

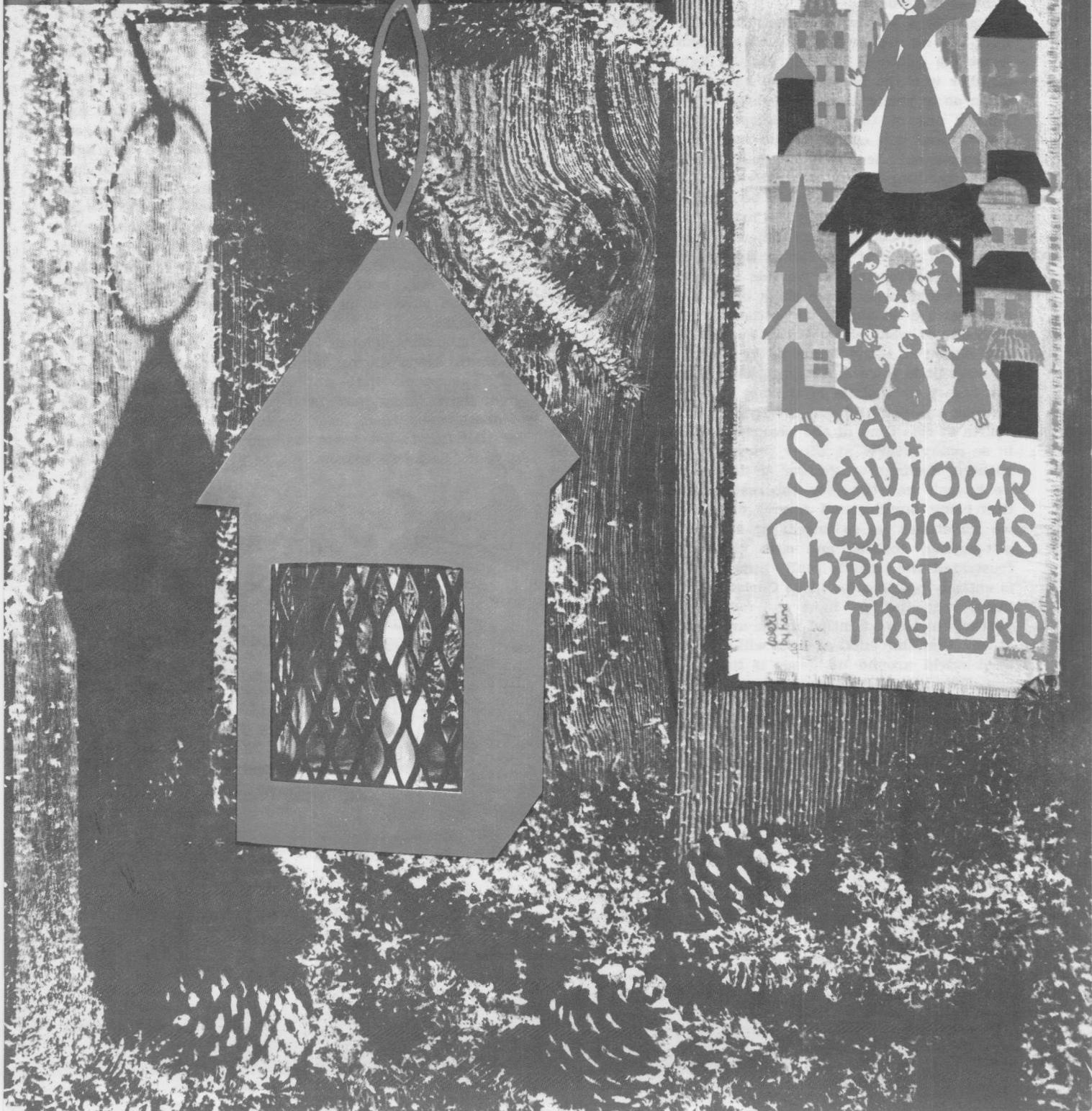
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## LIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS

Christmastime is a time of lights — inside and outside. The whole world seems to be lit up. Some people condemn this practice of putting up so many lights at Christmas, but unless the lights are representing things totally unrelated to the true Christmas story — that of Jesus' wonderful birth, they speak to me of Jesus, the light of the world.

Light is a wonderful thing. Darkness cannot dispel light, for no matter how great the darkness — the more dense the darkness the brighter the light becomes. I remember well the blackouts we had during World War 2 when as a young teenager I lived on the west coast. During one of them the helicopters would patrol from the air and call out over loud speakers for people to please put out the match they had just lit on some street corner thinking surely one little match wouldn't matter that much, but it did. It could be seen from the air.

Usually we are traveling at Christmastime, either going to one of our Convocations somewhere or to our relatives to be with them at this family time of the year. My husband and I often talk as we ride along that at least once a year people who never think of Christ at all must be made aware in many ways that this is His birthday. Who else or what else could or ever has made such a stir and caused so many lights to be ablaze year after year in every little town and hamlet, even in the isolated country homes as well as in the big cities of our country. I for one am thankful for the feelings that are stirred in hearts at this time of the year that seem to be dormant in so many hearts at other times. Feelings of love and concern, feelings of getting in touch with those whom we haven't had time for the rest of the year; feelings that bring families and friends closer together. I know we sometimes get so caught up in preparations, parties, gift-buying, cooking and such that we are too busy, frustrated and tired to really enjoy it all. But I think it is entirely possible for us as Christians to light up on the inside with the joy, light and radiance of Christ as we participate in moderation in the artificial lighting of the season that that kind of light will shine out to the darkened world around us. Jesus is the true light and God sent Him into this dark sin-cursed world to shed abroad that light to whosoever will. And He told us that we are the light of the world. If He lives within He will shine out through us to those in darkness.

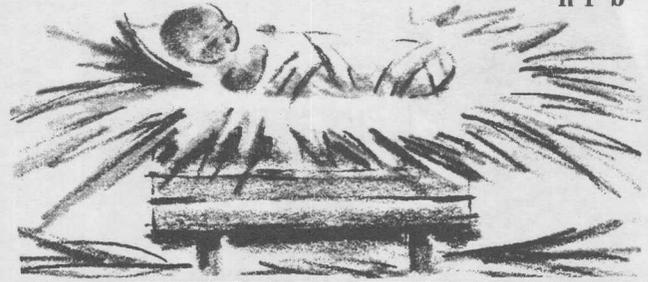
Bro. Marcus Adair brought such a good illustration of lights when he recently spoke at AFBC. He was flying at night with instruments. It was a very dark night with no stars in sight. He saw the lights of several airports as he passed over and his instruments told him he was exactly on course, but when by his instruments he was supposed to be over Gage, Oklahoma and come in for his landing there were no lights in sight. He checked and rechecked the readings on his instruments and everything checked out that he was on target, but where were the lights? Fear gripped his heart as he radiod ahead to Gage and told them of his position and inquired why he couldn't see the lights. They replied that because of the

energy crisis the runway lights were turned off, but if he would hold on a second they would turn them on. He made a believer of me when he said that lights have never looked so good or so bright to him as that night when in the nick of time the runways were suddenly ablaze and he could see to land safely. How often have I been going down a dark, dark runway asking "Lord, where are the lights? It's so very dark, and I can't see anything and I don't know which way to turn." Never but never has He failed to turn the lights on in time to give me a safe landing. The very next day after Bro. Adair's sermon something totally unexpected happened that turned on some runway lights for me. I told my husband that I knelt in prayer after the incident, and cried "Thank you, Lord, Thank you Lord, for turning on those lights when I needed them so desperately." Isn't it great to have the source of all light as our Lord and Master? We need never fear a power shortage or an energy crisis with Him on our side. He'll be the only light in the new heaven and new earth. We may have to curtail some of our usual outside Christmas lights because of our current energy crisis; but not so with the inward light that Christ can turn on in our hearts. It can shine even brighter than ever and in the dark world we're in today we should make a conscious effort to see that it does. Our only concern should be, "Have we kept the connection pure, clean and in tact between us and the powerhouse.

I have always loved Isaiah 9:2 and never fail to read it several times during the Christmas season.

"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: They that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined." Thank God for that Light! Let Jesus the light of the World, turn on in your heart this season.

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It may be blessed to give, but—

By R. G. Champion  
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# Sometimes it's hard to receive

THE DOORBELL RINGS. You peek through the window—and there stands a neighbor holding a colorfully wrapped Christmas gift.

Nothing wrong with that—except you haven't bought a gift for them!

You try to think of something in those few seconds it takes to get the door opened. But all you can think of is, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

And you're receiving.

It's easy to be gracious when you're giving. It presents an opportunity to show your bigheartedness, your concern, your love. People get caught up in the spirit of the season and enjoy giving. It makes them feel so good to know they have done something nice for someone else.

But receiving—that means taking a secondary position. It means you recognize the giver in at least a slightly superior role. It tends to make you feel obligated. You may feel at a disadvantage and have to swallow your pride. Even adults sometimes look at receiving the way a child looks on hand-me-downs.

Can you accept a Christmas gift graciously if you have none to give in return? Or do you lamely suggest, "I'm sorry, but we haven't gotten something for you yet"—as you try to get out of the role of receiving.

Perhaps you face the same embarrassment when you receive a Christmas card from someone you didn't send one to this year. You scurry to see if you have any leftover cards—because you don't want those friends or acquaintances to be offended.

Of course, you wouldn't feel that way if you were the one who was giving. You wouldn't think anything about it if you took a gift to your neighbors and they were unable to do something in return.

Perhaps you sent a Christmas card to a casual acquaintance because you wanted to share the joy

of Christmas. It wouldn't bother you at all if they didn't send a card in return.

It wouldn't bother you—because *you* are giving—and it *is* more blessed to give than to receive.

But there are times when you need to receive.

Christmas is one of those times.

But there's an even more important one. The Bible says, "But as many as *received* him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12).

When it comes to eternal salvation, God offers it to you as a free gift. You cannot buy it or earn it or deserve it. You must simply accept it—*receive* it.

When you recognize that you are a sinner and cannot save yourself, in that moment you see that God is offering you something you cannot possibly get in any other way. You are aware of your own inadequacy—and His supremacy. You may have to swallow your pride. You may even be embarrassed to admit you are a sinner and need His salvation.

But the Heavenly Father stands reaching toward you with His gift: "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

When you admit your need and reach out to receive His gift, His peace calms the struggle in your soul and you have peace—the peace that Christmas is all about.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

You can have the joy of sins forgiven, the joy of a brand-new start, the joy of fellowship with your Creator. You can have the joy of receiving a gift beyond price when you take Jesus as your Saviour and Lord.

What can you give in return? Any gift you give could never match His gift. But you can give Him yourself—and that's what He has always wanted.

# LIFT UP A STANDARD

By Mrs. E. A. Sreever

Thus saith the Lord God. Behold I will lift up my hand to the Gentiles and set up a standard to the people . . . (The promised Messiah or Saviour) Isa. 49:

And I, if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto me. St. John 12:32. The words of Jesus the Savior telling us of the death he must die for the sins of the world. Without the shedding of blood there is no remission for sin. Heb. 9:22.

We creatures of dust must have a firm foundation that we will be able to stand the test while in these mortal bodies and an assurance of a chance to immortality. (Life everlasting) and God has made a way where by we might serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our life. St. Luke 1:74-75. And now is the time to make preparation. We are told in the Holy Word that evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse deceiving and being deceived. II Tim. 3:13. And let us remember the preceding verse reads thus: Yea and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. In Old Testament times when Moses went up on the Mount to commune with God and receive the Commandments to be given to the people the whole Mount quaked greatly. Ex. 19:18. and in Heb. 12:25-26 we read every thing made is to be shaken, and only the ones who have stood the test, we would say passed God's examination, will be able to stand.

We often hear of Christ's return and how wonderful for the ones who are ready whether in these mortal bodies (living) or in the grave, but the burden I carry for the ones who are not ready is that there is to be a terrible time of trouble such as we have never known and during this time I fear some who may be ready today will be shaken at that time. We need to fear lest a promise being left us of entering into His rest any should seem to come short of it. Heb. 4:1. In Hag. 2:6, we read, Yet once it is a little while and I will shake the heavens, and the earth and the sea and the dry land, 7, and I will shake all nations. (Please read without fail Isa. 2:10-22):

So dear friends with the Bible as **Standard** let us find our way to escape. **Standard** (Model - Ensign - Banner).

## — LOVE —

Three bear record in heaven The Father, The Word (Jesus) (He was the word that was made flesh and dwelt among us. St. John 1:14) and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one. I John 5:7. God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. St.

John 3:16. Repentance commanded by God for all, will bring us back to him for, all have sinned and our sins must be blotted out. Christ also loved the church (every one who has repented) and gave himself for it, that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word that he might present it to himself a glorious church not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing but that it should be holy and without blemish. Eph. 5:25-27.

Consecration of our entire being when accepted by God makes us worthy of sanctification. By the one offering Christ on the cross we are saved and sanctified. Two definite works of Gods grace that makes us free from sin. The sins we committed blotted out, and cleansed from the sin nature with which we were born. A clean vessel made ready through Christ's blood for the gift promised by the Father. The Holy Ghost. This is to you and your children and to all who are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. Acts 2:29. We are to tarry (wait upon God in prayer and praise) until He, the Holy Ghost comes in to abide. St. Luke 24:49. Thus we have the work completed by Father, Son and Holy Ghost. We do not know these experiences are ours until the Spirit witnesses to us the work is done. How would we know we were saved without the burden being lifted and Peace given? How would we know the Lord accepted the offering of our life and sanctified except the Spirit witness the work was done? And how would we know the Holy Ghost had come in to abide except he spoke in an unknown language or tongue? These experiences are real so, dear friend, be sure you pray until you know beyond a doubt they are.

If we strive for Mastery (a victorious life) God's word tells us we must strive lawfully, and what He says is forever settled in heaven, so if we seek to climb up any other way we are a thief and a robber. St. John 10:1.

Jesus is the door. The **standard - model**. God loved and gave his Son Jesus. Jesus loved and gave himself for the church. Jesus ascended into heaven and prayed the Father to send us another Comforter (The Holy Ghost) **the three in one. These experiences, Salvation, Sanctification and the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, We must keep by daily living a surrendered life to God's holy will.**

In this article I have not touched on healing but remember salvation and healing go hand in hand and if sanctified spirit soul and body we have health promised. Oh! what a wonderful Saviour.

## T H E M E

### EVANGELISM 1974

By Sharolyn Cox, Kingman, Kans.

### JOY

"For none of us liveth to Himself, and no man dieth to himself." (Romans 14:7) We are not our own. This is a fact that is hard and carries unpopular favor. The trend of today and perhaps in history can be summed up in one word. "Selfish". We may not be selfish with material possessions but when it comes to actions, words, or deeds we're quick to defend what we think is our right "to do our own thing" no matter what the consequences to God, other, or ourselves. When it came to facing re-

ality, though, Paul knew what he was talking about when he said we neither live or die to ourselves. No matter what we do or say will have an effect on the lives of others. We're responsible to Jesus, Others, and Ourselves.

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's. (I Cor. 6:19, 20) Jesus paid the ultimate price because of love so that we could experience a close spiritual relationship with our Lord. He was the supreme example in all situations. He gave His all willingly that we might have eternal life. His heart was broken for us. "Greater love hath no man than this, that He lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13) Sometimes the attitude is taken that responsibilities are drudgery and only carried out because of their necessity or because they are required of us. But our responsibilities to God are privileges when realized through the light of God's divine love. It's a privilege to walk in His footsteps, to be near Him, and feel His great love. When we walk Christ-like we're shouldering our end of those responsibilities because we're sharing in all parts of Jesus' life.

The Christian's responsibilities are meted out according to his own individual walk with the Lord. Those that have much, much is required: Those that have little, little is required. I remember the account of the three servants who were given talents: One five, another two, and yet another, one according to their worth or ability. The two servants with the five and two talents used their talents and received more talents to go with them. But the servant with one talent was afraid and hid his talent. It was taken from him. Even though this parable referred to money, I like to apply it to the talents that God placed in me. What the Lord has given us He wants us to use to glorify Himself. If we don't use our talents, they will be taken from us. Although in man's eyes we may be a failure, I praise the Lord that he looks at the intents of the heart. After all It's God that we're accountable too. He wants us to serve, love and please Him. It's our privilege to feast our eyes in His beauty and glory, but so many times they shift to the level of man.

Paul in Romans 12:1, 2 states, "I beseech ye therefore brethren by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, and acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." This verse really speaks to me. First, God requires a living sacrifice. That certainly doesn't mean living a deadhead or one who continually insists on dying for the Lord. The Lord can't use a dead man. We're responsible, for as Paul said, "I die daily," to self. We must present ourselves humbly, submissively, and yielded to be usable to God. Sometimes it's hard to sacrifice our wilfulness for God's will. Second we're to be "holy and acceptable unto God." We're the temple of the Lord. For him to dwell in us we must be cleansed within and without; spotless, unmarred by the world. But the third part of this verse humbles me. All we can do is just reasonably well. It's our reasonable service. God is so great and wonderful but yet he chose mere humans to be his own. We were made to love Him because of our choice and not because we had to. Love is

another responsibility included in the countless number of requirements made by God. The greatest commandment tells us to love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, soul, and mind. Nothing that he requires of us is too much. Before he asked anything of us he gave it to us in the beginning. We're not self sufficient. We love Him because He gave us His love first. He paved the way before us. Whatever he requires at our hand, He has already tested on Himself. His strength is in our weakness. He can accomplish His purpose in our lives, but it's our decision and then our responsibility to keep in tune with Him determining to be His disciples.

And the second (commandment) is like unto it. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. If we love someone we care what happens to them. We feel responsible for our earthly family. So should it be with our spiritual family. Cain, after slaying Abel, asked God if he was his brother's keeper. We definitely are. When one member of our physical body hurts all of the other members try to ease the pain. So it is spiritually. If we see a brother or sister in Christ in need, we are responsible for helping share that burden or need. We're to encourage, uplift, and be an example. We must let our lights so shine before men that they may see our good works and glorify our Father which is in Heaven. Where there is a need we're to stand in the gap and help in whatever way we can. The need may be for prayer, or to share our material possessions, or encouragement. In any case, we must be "prayed up." Instant in season and out of season making full proof of your ministry. If we have to "pray through" in our own lives before we can minister to someone in need, the Lord can't really use us. That need is immediate and can't wait for us to get where we can help them. You can't pour anything but air from an empty vessel. We must keep a fresh abundant supply of the oil of the Holy Spirit in our vessel to be used and anointed of God. We're responsible for what we say and how we act. Others doesn't just mean our Christian brethren. We're to love our enemies, turn the other cheek, and bless them that persecute us. To some people our lives may be the only Bible they read. We're responsible for portraying Christ in truth, reality, and love. Our conversation and actions must be above reproach else we become a stumbling block to the Christian and add darkness to the sinner.

Before we can love others we must love ourself. The Bible says to love our neighbor as ourself. To know how to love our neighbor we must know how to love ourself. It's not selfish to love yourself because we love the Jesus that is in us. We're responsible to walk righteously, honestly as in the day. Not in rioting and drunkenness, chambering and wantonness: not in strife and envying. We're responsible for keeping our all on the altar; to live a consecrated and dedicated life clean and holy before God.

All in all it is a merry-go-round. You can't live a completed life in Jesus or be Christlike without accepting the responsibilities to Jesus, Others and Yourself. Acceptance of these major factors makes the minor details just all fall in place. And it all spells Joy. He is made strong in our weakness and the **J O Y** of the Lord is our strength. Praise the Lord!



### Midway Country Church Logan, Oklahoma

Our church wants to report the goodness of the Lord shown upon us the past few weeks. God is so good to us. We have some who are rejoicing because of personal healings in the past few days. The presence of the Lord has been felt in our services and our altar services have been filled with blessings. We are expecting more from our wonderful Lord.

The Wednesday night Bible lessons are becoming a great interest to our church and it seems like time flies by as we enjoy the study together.

We are planning special Bible lessons starting Sunday, November 24. Bro. and Sis. Raymond Barker of Katy, Texas plan to be with us for these special services.

Our parsonage has a new look inside and out. New steel siding has been added to the outside which really makes things look nice. We are so thankful for all of this.

Saturday night, October 26, our church people enjoyed a Hallowe'en party together, then surprised our pastor with a birthday present. Our church is enjoying the ministry of the Whiteley family so much. Sis. Whiteley is creating interest with her children's choir on Sunday nights. We are praying this might become a way of interesting other children and their families in our church from the community.

Any of our ministers and gospel workers are welcome to drop by and see us anytime.

**Howard Whiteley, Pastor**  
**Mrs. Deryl Lamunyon, Reporter**

### Rockdale, Texas

The Rockdale Church has enjoyed a revival with Barry Methvin doing the preaching and David McCance helping out with the music. The weather was disagreeable but blessings were received by many who were able to attend. The church requests prayer for Bro. Bob Ressel who was in a wreck just recently. He is doing better and appreciates everyone's prayers.

**Van Blythe, Pastor**  
**Mrs. Jerry Hosek, Reporter**

### Dickinson, Texas

We are so grateful for God's mindfulness of His children. We had a wonderful service October 20th. The Evangelism group from AFBC in Baxter Springs, Kansas was with us for services. This group included Garold Oakes, David Lively, Beverly Barnes, and Susie Zinn. They are fully dedicated and God's work will be greatly benefited by them and the other college students. We wish them God's speed.

The Ralph Denton's came by recently and God blessed in a very special way. Praise His name. Anyone burdened to come by and help in our services please contact:

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**Mrs. Cecil Boles, Reporter**

### Ashland, Alabama

God has been so very good to us and we are so thankful for all His blessings. We are continuing to see new growth and enthusiasm in our work here. We hope to build some new Sunday School rooms soon. We have started our Youth Services on Sunday evenings. Bro. Dan Williamson from Birmingham came and showed slides of his trip to the Holy Land and the following Sunday we had a special Thanksgiving service and dinner. The Troubadores Quartet sang songs of praise and thanksgiving for us.

We have moved into our new house and are enjoying it very much. We appreciate Jim Cook coming to work on it for the past two months and all the help he's been in the work here.

Remember us in your prayers that God will use us for His Glory.

**Bro. Jim Arnall, Pastor**

### Perryton, Texas

Bro. Waterbury held a revival in San Diego, California the first part of November. Sunday night, November 10 a group of students from W. T. Faith Student Center, Canyon, Texas, were with us for a service. God is doing great things for these young people. Sis Pearl Parks is moving to Oregon to be near her daughter around November 18. We recently had a going away social at our ladies meeting for her.

We had a good revival with Bro. Billy Sparks October 7 through 13. We also had a very good turn-out for the AFBC choir concert held in our high school auditorium. It was really inspirational to all. We have been having some good Bible Studies in Romans on Wednesday nights conducted by our pastor. Our Junior Church is going good under the direction of Sis. Henrietta Holderman on Sunday nights at 6:00 p. m.

Joe and Janece Randolph have been traveling with Bro. Ted Barker in some revivals. They held one in Amarillo and recently closed one in Pine Hill, Alabama. They are scheduled to go to Hudson, Wyoming in the near future.

**Harrol Waterbury, Pastor**

### **Guymon, Oklahoma**

Recently our Youth Prayer and Share groups have met in the Modrick and Dunkerson homes. There have been approximately 25 in attendance. We are starting sermons through the Book of I Corinthians on Sunday mornings. We took a bus load from here to hear the AFBC choir concert in Perryton High School. It was certainly enjoyed by all. Duane and the college students have recently been to Hardesty, Gray and Liberal for Sunday services with these churches. We were glad to have Barry Methvin visiting with us in our services Sunday morning and night. We especially enjoyed his music Sunday night. He and Duane have recently cut a record called, "Sanctified, The Voice of Matthew." They are available through the Guymon church or the student center at Goodwell.

There was an area Youth Rally at the Balko High School on Saturday, October 26. Featured speakers were Rick Schleider, Dana Albright, Joe Cosey and Valson Abraham. It was a blessing to hear the testimonies of these Christian Athletes and what Christ has done for them. We enjoyed a scripture-picture presentation of part of Bro. Modrick's Holy Land tour recently on Sunday evening.

Bro. Duane Methvin was back in Baxter Springs, Kansas this month teaching about his puppet ministry in Sis. Cornell's Child Youth and Sunday School Workshop class.

**Edwin Modrick, Pastor**

### **Enid, Oklahoma**

We were so pleased to have another group from the Evangelism Class of AFBC on November 3. Those that came and had charge of our Sunday morning service were Frank Arnall, David and Dale Stollings, Nyla Smith, Susie Zinn, and Janice Kornegay. We appreciate this type of work in our Bible School.

We were blessed by a wonderful Sunday night service on November 10. We arrived at 7:30 to find our young people pouring out their hearts to God around the altar of prayer. The adults joined them and all were blessed in a wonderful service of praying and seeking God.

All are welcome to come and be with us in service whenever possible.

**Elmer Christenson, Pastor**

### **Full Gospel Tabernacle Las Vegas, Nevada**

Greetings from Las Vegas. We are sending our report in early this month. We should have more done on the building by the time this is printed. We started putting plywood on the roof this last week. It should be finished soon.

Calvin Klaus left us November 1 and also another of our Sunday School teachers is moving to Texas, so we are hurting for some helpers in our Sunday School and church. We had 42 in Sunday School last Sunday, seven were adults and the rest were children. We are praying we can see some of the adults realize their need as well as their responsibility to bring their children to church and to come with them.

Pray for us! God bless you.

**Francis Dearing, Pastor**

### **Canyon, Texas**

We must share with you what God is doing in these ministries. A large number of University Students have accepted Christ since the opening of this semester and being taught God's Word and are accepting Christ as several have received the Holy Spirit. These people are Savior and Lord because you have prayed and helped financially to carry the load. God bless you for every prayer and every bit of help you give to this work.

The fall semester opened and the Bible Center offered five accredited Bible classes to the University. These are taught five days a week by Rene Heil. His spiritual concern, along with his past preparation in Bible Studies make him, by the Lord's help a qualified and able instructor in Bible subjects. He has over forty enrolled in these classes.

The Lord has helped us to offer two Bible courses by correspondence. These lessons are sent through the mail and have received great response. The Old Testament Survey Course, which uses the Bible, Textbook, Workbook, notebook and materials for 18 lessons is now being mailed and we expect to have over 100 enrolled by December in this series of studies. Every Christian needs to systematically study God's Word.

Our campus ministries of Vespers, Dorm Bible discussions, prayer sessions, Christian Youth Retreats, etc. are seeing lots of students accept Christ and many are praying through to definite deeper experiences in the Lord and we give praise to the Lord. Our campus minister, Bob Hogue, works with our student activities and is seeing "good things happen."

Services at the Chapel are being well attended, and over 20 university students have accepted Christ in the last month. Our pastor, Ron Martin and wife are working with us in a good way at the Chapel and seeing some wonderful times of worship. Bro. Ronnie baptized 12 young people last Sunday. The attendance is now over the 100 mark for our Sunday morning services. We have 10-15 or more visitors every Sunday.

Thanks for taking your time to read this but this is the concern of my heart for I realize that you and I hold the key to the destiny of souls and we must not hold the key and let these challenges go unheeded and souls be damned by our neglect. The Gospel of the Kingdom must be given to this generation and you and I can not excuse ourselves when God opens doors of opportunity like these to "teach all nations".

There are some tremendous months and years that lie just ahead of us and I want to be a part in these moves for God. Jesus is coming soon and the urgency of the work is upon us. I ask nothing for myself but I am not reluctant to offer these opportunities for you to share and be blessed.

God bless you here and in eternity,

**Director-Coordinator, Marcus L. Adair  
Bible Instructor, Rene A. Heil  
Campus Minister, Bob Hogue  
Pastor Faith Student Center,  
Ron Martin**

# CHURCH NEWS



## Pharr, Texas

The Lord has been so very real to us in our work in Mexico. It has been through God's grace that we continue on here. The trials seem hard and the burdens seem so very heavy sometimes, but we know how much God loves us, cares for us, and understands us and our needs.

We are thankful to you who have felt the leading of God to send an offering and write us an encouraging letter. The Lord richly bless you.

Language School is going strong and keeps Lavanda and I both very busy. Sometimes we find the pace hard to keep up with. Lavanda having to be mother, housekeeper, and wife, sometimes wonders if she can go on. I find it hard to get my work done in the office when half the day or more is gone before I can start on work in the office. Getting over to the Orphanage often is important, also.

You know, though, I wouldn't trade God's will for me for anything else in the world. If you stop and think, being busy in God's work is better than anything. Thank God for the desire He gives us to follow Him.

Continue to pray with us that we may endeavor to do the will of God working with Missions to Mexico in Reynosa, Mexico. God has put the burden upon us and upon many of you for the mission field. The Lord bless you for all you do for Him.

**Jerry, Lavanda, and Kristal Barker**  
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## Prosperity, Missouri

Greetings from the people at the Prosperity Church. We would like to report the Lord has been blessing us in many ways.

In September Bro. Tom Day became our new pastor. We would like to welcome him and his family, his wife, Connie and their son, Chris. They have been a real blessing to all of us.

On Wednesday nights, the Evangelism Classes from AFBC sends a group to have services for us. We have had Alvin Buschman, David Lively, Bobby Russell, Marlon Sparks, Garold Oaks and Kathy Judd to speak for us. We have enjoyed their messages and the witness of those who came to help them. Rob Hostler is now in charge of our young people's group. We are striving to frow for our Lord. We have just begun to have services at a local nursing home in Joplin. The people seem to enjoy our services and look forward to our visits.

We praise the Lord for the blessing he has sent our way. We welcome any visitors to come for service any time.

**Tom Day, Pastor**  
**Cynthia Turner, Reporter**

## Snyder, Texas

The weather these past two months here in Snyder has been consistently cloudy and rainy, but the spirit of the people is not dampened. God has sent "showers of blessings" and we are in the "sunlight of His love." There have been several saved and reclaimed in services and another has prayed back through to the baptism of the Holy Spirit. It is wonderful to see the Lord working in our midst.

Bro. and Sis. Roland Busch held a special service here on a Tuesday evening. Bro. Busch brought the message and gave a talk and showed slides concerning various aspects of the Apostolic Faith Bible College. We appreciate his efforts to make us better acquainted with the faculty, student life, building program, etc. We are thankful for his burden to spread understanding and Christian concern for this important part of the movement.

Bro. Earl Morgan brought the Wednesday night message when he and his wife, Sis. Bessie, stopped in Snyder on their way through Texas. Bro. Morgan helped to construct the church building when the Apostolic Faith Church was founded in Snyder.

Ministers, gospel workers, and lay members of the faith are welcome in our services any time. Please continue to remember us in prayer.

**Kay Shifflett, Reporter**  
**Vester Clanton, Pastor**

## Pharr, Texas

Missions to Mexico is a very interesting work of faith dedicated to take the Gospel to the needy people of Mexico in every area possible.

The Missions to Mexico office is located at 119 West Gore, Pharr, Texas 78577 and is presently involved in caring for needy Mexican children and delinquent boys — Benito Juarez Orphanage and Boys' Ranch, Reynosa, Mexico, the training of native workers — Benita Juarez, Bible School, Reynosa, Mexico; working with 12 Missionaries to train missionaries to speak the Spanish language — The King's Way Missionary Institute, McAllen, Texas; supporting native workers on the field and the construction of churches and missions in Mexico.

Missions to Mexico was founded in 1967 by Rev. Don Russell. As director he has done a great work for the Lord.

Gene and Anneta Beavers came to work with Missions to Mexico in 1971. Ron and Kaylene Russell, and Jerry and Lavanda Barker came in January, 1974. In August 1974 Rev. and Mrs. Winston J. Barker became associated with the work to represent the Apostolic Faith Missions to Mexico as Associate Director. The Winston Barkers have moved to McAllen, Texas and now are working in Mexico and the states. They were in a revival in Bellville, Texas the first part of October. Special Missionary Services in Alvin, Katy, Satsuma and Houston, Texas; and Wichita and Hutchinson, Kansas have also been held by them. They will be back in Mexico the latter part of November. They plan to be back in the states around the first of December and to attend the close of the Bible School in Baxter Springs, Kansas. Pray for the work of the Lord.

**Winston and Alberta Baker**

## Alvin, Texas

The latter part of October our pastor, Bro. Wallis, held a good revival in Pampa, Texas. Bro. E. W. Dickson filled in for him while he was gone. Also Bro. Alvin Barker filled in on Wednesday and Sunday night. Sunday night, November 3, we had a communion and water Baptismal service and the Lord so graciously met with us. We are studying the Pastoral books on Wednesday nights. We had wonderful services both Sunday night with the AFBC choir and Bro. Cornell and the smaller group that was with us on Sunday morning. God blessed in a special way.

**Bro. Jimmie Wallis, Pastor**

## Granby, Missouri

God is so good to us. We thank Him for sending Bro. and Sis. Waterbury to us. They are sincerely dedicated to God and to the work in our church. Bro. Waterbury is giving us wonderful instruction as he allows the Holy Spirit to lead him.

Recent visiting ministers include Bro. and Sis. Jacob Regier, Bro. Stephen Abraham, Bro. and Sis. Johnny Arnall and children and Bro. and Sis. Gary Kerr.

We are looking forward to Revival beginning December 1st with Bro. Ken Priest as the evangelist.

**F. E. Waterbury, Pastor**  
**Faye Neff, Reporter**

## Katy, Texas

Bro. Bill Sparks held our revival beginning November 3. The Lord blessed and the spirit was so sweet. The Lord met with us in Katy as we worshipped Him in the service with the AFBC Choir and workers. Three were saved and one received the Holy Spirit.

We had hoped to have convocation here but we are unable to as we cannot obtain the facilities for cooking and serving the meals this year.

Please continue to remember Sis. Lucille Sutton and her family in your prayers.

**G. K. Kerr, Pastor**

## REVIVALS

Roland Busch — November 3, Big Spring, Texas. Bob Taylor, Pastor.

O. A. Busch — November 13, Youth Revival, Galena, Kansas. Paul Clanton, Pastor. (AFBC youth helped in the revival). Also Sis Joan Cooper.

O. A. Busch — December 1, Spearman, Texas. Waple Ferguson, Pastor. (Filling in for Bro. Regier while he is at AFBC)

Ken Priest — December 1, Granby, Missouri. F. E. Waterbury, Pastor.

**DEADLINE** — Copy for the Report must be in the Editor's possession by the 15th (instead of the 20th) of December 1974



**NEW ARRIVALS**

Jacob Courtney Spradling was born to Rolly and Kaye Spradling, 4929 Cimarron Way, Antioch, Tennessee 37013 on November 4, 1974. He weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. Paternal grandparents are Cloyce Spradling, Guymon, Okla. and maternal grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. Jacob C. Regier, Perryton, Texas. Big brother Cloyce Dean "Sprad" welcomes the new baby too.

Chad LeShonn Satcher was born to C. H. and Dona Satcher, of Rockdale, Texas on November 5, 1974. He weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Satcher, Quitman, Mississippi and maternal grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. Hap Blythe of Rockdale, Texas. Chad has a big brother, Christopher Donn.

Name: Samuel Wallace

Weight: 7 lbs. 11 oz.

Date: July 11, 1974

Parents: Dale and Pauline Ditto, 6502-B Hickman Ave., Austin, Texas 78723

Paternal grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Ditto, Ganado, Texas

Maternal grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bott, Chickasha, Okla.

Big Sister: Shandia.



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**Closing Exercises**

**WEDNESDAY, 7:00 P. M.**  
 December 11, 1974

**Inspirational Concert**  
 by  
**College Choir**

Jack Cornell — director  
 Shari Cook — pianist  
 Kathryn Cornell — organist

**THURSDAY, 10:30 A. M.**  
 December 12, 1974

**Ordination Service**

Master of Ceremonies ..... Louise Sutton  
 Congregational singing  
 Special music  
 Prayer

Sermon ..... Jerome Crowhurst  
 Ordination  
 Benediction

**"Lo, I come to do Thy will, O God" Heb. 10:9**

**THURSDAY, 2:00 P. M.**  
 December 12, 1974

**Homecoming Service**

Master of Ceremonies ..... Howard Whiteley  
 All music arranged and conducted by former students  
 Speaker ..... Harold J. Bolinger  
 Liberal, Kansas

**THURSDAY, 7:00 P. M.**  
 December 12, 1974

**Commencement**

Invocation  
 Special music  
 Speaker ..... Ted Barker  
 Presentation of Diplomas ..... Supt. Jack Cornell  
 Benediction

**Dear Friends,**

At the time of this writing plans are well under way for Thanksgiving services and banquet at the Bible College. We expect a number of parents and visitors to be with us. Communion and Foot Washing services will highlight the day and will be followed that evening with a Thanksgiving Banquet and program.

We are moving fast toward the closing of school. As we look back over the past few weeks of school and taking an over all view it is our feeling that we have had a very successful term. There have been many spiritual victories as well as personal healings. We have had our share of problems but these are easily forgotten when we view the wonderful blessings that God has bestowed upon us.

The Faculty has worked extremely hard and have performed their tasks well. I appreciate their cooperation and dedicated efforts which they have given both to me and the entire student body. May God richly reward them.

A special thanks to each of you for your prayers and financial help, meat and foods and for standing behind us with all your support. Our prayer is that the Lord will bless you as you continue to back your school.

May we give you a special invitation to attend the closing services of our Bible College December 11 and 12. Wednesday night, December 11 will be our annual Choir concert; Thursday morning, December 12 at 10:30 a. m. will be Ordination service, at 2:00 p. m. Homecoming and 7:00 p. m. will be Commencement. Please pray for these services and come if at all possible.

We have many ministerial students and Gospel Workers who feel the call of God upon their lives who will be available after the close of school to assist you in your church work. If you are interested in receiving information about any of these students please contact the Superintendent. Let me encourage you Pastors and churches to feel the responsibility of giving these students further training and to use them in your church to help establish their ministries. We need them badly, now and in the future. Let us not lose them, but give them our utmost support.

**May God bless you**  
**Jack Cornell, Supt.**

**THANKSGIVING BANQUET**

Servers for The Banquet — Beverly Spence,  
 Janet Lucas, Lois Harper, Ernest Henshaw, Sharolyn Cox



December 1974

Banquet Speaker  
 Lyndel Arnall



A. F. Report



**GIRLS' TRIO AND ACCOMPANIST**  
*Debbie Davis, Sharolyn Cox, Janet Lucas and  
 Gail Kendrick*



**GIRLS' QUARTET AND ACCOMPANIST**  
*Nyla Smith, Alice Ross, Shirley Satcher, Lori Kerr and  
 Beverly Barnes*

# AFBC Specialized Singing Groups

**BOYS' QUARTET AND ACCOMPANIST**

*Frank Arnall Gary Kerr  
 Jimmy Botter Telo Stanberry Steve Davis*



**NOTICE TO THE MOVEMENT**

(Concerning the Building Fund Balance and the Bank note obligation)

After all accounts payable were paid, which includes the building and equipping of the new girls' dorm and the remodeling of the house at 11th and Grant Streets, which is now being used for faculty quarters and also the nursery for the small children of the married students, the building fund has a balance of \$51.88.

On February 23, 1975 bank notes will be due for interest and principal in the amount of \$7,711.00. When you send donations to be used for this payment please designate them to be used for the Building Fund.

**Thank you,  
 AFBC Board of Trustees**

**NOTICE!**

Our Annual Business meeting at the close of Bible School will be Friday, December 13, 1974. We are reminding you again to write and request your official ballot. Send your request to Rev. Jack Cornell, Box 110, Baxter Springs, Kansas 66713. Each church received two votes and each minister one vote. The vote will be between the present board member, Bill Hollis of Baxter Springs, Kansas and F. E. Waterbury, pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle in Granby, Missouri.

## CHRISTMAS IS COSTLY

CHRISTMAS COST Mary and Joseph the comforts of home during the long period of exile in Egypt where they went to protect the little Babe.

It cost mothers in and around Bethlehem the lives of their babies, massacred by order of a cruel Herod.

It cost the shepherds the complacency of their pastoral lives with the call to leave the sheep and go to the manger.

It cost the Wise Men a long journey and expensive gifts.

It cost the early apostles and other Christians persecution and often death.

It cost missionaries of Christ untold suffering and privation to spread the good news.

But more than all this, it cost God the Father His only Son—He sent Him to earth to die for sinful men.

It cost Jesus a life of sacrifice and service, a cruel death on the cross, bearing the sins of the world.

*Is Christmas too costly?*

It is, if all it means is gift exchange.

It is, if all it means is tinsel.

It is, if all it means is millions spent in commercialization.

It is, if all it means is a holiday.

*But Christmas isn't too costly—*

If it means the hope of the world!

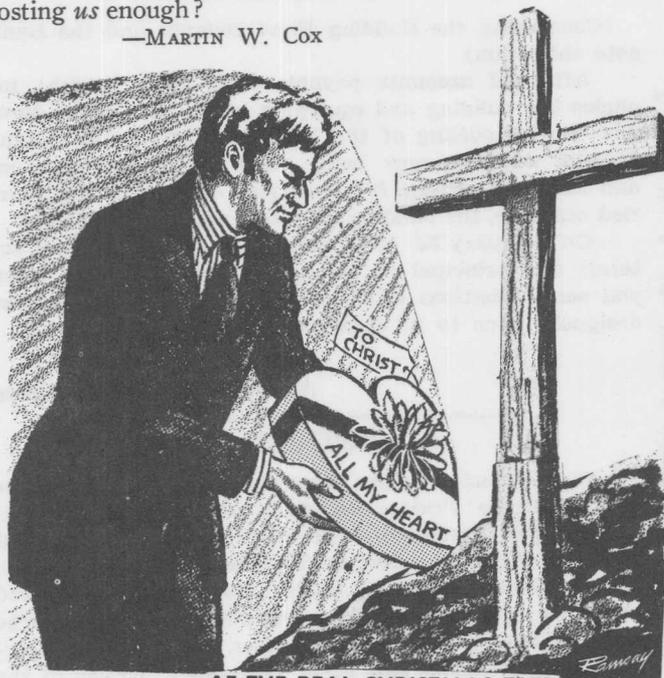
If it means the forgiveness of sin!

If it means peace among men!

If it fits men for heaven!

Considering what God gave and what Christ gave, and considering what the needs of the world are, is Christmas costing us enough?

—MARTIN W. COX



AT THE REAL CHRISTMAS TREE

December 1974

# WHERE IS THE SEED OF LOT Today?

by Winston Barker

What was once an old Testament nation and a powerful economy, with powerful urban centers, seems crumbled and smashed beyond recognition by intervening centuries.

But the Word of God promises a recall. The almighty and everlasting God has regathered the nation of Israel out of 1,900 years of total dispersion. Out of the scattered fragments, once more there is a separate nation, identified clearly among the nations of the earth.

Ezekiel 34:11, 12, 13—For thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out.

As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered: So will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.

And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them up on the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country.

What salient truth do these instances of revival or recall emphasize?

They emphasize the total ability of God to fashion out of what seems to be oblivion, each life, each personality, completely identifiable, that has passed from time.

Things are beginning to surface at the end time as God said they would and as scheduled in His Word.

This interesting emergence of an Old Testament people is one of the exciting things getting ready to happen. No wonder the Master commanded, "Watch!" (Mark 13:37) No one can possibly doubt if he will pay close attention to transpiring events.

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A. F. Report

God's prophecy to Rebekah is being consummated in our time. The Lord's words to Isaac's wife are among the most interesting and far-reaching in all scripture. Genesis 25: we read where Isaac appealed to the Lord on behalf of his wife because she was barren; the Lord yielded to his entreaty, and Rebecca conceived. The children pressed hard on each other in her womb, and she said, "If this is how it is with me, what does it mean? So she went to seek guidance of the Lord. The Lord said to her:

Two nations in your womb, two peoples, going their own ways from birth! One shall be stronger than the other; the older shall be servant to the younger!

The baby twins were named Esau and Jacob.

Gen. 27—we see where Esau hated Jacob and wanted to kill him. And the hatred remains today, yes, there are "two manner of people"—separated (Gen. 25:23).

This is what is making front page news, and will continue to write history.

The spotlight is turning toward the Middle East. That can mean only one thing. (Luke 21:24) "and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." God is again turning toward Abraham's seed, and Lot's seed. It's a tragedy when a professing member of the Body of Christ can't read the "Signs of the Times."

Matt. 16:3 . . . "Jesus said, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the Signs of the Times?"

#### ABRAHAM'S NEPHEW LOT

What were the promises to Lot's seed? How and when will they be fulfilled? Questions we ask are answered in truths from the Bible and the Bible characters we study. (I Corinthians 10:11) "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come."

The story of Lot from the book of Genesis, centuries passed before the true estimate of Lot was rendered and revealed. It must have afforded Peter some degree of personal comfort to have been chosen the recipient by the Holy Spirit of this revelation and eternal summary of life chronicled in the first book of the Bible.

II Peter 2:6, 7, 8, and 9—And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomarrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;

And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:

(For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)

The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

I Samuel 16:7 . . . "For the Lord seeth not as man seeth: for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart."

How did Lot's life—his failures and his successes affect history? (Romans 14:7) For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.

Paul speaks about this to Timothy (I Timothy 5:24,-25) Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some men they follow after.

Likewise also the good work of some are manifest beforehand; and they that are otherwise cannot be hid.

How far-reaching is the life of Lot?

The answer is that it reaches into our time and plays an important role at the close of the age: (Jeremiah 48:47) "Yet will I bring again the captivity of Moab in the latter days, saith the Lord . . .

So what has happened since the said circumstances reported in the 19th chapter of Genesis? In uncircum-spect and questionable circumstances the birth of Moab is reported.

(Genesis 19:37, 38) And the firstborn bare a son, and called his name Moab: the same is the father of the Moabites unto this day.

And the younger, she also bare a son, and called his name Benammi: the same is the father of the children of Ammon unto this day.

Other nations are again moving to the forefront. Front Page News might be bewildering were it not for the prophetic accuracy of the Word of God. As we see detail upon detail coming to pass, it becomes proof abundant that the return of Christ is very, very soon.

GOD HAS SET FOURTH A SCHEDULE IN HIS WORD. (Amos 3:7) Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but He revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets. "It has all been told in advance."

The first born son of Lot, Moab, occupied the then fertile plains east of the Dead Sea, the territory being divided into two portions by the River Arnon. The Capitol City was built along this river.

The next born son of Lot, Benammi or the Ammon's, they were just to the north along the Jordan River.

To the West of the Dead Sea we find Jerusalem, Hebron and Beersheba which Israel now dwell in.

God assigned this territory to the Moabites. Moses was told before the Canaan invasion not to disturb them.

(Deuteronomy 2:9) And the Lord said unto me, Distress not the Moabites, neither contend with them in battle: for I will not give thee of their land for a possession; because I have given Ar unto the children of Lot for a possession.

God also said the same thing about the Ammonites.

This is a mandate that faces modern Israel today.

Watch closely as you observe the power struggle between Isaac and Ishmael—between Jew and Arab! **There are forbidden sectors to Israel.** They have been given by God to other people.

Which people is "stronger than the other"? Wherein lies this strength?

To Jacob's family was given the strength of the Law of Moses. The Bible is stronger than the Koran, and to Jacob was given the strength of the Messiah.

But Esau's family was given the strength of numbers. In him has been found the strength of earth's most primary industrial need—OIL.

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Look back on Rebekah's pains—"the children struggled together within her." (Gen. 25:22) She was the first to ask, "Why"?

The struggle is unresolved, still we are asking "Why"?

The twins' strengths have competed and jostled each other since birth.

(Gen. 25:28) "Isaac loved Esau,—but Rebekah loved Jacob."

The Moabites were Idotaters, their chief idol was Chemosh or Baal-Peor.

(Jeremiah 48:7) He knew the existence of this idol-god. The worship was vile and vulgar. The narrative in II Kings 3:26,27—provides us with this.

They indulged in human sacrifices, the cup of their iniquity ran full. (Amos 2:1-3) He speaks of this. Jeremiah was revolted at the practice of human sacrifice. (Jeremiah 19:5).

#### FOES OF ISRAEL

In spite of common blood, the Ammonite and Moabites were bitter foes of Israel. This brought God's verdict: (Deuteronomy 23:3-6) "An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord; even to their tenth generation shall they not enter into the congregation of the Lord for ever:

Because they met you not with bread and with water in the way, when ye came forth out of Egypt; and because they hired against thee Balaam the son of Beor of Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse thee.

Nevertheless the Lord thy God would not harken unto Balaam; but the Lord thy God turned the curse into a blessing unto thee, because the Lord thy God loved thee.

Thou shalt not seek their peace nor their prosperity all thy days for ever.

The Moabites had sought to destroy Israel by compromise and intermingling. Balaam suggested that they bring down God's curse upon Israel indirectly. So they decided to seduce Israel's manhood by their beautiful women. It cost Israel the deaths of 24,000 men. Moses tells the story in the book of Numbers, 25. (John the Revelator 2:14) reminds us that this nefarious attempt of hell is always trying to compromise Christ's witness upon earth.

This is the path of compromise about which Paul warns the Corinthians. (II Corinthians 6:14-18) Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God: as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

Time after time Moab, united with every possible ally to crush Israel. (Psalm 83:6-8) remembers the ones that had tried to help the children of Lot against Israel.

(I Chronicles 18:2, 3) also (II Kings 3:4). David reduced them to tribute and a high price it was.

#### MOAB'S PRIDE

The pride of Lot, who "sat in the gate of Sodom". (Genesis 19:1) marks his descendants, the Moabites. (Isaiah 16:6, 7) We have heard of the pride of Moab; he is very proud: even of his haughtiness, and his pride, and his wrath: but his lies shall not be so. Therefore shall Moab howl for Moab. . . .

This strain is proud of their Semetic origin, in spite of its questionable beginning. The race is proud of its lands and valour with which they have defended the territory. It has become legendary.

What happened to the descendants of Moab? God noted their beastly idolatry. God noted their arrogance. These must at length bring judgment. There is a rule which says, (Proverbs 16-18) Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. Nowhere is this better illustrated than in the history of Moab.

Like Lot who staggered through the warnings sent to Sodom and Gomorrah, so Moab refused to listen. Isaiah reviews that history in chapters fifteen and sixteen. They are poignant with grief and collapse. He tells of Moab's doom. (Isaiah 16:14) But now the Lord hath spoken, saying, within three years, as the years of a hireling, and the glory of Moab shall be condemned, with all that great multitude; and the remnant shall be very small and feeble.

Ezekiel amplifies their national tragedy. Chapter 25:8-10. (Ezekiel 25:11) And I will execute judgments upon Moab; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

Amos confirms it (2:2) But I will send a fire upon Moab, and it shall devour the palaces of Kirioth: and Moab shall die with tumult, with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

Zephaniah was instructed to declare: (2:9-10) Therefore, as I live, saith the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel, surely Moab shall be as Sodom, and the children of Ammon as Gomorrah, even the breeding of nettles, and saltpits, and a perpetual desolation: the residue of my people shall spoil them, and the remnant of my people shall possess them. **This shall they have for their pride.**

#### MOAB'S FUTURE

Where are they now?

These prophecies have been literally fulfilled. Today it is impossible to distinguish Moabite from Arab. The once fertile land is an arid spectre of gloom.

Has God forgotten? Has God reneged? The promise of Deuteronomy 2:9 is a contract. "And the Lord said unto me, Distress not the Moabites, neither contend with them in battle: for I will not give thee their land for a possession; because I have given Ar unto the children of Lot for a possession."

Isaiah reminds us that a remnant was spared out of their national disaster. Though it was to be very small and feeble yet it would be a separate existence. (16-14).

Then comes the word of Jeremiah, "Yet will I bring again the captivity of Moab in the latter days." (48:47). That miracle must be fulfilled! It will be an eye-opener. Twenty-seven hundred years of dispersion have accumulated. How can God find them and shape them again into a people. It seems a more difficult miracle to perform than the salvage of Israel.

Still as the curse has been fulfilled to the very letter, faith is satisfied that the restoration of Moab will as surely come when the moment of fulfillment strikes.

The seed of Lot is somewhere. It is not lost. God knows where it is, and He knows how to set it forth.

Once it was a great and proud nation. What does God intend it to be in the end time? It will be His witness.

Strange things are happening. Soon the Antichrist will be revealed.

(Daniel 11:41) reveals a startling turn of events. "He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon."

There is a part of modern-day Araby that will succumb to the Man of Sin. It is an "escape" that has startling ramifications.

It indicates again what Nebuchadnezzar learned that (Daniel 4:35, 37) "all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and He doeth according to His Will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay His hand or say unto Him, what doest thou? — and those that walk in pride He is able to abase."

When you check the thirty-eighth chapter of Ezekiel and see the many allied forces named of the one with evil intent, coming against the Holy Land. The Moabites are not mentioned.

This is a strange turn of events. Once Moab joined every available ally opposed to Israel and God's plan of redemption. In (Jeremiah 48:47) yet will I bring again the captivity of Moab in "The Latter Days", saith the Lord. Moab will resist the threat to Israel.

Will God reward their fidelity, when the whole of Christendom is in revolt against divine authority and slavishly worshipping Antichrist?

Will Abraham and Lot be reunited? It is an intriguing thought.

Do you think the cleft will be closed. The enmity between blood-ties will cease.

It takes us back to Ruth, the Moabitess. She played her part in the line of our Lord. (Ruth 4:13). So Boaz took Ruth and she was his wife. (Ruth 4:21-22) and Salmon begat Boaz, and Boaz begat Obed, and Obed begat Jesse and Jesse begat David. You may not have known this, but it's all right there.

In thinking of God's promises to the Jewish people we have forgotten His promises to their enemies.

These centuries-old enemies must cease some day. There is always that, "remnant."

It is also interesting to remember that when you study the second chapter of Acts, among those reported hearing at Pentecost were "Arabeans" (Acts 2:11). Who can tell but that among them were some of Lot's seed?

Watch for this mighty work of God! Blended as they now are with Midianites, Ishmaelites, and other Arab races, we cannot separate Isaiah's (16:14) "Remnant of Moab" from the mass of Arabs. But God has His eye upon them. He can regather them and identify them as easily as He has assembled the seed of Jacob in our time. His unimpeachable word declares, "yet will I bring

again the captivity of Moab in the latter days." (Jeremiah 48:47).

About Jacob and Esau (Genesis 27:39, 40) and Isaac his father answered and said unto him, Behold, thy dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above; and by thy sword shall thou live, and shalt serve thy brother: and it shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck.

By noting a few key phrases you can readily see how this ancient prophecy is at last fulfilled to the letter.

"Fatness of the earth" — this speaks of wealthy resources. What nations have greater wealth today than the descendants of Esau?

"By thy sword shalt thou live." — this speaks of the warlike pasture of the Arab nations. These children of Esau are bent on exerting their will by force of Arms.

"Thou shalt have the dominion" — this speaks of the descendants of Esau gaining greater influence in world politics than the descendants of Jacob. And in 1974 this has taken place. Never before in history has this been so. By twisting the "oil spigot", the Arabs now hold the dominion.

"Thou shalt not break his yoke from off thy neck" — Jacob no longer tells Esau what to do. The Arab nations are now "calling the shots" in Mideast Politics.

This is evident. All the nations which are connected with Abraham, either by blood or by kindred origin are gradually coming to the front as the Dispensation of Grace moves toward a close.

#### TIME TO WATCH

So many things are tied into the restoration of Israel and the return of Christ.

What glorious futures so many facets of history will share when these age-long disturbances are solved!

Everything points to the One Man — Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

(Rev. 11:15) — "The Kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christs; and He shall reign for ever and ever."

There is a lot to "Watch." (Mark 13:37) "And what I say unto you I say unto all, WATCH."

(I John 5:13) "These things have I written unto you that believe."

God takes infinite precaution that faith exercised will never be misplaced. (Joel 2:26) "My people shall never be ashamed."

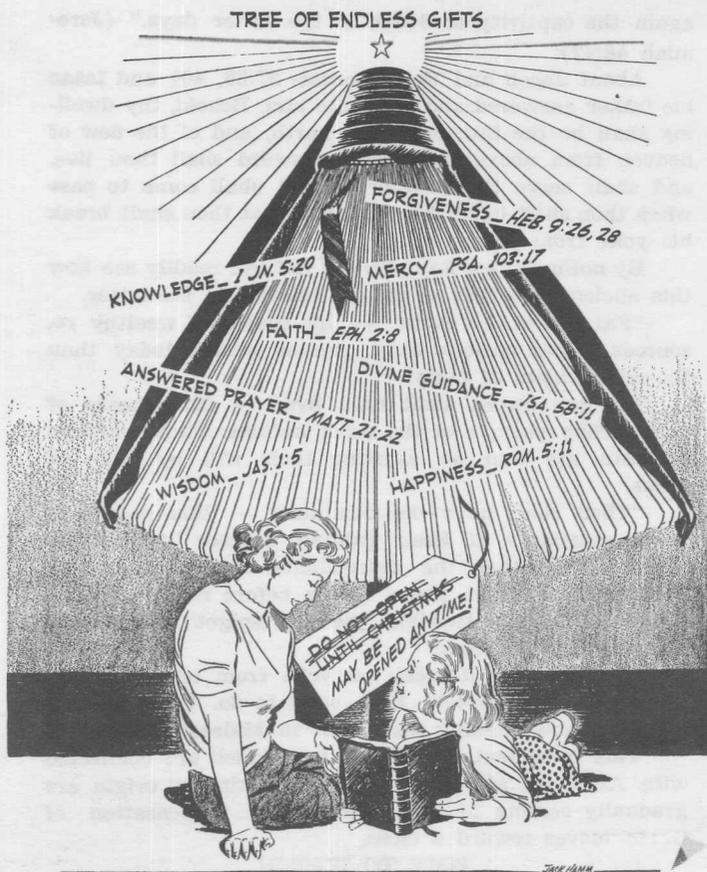
The supreme purpose of the Bible is to identify Jesus Christ of Nazareth as God's authorized Agent of redemption. John the Baptist wanted to make sure. (Luke 7:19) "Art thou He that should come? or look we for another?"

No greater detail has even been woven than the detail that honeycombs the 66 books of the Bible. No one has yet explored all that is written therein.

#### TRUST IN JESUS

You are in the hands of God. The Bible is His contract or testament with you. He died and rose again and ascended to heaven to guarantee it. The moment you believe Him the Holy Spirit will bear witness. (Hebrews 10:15) "Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us."

(Concluded)



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