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Look Up

Look up, O heart; and then, O heart, kneel down
In humble adoration: give no crown
Nor holden diadem to you fair Lord,
But offer love and beauty by your word.

Let your faith burn, O heart: and let your eyes
Shine with such joy where deepest night still lies
In some too tired and over-burdened mind:
Let Christ be seen, wherever you are kind.

O heart, let your light shine so that all men
May see your works and glorify again
Your Father: and oh! let your light be gay,
And full of quiet laughter all the day.

The everlasting fire of love, O heart,
Has blazed in you and it will not depart.
Wherefore, O heart, exult and praises sing:
Lift up your voice and make the echoes ring.

Raise up your hands, O heart: your fingers raise
In adoration; and in bursting praise
Sing all your songs of beauty with delight,
You larks, exulting in the summer light.

O heart, rise up: O heart be lifted high.
Rejoice; for Light was slain to-day, yet did not die.



GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

By Roy Matthews

It is very important for us to familiarize ourselves with the sacred subject of The Gifts of The Spirit. It's a very interesting and searching topic and there is always something new to be learned from study concerning The Gifts of The Spirit. Usually when we think of gifts, we think of something tangible which is given to us to be used as we will. However, the word literally means "enablements of the favor and grace of God." Spiritual gifts are not acquisitions, they are direct manifestations of the Holy Spirit.

In First Corinthians, chapter twelve, are listed the nine manifestations or gifts of the Holy Spirit. All of these gifts are given to (a) glorify God (b) edify the church (c) comfort the believer. (Ephesians 4:7-8, 12) The Gifts of the Spirit are not given to be used for selfish purposes or for vain display, but for the common good. The gifts are miraculous and supernatural in their origin and nature. They cannot be acquired by study and human effort. This is plainly shown by the scriptures in I Cor. 12:8-11. "For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues; But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will."

In I Cor. 12:1, Paul writes, "Now concerning spiritual gifts, (these nine gifts) brethren, I would not have you ignorant." Naturally, if we are not ignorant on something, we're informed. That is why it should behove us all, as Christians, to be fully informed about the operations of the Gifts of the Spirit in and through believers.

Although, it is many times very difficult to determine or see any difference between two or more of

the gifts of the Spirit found recorded in I Cor. 12, the first two spiritual gifts listed; the Gift of the word of wisdom and the Gift of the Word of knowledge are the most difficult to differentiate between and to explain. Wisdom and knowledge are by no means the same thing. We will take the Gift of the Word of Wisdom first and cover it as thoroughly as we can and then turn to the Gift of the Word of Knowledge.

Wisdom may be defined as practical application of knowledges, or scientific or philosophical knowledge, etc. It is very possible to possess degrees of all shapes, sizes, and value from several schools and colleges of higher education and still have very little wisdom.

The Gift of the Spirit concerning wisdom is not the Gift of Wisdom but is the Gift of the Word of Wisdom.

The spiritual gift of the Word of wisdom does not depend on our mental faculties. It is a direct revelation from God to man of some future event that involves divine purpose. It is a portion of the infinite wisdom of God made known through a believer. The Gift may be manifested by dreams or vision, by angels, by the audible voice of God, by the inaudible voice of the Spirit to one's heart or through the Spiritual Gifts of Prophecy, or Tongues and Interpretation. This is also true of the Gift of the Word of Knowledge.

Jesus told his disciples that when they would be persecuted and brought before magistrates, kings, and rulers for His name's sake, not to use their natural wisdom in their defense but that he would give them a "mouth and wisdom". Luke 21:12-15. He also made it plain that it would be the Holy Spirit Himself doing the talking. Matt. 10:17-20. Luke 21:11-12.

Joseph had a word of divinely given wisdom for Pharaoh, when Egypt was threatened with famine. Genesis 41:38-40. Solomon had a word of wisdom from God when he was called upon to decide which woman was the true mother of a child. I Kings 3:16-28. This truly is

a divine increase of natural wisdom.

The Gift of the Spirit concerning Knowledge is not the Gift of Knowledge but the Gift of the Word of Knowledge.

In the operation of this gift, human knowledge and ability do not count; the mind is passive. God knows all things at all times, past, present, and future. In God are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Col. 2:3.

Knowledge is obtained from study, practice, etc. Concerning the Word of Knowledge the intellectual faculties of a person are at work but the knowledge comes by divine bestowment.

An example of the gift of Word of Knowledge is the question and answer of how it was made known to man the story of creation. We know that it was given by inspiration of God. II Tim. 3:16, to Moses a revealing of the story of the origin of all things.

The Gift of the Spirit concerning Discernment is not the Gift of Discernment but the Gift of the Discerning of Spirits. This gift gives Supernatural insight into the realms of Spirits. The spirits to be discerned may either be divine or satanic, or in other words they are supernatural spirits, not human spirits. It must be kept in mind that this is not a fault-finding spirit.

In Matt. 12:22 we find the record of a man who was both blind and dumb as a result of demon possession. This man did not need prayer for healing but he needed to have the demon cast out. This was a case that needed the gift of Discerning of Spirits in order to help bring deliverance.

In I John 4:1-3, we are told to try the spirits to see whether they are of God. The test to put to a supernatural power that is operating is to ask it if Jesus came in the flesh. No evil spirit that is actively operating in a human life will confess that Jesus came in the flesh. Any spirit that confesses that Jesus came in the flesh is of the Holy Ghost.

The word tells us that prior to the return of the Lord, the danger of deceiving spirits will be increas-

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From the Bible we read: "It is
written, Man shall not live by bread
alone, but by every word that pro-
ceedeth out of the mouth of God."
Matt. 4:4

I'm glad that His word is still
going forth from many pulpits and
in many ways, such as radio, tract,
voice, and print. Besides all this
His living witnesses, whose testi-
monies ring clear and firm.

The Lord has given us a place to

This morning as I was studying
there were some scriptures that
touched my heart. In a portion of
the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew
6:6, we find, "But thou, when thou
prayest, enter into thy closet, and
when thou hast shut thy door, pray
to thy Father which is in secret;
and thy Father which seeth in secret
shall REWARD thee OPENLY."

We need men with a ministry of
prayer . . . some old time prayer
warriors. Why don't we have them
anymore? Let us take a real close
look at the above scripture.

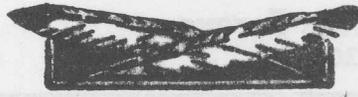
First in verse 5 we find part of
the fault. "And when thou prayest
thou shalt not be as the hypocrites
are; for they love to pray standing
in the synagogues and in the cor-
ners of the streets . . ." We LOVE
to be Seen. We want people to
know the BIG THINGS we are do-
ing. Jesus said if this is our mo-
tive, we have our reward here.
Then why do we not have our pray-
er warriors today? It is because
much of the real praying will have
to be done in secret.

A real praying ministry involves
a lonely life. Much of Jesus' pray-
ing was done alone. His temptation
in Matthew 4 with Satan was a
battle fought alone. He had spent
fourty days and nights fasting and
praying alone. Before He chose His
twelve disciples He prayed all night
alone. The secret closet praying will
be where we find our victories are
won!

In this secret closet of prayer we
intercede for our lost loved ones,
victories in our personal life, vic-
tories for other Christians, needs of

work for Him, for which we are
surely thankful. At the first of the
year we were hindered by sickness
and storm. January 21st we started

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Editors*



the church, help in grace and wis-
dom for our pastor, and for a real
revival in our church.

Then the Bible says "The Father
which seeth in secret SHALL RE-
WARD thee OPENLY." He sees in
secret; He hears our prayer in
secret. No one knows about your
prayers but you and the Lord. You
probably will not get any credit at
all by your fellowmen when you
see some of the answers come. No
one will know but you and the Lord
how many hours you may have
tarried for the one just saved, or
the problem that was just solved so
peaceably. Yet Jesus said you will
be rewarded openly. The answers
will be seen by others and such a
peace and joy felt to know you had
a part — a BIG part — through
prayer in seeing this accomplished.

I feel this is one reason we do
not see more accomplished; we do
not have enough closet praying. If
I have faith for something, I want
the Credit for it. I want people to
know I was the one who prayed the
prayer of Faith.

May the Lord help us to forget
self and look to Him!

We do thank you sincerely for
your backing the Report in your
prayers and support. May the Lord
bless all of you, and may you find
new strength in the Lord through
His Word found printed in the
pages of the Report. Then our work
will not be in vain because the price
of just one soul is of untold value.

Please continue to remember us
in your prayers.

Howard Whiteley

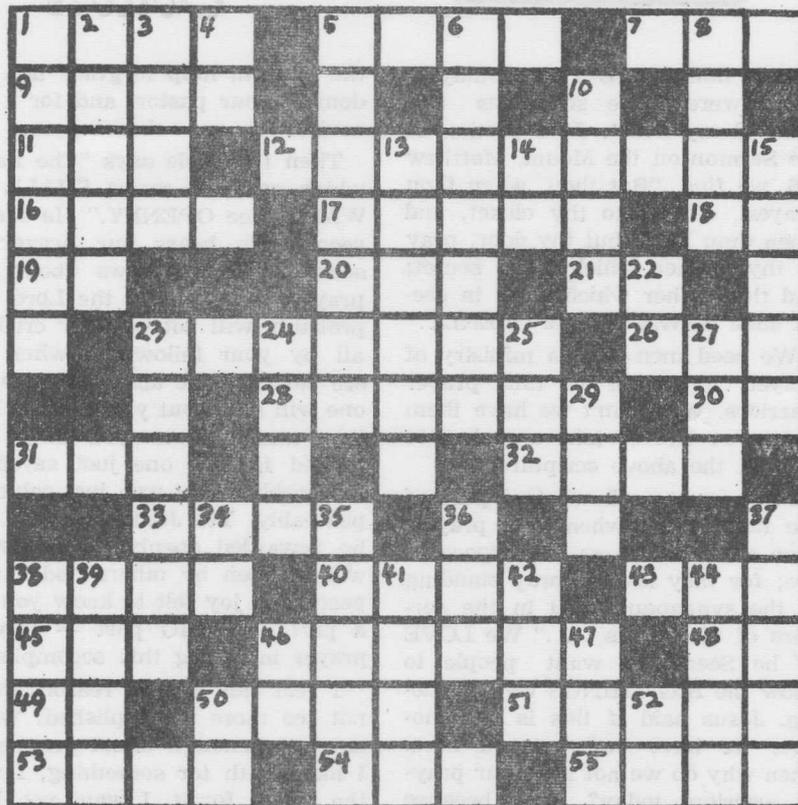
a revival at Laverne, Okla., and the
Lord gave us a precious time there.
Our next revival was at Wayside

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Crusaders for Christ

The Saviour Lives Forever

John 20



CLUES ACROSS

- 1 "_____ sht runneth, and cometh to Simon"
- 5 "after eight days again his disciples _____ within"
- 7 "these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is _____ Christ"
- 9 "blessed are they that _____ not seen, and yet have believed"
- 11 the raw material from which iron is taken
- 12 "many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his _____"
- 16 "Jesus saith unto her, _____"
- 17 "she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken _____ things unto her"
- 18 initials of two brother-in-law (Gen. 24:29,67)
- 19 "there appeared _____ angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him" Luke 22

- 20 suffix meaning three (as in trinity)
- 21,23 "If ye say that we have _____ sin, we _____ our selves" I John 1
- 26 "So they _____ both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter"
- 28 "I had fainted, _____ I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord" Ps. 27
- 30 "that ye might believe that Jesus _____ the Christ"
- 31 "Then the disciples went away again unto their _____ home"
- 32 "Then were the disciples _____, when they saw the Lord"
- 33 "Behold, he _____ before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him" Matt. 28 (modern spelling)
- 33 "_____ he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side"

- 40 "as yet _____ —knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead?"
- 43 "she turned herself back, and _____ Jesus standing"
- 45 "One of the servants of the high priest, being his kinsman whose _____ Peter cut off" John 18
- 46 "In that day shall the Lord of host be for a crown of glory, and for a _____ of beauty" Isa. 28.
- 48 "Children have ye any meat? They answered him, _____" John 21
- 49 husband of Tamer (Gen. 38:6)
- 50 "behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's _____" John 12
- 51 a large animal of the cat family
- 53 "those that thou gavest me I have _____" John 17
- 54 "then came Jesus, _____ doors being shut"
- 55 "Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the _____"

CLUES DOWN

- 1 Didymus
- 2 brother of Abraham (Gen. 11:27)
- 3 "but the Son abideth _____" John 8
- 4 initials of a godly man and his godly great grandfather (Gen. 5:29, 24)
- 5 "But these are _____, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ"
- 6 "he breathed on them, and saith unto them, _____ ye the Holy Ghost"
- 8 "He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his _____ against me" John 13
- 10 "I have set before thee an _____ door, and no man can shut it" Rev. 3
- 13 a sharp, high-pitched sound
- 14 "that ye might believe that Jesus _____ the Christ"
- 15 "And many other _____ truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples"

- 22 "and the Father in me: ——— else believe me for the very works' sake" John 14
- 23 "he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost . . . is in ——— of eternal damnation" Mark 3
- 24 "gave them power and authority over all devils, and to ——— diseases" Luke 9
- 25 initials of three strong men of the Bible (Judg. 3:15; Judg. 14:5; I Sam. 17:4)
- 27 "upon the men of Shechem, which ———(ed) him in the killing of his brethren" Judg. 9
- 29 secretive
- 34 "when he had said this, he breathed ——— them"
- 35 one of two poles with a step to raise the foot above the ground in walking
- 36 "Then ——— they Jesus from Calaphas unto the hall of judgment" John 18
- 37 "Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up the ——— into the sheath" John 18
- 38 "The first day of the ——— cometh Mary Magdalene early"
- 39 an animal unclean to the Israelites (Lev. 11:6)
- 41 "as my Father ——— sent me, even so send I you"
- 42 "For as ——— they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead"
- 44 a confederate with Abram (Gen. 14:13)
- 46 "Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man ———?" John 21
- 47 a bronze coin of Palestine
- 50 abbreviation for 50 across
- 52 "——— to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father"

Answer in next month's issue.

THOUGHTS OF MARRIAGE

Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? This scripture has been used in different ways but let us think of the closest of all unions, marriage.

For many months there has been a burden on my heart for young people in making decisions that affect their whole future lives. The American idea of Love and Mar-

riage is so twisted and distorted it is not any wonder young people are so disillusioned after the marriage vows are said. They are given the idea that "Boy meets Girl", "Boy courts Girl", "Boy weds Girl", and they live together happily forever after. Also the physical side of marriage is the only one ever considered.

People are a three part being; Soul, Spirit and Body. To be a complete and happy satisfying union all should be considered.

Let us think of the spiritual part of marriage. How tragic it is when a Christian young person is deceived into thinking a marriage can be successful when the other partner is unsaved or just a church member. There are even adjustments to be made when mixed marriages (one of another church, even though a Christian) are involved.

How often we hear, "Oh, after we are married he or she will get saved," or, "They will believe like me," How seldom it turns out that way. It is the devil's business to see that it doesn't. Marriage between saved and unsaved is like hooking two horses together in opposite directions. You are thinking and working for eternal and heavenly things and they of worldly things.

Let us think of some problems and questions that could be faced. Do you plan family worship and grace to be said at the table? Do you want to have the Lord as your Great Physician? What about giving tithes and offerings? Who will be your close friends, a Christian

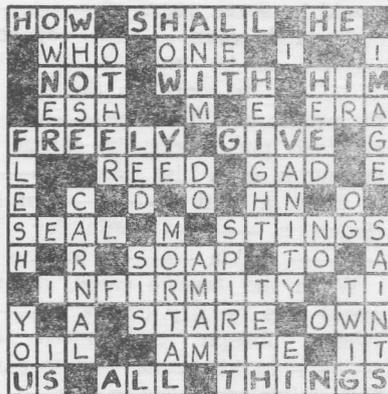
or worldly group? What will be your type of entertainment or recreation? Will the teaching your children in spiritual things come solely from you? What if your companion rebels at your teachings? What about church attendance? You could go by yourself but how much more wonderful if church is attended and enjoyed together. Sharing is the thing that enriches the marriage. These are just a few questions you need to answer.

Here are two illustrations that I have read in a "Dear Abby" type of column. The wife who wrote the letter, was evidently an unsaved church member and her husband was a member of a pentecostal church. They had promised to take turns attending each other's church but she could no longer tolerate his church. When she refused to go he had wept so she considered him a weakling. From the tone of her letter it was doubtful she even knew what a "Know-so" experience with God was. Tragedy could have been avoided if they had considered the difference in beliefs before marriage and went their separate ways.

Another illustration: A couple found themselves at opposite sides. He had married her because she was a good Christian girl and he had wanted a good moral wife and mother for his children but he wished to continue with his "beatnik" crowd. No one knows, except the ones who have made the mistake of thinking love will make everything come out all right, the loneliness that the Christian endures. The spiritual side of marriage is not nourished. Every side of marriage is affected because the ideals and aspirations of the Christian are on a higher plane than the non-christian or the professing church member.

In the song "Try Jesus" there is a phrase that says, "Oh, be careful where you place your treasurers." Remember the scripture, "Can two walk together unless they agree? Also Paul's admonition, To marry to whom you will only in the Lord."

If this article can keep one young person from making a wrong choice in marriage we will give thanks to the Lord.



Answer To Last Month's Puzzle

Children's Hour . . .



—By Lois Riley

MY STORY OF JOSEPH

First read the fascinating story of Joseph in Genesis, chapters 37 and 39 through 45 .(Omit chapter 38.) Then see if you can fill in all the missing words in these two pages.

Jacob had twelve sons. Benjamin was the baby and Joseph was next to him. Jacob loved _____ best and gave him a beautiful _____ of many colors. This made his older _____ jealous.

Joseph used to dream strange _____ in which he was always a great _____ and his _____ bowed down before him. His brothers laughed at _____ and said, "Why should we bow _____ to you?"

These ten older _____ were shepherds. One day when they were far from home with their father's _____, they saw _____ coming to find them with a message from their father. He wore his bright _____ and they were so _____ that they threw him into a _____. Some of them wanted to kill _____. While they were planning how to get rid of him, along came a caravan of traders going to the far country of _____. So they sold _____ to these traders and divided the _____ they received. They stained his _____ with the blood of one of their own _____ and told their _____ they had found the _____ and a wild _____ must have killed _____. Jacob felt very _____.

In Egypt, Joseph was a servant

in the house of the _____ of the king's guard. One day a wicked woman lied about him and had him put in _____. He was such a _____ prisoner that soon he was helping the _____ with the other _____. Among them were two of Pharaoh's servants, his _____ and his _____. One night they dreamed strange _____. In the morning, Joseph told them what would happen and it came _____.

Then Pharaoh (the king) dreamed of seven _____ cows and seven thin _____. The thin cows ate the _____ and were no fatter. He also dreamed of seven _____ ears of corn which ate up _____ fat _____ and were no larger. He was worried because no one could tell him what his _____ meant. Then the butler remembered _____ and they brought him from the _____. Joseph told the king there would be seven years of _____ crops and seven _____ of poor _____ so he must build great _____ to store up the food so his people would not be _____. Pharaoh put Joseph in charge of this work, gave him fine _____ to wear, a gold _____ for his finger, a _____ chain for his _____ and a _____ to ride in.

When the famine came, all the world was hungry except _____ where Joseph had stored the _____ in his barns. People came from miles and miles to buy _____. Among them came Joseph's ten _____. He knew them at once, but they did not _____ him. He

told them to bring Benjamin next time. Jacob did not want _____ to go but they were all very hungry and his brother Judah promised to take care of him.

Joseph gave a dinner for his _____ and the best of the food was put on _____'s plate. Then Joseph told his servant secretly to hide his silver _____ in Benjamin's _____ of grain. When they started home they were arrested for stealing. They were so sure they were honest that they promised if one of them had _____ the silver _____ he would go back to Egypt and be a slave. How sad they felt when the _____ was found in _____'s sack. They could not leave him so they all went back. They bowed down before _____ just as they had in his dream when he was a little _____ and Judah begged to be a _____ in Egypt instead of _____.

Then Joseph knew they would
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BIRTHDAY CALENDER

APRIL

- 3 PAUL THOMAS
- 6 GALE PLETCHER
- 11 NANCY BECK
- 11 GERALD ANDERSON
- 13 SUE ANN PHARES
- 13 EDWINA KING
- 20 CHRISTY PHARES
- 22 GREG CASSITY
- 25 JOYCE MATHIS
- 27 .. LYNN HOWARD WHITELEY
- 30 KEVIN ELSTON



OBJECT LESSON

BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD
OBJECTS NEEDED: A lamb (real or toy one), red and blue ribbon tied around its neck.

One of the most wonderful statements in God's Word, boys and girls, concerns the Lord Jesus as the "Lamb of God."

John the Baptist, as you know, was a herald or forerunner of Jesus. One day, as he was preaching and baptizing beyond the Jordan, the Lord Jesus came. Many had gathered about John to hear his preaching, but as soon as he saw Jesus, he turned the attention of all to Him, as he said, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:28. John identified the Lord Jesus with the lambs of the Old Testament. The people understood the meaning and purpose of a lamb.

All through the Old Testament God has been preparing the people for the coming of His Son, who was to shed His precious blood on the cross. He taught them through object lessons. The lamb in sacrifice always pointed to the Cross. The people's sins were covered and passed over by the blood of a sacrifice which pictured the death of the Lord Jesus. On Passover night, down in Egypt, Lambs were slain at God's command (Exo. 12:1-13), and the blood placed over the door. God said, "When I see the blood, I will pass over you" (Exo. 12:13). All of those who were in houses which had the blood on the door were spared that night, when the angel of death passed over the land.

Perhaps some of you are wonder-

ing why we don't kill lambs today, and use the blood for an atonement for our sins. The reason is, that the Lord Jesus is God's Lamb. He has come and fulfilled in every detail the Passover Lamb of the Old Testament. He died on the Cross and shed His precious blood; all of those who have received Him as their Saviour, are sheltered today by the blood. The Christian can truly say, "For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us." I Cor. 5:7.

I have here a little lamb (present lamb) with a blue and red ribbon around its neck. The blue ribbon is a heavenly color and tells us that the Lord Jesus was God's Lamb from heaven. The red ribbon is the picture of blood and sacrifice and tells us that God's Lamb died on the Cross (Rom. 5:8). I trust, boys and girls, that whenever you see a little lamb you will be reminded of the Lord Jesus, the

HOW OTHERS DO IT

LISTENING TEAMS help students become actively involved in the Bible lesson. Before you begin the lesson, divide the class into two or more teams. Give each team specific points to look for, or a particular question to answer, as they listen to the lesson.

For example, suppose your lesson is on the Jerusalem council in Acts 15. Have half the class look for reasons why circumcision was so important to the Jews. Ask the other half to be able to tell what effect the decision of the Jerusalem council has on us today. At the end of the lesson, ask both teams to share their findings.

Teacher's Notebook

Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world. Have you ever received Him as your Lamb, the One who died for your sins? If not, won't you do so today?

MUSIC SCHOOL

An Apostolic Singing School will be conducted at the Lost Pines Encampment, Warda, Texas, from June 10th to the 15th. Enrollment will be June 8th and 9th. Ages for this school will begin at 15.

There will be classes conducted in Music Theory I, Sight Singing, and Choir Conducting by Mr. Videt Polk from Baton Rouge, La.

Special personal work in trio, duet, and quartet singing will be given by other qualified teachers.

More information concerning this school will be sent upon request from:

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SCHARNHORST — JELSOVSKY VOWS READ IN CALIFORNIA

Miss Cody Scharnhorst and Rev. Carl Jelsovsky were married on Feb. 3rd, in Fair Oaks Chapel, Spring Valley, Calif. Among the attendants were Miss Gwen Frizzell, Maid of Honor, Rev. Paul Wilkerson, Best Man; and Scott Seward and Clifford Barker, ushers. Joy Flenniken and Russell Johnston, Young people of the church, served as candlelighters.

Rev. Gene Raney of Roswell, New Mexico, officiated. After the reception, Carl and Cody traveled to Roswell for their honeymoon.

NEWS from the CHURCHES

FAIR OAKS CHAPEL, SPRING VALLEY, CALIF.

The new year at Fair Oaks Chapel has been filled with the richness of God's greatest blessings.

The months of Jan. and Feb. saw a number of visiting ministers take the pulpit of our chapel. Rev. Roy Matthews held one service for us, Rev. Delvin Wiles and Rev. Earl Blades held some special services for us. Rev. Gene Raney of Roswell, New Mexico, was here on Feb. 4th, Rev. Jake Regier began a series of Doctrine lessons Feb. 10 that lasted through Wednesday (Feb. 13th).

In January we had an ordination service for Carl Jelsovsky. Revs. Homer Allen and Billy Jo Harris from Imperial Beach, Calif., assisted our pastor. Also present were Delvin Wiles and Earl Blades.

And if God's blessings were not already rich enough, our attendance has been increasing regularly. A new class had to be added, and several new families have been added to the chapel. Anyone visiting the Southern California area is invited to attend Fair Oaks Chapel.

Paul Wilkerson, pastor
Nelda Seward, Reporter

PROSPERITY, MISSOURI—

As we labour and continue to look for the "blessed hope" of our Lord's return to earth, we thank Him for His guiding and delivering hand. In January we had a revival with Rev. and Mrs. E. K. Cornell as evangelists. We did not see accomplished what we had hoped but felt like the church was strengthened and blessed of God.

Sis. Malone has started a children's service on Sunday evenings

and has had wonderful response. We trust that we can see a real growth spiritually and physically in the church, and may God continue to bless His people.

Earl Malone, pastor

HUDSON, WYONMING—

Rev. Delvin Wiles and Earlon Blades held a week of services in February. Many souls were blessed and many young people renewed their experience with the Lord. We'd like to extend an invitation to all ministers to come and see us.

We're trying not to be discouraged concerning our church moving. Due to lack of funds we've had to give up moving the building which we had for a new church. The church here has lost several hundred dollars to the mover that died because of only a verbal contract and the man taking over his business would not complete the job for the amount agreed with the first owner. We hope to be able as the Lord provides to build on the foundation that was laid for the building. Please pray with us concerning this as more room is desperately needed. We have no room for growth where we are. There is great opportunity to enlarge our attendance if we had a larger building. Pray with us that God's will be done.

Eugene Webster, pastor

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**CAMP MEETING  
 LAVERNE, OKLA.  
 JULY 26-AUGUST 4  
 MISSISSIPPI YOUTH CAMP  
 CAMP MEETING  
 JUNE 26 — JULY 4**  
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GALENA, KANSAS—

We certainly enjoyed the services with Rev. and Mrs. Ben Barker in our church March 13-17. God blessed lives with the wonderful prophetic sermons delivered by Bro. Barker. Also, we enjoyed the sermon delivered by Rev. O. A. Busch in one of our recent Wednesday night services.

The inside of our church has been panelled on the lower walls and the platform entirely panelled. During the next two weeks new window frames will be installed on the windows in the main auditorium to match the rest of the new framework in the annex and our new front addition.

Around April 18th work on our new classroom addition will begin. How thankful we are to God for the way He has blessed in providing in these for us. We're looking for His many blessings in our coming Youth Camps and Camp Meetings as well as in our regular services. Let us all work together to see God's work move forward.

Howard Whiteley, pastor

LAVERNE, OKLAHOMA—

The Lord has continued to bless as we yield ourselves to Him and His service. Last Wednesday evening (March 15) we had a foot washing service which was a wonderful blessing to all.

Youth Rally was held at Follet during March with Shattuck once again taking home the banner. We desire your prayers that each of us might do our best for the Lord. We are deeply grateful for the spiritual blessings He has bestowed on us these past few months.

Mrs. Dale Johnson, reporter
M. D. Methvin, pastor

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BIG SPRING, TEXAS—

Greetings in the name of the Lord. We are writing to share with you the wonderful blessings the Lord has poured upon us. We are glad to report that God has added souls to the church in recent months and that we have enjoyed many wonderful services with material evidence of healings and other victories.

It is so encouraging to know that though the world is in such a turmoil and sin that God is still on the throne and willing to bless His people. Pray for us here that we may grow in grace and strength in the days to come.

James Orange, Pastor

APOSTOLIC STUDENT CENTER, GOODWELL, OKLA.

God is truly blessing in the work here and we have been very encouraged with the good attendance and interest shown by the students of Panhandle State college.

We are praying for some revival services that are being planned before the spring semester is completed. Our attendance has consistently run between 20 and 30 and in each service we have felt the presence of God.

Various churches have sent cookies and contributed other useful and needed items to the Student Center and for this we are certainly appreciative. But we are especially happy when you remember the A.S.C. in your prayers. God bless each one of you.

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Gem Of Truth

"If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us."

II Tim. 2:12

ARTICLE II**REWARDS OF THE WICKED**

By E. K. Cornell

The word BURN is used as the reward of the wicked. In Psm. 37: 20 "But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the Lord shall be as the fat of the lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away." This scripture tells us that the wicked shall be burned up, that in their smoke shall they consume away. One of the most convincing scriptures we find in the Bible is in Mal. 4:1, 3. "For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of Hosts, that is shall leave them neither root nor branch. (3) "And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes UNDER THE SOLES OF YOUR FEET in the day that I shall do this, saith the Lord of Hosts." The thought here is that the wicked shall be burned up both root and branch and that the wicked shall be as stubble. Surely the lake of fire will only last as long as it takes to burn the wicked up as this tells us that the righteous people will tread down the wicked and they shall be ashes under the soles of their feet and I am sure that the Righteous people will NOT walk in the lake of fire but that it will go out and turn to ashes, then we will walk on their ashes. The lake of fire will not last on through Eternity but will go out and turn to ashes as all the wicked are completely burned up there will be nothing to keep the fire burning.

In Matt. 7:19 "Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire." Again in Matt. 13:40 "As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world." All the wicked will be cast into the lake of fire and burned up both root and branch. In all these scriptures you will not find any life whatsoever only death and destruction from the presence of God. In 2 Peter 2:6 we find that God gives us an example from the word of God. "And turn-

ing the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them ensamples unto those that after should live ungodly. Surely God did not condone sin in any degree in the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah but because of their sins he burned them up and they were turned to ashes. God today will not excuse any of our sins, but unless we repent and turn to God we too will be burned up in the lake of Fire which is the second death.

It is imperative today that all people make sure that their name is in the BOOK OF LIFE. For in Rev. 20:15 it tells us "And whosoever was not found written in the book of Life was cast into the lake of fire. Brother or sister, you know whether your name is in the book of life or not. If you don't know it is written there, I can tell you it is not there. If it is, YOU KNOW IT.

Now we want to take up the word FOR-EVER. Some teach this means to last on through eternity. Let us consider the word of God. In Deut. 15:17 "Then thou SHALL Take an aul and thrust it through his ear unto the door, and he shall be thy servant for-ever. And also unto thy maid-servant thou shalt do likewise." This was God's command concerning the servants of the Hebrew people that did not want to go free yet they are not living today. The word forever in this place only lasted as long as that servant lived. Again in Jonah 2:6 "Jonah said; I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the Earth with her bars was about me for ever: Yet thou brought up my life from corruption, O Lord my God." Jonah said the bars were about me for-ever, yet in Jonah 1: 17 it tells us that Jonah was in the belly of the fish for three days and nights. So in this time the term "forever" lasted only three days and nights.

Again let us go to the word of God in I Chronicles 28:4. Here we find that David said that the Lord

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God of Isreal chose me before all the house of my father to be King over Isreal for-ever. Then in I Chron. 29:26, 27 you will find that David reigned over all Isreal for forty years. So here we find the word or term FOR-EVER to have lasted only forty years. So when the word of God speaks of for-ever it means only as long as that thing may last or live.

Now we go to the word of God to the parable that most people use to teach that the lake of fire will last forever and on through eternity and consider some thought with you of the parable of Lazarus and the rich man. St. Luke 16:19 through 31. Most people will teach this parable to be literal. If this were true then to go to Heaven you would have to be a beggar full of sores and begging for food and the dogs coming and licking your sores. Is this the picture in your mind of a real spiritual Christian? David said I was once young now I am old, I have never seen the Righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread. Then too if we take this to be a literal meaning Abraham's bosom would be heaven and only one person could go to heaven for there would be no room for any one else. Then you say, Bro. Cornell, what does this parable teach us? I believe this is speaking of the Nations of or people of the Jews and Gentiles. The Rich man was the Jews who had all the blessings of God and was rich in the things of God until the fullness of the Gentiles came OR UNTIL THE DAY THAT GOD GAVE PETER the vision of the sheet let down from heaven and told him to slay and eat. God took the Gospel from the Jews (the rich man in this parable), and gave the Gospel to the Gentiles; or the beggar that was carried by the Angels into Abraham's bosom meaning that through the promises that God made to Abraham that he would make him the father of many nations and that his posterity would be as the sands of the sea etc. It was that through this promise that the beggar or the Gentiles were given the Gospel. He,

the rich man, never did say Father God, but father Abraham. He ask that some one be sent to his five brethern. The son Judah or the (Jews) had five natural brethern. He had step brothers but only five real brothers. This parable is not teaching us the rewards of the wicked but the fact that God took the Gospel of God from the Jews and gave it unto the Gentiles and the house of the Jews became a hiss and by word. They were scattered among the nations of the world until May of 1945 when Isreal again became a Nation to fulfill Bible prophecy of the 70th week of Daniel or the last seven Years of this age, a time of trouble, etc. We do teach there will be a real heaven and a real Hell, we have a hell to shun and a heaven to gain. I believe that the lake of fire will not be a place of torment or a summer resort where you are burned for a while on one side and the devil will turn you over to burn on the other side, but the Bible teaches that the wicked will be burned up both root and branch. I am sure that the wicked will be completely burned up as the wages for their sins.

Our closing scriptures are Rev. 20:11-15 "And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and Hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire, this is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of Fire."

These scriptures tell us that ALL people of all ages will receive a just reward and a just Judgment from God according to our works for by thy words thou shall be jus-

tified or by thy words thou shall be condemned. We write our own ticket either to life or death by the way we live and talk. God will not in any way condone sin, but the SOUL that sinneth it shall die and the person that committs sin will be burned up in the lake of Fire—these are the wages for sin. And if your name is not found in the book of LIFE you will be cast into the lake of fire. It is imperative that you KNOW that your name is in the book of life. We as christians do not serve God to make him an escape from Hell or the lake of Fire, but we serve God because we love him.

God demands a love service from us, for he said if you love me you will keep my commandments. Praise God for the wonderful opportunity to be called His child. We are not our own but we have been bought with a price even the blood of Jesus. May these scriptures and thoughts be a real blessing to you as you have read and shared them with us.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Dear Bro. Whiteley,

For the past year we have been in Modesto overseeing the building of the new church. While the floor coverings were being laid in March we visited the churches in Southern California.

We had two services in Las Vegas, and four services in Imperial Beach and 4 in Spring Valley. During the week of March 18th we will put the finishing touches on the new church here. Present plans call for the first service to be held in the new church April 14th.

We will be back in the Midwest by April 1st and open for calls for services, fill-in work, etc. Around Easter time we will begin a revival at Hudson, Wyoming, with Rev. and Mrs. Gene Webster.

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Adding chemicals to a stream, cannot purify the spring from which it comes; nor can reformation do the work of regeneration!

GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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ingly great. "For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." Matt. 24:24. It is obvious that in any situation only one of three spirits can be at work: the Holy Spirit, the human spirit, or evil spirit. This gift enables us to know which spirit is at work.

This concludes the three Gifts of the Spirit that are placed under the sub-heading of the three Gifts of Revelation. The next three Gifts of the Spirit are placed under the heading of the Gifts of Utterance or the vocal gifts. The three found here are: the Gift of divers kinds of Tongues, the Gift of Interpretation of Tongues, and the Gift of Prophecy.

On the day of Pentecost the tarrying disciples yielded their tongues and their vocal organs and the Holy Spirit used them to utter languages unknown to them.

Speaking with tongues is the scriptural evidence of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Mark 16:17, John 15:26. Joel predicted the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, Joel 2:28. Jesus, before His ascension referred to this same outpouring when he said, "For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. Acts 1:5. The outpouring prophesied by Joel is identical with the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Speaking with tongues is a sign to unbelievers. I Cor. 14:22. Speaking with tongues when interpreted edifies the church (I Cor. 14:5, 12, 13) and has the same value as the spiritual gift of Prophecy. One that speaks in an unknown tongue also edifies himself. I Cor. 14:4. Edification or edify means to build up or strengthen.

A very common question that might be asked by almost anyone, saved or not; when a person speaks in other tongues as the Holy Spirit gives utterance, do they speak a real language spoken by people in the world? This is usually true although it may not be always. Sometimes the languages spoken un-

der the inspiration of the Holy Spirit are human languages unknown to anyone present and sometimes it is a heavenly language unknown to anyone on earth. I Cor. 13:1, I Cor. 14:2. But in Acts 2:7-11, referring to the day of Pentecost, we find recorded, "And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God."

The Gift of the Interpretation of Tongues is also a supernatural manifestation of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit filled Christian gives voice as the Holy Spirit directs in interpretation of the unknown message given under divine direction.

To interpret means to give the meaning of something or explain. An interpretation may be an exact translation of a message in tongues but it doesn't have to be and frequently isn't. Very often the one giving the interpretation merely gives the meaning of the message and not the identical words used.

The Gift of Interpretation of Tongues compliments the Gift of Tongues and by doing so they are together equal to the Gift of Prophecy. This doesn't mean that speaking in other tongues is valueless unless interpreted because there is not even any spiritual evidence as to whether or not there was any interpretation of the tongues spoken on the day of Pentecost.

On the other hand the Word of God tells us in I Cor. 14:13. "Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret". Also, "If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret." I Cor. 14:27. I feel that this means more for the public church meetings than for the witnessing to the Baptism of the Holy Spirit spoken in private devotions or during a prayer service, etc.

Pertaining and concerning to the Gift of Prophecy we know that the Spirit filled Christian in his own language gives voice to the mess-

age the Holy Spirit directs. According to I Cor. 14:22, prophesying is a sign to believers and not to unbelievers.

In the Old Testament religious order, the Lord raised up prophets to deliver His message to the people during times of spiritual declension and times of national crisis.

In the Old Testament as well as in the New Testament the type of prophecy was evidently of a lower degree of divine inspiration and not regarded as infallible. I Sam. 10:10, I Cor. 14:29-32.

It's necessary to make a distinction between the spiritual gift of Prophecy which is a gift of the Spirit to the individual. I Cor. 12:10-11; and the gift of the prophets by Christ to the church, Eph. 4:11. It's possible for anyone who has the baptism of the Holy Spirit to receive the Spiritual gift of prophecy. I Cor 14:24,31.

Some people think that preaching is all there is to the New Testament gift of prophecy because the Bible declares that the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. Rev. 19:10. But prophecy is one-hundred percent supernatural utterance in a known tongue.

Anointed preaching is not prophesying and prophesying is more than anointed preaching.

The last three Gifts of the Spirit come under the heading of Gifts of Power. They are; Faith, healing and the Working of Miracles.

The Gift of Faith is not the same as saving faith, it is a special kind of wonder-working faith. Faith, the fruit of the Spirit, comes after Salvation and every Christian has more or less this kind of faith. Gal. 5:22-23. This is the same faith as "The just shall live by faith". Rom. 1:17. The fruit of the Spirit first begins to be manifested in a person's life after his conversion. It is at conversion that a person first begins to love the Lord, to experience the joy of Salvation and to have peace with God.

Mark 11:22-23 shows the command of faith and is one of the ways in which the Gift of Faith operates.

It is believed that all three Gifts of Power were manifested when

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the lame man was healed at the Beautiful gate of the temple. Acts 3:1-11. Peter, through the power of God, responding to faith, gave this man his healing. His healing was admitted by the enemies of the Lord to be a notable miracle. Acts 4:16.

God's will to heal those who meet his conditions is abundantly proven by the Scriptures. A favorite of mine is Isa. 53:5. "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."

Matthew's commentary on the healing ministry of Jesus found in Matt.8:16-17 is "When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his Word and healed all that were sick; That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sickness.

The sick may be healed by elders of the church praying the prayer of faith for their healing. James 5:14-15.

Miracles may be classified as; miracles in the realm of healing and miracles outside the realm of healing.

Casting out devils and raising the dead would be considered "Miracles".

Outside the realm of healing there are miracles of judgment as when Paul caused the sorcerer Elymas to lose his sight (Acts 13:6-11) for opposing the gospel. Jesus performed many miracles outside the realm of healing such as turning the water into wine and multiplying the loaves and fishes.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

The Lord has given us some good services the last few weeks. In February, Bro. Roy Wooster was with us for a week's Revival, and there were some very definite victories gained. Bro. Bill Patterson was with us for a Youth Banquet, and also preached in our regular services. The first part of this year,

our Sunday School elected Bob Casity as our Superintendent, and he has helped initiate some new ideas that are causing our number to increase. The men are at this time installing paneling in our auditorium, which will give it a new look. We appreciate the response of the people; since we have been in our new building, our number has increased some each month. Our address again is:

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Chapel, Edna, Texas. There too, we found the presence of the Lord and people who do know their God. This was our main February revival. At this writing we are at Spearman, Texas, for our March revival. The Lord is meeting with us and His saints here are moving forward in the name of their Saviour.

The Lord willing we will begin a revival in Alvin, Texas, April 7th. There too, I feel the Lord will indeed meet with us. Perhaps we should term our next revival our May revival to begin at Guymon, Okla., April 28th.

We have a burden to reach the needy and to strengthen the cause of Christ wherever we go. Pray that we will be led correctly to the right place at the right time.

We want to thank God and you as a movement for every open door, for every invitation, and your prayers and support that has made possible our work in the Lord.

May God bless you one and all. A big summer's work lies ahead for all of us. The Youth Camps, and D.V.B.S. will need attention. Yet we must not forget the revival effort. We still have faith in God and are still looking up because it pays to serve Jesus — He Never Fails.

In Christian love,
Gail W. Shultz

What good is your faith if it doesn't work when you need it?

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never be cruel to Benjamin as they had been to _____ so he forgave _____ and he cried, "I am _____ your brother. Go home and get Jacob, my _____, and all your families and come and live with me." They all moved to _____ and they were happy together again.

THE TWELVE SONS OF JACOB

Their names are all jumbled up in these words. See if you can spell them correctly. If you cannot solve them all, look up I Chronicles 2:1.

- NUBEER _____
- MINOSE _____
- VILE _____
- AND _____
- REHAS _____
- DAG _____
- HADJU _____
- SASCHAIR _____
- BUZLUNE _____
- SOPEJH _____
- THINPALA _____
- MINEBAJN _____

What was another name for Jacob?
_____ (Gen. 32:28)