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Golden Wedding Anniversary



MR. AND MRS. HOMER COBERLY

GOLDEN WEDDING**Anniversary****OF MR. AND MRS. COBERLY**

Evangelist and Mrs. Homer Coberly observed their Golden Wedding anniversary at their home at 1307 30th Street, Lubbock, Texas with an "Open House" Sunday afternoon June 7, 1964. Their fine family, a daughter, Miss Euteva Coberly; a son, Mr. R. L. Coberly, his wife Ruby and their two children, Richard and Eulanda, helped in planning and carrying out the day's activities to make it a great and memorable occasion.

Many friends came from near and far to give the Coberlys their congratulations, and their best wishes for continued blessings of health and happiness. Scores of others sent telegrams, cards, gifts, and letters; others telephoned for brief visits and good wishes.

All in all, it was a wonderful day of joy and gladness, and of looking back over 52 years of successful ministry blest with God's unfailing Presence. And a day of hope, trusting in the promise of God's abiding Presence in the future.

Brother Coberly was born near Denton, Texas August 25, 1894, the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Coberly, and while still at a young age he and the family migrated to the wide-open spaces of western Oklahoma where he grew up. His father desired him to become a physician, and the family moved to Arkansas for schooling. During vacation, while attending a revival conducted by the Rev. Sidney E. Waterbury and Rev. John Holt, Brother Homer was converted. He entered the Evangelistic Ministry in 1912.

Two years later, on June 6, 1914 he and Miss Pearl Moser were united in marriage in a ceremony read by the Rev. I. W. Chastine at Cave Springs, Arkansas, and they have continued in the Revival and Evangelistic Ministry all their married life. God has blessed their ministry in a good way, and many revivals which they conducted down through the years, in churches,

in tabernacle tents, in school houses, were a great blessing to hundreds of people, and many, many souls were converted under their ministry.

The Coberlys were among the early pioneers of the Faith throughout the Mid-West, the Oklahoma and Texas Penhandles; they also held revivals in many other states, from Colorado to West Virginia. Several of the young men who were converted in Brother Coberly's meetings were later called into the ministry and went into many places, preaching the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Only Eternity will reveal the good that has come from these dedicated lives.

CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank our hosts of friends for their telegrams, for long distance telephone calls; for the most wonderful and lovely gifts, cards, and letters sent for our joyful Golden Wedding Day. Many friends came from a distance to enjoy the day with us. Thanks to each of you for your prayers, your help and encouragement along life's way. We need your continued prayers as we travel on, doing all we can, while we can, for our Lord Jesus.

Evangelists

Homer and Pearl Coberly
1307 30th Street
Lubbock, Texas

Obituaries**DORA ELIZABETH OYLER**

Dora Elizabeth Oyler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Chitwood passed away at Stockton, California June 24, 1964 at age 45 years. She was converted at an early age and remained true until the end. Survivors include her husband, W. Glen Oyler; a son, Edwin, a daughter, Karen; her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Chitwood; four sisters, Mrs. Eva Addleman, Mrs. Rosalie Regier, Mrs. Hallie Johnson, and Mrs. Leota Jacobs; one brother, Mr. Harold Chitwood.

Funeral services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Bill Patterson, in the church in Stockton where the Oylers have been faithful workers for the past eighteen years.

BIRD CALDWELL

Mr. Bird Caldwell passed away at Anderson, Mo. on May 12, 1964 at the age of 69 years. Funeral services were held in the Full Gospel Church at Anderson with Rev. Dean Royce and Rev. Johnny Williams officiating.

W. B. WOOSTER

Brother W. B. Wooster passed away May 26, 1964 following a brief illness. A more detailed obituary and his picture will be printed in a later issue of the REPORT.

CLADYS WARD DICKSON

Cladys Ward Dickson passed away June 6, 1964 in her home in Pasadena, Texas at the age of 53 years, 11 months and 25 days. Funeral services were conducted in the Apostolic Faith Church, Alvin, Texas, June 8 by Rev. K. Kerr and in Bethel Full Gospel Church, Magnolia, Arkansas, June 9 by Rev. E. O. Bishop. She accepted Christ at the age of 23 years and with her husband faithfully served the Lord in the ministry until she was called to rest.

Surviving are her husband Erman W., one daughter, Myra Fern Berner, Spearman, Texas, one son Weldon Ward, Columbus, Georgia, and three grandchildren, Cindy, Denise and Eddie Dean Berner.

KIMBERLY LYNN PRIEST

Kimberly Lynn Priest, born to Ken and Ladonna Priest on May 7, 1964, passed away on May 25, 1964, being eighteen days old.

Surviving, besides her parents, is a sister Delaine. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tooley, Center Point, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Priest, Stockton, Calif.

Get the pattern of your life from God, and then go about your work and be yourself.

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dress, giving both old and new
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HIS WONDERFUL PROMISES

When dark is my day and weary my
way
And heavy the burdens that press
When burning tears start I comfort
my heart
With His wonderful promises.

When gone is the light I walk not by
sight
But still I yield not to distress
For faith strong and sure, lay anchore
secure
On His wonderful promises.

When bitter the loss, and heavy the
cross,
I long for a strong hand to press
Then kneeling in prayer I see He is
there
With His wonderful promises.

It surely shall be when death calls for
me
To lay by this frail mortal dress
With never a dread I'll pillow my
head
On His wonderful promises.

Not one of His promises ever has
failed
He faileth His trusting one never
He's my Saviour and friend
And I can depend on His promises
now and forever.

Mother Dibbens, as she was known in the Movement, was instrumental in bringing the Apostolic Faith Movement to Cheney, Kansas in the early 1920s. Her home was the prayer meeting site as she and other prayer warriors prayed for souls and for the deeper blessings of God. Her life was a channel through which the Holy Spirit blessed others. Singing in other languages as the Spirit gave utterance and interpreting in English, these songs richly blessed and inspired the hearts of many.

She had a God-given talent for music, and played the organ in her early youth as her father, Rufus Rudolphus Field, led the singing in church services in Illinois.

Later she taught music in the Apostolic Faith Bible School in Baxter Springs, Kansas. She wrote both words and music to

many, many gospel songs which were a blessing all through the years of her singing ministry, and shall continue in years to come to bless others.

Deeply religious all her life, Mother Dibbens stood true to the Lord and to the Apostolic Faith Movement from the time she first embraced this glorious truth under the preaching of the late Charles F. Parham in the late teens until her passing. Her life was one of consecration, dedication, and service to God and to humanity. Her sweet sanctified influence had a deep bearing upon all those who had contact with her.

With pride, a wonderful heritage, and many memories, I dedicate this Editor's page to the best person I have ever known—MY MOTHER.

Donald D. Dibbens.

IN MEMORY OF

Jessie C. Dibbens

January 16, 1874

June 15, 1964

Services from Wulf Mortuary Chapel, Garden Plain, Kansas
Clergyman: Rev. Jack Barker, Laverne, Oklahoma

— Casket Bearers —

Clyde Dibbens Preston Dibbens Marvin Dibbens
Eddie Dibbens Jarman Dibbens Donald Dibbens

Final Resting Place

Vinita Cemetery Cheney, Kansas

Jessie C. Dibbens was born in Thompson, Illinois, January 16, 1874. She moved to Cheney, Kansas with her parents in 1892. She was married to A. R. J. Dibbens September 8, 1895, and to this union nine children were born. Her husband and two children preceded her in death. Four sons and 3 daughters survive: Clyde and Jarman of Garden City, Kansas; Preston of Cheney, Kansas; Donald of Follett, Texas; Fern Pavaldo of Van-

derpool, Texas; Anna R. Mahan and Velma Neff of Wichita, Kansas; 19 grandchildren; 35 great grandchildren; 3 sisters, Lucy Comstock of El Campo, Texas; Harriett Knutson of Oroville, California; RuHama Kruse of Portland, Oregon. Also a host of relatives and friends.

Jessie was converted early in life, she loved people, music and flowers and gave her life for others. She was an inspiration to her family and friends.

PASTORAL REPORTS

CROSSES, ARK.

Evangelist and Mrs. Vester Clanton assisted by Miss Marva Turner conducted a revival here recently. God blessed in every service and the church was encouraged. Later we had VBS in our church and Miss Pauline Riley helped us and was a great blessing to our children.

Danny Robinson, Pastor

CAVE SPRINGS, ARKANSAS

Just a line of appreciation for your good work with the Report. It is a blessing to us.

We have resigned as pastors here, effective at Camp Meeting time, and will be open for calls at that time. We have no complaints, God has been good to us and we have enjoyed our work with this wonderful group of people.

V. E. "Hap" Blythe, pastor

STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

At present our church sanctuary is being re-decorated in preparation for installation of new pews in the near future.

Brother and Sister Bob Taylor conducted a revival for us in the spring, and we are looking forward to revival with the Adair family this summer.

Inclosed is an offering for the Report from our church.

The Bill Pattersons, pastors

LIBERAL, KANSAS

Our summer activities began with a Vacation Bible School. It was a time of instruction, worship and evangelism which began at 7 o'clock each evening June 8 through 17. The enrollment totaled 66, which included an adult class. Seven youngsters made steps toward accepting Christ as their Saviour. The theme: "Around the World With Christ." The adults studies were confined primarily to the first eight chapters of Genesis — lectures and discussions on The Creation and The Flood.

Jerry McClenagan, Pastor.

CENTER POINT, TEXAS

God is blessing the church here. Our recent revival was a source of blessing and encouragement; many souls were blessed, some were restored to the Lord and some drawn closer to the Lord.

We are sending a check for the Apostolic Faith Report; this is tithes of our Sunday School offering.

We appreciate the prayers and the interest of other Christians for our work here.

The John Blythes, pastors

ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO

Enclosed are some Sunday School tithes for the Report. God has blessed our services here, for which we are very thankful. At present the church is dealing for some additional land adjoining the present property, with the view of having sufficient room to re-build the church sometime in the future.

Paul Clanton, pastor

IMPERIAL BEACH, CALIF.

We are writing to announce our resignation as pastor of the Silver Strand Country Church effective July 1, 1964, and to say we will be open for call as pastor after that date. We request prayers that we may be led of the Lord and used to His glory. Our labors here have been enjoyable, even though we have not seen as much accomplished as we had hoped for. Yet we can say with the Bible writer: "I have not been disobedient to the heavenly vision".

Bob, Hazel and Bobby Wayne Taylor,
1727 Donax Ave.,
Imperial Beach, Calif.

MODESTO, CALIFORNIA

God is blessing in our church here, and we are looking forward to a revival soon. We are sending our change of address, we enjoy the Apostolic Report very much.

Ross Briles, pastor
1023 Roble Ave.,
Modesto, Calif., 95351

PINE CREST CHURCH

Quitman, Miss.

Plans and preparations are moving forward toward Camp Meeting time. An increase in attendance is expected this year.

The church has enjoyed the ministry of various visiting preachers recently, among them James and Clara Hosler, L. H. Ehrlich, and Rene Hiel. Brother Hiel conducted some Youth Services in the church which were enjoyed by young and old alike.

George Hintergardt, pastor

PAMPA, TEXAS

We had Rev. Gail Schultz for services in our church in Pampa from May 6th through May 17th. Every sermon was anointed and the church in general received refreshing and spiritual uplift.

Enclosed is a check for the REPORT.

Robert Girouard, pastor

MILL CREEK CHURCH

Doniphan, Mo.

The church here was greatly blessed during three nights of service with Bro. M. D. Methvin, Duane, and Bro. Ronnie Cooper of Galena, Kansas, sponsored by our "Crusaders for Christ" group. Four souls were added to the Master's kingdom. Also recent service with the F. E. Waterbury's were appreciated very much.

A church bus has recently been donated to us to help with our transportation. For this we are very thankful.

Larry Welsh, pastor

HARDESTY, OKLA.

Our VBS was greatly blessed this year with an average daily attendance of 69. Sister Lamoyne Fox conducted the school.

We have had the invitation to stay on as pastor here for another year and after much prayer have felt it to be God's will for us to stay on. The church plans a little re-modeling project for the next year.

Rev. Ted Barker, pastor

The Words from the Cross

By HAULACE NOVINGER

"He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He opened not His mouth." Isaiah 53:7.

Only the Divine Son of God could face His tormentors with such serenity of soul.

The reactions of our Lord as He hung upon the cross are portrayed in the seven words that He uttered there; They open seven windows into the soul of the dying Saviour.

"Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." Luke 23:34.

He who gave us many lessons in love and forgiveness, as they nailed Him to the cross, practiced what He preached, about forgiving and loving our enemies.

The Lord, who was afflicted, slandered, beaten, mocked, and crucified could plead in His great agony for His Father's forgiveness of those who were responsible for His crucifixion.

Oh! how rich and inexhaustible is the love and mercy of our Lord. Oh! for a heart to love as this.

"Verily I say unto thee, Today thou shalt be with me in paradise." Luke 23:43.

With almost His last words the Lord pronounced pardon for a penitent thief, and though Jesus was now dying, the robber believed He had a kingdom beyond the grave. In this respect He put the disciples to shame.

Jesus surely loved sinners, He was the sinners' friend, "For God commended His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us." Romans 5:8.

At all times, He is the same Saviour, "Yesterday, today and forever." His life was a consistent unity, following as its theme the words of the angel. . . "Thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins." Matthew 1:21; And as He returned to God He bore on His arms the soul of a robber, the firstfruits of His mission to re-

deem the world.

". . . Woman, behold thy son! . . . Behold thy mother! . . ." John 19:26-27.

There is a marvelous blending of the Divine, and the human in Christ. After providing a heavenly home for the repentant thief, He arranged for an earthly home for His mother, He had not forgotten the one who had loved and cared for Him.

"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me." Matthew 27:46.

All His life the Lord had been accustomed to being forsaken of man, at first His own kinsmen disbelieved Him; then His fellow townsmen rejected Him; the leaders of His own nation the Jews condemned Him; and at the crisis of His life, His disciples, those He loved most, deserted Him. Jesus, who had known the constant presence of the Father, feels more the oppression of the temporary desertion by God, therefore His cry of utter desolation of soul.

Martyrs, instead of being forsaken by God, have generally experienced the consciousness of His presence. If our Lord had suffered only martyrdom, as some teach, the Father would have been with Him in His last hours. But Jesus was suffering not merely as a martyr; He was being sacrificed as a sin offering, a scapegoat. And as such, He not only bore sin but actually became sin, so identified did He become with our sin and punishment, that God treated Him, who knew no sin, as one who had committed sin, and turned His face from Him.

"I thirst". John 19:28.

This was the only cry of physical suffering uttered by our Lord. Thus prophecy was fulfilled. Psalms 69:21.

After He had interceded for the transgressors, after He had spoken peace to a troubled heart, and after providing a home for His widowed mother, only then did He think of His own suffer-

ing. How like my Jesus, His life was spent and poured out for "Others."

"It is finished." John 19:30.

A cry of triumphant relief and joy, the long reign of human sin and death are broken. Our Lord's first recorded words were, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" He fulfilled the redemptive plan of God, for this cause He came into the world to give His life a ransom for many. Jesus said, "I have glorified thee on earth, I have finished the work which thou gavest me". Thus the redemptive plan of God has been completed.

"Father, into thy hands I commend my Spirit." Luke 23:46.

He whose life had been one constant prayer, ended His earthly ministry with a petition, then He entered into the glory that was His in the beginning.

His body was in the hands of His enemies, but His Spirit was safe in the hands of God. Soon would be the reuniting of both in His triumphant resurrection.

"But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that sleep." I Corinthians 15:20.

The Lord told His disciples if He went away He would return again, and receive unto Himself His own, surely His return draweth nigh.

OBITUARY

JEWEL MILTON SCOTT

Jewel Milton Scott was born January 10, 1905 at Atlanta, Arkansas, and passed away suddenly at his home in Laverne, Oklahoma on June 4, 1964 at the age of 59 years. He was married to Vera Emma Clark on March 23, 1929. His survivors include his wife, Rev. Vera Scott of Laverne, Oklahoma, and one daughter, Anna Ruth Barker of Liberal, Kansas. Also the son-in-law, Alvin Lee Barker, and two grandchildren, Kenny and Kathy Barker of Liberal.

Funeral services were held in the Gospel Lighthouse church June 7, 1964 with Rev. Pauline Parham officiating. Interment was in Laverne cemetery.

Doctrinal Teachings of the Apostolic Faith Movement

TRINITY OF THE GOD-HEAD

(God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, the Holy Ghost) "For there are THREE that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word (Jesus) and the Holy Ghost: . . ." 1 John 5-7.

REPENTANCE

(Act of Man)

"Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: REPENT YE, and believe the gospel." Mark 1:14-15.

"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that ALL SHOULD COME TO REPENTANCE." 2 Peter 3:9.

"REPENT YE therefore, and BE CONVERTED, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord." Acts 3:19.

CONVERSION

(Justification) (Act of God)

". . . Verily I say unto you, EXCEPT YE BE CONVERTED, and become as little children ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven". Matt. 18:3.

"Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man (Jesus) is preached unto you the FORGIVENESS OF SINS: And by Him all that believe are JUSTIFIED from all things, from which we could not be justified by the law of Moses." Acts 13:38-39.

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a NEW CREATURE: old things are passed away, behold, all things are become new." 2 Cor. 5:17.

CONSECRATION

(Act of Man)

"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. And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." Romans 12:1-2.

SANCTIFICATION

(Act of God)

(a second, definite work of grace)

"Wherefore Jesus also, that He might SANCTIFY the people with His own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore unto Him without the camp, bearing His reproach." Hebrews 13:12-13.

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the CHURCH, and gave Himself for it; That He might SANCTIFY and CLEANSE it with washing of the water by the word, that He might present it unto HIMSELF a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be HOLY and without blemish. Ephesians 5:25-27.

"And the very God of peace SANCTIFY YOU WHOLLY; and I pray God, your WHOLE SPIRIT AND SOUL AND BODY be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thes. 5:23.

BAPTISM OF HOLY GHOST

"John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: He shall BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE HOLY GHOST and with fire." Luke 3:16.

"For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." Acts 1:5.

The EVIDENCE of the baptism of the Holy Ghost is the speaking with other tongues. (No fanat-

icism).

"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues, as the spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

"And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God." Acts 10:45-46.

DIVINE HEALING

"And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and HEALING ALL MANNER OF SICKNESS AND ALL MANNER OF DISEASES among the people." Matthew 4:23.

"Who His own self (Jesus) bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes YE ARE HEALED. 1 Peter 2:24.

"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 shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:14-16.

ORDINANCES

WATER BAPTISM

(by immersion)

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Matt. 28:19.

"Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death? Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." Rom. 6:3-4.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

"And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it,

and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it. For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." Matt. 26:26-28 (Read 1 Cor. 11:23-30).

FEET WASHING

"He (Jesus) riseth from supper and laid aside His garments; and took a towel, and girded Himself, After that He poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples feet and to wipe them with the towel wherewith He was girded . . ." "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet." John 13:4-5, 14.

NO DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE

"Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery." Luke 16-18.

"The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord." 1 Cor. 7:39.

SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I WILL COME AGAIN, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am there ye may be also." John 14:3.

". . . Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing into heaven? this same, Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, SHALL SO COME in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven." Acts 2:11.

"And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the SON OF MAN COMING IN THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN with power and great glory." Matt. 24:30.

THOUSAND YEAR REIGN OF CHRIST

"And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was

given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus — and they lived and REIGNED WITH CHRIST A THOUSAND YEARS." Rev. 20:4.

"Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ and shall REIGN WITH HIM A THOUSAND YEARS." Rev. 20:6.

CONDITIONAL IMMORTALITY

(Life through Christ)

. . . I am come that they might have LIFE, and that they might have it more abundantly." John 10:10.

"And this is the record, that God has given to us ETERNAL LIFE, and this life IS IN HIS SON. HE THAT HATH THE SON HATH LIFE, and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." 1 John 5:11-12.

"To them who by patient continuance in well doing SEEK FOR glory and honor and IMMORTALITY, eternal life." Rom. 2:7.

Immortality is yet future. Read 1 Cor. 15:51-54).

DESTRUCTION OF THE WICKED

"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leadeth to DESTRUCTION, and many there be which go in thereat: . . . Matt. 7:13.

. . . In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall BE PUNISHED WITH EVERLASTING DESTRUCTION from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power." 2 Thes. 1:7-9.

"For the wages of sin is DEATH; but the gift of God is ETERNAL LIFE through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6:23.

"For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall BURN THEM UP, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall LEAVE THEM NEITHER ROOT NOR BRANCH." Mal. 4:1.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In TITHES AND OFFERINGS. — Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there be not room enough to receive it." Mal. 3:8, 10.

"But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: THESE OUGHT YE TO HAVE DONE, and not to leave the other undone." Luke 11:42.

HE WILL GIVE US STRENGTH

By BARBARA McELHANEY

Oh son of God, hear my plea
As I now wait on bended knee;
Thy love is great, thy word is true,
You promised grace to take us
through.

My steps are slow, my faith is weak,
But yet I trust thy face to seek;
Your arms are stretched 'round me
now,

As humbly at thy feet I bow,
Every hour you're bending near,
To comfort, strengthen, guide and
cheer;

With loving ear you wait on high,
To hear your children's faintest cry.
Through the night you'll lead us on,
Though friends forsake and hope
seems gone;

You'll give us grace for every test,
If we bring to you, our life, our best.
To you I give myself away,
Never more I'll go astray;
I'll serve you here, I'll do thy will,
Because your promise you fulfill.

Pray as though it all depended
upon God, and then work as
though it all depended upon you.

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The Destruction of the Wicked

By CHARLES F. PARHAM

It is said that precedent rules the world, but pre-conceived ideas are the controlling power upon the minds of men. We believe what our fore-fathers believed, whether right or wrong. We are Democrats or Republicans because they were, never giving one thought how far they may have strayed from the principles the fathers held so dear. We are Methodists or Baptists because our parents were, never stopping for a moment to question whether the doctrines they held were the conceptions of theologians of the Roman Catholic church during the dark ages when that church was in her most hellish state.

Two-thirds of the doctrines held by the Roman Catholic church were taken bodily from pagan philosophy, while the Protestants have taken two-thirds of their doctrine from Roman Catholicism. The Catholics taught eternal torment for those who did not join their church, and purgatorial cleansing for those who did. The teaching of eternal torment was conceived by Catholicism in the days of her worst apostasy and cruelty, and has no Scripture foundation whatever. Catholics and Protestants have given us a God more impossible than Moloch, a God of the ancient Canaanites in whose arms human beings were burned. We are supposed to believe in a God who, after bringing creatures into existence, will cast them into a lake of eternal torment, and who possessed with such a diabolical character that He is able to sit upon the throne of His glory and listen to their howling and screeching, and view them sizzling, stewing, frying, browning — without surcease throughout the countless cycles of Eternity. Jonathan Edwards, the great New England theologian, voicing the teachings of orthodoxy, declared that the joys of the righteous in Heaven would be augmented by their hearing their loved ones screeching and clanking their chains in the reg-

ions of the damned outside the gates of the Eternal City. All orthodoxy accepts as scripture the foolish satire that Dante wrote against his religious and political enemies, believing that Dante actually went to hell and recorded the things that he saw, believing that hell then existed and exists now.

Orthodoxy teaches that multiplied millions, unjudged, are already in hell. This is impossible; no one is cast into the lake of fire and brimstone until after the resurrection and the White Throne Judgment, which will not occur until after Christ has reigned over the earth for the Sabbath thousand years. (Rev. 20). It is strange and almost impossible to believe that men as wise as many of our theologians have been, could put on old Catholic-creed goggles which make every passage of Scripture in the Bible relative to the destruction of the wicked, read "eternal torment" to them. By no possible twisting of the English language could you make the words "death", "destruction", "perish", used universally in the Bible relative to the wicked, to mean eternal torment. Truly, in doctrine many are largely creatures of hereditary taint, driven slaves to ancestral chariots.

It is not my purpose to enter into any lengthy discussion regarding this subject; everywhere it is being discussed, pro and con, and those who are unprejudiced and teachable will be able to weigh both sides of the question and form their own conclusions. Among all the awful charges that have ever been brought against me, perhaps the one most vehemently announced and maliciously peddled, is that I am a "no hellite", which is absolutely false, for I believe in a hell hotter than orthodoxy teaches,—one that utterly destroys the wicked. Destruction would satisfy all that justice demands, and God, if He be a God of love, justice and mercy, would ask no more than the wages of sin, which is death. (Ro-

mans 6:23).

If someone were to accuse a friend of yours of torturing any kind of animal for one day without respite, you would defend the character of that friend with all your ability. So, brethren, I rise to defend the character of our God, and declare with all my ability everywhere that the God we love and serve is incapable of possessing a character that could possibly eternally torment the unsaved. Besides this, all Scripture teaches the positive destruction of the wicked. One man has offered a section of land, another \$500. in cash, to anyone who could produce Biblical proof that wicked have any eternal life. You ask the person who is a believer in eternal torment, "How does the sinner receive eternal life?" and generally he will tell you that it results from the germ of immortality which God imparted to the human race when He breathed the breath of life into Adam, and that we have eternal life through being descendants from Adam, thus denying the Christ-atonement. If it is the God-breath of immortality which God breathed into Adam, that gives the sinner eternal life, then God would be sending a part of Himself to suffer the pangs of eternal torment. As descendants of Adam, we are simply human beings, until quickened by the eternal life of Christ in conversion. To this the Scriptures agree, "Ye are **dead** in trespasses and sins," "He that hath not the Son, hath not life," "Ye have no life in you." God said to Adam, "In the day ye eat thereof ye shall surely die." Satan said, "Ye shall NOT surely die, but shall be as Gods, knowing good and evil." To this day Catholic and Protestant churches continue to teach this devil's lie instead of the truth of God's own statement, "Ye shall surely die." Gen. 2:17, 3-4.

Let us take a general view of all the Scriptures upon this point. The great argument always used by orthodoxy is, as there is eternal life and bliss in heaven, there must be the opposite: eternal life and woe in hell. There is absolutely no Scripture for such an argument, for God has said, "I have set before you life

and death; turn ye, O Israel, for why will ye die?" Fear not him that is able to destroy the body, but rather Him that is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." David said: "The wicked shall consume away into smoke, into smoke shall they consume away, and be no more." Malachi incorporates all Old Testament teachings in these words: "The day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be as stubble; and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch." Mal. 4:1.

The New Testament is more emphatic than the Old, giving the sinner no hope of any existence whatever outside of Jesus Christ, Who is "our life." The first Scripture that I desire to call to your attention is held by orthodoxy as absolute proof of their teaching of eternal torment: "It is better to enter into life maimed, than to be cast into Gehenna fire, where the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched." Instead of teaching eternal torment this Scripture teaches the utter destruction of the wicked. To illustrate the fact of utter destruction, Jesus referred to the pit of Gehenna, just east of the Temple grounds, where the perpetual fires were kept burning to consume the offal, and the dead carcasses of animals and of criminals, and the unconsumed sacrifices from the Temple. Josephus, the Jewish historian, tells us that what fell upon the rocks the worms consumed and what fell into the pit, the fire consumed. The wicked are neither the worm nor the fire but the rubbish and trash of the world to be thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, which is the second death. (Rev. 20:14; 21:8). The perpetual fires, which were supposed by orthodoxy to prove the eternal torment of the wicked, ceased in the pit of Gehenna outside of Jerusalem two thousand years ago. The lake of fire will cease to exist after it has consumed the wicked, for the ashes of the wicked are to be trodden under the feet of the meek who shall inherit the new earth. (Mal. 4:3). The wicked shall be destroyed on

this earth at the close of the judgment. The fires that purify this old world will destroy the wicked and make this world a Paradise for the righteous.

Another Scripture frequently used to prove eternal torment is the sentence pronounced by Jesus, "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal." This passage does not read "punishment everlasting", as the orthodox would teach it, but "everlasting punishment." When a man is hung for a crime, he receives everlasting punishment as far as this world is concerned. When the wicked are destroyed in the lake of fire and brimstone, that is everlasting punishment as far as eternity is concerned. Note, this passage says, "Everlasting punishment," not "Punishment everlasting."

Another much used Scripture to try to prove eternal torment is the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus. To prove that this teaches eternal torment, the advocate of that fiendish doctrine says that it is not a parable but cold-blooded facts regarding the state of the wicked. This is disproven by Christ's own words, Who emphatically said, "That without a parable spake He not unto them." This parable has no reference to the state of the dead. If the torment of flames were the literal fires of hell, then Abraham's physical bosom would be the abode of the righteous. Dives, the Rich Man, could not have been in hell, for hell as a place of punishment is not now in existence and will not begin until after the resurrection and the final judgment. If this parable were a literal fact, it would destroy the teaching of the atonement of Christ's blood. Riches would send men to hell, while poverty would be the road to heaven. What Christ intended to teach here were facts concerning the standing of the Jews and the Gentiles. He had said that "many shall come from the east and the west (Gentiles) and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom, but the children of the kingdom (the Jews) would be cast into outer darkness, where there shall be weeping, wailing and gnashing of

teeth."

The above Scripture does not refer to the condition of the wicked dead, but the condition of the Jews during the Christian age. Paul, referring to the same thought says: "Blindness in part has happened unto Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in." The parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus teaches that the Jews, like a rich man, had fared sumptuously from the hand of God, while the Gentiles, the poor man, had been laid at their door, without as much as a crumb of salvation. Now, the end, like death, came to both of these conditions. The Jews, like the Rich Man, were cast into outer darkness where there was weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth, while the poor beggarly Gentiles were carried in Abraham's bosom to a full and free salvation, with all the promises and blessings which God had previously given to Abraham. Thus, before God, they were veritably in the bosom of Abraham.

Another passage, so often misquoted, is that old familiar one that "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." In this passage, the word "perish" is read by many to mean "eternal torment." Again, God says, "He will visit them with everlasting destruction," and again, "The wages of sin is death." Both destruction and death are used by the orthodox to prove eternal torment. If the wicked rise physically, fire will destroy them; if they come up in spiritual bodies, fire cannot harm them. Now, every believer knows that the wicked have physical and not spiritual resurrection.

Another passage so often misquoted: "The smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever." (Rev. 20:10). This is freely applied by many to refer to the state of the wicked, but Scripturally, it applies to the end of this age, to those who worship the beast and his image. In the first place, it refers to a time when there will be day and night, and cannot refer to eternity, for there shall be no night there.

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A Biographical Sketch

Charles Fox Parham was born at Muscatine, Iowa June 4, 1873 one of five sons of William M. Parham and Ann Marie Eckol Parham. The Parham family is of English origin, and in its genealogy mention is made of Sir Edward Parham (1604) but connection is lost between him and Sir John Parham who founded the Philadelphia branch of the family in the colonial period of American history. The father of Charles Fox Parham was born at Philadelphia in 1846.

In 1878 the Parham family moved from Iowa to Cheney, Kansas and it was here that the mother of Charles died when he was twelve years of age. Her dedicated and sincere Christian life held a wonderful influence upon the young boy then and throughout all of his life.

Charles was a weak and sickly child, and at times was an invalid. His testimony of Divine Healing and of the miraculous deliverance which God wrought in his physical body is recorded in the first chapter of the book, "The Life of Charles F. Parham." He also relates how his first call to the ministry came to him when he was nine years old, and though unconverted at that time, the memory of that call stayed with him until his adult life when God wondrously wrought conversion in his soul and repeated the call into the ministry. It was at a Kansas college where his ultimate consecration to God's will was made.

On December 31, 1896 Charles Fox Parham and Miss Sarah E. Thistlethwaite were united in marriage and thus began their life together. God mightily used them both through the years that followed, years of much sacrifice and toil, often accompanied by severe persecution. Yet they were saved and blessed as a result of their ministry.

Five sons and a daughter were born to the Parhams, one son, Charles Jr., died at the age of one year. Of the other four sons three, Claude, Wilford and Robert, were called to the ministry and were thus occupied until



CHARLES F. PARHAM

their deaths. The other son, Phillip, was engaged in business in Baxter Springs, Kansas until his death in 1963. The only remaining member of the family is the daughter, Mrs. Esther Rardin, Baxter Springs, Kansas. Mrs. Sarah Parham passed away in 1937.

It was at Topeka, Kansas where Brother Parham established the College of Bethel, and here where God poured out the Baptism of the Holy Spirit on January 1, 1901, the first such outpouring of the Latter Rain. And here at this time was the origin of the Apostolic Faith Movement from which has sprung all the other Full Gospel, Pentecostal movements and churches during the ensuing years. The message which God entrusted to Brother Parham and to others, has since circled the globe, blessing untold numbers of people on all continents. In some instances the gospel has been abused and in some cases, perverted, but there are still those who preach the same original teachings as revealed through study of God's word, namely: Justification by faith; Sanctification as a second, definite work of grace through the blood of Jesus; the Baptism of the Holy Spirit according to Acts

2:4; Divine Healing; Conditional immortality and life through Christ; the destruction of the wicked; a ministry entirely supported by tithes and offerings, with no collections taken and no salaries paid to any of the ministry; and many other wonderful and blessed truths found in God's word.

Brother Parham's ministry was largely of an evangelistic nature. He traveled over all the United States conducting revival campaigns in large cities and also in country school houses, always and in every place preaching Christ crucified, with signs following as was promised in Mark 16:15-18. Brother Parham's trip to Palestine in the latter part of 1927 was the realization of a life-long dream.

The earthly ministry of Charles Fox Parham ended with his death at Baxter Springs, Kansas January 29, 1929 but the effect of his ministry continues and no doubt shall continue on until Jesus comes. "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; And their works do follow them." Rev. 14:13.

CANYON, TEXAS

Rev. L. J. Ehrlich writes: "Effective June 1, 1964 Bro. L. J. Ehrlich resigned the pastorate at Granby, Mo. In January of 1964 Bro. Ehrlich asked for a leave of absence from the duties of the pastorate as he could finish his B.B.A. degree at the West Texas University, which he completed in May, 1964. Bro. Ehrlich and family are praying for guidance in regard to future work for God, and are open for calls as pastor or evangelist."

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FORT SUMNER, NEW MEXICO

Will you please send us five additional copies of the Report. We have some new people coming to the church who want the paper. We are sending some title from the church for the Report.

Allen Hickman, pastor



MR. AND MRS. JAMES DEPEW

Golden Wedding Anniversary

Mr. James A. Depew and Miss Bessie Wade were united in marriage at Bolivar, Texas by the Baptist pastor, Rev. S. F. Aikens, on July 5, 1914. Both had been converted some time previous to their marriage, she in an old fashioned Methodist revival and he in a Baptist revival and both had united with the Bolivar Baptist church. Mr. and Mrs. Depew are the parents of two sons, Wade Depew of Beaver, Okla., and Rev. J. W. Depew, of Spearman, Texas.

After moving to the Texas Panhandle in their early married years, the Depews heard the Apostolic Faith (Full Gospel) message from such ministers as the Morton Sisters, Charles F. Parham, S. E. Waterbury, S. W. Ditto, Irene Dilworth, Homer Coberly and many others. They walked in the light which had shone upon their pathway and have continued faithful until the present time.

When the first Full Gospel congregation was organized at Perryton many, many years ago Brother Depew was put on the church board of trustees and has faithfully served in that position since. When the first Sunday School was organized Sister De-

pew was elected teacher of the children's class, and she has continued as teacher of various age groups until some of the children in her first class had themselves become grandparents. For many years Sister Depew was also sponsor of the Young People's Meetings which met on Sunday nights. The Depews often entertained the young people in their home and often took the group to revival meetings over the surrounding country. The Depew home has always been open to ministers and gospel workers, and many people have experienced their warm hospitality and the Godly influence of their daily lives.

The Depew children and grandchildren, along with members of the Perryton congregation honored the Depews with an open house in the church Sunday July 5, 1964 from two until five o'clock. Many friends and relatives called to express their congratulations and best wishes for many more years of happiness for the Depews.

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 "He has best command of his life who takes orders from God."

WEST TEXAS-NEW MEXICO YOUTH RALLY

The Rally met at Lovington, New Mexico for the May gathering, with churches in Big Spring, and Ralls in Texas being represented, and Roswell and Lovington, New Mexico. Election of officers was held with these results:

Rev. Lyle Sharp, Lovington pastor was elected president; Rev. Jack Hopson, Ralls pastor elected vice-president, and Mrs. Lyle Sharp, secretary.

Each church participated in the special program, then Rev. Paul Clanton, pastor of the Roswell church brought a good sermon. Following the service refreshments were served.

Allene Sharp, secretary

ALVIN, TEXAS

God is blessing our church here. Among recent visiting ministers were: F. E. Waterbury, Baxter Springs, Kansas; Neal Ragan, Amarillo, Texas; Teddy Barker and family, Hardesty, Oklahoma; Michael McClenagan, Hardesty, Oklahoma; and Donald Dibbens, Follett, Texas. And we are happy to have the Roy Woosters back with us in services when they are not engaged in revivals.

Our VBS was June 8th through 12th.

Bob Cannon, Jr., reporter
 G. K. Kerr, pastor

OPEN FOR CALLS:

Rev. and Mrs. Roland Haney, presently pastoring the Spearman, Texas church, will be open for calls after Laverne Camp Meeting.

LITTLE PLACES

"Master, where shall I work today?"
 (My love flowed warm and free).
 He pointed out a tiny plot,
 And said: "Tend that plot for me."
 I answered quickly, "Oh, No, not there;
 Not any one could see,
 No matter how well my task was done—
 Not that little place for me."
 His voice when He spoke — it was not stern.
 He answered me tenderly,
 "Little one, search that heart of thine,
 Are you working for them or Me?
 Nazareth was just a little place,
 And so was Galilee."

Destruction—

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 (Rev. 21:13-25). Another common mistake is made by theologians in teaching that "Forever" is synonymous with "eternal" or "immortal". It might be in Webster's dictionary but never in the Bible. "Forever" and "for ever and ever" in the Scripture is always used to mean a period of time with an end: for instance, to illustrate this, a person under the Mosaic law who becomes indebted to another person, that person to whom he is indebted could place the lobe of his ear against a post, bore a hole

through it and that man became his servant "forever." (Deut. 15: 12-18). This "forever" could mean only until the man died, or until the year of jubilee when all slaves were freed. God said to David that if he would serve Him in righteousness he might be king "forever"; however, his rule lasted 30 years. God said to Joash if he would be a good king he could reign "forever", yet his reign lasted 40 years. Poor Jonah bewailed the fact that he was in the whale's belly "forever." It might have seemed so to him but it only lasted three days.

I will quote but one more pas-

sage. If the Scripture says a thing twice or thrice, it is sufficient to prove any point, (2 Cor. 13:1) but all the Scriptures agree that the wicked shall suffer death, perishing, or destruction, and not eternal torment. After the final judgment, the wicked are cast into the lake of fire and brimstone which is the second death. The first death is the cessation of life in this world; the second death will cause a cessation of life in eternity. Hell as a place of destruction will be right here on this earth. The purifying fires will burn up the rubbish, paving the way for the Paradise of God.

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