up in our experience that we preach hearts, but when we are down in spiritual attainments, we preach clubs.

From another standpoint we must be sure that the attitude or purpose of another to, "Let them swallow us, and then we will be one" is not the answer. Freedom of religion is ours to guard. This right is guaranteed by our government, but it can be slyly taken away by another. Different methods may be used, the act might be intentional or unintentional, but the results could be the same. A person must have the right to live

answer. Also, that God is ever able to do, even as he said, "Exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think." Eph. 3:20.

"Whatever ye ask, we receive of him because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight." I John 3:22.

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and preach their convictions and be accepted on these grounds, in full confidence and faith, if rich fellowship is expected.

An individual cannot be asked to forsake all his ideas, doctrine or personal teachings to have fellowship. Only those contrary to sound doctrine must be eliminated. If all actions and voiced opinions were of the Lord, and Spirit given, the speaking of the same mind would prevail. I Pet. 3:8. We may have big minds, and small minds, but we can have the Mind of Christ. I Cor. 2:16.

Fellowship is precious, when we are knit together in love and purpose in Christ Jesus. Fellowship can be costly and disappointing when we seek it at the sacrificial prices of our own convictions and better judgments. Fellowship degraded to a worldly standard can lead to the unfruitful works of darkness. Eph. 5:11. Why would you seek such communion? II Cor. 6:14.

Union is not the unity we seek. The world can have powerful unions in the form of trade unions, and lodges and combined federations and trusts, seeking for welfare and advantages. From a religious standpoint, we must take care that our soul is not made ready for the burning. Amos 4:11. Flee those organizations that build high the castles of worldly fame, but lower the standard of Christian living, pure sanctification and the genuine Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Unity is of the Lord and it is blessed for His children to dwell together in this state. Psa. 133:1. Let us keep the unity of the Spirit. Let us live in the body of peace. Eph. 4:3. 13.

A motto of years ago there was a motto used by the Apostolic Faith, and appeared in their publication as a slogan. It read:

1. "In essentials, unity."
2. "In non-essentials, liberty."
3. "In all things, charity."

We surely will do well to take heed to this advice, not only in dealing with other groups, but in consideration of one another of our own people. Fellowship is broken by uncharitable acts, lack of understanding, and pure selfish motives. We must respect the views of others even as we wish them to respect ours. Let us not grieve the Spirit, Eph. 4:30. Let us quench not the

Spirit, I Thes. 5:19. And use I Cor. 13th chapter as a yardstick of true fellowship values.

We have a narrow road to follow. It lies between "soul binding, dead creed formalism and the uncontrolled fleshly wildfire demonstrations". This may not always be easy to find, yet it must be found and maintained in order to keep our religious equilibrium and integrity. Fellowship must be born from the heart and flow outward. Fellowship must be felt, needed and encouraged in order to thrive. In order to endure and be of lasting benefit, fellowship must be sincere, upright, wholesome and promoted for the good of all concerned.

Let us study the following scripture:

1. Acts 2:42 — And they continued steadfastly in the apostle's doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread and in prayers.

2. I Cor. 1:9 — God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

3. Eph. 3:8-9 — I should preach among the gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; and to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world has been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ.

4. Phil. 1:5 — I thank my God — for your fellowship in the Gospel from the first until now.

5. Phil. 2:1-2 — If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the spirit, if any bowels and mercies, Fulfill ye my joy, that ye may be like minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

6. Phil. 3:10-11 — That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; if by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

7. I John 1:3 — That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.

8. I John 1:7 — But if we walk in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus

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DIVINE HEALING— Jehovah — Rapha

Divine healing is the act of God where an individual is healed without the aid of medical assistance. The act of Divine healing began at the first when God dealt with the Hebrew people. In Exodus 15:26 God spoke through Moses to the children of Israel after they had escaped the Egyptians at the Red Sea. The Israelites were murmuring because they had no water to drink except the bitter water of Marah. The Lord showed Moses a tree and after it had been placed in the waters, the waters were made sweet. God told the people if they would hear and do that which was right, he would not place the diseases of the Egyptians upon them. He made the promise, "I am the Lord that healeth thee".

The sick person must know what the Bible teaches about Divine healing as the first step toward healing. They must realize it is God's will to heal until one has lived out the allotted span of life. An individual cannot look to Jesus as their sacrifice and atonement for healing and look at their symptoms at the same time. Faith weakens when we look at the symptoms and we forget God's promise unto us. W. W. Bosworth stated "We will miss healing if we allow our symptoms to hinder us from expecting what His Word promises."

The second step in preparing for healing is to be sure you are right with God. Strength for service to God is the only proper basis of approach when seeking health at His hand.

The next move is to expect what He promises when you pray. Faith will have to act before you see healing. "Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receiveth them, and ye shall have them." Mark 11:24.

"The sure way for the sick is, first to the cross for cleansing, then to the Upper Room for the gift of the Spirit, then to the mount appointed for a life commission, and, lastly, to the Great Physician for strength for service." —Bryant.

We find many instances recorded in the Old Testament books of healings from God at the hand of the

prophets. In I Kings 13:6 a man of God prayed to the Lord for the restoration of King Jeroboam's withered hand. Elijah prayed for the widow's son and he was restored to life. Elisha performed the miracle of raising the Shunammite's son back to life recorded in II Kings 4:35. In II Kings 5:10 and 20:7, we find the accounts of the healing of Naamen the leper and Hezekiah, King of the Israelites. The Lord added fifteen years to the life of Hezekiah in answer to his prayer.

In Isaiah, 53rd chapter, we find the word picture of Christ. He states the promise of the atonement of Christ for our healing. Isaiah was looking forward to the healing to be purchased by Christ's suffering. "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." Isaiah 53:5.

Jesus began His healing ministry at Cana in Galilee. A certain nobleman came unto Him and sought for Jesus to come to Cepernaum and heal his sick son. Jesus told him to go his way that his son lived. The nobleman and his whole house believed as he returned to find his son healed from the time Jesus had spoken. Many times Jesus spoke the word and the sick received their healing or deliverance. The writers of the 4 gospels record twenty-four different healings by Jesus. Demoniacs, lepers, paralytics, dropsy, blindness, dumbness, lameness, those with withered hands, fever, issue of blood, infirmity for eighteen years, and the healing of Malchus' ear were miraculously touched and healed by this matchless Nazarene. There was never a sickness or disease brought to Him that He did not heal. Then after ministering to all these and more, He bore the stripes upon His back and was crucified. This fulfilled the work God sent Jesus to perform. Today we have access to the double atonement made by Christ for salvation and healing.

In Mark 16:15,16 Jesus gave the Great Commission unto the eleven disciples exhorting them to go and preach the gospel to every creature. In this discourse he stated, "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

They shall take up serpents; and

if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover". Mark 16:17-18.

After the Lord had spoken thus, He ascended into heaven. The disciples went forth and preached everywhere receiving the confirmation of the word of the Lord with signs following. The book of Acts is the history of the first generation of the early church.

After the memorial Day of Pentecost, Peter preached a glorious message. This message pricked the people's heart. They humbled before the Lord and believed His word. Many signs and wonders were done by the Apostles. Peter and John went to the temple and there sat a crippled man begging for alms. Peter said "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have, give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk". Acts 3:6. Peter took the lame man by the right hand, lifted him up, and immediately he was healed by the power of God. Peter was greatly empowered at this time and multitudes sought the wonderful, spiritual help that was prevalent in the land. The people even brought the sick on beds and couches into the streets so that even the shadow of Peter passing might overshadow them and healing be attained. Acts 5:15.

Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, was endued with power from the Lord to heal many he came in contact with. He perceived the crippled man at Lystra had faith to be healed. The command went to him with a loud voice, "Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked." Acts 14:10. God wrought many and glorious miracles under his ministry, even from his body handkerchiefs and aprons were taken to the sick that they might be healed.

Philip went to Samaria and many were healed in his ministry, Paul wrote to the Corinthians giving them the cause for the weak and sickly among them. "For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself not discerning the Lord's body." I Corinthians 11:29. James gave the wonderful exhortation to call for the elders of the church to pray for the sick and they shall be raised up. James 5:13-15.

Martin Luther brought to us the restoration of salvation after the

dark ages. Salvation and the message of healing are closely connected although it is possible to attain one and not exercise faith for the other. Then the Wesley brothers preached and lived the holy, consecrated life. It is recorded, through their ministry, the touch of God upon lives for deliverance from the satanic forces. Surely the hand of God was upon them as they opened the way for the Gospel of the Kingdom to return in its fullness. Charles Parham, a great man of God, to whom we are indebted for the message of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other languages, lived and preached Divine healing to the best knowledge God had given him. He was able to see many and marvelous healings as a result of faith in the living God. W. W. Bosworth, A. J. Gordon, Alexander Dowie, B. A. Simpson, Madame Guyon, D. L. Moody, Amy S. McPherson, and Smith Wigglesworth all were preachers of this gospel which includes the pure and true message of healing by the power of God.

This magnificent working of God in lives that will have faith is unlimited today. The prophecies of the Bible have not yet been completely fulfilled, therefore, the words of the Great Commission are as effective today as they come with forcefulness, "they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover". Christ said recorded in John 14:12 "—and greater works than these shall ye do; because I go unto my Father". The blind are healed, the dumb are made to talk, the lame can walk, disease of every kind are cured, all by the infallible Christ through His Messengers and laborers today. I have witnessed the healing power of God as I have worked in several meetings and services in the last few years. The miracle of God touching Stephen Richardson, permitting him to walk without his crutches at Youth Camp in Laverne, Oklahoma, July, 1958 was an inspiring time to me. I had been healed personally when my faith had come in contact with God. But to be able to see this boy walk and to know his condition before this time made me to understand more fully how God can do matchless things for individuals as faith reaches out. The Lord has given a wonderful, marvelous, ever

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Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.

NO FELLOWSHIP

9. I John 1:6 — If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth.

10. Eph. 5:11 — And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

11. I Cor. 10:20 — But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.

12. II Cor. 6:14 — Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

Sacrament Service

On Monday, March 23, approximately 7:00 p.m., a sacrament service will be observed by the 1959 Bible School.

Following the sacrament, a feet washing service is planned. Rev. Gail Schultz is in charge of these services. A great deal of fellowship and blessing is expected in these services.

CONGRATULATIONS

We wish to congratulate the proud parents, Larry and Betty Welsh, on the birth of their eight pound, six ounce son. Michael Robert, arrived on March 4, 1959.

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barber who announce the birth of a daughter, Starla Fern, on February 18. Starla Fern weighed seven pounds and six and one-half ounces at birth.

abiding Gospel which has never reached its fullness because we, as weak human beings have not scratched the surface of what God can do through our lives.

Faith does not wait for the walls to fall down; Faith shouts them down.

—Edna Neff

Water Baptismal Service

The students of the Apostolic Faith Bible School conducted a water baptismal service, March 19, at the Galena park. Brothers Harold Niece and Sonny Rogers were in charge. Edwin Modrick lead singing with Sis. Edna Neff playing the accordion. Teddy Barker led in prayer. Barbara Robinson spoke on Water Baptism. Sonny Rogers gave the baptismal invocation. Four senior students baptised four candidates simultaneously. Those being baptised were Alberta Makekau, Eula Modrick, Buddy Brown, and Roland Haney.

The presence of the Lord was felt in a marvelous way in this service, by all who attended. About 40 to 45 were present.

MID - WEST CAMP MEETING

The Annual Mid - West Camp Meeting will be held at Cornell park, four miles south of Laverne, Oklahoma. The dates of the camp will be August 4th through 13th. Tents and cots can be rented on the ground as usual. There will be a limited number of rooms to be had in Laverne in bedrooms and motels. We are praying for a wonderful time of blessing and fellowship. Make plans to attend. For information write to Rev. Harrol Waterbury at Laverne, Okla.

LIKE A MIGHTY SEA

Like a mighty sea comes the Love of Jesus rolling over me, filling me and sealing me, keeping me and loving me, until I know that all is well. there to lean upon. I have no need of doubt, for faith is there to make I have no need of fear, for trust is a way. I have no need to want for the "supplier" of every need is at hand. O! that we might praise the Lord and know that He is the unchanging answer and way. To one and all every where, let us send the battle cry, "like a mighty sea He is lifting and guiding me on and forward. Better days are coming bye and bye. He is giving me a little heaven to go to heaven in. His love is breaking through the clouds of despair and we are going up the sky line drive, on our way to heaven and home and God.

Is This Easter?

Is it Easter to go to church clothed in my new suit, new shoes and hat? Is it Easter to be proud of these new beautiful material things only? Is it Easter to go to the family reunion, to gather with relatives and friends? Is it Easter to enjoy the big meal and the colored Easter egg hunt that always follows? Is this Easter to plan and enjoy on material things, when I have forgotten the genuine significance of the special occasion?

Is it Easter to read in my Bible of the life of Christ? Is it Easter to study of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ? Is it Easter to thank God for His great plan of salvation? Is it Easter to hear the Easter sermon that touches the heart? Is it Easter to remember the spiritual meaning of this holiday?

I thank God for Easter and the wonderful material blessings, but most of all I thank God for a **Resurrected Christ**, who made possible my salvation, and a most sincere hope for the future. This is Easter.

HARDESTY, OKLA.—

Mission Chapel

A six-weeks Sunday school attendance contest has been in progress between the Hardesty Church and the Liberal Church. Results will not be known until Easter Sunday.

It has stimulated interest among both Sunday Schools. God has blessed these small efforts.

A ten-day revival has concluded. Nine conversions were recorded. Many hearts were stirred and blessed as J. D. Ray preached the Word of God.

The church was encouraged in the support of Missions as Bro. Ray commented on some slides of Alaska and the Missionary efforts there. "The fields are white unto harvest!"

We are all challenged to work! For the night is coming when we will not be able to work the works of God.—Jerry McClenagan, pastor.

SNYDER, TEXAS—

March 15th is the day set for the beginning of a revival with Bro. and Sis. Bob Cooper as the Evangelists. The church is located at 2525 West 26th street. Bro. and Sis. Eugene Rainey are the pastors.

SPEAKER FROM INDIA AT APOSTOLIC FAITH BIBLE SCHOOL

P. John Thomas, President of Sharon Bible Institute at Tiruvalla, Kerala, India spoke at the Apostolic Faith Bible School auditorium Sunday morning, March 22 at the 11 o'clock worship hour.

Rev. P. J. Thomas recently comes from India and brings a first hand account of communist infiltration of the far east. He has been very instrumental in a number of anti-communist crusades. He has been speaking in a number of places on the thought of "The Challenge of India's Millions".

Let us pray for the furtherance of the work of God in this phase as people endeavor to follow the command of Jesus to "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature".

TANEYVILLE, MO.—

I am writing you the report of our recent revival, the dates were Feb. 22 — March 8th. Bro. and Sis. Winston Barker were the Evangelists. This was a soul stirring revival with the whole church moving forward and definite experiences received (Salvation and sanctification). The revival was visited by Bro. Marcus Adair and Bro. Jack Hopson. Also Bro. and Sis. Edwin Waterbury. Everybody enjoyed the visitors. The climax of the revival was the Sacrament service as given on the last Sunday morning. The table was served by the Board members, Bros. Amos Gimlin, Russell Clemens and Newton Matthews.

Pine Crest Youth Camp

Plans are well under way for a youth camp in the Deep South. Land is being cleared and grading being done for the construction of buildings and facilities for the camp. This is a new move for the churches in the Alabama and Mississippi area and much concern and prayer should be given this effort for the youth.

The work being done in this section by L. J. Ehrlich and others is creating a good interest among the young people. Bro. Harold Bollinger, Bro. Lowell Long and Bro. L. J. Ehrlich have taken the responsibility for the Pine Crest Camp and we pray the Lord to bless them in a great way for this work. The date of the camp has been set for July 19-24 and further information about the camp can be had by writing Rev. L. J. Ehrlich, Rt. 4, Quitman, Miss., or Rev. Harold Bollinger, Rt. 2, Quitman, Miss.

SOUTH TEXAS YOUTH CAMP

The Apostolic Faith Youth Encampment of the South will be conducted at the Bastrop State Park in Bastrop, Texas. This camp will be held July 7th through 14th. This beautiful state park is located in the "Lost Pines of Texas". The committee consists of Raymond Barker, Wallace Ditto, and Winston Barker. The junior committee is Austin Morgan, Kenneth Elkins, and Lee Brock. For further information contact Raymond Barker at Katy, Tex.

A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue but the parent of all other virtues.—Cicero.

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