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# TIME...

Time is such a great warrior  
So many battles he wins.  
Sometimes he fights  
On the side of the right  
Sometimes he conquers for sin.

He's constantly fighting a battle,  
As days and weeks slip away.  
On which side he moves  
Is not his to choose,  
He's subject to what man may say.

God calls to the heart of a sinner,  
The enemy whispers, "go slow."  
The moment is gone,  
He's waited too long  
And time has conquered a soul.

God whispers, "Go forth to my  
vineyard  
And work ere the night shadows  
fall."  
But you say, "Not today."  
The call fades away.  
And again Time has taken his toll.

You're held in the grip of deep  
sorrow.

"Can I bear it?" Your tortured soul  
asks.

But there's not a thing.

As constant as change.

This dark hour also will pass.

Perhaps you would hold back  
tomorrow,

For there lies a dreaded task.

But work with a zest

And give it your best,

Before Time moves it on to the past.

Time has held sway through the  
ages,

For both good and evil he's won.

He brings men to shame,

Some to honor and fame

As he passes relentlessly on.

The wise will enlist this great  
warrior.

While he walks with a conquering  
tread.

Each God give hour

Is freighted with power,

And opportunities lying ahead.

Time like other great warriors  
Will meet one that is greater than he.  
As a garment waxed old,  
Or a tale that is told,  
He will fade into Eternity.

—Edna M. Schultz

## SERMON OF THE MONTH

# Three Views

by Robert G. Palmer  
Spenard, Alaska

Perhaps in this beginning of the year we stand as Moses did when he was led to the top of Nebo for a spectacular view of the Promised Land. For standing there he could also see the vast area of desert from which the people had just come. He was standing in a place where he could clearly view places which refreshed his memory of glorious victory and some defeats. While standing in such a place, a clear view of the past, present and future possessions were his. As his eye eagerly absorbed the view of the Promised Land sad words from the voice of God fell upon him. What a tragedy that Moses, a mighty leader who had known God face to face, would hear the words, ". . . but thou shalt not go over thither." Duet. 34:4.

It is not my intent to discuss the reasons why Moses was prevented from entering the Promised Land. I merely wanted you to see that Moses was standing in a place where he could see: 1. Where he had been; 2. Where he stood at that moment; 3. Where he could have been. The event came at the end of a colorful and eventful life for Moses. Had he been privileged to get the same view several years earlier, who knows what different action a man of his ability and humbleness before God might have taken? Although it was not given to Moses to have this unusual view earlier in life, we today, who have just crossed the threshold of 1955 can take advantage of a similar view.

The past holds blessings of which we all like to think. There have been God-given experiences which have brought us to the place where we stand today. Along with the blessings of yesterday are the blunders, failures and mistakes. We can clearly see them now and can praise God they are in the past! From our present vantage point we can see in many instances what event led us

into the blunder or failure or blessing. Learning from the past is nothing new. Reflection upon past events has guided many men of the business world into success. His reflection taught him how to avoid the pitfalls. Thus, the future becomes a challenge; a golden opportunity; and each day the "chance of a lifetime." No matter what may have been discouraging to Moses in the past, a look into the Promised Land would have cheered him on had it not been for those fateful words as he gazed at Canaan.

Can you apply this to your own life? Can you, from where you presently stand, look back into the past years and see where God dealt with you? As you look back you may almost re-live some trial, hardship or testing that came your way. There is also the rejoicing for every blessing from the Lord. He has never failed you one time throughout all the years, has He? He kept every promise. As you shift your view to your present standing do you find yourself where you would like to be? Are you standing before God where you thought you would be a year ago? At this moment you can let Paul's words resound in your ears, "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own-selves." II Cor. 13:5. As you look at yourself it is easy to see what God has done for you. He has given you a testimony of sins forgiven; He has enabled you to overcome sinful habits; and He has helped you to see His will and His way is best in all things. Compare these and many other things with what you would have been if God had not come into your life. This helps you decide now if you are where you should be before Him. How do you stand before Him at this moment?

Personal failure to pray, to read the Word of God, to bear a burden for the lost, to lose yourself in the work of God, all point to where you

stand at this moment. Where you could be in God if you had not lost those moments He gave you to act by faith is forcibly impressed upon your heart by seeing what faith has accomplished for others. Hebrews 11. Where you could be. . . if. So many things might be added. But not having accomplished your desire does not compel you to decide never to try again. For your encouragement rests in the view into what God has promised and you know that only one thing could ever cause you to hear those terrible words that Moses heard. Those words, "thou shalt not go over thither" will only ring in your ears if in your heart there is unbelief.

Can you picture yourself as the Christian you would like to be? God's grace will enable you to become that person in 1955. First, prepare your life for His blessing. "Enlarge . . . stretch forth . . . spare not, lengthen . . . strengthen" are words found in Isa. 54:2. Let each one of the church do what is commanded here and the faith of each one will be met by a bountiful God who loves to bless His people when they prepare for his blessing. In all this elaborate preparation you have the promise of the last verse in the same chapter; "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord." Doesn't it give you confidence for the future to know that as you are enlarging your borders and stretching forth to do more for God that He has promised opposing weapons would not prosper and condemning tongues shall be condemned in judgment. He does not promise to let us be free from those opposing forces. He just lets us know we shall not suffer defeat from them.

In preparing for the future you are to "spare not." Do not spare yourself in prayer. Pray as though you might be the only one upon whom the fate of your community rests. Prepare yourself in the Word of God by looking for yourself at the promises He has made for you. Refuse to allow yourself to depend upon man-made promises. When you have seen

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# Report On the Convocation

## at Big Springs, Texas

The West Texas Apostolic Faith Convocation was blessed of the Lord and everyone enjoyed the services. The services were conducted the first day in the Apostolic Faith church, while the remaining days they were conducted in the Howard county Junior College auditorium. The auditorium was very convenient and seated the crowds comfortably.

Each day was begun with a morning prayer service at 9 o'clock. Often these prayer services continued until the morning service at 10:30 which usually was a Bible Study. The Bible lessons were given by different ministers of the faith. The afternoon worship services were conducted under the direction of various ministers and the messages brought by two ministers each day. The evening Evangelistic Services were under the direction of the committeemen with a different Evangelist bringing the message each evening.

The Bible lessons given in the morning services often were directed to the people of the Apostolic Faith Movement emphasizing the importance of the Apostolic Faith Doctrine.

The afternoon worship messages in the general sense were messages of encouragement, exhortation, as well as doctrinal. God richly blessed in all the messages of each service. Altar services followed the preaching and many people pressed their cases to God in earnest prayer. The presence of God was felt and the demonstration of the Holy Ghost was enjoyed. Praise the name of Almighty God! Hallelujah!

The Evangelistic Messages were indeed a challenge to the Christian and an invitation to the sinner and backslider. God blessed. The altars were also filled after the Evangelistic service with seekers.

The Youth Services were under the direction of Brother and Sister John Whipple of Balko, Oklahoma. Sister Whipple conducted the Children's services at 1:30 p. m. and Brother Whipple conducted the

the Young People's service at 6:30. These services were indeed good, blessed of God and well conducted. The Whipple's feel a deep interest for our young people.

There were three special minister's and worker's meetings conducted the last three days of the convocation. In these meetings the needs, problems, and projects of the Apostolic Faith Movement were discussed. The Bible School, The Apostolic Faith Report, The coming Camp Meeting and the Youth Camps were among the needs discussed.

Brother Ben Barker gave a report of the Bible School building project. Brother Gail Schultz gave a good report and discussed the work of the "Apostolic Faith Report." Brother Whipple and Brother Ferguson were given the hand of fellowship to progress with plans for the Youth Camps. The camp meeting at Laverne, Oklahoma was discussed and the dates (August 4 - 14) were suggested. The ministers of the Panhandle area will make the proper moves and plans for the camp meeting.

The Special Music was directed by Peggy Bishop of Ralls, Texas. Brother Donald Dibbens was choir director and Martha Ruth Summerford was pianist. The singing and special music was good and annointed of the Lord.

Meals were served at a common table in the dining hall at the "Baptist Encampment" south of Big Spring. The hall was rented for this purpose and served well. Brother Jake Carol of Big Spring was in charge of the kitchen. His helpers were Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Richardson, Brother and Sister A. W. Ferguson and many other volunteers. These all labored without charge. The food was donated by the people or purchased with money that was given by the generous people of the faith. God met the needs and we thank Him for it.

The closing day of the Convocation was crowned with a special healing

services under the direction of Gail W. Schultz. The afternoon of the last day was the communion service. God richly blessed in these special services.

The Convocation closed with a Victorious Watch Service which continued through the midnight hour into the New Year. Many pledged their hearts anew and afresh to a New Year of Service to God.

Ministers that attended the Convocation were:

James Arnce, Webb City, Missouri  
 Marcus Adair, Follett, Texas  
 C. O. Bard, Joplin, Missouri  
 Marvin Boyd, Vealmoor, Texas  
 Olen Bachler, Katy, Texas  
 Ben Barker, Enid, Oklahoma  
 Jack Barker, Laverne, Oklahoma  
 Winston Barker, Katy, Texas  
 Glen (Teddy) Barker, Laverne, Okla.  
 Van Earl Blythe, Leroy, Kansas  
 Otis Bailey, Tatum N. Mexico  
 Harold Bollinger, Hardesty, Okla.  
 Elvis, Bishop, Ralls, Texas  
 Roland Busch, Katy Texas  
 Paul Clanton, Roswell, N. M.  
 J. W. Clanton, Utopia, Texas  
 S. V. Clanton, Snyder, Texas  
 Ed Cass, Odessa, Texas  
 Ola Crane, Artesia, New Mexico  
 Jim Caldwell, Perryton, Texas  
 A. B. Corl, Houston, Texas  
 Eugene Cornell, Guymon, Oklahoma  
 Joe B. Dewees, Hempstead, Texas  
 James Dewees, Big Spring, Texas  
 Donald D. Dibbens, Hempstead, Tex.  
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 George Hintergardt, Baxter Springs, Kansas  
 Mrs. E. A. Greever, Spearman, Tex.  
 James Hosler, Leakey, Texas  
 Amos Harris, Bayard, Nebraska  
 Allen Hickman, Lovington, N. Mex.  
 Floyd LaMunyan, Perryton, Texas  
 Grace LaMunyan, Perryton, Texas  
 Jim Morris, Hardesty, Oklahoma  
 John J. Modrick, Amarillo, Texas  
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### FROM MY VIEW POINT

(Editorial)

Straight ahead for 1955! I would ask for no better summons, no deeper objective than this, surmounting obstacles, defeating foes, and proclaiming victory in Jesus name. For what more could a person wish? We still can go forward in His armor of love. One time God spoke to Moses with these words, "Ye shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left." Deut. 5:32. There are so many ways to turn, shinning ones, as Satan offers and pictures them. Mostly wolves in sheep's clothing, but just the same they are there. Formal worship that is dead in action and outside of a creed, is meaningless. On the other hand, a needless wildfire, overworked system profits for the flesh only. Any unbalanced worship or hero worship blinds the followers. All this the enemy of our souls is using. Let us be wise to his tricks and stay in the way of righteousness and holiness unto the Lord. To us the command is "straight ahead" in this mighty forceful Apostolic Faith way; preaching, believing and accepting the glorious message of salvation at the end of full repentance; beaming with the joy of a fully consecrated and sanctified life; delighted with the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. We also know that God is the healer of our bodies and that He supplies every need. We can shout the victory

—marching straight forward in 1955. I seek no other way of worship. I have my faith anchored and with joy I am drawing water from the wells of full salvation. Without Jesus, deplorable conditions exist and ignorance and blindness thrive. March on, O Children of the Kind, so that this year is your success year in God.

Now a word about your paper, The Apostolic Faith Report. Surely this effort has been blessed mightily of the Lord. He has made possible each issue. As a rule, we go to Baxter Springs, Kansas about the last week of each month for the mailing of the coming month's publication. If you can have your announcements and news items to me by that time it is very helpful. If not, the 10th of any month is almost the dead-line to be sure that your information will be published. Now pastors write; lay members insist that this be taken care of. Evangelists let us know of present and future revivals and the results of those just closed. Of course, we are only human and we will make some mistakes such as as forget an article or overlook one, or sometimes we have no space in the paper. Other hinderances arise but please understand that we are doing our very best. Many have written of the help and soul food that they have received. Others enjoy knowing the where-a-bouts and work of one another and so your information keeps the connecting link unbroken.

Another thing to note. Most of you are aware of the fact that we are building a completely new mailing list so be sure that your name and the names of those to whom you wish this paper to go are on the present mailing list. We do not seek names just to enlarge our mailing list because this is a faith, free-will offering paper and we do not make a profit in publishing. Never-the-less we do want every interested soul to get a copy if, by any means, it proves a blessing. In writing something for the paper, like an article or a sermon, if you can have the material corrected and typewritten, double spaced, it is then ready to go to the printer.

At any rate, Praise God for Victory — thank Him for another New Year. Let us make it ring for

our God and give full vent to our testimonies that He is still seeking and saving and mighty are His works to the children of men.

I know that the Bible School of the Apostolic Faith in Baxter Springs, Kansas is going to be grand. Come visit the School and pray for the greatest outpouring of His blessings ever. May we say again in this issue of the paper — God bless you, and you, and you.

### IMAGES OF WORSHIP

READ Deut. 4: 12-19.

—Ye heard the voice of the words, but saw no similitude—.

We need most today to hear the voice of the Lord. They heard the voice but saw no likeness of God, no form, no image, just the voice. From this it is most evident that Christ should be apprehended by the spirit, rather than by the eyes. The commandments were given, the statutes and judgments pronounced —out of the fire the Lord spake, but they saw no form. We today must know of the true fire of God and seek from its light and warmth. The form we need not see. I cannot see Jesus. Jesus left no pictures of Himself, the artists have their idea. I have no image of Jesus, I do not need one. I have what I need, that is Jesus, His word, His presence, His witness. Man, beast, bird nor fish cannot be a symbol. This is a day of worshipping man, in the form of a movie star, or a great religious or political leader, but God wants us to worship Him in spirit and in truth. We are to be a people of His own possession, having no other idols or fancy of worship. The heavens declare the glory of God, but we cannot worship them. If we will please Him perfectly we will look unto Him alone, for He is God and besides Him there is none other.

A Rumanian Proverb: Men are born with two eyes, and one tongue in order that they may see twice as much as they say.

It is a great deal better to live a holy life than to talk about it. Light houses do not ring bells or sound fire cannons to call attention to their shining. **THEY JUST SHINE.**

# Fight - -

Webster gives us these definitions of the word, fight: a violent physical struggle for victory; contest; to attempt to defeat or subdue an enemy; to act in opposition to anything; to contend; to carry on or wage a battle. I understand from these definitions that a fight is not a pleasant affair. There seems to be so much fighting going on throughout the world, that I felt it would be good to try and come to a better understanding of the fighting business. The first question that would arise is, "should Christians fight?" With this question as the basis of our thinking let us look to the Word of God and see what we can find concerning this fighting business.

James 4:1-3, "From whence come wars and fighting among you? Come they now hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not; ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts." It seems that this article is beginning with questions. Here James starts this fourth chapter with a question, "From whence come wars and fightings among you?" James answers this with the next question, "Come they now hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?" Wars and fightings come from the lust and greed of men in power and authority. This is true of kingdoms, nations, states, communities, homes, and individuals. Not only does war and fightings come from the lust of those in power and authority, but wars and fightings come from those who desire power and authority. Therefore wars and fightings come from lust. The uncontrolled desires of humans. Oh, the wars that could have been avoided if humans had not been so full of lust.

Can we get away from fighting? I say, no. If all the struggle by military might was stopped in the world there would still be fighting. If all the fighting was stopped in the world, (I speak of physical combat),

there would still be fighting. There would be a battle of great minds going on continually. James mentions another battle that will continue to rage; and that is the war in our members. As long as there are humans there will be fighting, one way or another. Life is a fight, it makes no difference how we look at life. Our daily existence is a fight. Since we can not get around the fight then we need to apply our efforts in the proper manner. I well remember the controversy in Korea over General McArthur. I feel that McArthur was correct in this opinion: the reason for fighting is to win. Any time that an individual loses the desire to win, that individual has no real incentive to life. People fight to obtain prestige in this world. The majority of people say, that is good. People fight to obtain prestige at the throne of God. The majority of people say, that is silly. Paul, what do you think about this? I Corinthians 9:25-27, "And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air; but I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection; lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a cast-away." Paul found this life to be a fight, and especially the Christian life. Paul said, so fight I. Beloved I wish to take my place in the fight with this great Apostle to the Gentiles. Paul if you had to fight, then I am ready to fight. I am not speaking of a corruptible crown. People with the improper thinking have fought and died for corruptible crowns. Oh, let us see the benefits of fighting and winning an incorruptible crown, Eternal Life.

Wars and brawlings come from human lusts and covetousness. These kind of fightings are not pleasing to God; but there is fighting that is pleasing to God and with this, God sanctioned, fighting we shall never overcome. Paul left us a good example as he wrote to the Corinthians, So fight I, not as one that beateth the air. Perhaps it would be good if we would take a bit of inventory to see if we are doing the proper fighting or just beating the

air. Paul told young Timothy how to fight. I Timothy 6:12, "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses." The Christian fight is a faith fight. Jesus healed the High Priests servant after Simon Peter had cut off his ear and was admonished by Jesus to put up his sword. This sort of fighting is not the fight of faith. I suspect that too many people are trying to win the battle of life with the attitude of Simon Peter, and need to be admonished by Jesus to put up their sword. The Spirit of God can do more than the sword any day. Ephesians 6:12, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Here Paul gets to the real part of the Christian fight. The spiritual fight is much more important than the physical fight. Physical combat never gains friends. Physical combat creates enemies. Spiritual combat makes enemies of the Devil's gang; but it makes friends of the Lord and his servants. Spiritual combat makes for strong character and strong character is most needed always. Spiritual fighting, on the winning side makes for overcoming grace and a laying hold on eternal life. Whether we wish it to be so or not we just as well get to fighting the good fight of faith. No one will ever make it through the pearly gates without fighting the good fight of faith. We just as well get on our battling togs or the Devil will beat us out of all our blessings and the gift of Eternal Life. The Devil likes to run into a quitter but God frowns upon quitters. Luke 9:62, "And Jesus said unto him, no man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." The captain of our salvation says, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matthew

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# Reports from Here and There

## SULPHER, OKLAHOMA

There is an Apostolic work located 7 miles north of Sulpher. This work is in need of a pastor. For further information contact the board: Robert Girouard, Kingsmill, Tex., Berlin Malloy, Sulpher, Okla., or James Caldwell, 1121 South Eton, Perryton, Tex.

## GALENA, KANSAS

Brother Bill Patterson conducted a revival for this group recently, with good results. Regular services are Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday. Sunday School attendance is around 85. The church is located on South Main at 18th. M. D. Methvin, pastor. Address: Box 385, Telephone 139-J.

## RALLS, TEXAS

The church is progressing with due interest. The regular midweek services are Wednesday and Saturday night. Sunday School attendance averages 40 to 50. Alford Whiely, pastor.

## ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO

This work is going forward with several new families in attendance. They have just completed remodeling and enlarging the parsonage. January 13th, Brother and Sister Charles O. Mahan will begin a revival. Church location is 611 W. 17th St. Paul Clanton, pastor.

## JOPLIN, MISSOURI

We are happy for the progress of the new church being built at 700 East 4th St. The roof is on and windows in and the outside will be finished next. C. O. Bard, pastor. Address: 611 Park. Services are being conducted in the basement of the new church. Mid-week service Thursday night.

## ENID, OKLAHOMA

Church location, 3300 N. Washington, West of the Fair grounds. This is a new church, being finished as time and finance permits. Mid-week service Wednesday night. Lealand Grimmer, pastor. 2428 North Adams, Rt. 1.

## AMARILLO, TEXAS

Brother and Sister John Modrick conduct services in their home, 648 N. Bevins. Brother Austin Morgan and Brother Larry Welsh assisted by Brother and Sister Harold J. Bollinger conducted a ten day meeting in December for them, which proved a great blessing. They have lots secured and plan to start a building in the spring. Mid-week service on Wednesday night.

## LEAKEY, TEXAS

Brother James Hosler is pastoring this work. Their mid-week service consists of a young people's meeting conducted by Elmer Christenson. Brother Hosler requests special prayer for this work.

## DES ARC, ARKANSAS

Brother George Polvado will conduct a meeting, beginning January 9th. Let us pray for great success in this campaign. The new church, which will indeed be nice when finished, is going up rapidly. S. B. Echols, Jr., pastor.

## GUYMON, OKLAHOMA

Brother Homer Coberly held a two weeks meeting in November with excellent crowds. Remodeling of the church is now in progress. The regular mid-week service is Wednesday night. E. K. Cornell, pastor.

## KATY, TEXAS

We want to make special note of the remote control program broadcast from the church from 9:30 to 9:55 each Sunday morning over KFRD, Rosenberg, Texas (980 on the dial). Many good reports of this excellent talent and spiritual program have been received. Olen Bachler, pastor.

## LAVERNE, OKLAHOMA

The rich blessings of the Lord are resting on this work with 90 to 100 in Sunday School. They had a gracious watch night service. They have never failed to have a watch night service since the church was built. Jack Barker, pastor.

## DONIPHAN, MISSOURI

Brother and Sister George Hintergardt plan to work in the Mill Creek community beginning in January. The Lord willing they want to establish a new church.

## KINGSMILL, TEXAS

Regular mid-week service Wednesday night. This work is progressing favorably under the capable leadership of their pastor, Brother Robert Girourd.

## TANEYVILLE, MO.

Brother and Sister Jimmy Wallis will be pastoring the work in the absence of your Editor and wife. Mid-week services consist of Young People's meeting Wednesday night and regular service Friday night.

## BALKO, OKLAHOMA

Brother John Whipple, pastor, reports the work is progressing splendidly. Around 90 in Sunday School attendance. Mid-week service every Wednesday night.

## SNYDER, TEXAS

The Youth Rally for this section will be conducted here January 7th. Prayer meeting is on Wednesday night, Young People's meeting Friday night and a special Bible Study on Saturday night. Church location: 2508 25th St., on the LaMesa highway. Jacob Regier, pastor.

WINSTON BARKER is now in the Evangelistic work. Why not contact him for your next revival? Address: Katy, Texas.

## HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS

The remodeling of the church is still in progress. Service night is Friday. Brother Ben Barker plans a meeting here in February. Donald Dibbens, pastor.

## SOUTH HOUSTON, TEXAS

Church location: 1904 Old Galveston Highway. Thursday night is the mid-week service. Darrel Sutton, pastor. 1005 Ammons Drive. Telephone HU 6-2435.

**WHAT DO YOU THINK?**

By Carl E. Allen

The Maker, The Almighty, The Supreme, The Giver of eternal life —:

Words of great meaning. Yet, even these cannot suffice to give the true impression of our Father's greatness.

Think back upon the great events depicted in the Bible. The creation of the heavens and earth, the deliverance of the children of Israel out of bondage, the destruction of the wicked cities, Sodom and Gomorrha, the sacrifice of His Son — Jesus Christ — just to name a very few. If you will study them closely and visualize the actual occurrences of those stories, you will see how meager are the descriptive titles above. Yet these are four of the best our language provides.

But, for all His greatness, cannot the least intelligent among us understand Him? Does it necessarily take learned men to teach us of Him? Can we not see His greatness in evidence every time we open our eyes? In every breath we take.

Place yourself in the part of a person, who, having had no spiritual teachings in early life, is asked whether or not he believes in God. Before answering take a good look around you. View the vastness of the world in which you live, and ask yourself, "Could this have happened by accident as some say?" Then, look upon yourself and ask, "Is there no more to this 'Soul' within me than just to live for a hundred years or less and then — nothingness?" While making your decision you might list a few attributes as to what you think God would be like. Certainly, He would be all-powerful, just, destroyer of evil, and possess a great love for mankind. In the Bible you will find those same characteristics time and time again.

If you decide in favor of the Father, you could not help but believe in His word. But would you live by it? Would you attend His House as frequently as you could? Would your daily living habits show a lack of spiritual thoughts? Would you keep his commandments or would you "conveniently" overlook them?

Remember, life eternal is the re-

ward! Would it not be worthwhile to serve Him? — What do you think?

**DUMAS, TEXAS**

Brother A. W. Ferguson, pastor sent the following report. Services at Dumas are progressing nicely, and we are praying for a revival. Ministers of the Apostolic Faith have a standing invitation to come by for services.

Editors note: All the churches and ministers that have sent in reports in this paper extend a fellowship one toward the other. Let us visit one another and help one another.

**VANDERPOOL, TEXAS**

The Apostolic Faith services are conducted at this point on Friday night only. J. W. Clanton, pastor.

I don't know how to work out all the problems that arise in the hearts of men. I don't know how to work out all the things that cross the pathway of humanity — but we can trust in God. Some nations are begging for religious help — like India that lies in darkness, brought to our attention by Brother S. T. Abraham. Our country may be honey combed and our religious freedom attacked. What are you going to do about it? Do we press the case? Do we put the Gospel before the people? We cannot be satisfied to "just let alone," but we must invite, insist, and lead people to Christ.

Many that are wrapped up in a false idea or false religion, will trample under foot, and rule or ruin to win. Let us lift high the Blood stained banner. I don't feel like it, is not a legal excuse. Let us stir ourselves. Awake. The ones who care for the sick during the night arose themselves. Let us be powerful in our testimony of a living Christ.

He who knows not and knows that he knows not, is a child, teach him.

He who knows and knows not that he knows, is asleep, wake him.

He who knows and knows that he knows is wise, follow him.

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**NEWS OF THE GOSPEL**

Words spill the truth every where, they go by lips, and by the written and printed page. Such a wonderful message that is advanced through the good news — the glad tidings — of salavation — of Prophecy — of fuller blessings — let us acknowledge every bit of it, they all bear witness of Jesus. The testimony of Jesus is sure. Of that which we know, **WE KNOW**. Express your feelings, tell of your love for Him, relate your experiences, and give forth the glad tidings of victory in Jesus. I want to report the old, old story of Christ, His love and revelation. The news of the Gospel through this paper comes not to disturb, but to promote and advocate all things pertaining to the Kingdom of God. Its sharpness — if it seems so to you, will be only the tone pronounced by the Word. Remember, the Bible is a book of law and order and when necessary, firmness. Its boastfulness — if such be the printed matter, will be of Christ, for in Him alone are we to glory, being happy because our names are written in the Book of Life. Humbly we beg, that you accept the news of the Gospel gladly — believe it, and walk in its radiant life — they bring peace that passes understanding. The power of an endless life is near you — yes, is in you when you accept the Christ and His teachings. The best news, indeed, is the Gospel news.

**YOUTH RALLY** of South Texas was conducted at Alvin, the first Monday of this month. Brother Bennie Stanberry spoke at the December Rally at Buckhorn community. He was the first speaker of the Youth Rally when it was organized, years ago. The church at Alvin has been moved to a new location. More about that in a later edition. Jake Pletcher, pastor.

**DECKER'S PRAIRIE, TEXAS**

Brother Bill Patterson conducted a revival for this folk last September. They have invited him for a return revival, which he will conduct this month. A. B. Corl, pastor. 1037 Peddie, Houston, Zone 9., Telephone VA 1491.

No doubt the trouble is with you.



## A Letter from Brother Abraham

Dear Friends in Christ:

Happy New Year Greetings!

I would like to take this opportunity through the pages of the Report, to say a few words to my friends, especially in the States. Through the efforts of the Midway Country Church, Logan, Okla. I got the chance of coming over to the States in October 1952, and since then made my home with the Adair family. During the last two years I had the privilege of attending Bible School and other educational and social institutions to receive more practical training for my future work in India.

God-willing, I am making plans to sail from New York on January 10, and by the time you read this letter I may be nearing the shores of my country, India. There are various phases of work a missionary can do in that mission field and my plans are to work as a Christian social worker, for the educational, social, material and spiritual uplift of the people. As our Saviour "went about doing good" and "gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works," let us follow His footprints and work for the betterment of others.

I don't imagine I will ever forget the good time I had here, at the Bible School, Camp Meetings, Youth Camps, Convocations and other occasions. The past two months (on other times also) I had the privilege of visiting various churches and talking about the missionary work in India and in all places I received a warm welcome. Also words cannot express my appreciation and sincere thanks for everything you have done and are doing for me and the work in India. May God bless

you and reward you abundantly and strengthen your hands to help the needy, is my prayer.

After I go back to India, it may not be possible for me to write regularly to all, but I will try to keep in touch with you all as often as I can, and I would like to hear from you all. For general information may I say that the mailing charges to India are 25 cents for air mail letters, 10 cents for air-letter sheets, and 8 cents for ordinary mail. My home address will be:

T. S. Abraham  
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India

Remember me and the work in India in your prayers. With Christian love and prayers.

Yours in the Master's Service  
in India,

T. S. ABRAHAM

### FIGHT

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28:19-20. On, ever on, is our battle-cry. Jesus went all the way to Calvary, and there purchased the victory of life for us. Some may feel that Calvary was defeat; but let me say that Calvary was not defeat; Calvary was glorious victory. This was born out some three days later when Jesus arose from the grave. Praise the Lord for a risen Saviour. From victory to victory, he leads his children safely home. Some through the water; some through the flood; some through the fire; but all through the blood. "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every

thought to the obedience of Christ;" II Corinthians 10:4-5. The most important fight is within the individual. If this fight can be a winning fight then the other battles of life become easier. It is commonly thought that the other fellow gives all the trouble. I declare unto you that the biggest battle is with ones self. This battle is not a passing fancy. This is a life and death struggle and unless we win the battle with self; we shall never fight the good fight of faith. Too many people are required to keep battling self and therefore can not get into the battle of sin to help someone else. The Lord has supplied sufficient grace, power and wisdom to help us attain to the victory over self. Fight, Christian, fight, the difference of effort means life or death.

Some fight against God and definitely these are fighting the wrong battle. Gamaliel realized this fact and gave words on this wise, Acts 5:39, "But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God." It is much better to have God fight for us, and he will fight for those who live pleasing before him. Duet. 3:22, "Ye shall not fear them: for the Lord your God, He shall fight for you." Let us confine our fighting to overcomeing the inward man and let God do all other fighting for us.

The great army of Christians are all volunteers. There is not a draftee among them. They serve God because of love. They fight the good fight of faith because they wish to be overcomers. I appeal to you that enjoy fighting; put your effort to work in the proper manner. Get right with God and join ranks with this great Christian army to fight sin and evil, lusts and pride. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life. Onward Christian soldiers, onward, ever onward to victory through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A YOUTH RALLY has been organized by the four churches of Sunray, Dumas, Amarillo and Kingsmill. The young people have taken a great interest which makes a good service. This rally convenes the 3rd Sunday of each month at 2:30 p. m.

When in doubt play safe.



# Is This the Year?

by Harrol Waterbury

Logan, Okla.

Once again we have witnessed the passing of the old year, and now we stand on the threshold of a new era of time. If it were not for the great hand of God, we would tremble as we face the future, but with faith in our Creator, we defiantly stand—knowing that every day of 1955 will bring us nearer to the consummation of this age and the return of Jesus Christ back to earth again.

The year 1954 was a good year, abounding in rich blessings from God. There were tragedies and victories, and many battles—some won, some lost. All in all, it was a good year because God helped those who were faithful to Him. Even if I could I would not call back the year to live it over again, because now I am standing in the entrance of a new year and my very soul is animated with anticipation: **IS THIS THE YEAR?**

If we would stop just a few minutes and survey world conditions, we could readily see that all of the governmental powers of the world are gripped in a fear and tension, strained near to the breaking point. There are at least a dozen places on the face of the globe where trouble could flare up and plunge us into another great world conflict. Scientists and world leaders claim that such a conflict, with all of our devastating war machinery, could utterly annihilate civilization. When I think of this, my heart pounds—not in fear, but again in anxious anticipation: **IS THIS THE YEAR?**

It is very easy to lose sight of the perennial truth of the second coming of Jesus Christ back to earth again. One reason for this is the spirit of the age that tends to divert men's minds from God and cause them to grow cold and indifferent, if not openly reject Jesus Christ and His plan of salvation. It is indeed, a difficult age to understand unless we study the Word of God. It is in His Word that we may get first-hand information concerning this age in which we live: Matt. 24th

chapter, II Thess., Chapter 2! I Tim. 4:1-2, and II Tim. 3:1-5. These scriptures deal with the last days, are of a prophetic nature, and in a measure, draw a word picture of conditions during the last days. Study them closely and compare them with current world happenings and you, too, will see that this age is soon to close and Jesus is soon to return. The descent of Jesus will bring about the end of sin and sickness, and will usher in a reign of one thousand years of peace and righteousness. **IS THIS THE YEAR?**

There is a lot to do for God this year. May His Spirit energize us to do more for Him than we have ever done before. We know that we must work while it is yet day, because "the night cometh when no man can work."

Let us, as a Movement, band together for a greater year of Christian endeavor. Back the Bible School with your support and prayers, and also the Youth Camp, Camp Meeting, and Convocation. Then, too, remember to pray for the Apostolic Faith Report. Let us make 1955 a year of spiritual progress!

We, the editors, wish to express our New Year's greetings to all of our readers. We trust that the Best shall be yours for 1955!

Baxter Springs, Kansas  
December 12, 1954

Dear Brother and Sister Schultz:

Greetings to you good folks in the wonderful name of our Lord. We want to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for the wonderful job that you are doing in the publishing of the Apostolic Faith Report. We want you to know that we are enjoying the paper so very, very much. We do feel that it is a step forward in the work of the Lord. We have found so very many of our folks of the Faith who are so happy with the work that you good folks are doing for the glory of the Lord. So keep up the good work and we

know that the Lord will bless all that you shall do for Him.

Brother Schultz, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our many friends and brothers and sisters in the Lord for what they have done for us while on the tour for the Bible School. We have had some wonderful services, and we do, above all, appreciate so much the splendid interest that we have found in behalf of the coming term of Bible School. We can say that we found, in most every church, a wonderful spirit among the people of God. Praise the Lord. From all indication we will have a wonderful enrollment in the coming 1955 term of school. We are so happy with the work that the Lord has given us to do and we do ask the prayers of all our friends that the Lord shall give us a wonderful, outstanding term of school.

As the Superintendent of the Bible School, I want to thank the Board of Directors and all of the many dear ones of the faith for the splendid work that they have done toward the new building for the Bible School. We do thank the Lord who is able and will never fail us if we will but trust in Him. Surely we, as the people of God, have much to be thankful for. So let us labor on for the wonderful Master who will, above all things, give to each of us a reward for our labors for Him. We can never repay the Lord for all that he has done for each of us. We would like to remind each of our many, many friends again of the coming term of Bible School which will begin January 11, 1955. We trust that you will have the opportunity to visit the School this coming term. We shall say good bye for now. So may the love and grace of the Lord be with each of you.

Yours for the master work  
Apostolic Faith Bible School  
Roy D. Wooster, Superintendent

## MODESTO, CALIFORNIA

Attend the Full Gospel church of the Apostolic Faith, 1001 Herndon Road. Thursday night is the mid-week service. Glynn Weant, pastor.

J. W. ELLIOTT writes us that he busy as usual, conducting street meetings and mailing tracts. He would be glad to hear from you. Address: Sulphur Springs, Texas.

# Spenard Chapel Has 7th Anniversary

by **MILLIE HEARN**

(Taken from the Anchorage, Alaska, Daily News.)

Sunday, November 28 marked the seventh anniversary of the Spenard chapel and for the Rev. and Mrs. Robert G. Palmer, the realization of a dream come true.

The Palmers, working in evangelistic work since 1942, traveled throughout the states before teaming up with the Rev. and Mrs. G. K. Reese in 1947 to continue their work in Alaska.

The Palmers and Reeses arrived in Spenard in 1947 from Webb City, Mo., with plans to spend one year in the territory in their work. Now seven years and much hard work later, the Rev. Mr. Palmer is pastor of the Spenard chapel, the first church built in Spenard.

The Spenard of seven years ago presented quite a different picture than the growing metropolis of today. The Palmers and Reeses found that the community had no churches, and only three businesses, Parker's department store, the Lena Hanson grocery and Bill's grocery.

Pooling their funds, these two far-sighted clergymen and their families began constructing a small frame home, where they later conducted their first Sunday School services for the youth of Spenard in November of 1947.

Word of the church began to reach Spenard residents through a radio program, "The Shield of Faith" sponsored by the chapel, and through personal calls made to their home by the Rev. Mr. Palmer and the Rev. Mr. Reese. After conducting Sunday school for approximately one month, with the membership of 29, the men began conducting morning and evening church services each Sunday. These services were conducted for three months, with only the pastors and their wives attending, before the church began to grow.

During those discouraging first months, the two families refused to

give up. Through faith and hard work they built the church as it is today.

Construction of the Spenard chapel, which now stands at the corner of Wieler and Spenard roads began in 1948, with first church services held in the basement of the church in 1949 to a congregation of 75. Today's chapel, a shining example of faith has seen its seventh birthday.

The Sunday school, with nine trained teachers, has an average attendance of 160, with approximately 100 members attending church services each Sunday. The Rev. Mr. Palmer and Mrs. Palmer are assisted by the Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Ray, who came to Spenard early in 1954.

The Palmers, both of Webb City, Mo., were married in 1944, and traveled extensively in the states in revival work before coming to new fields in Alaska. They make their home on Wieler avenue, and have three children, Mark, 5; Ann, 3, and Nancy, 2.

## REPORT ON THE CONVOCATION

### at Big Springs, Texas

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Alice McLeod, Big Spring, Texas  
 Alfred Moses, Big Spring, Texas  
 Jerry McClenagan, Hardesty, Okla.  
 Charles O. Mahan, Wichita, Kans.  
 Lulu Parham, Baxter Springs, Kans.  
 George Polvado, Big Spring, Texas  
 Jacob C. Regier, Snyder, Texas  
 Edna Schultz, Taneyville, Missouri  
 Gail Schultz, Taneyville, Missouri  
 Darrell Sutton, So. Houston, Texas  
 Odessa Summerford, Ralls, Texas  
 Harrol Waterbury, Katy, Texas  
 Edwin Waterbury, Katy, Texas  
 Roy D. Wooster, Alvin, Texas  
 John Whipple, Balko, Oklahoma  
 James E. Wallis, Taneyville, Mo.  
 Alford Whitely, Ralls, Texas

Figure on the worst, but hope for the best.

## THREE VIEWS

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God's promises for yourself from His own Word there is less chance for doubt. You know God has said it so it will be done! Whatever it may require of your time, effort, sacrifice or anything else to obtain the blessing of God, do it. Spare not. Pray. Believe. Testify of His power to others. Give. SPARE NOT.

Following such a preparation there shall come the "breaking forth" and spreading of the gospel. It will spread to many who have not heard it. New churches will be built. More workers will be found in the work of the Lord. United States census statistics show our population to have a net gain of 300 per hour at the present time. Every hour there is a net gain of a good sized congregation! The future holds many opportunities to win scores of these people for the Lord.

Besides the importance of winning souls there is always the spiritual need of your life. God has promised you the best. The promise of the Holy Spirit has never been withdrawn. He is yours when you believe. The provision for your healing is still good when faith is exercised in the name of Jesus. Jesus is still the Great Physician. God still waits for and seeks after people who will be completely and fully surrendered to Him. Will you be content to gaze upon what He could do in your life if you would let Him or will you 'go over and possess the land'? So much is yours through the promises of God in Jesus Christ. There is not the limitation upon us to only see what God can do. He has provided the way and the means for us to partake of all He has provided. In the name of the Lord Jesus we can claim the promised blessing to our life. In Christ and in Him alone we may become what God expects us to be and obtain what He expects us to obtain.

So for 1955 we have the opportunity to experience the glorious victory as one who has conquered his greatest enemy and now enjoys the actual possession of the best God can give.

You can do anything that you ought to do.

# About a Country Church - - -

## A NEW EXPERIENCE FOR ME TO SEE THE WIFE BAPTIZE HER HUSBAND

By J. H. NCHOLS

(From a Spearman, Tex., paper)

A country church at a Ranch Home, has made history not only for the North Plains but for the coming generation. Sister Greever is the pastor of the only country church of its kind, in the Panhandle of Texas. A beautiful little church in the garage, adjacent to the farm home and dedicated to the cause of Christ. This is an ideal central location for the community, for those who want to come and worship are welcomed with outstretched hands to administer to the spiritual needs of those who want to worship with God-fearing people.

The day was ideal and seemed to be set apart for this particular occasion. A day that will never be forgotten. This was the closing of a successful revival, with the baptizing at 2:30 p. m. As the crowd circled around the tank on the farm, then the reading of the scripture began with songs and prayers to follow. Sister Greever and the Evangelist Rev. K. Kerr walked out into the water waist-deep. The girls and ladies were baptized first and the men followed last.

This new experience to me, was to see a woman preacher stand on one side of the candidate and the Evangelist stand on the other side. They both participated in the ceremony. To see the tears and hear the shouts as they came out of the water, was a blessing to my heart and soul which I will never forget. When Brother Greever walked down into the water and to see the smiles of joy written on their faces as Mrs. Greever's hands were lifted in the air with the powerful prayer which fell from her lips, was like the drip-pings off of the altar of God that blessed the congregation. Another new experience to me was to see a man baptized by his wife after he had passed the three-quarter century mark. I have my doubts if there is

another case on record like this one. It was thrilling as well as inspiring, to see heaven and earth brought together in the serving of Christ through conversion and baptism.

Back to the church with a full congregation from different towns and some from Oklahoma, the communion was observed with an invitation to all to participate in the memory of Christ's death. The bread and wine representing His death, was placed on the table near the altar. The people walked up to the altar by twos. Mrs. Greever standing behind the pulpit with smiles and tears of joy manifested for the people. On either side stood a preacher praying the blessings on all who had partaken of the sacrament.

Twice in my life I have witnessed foot-washings. At the little country church they had the old time ceremonial foot-washing. The women stayed in the church while the men retreated to the kitchen. When the men began to take off their shoes, someone spoke up and said, "Are we just going to wash one foot?" The Evangelist said, "The Bible says feet." Then both shoes were removed. I caught the glimpse of the spirit that Jesus taught in humbling Himself to the place of washing the disciples feet was the last command Jesus gave here on earth. As these brethren washed each other's feet and the prayers of consecration were offered, it lifted my heart and soul into the third heaven, with the beauty of humility and the sacredness of being willing to serve humanity to the utmost, from the greatest to the least.

My wife and I returned home, feeling we had been spiritually blest by witnessing the glory of God which came down among the people for their loyalty and love to both God and man. Amen!

Secondary successes often defeats a person; or success may be an accumulation of events. At times—seeming defeat may be success. Self sympathy spells defeat. Ask hard things from God.

## MY CONVICTIONS

Psalms 125: 1-2 "They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever. (As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even for ever.)"

Men have trusted the Lord through ceaseless ages. Kings have experienced the power of Divine Rule as God's power and anointing prevailed over them whether in wisdom, victories or war, or dominion of many lands. Men of less renown have taken front pages in the history of God's Book by trusting in God.

The Hebrew children passed through flames and fire by trusting in God. The children of Israel passed through the Red Sea on dry land by trusting God. Moses refused a place in the King's house because he trusted God for the present and the future. Gideon won a battle without arms because he obeyed and trusted God.

Proverbs 16:20 "— and whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy is he."

These are my convictions. What are yours?

I think or I believe (not faith) can destroy a soul. Let us know that we are saved, and safe and abiding in the love of Jesus. Praise God for His wonderful love — His wonderful way — the way of salvation. Let us thank God for our opportunity. I love the Lord and I want to enter into His Kingdom. If we are faithful with our pennies, the dollars will come too, in like manner, learn early the lesson of being faithful in the little things — in all we have or are, all for the glory of the Lord.

The Bible as a book may not look so enchanting, in fact the one you or I own may be of the cheaper sort as far as material and workmanship goes, but in it are the "words of life," that is we are given instructions that will lead us safely from earth to glory. Eliminate no part of the Bible. It is all God's Word.

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**BIBLE SCHOOL BUILDING  
PROGRAM**

Brother Ben Barker announces that the new building will be useable for this term of school, although not completed. Several have come from time to time to work on the building. The indebtedness is about \$2,300.00.

Editors Note: We are surely grateful for the work and for the new building and now lets all pray and give so that we can be in a debt free building. The building is such a boost as living quarters were needed very much.

**MINISTERS**

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