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report:

*“...Thou
hast made
summer and
WINTER.”*

Ps. 74:17b



Editorial Comment...

WINTER — SHOWS IT AS IT IS.

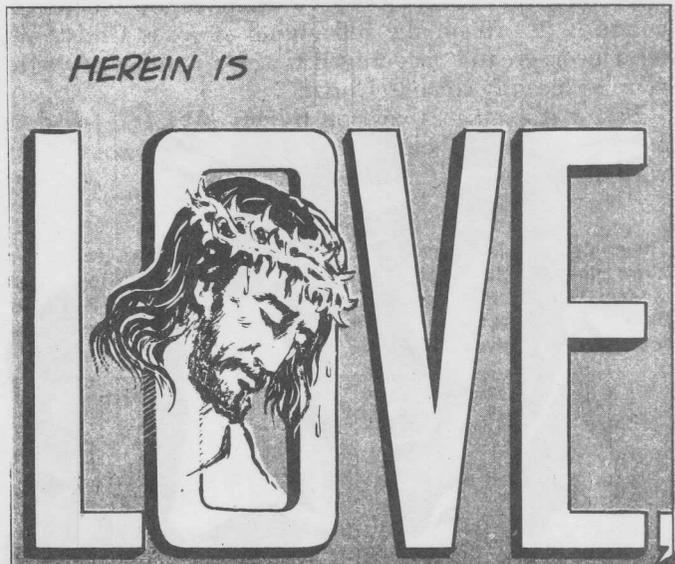
Winter has never been my favorite time of the year. Oh it is beautiful when the snow piles high and covers everything, then even the garbage dump and every ugly weed patch and junk heap looks like an artist's masterpiece. But the beauty of the snow doesn't last long, as a rule it soon melts and is gone and then things take on their original hue. It is so cold and our pace is slowed down and we can't get out and go and get things done. I like Spring with the budding of new life everywhere: flowers, grass, trees, shrubs, and fields all decked out in an array of color with God's variegated greens in abundance in all directions. Summer is a favorite time too; when we can gather sweet yellow ears of corn, ripe, red tomatoes, okra, fresh green beans and all the other good vegetables God provides. The flowers are still in abundance along with the fields of ripened grain on every side ready to be harvested. Then there is the Autumn with the whole world putting on its show of colors of a different hue, deep reds, golds, ambers, a variety of browns and sprinkled with the fading greens; it's always been the best time of all for me. I like the briskness in the air — the temperature is neither too hot nor too cold and the vitality that was lost in the heat of the summer returns. But this year winter has taken on a new and wonderful meaning to me and I have learned some lessons from it.

Winter shows it as it is. In the other three seasons of the year the crops in the fields and pastures, the leaves on the trees, and the foliage on the underbrush hide the real contour of the land and cover the real shape of the limbs of the trees and the underbrush; but in winter the trees and bushes are bare for the most part and even the leaves on the ground have been carried away by the winds, the crops have been harvested and the ground is ploughed, the cattle have grazed the pastures bare and there is nothing to hide the view. Hills and mounds, holes and crevices, places washed out by the wind and the rain, twisted, bent and broken tree limbs are all in plain view with nothing to hide or camouflage. . . It is absolutely amazing what the bareness of winter reveals, and at the same time our pace is slowed down so we can really see if we will.

Oh, we enjoy the Springs, Summers and Autumns of our life, but when the good Lord sends a cold winter's blast our way, straight from the North, and suddenly all the color, foliage and good things of life seem to disappear, we cry, "O, Lord, Why do we have to have the winter? It's cold and bare and I don't like it." But it is then the Lord lets us get a glimpse of things as they really are. We can start to reconsider and find out what is really important to us in the light of eternity, and to sort out the essentials from the non-essentials; to see clearly the broken vows that need mending, the twisted, crooked places that need straightening, the holes that need to be filled up, and the mounds that need to be pushed down, so things can be leveled off. We are made to face plain reality. God makes no mistakes; His winters in life are for a purpose. Trees that have stood the storms of win-

ter, with their fierce winds, snow, sleet and rains, have become stronger and their roots have gone down deeper into the good old earth. The weak ones that couldn't take it are uprooted and lay prone by their side. Oh yes, God knows His business, His winters are for a purpose, and may I never forget the lesson He has taught me through them. The bleak, barren, uncoveredness of winter speaks to us in a thousand ways if we but take heed. God knows we humans all too well. He sends winter only one season out of four. He gives three times as much beauty and covering as bareness and plainness. He must have known we couldn't face stark reality any more often than that — for **Winter Shows it as it is.** Do we dare to take a good look? N. R. B.

We must live through the dreary winter
If we would value the Spring;
And the woods must be cold and silent
Before the robins sing.
The flowers must be buried in darkness
Before they can bud and bloom,
And the sweetest, warmest sunshine
Comes after the storm and the gloom.



I John 4:10

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Tour Of Churches In Behalf Of The Bible College

Supt. Ted Barker and Group

Bro. Ted Barker has accepted the Superintendent's post for the Bible School for next term. At present he is preparing to leave on a three month tour of all our churches in behalf of the school. He will have with him the following former students of the school, which will form a special musical group, that will include a quartet

and ladies' trio: Shari Cook, Carolyn, Glowanda, and Barbara Quisenbury, Rick French and Doug Hibbs. The following is a tentative itinerary for the group. All the dates have not as yet been confirmed, so we are relatively sure that some switching around will have to be done because of other conflicting services, and revivals in the different churches.

JANUARY —	27 Pine Hill, Ala.	26 Baxter Springs, Kans.
31 Arnett, Okla.	28 Taneyville, Mo.	27 Fayetteville, Ark.
FEBRUARY —	29 (open)	28 Union Chapel
1 Shattuck, Okla.	MARCH —	29 Granby, Mo.
2 Laverne, Okla.	1 (open)	30 Crosses, Ark.
3 Follett, Texas	2 Cave Springs, Ark.	31 Kansas City, Mo.
4 Woodward, Okla.	3 Joplin, Mo.	APRIL —
5 Midway, Okla.	4 Galena, Kans.	1 (open)
6 Balko, Okla. A. M.	5 Baxter Springs, Kans.	2 Baxter Springs, Kans.
7 Hardesty, Okla. P. M.	6 Rockdale, Texas	3 (open)
8 Beaver, Okla.	7 Gause, Texas	4 Denver, Colo.
8 Liberal, Kans.	8 Tomball, Texas	5 Bayard, Neb.
9 Goodwell, Okla.	9 Bellville, Texas	6 Hudson, Wyo.
10 Perryton, Texas	10 Hempstead, Texas	7 (open)
11 Spearman, Texas	11 Pattison, Texas	8 (open)
12 Gray, Okla.	12 Katy, Texas, A. M.	9 Stockton, Calif.
13 Guymon, Okla. A. M.	12 Alvin, Texas, P. M.	10 Modesto, Calif.
13 Amarillo, Texas P. M.	13 (open)	11 (open)
14 Dumas, Texas	14 Wayside Chapel	12 Spring Valley, Calif.
15 Canyon, Texas	15 Center Point, Texas	13 (open)
16 Pampa, Texas	16 Vanderpool, Texas	14 (open)
17 Enid, Okla.	17 Leakey, Texas	15 (open)
18 Del City, Okla.	18 (open)	16 Imperial Beach, Calif.
19 (open)	19 Big Spring, Texas, A. M.	17 (open)
20 Baxter Springs, Kans.	19 Snyder, Texas, P. M.	18 Las Vegas, Nev.
21 (open)	20 Ralls, Texas	19 (open)
22 (open)	21 Kingman, Kans.	20 Roswell, New Mex.
23 Magnolia, Ark.	22 Wichita, Kans.	21 Lovington, New Mex.
24 Hinton, Ala.	23 Purdy, Mo.	22 BACK HOME
25 Snell, Miss.	24 Centerton, Ark.	
26 (open)	25 Prosperity, Mo.	

REVIVALS

January 23, was the beginning date of two revivals; One in Beaver, Oklahoma with Bro. Paul Clanton the Evangelist, and the other in Taneyville, Missouri with Bro. O. A. Busch the Evangelist. Bro. Winston Barker is the pastor in Beaver and Bro. Gail and Sis. Edna Schultz are pastors in Taneyville.

Battle Mountain, Nevada

We received a nice letter from Floyd and Judy Fletcher asking us to express for them in the Report their sincere thanks and appreciation for all the cards and prayers for Floyd's recovery through his recent back surgery. They report that "He has made nice progress and the Lord certainly has been with us. Riding and sitting are the most difficult things for him at this time but he is able to work for short periods now."

Continue to remember them in your prayers and I'm sure they would enjoy some mail too. They are off the beaten track you know.

Pine Hill, Ala.

God is still faithful and true in "72"! I'm so glad He's the same yesterday, today and forever and will meet our every need as we trust Him for them. We are so thankful for the good revival we have experienced. Bro. and Sis. Lowell Long, Dorothy Kinser and Lois Riley came our way and ministered to us. God met and supplied needs to all of us and we praise His name.

Bro. Jim Arnall, Pastor

Union Chapel, Stella, Mo.

Bro. Ronnie Martin held a revival in our church in January. His messages have been a blessing to us and several of our young people have been saved. The Quisenbury sisters and Shari Cook were in charge of the special music and were helped by others from the Granby church. We enjoyed very much all the good music.

**Sis. Lola Kidd, reporter
Bro. Bob Cooper, Pastor**



Edna, Texas — Wayside Chapel

We would like to extend our appreciation to Sis. Busch for a splendid job on the Report and for carrying such a burden for it. May God richly bless you Sis. Busch.

It was wonderful to be able to close a year and start another one as we did at the Katy Convocation. Praise God for a Sweet Spirit. We were glad we could attend the Convocation and want to say thank you to the Katy Church and their pastor and his wife, Bro. and Sis. Kerr for their prayers, time, and labor that it took to make the Convocation a real success.

Wayside Chapel is looking forward to a great New Year in the Lord.

Earl Malone, Pastor

Cave Springs, Ark.

We're happy to report that God has richly blessed us here at Cave Springs. Our attendance has been real good, for which we are thankful. Recently we had one saved in his home. We thank God for the Holy Spirit which deals with lives, and makes them to see their need of God.

We're praying that God will send us a revival in the very near future. We invite Ministers and Gospel Workers of the faith to come and be with us in service at any time.

Austin Sutton, Pastor

Goodwell, Oklahoma

The Apostolic Faith Student Center has begun a building project to enlarge the present facilities. The project consists of a 20 x 50 wing that will connect to the existing building. We've felt very strongly for over a year that this extra room is desperately needed.

We thank God that He has allowed us to have a successful year. Your prayers and support would be appreciated.

**Bill M. Patterson, Director
Edwin Modrick,
Building Co-ordinator**

Arnett, Oklahoma

The Lord has been good to us and blessed us with funds for our remodeling project and we are very thankful for this. To all those who helped us with our remodeling we wish to say thank you for a job well done.

We remembered the bountiful way the Lord had supplied our needs and we gave thanks with a Thanksgiving Dinner held November 21, 1971 at the church. A good attendance was present and they gave wonderful testimonies of praise.

Our Christmas program was presented by our children and young people and they did a fine job. We appreciate the efforts of our youth and children in their work for the Lord. God blessed them for their efforts to live for him. They have been studying diligently the Word of God that they may be better soldiers of the cross. We rejoice that there are still young people who live for the Lord.

Bible study continues in the Ioland Community on Thursday nights. The number at times has been few but the Lord blessed in each service. We trust warmer weather will bring more out to these services.

Our ladies prayer service has been changed from Tuesday night to Friday afternoons at 2:00 p. m.

We extend an invitation to all ministers and workers for the Lord to come by and be with us at any time you can.

**Ruby V. Kibbe, reporter
Rene A. Heil, pastor**

Report of the Pampa Chapel

Greetings to each one in the New Year of 1972. This is our first Report of the year. We are thankful for the blessings of God that each one has had thus far in the New Year.

Not many from our Church attended Convocation except Our Pastor and family and Sister Robert Girouard. They report wonderful services. We have our new carpet installed in the basement of the Church and it is really appreciated.

We are looking forward to the concert from the Canyon Choir in the next few weeks. Also enjoyed Bro. Marcus Adair and his good Sermon on Wednesday night. He spoke primarily to the Young People of our Church, but we all enjoyed it. Also with him was Sister Bowen from Colorado.

Our Pastor is planning a Contest for Easter to help bring people to Church. We are hoping for a 100 for Sunday School. Also we have been having a Radio Program on KPND. It has been well received with the people of the town.

We are praying for a week-end Revival soon and hope to have a long Revival about Easter. So pray with us for these services.

We are also looking forward to the 16th of February when Bro. Ted Barker will be here in the interest of Bible School.

Our Youth Rallies have been well attended. We are in the Tri-State and also have the young People from all of Pampa, Skellytown, Kingsmill and Sunray.

**Anabel Simmons, reporter
Edwin Waterbury, Pastor**

Hardesty, Oklahoma

We're thankful for the direction of God upon our lives and upon the church. His blessings have been many; and our praise is to Him above.

Initial plans have been made for the complete remodeling of our church. New padded pews and carpet have been ordered along with new decorator windows. As soon as the furnace and air-conditioning work is finished, then work on the walls will begin. God has provided in a marvelous way for this project making us even more aware of His goodness to those that trust in Him.

We've been glad to have the Quesenbery girls in our services recently. It was also nice to have our other Bible School students home, Gaytha Martin and Luan Randles. Also visiting in our service has been Mr. Carol Oakes. We've enjoyed his special singing. May God bless these young people as they live for Him.

Howard Whiteley, pastor

Laverne, Oklahoma

God has granted the church here the opportunity of seeing the 42nd. Watch Night Service held. A large crowd was present with a representation of at least 15 different churches of the movement present, and around 20 Ministers

Brother Howard Whiteley from Hardesty, Okla. and Brother Neil Ragan of Amarillo, Texas were the speakers for the evening and brought some wonderful messages that inspired our hearts.

From the natural eye, the future looks dark as we face the new year, but as Joshua said unto the Children of Israel, as they were preparing to cross the river Jordan. 'For ye have not passed this way before, but sanctify yourselves; for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you'. May we ask God to renew our spirit, sanctify our hearts and set us apart to work and labor for His cause and kingdom. Then the Lord will do and work wonders among us also.

**Lois Daniel, Reporter
Jack Cornell, Pastor**

Roswell, New Mexico

Greetings from the land of enchantment. We give thanks to the Lord for the many spirit filled services. Our Christmas Program was a very big success. The children and youth in the program did an excellent job. Our annual Christmas dinner was enjoyed by all. During the Christmas season the Clay Bard family favored us with their presence in several of our services.

The new year was welcomed by all families. With the new year, plans and materials have been purchased for a much needed roof. We are now praying for a whole week or so of pretty weather.

The church is praying for a revival in the near future. Pray for our people that we may do our part for his cause.

**Jerome Crowhurst, Pastor
Kathy Judd, Reporter**

Ralls, Texas

Greetings in the Name of Jesus. Just a note to let you know we appreciate all that you are doing with the Report. This is a time when we as Apostolic believers need to be drawn closely together, and the "Report" does just that to a great degree.

We enjoyed the closing services of Bible School and we want each of the Bible school students to know that the Church here at Ralls is praying for them.

The church here is slowly growing in number, just pray that we will remain faithful in the work of the Lord. While we were in Baxter the parsonage was shingled, and now we will begin to redecorate the interior. The folk who come to worship have been so good to their pastors, we appreciate them and their faithfulness.

Robert Beydler, Pastor

Galena, Kansas

Our annual Christmas program was presented on Dec. 19th under the direction of Sis. Bonnie Clanton. A play entitled "Christmas House" was presented by the High School and Jr. High classes. A pantomime, portraying the nativity scene was given by the smaller children.

On Christmas Eve the young people of the church visited rest homes in Galena and Lowell, Kans. About 160 treats were given and the group, under the direction of Bro. and Sis. DeWare Hansen, sang carols. Also several shut-ins were visited and presented treats. The Adult Bible Class also took treats to a rest home.

On Wednesday night, Dec. 22nd, we had a communion service in which the presence of the Lord was felt.

**Paul Clanton, Pastor
Rita Robinson, reporter**

Center Point, Texas

The Lord has been good to us through the days of 1971, and we look to the days of 1972 with mixed feelings. We feel assured the Lord will be good, however we wonder what may unfold with all the varied activity of Satan so near on every side. Amongst all this there is the deep abiding hope that "Jesus is coming soon"; therefore we gird ourselves with the armour of God and step into 1972. We ask your prayers for healing for sick bodies; the saving of lost souls; the sanctifying of believers; and the filling of the gift of the Holy Ghost; the leading of the Spirit; the love of the truth; and the strength and integrity to do His will. We welcome fellow ministers and Gospel Workers of the movement to visit us.

Our project on the building in "72" is to install duct-work toward installing air-conditioning. The monthly concerts in the various retirement and Nursing homes in the Kerrville area by "The Old Man of the Hills and Guitar" with the help of Bro. John Blythe is a blessing. There is a good possibility that the Veterans' Hospital will be added to this list in "72".

**Marilyn Buchanan, reporter
Rev. Donald Dibbens, Pastor**

Kingman, Kansas

We have been busy at Kingman. During the Christmas season we had our Christmas program with lots of visitors present. On Jan. 9 Rev. James Hosler and his wife of Laverne, Oklahoma came by for two services. He brought two very inspiring messages that blessed our souls. It was good to see them again. We have had two work days at the Church with several tasks getting done, but there is still a lot to do.

Looking ahead, we have a Revival scheduled for Jan. 19 with Rev. Ollie Kinser and family and Terry Mathis assisting. During the Revival on Sunday Jan. 23 the Gerald Crouse family of Wichita will be with us for special singing. We are looking forward to the revival and praying that these services will be a great blessing to all and that new lives will be reached for Christ.

We covet the prayers of everyone and extend an invitation to others to drop by anytime.

Mrs. Vernon Keeling, reporter
Carl Jelsovsky, Pastor

Apostolic Faith Church Beaver, Oklahoma

Rev. and Mrs. Winston Barker assumed pastorate of the Beaver Apostolic Faith Church August 15, 1971.

The Barkers stated they have enjoyed renewing old acquaintances. Beaver County is where they were reared but this is the first time in twenty years that they have lived in this vicinity. Most of Bro. Barker's work in the ministry has been in south Texas.

Since their move to Beaver the parsonage has been redecorated and carpeted throughout. Soon after the remodeling project was completed a welcoming party and grocery shower was given by the congregation honoring Bro. and Sis. Barker.

Bro. Barker preached the annual community Thanksgiving service held at the Beaver Methodist Church on November 24 and has become active in the local Ministerial Alliance.

A series of Bible Lessons on 'the Kingdom' is being given on Wednesday nights by Bro. Barker.

A revival is planned to begin the last of January. The church requests prayer for this revival that God will bless in a mighty way.

Winston Barker, Pastor
Leora Woodson, Reporter

Guymon, Oklahoma

Bro. Bill Patterson directed the Christmas cantata on Dec. 19. It was one of John Petterson's "Love Transcending" and their regular Christmas program was Wed. Dec. 22nd.

As this is preparing to go to press Bro. Otto Busch of Baxter Springs, Kansas begins a revival in Guymon Sunday Jan. 9.

Prayer meetings at the Book Shack are Wed. 9 A. M. They also have weekly Ladies and Men's prayer meetings held in the different homes or at the church.

Edwin Modrick, Pastor

Crosses, Ark.

During the month of Nov. Bro. Doc Methvin held a revival for us. Several prayed through to deeper blessings.

Restrooms and a classroom have been added to the church. The classroom doubles as a Nursery.

We need the prayers of all the churches that our church here at Crosses will continue to grow in the things of the Lord.

Roland Haney, Pastor
Winona Waggoner, reporter

Big Springs, Texas

Dec. 3, 1971 Fellowship meetings for four different area churches were started. The churches included in this fellowship are, Big Spring, Snyder and Ralls, Texas and Lovington, New Mexico.

Bro. Hap Blythe was the speaker for this meeting, the next one will be held Jan. 7, 1972 in Big Spring. We desire the prayers of Christian people for these meetings.

Carolyn Boyd, Secretary
David Cass, President

Stockton, Calif.

We have seen God move in very special ways over the past months and we stand in awe at how He's blessed our church. There have been souls saved and eight baptized in water and three filled with the Holy Spirit and several growing in the deeper things of God.

We had a few days revival with Steve and Linda Priest ministering to us by music and the Living Word. We felt the presence of the Lord every night. The Lord has blessed Dewey and Saundra Flock's ministry here on the west coast and we appreciate them very much.

We look forward to getting the Report, the paper draws us closer together. Let us bear one another's burdens until He comes for His own.

Della Priest, reporter
Dewey Flock, Pastor

Willow, Alaska

It has been a year or so since we have sent in any news to the Report and we would like to share with you what God has been doing here. He has certainly fed us on His word and supplied our every need.

Much finishing work was completed on the Sunday School rooms last spring. The ladies enjoyed painting and the youngsters were delighted with the bright colors. In the fall, the hot water heating system was installed and we are all thankful for the nice, even heat.

Summer was a fruitful time. During Vacation Bible School the lives of students, helpers, and teachers alike were touched by the Holy Spirit. More recently, the ladies have begun to meet for prayer and study and this is helping us to grow in the Lord.

Please pray for God's work here. There are some very great needs, both in the church and in the community, and our Lord is "able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we think or ask".

Jay H. Smith, Pastor

Minister's Directory

Winter 1972

This is a list of the Pastors, Evangelists, and Board Chairmen of our Churches. If your listing is not complete please send it to us and we will print the late ones at a later date.

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THE MINISTER'S ULCERS

We read an editorial in the Lewisville Leader the other day about a man with problems.

Most of us have problems of one kind or another, and it is a human tendency to think our problems are bigger than the other fellow's problems.

Maybe so. Maybe not.

Consider the minister.

It's a wonder ministers don't have more ulcers than they do, considering the obstacles they have to face.

Suppose, Mr. Businessman, that you were in charge of about 100 workers. Suppose that only about 50 per cent of them ever showed up for work at a given time and only 25 per cent could be relied upon to work after they got there.

Suppose that every time a cloud appeared in the sky, every time the weather was not just perfect, large numbers of your workers remained at home because they couldn't face the weather.

Suppose your workers only worked when they felt like it — and you had to be sweet and nice to them and not fire them, even though you know that is what they need.

To get them back to work you must plead with them, beg them, pat them on the back, be grateful for the smallest effort they make, and you have to use every means at your command to keep them happy and content and you just can't offend them.

And suppose you were in competition with a notorious rascal, a devil who had no scruples and who was far more clever than you, offering such lures as fishing rods, guns, soft pillows, golf courses, television and a thousand other things to attract your customers. And suppose that you had to depend upon your own work force for operating capital to carry on the biggest business in the world, and they only gave when they felt like it.

How many ulcers would you have?

PSYCHOSIS

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The human mind is one of the major differences between man and beast. God created man with the freedom of choice. Man chose time and time again to be more like the beast than the higher creature that God originally intended for him to be.

Thought and beliefs follow a process of education and development. Iniquity did not spring forth in one day to its fullest extent but came about as a result of a continual downward trend.

Eccl. 7:29

Lo this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions.

The question is how far will iniquity be allowed to go before God puts an end to it?

People, generally speaking, do not think for themselves but in groups as followers, but there still has not been a time in history when everyone agreed on one standard of thought or behavior as being right. But there is coming a time when men as a whole will believe a lie and fully accept one standard of vast unrighteousness and no one will be able to change their course.

The conditions of men's minds in the short period preceeding the second coming of Christ is very much like psychosis. Psychosis may be defined as: fundamental lasting mental derangement characterized by defective or lost contact with reality. The minds of humanity will be turned from fundamental truths of the scripture and they will put their confidence in lies and deception. Men will be so possessed by corruption that there will be no room for a decent thought or any remembrance of God. They will mentally escape from the reality of judgment and the mighty power of God. Their condition will be more than lasting it will be permanent.

To more fully understand any subject one must know something about its history. Sin has a history surpassed in length only by the history of life itself. Sin has snowballed down through the ages until it has reached the dynamic proportions of today. This growth has only been briefly checked by reformers at various times. The Bible gives us the history of the gradual downward trend of mankind in the first chapter of the book of Romans.

Romans 1:21

Because that when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were

thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Man at the time when man began to multiply on the face of the earth did not create God or accidentally discover Him. But there was a time when all men knew God but they fell away because they failed to worship and obey God. Next we see that they turned to their vain imaginations. Whenever any group refuses God they must turn to their own imaginations and invent fables to explain the creation, beginning of life, the purpose of life and the future. As a result man became ignorant and superstitious.

Romans 1:22

Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.

It is not a new thing that the men who are proclaimed to be the wisest are the most foolish. The mere fact that a person or a group has an answer to every question does not mean that they have the right answer. The Greek and the Romans through mythology had an answer to every question from creation to the change of the seasons but their logic seems utterly foolish to educated people today. Scholars wonder how men could be so foolish and vain in their belief, but one day the wise men of our day will stand before their God and wonder how they could have been so foolish. In that day all men will be able to see clearly that theories, oppositions of science to the Bible and philosophy are fables and fairy tales under a different name.

Romans 1:23, 24

And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves.

Idol worship grew out of man's backslidden state. Anything is possible when men forsake God. There are multitudes of people all over the world that sincerely and faithfully sacrifice and give their lives for the sake of dumb idols. They have been made to believe a lie, but they cherish it as the truth. The worship of anything other than the living God caused the human race to be corrupted beyond recovery and it is still one of the main things that separates the world from God.

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Romans 1:25

Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

Mocking and speaking against God is not a new thing. If a man admits that there is a God in heaven, he must either serve Him or recognize that he is a transgressor against God. No man has even desired to be guilty or condemned; therefore humanity has preferred to deny the reality of God rather than admitting guilt. The lust of the flesh and the worshipping of individuals has also been another point that has dropped civilization to the low level that it is today.

Romans 1:28

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do these things which are not convenient;

What was the result of failing to worship God, false wisdom, idol worship, blaspheming God, and the lust of the flesh? A reprobate mind incapable of comprehending the truth was the result of man's continual rebellion. Through these few downward steps men fell from the state of integrity with God to iniquity without a knowledge of the true God.

Nations in the past have been a living example of this very thing time after time. Let us examine a few of the times that men's minds were turned away from God and have been dominated by things that are unwholesome and degrading. The common result of all these examples should prove that this road downward leads to the same place every time.

Before the flood we see civilization in a dangerous position.

Genesis 6:5

And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

It could be very correctly stated that the minds of men at this time were reprobate. When the mind is so completely corrupted it could be said that a person is rotten to the core and fit only to be destroyed.

At one time Israel was found in a condition that we would especially like to take note of.

Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush; therefore shall they fall among them that fall: in the time of their visitation they shall be cast down, saith the Lord. Jeremiah 8:12

The tendency to blush is a very good indication of any nation's moral standing because it cannot be forced like other expressions neither can it be held back. When any individual or nation goes to the place when they cannot blush, they stand in a place that if not changed will soon lead to the judgment and wrath of the Almighty.

Genesis 19:14

And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the Lord will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law.

In the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah just before their destruction the warning of destruction was not heeded. The people counted the warning as foolishness and made fun of those that took the message seriously. This condition may be described as carelessness, or a lack of vigilance. They like many others did not give a serious thought to the future and therefore they were not prepared for it. This attitude was also reflected in the Hebrew people as recorded in I Cor. 10:7b.

I Cor. 10:7b

. . . The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.

This is another sign that spells danger to any people.

All of these things that have been the downfall of nations in the past should be lessons for people to learn by today and escape these pitfalls. But, instead of improving one can see humanity making these same mistakes over again. If one travels down the same road as those in the past have traveled, he can be sure that he will arrive at the same destination.

As history teaches a good lesson in the series of events and results, biblical prophecy places us in time in relation to the plan of God. The Bible not only reveals the past estate of man, but as nothing else possibly can, it accurately foretells the future. How does the modern 20th century stand according to history and prophecy? What will the condition of men's mind be when God says it is enough? Will conditions, morals and philosophy become better or worse? One can only turn to the Word of God for the answer.

The world today and the United States stand in greater peril than all those before who have done wickedly because they have had a greater opportunity than many before them. Prophecy declares that in the last days there will be people:

11 Timothy 3:5

Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

In the United States we now have more preaching, more Bibles available and more Bible study helps on the market than ever before. Because of the freedom of religion in this country, it is easier for a person to be a Christian than it has ever been in all history. The sad fact is that dedicated Christians are few and on the decrease while sin is on the constant increase.

Matthew 24:12

And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

"One of America's leading racketeers casually boasted a short time ago: 'Organized crime is bigger than the United States Government.' Crime grosses close to 10 per cent of the American national income. And, one of the world's great historians has said, 'The moral deterioration in the West will destroy us by the year 2000 A. D. even if the Communist do not!' "The crimes

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committed in the world every day equal all those that are recorded in the Bible. In the past few decades mankind has gone beyond that which was thought to be the ultimate of ungodliness.

The trends of thought that have spelled defeat and destruction for ungodly people in the past are being taught as truth in our institutes of higher learning today. The Bible plainly warns of this type of condition.

II Timothy 4:3, 4

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

II Timothy 3:7

Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Men who are proclaimed to be the wisest are swaying men's thoughts toward a godless philosophy that will effect every phase of life as we know it. "From many university classrooms come these conclusions:

First, man is only an animal.

Second, existence is a chemical accident.

Third, the struggle for survival has made man what he is.

Fourth, morality and standards of conduct are derived only from a sociological context.

Fifth, man lives in and for this world only, and any other thought is unscientific.

Each of these conclusions have further implications. The first point would mean that man is not a living soul and he is no more responsible to God than a dog. The second conclusion discredits God in His marvelous work of creation. The third statement worships man, the creature; and gives him all the credit for the accomplishments of the human race. This statement denies that there is a God in heaven who raises up who He will and puts down who He will. The fourth conclusion implies that man is free from any moral responsibility and that an act is wrong only if society thinks it is wrong. Therefore, the moral standard is constantly changing and nothing is really ever evil or bad, people just think it is. The fifth conclusion is perhaps the most damaging. It implies that there is no life after this one, no judgment, no punishment for sin. This fifth point considers an all-out, sacrificing service to God as foolish and a waste of time. These five points include every kind of deceptive thinking and will lead to every transgression that is mentioned in Romans 1:21-32. The human race is less than a step away from a reprobate mind according to the trend that history has followed in the past.

Jesus gave His followers a very good description of the conditions at the close of this age in the twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew.

Matthew 24:5, 11

For many shall come in my name saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

Are we living in this time or is it yet to come? M. R. DeHaan says, "I am told that, in the past fifty years, no less than eleven hundred leaders, great and small, in various parts of the world, have claimed to be the Christ and the Savior of the world. They have called themselves by the names of God, Divine Fathers, the Great I Am's and a thousand other movements claiming the prerogatives of Christ and of deity. All of them have claimed deluded followers by the thousands in fulfillment of Jesus' words, 'and they shall deceive many.' "

False teachers abound on every hand. These teachers do their part to add to the cause of the day. Men's minds are becoming so deceived by false doctrines that they do not recognize the truth when they see it. False security is far worse than acknowledged insufficiency. These men were well prophesied of in the Bible.

II Peter 2:1, 2

But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that brought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

The Bible also pictures men and nations in this last time as being worried, perplexed; and some will die as a result of their fears of the things they see coming to pass (Luke 21:25, 26). "Historians of the future may label this present time The Age of Anxiety. Although in some ways we have less to worry about than previous generations, we seem to do more worrying. Although we have it easier than our forefathers, we have more uneasiness. Although we have less cause for anxiety, we are more anxious. Calloused hands were the badge of the pioneer, while furrowed brows are the insignia of modern man."

The scripture further describes the dreadful condition of men and the world at the close of this age in II Timothy.

II Timothy 3:1-4

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

Without natural affection, trucebrakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God.

"The modern world moves amidst it baffling dilemmas. While we know more economics than ever before, the world has more poverty and hunger than ever before. With our space program readying a flight to the moon, we have not yet solved the basic problems of earth. The threat of war and revolution hangs over our heads like the sword of Damocles. While psychiatry and psychotherapy promise us a whole personality, there are more nervous disorders and mental illnesses than ever before.

PSYCHOSIS (Concluded)

Trouble and danger lie ahead. This present generation of young people can expect nothing but crisis, bloodshed, war, hate, greed, lust, and struggle as the world tries to readjust without the climate of peace.

Some may ask, "What remains to be fulfilled before the Lord will come back as far as the human mind and deception is concerned?" One main even remains to be accomplished before the consumation of deception.

II Thessalonians 2:3, 4

Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

At the time the anti-christ comes to power wickedness will abound as never before. There will be no more barriers to stop crime. During his reign over the earth all unconverted humanity will be deceived into worshipping him as God. He will have power over all the earth and will even be able to overcome the children of God for a season.

Revelation 13:7, 8

And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

There are those who have some knowledge of Bible prophecy and are not converted who say that they will not be deceived at that time. But the deception which will come upon the earth at that time will be so great and powerful that they will be deceived without ever knowing it until it is too late. The avenues for this deception have already been prepared. "The movies and television with equal ease lead and change the nation's thoughts on politics, morals, and social questions of great importance. In the darkness of a living room or theater, where people sit relaxed to give undivided attention to the flashing pictures, psychological conditions are perfect for insinuating ideas into the mind. In test after test among high school and university students, it has been proven that a movie or a television program can brainwash. It is almost terrifying to note the way in which crowds can be swayed to believe almost anything, provided it is put in a form that travels the avenues along which they are accustomed to receive their knowledge, whether it be true or false. Some of the leaders of the world are already prepared to accept the anti-christ. A European statesman said recently: "If the devil could offer a panacea for the problems of the world, I would gladly follow the devil."

The distorted and reprobate mind that will result from the deception in these last days will be a condition that is permanent. One reason that these people are beyond hope is because God will lift His hand from

their lives and will send them strong delusion (II Thess. 2:11, 12). The second reason their condition will be permanent will be because they will receive the mark of the beast and by this their destiny is sealed.

Revelation 14:9, 10

And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb.

There will not be any way to turn these men to God. Before this time they have refused God's plea of love and mercy. During this period of time immediately preceding the return of Christ, God will bring plagues, pestilences, and great destruction upon them. Regardless of all this men will not repent of their evil deeds or cry out to God for mercy, but they will blaspheme and curse God.

Revelation 16:9

And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.

Even at the very end men do not change their attitude toward God because they will become thoroughly reprobate. Many men who have lived exceedingly wicked lives will pray and cry out to the Lord for mercy when they are on their death bed, when they know that there is no other possible hope for them. But, these men who will witness the coming of the Lord will be far more calloused hearted and reprobate than men are now. They will ask for death and pray to the mountain to hide them before they will call on the name of the Lord.

Revelation 6:16, 17

And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

How could we describe the mental condition of men at this time other than spiritual psychosis or blindness? Men will no longer be capable of realizing the reality of God or His plan of mercy. Humanity's mind will become so reprobate that they will be beyond any possible recovery.

God's plan for the ages has been unfolding as a play that proceeds from one act to another. Now the stage is set for the final scene. Some of the actors have been chosen and are being prepared and rehearsed for their parts. Those that would listen have been told these things before hand so that they might be standing in the right place when the final curtain comes down instead of being caught in the snare of deception.

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There are times when the occasion arises to say "Thank You" to someone, yet these words seem so inadequate. This happens to be one of those times. We wish to take this opportunity to say "Thanks" to all of you for gift items, flowers, visits, phone calls, letters, but most of all for the prayers of everyone. We appreciate them very much. It has been Prayer that has brought us thus far and Prayer will lead us on. I'm so thankful that we can have the Lord to lean on. He has granted us so many victories, joys and blessings even in our times of sorrows. I was privileged to go home on Thursday before Christmas and returned back to the hospital on Wednesday after Christmas. It was a joyous time for us. I don't know how much longer I will have to be in the hospital, I still have a ways to go before I can walk — perhaps 2 months, but thanks to the Blessed Lord, I know He will give me strength and grace for each day that I seem to need. I have no complaints to make at all — I've had some joyous times with the Lord during the past few months and I know He will guide me through the future. I just ask for continued remembrance in your prayers as you daily pray.

My prayer is that God will repay each of you an hundred-fold for your faithfulness in prayer in our behalf. Friends never forget that it pays to serve the Lord, no matter what you may face here in this life — it will be worth it all when we see Christ.

Through the Mystery and Miracles of God I'm glad I can write just a note of thanks to you all.

May God bless all of you,
Thelma, Dava, and Shawn Neff
(She's in Room 474, Herman Hospital, Houston, Texas)

Editor's note: The above item was hand-written by Thelma Neff and sent to me to put in the paper. The Neff family were in a fatal accident September 25, in which Thelma's husband, David lost his life. Late in Nov. or in early Dec. the doctors found out that Thelma's neck was broken, along with all the other injuries that she had. Her doctors told her that none of them had ever had a patient in all their practice who had so many critical injuries that lived and they couldn't understand why she wasn't completely paralyzed from the neck injury. This is a modern day miracle and nothing else. Praise be to God forever! Where are our people who say Why doesn't God do miraculous things for us anymore? He's still the same. There isn't even the slightest hint of self pity in Thelma's letter, nor is there in her conversation. Thelma we thank you for the privilege to be counted your friends. May God's very best be yours.

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Birth Announcement:

Rev. and Mrs. Ronnie Martin are the proud parents of a daughter, Erran Chantel, born December 14. She weighed in at 8 lbs. 4 oz. Maternal Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dan Legg of Rockdale, Texas, and the Paternal Great Grandmother is Mrs. Dollie Martin of Baxter Springs, Kansas. Ronnie and Brenda are pastoring the church at Granby, Missouri.

Mark Allen Flock was born to Mr. and Mrs. Milford Flock of Joplin, Mo. on August 29, 1971, at St. John's Medical Center. He weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. Paternal Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roland Flock, Darrouzett, Texas and maternal grandmother is Mrs. Lucille Ramstetter, Golden, Colo.

ATTENTION: We are sorry that the article on the Convocation at Katy, Texas that we requested did not come in for this issue, also, the information on the passing of Bro. Olen Bachler's mother, Mrs. Mabel Bachler earlier in the fall. We will print both these articles in the next issue if they are made available to us.

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