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SERMON OF THE MONTH

Jerusalem -- Jesus -- and Us

By Edna Schultz

While gazing at the famous old painting of Jesus overlooking the city of Jerusalem, I became lost in thought. The painting faded away and in its place I saw the lonely, heartbroken Saviour, as He beheld the beloved city.

It was a wonderful old city with a colorful history. It had known both victory and defeat. There were miraculous, overwhelming victories when its people followed God; but Oh! such tragic, heart-rending defeat when they, as they often did, forsook Him.

At this time they had again drifted away from the Lord, until the tradition of the Elders had become more precious than the commandments of God. Isa. 29:13. Wherefore the Lord said, "Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips, do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men."

No wonder I seemed to hear the Lord cry again, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate." Matt. 23:37-38.

A Jewish Rabbi once said that the love a Jew has for Jerusalem surpasses the love of a Mother for her child. Though Jesus was the divine Son of God, He was incased in Jewish flesh, the flesh of Mary's Son, and no doubt shared the love that His countrymen had for the Holy City. In addition to the natural love, He shared the divine love of God for this city, chosen from all other cities to be known as the City of God.

I wonder what heart crushing thoughts must have crowded in upon His weary mind, as He beheld the city and its milling throngs. He had come to them with outstretched

arms and Saving Grace, but they rejected Him. He came to his own and His own received Him not.

There was a brief time of popularity with the multitude, when He healed their sick, raised their dead and fed them with the loaves and fishes; but when He preached to them of the living bread, they turned away. Surely He was a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief.

Jesus knew the desolation the Jews were bringing upon themselves, fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah who said, "Woe to the rebellious children, saith the Lord, that take council, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin."

The Jews were a religious people, but their religion excluded Jesus, for He said unto them, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me, and ye will not come to me, that ye might have life." John 5:39-40. Because they would not come unto Him, the door of salvation was closed to them; and their foolish hearts were darkened. Yet Jesus knew their fair city would be over-run and laid waste and tried to warn them, but they mocked Him to scorn.

Remember that triumphant ride into Jerusalem, when Jesus was seeing for the last time the adoration of the multitude? How He wept as He beheld the city. From the depths of an agonized soul he warned them of the desolation that lay ahead saying, "For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, and shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another, because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

That prophecy was fulfilled in 70 A. D., when the armies of Titus over ran Jerusalem. The city was compassed about and its inhabitants

kept in on every side. Not only the inhabitants but the many visitors who were there, for it was the Passover feast, and many were there for the occasion.

The food was soon consumed, the food supply cut off, and they were faced with a terrible famine, as well as the horrors of war. For 135 days Jerusalem was under one of the worst sieges known in history. The famine was so great that some ate human flesh. Only the Christians who had been miraculously led out of the city, escaped the disaster . . . Of the Great Temple, not one stone was left upon another. The Temple was burned and the stones were literally pried apart for the gold that had melted and ran between them. What a terrible fate for a proud and rebellious people, who had cried, "Let His blood be upon us and upon our children."

What frustration Jesus must have felt as He tried, in vain, to stop the Jews in their mad long rush to destruction. You may ask the question, isn't Jesus all powerful? Why could He not stop them? He could have, had it been in the plan of God to force the proud world to pay homage to Him at that time, but it was not. To man alone He gave the power of choice. He set before them, as He has set before us, Life or death, and bids us choose the choice. The time will come when every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus is Lord, to the glory of God, but now as it was then, man chooses the way of life or death.

God created man, gave them dominion and authority over the beast of the field, the fowl of the air and the fish of the sea. Every herb was given to him for meat. Seemingly everything man could wish for was at their finger tips, yet they failed God in so much that He repented in His heart that He had made man. God formed Adam from the dust of the ground, gave him Eve for an help meet, placed them in the beau-

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"THIS IS THE NEW TESTAMENT IN MY BLOOD"

By Mrs. Floyd LaMunyon

At the time these wonderful words were spoken, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, was nearing the close of His life and ministry in bodily form upon earth. He knew that the time of His suffering and crucifixion was at hand, and the feast of unleavened bread, which was the Passover, drew near. Jesus bade His disciples to procure the use of the guest chamber in a certain man's house and there prepare to eat the Passover feast.

In the account given in the gospel of Luke, chapter 22, verse 15, Jesus spoke to the twelve assembled at the table with Him and said: "With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer." His desire was not for one last meal with His disciples just for the fellowship of eating and drinking together but it was for a high and holy purpose that was to have a lasting effect until He should come again. This purpose was the fulfillment of one testament, (or covenant), and the institution of another testament, or will.

In verse 20 of this same chapter Jesus took the cup after supper and gave it to His disciples saying: "This cup is the **New Testament In My Blood**, which is shed for you." Before there can be a new will or testament there must needs have been one already in effect. This old testament was given in the Law to Moses, and was sealed by the blood of bulls and of goats. The people under the Law were required to offer blood sacrifices for their sins and for their cleansing. Not just once, but year after year they must bring these sacrifices to God. This was God's covenant or testament to the people. As long as they complied with the Law they were justified before God, but when they refused to comply, Hebrews 10:28 tells us: "He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses."

The blood of bulls and goats, as such, had no saving virtue; it had no cleansing effect upon the con-

sciences of those who offered it. Yet, because it was a type of the pure and powerful blood of the sinless Lamb of God, it availed for the people as long as they kept these ordinances in obedience to God's laws.

But now, on the occasion of Jesus taking the cup and giving it to His disciples He said: "This is the new testament in **My Blood**, which is shed for you." He was instituting the new will, or testament. Shortly after this supper Jesus shed His blood to the very last drop not only for the sins of the people then living and for all those who were to follow them, but also as the plan of redemption for those under the **First** testament. In Hebrews 9:15 we read: "And for this cause He (Jesus) is the mediator of the **New Testament**, that by means of death, **for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the First Testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.**" We see by this scripture that Jesus died not only for the people who should live under the new testament but also for those under the old testament. How marvelous and awe-inspiring are the workings of God!

Hebrews 10:4 says: "For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins." The blood of animals offered under the law did not take away sins, but God merely used this method of justification by obedience to the law until the time came for Jesus to shed His blood once and for all to bear the transgressions of every person. Those who kept the law and who were conscientious and consistent in offering sacrifices for their sins will be saved not because of the blood of animals but because Jesus died and shed His blood for the transgressions under both the first (or old) testament, and the new testament. Thanks be unto God for His wisdom and power to devise such a great plan!

When Jesus said "This is the new testament in my blood" He was fulfilling the law and ushering in a new covenant under which our consciences are made clean. Hebrews 9:13-14 tells us: "For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the

flesh: how much more shall the **Blood of Christ**, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, **purge your conscience** from dead works to serve the living God?" There is power in the blood of Jesus Christ! Saving power; cleansing, sanctifying power! We hear so much said about atomic power as well as other powerful forces in the world, but they are largely used to destroy; to maim and kill; they often drive men to insanity and madness. But the glorious, transforming power of the blood of Jesus, which is greater than all other powers combined, is for the purpose of saving, cleansing, healing, sanctifying, and delivering from Satan all those who by faith trust in its merits.

However, there is something else to consider in connection with the blood of Jesus. It is offered freely to us as the only means of salvation and redemption, and if we refuse to honor it, if we spurn its saving power a dreadful and sure retribution awaits us. The writer of the book of Hebrews asks a question and leaves it for us to answer when in chapter 10, verses 28 and 29 he says: "He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?"

Moses' law was only the figure of the true law which was to come later, and which did come in Jesus Christ, yet those who despised it died without mercy. According to the teaching of the word of God, those who refuse and despise Jesus' blood and count it an unholy thing will find their reward in the second death, also without mercy. The blood of Jesus is the one and only cure for sin and its consequences; it is the only means of redemption; the only way to life eternal. How important and how necessary it is that we have the blood of Jesus applied to our lives to wash away our sins! Otherwise we shall stand in the day of judgement of the Great God and find the blood of Jesus a testimony against us.

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FROM MY VIEW POINT

(EDITORIAL)

By Gail Schultz

GREETINGS, HAPPY GREETINGS, EASTER GREETINGS TO EVERY ONE OF YOU, IN THE NAME OF OUR RISEN LORD AND SAVIOUR! I enjoy the thought that we serve a Risen Christ today. Publications, sermons, services and reports throughout the world will give much thought to the Resurrection story at this season. The more that can be said, the better. The death, burial and resurrection of Jesus has been challenged by Satan, lo these many years, but still He lives and proves Himself to us by answering prayer and supplying every need. Thanks be unto God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus is the firstfruits of them that slept. I Cor. 15:20. It is important that we declare that the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus was in bodily form, not just in spirit as some would have us believe. He is the Resurrection and the life, and because He lives, we shall live also. Know this, that the work of salvation contained not only His death, but His burial and resurrection. We must know also that the resurrection of Christ was established by the testimony of unim-

peachable witnesses. On this doctrine we must be steadfast and unmovable, for His resurrection is a pledge and a guarantee to all believers, that they, too, will arise from the dead.

We speak of a Risen Christ, and the Risen Lord is our theme, for the night and the grave of sin is past and we walk toward a new day — the home of the soul — in full assurance.

I am wondering if we go forth with the right approach and right feeling when we know so much about His resurrection. They went forth from the tomb with a message of life, not death. Convinced by infallible proofs, they looked not back at dark Calvary, but toward the things that lay ahead.

The upper room was only another step and another move toward the harvest field. Persecution drove the believers still further. The Jews rejected Jesus, and the message was sent on to the Gentiles. Long has His message been with us. The story was told everywhere in the first part of the Christian era. They were missionaries. They were not always termed so for they went as travelers, tradesmen, and even slaves. They did not forget to take Christ with them, nor to witness for Him, regardless of praise or blame.

Our hope is sure and our desire is that of Paul, who said, "That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection." Phil. 3:10.

We wish to thank every one of you who have written to us, and we want to hear from more of you. Thank you for your prayers and your offerings and your many words of encouragement as we seek to print His story, and love, and fame everywhere. When you move, please let us know, in advance if possible, as the Apostolic Faith Report will not be forwarded and in many cases all we can do is take your name from the mailing files for lack of information. Once in a while one remarks that they or a friend does not receive the paper, somewhat with a surprised feeling. There have been a few cases where the error was on our part, but many times we did not know of your whereabouts. So, please write.

By the time the April issue of the

Apostolic Faith Report reaches you this term of Bible School will almost or completely be finished. It has been a good school. It is a school that you can recommend and endorse without fear. God has supplied every need. At no time during the term was there any fear of lack or remark of need. We report this not boastfully, but gladly, giving all praise to the Lord that was so gracious to us.

The Lord willing we want to spend some time in revivals and special services this summer, going wherever the Lord leads and as our time permits. It will be necessary for us to spend a part of each month here in Baxter Springs in the interest of the paper. However, this is not with regret for we feel the Lord has given us a burden for seeing the Word go forth by means of this publication.

The Lord willing, we will be paying you another visit in May. In the meantime keep praying, and working, and standing in firmness for this wonderful Apostolic Faith. Remember, in your stand you are not alone, for there are many that worship in this manner with gladness of heart.

SPENARD, ALASKA—

Brother Robert Palmer writes us that they desire the prayers of everyone that God may direct them perfectly according to His will. They see the need not only for the growth of their present church, but that other churches might be added to this large frontier missionary field of Alaska. They face some mighty problems and need to make several decisions in order to progress with victory. We know that God is able to undertake and we give our full support to these who have been so faithful to the call that God has placed upon them. Let us not forget these folks in prayer, in correspondence, or in support, as God lays it upon our hearts. We certainly want to see the work in Alaska growing by leaps and bounds.

I want the best that Faith can produce and afford, but that which is not of faith, I do not want, for that which is not of faith is sin.

Sermon of the Month

JERUSALEM—JESUS—AND US

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tiful garden of Eden, with only one commandment to keep and they broke that one. They partook of the tree of knowledge of good and evil and when they could have eaten of the tree of life.

Man had no choice of coming into this life, but to live in the ages to come must be a matter of choice. No, Jesus didn't force the Jews to receive Him, but His great heart was broken when they rejected Him.

Let us turn from the Jews and the picture of Christ overlooking Jerusalem to another land. One we love so well, America. Let us come down through the ages to a time called now, to a people we call our country men. Is Jesus crying to us, "Oh America, America, how often I would gather you to myself but ye would not. Now your house is left unto you desolate?"

Our forefathers knelt on the beach to thank God for a country in which they could worship God according to the dictates of their heart; but we have made our beaches the pleasure spots of the nation. Our nation was founded for religious freedom, with our motto, "In God We Trust," yet only 2% attend church on Sunday nights. Are we becoming a people as the Jews were, who render a lip service but our hearts far from God? Once more I meditate upon the picture that started my musings of the Jews and the Holy City, but now instead of Jerusalem, I seem to see our cities; for the Jesus of Jerusalem is ours too. He is coming to us, as He did to the Jews, with outstretched arms and saving grace. Let us not crucify Him afresh and put Him to an open shame; but arise to our privileges and take Him into our hearts, our homes, our cities, and our nation, for this is our day of visitation!

UVALDE, TEXAS—

Brother J. W. Clanton writes that they are praying for the Lord to open up a way for them to enlarge their borders of service. Let us not forget them as they have a large field wherein the gospel should be declared.

LAVERNE, OKLA.—

Plans are now under way for the Midwest Camp Meeting of the Apostolic Faith at Laverne, Okla. As in the past two years the meetings will be conducted in the Cornell Park just south of Laverne four miles. Reservations for tents and rooms have already started coming and the outlook is for another good time of blessings and fellowship in the Lord. Everyone is urged to start making plans for attending the camp. The camp meeting schedule will consist of a full day spent in prayer, Bible lessons and inspirational preaching. The song service and youth meetings have been and will continue in this camp to be a special feature and blessing. Come praying and expecting great things for God.

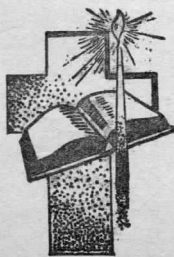
STOCKTON, CALIF.—

Brother and Sister Lee Brock, pastors, write us that the Lord is blessing their labors. The Sunday School is on the increase and they are glad for all that the Lord is doing for them. Several new young people are coming. Brother Brock has been to Palm City for a revival. Surely the Lord is good to all of them that call upon His name.

BIG SPRING, TEXAS—

Word from this church informs us that they are still going forth, true to the faith, with open doors to them that are still proclaiming this perfect liberty wherein we live. The Lord is giving them a good Sunday School, and meeting with them in the other services. They are praying for a revival. Brother and Sister George Palvado, pastors.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son to die for us, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life.—John 3:16.

**WHICH ONE WAS ME?**

By Joanne Shandley

You know, sometimes I wonder what
I would have done
Had I been living at the time
Jehovah sent His Son,
To reveal to every sinner the Will
Divine. Should I
Have been one who rejected Christ,
and voted Him to die?
Would I, like Saul, despise the ones
who loved and followed Him?
Or would I wonder what was right?
Would I be one of them
Whose thinking powers were swayed
by jealousy and lying?
Would I have shamed His precious
name, like Peter, by denying
His very friendship? I fear I would.
They say that you can see
Yourself within that hated mob; —
I wonder, which one was me?

FOLLETT, TEXAS—

The Apostolic Faith Chapel of Follett, reports that the work is moving on for the Lord. Attendance has been very good at the meetings. The church has recently planted almost two hundred trees and shrubs in their landscaping program. The church people are now in a visitation program for the betterment of the Sunday School. Twenty two new opera type chairs have recently been installed in the choir which has added to the church. The people of the chapel request prayer that the church will continue to move on and that they may be able to reach a number of families in the community. Marcus Adair, pastor.

KINGSMILL, TEXAS—

Brother C. O. Bard of Joplin, Missouri, recently held eleven nights of revival here. The Lord was in the meeting with the power to save, sanctify, and fill with the Holy Spirit. There was one backslider reclaimed, five sanctified, and two received the Baptism. The church in general was refreshed and revived. Brother and Sister Robert Girouard, pastors.

**IT'S A SHAME FOR MAN
TO DISCOVER EVERYTHING
IN LIFE — BUT GOD.**

THE MOVE IS ON

The Bible is a book of blessings, and of such rich promises, that almost anybody with any degree of spiritual life is able to open the Bible and there find the very word of the Lord that is needful for the hour of trial or temptation, or for direction and inspiration. However, many lay aside the other values of the Word. It is a Book of instruction, one of commandments and of warnings. It will guide you correctly so long as you humbly follow its directions.

I realize that I must tread softly, and I have a new motto that means a lot to me. It reads, "At the End of Life's Road is God." Daniel was known as one that had the gift or power of "A destroyer of doubts." All this I weigh as I write; I must some day meet my God and give an account to Him of how I have lived and helped others to live. I must urge men to walk with their God, expand their scope of salvation, and enlarge their borders of sanctification. I must help them to trust the Holy Spirit for filling and sealing, and every gift given of God must be encouraged. Yet, with all of this, there is still in me something that whispers — the Bible is a Book of warnings.

The enemy of our souls seeks whom he may devour. He goes about as a roaring lion. He will use force or persuasion to drive or lead you from the track of complete submission to God. Some of these forces have now been working long enough

that we can get at least a faint outline of their traps.

The first I would like to mention is a decline in spirituality. Here, of course, the most care on the part of the seducer is used. The victim will not be informed of such a state but, often vaunted up in pride, will boastfully proclaim, "I was never so spiritual in my life," not knowing that the Scripture warns for them that think they stand, to take heed. Often in this restless, discontented state, they drift downward from real powerful standards of Christian living and fill their lives with whatever the Devil can use to best work his delusion. One might take in more worldly events thinking that they were only becoming educated and more broad minded. When you are so broad minded that the world rules, then God is out, for the friendship of this world makes us an enemy of God. Or another might turn to dreams, fancies that build (unknown to them) harbors of fleshly gratifications. In the past, some have admitted that certain truths were beyond them but now the Good Old Bible route is denied by the statement—"It's not spiritual enough for me." They are quickly checked into a state of self-justification.

The second step involves apostasy. Apostasy is turning away from what one has voluntarily professed. No one forced you to an altar of prayer to ask forgiveness of sins, and when you seek a more modern way of contacting God you are losing out. Still another form of apostasy may be found in the act of denying a once owned or professed experienced work in God. One time sanctification was real and loved but now it is slighted, denied or neglected; it matters little as you follow this slick, slimy, compromising spirit. Seeking unity is alright but to deny a work of Grace in order to have a union is quite another thing.

The more I read God's Word, and the closer I watch the acts of men, the more I try to define spirituality. Just because one pleases another by going into a church or group and coming out of a certain church or group is no sign that one is always spiritual. A party said to me one time, "I knew they had come out of a form, but I did not know which way they went." Another informed

me of two churches. I asked him which of the two was more spiritual. He replied, "That depends on what you mean by the term spiritual." Another might feel that they can work out their salvation by doing. We are to work for the Lord, but not as a display for the praise of men. Others work under pressure I feel sure that any work done or money given under such conditions will prove in vain for we are rewarded for our willing service. There are those that love the church from outward appearance but on the inside they "hate." They do not want to see souls saved, they do not want to see spiritual growth, and the more that is asked of them, the more they may cover up. Such characters may be found in any position. Let us face the facts; the need of the hour is not a lot of display, but honest hearted and God fearing men and women who will stand true in trial or test and weather the storm for greater things in God. Almost anybody can belong to the wrecking gang but it takes a real builder to promote and enlarge.

The sad fact of all this upheaval is that at the end of the race, when pay-day comes, there is a sad awakening. They are typed in the Bible as the unjust steward. They cannot dig, they are ashamed to beg. They do not feel disposed to ask forgiveness from the group they betrayed and have bound themselves in ruts of the powers of religious display—clouds without water, prophets without callings, gifts proclaimed without results, prophecies that do not come to pass. Loudly denouncing sound doctrine — they drift. This does not mean that I do not believe in all that God has for the church and I firmly believe that we should seek all that God has for us but it must be in rightly directed channels. It was one thing for Judas to sell Jesus for less than twenty dollars but quite another to face the "pay-off" day when he would come to a suicide's grave. It is easy to sell a truth—you can even sell Jesus, but you can't buy Him. Let us hold as most precious the blessings of the Lord. Let us add to and subtract not.

It is the Blood of Jesus that makes us worthy to enter in. Within ourselves, we are powerless. The il-

YOUTH CAMP

DATES—
July 4 - 17

LOCATION—
**Lake Murray
State Park**

**Youth Camp No. 1
4 miles So. E. of
Ardmore, Okla.**

"THE NAZARENE"

By James E. Wallis

Glancing over the battlements of heaven God picked his son, to be the bouquet he wanted to give to the world. He saw the world sick and afflicted by sin and disease, so then sent this lovely bouquet in the form of a tiny baby, whose name was to be called JESUS, "For he shall save his people from their sins." He was born in a stable, and laid in a manger, not even a cradle for God's own son. No room in the Inn for this child. But oh, what a beautiful bouquet. "The Lily of the Valley," "The Rose of Sharon." all of these was, and is He.

Matthew then adds, "That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the

luminated soul has much to be thankful for. To be taught correctly and wisely is of much worth. Our obligation is with God. Yes, God is calling us out of the world and worldly pleasure. He is calling us out of form, be that of set rituals that would hinder progress on a lot of the so called "wildfire" that seeks to wear down and destroy the victory there is in Christ Jesus.

The move is on to be ready for His coming, to be of use for His kingdom—let us of the Apostolic Faith move right on out, keeping in perfect tune with the Lord and His commands. I want to be ready for whatever lies ahead. I cannot see plainly down the path of life but I know at each turn He will be there to meet me and keep me. We need more revivals. We need more services and gathering together. Prayer and praise should be encouraged, and the fullness of all His blessings proclaimed. I am doing my best. I feel that you are too. Don't let somebody seek to use you for another cause under the false colors of more spirituality. Just enlarge your borders where you are. Give freely to the Lord and He will make use of you. So many feel that they are doing so much for God that He can hardly find a big enough place for them to work. This over-stuffed and over-praised condition can easily lead to darkness and despair and pay day will again be disappointing.

prophets, He shall be called a **Nazarene.**" This was after the father, Joseph, and the mother, Mary, had fled to Egypt, and were now back in a small village by the name of Nazareth.

Who was the prophet speaking of? Why the lad whose name was JESUS. He should be called a **Nazarene.**

They say that the little town of Nazareth sat on a bluff, overlooking the plain that lay at the foot of the hill. Many things happened in the valley below, great caravans from Greece passed by, the tramping sound of Roman legions filled the air as they marched along, and of course there were the priests in their long robes. In all of this noise and confusion Nazareth was left out. The meaning of the word Nazareth is a **Sprout**, or **Shoot**, something that was of no use, a thing to be held in contempt. One cuts down a tree and a **Sprout** grows out. Something that is not wanted, and so was this little town that was cut off from all the movements of the world. No wonder then that the Saviour of mankind should be held in contempt by so many, coming from a village that is not worth naming.

In Isaiah 11:1 we read: "And there shall come forth a shoot out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch out of his roots." This same prophet of God had foretold the destruction of Israel, and now we see a **Sprout** coming forth, one that will be despised by so many of the world, but loved so dearly by those who are sick and mourn for the comforting fragrance of God's bouquet to the world. In Jer. 33:15 we read: "In those days, and at that time, will I cause a Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land." Praise God! The one held in contempt shall have a place after all, the stone the builders have refused will become the **Chief** cornerstone. Yes, the **Nazarene** shall reign as "King of Kings and Lord of Lords."

Just one look into the eyes of the man called the "Carpenter," and he will repair your broken heart. Just one touch of the "Master's Hand," and all pain subsides. Oh! When will the world learn that Jesus loves

Brother Wooster To Serve Another Term

We are happy to announce that Brother Roy Wooster has accepted the position as superintendent of the Apostolic Faith Bible School for the coming term of 1956. Let us pray with him and for him, that again a great school may convene.

UVALDE, TEXAS—

The people of this section of the country are quite enthused over their Young People's Rallies, and are looking forward to many blessings from this source. The churches at Leakey, Campwood, Vanderpool, and Uvalde are all praying for revivals. The Apostolic Faith Report is proving a blessing in this vicinity also.

LEROEY, KANSAS—

Brother and Sister Van Earl Blythe report that the Lord is blessing in the work. There was one saved in the past Sunday night service and they are looking forward for more victories as the days go by. They were permitted to be in the Bible School a few days which was a blessing to them.

them, and wants to be loved in return? Why do people not turn to the man of Galilee? When will men learn He is God's bouquet to a sin-sick world? One might still hear wafted on the breeze the question of old. "Can anything good come out of Nazareth," and if you would listen close enough you would hear the answering echo of Philip. "Come and See."

CAMP MEETING

DATES—

August 4 - 14

LOCATION—

Laverne, Okla.

Last Minute Reports and Plans

The revival conducted by Brother Kerr at Taneyville, Mo., met with good success. There was great interest shown with large crowds. Several were converted and a general awakening brought to the church. This church is planning a Daily Vacation Bible School beginning May 23 with Brother and Sister Kerr in charge. Jimmy Wallis, pastor.

Brother Kerr will start a revival at Sunray, Texas, in the very near future, and some of the '55 Bible students will be his co-workers. Sister Pearl Yeakley, pastor.

We want to express our thanks to "an unknown sender" for the offering for the Apostolic Faith Report. The Lord bless and reward you accordingly.

Brother and Sister S. B. Echols have moved into the parsonage part of the new church and will soon conduct services here as the building is far enough along in construction to be usable.

We understand that construction on the new church at Amarillo, Tex., under the direction of Brother Modrick will start immediately.

Some have written in, in regards to the need of ministers and workers in their church or community that so far no direct burden has been laid upon the heart of anyone by the Lord. Let us pray that all these calls may get a definite answer.

We are now able to report that the Sunday School class in Bible School has been very helpful. Our prayer is that everyone in the movement will feel a need for bigger and better Sunday Schools where spirituality may be gained and sacred truths may be taught.

We are asking the Lord to bless the work at Ft. Sumner, New Mexico. Brother and Sister Hickman have returned to this point and are anxious to see the work revived for the glory of the Lord.

Brother Leon Smith (address Quitman, Mississippi) writes us about the work at Hinton, Alabama. The Lord continues to meet with this people and they are looking forward to greater services and re-

vivals as the days come.

A Youth Revival will begin April 10 at Guymon, Okla. Brother Jerry McClenagan and Brother Harold J. Bolinger with their youth gospel party will be in charge. May the Lord bless these young people as they go forth to witness for him. Eugene Cornell, pastor.

Brother Marcus Adair reports that all is well with the Follett church. They, too, are asking the Lord for a revival at His given time.

Brother Edwin Waterbury and Brother Austin Morgan will begin a revival in Bayard, Nebraska, April 17. We are sure that this church will be greatly blessed by the efforts of this fine evangelistic party.

Brother and Sister Gene Waterbury have accepted the pastorate at the country church near Elkins, Ark. Brother Neil Ragan has been pastoring there for the last several months.

March 31—In regards to Bible School practically all the lessons have been completed. The next two or three days will be given to examinations and recording of grades and then the final exercises. It has been a good school, and the blessings of the Lord have rested upon our efforts. Advancement in spiritual and educational lines has been our goal, and above all our theme of continual praise unto the Lord has prevailed.

Brother and Sister Alexander Wisnoski, of Lovington, New Mexico have completed their work in that section of the country and are open for calls. Contact them if you need help as pastors or evangelists.

The revival just closed at Enid, Okla., was a gracious one. The church received many blessings. Brother and Sister Charles Mahan were the evangelists, assisted by Brother and Sister Claude Bishop and Sister Edna Neff. Brother and Sister Lealand Grimmer, pastors.



IN VAIN...

By Joanne Shandley

Was it in vain that Jesus trod
That road to Calvary?

Was it in vain the Son of God
Bore pain and agony?

Was it in vain — the crown of thorns
That tore His precious Head?
Did He in vain bear hateful scorn?
In vain, His life's blood shed?

He died for you! The message cry
And shout it o'er again;
In you alone the answer lies. . .
"Did Jesus die in vain?"

LAVERNE, OKLA.—

The Apostolic Faith church of Laverne, Okla., will celebrate their 25th anniversary with a week of special service, which will begin with 3 services and basket dinner on May 15th and continue through the week or as long as the Lord may lead.

A homecoming service will be a feature of the afternoon service with Brother Ben Barker in charge. Brother Olen Bachler will be speaking in the evening services.

There will be talented singers and workers helping in these services.

You have a cordial invitation to come and enjoy these special anniversary services. Jack Barker, pastor.

BOKCHITA, OKLA.—

Word has been received from Brother and Sister Stutenroth that they have a new church organized which they call "People's Holiness church." These people are praying that the Lord will send them a pastor. The Lord is blessing their efforts, and we trust that each move shall be directed by the Lord. For further information contact P. C. Bundrant.

CAMP-WOOD, TEXAS—

The young people of this district met here April 2. It is good to know that the youth as well as the older people can serve the Lord in spirit and in truth and can enjoy meeting together in His name.

**THE YOKE OF GOD WILL
NEVER FIT ON A STIFF NECK.**

HE DIDN'T HAVE A LAWYER

By Guilford L. Jones

District Attorney, Big Spring, Tex.

I am a lawyer. My concept of being a lawyer is that it is for me to be an advocate—not a judge. Others can afford to speculate on the guilt or innocence of my client — I cannot. If he has been charged with a crime he needs a lawyer and that is my job.

My friends sometimes ask why I defended a certain murderer or thief — is it just a way of making money? No, it honestly isn't that. If you can spare a few minutes, I'll try to explain it to you. . . .

You see, I had a friend, a very dear friend, who was convicted of a felony. I will never forget how unfair that trial was. He was arrested on suspicion—no sworn complaint as the law requires, but he thought it best to not make a fuss about it and he went willingly enough to appear before the grand jury. He must have been amazed when he found that the grand jury had not been properly selected and that it had been intentionally stacked against him. There was never before or since such a grand jury. Actually it was composed of a carefully selected group of his personal enemies and accuser. They even permitted the prosecuting attorney (who had a personal grudge against my friend) to remain in the jury room and participate in all of their discussions and deliberations.

Well, they brought in several witnesses to testify against him, but even their own selected witnesses were so inconsistent the grand jury couldn't even frame an indictment. And then they started to work on him. No one told him he didn't have to testify and that if he did, everything he said could be used against him. No one told him of his constitutional right of silence . . . and so, he made a statement. No, what my friend told them was not a confession of crime — but he admitted certain things that gave them an excuse to indict him. Actually he admitted he had done certain things, but correctly denied they constituted any crime. Finally the prosecuting at-

torney said, "So what if we don't have enough evidence against him. He has confessed all we need — let's indict him," and they did. And then in less than twenty-four hours he was put to trial.

At the trial they had no new evidence against him. He listened to what they had to say and made no effort to defend himself . . . he knew it was useless. They simply threw away the book that says a man is innocent until proven guilty, and instead, they dared him to prove his innocence. My friend had no lawyer that day. In that entire city there wasn't one lawyer with guts enough to stand up and represent him. Public feeling and resentment was too great.

And so he was tried. Under the pressure of public opinion, before a judge who actually invited the influence of mob sentiment, in a hasty, star — chamber proceeding, on perjured evidence and without a lawyer — he was tried and convicted. . . and that wasn't all. No, that isn't the complete story of this tragic day, for you see, he **wasn't even guilty!** That's right, my friend was convicted of a crime he did not commit. But he was convicted, and he was punished. . . and his punishment was a "cruel and unusual punishment" — the most inhuman ever devised. For my friend there was no blessed, painless gas chamber, or a quick searing bolt of electricity — nor even the shuddering, neck-cracking thud at the end of a hangman's rope. No — no, my friend died for a crime he did not commit — my friend and your friend, **Jesus of Nazareth**, was crucified for the sins of all mankind!

On a frontier ranch there was a herd of mules. Every night the wolves came out of the nearby forest and attacked them. Terribly frightened, they kicked promiscuously, doing many times as much damage to each other as to the wolves. Finally, a wise old mule saw the solution to the problem. He instructed his companions, and that night when the wolves came the mules all rushed together, putting their heads together and began kicking outward. The moral is plain.

Go as far as you can on the right road.

SO THE NAZARENE IS DEAD

By William E. A. Axon

"So the Nazarene is dead,"
Caiaphas the high priest said.
"His wonder-working deeds are o'er,
He will trouble us no more.
May blasphemers such as He
Perish on the shameful tree,
And our holy Temple's law
Be kept free from every flaw;
For the Temple must have sway
'Til heaven and earth shall
pass away."

"So the Nazarene is dead,"
Caiaphas the high priest said.

"So the Nazarene is dead,"
In his palace Pilate said.
"Good His words and just His life,
But the priests who stirred up strife
Said His followers would be
From imperial Rome set free.
Vain their plotting and their care—
All the yoke of Rome must bear—
Rome that will forever stand
Mighty Lord of every land."

"So the Nazarene is dead,"
In his palace Pilate said.

The Temple now has passed away,
Ended Rome's imperial day,
But the Nazarene still lives,
Peace to myriad souls He gives—
Lives in gentle words and deeds,
In all that meets the spirit's needs,
And the cross on which He died
By His death is sanctified;
Hosts in many lands acclaim
The Crucified One by His name;
In their faithful hearts are seen
The ever-living Nazarene.

Priest and Pilate both have said
That the Nazarene is dead.
False their wisdom—false their lore:
He lives now and ever more.

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA—

Sister Mable Worth writes that the Lord is blessing in their efforts for the gospel. Sister Etta Mae Peters has spent a few days with them and they have held some prayer meetings in the home of Brother and Sister Wiley Allen. They would like to see a church established here and would like the prayers of the Christian people that the Lord would lay it upon the heart of someone of the Apostolic Faith to come and help them.

Is There Not a Cause

By Donald D. Dibbens

I Samuel 17:28-29, "And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spake unto the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, why camest thou down hither and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle. And David said, What have I now done? Is there not a cause?"

The word "cause" is used in several ways. That which affects a result is one way. This makes cause and effect. The cause, of an electrical short, is the lack of sufficient insulation between the wires that conduct the electricity and the ground. When the electricity makes contact between the conducting wire and the ground there is an unusual use of electrical energy creating extra heat. This causes the fuse to melt thereby discontinuing the circuit. Insufficient insulation on the wires was the cause of the fuse blowing. This is cause and effect. Another use of "cause" is an agent that brings something about. This is also cause and effect, but it comes in a different manner. Joseph Stalin caused Russia to follow a certain policy with other countries. John L. Lewis was the cause of the C. I. O. Workers Union following a certain course. The Congress of the United States is the cause of the United States breaking certain relations with certain countries. The Republican Party is the cause of the overall policy of the United States. These causes and effects were brought about by an individual or a group of individuals. Another use of "cause" is any matter or question to be decided. It is in this manner that we see the use of "cause" in our text concerning a part of the life of David. "Is there not a cause?" This means an incentive to spur one on in the face of great odds. George Washington and the small handful of men endured hardships, and fought for the cause that burned within their hearts. This great heroic effort by the help of God, enabled us

to enjoy the liberty of living in a Democracy and worship God to the dictate of our conscience. Fights are brought about because a cause is at stake. This would include physical, political, verbal, and all fights. The wars of nations have been fought for a cause. It might not have been a worthy cause but a cause is a cause, whether it is worthy or unworthy. The efforts of our life, by all means, should be motivated by a cause. When there is not a cause at stake, then there is a lack of zeal and good judgment. Jesus learned obedience through the things that he suffered, but he did not suffer in vain. The main reason, for the acts of Jesus, was that he came to do the Father's will. This was sufficient cause for Jesus, and it should be sufficient cause for us. Is there not a cause for living righteously and godly in this present world? Yes indeed. First, it is the Father's will. Second, we are responsible for keeping the gospel light shining. Third, freely we have received freely give; others need the help of God. Fourth, this is the only way to assure ourselves of immortality.

Within the compass of our thought there lies, "cause and effect," and "cause." The reason, for Israel and the Philistines being in battle, was because of the failure of King Saul. This first King of Israel refused to obey the voice of God. He was to have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. Instead he saved the King and the finest of the herds. When asked about this Saul affirmed that he had done the will of God. Because of this lie Saul was rejected as King of Israel. He still served in this capacity but God had rejected him. This is the reason that war came with the Philistines. In the meantime Samuel had anointed David as king and, though just a lad, he was ordained of God as King of Israel. Though only a few knew it, this little lad fought the giant as God ordained King of Israel. When David asked the question, "Is there not a cause," he was thinking of the failure of King Saul that brought on this conflict. I feel that David had more in mind than just this. The future of Israel was

at stake. In this manner "the cause" became very important. Israel could have been defeated by a single man. Here also was a chance to show forth the greatness of God. Man should not be motivated by individual thinking, but by the cause of Christianity. The cause of Israel, the chosen of God, was being contested. If God was leading Israel then this would be a simple hurdle on their path to victory. If God was not leading Israel, then this would be a difficult hurdle and possibly could mean disaster. God did not see fit to come in person to fight the giant. God did not see fit to send an angel to defeat the giant. God did not find a man in all the army of Israel. There were great men in this army, and still God did not find one with the proper qualities to meet this giant. One of the main reasons for this lack of courage was that they were relying on their natural ability instead of trusting in God. The giant had struck fear into the hearts of every soldier. The cause of God's protection, of Israel, was at stake. With all this apparent defeat, God was not defeated. From the flocks, on the hillside, God impressed Jesse to send the little lad, David, to see how his older brothers were faring in the battle.

David arrived on the battlefield and heard the shouts of battle as the day dawned, and the battle was to be put in array. This young lad's heart was filled with expectation, and he desired to see his brothers and the army of Israel do mighty deeds that day. About that time the giant appeared and everyone fled. When this was explained to David and the challenge that the giant made, the cause seemed greater to David, than the size, renown, and challenge of the giant. After standing the tongue lashing of his brother, David was ushered into the presence of King Saul. To verify that he was capable of this battle, he affirmed to Saul how that he had killed a bear and a lion while keeping the sheep. Saul finally gave this little lad permission to go fight the giant. Here was a meeting of the King in name, Saul, and the King indeed, David. I'm sure that Saul did not feel that the battle was won as this little lad departed. David did the proper

thing by securing the permission of Saul, but more important than this was the permission that he already had; and this permission came from God. The only assurance that could be noted was the explicit faith that David had in God to deliver the giant into his hand.

Now we compare the cause as we turn our thinking to the conversation between the giant and David just before the fight. Here is the cause of Goliath: I Samuel 17:42-44, "And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him; for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance. And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field." Here was self assurance in its greatest degree. This is typical of human nature. The cause here was an improper cause. "Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field." This was too much of self and not enough of God. On the other hand here is the cause of David. I Samuel 17:45-49, "Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield; but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand: and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcass of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. And all the assembly shall know that the Lord saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hands. And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hastened, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slung it, and smote the Philistine in the forehead, and the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth." This little lad relied wholly upon God, and this is the lesson we all must learn to be able to defeat the enemy of our souls. This is the

cause for which David was fighting. "I come to thee in the name of the God of Israel, whom ye defy." "This God of Israel shall deliver you into our hands, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel." "For the battle is the Lord's." It is small wonder that David asked the question, "Is there not a cause?"

Our service, to the Lord, should be backed by a cause. One of the greatest causes today is the cause of keeping the Gospel ever rolling on. Another cause is to stand against sin. The general disregard for God and Christianity is cause enough to live righteously and godly in this present world. This presents to each of us a mighty challenge. When one must face the majority and stand fast for God and right; the cause should help to gird us for the effort. Sin is abounding and unless we hold our ground and gain for God, the sin business will absorb many that should be Christians. Souls are dying in sin and despair. We may feel like we are fighting giants, but as God was with David so will God be with us. "Is there not a cause?" Let us arise to the occasion and win soul supremacy.

CENTER POINT, TEXAS—

We would like to give an invitation to the Apostolic Faith ministers to come by for services, which are conducted on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7:30. Sunday services consist of Sunday School at 10:00 a. m., and Morning Worship at 11:00 a. m. The Young People meet at 6:45 p. m., under the leadership of Brother Donald Crowhurst; Evangelistic Service is at 7:30 p. m. Lots of improvement has been made on the parsonage and on the yards. There has been an increase in attendance since Christmas, and they are praying for an old-time revival. We pray God's richest blessing to rest upon this work. Brother and Sister Joe Faries, pastors.

LEAKEY, TEXAS—

Dear Christian Friends: We enjoy the Apostolic Faith Report very much. We are having some good services and the Lord meets with us. We are looking forward to a Revival soon. All ministers of the Faith are invited to come and be in services with us. James Hosler, pastor.

My Thanks

Such precious memories crowd my mind,
As I think o'er the past;
Of countless blessings thou, O' Lord
Upon my life has cast.

The friends I've made in by-gone days,
To me still seem the best;
For them, O' God, I thank Thee now,
Though words cannot express.

The privilege to see this earth,
Which Thou hast made for man,
The things Thou hast put on it too;
Formed by Thy mighty hand.

The right to think and move and see,
To hear and taste and smell;
Oh God, to number all good things
Time would not last to tell.

To breathe Thy air and have good health
Are riches all untold;
Help me to treasure these today,
More than I would fine gold.

The churches too, some great, some small,
A shrine to which we flee;
May I to them in reverence go,
And humbly worship Thee.

As I my gifts enumerate,
A costly one is time;
A gift we all must use right now,
It waits not for mankind.

Thy Son, the Gift, eternal life;
My hope, Thy word conveys;
For all these things I offer thanks,
My gratitude and praise.

—Delilah Wooster

KAYCEE, WYOMING—

We appreciated hearing from Brother and Sister Carl Sanders; also from Brother Leon Sanders, a former student of this school. Pray for these people, that God may bless their efforts in this place where He has placed them to serve.

CAVE SPRINGS, ARKANSAS—

We are glad to report that the Lord is blessing in this field. They have made some improvements in the parsonage, and the work has the approval of the Lord upon it. Pray for Brother and Sister James Brooks, the pastors. Congratulations on the arrival of your new son, James Richard Brooks.

SECUNDERABAD, INDIA—

Word has been received from Brother Stephen Abraham that he reached India on February 9. The trip was without mishap of any kind and upon arriving in Bombay, he was met by his wife and son. He has been in quite a number of meetings already and is busy in the work of the Lord.

At present he is in the Travencore Cochin area doing some preaching and also visiting with his parents that live in that locality. Brother Stephen will continue his work in the Telegu area near the city of Hyderabad. This is a very needy place for the Gospel. Abraham asks an interest in the prayers of the people for the work of the Lord in India. He sends his greetings to all his dear friends in the States. Anyone desiring to write Brother Stephen may do so by writing his home address or simply to T. S. Abraham, Box 4, Follett, Texas, which is his address in the states and all his mail is sent to him.

BAYARD, NEBRASKA—

The church here has come a long ways in the last few months. From almost zero and neglected premises, the work has moved forward to a place of victory and blessing. The Christians are very concerned, and have a greater spirit of prayer, and carry a heavier burden. Sister Ruth Lager and Sister Edna Palmer attended Bible School from this church. Brother and Sister Amos Harris are the pastors. We have indeed been glad to have them visit the Bible School, and have enjoyed their fellowship.

AMARILLO, TEXAS—

The last report that came to us was that soon the work would begin in construction for a new church for the Apostolic Faith. Pray earnestly that the Lord will bless and supply every need. God has been gracious to Brother and Sister John Modrick as they labor in this place.

LEAKEY, TEXAS—

Rev. Winston Barker will begin a revival at Leakey, Texas on April 10th. His evangelistic party will consist of: Rev. and Mrs. Jim Morris, Mr. and Mrs. John Billings, Steve Welsh, and Harold Crane.

From the Superintendent:

As superintendent of the Bible School I wish to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to you as the Apostolic Faith Movement for your prayers, your financial support, and for your splendid co-operation during this 1955 term of school.

The Lord has abundantly supplied the needs of the table. We have had plenty of meats, such as pork, beef, chicken, fish, ham, etc. The churches of this district brought in pies, cakes and doughnuts. In fact our stay here has been very pleasant.

Again we want to thank you for everything you have done to make this Bible School possible; may God bless you.

R. D. WOOSTER, Supt.

SAN LEON COMMUNITY CHURCH—

Brother and Sister W. H. Campbell write us that the work is progressing from this point. They have Sunday School at 9:45 a. m., and Morning Worship at 11:00, the Evening Service at 7:30, and they also have a Friday night service at the same hour. Sister Pauline Parham is now showing some of her 2,000 Bible pictures on Friday night. W. H. and R. E. Campbell are in charge of the work.

KATY, TEXAS—

The blessings of the Lord continues to rest on this work. The Sunday School is growing and everybody appreciates the efforts that are put forth on every service. **Gospel Crusaders** is the title of the Musical Religious program which is heard every Sunday morning at 8:30 from station KFRD, Rosenberg. This is a remote control program from the Katy Apostolic church. Under their directorship and sponsorship. Mr. and Mrs. Olen Bachler, pastors.

TANEYVILLE, MO.—

The Lord is blessing in the revival that is being conducted at this time (March 18) by Brother Kay Kerr. The attendance is quite large and the interest is exceptionally good. There has been several conversions and the church has gained a much needed victory. Brother and Sister Jimmy Wallis, pastors.

KAYENTA, ARIZONA—

Brother and Sister Paul A. Ross are teaching in an Indian reservation school known as the Denehotso School. Their nearest shopping center is about 115 miles away. Their students are practically all Indians. However, they enjoy the work here and ask an interest in your prayers that they may be a blessing.

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