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While we choose, we are not willing;

Consecration yieldeth all:

Consecration means obedience

To the Spirit's every call.

Meaneth dying, meaneth living—

Death to self, and life in God;

Meaneth work, or patient waiting,

Or submission 'neath the rod.

Meaneth such a full surrender

We shall never dare to ask,

Why God gives our faith such testing,

Or assigns so hard a task.

We are here to be perfected;

Only God our needs can see

Rarest gems bear hardest grinding

God's own workmanship are we.

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**EVOLUTION
THE GREAT FALLING AWAY**

Sermon preached by Chas. F. Parham -at Liberty Tabernacle, Alma, Mich., Sunday night, Jan. 30th., 1927

Before plunging directly into the subject tonight, I want to tell you some of the things that have been running through my mind. And the astonishment that it has caused me by reckoning how few people really believe in "Old Time Religion," or a "Know-so Salvation." Catholics, Lutherans, Episcopalians accept God thru confirmation, and trust in loyalty to the Church for salvation, while nearly all the other evangelical denominations who once so fully taught a real Know-so experience have fallen into the use of card signing, handshaking, church joining, instead of the old time mourners bench, and the route of repentance to experiential salvation. Even in many popular healing meetings of the day, they are only called down to the front of the meeting long enough to have a short prayer and get their name for some church or association. Truly the great fallingway has come. I believe the following statements will virtually cover the conditions of today. Two thirds of the people in America don't go to church, and more than two thirds of preachers and members who do go to church are not converted. I will also guess that two thirds of the Holiness people have Howliness instead of Holiness, are Cranktified instead of Sanctified, and Pickled instead of preserved. While I am convinced that two thirds of the Pentecostal people do not possess a real Pentecost, 2nd. chapter of Acts experience and speak in a real language, but are possessed with a devil's counterfeit of spiritualistic-hypnotic fleshly animalism. Truly the world needs a revival of God sent Old time Know-so Salvation that will heave the Church of the living God out of its dead easy calm into a storm of service for the Master, crucifixion of its hypocrisy and an utter deliverance from its professional salary grabbing, monkey ancestored preachers. Among the more notable signs of spiritual decadence and the great fallingway, is, that about half of our leading preachers believe in evolution. The majority of High School professors, College and University professors, also advocate the same thing, while many Sunday School

teachers are equally guilty. The newspapers and movie pictures are almost universally aligned on the side of evolution and science. And what these above authorities sponsor today, will become the general belief of tomorrow. But many say, "what is the danger?" Well, either evolution is true and the Bible a lie, or vice versa. If man came by the process of evolution, then there was no creation, and if there was no creation there was no subsequent fall, and if there was no fall, there would be no need of the vicarious suffering of Jesus Christ on Calvary to redeem man from the penalty of the fall. Thus at once evolution becomes the most subtle, vicious and dastardly attack upon the divinity of Jesus Christ and the claim of salvation through His blood alone. Thus striking at the very foundation of the christian religion. Upon which we have builded the entire superstructure of our faith. Whether cognizant of the fact or not preachers who advocate the doctrine of evolution are destroying everything that is sacred in the faith of the church of the living God.

If there were no other evidence to prove that the age is closing and the end of these nations and this civilization imminent. If all the prophecies from Genesis to Revelation were not being fulfilled proving the end of this age and dispensation, the teaching of evolution alone in church and school will undermine and destroy our present nation and civilization within the days of our children. It is commonly known over the country that children can be kept in Sunday school while they are in the grades, but as soon as they reach the higher schools where the study of science and evolution destroys their faith in the word of God as the Word of God, then the fear of God leaves their mind and they run into unlicensed sin, petting parties and immorality, thus destroying the moral backbone of the rising generation. And without moral stamina nations and civilizations perish. Our great school system of which in times past we have been so justly proud has been turned into pagan temples where they are murdering the faith of our fathers in the hearts of our children. Public parades, mass meetings and monster petitions to legislatures should be the order of the day to save our youth from this monster that threatens the very foundation of the christian faith. If I had the power I would call out every honest

father and mother, and every Christian organization and drive every professor of schools, every preacher from his pulpit back to the jungles of Africa, and up a cocoanut tree and let them educate their ancestors. For we have no place for them in the borders of American.

History proves that religion has ever been the mainstay of past civilizations. Whatever, or where ever that religion might have been if you were to go with me to the Gobi desert in Asia or at the mouth waters of the Euphrates where it empties into the Persian Gulf, or down into Central America where the mighty forests have overgrown ancient civilizations, in all these places, their civilization was built up around their religion, great temples towered above those ancient cities, but when the people lost faith in their religion and in their priests those civilizations perished precipitously, the civilizations we have known since the dawn of history, have been built upon certain foundations. The Priests of Zoaraster in ancient Chaldea, taught that personal purity was the highest acme to be obtained by the individual resulting in the greatest good to the entire people. This with the general distribution of wealth gave rise to the great Babylonian civilization, but when the priesthood became corrupted, when gross immorality swept the people, and the lords of finance gathered their hoarded wealth within the giant city of Babylon in one night at the feast of Belshazzar, that great civilization perished. When the priests of Egypt who were holy men, taught personal purity, and there was a general distribution of wealth, Egypt developed civilization which has been the envy of all modern times. But when the priesthood became corrupted, the wealth was gathered into the hands of the few, gross immorality stalked thru the land and Cleopatra the harlot sat upon the throne, Egypt fell. And the sands of 40 centuries have well nigh covered the monuments of her greatness. When Caesar wrote of the Roman Empire, he declared the power of the Roman Empire was her virtuous mothers. There was a general distribution of wealth throughout the country. The pagan priests of Rome were philosophers with high moral ideals. But Rome fell into a mighty abyss of corruption, when her wealth was gathered into the hands of the few, when her priesthood became moral degenerates and opened their temples as houses of assignation for the

rich, when the women of Rome vied one with another as to the number of men they could entertain in one night and scorned the women with one husband, mad, on pleasure bent, spending their days at gladiatorial combats and where they fed human beings to wild animals in the arena. To this was added in Rome the fact that most of the young men left the farming districts and crowded the cities. To remedy this evil the Government launched upon a great project, building great cities to gratify their civic pride, and great highways to connect the different parts of the Empire. Thus affording employment for this great mass of men. Those who remained in the agricultural districts were unable to provide sufficient food to feed this great mass of nonfood producing workmen, thus Rome fell. After reading the foregoing, it wouldn't take a person of very much brains or much travel beyond their own locality or the reading of the daily newspapers to know that we are riding at maddened speed in automobile and flying machine to a Roman, Egyptian, Babylon fall. Today we have the wealth of the world heaped together (James 5 Chapter) in combines, corporations and trusts. The ministry have largely become a commercializing, money loving, ease loving, non-soul saving, useless parasites in society. The people, down even to the grades in our public schools, are becoming grossly immoral. The farming classes are crowding the industrial centers of the nation, (and leaving out the prophetic word of God) historically we have every proof that we have reached the end of the possibilities of our present civilization. The rise of radicalism the distress upon earth with perplexity, the entanglements of nations, forecast within the next 25 years an absolute overthrow of all the present institutions of the world. Whether they be governmental, social, lodges or unions. The leading statesmen of the world declare that the perpetuation of our civilization is an impossibility under the present governmental systems.

Now brethren, the most fertile soil for sowing the seed for the above harvest of destruction is in the teaching of evolution, that is permeating every strata of our present social system. You are not considered intelligent, you are looked upon as "a moss back" or "a has been," if you do not believe in evolution. States that dare to pass laws to hinder the teaching of

such tommyrot in their public schools, have been mocked at by pulpit and press, only such as are descended from monkeys, half breed apes and chimpanzees are considered super-cultured today. It will be a long time brethern, before they will ever make me believe that any educated orangotang has as much brain as any human. I remember distinctly some thirty years ago when monkeys were not as common in this country as they are today, that the State Chancellor of the University of Kansas gave a lecture advocating evolution. I was asked to visit Lawrence, Kansas and answer the professor. My argument was very brief. I simply told my audience that no doubt the professor had been convinced of the fact of his ancestry more from viewing himself in the looking glass than by studying scientific facts, and that perhaps during his prenatal existence, his mother had visited a circus, and lingered too long before the monkey cage, thus marking the professor. Last summer while holding meetings in Texas, I was accosted by a queer human who said, "So you claim that you are going to fight evolution as long as you have breath?" I answered, "Yes sir." "Well" he said "I expect to fight for it as long as I have breath." And I said, "Well I would too if I had a face like yours." Often in meeting while doing personal work in the audience, I meet up with a man who draws himself up to full height and tells me that he does not believe in the christian religion, that he is a scientist and an evolutionist. Well, I don't waste a minute on that animal, I pass him up like a train from a tramp, by saying, "Oh, excuse me, this religion that I am advocating is not for monkeys but for men, descendents from Adam."

If evolution were true, species would be in the process of evolution today. But while you may improve the species, you cannot cross species and continue to perpetuate the new order. It stops with the first or second reproduction. The similarity of the frame (vertebrae) in the human and higher types of animal existence is no proof in the process of evolution, but simply a choice by a wise Creator in using a form most convenient to the species. After all, it is only the freak scientist who believes this tommyrot. Not long ago a number of scientists meeting in London gave their unanimous vote to the following. That while at the outset of a new discovery of any ancient order of life or

relics of ancient civilizations which seemed to disprove the Bible, that a more careful investigation, proved the claims of the Bible. The discovery of all sorts of bones or relics in different stratas of the earth's surface is nothing startling, twice in history the entire surface of the earth has been changed by seismic disturbances, a mighty boiling must have taken place when the entire western part of the U. S. was lifted from the ocean bed until you can find sea shells on the tops of mountains from Denver to San Francisco. In the late earthquake in Japan whole villages were swallowed up, the earth opened and engulfed an entire passenger train, a range of mountains rolled over and filled the valley. Thus have catyclisms occurred in ages past, burying all manner of relics, man and his arts far beneath the surface. The finding of such is no proof of any great, ancient habitation of the earth. You could visit many of our idiotical asylums and find many that could well be selected as the missing link, and because scientists have discovered human skulls and bones of low grade or order of human existence it is no proof whatever of evolution. They have failed as yet to give us anything of solid and stable brand as the old Bible in which we cling to as the Rock of Gibraltar.

While millions of dollars are being spent on a few expeditions into the wilds of the world to secure if possible the missing link, expeditions of lesser magnitude are continually bringing to light in ancient Bible lands the proof and authenticity of the scriptures. Many friends of mine whose young people are in high schools and colleges and who have been lead to believe that it is an evidence of super-culture to believe in evolution, often say to me, "Well Bro. Parham, it isn't just a denial of the Bible and christian faith to say we believe in evolution." And then with an air of seeming self conceit, they say, "Why I rather believe in it myself." Well it is either the Bible or evolution. They are as different as heaven and hell. One is inspired of heaven and the other of the pit. I pity the poor professed christian who hasn't the courage and the backbone to take an open stand in defense of the word of God. I would rather stand by the Bible as a sure foundation and to the cross as our only hope, with the millions who lived and died happy in that faith, than to join the ranks of these modernists who

are denying the Christ of God and putting Him to an open shame.

Many people are not acquainted with the importance of this subject. Within the last two years nearly all the large churches of America in their general conferences Synods or Presbyteries, have been well nigh torn asunder between the two extremes of fundamentalism and modernism. The general public has thought little and cares less as to the merits of these two contending forces. But to those who still love their homes and have an interest in their posterity these questions become most vital. Fundamentalism means that there are still people in this old world who believe in the Divinity of Jesus Christ, the power of His blood alone to save, and in good Old Time Religion. While modernism has adopted an intellectualism, they do not believe in the Divinity of Jesus Christ, His blood is no more to them than the blood of any other man, they mock at the idea of experimental know-so salvation, as only being the imagination of a more ignorant class of people, they are thoroughly grounded in the fact that man came into this world thru the process of evolution and not according to the word of God, and they expect to arrive at all the possibilities of future bliss by the power of their mentality. They utterly do away with all that is miraculous or supernatural in religion, but say, friends, this christianity is absolutely a religion of the supernatural, you do away with the spiritual, the miraculous, the supernatural in religion, and you just as well close the church doors Jesus said to Peter, when the latter confessed Him as the Christ, that "Flesh and blood hath not revealed this unto thee Peter, but the Father only." To get religion, the individual will get a divine revelation from God to their own hearts and know beyond shadow of a doubt they have passed from death unto life and the power of Satan unto God.

A vote taken in Sacramento, California within the last two years in the ministerial alliance revealed the fact that they had lacking one, as many monkeys as they had humans in the pulpits of Sacramento. In another ministerial union in a large city, one of the ministers related at an open session, how since last they had met he had been really convinced. At the close of the session, more than half of the preachers expressed their views in this manner, "Brother, I would give anything in the world if I could re-

alize what you have testified to." To show how far we have drifted from good old times in religion, a Methodist lady in a country district in New York, went down to visit her daughter who had married a New Yorker, the son-in-law knowing how things had changed, said to his wife, "Lets take your mother to the first church next Sunday, lets not tell her it is church, and see what she has to say about it." After going through the agonies of a modern church service with its operatic singers, and the unearthly spasm of the anthem, and the rest of the parade, and having reached the sidewalk, "Well mother, what do you think of that" She remarked rather dryly, "Oh, it is all very well, but is this the way you young folks spend your Sundays, don't you ever go to church?"

Well brethern, 30 years ago, I left modern, fashionable, worldly creed bound denominationalism, to take the open field and preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ as near like He preached it as I could. I am still on the firing line, I have been badly wounded, sorely crippled, but as long as God gives me breath and strength I am going to still fight for good Old Time Religion. And if I do go down against this awful rising tide of modernism and rotten evolutionism, I expect to sink holding aloft the old blood stained banner of King Immanuel, and if I do go down you will find that old flag, still unfurled where I sank beneath the wave.

FISH IN LAKE OF GALILEE

The fish found in the Lake of Galilee are of strange contrasts, including some peculiar to Europe, Asia and even others which are only found elsewhere in Africa suggesting that the Dead Sea was not always the terminus of the Jordan waters. Was the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah responsible for this change? Among the fish of the lake is one resembling a perch which has the peculiarity of carrying its young in its mouth—a sufficient answer to those who deny the truth of the incident of the tribute money on the ground that no fish could carry a piece of money in its mouth. To tread the shores of the lake and to sail upon its waters has a charm which Jerusalem with all its sites and shrines cannot produce, says a recent writer. It was here that the Savior commenced His ministry and it was here He said good-bye. The water is blue and sweet because it gives out what it receives and, having no outlet retains and becomes dead.

THE CHURCH OF THE FIRSTBORN

What it is, And what it is Not

By W. Bacon Home Address, Fairland, Okla.

Continued From December

Question 1

Does the Bible speak of more than one church?

The word "Church" frequently occurs in the plural form, but never in the sense of sects or denominations.

When more than one church is spoken of, it is always the one church of the living God, in different localities.

"Then had the churches rest throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified."—Acts. 9:31.

"They returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch, and when they had ordained them elders in every church." Acts 15:41.

"Who have for my life laid down their own necks; unto whom not only I give thanks, but also the churches of the Gentiles."—Rom. 16:4. "As all I teach everywhere in every church." 1 Cor. 4:17.

"And so ordain I in all churches." (Cor. 7:17. "As I have given order to the churches of Galatia." 1 Cor. 16:1.

"The churches of Asia salute you." 1 Cor. 16:19.

"Throughout all the churches."—2 Cor. 8:18

Thus we see that when churches are spoken of, they invariably denote the same church of God in several cities or throughout one or more countries. But there is not the slightest intimation of more than one church in the same city. Speaking of the church in various geographical localities, the apostle says: "So ordain I in all churches." "As I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. (Corinthians.)"

It is easily to be seen that if these New Testament "churches" were different sects, as we have today, one bishop could not give orders to them all.

Those days Paul ordained elders in every church where they had been, and taught, and gave orders confirmed and strengthened them all in the churches. But today Bishop Simpson of the M. E. sect cannot issue orders over the United Brethern, Lutheran, Presbyterian, and

other sects. He has no jurisdiction over any of them.

So we see a vast difference between Bible churches and sect divisions. The former are all one in Christ. The latter are independent and separate schisms.

Several sects exist in the same town but God only has one church in the same place.

Hence we read: "The church that was at Antioch"—Acts 13:1. "The church of God which is at Corinth."—1 Cor. 1:2. "The church of the Thessalonians."—1. Thess. 1:1. Unto seven churches which are in Asia, unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamas, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea. Rev. 1:11. These were one church in each city named after that city.

Seven sects can now be addressed in one town of no great size. But when messages were sent to seven churches in Asia, seven different cities had to be addressed. All the truly saved of God in any place constitute His church in that place. Then it follows that a plurality of separate bodies in the same place are not God's church, but Babel confusion.

Question 2.—How many churches has God.

Every description of the divine church in the Bible shows its oneness.

"Other sheep (Gentiles) I have, which are not of this fold (not Jews:) them also I must bring.....and there shall be one fold (church) and one shepherd."—Jno. 10:16.

For He is our peace, who hath made both (Jew and Gentile) one, and hath broken down the middle wall (Law of Moses) of partition between us: having abolished in His flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances: for to make in Himself of twain one new man, so making peace: and that He might reconcile both unto God in ONE BODY (church) by the cross, having slain the enemy thereby." Eph 2:14-16.

As the Jew and Gentile were separated by a middle wall or partition and Jesus broke it down when He was crucified. So Gods people are separated today by a middle wall and partition of sectarianism only a second coming of Jesus will abolish the enmity that exists between sects and factions today.

Lord hasten the day, for they shall see eye to

eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion Isa. 52:8.

By the word of God we have seen that Christ is "the head of the body the church," As therefore there is but one head there can be but one body.

"For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office, so we being many, are one body in Christ, and every one (all the saved) members one of another." Rom. 12:4, 5. "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of the one body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free, and have been all made to drink into one Spirit, But now are they many members, yet but one body. (one church.)" 1 Cor. 12:12, 13, 20.

"There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."—Eph. 4:4-6.

"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body, and be ye thankful." Col 3:15.

These scriptures prove positively there is but one true church, just as there is but one God, one true God. Since we are called of Christ into one body, the call to join various bodies must be wholly man's call.

The Bible is a wonderful Book! Upon its gleaming white pages are printed with the hand of the Master many beautiful pictures given as an example to us.

When I was a boy unsaved I loved to read novels. One thing I noticed about all those books was that they had certain characters—a beautiful girl who was the heroine, a handsome young hero and a villain. The villain always got the heroine into trouble of some kind, and the hero always rescued her. In the last chapter they were married and lived happily ever afterwards.

The Bible that blessed book is like a love story, a true love story with the same cast of characters. There was a hero, and his name was Jesus Christ. There was a heroine whose name was the Blood-washed, Blood-bought church.

The villain was called Lucifer or Satan. I found that the villain caused the heroine (the

church) a lot of trouble and that the Hero (Jesus) came and saved her from him.

Then, in the last of the Book in Revelation, They were married at the marriage supper of the Lamb and lived happily ever afterward. Again, the church sustains the relation to Christ that a wife does to her husband

"And I will betroth thee unto Me forever, yea, I will betroth thee unto Me in righteousness, and in judgement, and in loving-kindness and in mercies. I will even betroth thee unto Me in Faithfulness and thou shalt know the Lord." Hosea 2:19, 20.

"Wherefore, brethern, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ, that ye should be married to another, even to Him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God." Rom. 7:4.

"For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one Husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ."—2 Cor. 11:2.

"He that hath the bride is the Bridegroom."—Jno. 3:29.

"For thy Maker is thine Husband the Lord of hosts is His name, and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel, the God of the whole earth shall He be called."—Isa. 54:5.

The idea of Christ having more than one wife (church) is repugnant to the Bible, and a slander on the Son of God.

"Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named." Eph. 3:15. "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God."—Eph. 2:19.

From these and other scriptures, we see that the Church is God's family, or household, and since a man can have only one family, it follows that **God has but one church.**

It would be an awful reflection on the holiness of God to have many wives and separate rival families, and they of the "nude and lude kind," as Bishops Foster ascribes some of the modern sects.

Therefore the multiplicity of sects, falsely called churches are not God's church.

Question 3.—Who is the head of the church?

"And hath put all things under His feet and gave Him (Christ) to be the head over things to the Church."—Eph. 1:22.

"But the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church; and

He is the Savior of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything."—Eph. 5:23, 24.

"And He is the head of the body, the church; who is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in all things He might have the pre-eminence."—Col. 1:18.

"Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, and not holding the Head from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God."—Col. 2:17, 19.

The head of an institution is its lawmaker. "For the Lord is our Judge, the Lord is our Lawgiver, the Lord is our King; He will save us." Isa. 33:22.

"There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy."—Jas. 4:12.

All organisms that make their own laws, creeds, disciplines, and systems of co-operation, "do not hold the head"—(Christ.) There law-making synods and general conferences ignore the Divine Lawgiver, usurp the place of Christ, and sit in the stead of God, and are not Christs church, which is subject to Him. Again, there is one head, hence there can be but one body..

Question 4.—Who is the foundation of the Church?

"Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner-stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste."—Isa. 28: 16.

For who is God save the Lord? or who is a Rock save our God?—Ps. 18:31.

"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."—1. Cor. 3: 11.

"And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner-stone; in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord."—Eph. 2:20, 21.

In the last text we see that the apostles were foundation-stones. If we are held to apply the "rock" in Matt. 16:18 to Peter, there is nothing in such an application of the text that conflicts with the scriptures. The apostles all being foundations, of course, Peter was one of

them. Jesus did not single Peter out because he had any pre-eminence over the rest, but because He was conversing with him, and his name, Cephas—a stone called out the assertion. For evidence that the twelve were all foundations, see Rev. 21:14.

Christ is the all-underlying foundation. The apostles being first chosen and inspired to give us the New Testament, were foundation stones occupying a connecting position between Christ the Rock, and the rest of the building. Christ is then the only Rock.

"Other foundation can no man lay." Only one structure can stand on one foundation.

Christ built His church on Himself. All later-built organizations not built on the Rock are with out Christ as their foundation and will perish.

Question 5.—When was the Church built?

When Jesus said "Upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."—Matt. 16:18. He speaks of her building as then in the future. Now read 1 Cor. 3:9—"Ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner-stone; in whom all the building fitly framed together, groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord: in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit."—Eph. 2:20, 22.

"Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, on holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable unto God by Jesus Christ."—1 Pet. 2:5.

In A. D. 32 Christ said, "I will build my church." In A. D. 59 and after that, the apostles said, "Ye are Gods building," "are built up a spiritual house." So the church was built between those dates. It is true that the church was begun under the labors of John the Baptist, Jesus, and His apostles, before the day of Pentecost. Many believed and entered the Kingdom then, and constituted material for the church.

But the coming of the Holy Spirit was the point of time when the church was really built, and set in order, as seen in Cor. 12:6, 11, 13, 18, 24.

The church is defined as "His body," the fullness of Him that filleth all in all."—Eph. 1:23. The church proper then did not exist un-

til the fullness of Christ came, which was on the day of Pentecost. Then it was fully set up, and "fitly joined together and compacted. That being the time of the founding of the church of God, it follows that every religious body comprizing sectarianism and building up middle walls and partitions between the Lords truly saved, are not the true Church but confusion, born out of due season.

(To Be Continued)

Gehenna, Second Death,

Sheol, Hades, Hell, Grave

By J. W. Heatherly

To get a clear understanding of sheol, hades, hell, grave and gehenna we must learn their original meaning. For instance, we know that the Old Testament was written in Hebrew and the New Testament was written in Greek. When Adam died he went to sheol, the Hebrew word for the grave. If Adam had died in Greece he would have gone to hades. If Adam had died in England he would have gone to hell, the English word for grave. If Adam had died in the United States he would have gone to the grave as these four words are all synonymous, and refer to the unconscious state into which all people go when they die.

In old English the word hell means to cover up, in the same way you cover your potatoes when you plant them. When the King James translators produced the Authorized Version of the Bible they used the old English word hell properly enough; but under the influence of Dante, Dore and other purgatorial visionaries we lost sight of the true meaning of the English word hell, and that is where the mistake was made.

If Adam had gone where the incorrigible and impenitent are to be punished he would have gone to Gehenna—which is symbolized in the book of Revelations as "the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death." (Revelation 21:8) If when Adam is raised from the dead he does not make good he will go to Gehenna—the second death, from which there is no resurrection. There could be no second death without a second life. Christ gave His life to redeem all mankind from the first death; and He thus guarantees that all shall live again who have not committed wilful

sin or who have had a knowledge of the truth and rejected it.

Sultana, California.

Dear ones in Christian Love:

This past year has been my best year in the ministry, while I have not seen as many souls saved as in some years before, I have been feeding the lambs and it is beautiful to watch them grow.

My message is that the pasture is green, and the water of Salvation is fine, springing up into everlasting Life. Praise and honor be to our God, for the new life that quickens day by day. Indeed we are being made new creatures in Christ Jesus, old things are passing away and behold all things being made new to us until we awake in the new heaven, founded on a new earth, herein dwelleth righteousness.

I think of the scripture that says "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for those that love Him" 1 Cor. 2-9. Sometimes when we walk out into the sparkling parks of sunny California, with their fountains of waters neath the palm and pepper trees, where twines the ever blooming roses, we find our self thinking, could heaven be more beautiful? Then we remember the word that tells us it is. So since we are told heaven is such a beautiful place, I want to put on my best behavior while here, that my ways will not be out of harmony there.

I feel to say, It is the desire of my heart to serve the Lord all the days of my life. There is no price to great to pay for heaven.

Lovingly thy sister in the battle for right.

Zora Roberts

NOTE FROM A LECTURE

FROM WM. JENNINGS BRYAN

We need Elijahs now to face the higher critics. Instead of allowing the materialists to cut the supernatural out of the Bible the ministers should demand that the unsupported guesses be cut out of school books dealing with science.

It isn't often that a long prayer in public does the cause of God much good.

The preacher who takes a dead aim at himself, is sure to hit somebody else.

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EDITORIAL

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

This paper is the official organ of 100,000 Apostolic Faith believers who are firmly established in the following truths: Conviction for sins, followed by repentance to God and man; this results in a real conversion—thus conceived of God and made alive. To remain justified we seek, through entire consecration, sanctifying grace and thus enter a life of true holiness. In this grace of sanctification we teach deliverance from all disease, inbred and acquired, as well as the law of sin in our members, which enables us live above disease as well as sin.

The devil shuns a happy heart.

A NEW YEAR SLOGAN

Jesus taught His disciples and we believe taught us through them, to pray "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." We know God's perfect will is done in heaven. Thus far it has been done on earth in its fulness, by just

one person, Jesus Christ.

In the 14th Chapter of the Gospel of John, Jesus in speaking to His disciples about the coming of the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, said: "He Dwelleth with you and shall be in you." We believe the Holy Spirit dwelt with the disciples in the person of Jesus, before the Day of Pentecost, and after that notable event, Jesus dwelt in them by means of the Holy Spirit. Thus, "The mystery which hath been hid from ages.....Christ in you the hope of glory," was made known as a personal experience. This made it possible for all the disciples to have the same experience as expressed by the Apostle Paul thus: "When it pleased God to reveal His Son in me," and "I am crucified with Christ nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God." This was the secret of their marvelous power and wonderful success.

As we study the Scriptures we are more persuaded that it is our privilege to have the same experience and the same power that was enjoyed by the Apostolic Church.

We believe this experience and power has been realized and demonstrated more fully in the great movement often called "The Latter Rain," which began in Jan. 1901, in the College of Bethel at Topeka, Kansas, conducted by Brother Charles Parham, than in any other movement since Apostolic Days.

It is the desire of Jesus to have all believers so fully yielded to Him that He, through the Holy Spirit, can so dwell in them that God's perfect will may be wrought out in their lives as it was wrought out in His life while in the world in human form.

Shall we not then, as believers waiting for the establishing of "The Kingdom" in which God's will WILL be done as universally, as it is now done in heaven, pray with a new earnestness. "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." and take for our New Year Slogan, it SHALL BE DONE IN AND THROUGH US that God may be glorified.

R. M. Simmons,
San Francisco, Calif.

If able preaching alone would have saved the World, God would have sent some of His Angels to do it.

GODLESS VIEW CALLED**PERIL FOR STUDENTS****Petting, Drinking 'Merely Incidentals of College Life.'**

Chicago, Jan. 7.—(LP)—Dr. Charles W. Harris, Presbyterian pastor at the University of Indiana, told students and teachers from all over the country at a conference of college church workers here that drinking and petting are only incidentals to college life.

He declared the most important thing is the changing belief of students, due to the teaching of science that God is not needed, that He is an illusion.

Morals Slighted

And the teaching of another science that morals are mere effervescence of chemical change.

Delegates to the meeting heard reports read to the effect that students are only human but are generally exercising self-control. "Old grads," returning for visits to the alma mater set bad examples by drunkenness and loose morals they heard.

Dr. Harris disclosed a report on moral conditions on college campuses, listing 16 opinions from 14 schools.

One reads:

"I think there is less modesty among the women and because the women do not command the highest respect of men there is less chivalry on the part of the latter."

MONKEY BILLS DUE IN 17**STATES THIS YEAR****Teachers to Fight as Arkansas Is Expected to Launch First Measure**

Washington, D. C., Jan. 6—With the legislative bodies of forty states opening their sessions before the middle of January, educators are expecting a fusillade of anti-evolution bills similar to those already on the books of Tennessee and Mississippi, and are considering means for the defense of their liberty to teach.

At a meeting of the American Association of University Professors, which has just closed in Philadelphia, it was stated that legislation opposed to science will be introduced in at least seventeen legislatures, though it is not expected that the bills will get far on the majority of them.

Arkansas Plans Monkey Bill

The first storm is expected in Arkansas,

where a bill modeled after the Tennessee statute was prepared several months before the opening of the legislative session. Biologists admit that this state is quite likely to join the list of those where evolutionary teaching is under the ban of prohibitory law. Other states where anti-evolutionary measures may be offered are Alabama, Missouri, the Carolinas, Minnesota and the Dakotas.

Whether Indiana will be the scene of a fight is expected to hinge largely on the remaining strength of the Ku-Klux-Klan there, which is wholly a matter of guesswork. The same holds true in the northern Pacific coast states, until recently regarded as among the chief cities of the Klan. California, with its swarm of odd small sects and isms, will almost certainly see a "monkey bill," and will almost certainly kill it in committee. Kentucky and Louisiana killed their bills last year, and their legislatures do not meet again until 1928.

Professors Prepare for Fight

The American Association of University Professors, which has been active in the past in defending teachers attacked for their social and economic opinions, is preparing to take a hand in the struggle. At their recent meeting steps were taken to gather and co-ordinate information regarding the anti-evolution campaign, and the following resolution was passed:

"Resolved, That the American Association of University Professors take the initiative in bringing about a more effective co-operation between groups of organizations interested in opposing legislative restriction on freedom of teaching in state supported institutions and in defending the separation of church and state in educational matters."

Too many people worship a God of their own make.

Every man that knows that sin is wrong knows enough to find God.

Now a little about the devil

The devil's goats are never fat.

The devil uses lot's of whitewash.

The devil agrees with the fellow who comes to the conclusion that he has religion enough.

The devil never wastes any powder on a dead corpse.

OFFICIAL APPROVAL

The Archives of Religious Cults—Government records, Washington. After careful investigation has given the College of Bethel of which Chas. F. Parham was the President and Teacher as the Original out pouring of the Holy Ghost from which all Pentecostal Movements have found their Teachings.

The Evangel Official paper of the Assemblies of God in an August number of their records the same facts.

The minutes of the Gen. Assembly of the Church of Christ of the Apostolic Faith Headquarters N. Y. gives official acknowledgement of the same. In Kansas 1901 The Revival broke forth and moved southward into Texas being Locally known—reaching Los Angeles in 1906 and then spreading through out the whole world.

So great was the awakening that, in a few years in nearly every town of any size whatever, there were witness to the pentecostal outpouring of the Spirit (Lu. 24:48; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:4), and soon there began to appear in different localities places of worship, where in the gifts of the Spirit were manifested, designating themselves by such names as the Apostolic Faith Mission, Pentecostal Mission, Apostolic Faith Assembly, Full Gospel Assembly or Mission Assembly of God, etc., their one common aim being to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" in the days of the apostles, taking the Bible as their creed, discipline and rule or order and charter.

The Christian Outlook—Published in Indianapolis, Ind, by the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Edited by Elder G. T. Haywood, Dated Dec. 1926, has the following to say about the Tongues:

TONGUES

Did They Cease With the Apostles?

To those who have not made a search in the histories of the world, whether or not the speaking in tongues is a modern myth, and a fanatical delusion, or is it a historical fact stamped on the pages of history never to be erased? The preachers of the various churches tell us the "tongues," languages, ceased with the apostles; but history hurls the statement back to them branding them as falsifiers and perverters of the truth.

To verify what I say, post up on history.

Allow me to refer you to a few records.

Iranaeus, Bishop of Lyons, from A. D. 177 to 202 in his Adv. Haer, vi, page 6 says: "We have many prophetic gifts, and by the Spirit speaking in all kinds of languages."

St. Crystom, who lived from A. D. 347 to 407, says: "Whoever was baptized in Apostolic days, he straightway spake in tongues; and one spoke in the Persian language, another in Roman, another in the Indian language another some other language,.....but more abundant than all divine endowments was the gift of tongues.

Look up the history of the Huguenot, in about 1685 A. D.. See Library of Universal Knowledge, Vol. III, page 352.

Read the statement of Andrew Finlander, L. L. D., Acting Editor of Universal Knowledge, 1880 edition.

See the "History of the Christian Church," by Philip Schafi, one of the very best church historians.

Dr. Schafi also mentions the early Quakers and Methodists as speaking in tongues. Also the "Lasare" movement in Sweden in 1841 the speaking in tongues is recorded.

See accounts of Protestants in Ireland, in 1859 as speaking in tongues.

See the "Religious Encyclopedia," for revival of tongues in 1814—15.

Encyclopedia of Religious, Vol. II. page 1119, is recorded, that in Scotland in 1830. among some pious Presbyterians, the Holy Ghost fell and speaking in tongues quickly spread.

In 1831, at London, England, in the Caledonian church of covenanters, the wife of Thomas Carlile (well known layers) and Mr. Taplin, both spoke in tongues.

(See Chambers Encyclopedia, Vol. 4, page 649. Also Vol. I, page 422.)

(See Hurst Church History, Vol. I.)

In 1854, Elder S. G. Matthewson and Elder S. G. Burnham, Seventh Day Adventists, spoke in tongues.

Again in 1873, and later, the New England Adventists spake in tongues.

Charles G. Finney, in 1822, President of Oberlin College, shortly after his conversion, received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues, a subject to which his attention had never been called. He did not know what to make of it. An indescribable sweetness stole over his whole being. From that

hour he gave up his law business for the work of saving men and women. The case of Finney speaking in tongues, and concealed by his friends and biographers as a weakness in a great man, has had a parallel in the existence of many another consecrated laborer.

Again in 1901 the Holy Ghost fell on the students of Bethel College at Topeka, Kan., a concern conducted by Chas. F. Parham, from which it has circled the earth, and yet there are preachers who say that the tongues ceased with the apostles. These preachers pass themselves off as college graduates, supposed to be up to date, especially on things pertaining to church and religion. They unhesitatingly take money from the people, and in return give what history proves to be false. With them it is a case of ignorance or dishonesty. Matt. 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; Acts 1:5; 2:4; 10:44, 45, 47, 11:15, 16, 19:6.

If these preachers are posted in history, and deny the facts, as recorded by history, in corroboration of Jesus' promise to them who believe, Mark 16:17; they are falsifiers, perverters of the truth, and are just as much a criminal in the sight of God—as most of those who make no profession, as the man under guard. People! For your own sake look up these things I have given you the reference, look them up. Prove me or the preacher, one be a liar. The time demands it. Jesus is coming soon.—Sel.

The cornerstone of sin is unbelief.

WHAT THE SCRIPTURES SAY ABOUT TITHING

A little more thought and prayer on this subject is needed

“And He called His ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, OCCUPY TILL I COME.” Luke 19:13-26.

We must recognize that all teachings in the word of God is for our edification and special benefit, as well as for the glory of God, for be it understood, that only as we prosper in the word and grow thereby, are we in any condition to glorify our God. He is glorified in and through us only in proportion to the measure His Word is adhered to.

It is very difficult for humanity to make itself believe that God wants to be glorified in the proper use of our money. In the lesson of

the pounds we are well able to understand the initial setting refers to the manner of the Lords leaving the earth as it were on a journey to heaven, to await the time of His appointment when He shall return in full power as king of the earth, leaving His servants in charge of His ministry during His absence. But I desire to apply this lesson to the thought of the proper use of the Lord's money, since I feel that the thought of occupying until He comes is all inclusive of every phase of our ministry and life, and who will say that the color of money does not effect a big place in the lives of humans? I would suggest that it means all those things entrusted to our care, whether gifts, talents, money, spiritual powers, or physical strength, all must be guarded and put to use that it may bring forth interest which we may with pleasure lay at His feet when He comes. Money, therefore, is conceded to be one of the potent agencies in carrying on God's true work, and to whom may He look but to those, His children, whom He has blessed, and desires to bless, in order that they may be a blessing?

Whatever God has committed unto us, for this shall we give account. If we possess money shall we not render to God His portion? We think first of all our obligations, and if anything is left we give the Lord a portion. In this we are at fault, and God would correct us in order that He might bless us with increase, and make us channels of blessing in His service financially as well as spiritually. Those of olden time were very solicitous about tribute to Caesar and questioned the Lord to find out if He were loyal to the government, and His reply assures us that He was very loyal not only to Caesar, but first of all to God, the one human beings think of so slightly. Note the answer: “Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's.” Can we not say that Jesus meant here that we are to render credit and service to all whom credit and service is properly due? The metal was God's. “The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof.” The image and superscription was Caesars He appropriated the metal and stamped it with his image and superscription, but the metal was God's nevertheless. Is Caesar therefore to receive all tribute and the Lord be an after consideration? This seems to be the case in the lives of many of the Lord's children. A true citizen always pays his taxes as his por-

tion of government expenses, and if this custom were abolished the business of the nation would fall. In like manner the Lord has laws governing the progress of His work in the progress of His work in the church, and if these laws are abolished, the business of the church fails and the ministry is greatly retarded in effectiveness.

One of the laws therefore is that of

Tithing

Tithing, as we understand it from the Scriptures, is to turn into the treasury of the Lord a fixed amount of all our income. This we do not understand to be giving the Lord something but merely, rendering to the Lord the things in this respect that are God's. This system has been established for the carrying on the work of the Lord, and is regarded by all those who follow God in this to be nothing under one-tenth of all income or profit.

Tithing, as many affirm, belongs to the dispensation of the law, and is not binding under grace. We are now ruled by the law of Love. If this were all true I would ask these folks if Love leads them to give less than Law would impose? Yet they answer, "Under grace we give all, all I have belongs to God." But did you ever figure up what you really did give or do give the Lord under this all system. I assure you, that taking it all through, you have fallen away short of the tenth part of all your income.

1. Tithing began under grace. Grace was established under the call of Abraham before the law was instituted, and the paid tithes of all to Melchisedec, who was first king of Salem, and Priest of the Most High God. This man is representative of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is our King and Priest after this order. It was carried out in the life of Jacob, who made promise to God that if He prospered him he would give one-tenth of all to the Lord. This seems to be the result of teaching and practice of the Patriarchs, rearing their children to observe these things.

2. Tithing was for the support of the priesthood and caring for the needs of the ministry, and was made a state practice under the law. If this was neglected the ministry suffered, and the blessing of the Lord was withheld. Is the need under grace and love any the less important? It seems to be regarded by many that a

man in the Pentecostal ministry can get along alright, and if there seems to be an outward show of prosperity and needs are being met, then there is no concern or inquiry about the matter. This is neglect and disobedience which always results in the blessing of God being withheld or withdrawn. "Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that tradeth out the corn. Doth God take care of oxen? Or sayeth He it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal (temporal) things?" 1 Cor. 9:9-11.

3. Tithes are to be brought into the storehouse, not to be done with as we elect in our own judgement. Tithes do not belong to us, and remember, are not given as we make an offering, but rather obeying the Word of the Lord, and rendering to Him that which He has portioned for the furtherance of His cause. How important this is, and yet how much neglected. Is it because the ministry has failed to properly instruct the saints, or do we live in a lawless and insubordinate age when every man is a law unto himself? Every man is a law unto himself seems to be the rule in so many places until it would seem many are imbibing the spirit that is abroad in the earth today. Let us come to the Word and measure up. Bring the tithes into the storehouse where we are commanded to lay them, and prove if there will not be windows opened in heaven, and a blessing poured out, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. Mal, 3:10.

I have heard of those who saved their tithes to send their children to Bible schools to train for the ministry. Or those who use their tithes to minister to their poor relatives, and many other ways dispose of it at their own thought. But God says "bring it into the storehouse." Where is your storehouse but the place where you get your spiritual food? Bring your tithes there and leave them, and the disposition of the same is committed to the elders, and the responsibility is theirs, and to them God will look for an accounting. You have done your part and will receive reward from God accordingly, no matter what may have been with them. If you cannot trust the dispersion of tithes to the elders of the church as God has ordained them,

they are poor folks to come to for spiritual food and you are in danger of being deceived in other things also. I maintain that our responsibility as saints end when we have delivered the tithes to the storehouse and we will be credited for same and rewarded accordingly by Him who weighs every man's purpose of heart.

Dear saints if you would be blessed cease to use your own pleasure about sending your tithes out to most any place you desire. Bring them into the storehouse and prove God, and blessing, thou shalt be blessed.

Your free-will offerings are another matter entirely, and God gives you the privilege of your own choice in the matter of where and to whom you shall send them. Your offerings amount to that which you give over your tithes and the Lord will see to it that such a giver is in a continual run over blessing, heaped up, pressed down, and shaken together. Hallelujah! "He that giveth let him do it with simplicity." Rom. 12:6. In all our seeking for spiritual gifts and graces let us see to it that we abound in THIS grace also. 2 Cor. 8:7.

The end is very near. The Lord needs faithful stewards, and may we be found at His coming as those who have been faithful over a very little that He may appoint unto us greater things. There is that scattereth and yet increaseth there is that withholdeth more than it meet but it tendeth to poverty. Prov. 11:24. Amen.

D. H. McDowell.

MANY MANSIONS

Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled Ye believe in God believe also in me."

In my Father's house are many mansions, if it were not so I would have told you, I go to prepare a place for you. St. John 14. Our Christ is sending us loving invitations to enter those mansions which He has gone to prepare for those that are waiting for His returning.

In the words of another those mansions are described as a city not built with hands nor hoary with the years of time.

A city on whose streets rushes no tide of business nor black robed hearse creeps slowly with its burden to the tomb. A City without griefs or graves, without sin or sorrows, without births or burials, without marriages or mournings. A City, which glories in having

Jesus for its King, angels for its guards, Saints for citizens, whose walls are salvation and whose gates are praise.

Toward the city divine patriarchs prophets, and Christians have looked with an earnest hope of gaining the realms of the blest. This hope has cheered and comforted them lifting them above earthly temptations and shielding them from a thousand snares.

In the soon coming "Sweet by and by" some eyes will see that glory land and some ears will listen to the enraptured song.

May God through His infinite mercy, dear reader, grant that it may be yours and mine.

When paradise shall be regained and Jesus shall be its King and God shall be "All in all." I thank God because He made it possible for me to be in that number. When Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you that where I am ye may be also," He meant you and me and all who would believe on His name. I thank Him for victory in my soul to-day. Oh! He is so real to me, as Jesus told Peter, flesh and blood didn't reveal this to me but the Holy Spirit. I just want to live in that way that my life will be a bright and shining light to others.

"We speak of the realms of the blest,
That country so bright and so fair,
And oft are its glories confessed.
But what must it be to be there?
"We speak of its pathway of gold,
Its walls decked with jewels so rare,
Its wonders and pleasures untold.
But what must it be to be there?

Do Thou, midst temptation and woe,
For heaven my spirit prepare.
And shortly I also shall know
And feel what it is to be there.
Then o'er the bright fields we shall roam.
In glory celestial and fair,
With saints and with angels at home.
And Jesus Himself shall be there."

Belle Carlton.

717 N. Geary, Oklahoma City Okla.

If you want to find God near you when the clouds come, begin to pray in sunshiny weather.

The devil never baits for dead fish.

The devil can raise any kind of a crop in a fool's heart.

JESUS' SHRINE IS MECCA

Christians Gather to Sing Carols

Bethlehem, Holy Land, Dec, 1.—Thousands of Christians of all sects are converging on Bethlehem to participate in the Christmas Eve service in the church of the nativity which is built over the stable in which Jesus Christ was born 1926 years ago this month.

It was estimated today, that about 4000 visitors would be present for the Christmas observance which is vastly different here than in the countries where St. Nicholas and his toy-filled pack is a major figure. Green Christmas trees are unknown here. Instead of the exchange of presents there will be rejoicing and the singing of carols. The ceremony of singing, praying and worshipping will continue through Christmas eve until noon Christmas

Second Coming

Many pilgrims who already have arrived believe Jesus is coming to earth a second time and that His return is rapidly approaching.

"Jesus is again coming to the world. an Arab Christian merchant told the United Press "but this time he will not be born in a stable and laid in a manger. He will come as a king, a great king.

"All unrighteous people will perish, but those who have lived according to their light will be saved. All nations will bow to Him and accept Him as their Lord."

The same belief prevailed among many Christians throughout Palestine. They said Jesus would return soon and that henceforth the world would live in peace and brotherhood".

Faith can see in the dark.

Our Father in Heaven
We hallow Thy Name.
May Thy Kingdom Holy
On earth be the same.
Forgive our transgressions
And teach us to know,
That humble compassion
Which pardons each foe.
Keep us from temptation
From weakness and sin:
And Thine be the Glory
FOREVER:— AMEN—

UNCONSCIOUS DECLINE

The Holy Spirit gives us many warnings to be vigilant, to be watchful, to walk circumspectly, which means to look around us where we put our feet, and all this is because it is so easy to wander from God in little things without being aware of it. All truly converted souls have their five spiritual senses brought to life, but oftentimes these inward senses are feeble, and not able to detect the delicate shades of backsliding just as we may sit in a cool room and catch cold, without feeling the chill at the time.

I recently heard a prominent Christian woman in mission work tell of her experience in divine healing, and that after she was healed she had such success in her work, and in prayer for other sick ones, that without knowing it she became proud of her experience, and her gifts, and her success, and seemed to think that she was favored of the Lord above others. This feeling in her soul was not strong enough to make her confess it to herself, but it was here as a fine, sweet sentiment, which she unwittingly enjoyed. And then sickness again came, and she prayed for healing it did not come, but the malady grew worse, and then came long months of prayer, and great perplexity, and humiliation and mortification, and the reproach of Satan, and down into the dust of self-abasement she had to go, until she was thoroughly humbled, and her inner vision had been clarified through humiliation to detect and confess the spiritual pride, and when healing came, she had been taught to walk softly before the Lord. That experience is true of thousands of the best people in the world, and true on other lines besides healing.

There are those who began at the bottom in spiritual work, and after being greatly blest, they unwittingly have a sentiment that they are to exercise authority, or dictatorship in some way, and they will universally lay the blame on somebody else, or circumstances, and it is almost impossible to get them so broken in humility as to see their secret spiritual pride, and confess and forsake it.

There are some who claim great spirituality, who drift into the thought that God has called them to exercise lordship over the saints. They want to dictate to others, or fancy that they must take care of the cause of Christ to keep it from going to wreck, just as if God has never

taken care of His work before they were born. And all this may go on, and become a besetment to their souls, and others can see it, but it is next to impossible to make such people acknowledge their decline from true humility. There is no sin on earth so fine, so subtle, so deceitful, so insinuating, so plausible to their souls as spiritual pride, that is taking a secret delight in your gifts, and graces, and experiences, and blessings, and fancying that you are God's pet, and that you can take liberties with the things of God more than others, and that you can manage things and handle money, and wield the rod and undertake enterprises, a little better than others.

True humility must always keep in sight our own nothingness, and that every blessing we have is dealt out to us by infinite grace, and of which we deserve nothing, and also recognize that God has a right to take from us every treasure, every gift, just the same as He has aright to give it to us in the first place. We need to watch our own spirits, or else the wrong sentiments will take root in us, and grow before we are aware of it. This is the way many good people become narrow, and severe, or run off into false views, or fanatical practices, or absurd conduct, because the starting point was not watched.

The Bible refers to this unconscious drifting by saying of a certain character, "there were grey hairs here and there on his head, and he knew it not," that is life brings changes to us of which we may not be aware. People often apply this truth to those who go off in open sin, but the same truth will apply to the most intensely religious people. It is not safe to talk big, nor too loud in a religious meeting, lest there be religious pride in it. It is not safe to be fond of wonderful things, and extraordinary experiences, lest there be in it spiritual pride. It is not safe to want great things, great success, great meetings, great manifestations, for almost universally there will creep in self-conceit, self-esteem, and getting the eye on the creature instead of God.

Those who denounce others, thereby advertise their own self-esteem; those who judge others thereby magnify themselves; those who pull others down are thereby seeking to build up something for themselves. We may depend upon it that nothing will stand, either in a mission, or a teaching, or an experience, or a de-

monstration, or an enterprise, except that which the Lord builds, for sooner or later that which is built by self, and for self, must go down in the dust, regardless of the amount of professed sincerity there was in it.—Selected.

All that will live Godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.... Timothy 3-12

The children of God do not love and please the world, and are sometimes greatly afflicted on account of abounding wickedness, and particularly the profanation of the Lord's name. Now, when you can love the world, and the world can love you, there must be much worldiness in you, for the world loves its own. Many pretend to be Christians, but they will not endure persecution. Instead, they blame others for too much rashness, and not acting prudently enough to avoid the mockings and hatred of the world. Therefore they propose to take wiser measures. And in order to do more good, take great care not to be despised and rejected. But under pretense of wisdom and prudence very often lie concealed a dangerous love of the world and fear of man. Be nobler minded, live as a Christian indeed and be not ashamed to bear the Cross of Christ. The disciple is not above his master. Thou shouldst be wiser than Him indeed if thou couldst escape the reproach and hatred of the world.

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**UNIVERSAL PILGRIMAGE TO
PALESTINE PLANNED**
(Contributed By W. Bacon)

The enlistment of the Jewish, Christian faiths for the purpose of conducting large scale pilgrimages of veneration to Palestine from November 11, 1928 to November, 11th. 1929, the tenth anniversary year since the declaration of the Armistice ending the World War, is planned by the Palestine Chamber of Commerce in New York.

This was decided upon at a meeting of the Chamber held in New York last week.

An effort to secure the collaboration of Christian and Mohammedan bodies in the United States, Europe and Palestine will be made by a committee appointed for this purpose.

Tentative plans call for marked reduction in

steam transportation by the Mediterranean Conference American Steamships lines. Special facilities on the Egyptian railroads to accommodate tourists will be granted prospective travelers to Palestine.

In Palestine special exhibits of the accomplishments of the three major faiths will be staged for the pilgrims.

The opinion is expressed that for the period of this universal pilgrimage, Palestines adverse trade balance of thirty million dollars will be wiped out by the disbursements of the many thousands of tourists in excess of the usual seasonal visitors.

PALESTINE AND PROPHECY

Jewish population in the different countries are given as follows:

United States	4,400,000
Poland	4,000,000
Soviet Russia	3,600,000
Roumania	1,000,000
Germany	630,000
Hungary	500 000
United Kingdom	400,000
Czechoslovakia	375,000
Austria	300,000
Lithuania	230,000
Morocco	230,000
Turkey	210,000
France	200,000
Palestine	180,000
Argentina	180,000
Canada	175,000
Algiers and Tunis	160,000
Netherlands	130,000
Various other countries	1,180 000
Total	18,080,000

—Alliance Weekly

The devil comes to the wedding when the people marry for money.

TALMAGE SAW MILLENNIUM WITHIN SIXTY YEARS

In a sermon in October, 1886, Rev. T. De Witt Talmage postively predicted that the millennium would come within the next sixty years. The only things partially realized are the increased number of big fortunes and prohibition, says the Detroit News.

People have a morbid idea about the mil-

lennium," Mr. Talmage said, "They think there will be no hilarity; that there will be no business, no enterprise. Where there is one fortune made now, there will be thousands made then. All dishonesty will be gone, all unfairness in business, and men will have confidence in one another when that day comes—and I am not dealing in any abstraction; it is just as true as the Bible. All grievous taxation will be abolished. Men are now taxed for everything, but in this time of which I tell there will be no more criminals, no more vice, no more appropriations for improvements which never reach the improvements but are lost in the pockets of the politicians. There will be no more Oyer and Terminer, no expensive impaneling of juries, no police courts, no station house—oh, what prosperity there will be in that time to come! All the haunts of iniquity will be torn away. There will be no mendicants thrown from front door steps, no wine shops, no larger beer saloons, no distilleries where XXX's are made—and all this will be sixty years from now."—From daily paper.

The Coming Of Our Lord

It is written in the Word,
And it is so very plain,
Of the coming of our Lord,
That He's coming back again.

Not as He came of old,
In Judea far away,
But with a Heavenly host,
He will come again some day.

Not to tread the earth in pain,
Nor to be crucified.
But over death to reign;
He is coming for His Bride.

Not to be mocked or spit upon,
Nor scourged by cruel men:
But to wear the Royal crown
At His coming back again.

He is calling now for you,
Oh, will you not believe?
And at His coming ready be,
His blessing to receive.

—Mrs. Geo. W. Swatsenbarg.

The following article is taken from the Jersey Observer of Wednesday Jan. 19th, Page 15 the minister asking there questions is the Pastor of the West New York assembly, Robt. J. Boyles, where the Chas F. Parham Evangelistic Party are now holding a great Revival Campaign (Editor)

PASTOR BENDER IS ASSAILED

BY AN EVANGELIST

Robert J. Boyle Asserts Church Is No Place For Amusements

Robert J. Boyle, who with his wife conducted the evangelistic mission known as the West New York Assembly, at 5034 Hudson Boulevard in a letter to the Jersey Observer, takes to task the Rev. Pastor August Bender, of Jersey City, for his recent espousal of church entertainments. His letter is as follows:

"Editor Jersey Observer:

"I notice with sincere regret in the Jersey Observer the article of the Rev. Bender on church amusements, especially dancing. Dr. Bender is quoted as saying, 'I love to see dancing, and why not? It is done all over the Christian world and why not have it in the church. I want to be tolerant and largehearted enough as a minister to allow the young to do the things that are honest and good and just and pure.' Then he quotes the Scripture as his foundation, 'A merry heart doeth good like a medicine.'

"May I be permitted to ask pastor Bender a few questions through your paper?

1. How much does your dance loving Christians contribute to the spiritual welfare of your church?

2. Is it not a fact that amusement is ousting the preaching of the Gospel as the main attraction?

3. Are not the words concerts, entertainments, fancy fairs, dramatic performances given the largest type and most startling colors.

4. Has there not been a steady downgrade in Christendom Apostolic power?

5. Do you not think the devil has done a clever thing in hinting to the church of Christ that part of her mission is to provide entertainment for the people, with a view of winning them into her ranks?

6. Please give some Scripture where it encourages providing amusement for the people?

7. My Bible says He gave some apostles, some evangelists, some teachers for the perfecting of the saints. Where does dancing and entertainment come in. The Holy Ghost is silent concerning them and his silence is eloquence.

8. Is not providing amusement for the people in direct antagonism to the teachings of Christ Macedonia saying, 'Come over and help us,' did who taught strict separation and uncompromising hostility.

9. Does not Jesus set forth in one short sentence what he would have his followers be, 'Ye are the salt of the earth,' not the 'sugar candy.' But something the world will be more inclined to spit out than swallow with a smile, something more calculated to bring water to the eye than laughter to the lip.

10. Did not Jesus pity sinners, plead with them: sigh over them, warned them and wept over them? but never sought to amuse them. Yea, at the close of His life He said, 'I have given them Thy Word.'

11. When Peter and John were thrown in prison for preaching the Gospel did they not pray. "Now Lord grant thy servant that with all boldness they may preach Thy Word. Unlike the compromising preachers of today who are saying, 'Grant unto thy servants more policy that by a wise and discriminating use of innocent recreation they may avoid the offense of the Cross, and sweetly show this people how happy and merry a lot we are.

12. When Paul in a vision heard a man of Macedonia saying, "Come over and help us," did he begin to brighten their lives with a little amusements or the refining of their manners by a collection of paintings? He never thought of such a thing. He preached the Gospel. The result was, they cried, 'These are they that have turned the world upside down.' Just how the world is turning the so-called church upside down.

13. How many harlots, drunkards, heavy-laden souls have been won to Christ through the amusement church parlors?

14. Have you not met young and old Christians who have grown cold and lost their peace, attribute it to some worldly patronizing? Surely the mission of amusement is the devil's half-way house to the world. This thing is working rottenness in the church of Christ and blasting her service for the King. Under the pretence that is is going out to reach the world it is ear-

rying our sons and daughters into the world and on to destruction.

15. Was it not Babylon the old that seduced and prostituted God's people Israel, causing them seventy years' captivity?

16. Are we not on the eve of the great battle of Armageddon, and in the seventh period of church history, namely the Laodician (neither hot nor cold) ready) to be spewed from God's mouth?

17. Pastor Bender, have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed? Do you know the joy of living a separate life?

(signed) "Robert J. Boyle."

The people of the little Mission at Baxter Springs, Kansas, have been trusting God to give a revival, and when Albert Miller (an Indian preacher) began a revival service here, truly felt it was in answer to prayer. The attendance and interest has been good, from the beginning and Brother Miller has been giving out the Word with power and simplicity. We have the promise, that His word will not return void, so we ask our readers to unite with us in prayer that His name may be glorified, and much good done during this meeting.

Greetings from New York, where Bro. Parham is holding meetings.

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Crosstown Buss from 42nd Street Ferry to door
Open Every Night All Welcome

A PROFOUND MYSTERY

Why Do Persons Hate Each Other?

One of the profound mysteries in the world is that the one you have wronged is not so likely to hate you as the one that has wronged you.

There is no spite so terrible as the spite of the person who has done you an injury and knows it and knows that you know it.

Perhaps this is due to the "inferiority complex." That is, when you have done a man wrong he realizes that you are morally beneath him and he looks down on you a bit, but when a man has done you wrong he feels that he is morally beneath you and resents it.

The most constant and ineradicable weed in the garden of the human heart is envy.

I remember when I was a boy that I found it difficult to understand why the people crucified Jesus. He never attacked anybody or harmed any one, but went about doing good. I was amazed at the fiendish delight of those who crucified Him.

Since I have grown older, I have come to understand this strange quality in human nature.

There is no doubt in the world that we take an impish delight in dragging down the man who is in a high position. When the deacon in the church is discovered to be an embezzler there is more joy among the ungodly than over ninety and nine whose names are yet unsmirched.

Shakespeare notes the same quality in the way the world regards feminine beauty and charm.

"Be thou chaste as ice and pure as snow, yet shalt thou not escape calumn."

The very worst trait of human nature is that feeling of anger that springs up in us when we see another handsomer, happier, better or more fortunate than ourselves.

I like to believe in humanity, and really think that all men are fair and all women are good. But the troublesome fact continues to obtrude itself that we experience a fiendish pleasure in dragging down those who are up, in spattering mud on those who are clean and in seeing misfortune come to those who are fortunate.

If you can go through your heart and find not one speck of this feeling within you, you are indeed to be congratulated.

FRANK CRANE.

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Baxter Springs, Kans.

Last Word: We are holding meeting in West New York, fine crowds, wonderful interest I preached today in Glad Tidings Hall, New York, one of the largest Pentecostal churches of the world, the out growth of work done by my workers and myself twenty years ago, we are asking all Missions and readers of this paper to pray mightily for us for victory and means to carry forward the campaign here for God and Souls.

Chas. F. Parham