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SERMON OF THE MONTH

THE LORD NEEDS YOU

By R. D. WOOSTER
Supt. of Bible School

Greetings to you in the precious name of the Lord from the Apostolic Faith Bible School. We wish to thank each of you for your prayers and support to the school. We do appreciate so much the blessings of the Lord in the school and the way that He has supplied the needs for Spirit, Soul, and Body. Surely we have much to praise Him for in the 1957 term of school.

As we are to give the sermon of the month, I trust that the Lord will bless His Word to your hearts and that we will all feel our need to work hard to see much more done for God. And above all that we will see that the Lord has need of us. Surely the text that has been chosen for the sermon is very much needed in all of our lives, for the service to God. In these last days we see too many people who do not feel that the Lord has need of them or the service that they themselves could render to the Lord, which would and could in many ways help to promote the gospel of our wonderful Christ. There is only one way in which we as the people of God can serve Him, and that is through our service to Him and the church. Turn with me to the scripture in Heb. 10:25. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. We can plainly see that day approaching when we

will not be able to render service to our Lord and to His work as we should. Let us remember our duty, the need of our service to the Lord, who has blessed each of us with marvelous blessings that things in this life will not buy.

There are many ways in which each of us can render service to God and to man-kind if we will, but do the will of God. And by so doing we can prove to the world that the Lord not only has need of us, but that in return we are a blessing to the Gospel of the wonderful Christ. Note with me, when God called Abram, Gen. 12:1, he was to leave his loved ones, friends, and all that he had that he might render to the Lord the service God was calling on him to do. We find here the man of faith did not stagger at the word of the Lord, but started out to do the service that was asked of him. We in our service today will be called on many times to leave loved ones, friends, and neighbors; all that we have to do is the will of the One who is calling us to work for Him today. Oh, that we could be as Abraham of old to take God at His word and move out to do the service that God is wanting us to do.

Remember the vows that you made to God when you were standing in need of God's help? Many times we as the children of Israel, have stood at the banks of the Red Sea and cried to the Lord for help. God in his great love and mercy rendered his service to us by coming to our aid. Therefore, let us come to the aid of our Saviour in assisting him with our service. Supporting the work of the Lord in every way is

one outstanding way in which to give service to our Lord. God is looking for a man now to fill the gap. And no doubt we can see the gap that is in the service of the Lord in this day and age. You and I as the people of the Lord can fill this place by rendering our service in the field of labor for the Lord. We read in the word of God that the harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few. Matt. 9:37. So we too can see the great need of working in the harvest field for our Lord that we may help to send forth the gospel of light. Let us notice the 38th verse of the same chapter, Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest. Not only should we pray that the Lord would send labourers into the field, but let us notice the words of Isaiah when he said, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Isaiah said, "Here am I; send me." Isaiah 6:8. That should be the prayer of every honest hearted child of God, that we would not be waiting for the Lord to call on someone else to render service, but we ourself will be willing to do all that we can to work in the field of labor for the Lord. I am sure that when we begin to look around we will find that there will be many things that we can do for the Lord and for the work that he has for us to do. Eccl. 9:10, Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest. Let us think on this scripture as we do know that we will have to answer to God for the call that he has laid on us. There is no way for us to get by in the sight of the Lord but to render the service that he is calling on us to give. The

scripture states in Luke 9:62, Jesus speaking. And Jesus said unto him, "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." Friend have we put our hands to the plough a few years ago to serve God, and we are now looking back? Therefore, we are not able to render to the Lord the service due him for the lack of our faith and trust in him, not going on in the way that we know the Lord would have us take.

I do not feel that the Lord is pleased at all with the service that most of us are rendering in this day and age. So often we will worshipers: we worship when we will, what we will, and how we will. That is not at all pleasing to our wonderful Lord. God is wanting a service from us that will please him and not what would please us. Therefore, let us give heed to the type of service that will be pleasing to God. So many are saying that we just can't give of our time and our support as we will not have anything for ourself. But remember this one thing my good friend, God is to be first in all of our lives, our service, time, and our money, as it all belongs to the Lord. Turn your thoughts to Romans 12th chapter. I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, hold, acceptable unto God. Which is your reasonable service. That is all that the Lord is asking of each of us, just a reasonable service. So let us be sure of this one thing that we will know what the reasonable service of the Lord is, and not what we think our service should be. God is calling today as he did in the days gone by, and in all ages people answered the call of the Lord to the type of service that they were to render to the Lord. I Chron. 29:5, tells us, that the people were called on to not only render their service but to give of all that they had and to do it willingly. Note the scripture, The gold for the things of gold, and the silver for the things of silver, and all manner of work to be made by hands of artificers, and, who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord? We would like you to note the question, who then is willing? Let it not be said of us that there is a question in our life

TORRINGTON, WYO.—

A Reader Writes

Dear Bro. Schultz: You can never know how glad I was to get the Apostolic Faith Report. I am an old timer in the Faith, but have lost all contact with the church. Back in 1904 and-5 we lived in Columbus, Kansas. At that time Bro. Chas. Parham and a group of people of the Apostolic Faith came to Columbus and held a camp meeting. I was sanctified and received the Holy Ghost. One Sunday afternoon Rev. Parham took 18 or 20 of us out to the east side of Columbus and baptised us in a lake. Later we moved to Cassville, Mo., . . . it is good to get the paper and to know that over the country there are people that have kept the faith and fighting the good fight. Alta Lofton Elder, 2709 West C St.

as to whether we are willing, but let it be said of you and I that we are willing to work for the wonderful King of Kings and Lord of Lords. We trust that this message will help all of us to see the need of the day and that we will not be spending our time doing the things that are not pleasing to our God. Let us have a vision of the need of seeing that all parts of the Lord's work moves forward. We as his people must render to the Lord the work he has for us to do and not unto man. Eph. 6:7, With good will doing service, as to the Lord and not man. Note the scripture, John 21:20 Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following, which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee? Verse 21, Peter seeing him saith to Jesus Lord, and what shall this man do? Verse 22, Jesus saith unto him, "If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? Follow thou me." May all of us profit from this saying of Jesus to Peter, what is that to thee follow me. Do the things God is asking of you and not the other fellow. May the love and the grace of the Lord be with you. May we of the church and the people of this movement see the great need of working together for the glory of God and not self, that the gospel be not hindered.

PLANS TO BECOME A MISSIONARY

At the age of eleven I accepted the Lord Jesus as my personal Saviour in the First Baptist Church of Baxter Springs and the following summer attended their girls camp. It was there while studying foreign missions and talking with some missionaries from Nigeria, West Africa, that the Lord called me to the foreign field. All through high school I worked with this aim in mind that someday, somehow I would be on my way.

Then in 1955, after about a year of the Lord's gradual leading, the full light of the gospel was made real to me and I received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. This gave a new zeal to my calling because now I really had something to give to those people.

In talking to Bro. Adair last year in Bible School, the need and opportunity of India was brought to me and just this term in school the Lord gave me a vision of taking the gospel to India. The date of my departure has been set for next January and with the Lord's help that is when I will leave. Please pray with me that the doors will open. Miss Fay Austin, Boron, California.

CHIVINGTON, COLO.—

Bro. and Sis. Chas. Mahan are still working, doing all they can to see the work of the Lord go forth from this new point for the Gospel. Many of our readers will remember that this is the home of Bro. and Sis. Claude Bowen and Bro. and Sis. Buster Bowen. Let us pray that God will undertake and make strong His work here. Salvation is so important, that other values become worthless, for what can a man give in exchange for his soul? Let us pray for an increase in the harvest.

ALVIN, TEXAS—

The work is progressing nicely with the Alvin church. They have a building and expansion program which is moving toward completion. Bro. and Sis. Ray Michner are assisting at present. There is to be an Easter Convocation. I'm sure this will be a gracious feast from the hand of the Lord. Bro. and Sis. Winston J. Barker are the pastors.

DOCTRINE

By LOWELL LONG

Doctrine defined is, a principal or position in any science or department of knowledge.

We identify ourselves as Christians, therefore; it is reasonable that we follow Christ's doctrine.

God has a doctrine. **Deut. 32:2** describes it as rain, dropping from God, undefiled. His speech is as dew, refreshing, and clean. His doctrine is as rain upon the tender herb, very necessary for spiritual growth.

Let us note Christ's doctrine. **John 7:16** affirms that it was not his own, but God's. Christ preached what God desired. Today, we should preach and teach only true doctrine from the word of God.

Sound doctrine is important in this world of often swayed religious beliefs. If we convince the gainsayers and faithless men, we must stand on Christ's doctrine. **Titus 1:9-11.**

I John 5:7 speaks of the trinity. This explained is God in three persons. Each has His separate office, yet are one in purpose and intent. They are God, the Father and our creator; Jesus, the Son and our saviour who intercedes at the right hand of the throne; and the Holy Spirit, the Comforter. He works here to reprove sin, and to witness of God and Christ. These form an unconquerable force, and when many leave out one or two of the trinity, they deny an office of God's work.

This doctrine came because of sin. Man sinned in the garden and the curse of death was placed upon him. In order that this curse be lifted, God promised a Saviour to redeem from it. **Gen. 3:15** This Saviour came, gave His life that we could have redemption through His blood. He went to the grave, **Luke 24:6-7** and arose the third day and ascended into heaven, **Luke 24:51.** Upon leaving, he gave us rules to follow that we could have freedom from the world.

Sin is the willful transgression of the law of God, that is acquired sin. Sin, in the other sense, is the sin nature in us that has been since Adam. God wills that both types of sin leave our lives, and unless acquired sin leaves we are doomed to spiritual death. **Rom. 6:23.**

Next is salvation, the first work of

grace. **Eph. 2:8-9** Through the blood of Christ whom God gave us by His wondrous grace; we are saved. We must first be enlightened about God, then God sends conviction on the sinful heart by the Holy Spirit.

Being convicted or wrong, an individual must come to God with a repentent heart, a godly sorrow, and a broken and contrite spirit. **Psa. 51:17.** He must repent to God, admit wrong in confession, then by the grace of God, he shall be saved.

Salvation is the act of God; repentance, the act of man. Salvation is the forgiveness of past sins forever. Where in we were dead, we have life. We are in God's kingdom, ready to move for Him.

The next step is consecration. This is setting ourselves apart, a vessel for God's use. It must be in reality, lived out. Consecration is God's will, **Rom. 12:1** It is mans act in preparing himself that God might sanctify.

Sanctification is the second definite work of grace; God gave His Son, but Jesus gave Himself in matchless grace that we might be sanctified. **Heb. 13:12** Cleansing by Christ's blood purifies the old man, or sin nature that came from Adam.

Quite wonderful is another of Christ's doctrines, Divine Healing. Much has been said and little done about it recently. It has been abused by ignorant people, still, it remains a marvelous truth of God's power.

Jesus gave His body to be broken at the whipping post that we might be healed. Through this act, God heals people today if they will trust Him. **I Pet. 2:24** We need not trust in the physicians when we know Him that made them.

Concluding, we would tell of God's power manifested through men by the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Fanaticism, no, but the fulfillment of prophecy from both Testaments. This is receiving the Holy Spirit into our lives in baptismal form. The evidence of His coming in is that He speaks through us in another language. **Acts 2:5-13, Acts 19:1-7, and Acts 10:46.**

The Holy Spirit is the Comforter Jesus promised. **John 14:26** who would teach all things, and bring the word to our remembrance. **John**

MUSIC

By HAROLD BOLLINGER

Music is the art of combining tones and rhythms with a definite form and meaning and making it pleasing to the ear.

Ps. 95:1. Oh come let us sing unto the Lord: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Music is precious to the service. There have been many people that have gone into a service tired and discouraged, and some with hatred in their hearts, but after singing praises unto the Lord they begin to feel better and look at life differently.

Matt. 26:30. And when they had sung a hymn, they went out unto the Mount of Olive. During this time Christ knew what lay ahead, but still he sang with his disciples. Many times today if we would go ahead and sing when the road is rough, it would no doubt, make the burden just a little lighter.

Singing has always been a great part of worship to God. Through singing souls can be convicted and won to Christ.

We need to pray more about our song that we sing. They will be a greater blessing in the service when we pray about them. The way a song is sung effects the sermon, the attitude of man, the attitude of the minister, and your thoughts toward the service. It may mean the outcome of the service, so let the Lord lead in the musical part as well as in the sermon.

16:7-8 tells that He will reprove sin, and witness of the Father and Son. We receive Him by being sanctified and fulfilling the commandment to tarry till ye be endued with power from on high. **Luke 24:49.**

We are not to grieve the Holy Spirit, for He is the seal unto the day of redemption when Jesus shall take those who are prepared. **Eph. 4:30.**

With these few words, we hope you may have a slight glimpse of Christ's doctrine. We must stress that His doctrine is essential, and without it we have no pattern. Let us go deeper in Christ's doctrine, not deviating from it, but embracing it in it's fullness.

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From My Viewpoint

By Gail Schultz
(EDITORIAL)

Greetings to you for the Month of March. May the Lord bless you over and over, more and more until your hearts are athrill with the warmth of the Love of the Lord.

This, as you know is a School number, we will therefore write briefly. It has been a joy to teach History and learn of the progress of men and nations, for those that sought the Lord, He gave favor, and to those that forgot Him, they soon perished. The deep root of sin will bring an undesirable harvest and an unwanted end.

Prophecy is on the march too, every day writing out the dealings of the Lord and the acts of men. How soon His Coming must be, how we should take warning and live for Him alone. In our first class we have started with the Days of our Beginnings and close with the story of the Ages to Come. Prophecy II has been a study of the Books of Isaiah and Revelations. These of course add much knowledge to our prophetic field. The students of this subject have been required to write a 2500 word theme on some

SORRY!

We regret that all of the material could not be published in this issue but it will be in the next issue.

OPEN FOR EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS:

By telephone we have received word that as plans are now, Bro. Tommy Van Meter of Laverne, Okla., has sold his place of business and plans to devote his full time to evangelistic work. Those desiring revivals may contact this faithful, consecrated and able family. His business has kept them close to home—now they are free to go near and far. May God bless them in this forward step. Their address is Tommy Van Meter, Laverne, Okla.

CENTER POINT, TEXAS—

We have a report that there is some remodeling work going on at this church. The floor has been re-laid, and now work on the platform is going on. It seems nice that both in a spiritual and temporal way, the Lord does bless. Remember, it is at Center Point that the youth camp will be conducted this summer. Bro. and Sis Joe Faries are the pastors.

subject of Prophecy. They are all extra good—some will appear in this paper as the days go by.

We are looking forward to the close of School, and hope you see many of you here with us. There is again some mighty fine material here in School that I'm sure will soon be a blessing to many of you in prayer, sermon and song. Encourage them all you can, will you, please?

As plans are now, we will mail you the April May number of the Apostolic Faith Report about April 15th to 20th. Will you help us pray that we may know the will of the Lord, we want to go to Texas for some revivals.

The harvest is ripe, the laborers are few, the need of waiting on God and praying through until the answer comes, is very necessary. LORD GIVE US A HARVEST OF SOULS.

May God bless you one and all and be with you, til we meet again.

Christian love to all.

Lines From The Co-Editor

By M. D. METHVIN

Surely we are glad to bring to you another publication of the Report, and a complete issue from the Bible School. We hope in this issue you will find faith, hope, and the love of God.

We are glad to be working as the Doctrine teacher in Bible School. This being our first year to be a member of the faculty of the school, we can truly say we have enjoyed it and God has been marvelous to us.

Doctrine has always been an important thing in my life. Without a doctrine we would be lost. We find in II Tim. 3:16 the first thing scripture is profitable for is doctrine. Not to lessen anything else, but we can see in the scripture we form our lives through living a clean pure life, by looking at our example, Jesus, which brought us a doctrine that could not be defeated and no real flaws could be found in it. For he brought not his own doctrine, but the Father's which sent him. John 7:16, 17.

Surely we know that Christ is the foundation of true doctrine, and if there ever was a day when people should hold true to our Lord, it's today. We have tried our best to serve the Lord in this capacity, teaching the doctrine of our God without fear or favor.

So in closing, let us call to your remembrance this scripture — Tit. 2:10—"that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things." This is our goal in Bible School, that the students may go forth with the doctrine of our God. And also that we together may have one thing in common, and that, the love of our Saviour.

May this Report be a light to shine into your heart. God bless every one of you.

SPECIAL EASTER CONVOCATION SERVICES

Don't miss this Apostolic Faith Meeting for one week, beginning April 14 through April 21 at Alvin, Texas. Plan to attend.

PROPHECY I THE PROPHECIES OF JESUS

By ELSIE RANEY

The prophecies of Jesus are recorded in Matthew 24, Luke 21, and Mark 13. His prophecies are the key to all greater prophecies.

He begins with the telling of the destruction of Herods Temple in Jerusalem. He said not one stone shall be left upon another. This came to pass when in 70 A.D. Titus led an army into Jerusalem and completely demolished the Temple and the town. The Jews were either taken captive or killed.

At the requests of the disciples, Jesus tells of the things that must come to pass before the end of time can take place. He told them that many would come in His name and claim to be Christ, but to not be deceived by these false Christs and prophets. There should be wars, rumors of wars, kingdoms rising against one another, famines, pestilences, and earthquakes. But these are only the beginning of sorrows. Many will be hated and killed for Christ's sake. People will turn against one another and the love of many will become cold for the greatness of wickedness. The gospel will be preached in all nations before the end of time.

Jesus prophecies of the Jews returning to Jerusalem in Matt. 24:32. The Jews are a symbol of the fig tree. When they have returned to Palestine and rebuilt the city of Jerusalem, the time for Redemption to take place is at hand. This prophecy is being fulfilled today as Jerusalem is fastly being rebuilt and Jews from all over the world are returning. Jesus said when we see these things come to pass, this generation should not pass until all things are fulfilled. We could easily be living in the last days. Redemption may take place any day.

When the saints are redeemed the Gentile age will come to a close and the seventieth week of Daniel will begin.

The Jews will again set up the daily sacrifice in the temple after a covenant is made with the Anti-Christ. Then in the middle of the week the covenant will be broken and the daily sacrifice taken away.

TYLER, TEXAS—

Bro. J. W. Elliott writes us that he is now in the Rose City of the World (Tyler, Texas.). His present address is 429 West Elm. Bro. Elliott writes that he is busy giving and sending out tracts. He preaches some on the street and at open doors for the Gospel. He, like many of us, is watching the signs of the time, and the Holy Land and the Jewish people. Indeed the fig tree is putting forth its leaves.

TAHLEQUAH, OKLA.—

We were glad to receive a letter from our friends of many years and old time Apostolics, Bro. and Sis. Hackler. They are still living for the Lord, and carry a burden for the Bible School, the paper and the work in general. Sis. Hackler needs prayer for healing.

This is the abomination that makes desolate spoken of by Daniel. Read Daniel 9. Also Matt. 24:15.

Then the Bride class of Christ will flee to the wilderness where the Lord will care for them until the three and one-half years of great tribulations are over. This period of tribulations shall be greater than the world has even known or will ever know again. Matt. 24:21. The devil will use every means to deceive the people. All the Christians will give their life for the Lord. During this time the Anti-Christ will reign in full power. Everyone that does not take the mark of the beast cannot buy or sell. Those that take the mark, name, or number, will be cast into the lake of fire with the Anti-Christ. Those that do not worship the beast will be killed and those that do will not have any rest.

Immediately after the great tribulations Jesus shall appear in the sky. His saints shall meet Him in the air. He said that where the carcass is there will the eagles be, Matt. 24:28. He shall gather together His elect to reign with them.

No one knows only the Father in Heaven in what hour He is coming. The only thing we know is that He will come in the hour we think not. Jesus admonishes us to watch and pray and be found faithful in our calling that we might be ready when He comes.

Music and Religion

By BIRCHIE SULDER

Music is a very important part of religion. Music has something about it which is very soothing. We find in the Bible, when Saul, the first King of Israel, had an evil spirit, that David the son of Jesse, played on his harp, and the evil spirit fled from Saul. I Sam. 10:23.

Music also shows happiness. We find when Moses and the Israelites finally escaped from the land of Egypt, they sang their song of triumph on the banks of the Red sea. You can imagine what it was to escape the bondage which they had been in for 430 years, and they expressed their joy in music. Ex. 15.

In the present day music in the church is very important if it is anointed. When the choir sings under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, it can cause conviction in sinners hearts. Music in a church, which is inspired by the Holy Spirit, sets the church in a spiritual mood. Many wonderful messages can be brought in music.

Music will be an important part of religion in the ages to come. We find in Rev. 14:2,3 that the Redemptive people will sing a new song, and that no man could sing the song but the ones that were redeemed.

So we can see that music is very important to religion and that it is important to use our musical talents for the Lord.

HILL COUNTRY APOSTOLIC RALLY

The February rally was held at Vanderpool, Texas, and the following officers were elected: Pres., Bro. Larry Welch; Vice-Pres., Bro. Joe Faries; Sec. and Treas., Bro. Eldon Faries; Song Leader, Bro. Jim Morris; Piano Player, Bro. Paul Harbin, and Assistant Pianist, Sister Betty Welsh.

The March meeting was held in Center Point, Texas. Bro. and Sis. Joe Faries played an instrumental duet, Bro. Larry Welch sang a solo, Bro. and Sis. Paul Allen Pletcher, who have lately spent six months in Mexico City, sang some choruses in Spanish. Bro. Pletcher brought the message.

The next rally will be at Campwood, Texas, on April 6.

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

Commencement Service

Of The

Apostolic Faith Bible School

Baxter Springs, Kansas

Thursday, March 28th, 1957, 7:30 p.m.

Special Closing Services

Wednesday Night, March 27th

Thursday, March 28th, All Day

All Services Conducted at the

Apostolic Faith Chapel

1009 LINCOLN AVE.

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

Class Roll

Billy J. Allen
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Lois Allen
Helen Arnold
Marie Arnold
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Bobbie Billings
John Billings
Bobbie Bishop
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Jack Cornell
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Louise Rose
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Dona Rose Blythe
Philip Earl Blythe
Rhonda Joy Cornell
Patricia Jean Curry
Mike Long
Deanna Sue Nease
Joanie Kae Ray

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

Special Service

— A WELCOME AND SALUTATION TO ALL —

Wednesday March 27 7:30 p.m.

We desire this day to be Evangelistic in nature.

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

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

Ordination Service

Thursday March 28th 10:00 a.m.

Master of Ceremonies Rev. Gail Schultz

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Song Solo

PRAYER

Song Duet

Song Ladies Quartet

Sermon Rev. M. D. Methvin

ORDINATION

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

Homecoming Service

Thursday March 28th 2:00 p.m.

Master of Ceremonies Jim Morris

CONGREGATION SINGING

PRAYER

Special Singing Former Students

Speaker Harrol Waterbury

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

Commencement

Thursday March 28th 7:30 p.m.

CONGREGATION SINGING

INVOCATION

Song Duet

Song Trio

Song Male Quartet

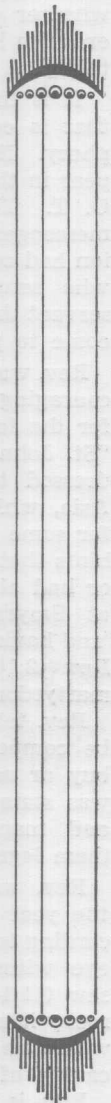
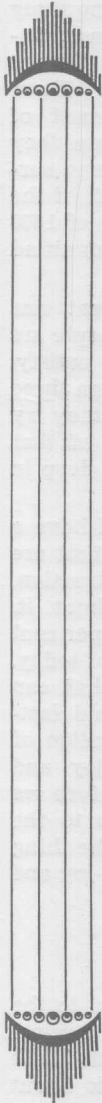
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Speaker Rev. Floyd LaMunyon

Presentation of Diplomas Supt. R. D. Wooster

BENEDICTION

Here am I; Send Me. Isaiah 6—8.



PROPHECY II

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST IN "THE THINGS SHORTLY TO COME TO PASS"

By GENE RANEY

The book of Revelation closes the canon and the history of the N. T. whether or not it were the last in order to be written, it is final in its thought.

It is the only book of the N. T. that is completely devoted to prophecy. Nearly all of its figures appear in the prophetic books of the O. T. The Author states that the messenger who brought him the vision had come direct from "the Lord, who sent his angel to show his servant the thing which must shortly come to pass". Rev. 22:6.

Rev. was written as a means of encouraging those who were suffering for the faith. Rev. was written by "St. John the Divine." It was addressed to the seven churches of Asia, which had been in existence for some time. In these letters are hints that persecution was about to, or had already begun. The church at Smyrna was about to suffer, "and having tribulation for ten days" Rev. 2:10. Antipas has suffered martyrdom at Pergamun, Rev. 2:13.

Rev. tells of the "Mark" men will be compelled to wear in order to buy or sell (13:16-17) this number was stamped on wills, bill of sales and many other papers to give them legal standing.

Rev. was written by John about the year 96 A. D. The author according to his own testimony was an eye witness of the things that he saw (11:1-2). He was in Patmos, a rocky island off the coast of Greece, where he had been incarcerated because of his faith (1:9).

Rev. is interpretative. It contains about 400 allusions of the O. T. but no direct citation can be found. However strange it may sound it is the only book of the N. T. that gives any organized forecast of the future. The prophecy of Rev. begin immediately. Rev. will be fulfilled some time after Christ's return to earth again.

The central theme is the person of Christ as He reveals the future to John. The book consists of a series

CROSSES, ARK.—

We closed our Revival Meeting the 17th of February, 1957. Bro. Jack Barker of Laverne, Okla., held the Revival assisted by Vonda and Mavis VanBenthusen of Liberal, Kansas. Bro. Barker preached some wonderful sermons and the Spirit of the Lord dealt with souls every evening.

There was one saved and one 10-year-old boy healed of rheumatic fever. The church was blessed in every way and strengthened in the Word of God.

The building is progressing well and we now have our ceiling on. We hope to soon cover the walls and finish the Sunday School rooms.

We are starting to study "God's plan of the Ages", for our Wednesday night services.

I would like to extend an invitation to all ministers of the Faith to stop by for services and be with us. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Webster, pastors.

of visions each of which is complete in itself. Several series of seven appear throughout the book. There are seven churches, seven seals, seven bowls, seven major personages and seven beatitudes. There are twenty-four elders, four living creatures, four horsemen, four angels and 144 thousand in companies of the redeemed. 12 gates of the city of God and 12 foundations, 12 kinds of fruit in the tree of life.

Rev. differs sharply from the rest of the Bible in that the author names himself, and has a definite destination in view. "I come quickly" repeats the Promise to His churches and makes the entire book a warning to the world and an encouragement to God's people.

One great Rev. is yet to come when He "shall appear a second time, apart from sin, to them that wait for Him, unto salvation" (Heb. 9:28).

I appreciate Rev. very much because it tells us of the coming of Christ, of His glorious kingdom, of the new city Jerusalem, that the people of God are going to inhabit. What a glorious time that is going to be.

The Need of Youth Evangelism

By CAROLE FELTS

There are 25,000,000 young people in the United States alone and most of them as yet do not know Christ as their Saviour.

Crime and juvenile delinquency are constantly on the increase. Juvenile dope has increased 2,000 per cent in the past three years. There are many alcoholics and most of them started drinking before they were college age. In a recent survey approximately one-fourth of the young people out of a group of 1800 admitted that they had committed moral sins.

The reasons for these great sins and crimes are that young people are searching for something to satisfy, and looking for a thrill. When these things are put before them, they try a little of this and a little of that until they gradually become deep in sin.

If we, as Christians, could have a vision of these young souls that are headed in the path of destruction, and then do something about it, perhaps we could lower the per cent of these juvenile conditions of today.

There is but one thing that can give complete satisfaction and lasting joy and that is the salvation of our Lord. There is real joy and peace in serving Him, therefore we must spread the good news to the youth that they might find the thing for which they have sought—joy and satisfaction.

DES ARC, ARK.—

The Lord was mighty good to the people of this church in a revival conducted by Bro. C. O. Bard. There were several saved (I think about 14). There was lots of rain, so that some could not come because of road conditions, but those that did found the Lord there blessing and giving of His good gifts in salvation, sanctification and the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

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EVANGELISM CHRIST IN GETHSEMANE

By RODNEY GAINES

Jesus realized that His time had come. The mission for which He had come was about to be fulfilled. As Jesus went up to pray He was burdened down with the responsibility that rested upon Him. No doubt at this time Satan was using all of the power that he possessed, and all of the deception possible to defeat the completion of the mission of Christ.

Christ realized, that night, I believe, the greatest need for help and strength that He had ever experienced. Jesus knew where to go for that help and strength. As Jesus bowed before the Father, I believe that it was the darkest hour that He had experienced. Christ prayed much, that He might have the help and strength to do the will of His Father. He realized that through prayer comes the power to accomplish the will of the Father. Many times during His ministry He had called upon the Father to help and strengthen Him. His Father had never failed Him.

Now the final test had come. I believe that that night in the garden Jesus wrestled with the powers of Satan. Satan knew what it meant for Christ to fulfill His mission. Satan knew that he was doomed. Satan did not want men to be freed from his bonds of sin.

Jesus knew pain as all humanity. For even though He was God's son and He had the Spirit of God to give Him victory over the trials and the temptations of the flesh; He still had become flesh and was subject to physical pain, weariness, feelings, and temptations the same as all mankind. Jesus knew that the suffering and shame of the Cross would be unbearable without the help of the Father. Jesus prayed that if there was another way to save mankind, to let the way of the Cross pass from Him. He was human enough that He did not desire the agony and shame of the way of the Cross. There was no other way.

In the early hours of the morning I believe that He gained the victory. He said, "not my will, but thine, be done." Jesus knew that the Father

WAYSIDE CHAPEL (Edna, Tex.)—

Wayside Chapel (17 miles north of Edna, Texas) enjoyed a good ten-day revival Feb. 15-24. Bro. and Sis. Bennie Stanberry conducted the revival. The Stanberrys brought their organ and electric guitar which added wonderfully to the service.

The Haven of Rest trio and other workers from the Alief, Tex., church brought many numbers on the Saturday evening services. Buddy Stanberry and wife drove from Katy almost every night and were a great help. Bro. Stanberry carried a burden for the spiritual needs of this community. His sermons were timely and blessed of the Lord. All the people of the church were blessed. One evening all the young people of the church prayed together in a special call to them. One girl was sanctified.

The Wayside Chapel is planning a week-end revival. Bro. and Sis. Jacob C. Regier, pastors.

would see Him through. He knew that the way would still be hard and cruel, but that the Father would give Him what was needed to overcome, because He was in the divine will of the Father. Jesus laid down His life that mankind might have the blessings of God. If it took the way of the Cross, then He was willing to pay the price. Jesus loves mankind.

As Christians today we need to realize the power of prayer. We need to be more concerned about our prayer life. How can we expect to live overcoming Christian lives if we have no power; if we have no fellowship with God? Through the Blood and prayer comes power. Jesus suffered and paid the price that we not only could have salvation but also many other blessings. Prayer is a privilege and a blessing. It is also a responsibility.

Prayer may not always change the situation or circumstances, but, if it does not, through prayer we can gain grace and strength to overcome them. If we are obedient and in the divine will of God we will be able to say, "not my will, but thine, be done". We can also say with Paul, "What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?"

HISTORY IS PROPHECY

By FAY AUSTIN

History is the systematic story or record of the past events of man and was many times foretold by the prophets of olden days. Some engraved tablets of stone or scrolls have been found made by kings or great men of that day. History is also the foundation or basis for studying prophecy.

The Bible is the most authentic record of history we have and any true history book will coincide with its events and dates. In studying history in Bible light we have consulted many verses in different books of the Bible. For instance we have learned by comparing customs, laws, culture and other characteristics of Abraham and Job, that they probably lived about the same time.

Just as "today is the tomorrow we talked about yesterday", history is composed of those things that were prophesied preceeding the actual happening. One of the prophecies of the Bible we have found to be very valuable was "after his kind." This is the one thing that can break down the very foundation of evolution. Try as they have, they have never been able to reproduce a new specie after its new likeness, it always reverts back to the old form. This proves without doubt that man could not have evolved from a lower specie.

Some other prophecies of the Bible that have been fulfilled in history were: the fall of Egypt which took place when God brought Israel out and left the country bankrupt; the revival at Nineveh, preached by Jonah, which spared the city and changed them from the worship of many gods to monotheism; the fall of Babylon by the Medo-Persians under the rule of Belshazzar because he served not God and had taken the sacred things from the temple; also the fall of Tyre by the sea, at which Alexander the Great fulfilled.

OLATHE, COLO.—

We are praying for the work here where Bro. and Sis. Jimmy Wallis are busy working for the Lord. This is an out-post of the Apostolic Faith group. Let us not forget them, the Word does not go forth in vain, and prayers do not go unanswered. May their numbers increase and their love for the Truth abound.

CHARACTER STUDY

By Delilah Wooster, Teacher

We have found the study of Bible characters a very interesting one. Each of these, as an individual who has been worthy of mention in the sacred Book, has had his battle ending in victory or defeat; or his struggle with life that ended in success or failure. The result depended so completely on his faithfulness to God and His commands.

An important thing we have observed is that man from Adam on through the New Testament characters had to keep his eye on a goal, if he was to remain faithful. Once a vision had grown dim, or a victory was forgotten, and the only thing visible was the immediate trial or test, then Satan seized his opportunity. Many followed the Lord in faith through severe adversities, but in a moment of weakness and temptation, yielded. In doing so they forfeited their right to the blessing that could have been theirs. Moses was patient and faithful with Israel for so many years, and then, almost to the end of his journey, he disobeyed God and failed to enter the land promised him. God had to rebuke Saul with the words, "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice."

Study in the Old Testament shows a continual "looking forward" to a more perfect way. Their sacrifices and offerings couldn't atone for their sins, and they didn't yet have a divine Mediator. Their dependence upon another human being for comfort and guidance caused many to fail and disobey. Many of their leaders were wicked, and the priests vile, walking contrary to God's plan.

The culmination of our study is Jesus' life and what His coming has done for the hearts of men. When Jesus was crucified, the veil of the temple was rent in twain, thus giving each individual the privilege to come to a great high priest, Jesus the Son of God, who is touched with the feeling of our infirmities.

We want to profit by the mistakes of some, and be made stronger as we remember the faith of others.

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SPEARMAN, TEXAS—

Bro. and Sis. Bob Russell, the Van Benthusen Sisters and Sis. Shirley Fish conducted a two weeks' meeting in the country Spearman Apostolic Faith Church. A great deal of good was accomplished in several ways. Encouragement come to several, special healing to one, and the church as a whole feel that it was a good way to start the new year. "Some we were desirous to see saved, but we were disappointed as to that, but never discouraged, we shall reap in due season, if we faint not."

Some more work has gone in on the new church building in Spearman. Bros. Floyd LaMunyon and Harrol Waterbury, with home folk have been helping. All this work is very much appreciated. Indeed, we are laborers together with God, and some day the sheaves will be garnered in, and our armour laid down and we'll rest in peace at home. Sis E. A. Greever, pastor.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Fish of Balko, Okla., announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Shirley, to Kenneth Simpson of Elmwood, Okla. The wedding will be at the Apostolic Faith Church, Balko, Okla., April 13th at 7:30 p.m. Shirley has been active in the gospel work for several years. All of her friends everywhere are invited to attend the wedding.

Despite the atmosphere of crisis in Israel, the Government there has signed a contract with a group of investors, headed by Philip M. Klutznick, President of B'nai B'rith, for the building of a deepwater port and city at Ashdot Yam, on the Mediterranean Sea between Gaza and Askelon. It will serve the Negev as an export center. At the same time, work has been started on a 144-mile pipeline to carry oil for Israel's needs from the southern port of Elath to Beersheba.

With the possibility that as many as 70,000 Jews in North Africa, Hungary, and other danger spots may seek admission to Israel this year, the United Jewish Appeal decided to launch an emergency campaign for a \$100,000,000 Emergency Rescue Fund in addition to the regular goal of \$105,000,000.

Child Evangelism and Sunday School Training

By MRS. J. D. RAY

Child evangelism is the carrying of the gospel to children. This is a vital work in the Christian realm today. Statistics show we lose 65 percent of the girls and 75 percent of the boys from our ranks when they reach the intermediate age. Why? Because they do not have a rooted christian experience, therefore we should lead them to know the Lord as their personal Saviour before they reach this vital age.

There are many places which give us an opportunity to do this; the home, children service, Bible Clubs, Daily Vacation Bible Schools, and Sunday Schools. Let us find a place in one of these fields and glean for the Master lest one of these little grains fall unheeded or ungathered.

John 21:15-16 "So when they had dined Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He said unto him, Yea, Lord, thou knowest I love thee, He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. He saith unto him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He said unto him, Yea, Lord thou knowest that I love thee, He said unto him, Feed my sheep. We can carry out the charge left to Peter by Jesus to feed his lambs and sheep in our Sunday school work. So many of God's lambs and sheep are going astray because of ineffective Sunday schools. May we find a new vision to go and initiative to invite those that are not in Sunday school.

Tomorrow

I saw tomorrow marching by
On little children's feet;
Within their forms and faces read
Her prophecy complete.
I saw tomorrow look at me
From little children's eyes
And thought how carefully we'd
teach,

IF WE WERE WISE.

ROCKDALE, TEXAS—

The Spirit of the Lord is with the Apostolic Faith folk as they go forth in His name. It is not by might nor power but by His Spirit. The mid-week service is on Thursday night and the Sunday services are times of worship. Make this your church home. Bro. and Sis. James Hosler are the pastors.

MY RESPONSIBILITY AT BIBLE SCHOOL

By EDNA NEFF

The purpose of teaching piano at our Bible School may seem to be a small matter in relation to the Bible subjects, but to me it is a great responsibility. In order to be at our best in His service, we must have an idea of what is expected of us as pianists.

We find, as a general rule, that the church service will follow the pattern of the song service. If the song leader and pianist does not take their responsibility seriously, the entire service may suffer. The service that begins with a bright, snappy song service will lift hearts and minds from depressing cares, while the slow, draggy beginning will tend to weighten peoples' minds. The pianist who is ready and prepared can do a lot to help the progress of the service.

The majority of the piano students are beginners and have not yet played for very many services, if any. It has been a joy to work with all of the students. They have been willing and ready to learn. In II Corinthians 8:12, we find recorded these words, "For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not."

Each student has been given as much material as he or she could cover. We know that everything can not be covered in the short time that we have. Several students will be ready to play a few church songs when the school is over. These students have not had piano lessons very much before they came to Bible School. In piano studies, a teacher can give instructions on how and what to play, but if the person does not practice and master that teaching he has not gained it for himself. We try to give out a lot of teaching and then it is up to the person to master that in practice after the school is over. Thus, many times, we do not see the immediate results of teaching piano in a school term.

Teaching piano this year has been a pleasure to me because I knew it was the will of the Lord. Many times the phrase, "You can't do it", would come to me but I knew the

LOVINGTON, COLO.—

February 24th was the closing date of a revival conducted by Bro. and Sis. Geo. Palvado. The services were spirit filled, the messages were timely, in every respect.

There is a special praise in the hearts of the pastors for the new people that came out to the services. The building program will continue just as soon as warmer weather permits. Bro. and Sis. Steve Welsh are the pastors.

LEROY, KANSAS—

Bro. and Sis. Houston Nease have accepted the pastorate at LeRoy, Kansas, and report that Sunday night (Feb. 18) there was one saved and three received the Holy Spirit. There is good interest. Crowds are of usual size. Ministers of the Faith are welcome. Mid-week service is on Wednesday night.

Lord was by my side to help me do my best. My best may not be someone else's best but I have the privilege of doing what I can for my Lord.

This poem was read at the beginning of Bible School. May it be a blessing to you as it has been to me.

"IF"

If you think you're beaten, you are;
If you think you dare not, you don't;
If you'd like to win, but you think
you can't,

It's almost a cinch you won't.
If you think you'll lose, you've lost,
For out in the world you find
That success lies with a fellow's will;
It's all in the state of your mind.

Full many a race is lost
'Ere ever a step is run,
And many a doubter fails,
'Ere ever his work is begun.

Think big and your deeds will grow.
Think small and you'll fall behind;
Think that you can and you will—
It's all in the state of your mind.

If you think you're out-classed, you
are;

You've got to think high to rise—
You've got to be sure of yourself
Before YOU can win a prize.
Life's battle don't always go
To the stronger or faster man
But sooner or later the man who
wins,

Is the fellow who thinks he can.

—Submitted by Edna Neff

Youth Evangelism

By MRS. J. D. RAY

The eye of the world today is turned upon youth. There is much comment as of late in regard to the "Lost generation". While Satan makes his bid for the soul of these fine young men and women christianity is compelled by love to extend every effort in a life or death battle to make the gospel appeal to our youth.

If the statement, "The vitality of any church is proven in it's ability to hold its youth," is true; then we are forced to admit many of our churches are lacking that vitality that is so essential in the rearing of youth in the Faith. This thing does not come overnight but it must be nurtured and improved constantly to the preservation of the church of tomorrow. A church without youth is lacking in a most needed quality. Paul Elliot said, "The older people need the young people to keep them from letting the fire go out, the younger people need the older people to keep them from burning the house down".

May we as Evangelists, pastors, youth leaders, Sunday School workers, church laity and all persons involved ask God for a spiritual awakening among our youth. May we put forth every effort to win and hold our young people.

"The flower of youth is never more beautiful than when bent towards the Sun of Righteousness."

TANEYVILLE, MO.—

The church was blessed greatly a few weeks ago when Bro. and Sis. J. D. Ray and sisters Bobbie Bishop, Helen and Marie Arnold held week-end services. Their songs and messages were certainly appreciated. Bro. and Sis. Ray plan to begin a revival with this people April 24th. Pray for a real revival. Our Sunday school is having a contest and the people are all working hard to increase the attendance. Contest to continue through Easter. The church is busy with some yard work to help in parking, etc. Edwin and Patsy Waterbury, pastors.

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July Grove, Arkansas
July 23 - August 1

CHARACTER STUDY

By MARIE ARNOLD

Character Study is the study of the lives of men and women of the Bible. There are many Bible characters that you hardly ever hear mentioned, but in the study of their lives we find them very important.

I will mention some of the most important characters of the Bible that we have studied.

Abraham was a man of faith and obedience. The Lord told Abraham that if he would leave his country, his kindred, and his father's house, and go unto a land that He would shew him, He would make of him a great nation. The Lord said that He would bless him, make his name great, and he would be a blessing. He would bless them that blessed Abraham and curse them that cursed him, and in him all families of the earth would be blessed. God surely blessed Abraham, because he moved at every command of God without question. The scriptures tell us that the willing and obedient shall eat the good of the land; therefore, it pays to be obedient unto the Lord.

Abraham is the supreme example of faith, and of God's redemption by grace; he is the one from whom the Hebrew race comes. It is Abraham who began the Messiahic line. This Messiahic line continued through Isaac, the son of promise, Jacob, Judah, David, Solomon, and Rehoboam.

While there are many Bible characters that were of great faith and obedience, there are those that were very wicked, such as Ahab and Jezebel. Ahab was distinguished above the other kings because he did evil in the sight of the Lord above all that were before him. Ahab took Jezebel as his wife and their wickedness together was very great.

Often in the study of a character's life we find that they did things that were displeasing unto God. Everyone that displeased God though, had to reap what they sowed. God is merciful and every time there is a disobedience, He warns and gives time to repent before He destroys; but so often people in their own stubbornness and self-will never take heed.

We have studied the lives of some-

what thirty-eight Bible Characters, both men and women, in Character Study. While studying them, we have tried to learn lessons by their mistakes and truly find out just what the Lord requires of us as individuals; so we can build our own character and be greater workers for the Lord.

WHAT MY PIANO STUDIES HAVE MEANT TO ME

By BOBBIE BILLINGS

The creation of a man is a wonderful masterpiece by God. Each one has different traits, characteristics, talents, and weaknesses. We all have these, but in different points. Take my own life as an example: God has placed a calling on my life as a consecrated worker and even greater than that, the companion and helper of a minister of His gospel. He has given me the talent and ability to play the piano for His service. However, I had a great weakness along this line. When a choir leader selected a song written in 6/8 time, a fear gripped me and I lost all sense of music. It seemed that I forgot every note and key, and as a result, I just stumbled through the song. I made it just fine in 4/4 time, but there was something about 6/8 time that scared me to death. It was this

one thing I purposed in my heart to overcome when I came to Bible School. One semester has already passed and most of my piano study has been along the line of 6/8 time. I can say that Sister Neff has certainly helped me, but I still feel a need of conquering it definitely and completely. In our Evangelism class, Sister Schultz told us that if we could realize our weak points, they were half overcome and then we could work on them until they become one of our strongest points. It is my aim and desire to overcome this fear until I can feel it is easier to play 6/8 time than 4/4 time. With God's help and understanding, I can learn and practice the things Sister Neff teaches me. With Paul I can say, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Philippians 4:13.

SPRING VALLEY, CALIF.—

The Lord has sent His servants into all the world, and Bro. and Sis. Allen Long are doing their best to be led of the Lord and see a work established at this point. Some of their families have had to move to other points. Let us pray that the Lord will send in new ones to take their place and supply every need in spirit and soul and body, that the beams of grace from this light house might shine afar.

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