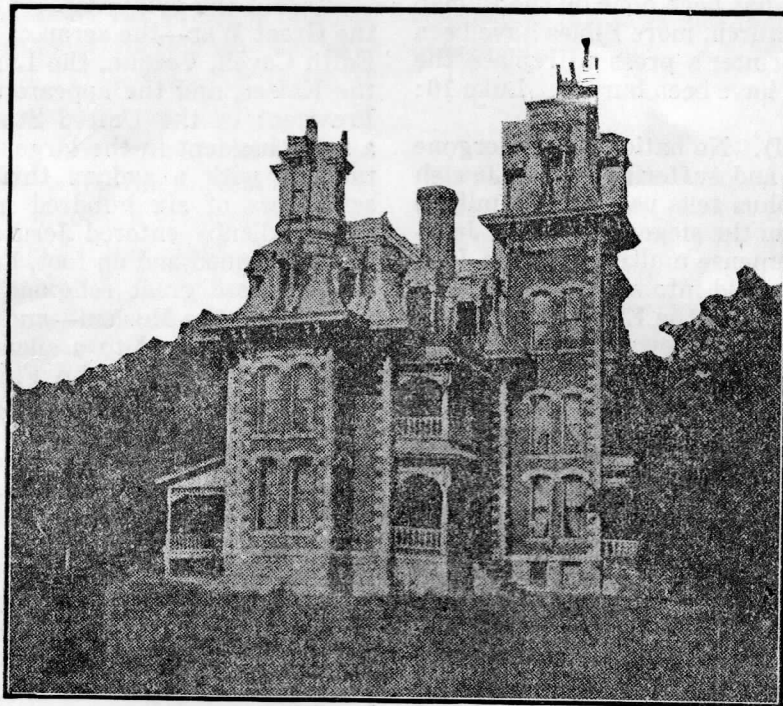


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Where the baptism of the Holy Ghost first fell Jan.
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OUR MOTTO

To Serve GOD and Humanity, Till HE Comes in a
Sinless, Sickless, Deathless Body, Be this our ambition and
goal.

THE BIBLE, THE JEWS AND PALESTINE IN THE LIGHT OF PROPHECY.

By Phillip Sidersky

The Bible. No book in the world's history has undergone the fires of its enemies as much as the Book of Books, The Bible, and if all the books that have been written against the Bible would have been piled up on top of each other they would make one of the highest pyramids, and most of those books have gone out of existence and their authors forgotten, but the Bible is having a greater circulation now than ever before. Not only has the Bible undergone attacks upon it by its enemies through the printed page, but many efforts have been put forth to burn large numbers of books that contain the truths of the Bible, and while they have succeeded in a measure in burning many of those volumes, which has been done by the Roman and Greek Catholic Church, more Bibles have been going through the printer's press to replace the many thousands that have been burned. Luke 16: 17; Matt. 5:18.

The Jews (Yisroal). No nation has undergone so much persecution and suffering as the Jewish people have, as Josephus tells us that one million of the Jews perished in the siege and sack of Jerusalem, and that an immense multitude of the Jewish people were either sold into slavery or thrown to the wild beasts, and that the Emperor Constantine cut off the ears of the Jews and made them vagabonds, and that the Emperor Justinian destroyed their synagogues and denied them civil rights, and when we know that in later times the Greek and Roman Catholic churches denounced them as heretics and tried to exterminate them by violence and outrage, and when we realize that the Pope compelled them to wear yellow hats and shut them up in the filthiest parts of Rome, and when we know that the Crusaders in the expeditions to the Holy Land tried to murder all the Jews they could find in Europe, and when history tells us that in the fifteenth century eight hundred thousand of these helpless Jewish people were banished from Spain amid circumstances of unparalleled wretchedness and misery, and yet through all the trials, and sufferings they have not been annihilated, neither have they become absorbed by the very nations that have persecuted them, and through all the ages the Jewish people have survived and have attended to the funerals of some of the nations that had been their persecutors. Nor has their persecutions come to an end, for even in modern times according to a statement by Mr. P. W. Wilson in the "World's Work" of July, 1922, he states the following: "The Jews of the present day are encountering the criticism of Catholics like Hilaire Belloc and Gilbert Chesterton and the more violent abuse of Henry Ford and "The London Morning Post," and yet through all

of it God is taking care of the Jewish people and the prophecies in the Word of God are being fulfilled, and as the efforts of destroying the Bible have been a failure, so the attempts to annihilate the Jewish nation could not be brought about by either potentates, Popes, or any other anti-Semites.

Palestine (Aretz Yisroal). The land Palestine has also undergone attacks of various kinds and has changed ownership many times, but the promise of God made in the Bible that it shall be given back to the Jews is being fulfilled in the present day, in spite of the enemies of the Jews, such as the Pope of Rome, France, Henry Ford and others. It is very interesting to notice that the secular press is giving quite extensive space to it and the "World's Work," one of the leading secular magazines, of July, 1922, contains a very lengthy, illustrated article by P. W. Wilson about Palestine and the following are a few quotations from it:

"Amid the symbolic events which dramatized the Great War—the scrap of paper, the killing of Edith Cavell, Verdun, the Lusitania, the flight of the Kaiser, and the appearance in Europe of the President of the United States—there was one, a mere incident in the larger struggle, which yet touched with a sudden thrill the deep subconsciousness of six hundred millions of mankind. When Allenby entered Jerusalem for Christmas, 1917, unarmed and on foot, he stirred the mysticism of these great religions—the Christian, the Jewish and the Moslem—and even the most sceptical were reduced to a silence, not far removed from awe. As Dr. John Finley has told us, the very name, Allenby, recalling to the Arabs the words, Allah and Nebi—God and Prophet—was, to say the least, a singular coincidence, and the General appeared, not merely as a brilliant cavalry officer, but as the man of destiny. In irony, the Arabs had boasted that the Turks would hold Jerusalem until the waters of the Nile flowed into Palestine, and here, wonderful to relate, was the railway from Egypt, advancing across the desert of Sinai, nearer and nearer to Gaza, a long riband of concrete, imbedded in the sand, with a pipeline for this very water on one side and a pipeline for petroleum on the other. Into Palestine, the Nile was thus actually flowing, even across the Suez Canal itself. The taunt had come true. And it was, too, such a short and silent siege to which the city surrendered. Not a shot was fired and not a stone was displaced. It was an occasion when Jerusalem, so often and so terribly beleaguered, by Babylon, by Persia, by Macedonia, by Rome, by Crusaders, and by Moslems, could claim that she had at last justified the name bestowed upon her as the capital of his kingdom by David, when he called the little stronghold of the Jebusites 'the foundation of peace.'"

"From the first, Allenby recognized that he had to deal with a spiritual as well as a material situation. Finley tells how he and the Commander-

in-Chief would sit of an evening, reading together those prophecies of Isaiah which picture a desolated Palestine again blossoming as the rose. Officers in the army, travelling from Cairo to Gaza, may be seen, intent upon the Book of Exodus which describes how Moses, also moving north from Egypt as a base, led the Israelites in their invasion of the promised land."

"When the Romans, under Titus, besieged and destroyed Jerusalem in the first century of our era, the Sanhedrin or Jewish Council, founded by Ezra the Scribe, of which such tragic mention is made in the gospels, was shattered, and after a precarious exile it disappeared. Once more, there is today the Sanhedrin, sitting as of old, in Jerusalem. It is an unofficial body, like any of our federations of churches. But within it, there meet the Jew who has wandered far afield before returning to his homeland and the Jew who has never left the gates of Zion. Over the constitution of the Sanhedrin, there arose severe differences of opinion, for the modern Jew desired and obtained the presence of women while the ancient Jew objected. The latter is, indeed, a strange figure as he stands at the Wailing Place, that great wall which upholds the Temple. * * * *

"But, in one matter, Palestine enjoys an advantage, obvious at once to the student of her maps. The River Jordan, which Joshua crossed dryshod, in which Naaman the Syrian bathed away his leprosy, and where John the Baptist preached, is unique. Among the rivers of the world, there is no other like it. The source of the Jordan is 900 feet above sea level. From that source to its outflow, the distance is only sixty miles, but it is a distance which the river itself, by frequent winding, more than trebles. The outflow is not into any open sea but into a lake surrounded entirely by mountains and exhausted only by evaporation or soaking of the water into its bleak and desolate shores. This lake is so charged with various salts that to sink in its waters is impossible, while bathing severely tests the complexion. Most remarkable of all is the fact that the lake, supposed to contain the ruins of Soaom, Gomorrma, and other cities of the plain, is situated 1,300 feet or thereabouts below the level of the sea. No where, not in the Grand Canyon itself, is there a phenomenon so mysterious and so sensational.

"To the engineer, a river falling 2,200 feet in sixty miles, with rapid tributaries entering its channel, means waterpower rather than theology.

It is calculated that an expenditure of \$5,000,000 on the first dam, about eight miles below Lake Tiberias, would furnish enough power to serve the whole of Palestine's needs in that direction, so far as these can now be foreseen. Completely to develop the Jordan would require many times that capital. And it is to such enterprises that Jewish finance all over the world will be directed.

As it has been mentioned above, all the enemies of the Jews are not dead yet and in spite of the agitation against the Jews returning to Palestine by the Pope and Henry Ford, France and the Seventh Day Adventists, God's plans and purposes are being carried out, in spite of those who are perverting God's word, and the following cable dispatches to the Los Angeles Daily Times give us positive and reliable information how God's plans concerning the Jews and their return to Palestine is being carried out.

Reports from Olive Community.

Sunday School every Sunday at 10:30 A. M. attendance from 40 to 50; interest good. The meeting planned by Bro. Piercie Campbell was sadly broken in to by bad weather, so we had only a few nights and all day Sunday meeting which were refreshing to all believers.

More next time.

Dear ones in America:

We have had a wonderful trip. The Lord has blest us every step of the way. We have so enjoyed the city of the King, and have preached to Jews and Arabs already. Will send a long letter soon.

Pray on for us,

Thy sisters 3,

May, Eva, and Bess.

We were sorry the long letter didn't come in time for this issue, but hope to receive it in time for the next paper.

The redemption of the vilest and of the purest costs the same mighty price. He who is richest in good works and a clean life has nothing to add to the appointed Ransom. He who comes up from the darkest depths need not fear that the great Atonement will not avail for him. Nothing more is demanded, nothing less will answer. Soul by soul we stand alike before God in the law of redemption.

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following truths: Conviction for sins,
followed by repentance to God and
man; this results in a real conver-
sion—thus conceived of God and
made alive. To remain justified
we seek, through entire consecra-
tion, sanctifying grace and thus enter
a life of true holiness. In this grace
of sanctification we teach deliverance
from all disease, inbred and acquir-
ed, as well as the law of sin in our
members, which enables us to live
above disease as well as sin.

The anointing of the Holy Ghost
that abideth must follow sanctifica-
tion and precede the Pentecostal
baptism. The Redemption is yet a
future.

The foundation of all our theology
is built on the basic doctrine of
Conditional Immortality and Destruc-
tion of the Wicked.

This paper is mailed to all free,
especially the poor. All those who
can give are expected at once and
from time to time to give all they
can to keep it going, spreading the
original truths of the Pentecostal
Apostolic Movements or latter rain
work to all the world. This will
mean that some will have to give
into the hundreds to do this.

Redemption

There is beauty in the rainbow
Telling us of showers past,
And the violet in the woodland
Whispers Spring has come at last.
Yet the sunshine and the Springtime
In their season pass away,
For as day succeeds the night
So the night doth follow day.
Soon the chilling blast of winter
Over hill and dale shall fall,
Waits in silence Springtimes call.

Rest O heart! and cease thy yearn-
ing,

For the beautiful and gay
Soon the somber garb of sorrow
Shall forever pass away;
He whose wisdom rules the seasons,
And whose Love doth all control.
Also knows the hidden beauty
Planted deep within thy soul.
Soon the darkness shall be lifted,
And the prison bars shall swing,
For the Risen Christ triumphant
Shall proclaim Eternal Spring.

L. T.

The King's Daughter.

'The King's daughter shall appear,
'In raiment of fine needle work",
Each thread of purest gold;
It's value is untold,
The Holy Ghost's the Weaver!

Seeking not the "Praise of men",
But just to know His will,
Hid away in secret places,
He reveals the heavenly graces
In the yielded life!

The heart a garden is-enclosed,
No curious eye shall see;
Thy Maker is a "Jealous God",
The beauty that is wrought in thee,
Only as He wills it!

So in acts of mercy,
Deeds of service true,
Thou hast of thy treasure,
Given freely, without measure,
To thee it shall return.

Then in faith believing,
Tho' others fail, He's true,
He will forsake thee never,
His love no power can sever.
He reigns 'or all supreme!

Psalm-45:13,14.

L. T.

'Golden moments should be minted
into the coin of helpful service.

Thy Brother's Keeper.

There was guilt behind the question,
That was asked once long ago,
And the sin of Cain remaineth;
Many are the lives it staineth;
Bringing pain and woe.

"Am I my Brother's Keeper?"
From the Earth to the Most High;
Day and night the cry ascendeth,
Age and Youth to-gether blendeth,
As the life goes out in toil!

From the "fields all ripe with har-
vest",

From the smoke and fog of town,
Lives in sacrifice are given,
Who 'gainst every ill have striven,
Yet all in vain!

Youth and manhood vainly slaugh-
tered

On the "battle field" for gain,
Wives and Mothers' hearts are bleed-
ing,

With the God of Heaven pleading
For the "Reign of Peace."

While the "Prince of this World"
ruleth,

Thou as murderer art hid,
But the cry of those who've perished
Tho' with pleasure thou art nour-
ished,

Soon shall justice know!

The mark is on thee Cain,
And all the world shall see,
That thru thee came pain and
sorrow,
And no solace cans't thou borrow
'Til thou shalt know thy sin!

Not alone the act of violence,
But the words "Ye did it not",
Banish from the Heavenly City,
Every heart that knew no pity,
For God is Love!

"Come, Ye blessed of my Father"
Gently hear the Master say,
"Inherit Ye what I've prepared",
For my Brethern Ye have cared;
Enter into Joy!

Lillian. Thistlewaite.

Get the "pass-it-on" habit.

The counsel of God is more power-
ful than the sword.

The Christian life is a plant that
grows best in a soil of Bible study
and prayer.

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CHARLES F. PARHAM
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COMMUNION OF BREAD AND WINE

Sermon by
 Chas. F. Parham,
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SCRIPTURE READING:

For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. I Cor. 11:23-30.

I want to call your attention to this scripture today. Paul says: "I received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you." He got it by divine revelation. "That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took BREAD and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which was BROKEN for you." Do you get that? ". Whosoever shall eat this bread and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the BODY and BLOOD of the Lord." Note, "the body and blood of the Lord." ". He that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not DISCERNING the LORD'S BODY. For this cause." Because you do not discern the Lords BODY, "many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep, or die. Paul places just as much emphasis on the body as he did upon the blood. You have scarcely ever taken the bread and wine when the preacher gave any worth or virtue or significance to the body, to the bread. They never once told you as to what advantage it would be to you, or what it stood for.

Do you think the Lord would have instituted this wonderful memorial of the bread, had it nothing in its meaning; that it did not signify anything? Certainly not. And we were to do this till He comes again.

I consider this the strongest ordinance in the Christian Church. I believe that so long as the Church of God shall hold sacred this memorial of His broken body and shed blood, so long the assaults of the powers of darkness, of infidelity, of atheism, of the world, the flesh and the devil, will hurl without avail all their darts. This is the impregnable rock of our faith, impossible of assault by the powers of the enemy. Their entire force and power will fall prostrate, because it points them back over the hill tops of the ages, to the time and place where a Man in an upper room instituted this cup, points directly to Him as the Christ of God.

Hear me, friends. Nations hold sacred the day their ancestors purchased by their own blood from some foreign foe, from some alien force, from the heel of a tyrant, their political liberty.

Today is our Fourth of July. Today we celebrate the shedding of the blood of the Son of God, which contains within it more virtue and more power than all the blood that was ever shed in the sanguinary wars of the world.

Men's blood has purchased political freedom, delivered the home and the fireside, and the homeland, the fatherland, from the power of the oppressor, from the heel of the tyrant, but that is about as far as that freedom may go.

Today we celebrate the freedom that delivers men and women from ALL the power of sin and disease, from all the powers of appetites, passions and lusts, and puts man in his rightful place,—almost, so to speak, as a god in his household, making him a conqueror in Jesus Christ over all the power of sin and all the power of disease. This is our rightful place in God. We are to be MASTERS in this house, and say to lust, and appetite and passion, "Get thee hence, degraded things!" To say to all sickness, disease and pain and ache, "Get thee hence: we have obeyed thee too long!" Instead of obeying the appetites and passions and lusts of your life, and the sicknesses, diseases and afflictions and going around groaning and grouching, we were to be masters under God in these Temples, our bodies.

"A chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people," and we are to be "kings and priests," and march over all the powers of the enemy. Jesus said, "Behold, I give you power, over all the powers of the enemy."

This is our right under God. One shall chase 1,000 and 2, 10,000 fight. Clear as the sun, fair as the moon, terrible as an army with banners.

I have fought, prayed, preached and worked for our boys that went across the briney deep. My heart has been wrapped up in them since they

came back. So many have been confined in the insane asylums, poor farms and despicable places. Many who ought to have help are helpless cripples; others are without jobs. And, Friends, the country has perpetrated upon them a bonus that is the most damnable thing that was ever handed to patriots in the world's history, in the late would-be-bonus.

When the Red Cross came and asked if I would not give \$2.00 for myself and wife, I asked them where the money was going. They said, "You know a good deal is going to be kept in town. We have a nurse that goes around and examines the school children." I said, "Yes I have heard about that old maid, but if you will show me one night that she sat up in a home where they were too poor to hire a Doctor, I will give you \$4.00. Where is the rest of the money going; to Turkey, where those savages are ravaging the country. Oh yes I said.

They know the Red Cross will come and bind up the wounds. If they knew they would have to pay back every thing that the Red Cross is out to feed and clothe and help them, then I am for it. If the Red Cross will promise me, I will go before the nation and lecture and speak on it; if they promise me that the next big drive that they make will take our soldier boys out of the Poor Farms, and the asylums, (Applause) and build beautiful buildings on the side of mountains overlooking nature's vast expanse, or the ocean blue, I will go before the people and lecture on the subject for the Red Cross. (Applause.)

I am saying these things because I want you to know that what I am saying now is not to discredit the blood of our boys who went across the seas. Many of them did not know what they were there for; do not know yet, but they went at the call of their country. Friends, listen to me. It was printed largely in American newspapers, and it was preached from lots of our pulpits that regardless of the lives or characters of our soldiers that went to France, or their past sins, that the moment their blood flowed out, if they had the least conception of the great cause for which they fought, that at the moment their blood flowed out, they would be immediately transported to the realms of bliss. That the shedding of their blood in that cause would bring to them the realization of what Isaiah said: "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isa. 1:18.

And in that manner they will reach that place to which many of us in the home land aspire, and perhaps few will reach.

Friends, let me say, all the blood that was shed by the boys in France had not power to redeem a single soul. One drop of the blood of Jesus Christ had more power than all the blood that was spilled in France. (Amen!)

Out from our home went a young man; oh, how

we loved him. He was a prince among his fellows and knighted by the Grace of God. He went without food for seven days. Then an underground phone message said they could have food if they would send for it. He said, "I am ready. But he scarcely left the shell hole until a shell came and crushed his breast in, and he lies in Flanders field. Our home was sad. Oft we went to speak to him, and he wasn't there. But his precious blood had no power to save a soul.

Listen, my friends, unless you see something beyond this ceremony today besides the simple sipping of the wine and eating of the bread, it will be a dead, formal service. You had better not partake of it. You better see beyond all root-washing, beyond all baptism, beyond the communion of the bread and wine, what they stand for.

Today I would like for you to see not simply the bread and wine, but the broken BODY and shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. And in as few words as possible I am going to tell you something of what the bread and wine stands for.

To illustrate I will tell you a little story about Martin Luther. He had found in a disintegrated wall of a Monastery a portion of the Bible, and from this portion of the Bible he discovered that men were not saved by good works, by confessional, by absolution given by the priest, but by the power of the blood of Jesus Christ. And hiding these precious pages in the folds of his garments he left the Monastery, and sought in Germany for some light that would give him the knowledge he needed to point him to the blood of Christ, but he found it not.

At last he said, surely if I go to Rome, I will find among the higher ups, cardinals, arch-bishops and bishops, those nearest to the Holy Father, who is the Vice-Regent of God Almighty, the thing I want to know.

When he got to Rome, the higher up he got the more rotten and bestial and drunken and devilish they were. And a sad hearted priest, in common garb, walked the streets of Rome, hungry to know God, willing to do anything. Finally they said: "If you will go to the Cathedral of St. Peters, on the outside of which is a stairway leading to the life sized crucifix of Christ, and will ascend the stairs on your knees, saying a prayer on each step, by the time you reach the top and kiss the toes on the crucifix, you will feel absolute of your sins."

Luther started, willing to try anything. About half way up the stairway his vision was opened. Back behind the Crucifix, with its painted blood, drops on the hands and side and feet, he beheld the Christ of God hanging on Calvary, and the real blood flowing. Faith touched him, the illumination from God in Heaven, the same that came to Peter on the dusty highway, and he was made to know that Christ was indeed the Son of God.

Hear me, men and women. Today I would have you see back of this bread and wine, that broken body and shed blood on Calvary. All down

through the Old Testament, from the very beginning of it, God Almighty gave us line upon line, here a little and there a little, to prove to us the power of the broken body of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and that Divine Healing was in the atonement; that Christ's body was as absolutely broken, that by His stripes we WERE healed, and that He took our infirmities and bear our sicknesses, as absolutely as He bear our sins and washes them away with the precious blood that was spilt on Calvary.

Away back in the Old Testament, when they came out of Egypt, He said to the Israelites, Take a lamb and eat the BODY, for life, strength and health. It will be a hard journey out of Egypt. Put the blood on the door posts for protection from the destroyer.

Jesus is that today. Putting aside the lamb's body, He gave His BODY, and the bread is the memorial. Putting aside the lamb's blood, He gave His blood for salvation from destruction, and He gave us the wine as the memorial, to keep fresh in our memory, what He had purchased for us on Calvary. He is our Passover Lamb. His BODY was as much broken for health and strength and life as the lamb's body was when they came out of Egypt

"As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up," said Jesus. Even so was the son of man lifted up. Lifted not up for sin, but for disease.

Fiery serpents came among the Israelites because of disobedience, and many were dying. Fourteen thousand had died, and they came and asked Moses if he could pray for them.

He prayed and God said to place a serpent of brass on a pole, and it would come to pass that whosoever looked on that serpent would be healed. Did you hear the words of Jesus?

"As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up."

"EVEN SO"—for healing. "It shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live." Num. 21:18.

Regardless of how far the poison had gone, if you could lay or carry them to the pole, open their eyelids and let the dying man catch a glimpse of the serpent on the pole, he was made whole.

Friends, it don't make any difference what the disease is, if you can get a touch of the power of Calvary on your body, the thing is blasted. You do not have to ask to be healed, for you have been healed for two thousand years, but you did not have sense enough to catch up with the idea. Isaiah said, "With his stripes we are healed." But Peter looking back to the cross said, "By whose stripes ye WERE healed."

If you right your wrongs and get straight with God and man, and don't juggle the cash account with God and go straight, the healing is on the table. Just make a long arm and help yourself. If

something is too far out of your reach, you say, "Jim, I would thank you for the bread." We ought to delight His heart by thanking Him for what is on the table. Be a little polite. Begin to thank God and worship Him until he pours down His healing grace.

David said: "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases." Psalms 103:1-3.

That is not all: "Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies; who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's." Verses 4 and 5.

We are not going to get old; we are just going to renew our youth,—second childhood. No wonder I am skittish. For twenty-four years I was a miserable, wretched invalid. I am just having my first childhood.

Friends, let us hear what Isaiah says: "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." Isaiah 53:5.

But listen to Matthew: "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 sicknesses." Mat. 8:16, 17.

How do you like that?

Christ sent His disciples to teach, to preach and to heal. He never withdrew that commission; it stands today. The modern churches will have to accept divine healing or go down. These modern movements—Christian Science, New thought and such are going to take the whole business if the churches do not accept the real thing, and teach divine healing. They are turning their churches over for garages and other things. In New England many churches are vacant and some have the vines grown over the doors. Thirty thousand churches, according to statistics, are vacant in the state of Ohio. Many holiness churches are vacant and have no pastors.

When you fail to walk in the light and go on in the truth of God you might as well write "Ichabod" over the door for "the glory hath departed." And when you cease to function as a soul-saving body and get down to a formalistic, worldly performance of religion, you might as well write "Ichabod" over your door, and quit business.

All through the Bible He proves He was the Healer. Healing continued in the early church for five hundred years. There are four ways to be healed. You can be healed by your own prayers the same as you can be saved. Second, "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my

word "agree." I said there must be something deeper than an intellectual agreement, and I went to the Greek, and I found in the Greek it was SYMPHONIZE. "Where two of you shall symphonize." You should understand music to know what I am talking about. There is one term they use in music called "harmony," but there is another term called "Symphony." You take an orchestra of forty pieces, in a Symphony Orchestra, and when the leader raises his baton you cannot tell whether one instrument or forty are playing. That is symphony. Where two of you shall symphonize on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them.

Third: Believers shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. That means children or any one who is a believer. I know some children who have more faith than some of those appointed to pray for the sick. Some of these self appointed elders are only polk berry sticks; they are not elders at all. (Laughter.) I would just as soon have a prayer on the gramophone, and say, Lord, listen to that.

Fourth: "Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; And the prayer of faith," not the elder. "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins," the supposition is that they have been guilty of sin. Nearly every one has been guilty of the sin of omission, if not the sin of commission. Omission is as soul-killing as any sin of commission. "And if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him." James 5:15.

I want to tell you this afternoon that if you partake of this bread and wine worthily, counting it worth what God says it is worth, He will heal you. The old fashioned idea was to examine yourself to see if you had anything against anybody. My old grandmother was Pennsylvania Dutch. She always wanted to know two or three days before communion so as to examine herself and find out if she had anything against anybody. I found out that if you had anything against anybody you were not even a Christian. The Bible says, "If ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." Mat. 6:14, 15.

If you have a single thing in your craw against anyone, that will not digest; get it out. But somebody says, "I will forgive if they ever come to me and ask me to," they like to keep that thing in their craw. If you keep it there, one of these days it will get into your gall bladder and bust it all to pieces. They will call it the yellow jaundice, but I know what it is. (Laughter.) Just holding that thing will make you feel mean. Whether they ever come to you or not, forgive them and lay it on the shelf, and every time you meet them help them to know with the way you smile that it is forgiven.

I learned that about twenty-five years ago. It does me more good to just bow and smile at a fellow that turns his face the other way and passes me by, then anything else.

Friends, it is not what your church says it is worth. It is not what your preacher says it is worth, but what God says. I have been trying to give you a little insight of what God says the broken body of Jesus is good for. He is able to heal through His broken body the last disease in your bodies. He is able to sanctify your bodies from inbred diseases and the tendency to disease, for He says he will sanctify your body, soul and spirit.

There was not a disease in His body. We are His church, His body, and every member should be well and strong and healthy. "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." I Cor. 7:1.

Again: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

Not dead and rotten and cheating the undertaker and looking like a katydid, but ready to go out or in, to run the shoes off walking for God; able to say to your body, "get up here and get busy; somebody needs help."

That is our place in God, absolute deliverance from all disease and sickness and suffering and misery and woe. Wouldn't you like to have your inheritance in the Lord? You and I may never know what God intended in the broken body and shed blood for us, but you and I can take it for all that we do know, and then say, "Lord, work out and in through me all I do not know." And then you can take it worthily for all you do know and all you do not know.

We do not give this to just one class, but to many classes of people. We say to every sick one in this audience when you come down past this table and partake of the bread, pause a moment, look away to God and say, "Oh, God, let the broken body of Jesus Christ avail for me now. Heal me completely now."

We have the blind, the deaf, the lame come to these services and go away healed. We have a tremendous service today to this end. It is made into the actual body and blood of Jesus Christ, and we feed upon His broken body and shed blood till it avails for us. I am not telling you I am able to take this, like the Catholic priests, and change it over, but I am trying to make that thing that they claim a reality to you.

After you come this afternoon and partake of this bread and wine, do not go back to your seat without kneeling and thanking and praising God for the healing. You can shout and praise God while the rest partake and God will do something in your bodies as you do.

Now about the blood. We have had the blood preached enough so we all know, but God says:

"Without shedding of blood is no remission." Heb. 9:22.

All your good works, all your church membership, all your lodges, all your theories, all your morality and your respectability and your nicety, fades away. There is but one power that can lift you from sins benighted depth into the light and hope of heaven, and that is the blood of Jesus Christ. All your morality and good works and nicety and respectability is as dirty rags, and you dare to face God Almighty and lay that down with your damnable conceit, and say, God will save me on that. Say, it is the dirtiest thing outside of hell for a man or woman to try to pile up their respectability and their nicety and say, "God you made a mistake about letting your Son die such a terrible death, because I am coming in on this. Just clear the track and let me come in on this." All your righteousness is as filthy rags. "Without the shedding of blood is no remission." By the power of that blood your sins are blotted out.

"As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us." Ps. 103:12.

I am glad God says he will remember them no more forever." If any of you was to commit a sin out East, some of the preachers would write out West and tell how devilish and rotten you were. If it was buried in the depth of the sea some old Pentecostal brother would get a diving belt and go down and get it. God Almighty says he will remember it no more forever. He will cast it into the depth of the sea.

Not only that, but I believe in the cleansing, sanctifying, purifying power of the Lord Jesus Christ that can take the love and power and tendency to sin out of our lives, and lift us into holiness.

This afternoon if you are unsaved and real repentant, and would like to know God, and would like to feel His forgiving touch, I am going to ask every repentant sinner, (this will shock some of the preachers) who have longed His grace to know his kiss upon your cheek, to come and sip the wine, and say, "Lord, be merciful to me a sinner." Many have come to our altars and gone away forgiven.

I am going to ask every backslider, whose good-fornothingness and mistakes have separated from God, and you are a long way off, to come along to Father's Table, and as you sip the wine, say, "Lord, let the blood flow over all my backslidings, and wipe them out by the pardoning kiss." Pause a moment, return to your seats, kneel down and ask God to do the thing for you.

Then if you have been hungry for a clean heart, if you have been hungering for sanctifying grace and a life of holiness, say, "God let the blood of Jesus go through my life in cleansing, sanctifying power while I sip the wine. I claim my inheritance; I sue for my part in the estate. Oh, Lord,

make the sanctifying grace real to me, while I sip this which represents the blood." Then go to your seat, kneel and pray and thank God for it. Something will be happening all over this house this afternoon.

Another thing I want to tell you. Put all your mistakes and all your failures and all your weaknesses under the blood this afternoon. Most every one of you are defeated because the devil keeps pointing you back to things in your past life, and it scares you half to death, until you are a regular wabbling. That is the trick of the devil.

One time the devil came and unrolled a scroll before John Wesley, and said, "You claim to have holiness; didn't you do that, and didn't you do that, and didn't you do that?" John Wesley said, "yes sir." "How can any man like that get and claim to have holiness?" He said, "You take a pen and dip it in the blood of Jesus Christ, and write across the white scroll, 'The blood of Jesus Christ His Son, cleanseth us from all sin.'"

So this afternoon put all your mistakes, all your failures, all your weaknesses, all your blunders, all your sins and everything in the past under the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, and say to the devil every time anything is fetched up, you say to the devil, "On the seventh of December, 1924 in the Odd Fellows auditorium, I put that under the blood. That is finished once and for all." Get it under the blood and don't back track or turn your head back over your shoulder any more. "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back is fit for the kingdom of God," Lu. 9:62.

Men and women, fix your eyes on the Christ, stuff cotton in your ears and beat it on through all Pentecostal, Apostolic movements straight into glory, because if you stop to listen to all they have to tell you and show you, you will go to hell sure. (Laughter.)

Friends, when you come to partake of the wine I want you to put your whole business under the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. Just put your diseases there, your sins there, and leave them. Bring them to the table and leave them, and go back to your seats without them. Then kneel down and go to praising the Lord for what He has done for you on Calvary. Let us celebrate our liberty and freedom.

When they sent men down to the Southland to tell the negroes of their emancipation, every negro went to shouting and leaping for joy. I want to tell you that a greater than Lincoln has issued a proclamation from sin and disease, and if you had as much sense as the darkies every last one would be praising God right now.

I bring to you the broken body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. I am not going to set a denominational table, nor for any one mission. I am just your servant standing here and helping and assisting you. Every denomination of every sect, name and order, if you have as sweet fellowship in your heart toward every one else, are welcome to

this table, for this is Father's table. Can you delight the heart of the Lord and just take the communion with everybody else, and show Him you are purposing to answer His prayer that we be one. If you are a Christian, and love all the people of God you are welcome to Father's table this afternoon.

The Crucible of God.

Jesus is coming soon.

God is separating unto Himself a peculiar people—a searched out, melted, fire-tried company who have been refined in "the crucible of God". a royal diadem is being prepared for the glorious King of Kings, and only purest gold purged in the hottest searching flame, purged from all tin, brass, and earth's alloy, can be used in the making. In the crucible there is turmoil, seething, and unrest, while hot fires burn and base dross yet remains, but when the struggling ceases and the dross is consumed we find ourselves in God's love crucible, with a calm sweet rest that is undisturbed by heat or cold, by storm or trial. His crucible is so tempered that the on-coming changes has no effect upon it, just so is He trying to temper our lives that the onslaught of the enemy will not effect us. May we become so pliable in His hands that not one murmur or sound will be heard as He bends over the precious pot of gold, trying to catch a vision of His own dear self in us, these are wonderful schooling days for the children of God. Mal. 3: 2, 3, Who may abide the day of His coming? who shall stand when He appeareth? For He is like a refiner's fire, and like fuller's soap, and He shall sit as a purifier of silver! and He shall purify the son's of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. Fire in the word is used as a symbol of purifying, or to consume and fuller's soap will take out all the shrink. Peter 4: 12,13, Beloved think it not strange concerning the fiery trials which are to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you. But rejoice in—as-much as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when His glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. This christian life means to go thru the furnace, and to Calvary's cross, if we expect to reign with Him. Phil. 3: 10, May we know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, and be made confirmable unto His death,

Your's gleaning in the field of service.

Lou Love Evang.

ANSWERED PRAYER.

These are days of testings and trials. Delusions, doctrines of devils; and every wind of doctrine, to entangle and destroy God's children. But it is only one of the signs of the soon coming of our Lord. And we who are looking for that glorious hope should look up, for our redemption draweth nigh. Let's get ready.

We are praying to be more like Jesus. But when God answers that prayer and sends suffering and trials hard to bear—we often draw back and are afraid. Yet Jesus—our pattern "When in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto Him that was able to save Him from death, and was heard in that He feared. Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things He suffered. Heb. 5:7-8.

We pray for more faith and here comes trials so hard, we cry out. Oh God, what shall I do? He has only answered our own prayers, "For the trial of your faith is more precious than gold tried in the fire." James 1:3.

We pray for patience and God answers by sending tribulations. "For tribulation worketh patience." Rom 5:3.

We pray for His Holiness and a perfect life, and he sends chastenings, that we might be partakers of His Holiness. Heb. 12:10.

Again we pray, "Make me a winner of souls," a fruit bearing branch, and he begins to trim and purge us. Not only does he cut off the dead limbs, but many that are covered with leaves, that would hinder the rich fruitage. In fact we feel so barren and empty and good for nothing, but only when emptied of self and our dependance is entirely upon Him can He use us for his glory. Jno. 15:2.

"His ear is not heavy that he cannot hear," He does hear and answers. But His thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are our ways His ways. He knows our needs better than we, and looking into every heart He knows how far from the perfect pattern we are. He'll surely take you through however you're tried.

But the God of all grace who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen settle you. I Pet. 5:10.

Because Christ suffered for us, leaving us an example that we should follow in His steps. I Pet. 2:21.

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BABYLON the GREAT, MOTHER of HARLOTS**Revelations 17th and 18th Chapters.**

These chapters describe the mystical city of Babylon, a type of the modern churches. Babylon the Great is the Romish church, while the harlot daughters are the Protestant churches, including every one of the innumerable little movements and organizations who have formulated a creed or have a recognized membership, who have lost the grace and power of real salvation and depend on form, creed, church membership and resolutions to do good for salvation. Among the most Babylonish of all are the smaller ones, full of sectarianism and prejudice who have become a stench in the nostrils of God; they are the Salvation Army, the Holiness churches and the Apostolic-Pentecostal organizations, full of anarchy, free love, affinity fools and soul mates, until they are truly the hold of every unclean and hateful bird.

The merchants of this great city are the preachers who not only deal in the luxuries of life and the building of immense, unnecessary temples and cathedrals for their own glory (not the glory of God), but they also deal in the souls of men. The shipmasters and sailors who travel afar are the missionary boards, and the missionaries who go out to preach creeds and who compass sea and land to make proselytes to the different churches, and fail to preach the Gospel. All these are shortly to come to their end and the entire system that has sent millions into hell by deceiving them into believing that church membership and loyalty to creeds and supporting a set of lazy, hireling preachers was salvation (the most damnable deception in the world and the most horrible in its results,) will perish as in a day. A person can have all the graces and gifts of a Christian life and practice all of Christ's commands and never belong to any visible organization or gang of believers.

In the third chapter of Revelation it speaks of the Laodicean, the last of the churches or church conditions of this age. Because of their boast of wealth and increase of goods, he says they are poor, and blind, and naked, needing gold tried in the fire (experimental salvation, white raiment (the righteousness of Christ,) and the anointing of the Holy Ghost. In another place because they said, I sit as a queen and shall see no sorrow, he says he will spew them out of his mouth with death, fire and

sword. You say, truly this cannot be, for look at the good people in churches, and look how fine and grand they are, and how fine the preachers are, etc., etc. So all this could have been said of the church and priesthood of Christ's day, yet the Romans plowed down the foundations of the finest temple the Jews ever built.

The laboring masses believe the preachers and the churches to be on the side of plutocracy against every interest of the masses, and the agitators of the I. W. W.'s urge the destruction of all churches and the hanging of the preachers to the fence till hell dries their meat. A systematic canvass has been made of the churches and missions of this country and their attitude on the vital question of the laboring masses and many churches are already branded for destruction. The revelations of the search by Federal authorities in the rooms of anarchists and the I. W. W.'s has proven their purpose to destroy all public buildings and create a reign of terror.

In the coming struggle between the rich, the government and the churches on the one side and the masses on the other, the churches will be utterly destroyed and the preachers driven to the hills. Nothing could describe the fall of Babylonian churchanity as do these two chapters. The whole system will fall. God help the people to see that the Church of Christ is an invisible body, a spiritual house, built up of lively stones and joined together in the bond of love and the unity of spirit, loving one another with pure hearts fervently. True Christianity does not consist in the maintenance of preachers, patronizing the aids and guilds and building immense and ornate churches, but it does consist in feeding the hungry, caring for the sick and those in prison, visiting the widows and the fatherless in their afflictions and keeping yourself unspotted from the world. Now, brethren, I warn you in the last message of the age, Babylon is fallen. "And I heard a voice from the heaven saying; come out of her, my people, that ye receive not her plagues." I warn every one of you who reads this message to immediately separate yourself wholly from not only all the great organized churches, but from all these measly, little, narrow, contracted little side shows called Pentecostal, Holiness or Apostolic churches, and live wholly unto God as a bride espoused unto one husband, even Christ, and as His servants go out in the highways and hedges and compel them to come in, for the night soon cometh when no man can work.

THIS THING IS FROM ME.

My child, I have a message for you today: let me whisper it in your ear, that it may gild with glory any storm clouds which may arise, and smooth the rough places upon which you may have to tread.

It is short, only five words, but let them sink into your inmost soul, use them as a pillow upon which to rest your head.

Have you ever thought of it, that all that concerns you, concerns Me, too? For "he that toucheth you, toucheth the apple of Mine eye."—Zeh. 2:8.

"You are very precious in My sight.—Isa. 43:4. Therefore it is My special delight to educate you.

I would have you learn when temptations assail you, and the "enemy comes in like a flood," that this thing is from Me, that your weakness needs My might, and your safety lies in letting Me fight for you.

Are you in difficult circumstances, surrounded by people who do not understand you, who never consult your taste, who put you in the background? This thing is from Me. I am the God of circumstances.

"Thou can'st not to thy place by accident, it is the very place God meant for thee." Have you not asked to be made humble? See then I have placed you in the very school where this lesson is taught; your surroundings and companions are only working out my will.

Are you in money difficulties? Is it hard to make both ends meet? This thing is from Me, for I am your purse-bearer, and would have you draw from and depend upon Me. My supplies are limitless. Phil. 4:19. I would have you prove my promises. Let it not be said of you, "In this thing ye did not believe the Lord your God." Deut. 1:32.

Are you passing through a night of sorrow? This thing is from Me. I am "The Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief." I have let earthly comforters fail you, that by turning to Me you may obtain everlasting consolation. 2 Thess. 2:16, 17.

Has some friend disappointed you? One to whom you opened out your heart? This thing is from Me. I have allowed this disappointment to come, that you may learn that

"The best friend to have is Jesus,
He will hear you when you call.
He will keep you lest you fall;
The best friend to have is Jesus."

I want you to be confident. Has someone repeated things about you that are untrue? Leave them to Me, and draw closer unto Me, thy shelter, out of reach of "the strife of tongues for "I will bring forth thy righteousness as the light and thy judgment as the noonday." Psal. 36:6.

Have your plans been all upset? Are you bowed down and weary? This thing is from Me. You made your plans, then came asking Me to bless them, but I would have you let Me plan for you and then I take the responsibility, for "This thing is too heavy for thee thou art not able to perform it thyself alone." Ex. 18:18. You are only an instrument, not an agent.

Have you longed to do some great work for Me, and instead been laid aside on a bed of pain and weakness? This thing is from Me. I could not get your attention in your busy days, and I want to teach you some of My deepest lessons. "They also serve who only stand and wait." I want you to learn to sing:

"I am not eager, bold or strong.

All that is past;

I am ready not to do

At last, At last!"

Some of my greatest workers are those shut out from active service, that they may learn to wield the weapon of ALL-PRAYER.

Are you suddenly called upon to occupy a difficult and responsible position? Launch out on Me. I am trusting you with the possession of difficulties, and "for this thing the Lord thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all that thou puttest thine hand unto." Deut. 15:10.

This day I place in your hand this pot of holy oil, make use of it freely, My child. Let every circumstance as it arises, every word that pains you, every interruption that would make you impatient, every revelation of your own weakness, be anointed with it. Remember "interruptions are divine instructions." These things will go as you learn to see Me in all things. Therefore, "Set your hearts unto all the words which I testify among you this day. . . . for it is not a vain thing for you; because it is your life, and through this thing ye shall prolong your days in the land."

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