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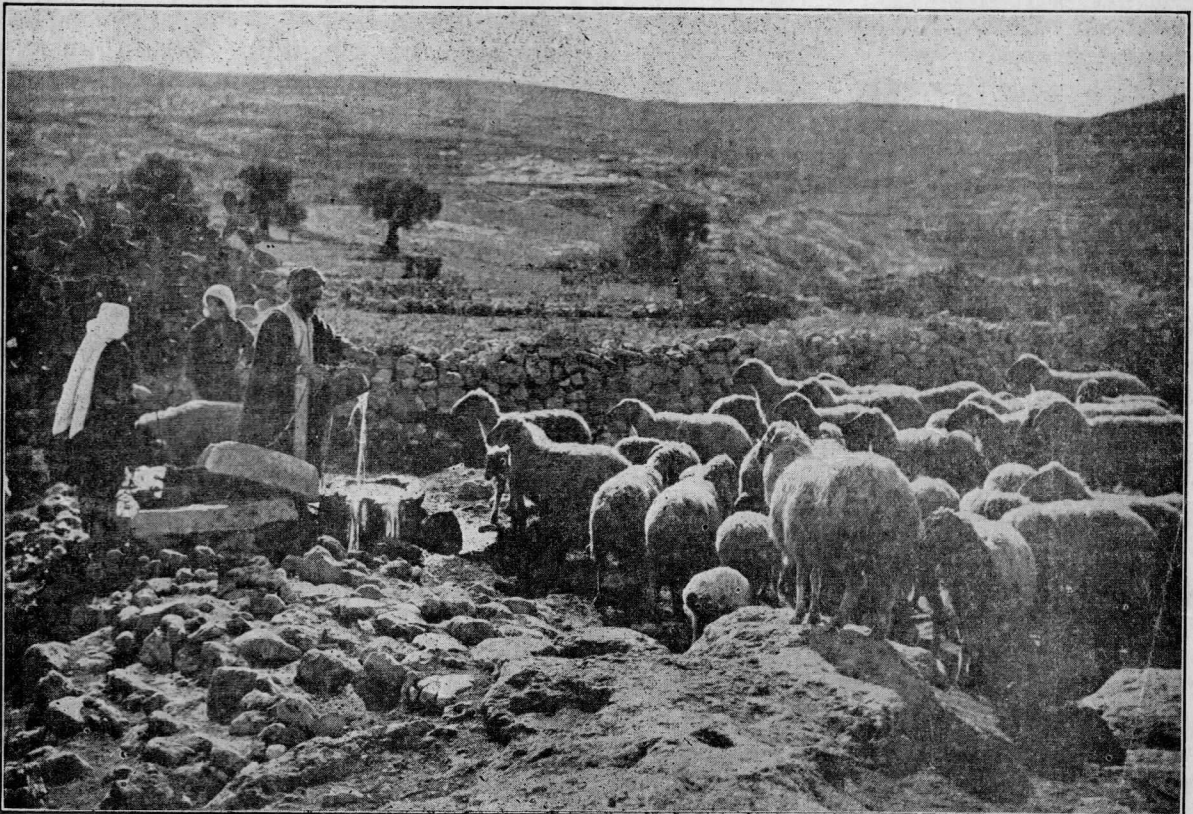
Lift up a standard for the people.—Isaiah 62:10.

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The Twenty-third Psalm



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My cup runneth over—Psa. 23:5. •

SANCTIFICATION

Our Bible Study

Our last Bible lesson in the February number of our paper was to the sinner. Lost, dead in trespasses and sins, "without hope and without God in the world," who under conviction repents and receives forgiveness of sins, **justification**. What a precious experience now is ours.

"Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." Romans—5:1-2. It is to the Christian and of "this grace wherein we stand," that we wish to prayerfully, humbly and reverently study about in this lesson. "Being justified by faith, we have peace with God;" we have Him as our personal Friend, our living Savior, a joy has come into our lives and we are happy in our new experience.

After a while, however, temptations and trials come and the tempter says, "You are not converted or you would not be tempted with this and that," Perhaps we may feel unsatisfied and have a hungry longing almost like we did when we were under conviction. Thus far we have run well but here I believe many listen to the tempter, and give up their salvation instead of trusting God and letting the Holy Spirit lead us into the land of Canaan, to a deeper experience in God. "this grace wherein we stand." "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled." Matt. 5:6.

Though we have been pardoned for the sins that we have committed there still remains in our hearts that carnal nature, the inbred sin which has become the inheritance of the human race through Adam's transgression. Though we forgive our children for getting dirty, does that take out of them the desire to play in the mud again? We can not repent for this inherited sin, neither can we be forgiven for that which is not our fault and we are not responsible for, but if we will consecrate our lives to God, it can be cleansed out by the sanctifying power of the blood of Christ.

When we came to Christ as repentant sinners, we had nothing to consecrate. God does not sanctify sinners, but pardons them. Now, as we listen to the Spirit we long to be wholly given

up to God, and the prayer of our heart is, "Take my life and let it be, consecrated Lord to Thee," Let us, "present our bodies a living sacrifice" all we have and are, or ever expect to be, wholly yielded up to God, then will He "cleanse us from all unrighteousness," "Follow peace with all men and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." Heb. 12:14. We are sure it is the greatest desire of every real Christian to see God, so let us "earnestly contend" for the experience that will make this possible; for Christ our High Priest, has opened up the way for us. "Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil:

Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an High Priest for-ever after the order of Melchisedec." Heb. 6:19-20.

"Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus. By a new and living way, which He hath consecrated for us through the veil, that is to say, His flesh," Heb. 10:19-20. "Thou shalt call His name JESUS, for He shall save His people from their sins." Matt. 1:21.

God's church will not be made up of a "bunch of sinners," neither will it be "sanctified in spots" but it will be "a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish," Eph. 5:27.

Who can be a member of this church? "Lord who shall abide in Thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in Thy holy hill? Psa. 15:1. "What then shall I do when God riseth up? and when He visiteth, what shall I answer Him? Job. 31:14.

Can fallen humanity stand approved in the presence of God, and can good works make us a member of this "Glorious Church?" Never. Only can we be able to stand in God's presence, as we are "accepted in the Beloved" (Eph. 1:6) and He becomes "our Righteousness and Sanctification" (1 Cor. 1:30) "Rotted and grounded in love" (Eph. 3:17) "Partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is the world through lust." (2 Peter 1:4) "Beloved, now are we the sons of God and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure." 1 John 3:2-3.

It is told that one time when a preacher was asked why he did not preach sanctification, he replied, "Why should I loose my reputation, church and salary by preachng an unpopular doctrine? It is in the Bible, let the people find it for themselves." Beloved, let us not seek to bring the gospel down to our experience, or to preach to please the people, but earnestly endeavor to measure our lives up to the Word of God, and "lift up a standard for the people."

May we make the consecration and have the experience of the faithful preacher Paul, who said, "But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.

Yea, doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung that I may win Christ, and be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith. Phil. 3:7-9.

"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." Rom. 8:18. If we are living in the light of eternity, the glory of the temporal things of this life become strangely dim and fade away in insignificance as we get a glimpse of the splendor of the glorified risen Christ, our living Savior. The teachings and doctrines of men will soon fail and come to naught, when everything that can be shaken will be shaken, but His Word endureth forever. If we would be on the winning side, let us be wholly yielded to God and stand upon His Word, which will triumph at last.

Carnal Nature Inbred Sin.

The Word of God teaches the twofold nature of sin, the actual committed sins and the indwelling tendency to sin, or the inbred, inherited sin nature. The terms "blot out" "forgive" and "pardon" refer to actual sins, while the terms, "purge", "cleanse," "purify" and "sanctify" refer to the undwelling sin, "our old man" "body of sin" Roman 6:6.

This inbred sin we are not responsible for until we see the light, that Christ came to restore to us what was loss in Adam, to destroy the works of the devil, and to deliver us from the power and bondage of sin, (which came by

the fall) and through the sanctifying and cleansing power of the blood of Christ, restore us to the favor of God.

Truly David felt the power of this inbred sin and saw his need of sanctification, and cleansing, when he prayed, "Wash me thoroughly from iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. Behold, I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean, wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow" Psalms 51:2, 5, 7. "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." Psalms 51:10.

This inbred sin, or carnal nature was recognized when the question was asked of Job, "How then can man be justified with God? or how can he be clean that is born of a woman? Job. 25:4.

Paul very clearly answers this question. "Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation even so by the righterousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous." Rom. 5:18,19 "Knowing this, that our old man (sinful flesh nature) is crucified with Him, that the body of sin (inbred sin, or carnal nature) might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin." Rom. 6:6. Could this "body of sin" be destroyed by the law?

"For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers there unto perfect. Heb. 10:1. Also read the 7th chapter of Romans in which Paul very clearly describes this carnal nature as "the law of sin which is in my members" and cried, "Oh wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? Rom. 7:24.

"For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am carnal, sold under sin." Rom. 7:14. Paul did not find deliverance through the law but said, "the law was our school master to bring us to Christ." Gal. 3:24.

Paul had found deliverance from this inbred sin, "law of sin" which had held him in bondage, when he triumphantly declared, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the

flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the "law of sin" and death. Rom. 8:1-2. "For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Because the carnal mind is enmity against God, for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh (sinful carnal flesh) cannot please God. Rom. 8:6-8. "And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat, for hither to ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. For ye are yet carnal; for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? For while one saith, I am of Paul, and another, I am of Apollos, are ye not carnal?" 1 Cor. 3:1-4.

Do not the same conditions exist today as they did then at Cornith? Paul reproved the Corinthian brethren for being carnal declaring he had not fed them meat (preached to them a deeper experience) because they were not able to receive it, not because it was not for them. Truly we have the same carnal nature now, and need the same deliverance.

Concecration.

The defination of consecration is "the act of separation from a common to a sacred use."

"Now, be ye not stiff-necked as your fathers were, but yield yourselves unto the Lord, and enter into His sanctuary, which He hath sanctified for ever; and serve the Lord your God, that the fierceness of His wrath may turn away from you." 2 Ch. 30:8.

"Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness into sin, but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness into God. For sin shall not have dominion over you, for ye are not under the law, but under grace." "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, whether of sin unto death; or of obedience unto righteousness. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. Rom. 6:13, 14, 16, 22.

"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." Rom. 12:1-2.

Consecration is our part, for God does not compel man to worship and serve Him, but gives him the right of choice and by His love and mercy woos the heart of man unto Himself in a love service.

The wise maiden, first becomes acquainted and loves her lover before she places her hand in his, and yields her life and future into his care before the altar of sacred matrimony.

So in the spiritual, we get a "glimpse of Jesus" behold the wondrous beauty of the "Lover of our souls," in love and mercy He forgives our sins and wins our hearts. Then we long to be wholly His, to be free from the worldly fetters that have bound us, that "sin shall not have dominoun" over us.

Though the carnal nature, "the law of sin" is still warring in our members that "love that will not let me go" is drawing us closer unto Himself until we consecrate our lives to Him. The more completely and perfectly we yield ourselves to our Lord the more He can work in us to will and to do of His good pleasure and use us for His glory; yielding up all self-honor and identity; our weak humanity becomes a partaker of His holiness.

"My life, my love I give to Thee,
How happy then, my life shall be,
My life my love, I give to Thee,
My Savior and my God."

Oh Lord, we yield ourselves, wholly unconditionally to Thee. We consecrate all to Thee, for time and eternty, knowing "what e're befall us, Jesus doeth all things well". We commit our souls and bodies into the divine care, the secure keeping of our heavenly Bridegroom take his name, gladly "bearing His reproach" and partaking of His blessings and benefits. "He brought us to the banqueting house, and His banner over us was love." Song of Solomon, 2:4.

"I am my beloved and His desire is toward me." Song 7:10.

Sanctification.

The defination of sanctification is, "The act

of sanctifying or making holy. The Act of God's grace by which the affections of men are purified or alienated from sin and the world, and exalted to a supreme love to God." Webster's Unabridged Dictionary. "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" (Heb. 13:11. Ex. 19:14) "bearing His reproach." Heb. 13:12, 13. How impossible it is to realize what He suffered "without the gate" to sanctify, us; the world's awful tragedy! Humanity in its extreme cruelty of hatred and envy, destroyed the human life of the sinless Son of God, their Creator, who had given them life! No wonder the sun refused to shine, and for three hours left the terrified multitude, the blood-thirsty mob in miserable darkness! No wonder the veil of the temple was rent in twain, for it was the priests and professed religious world who were rejecting and crucifying the Christ, their promised Messiah! Behold the love sacrifice, praying for His enemies suspended between heaven and earth, rejected by both! Even the Father hid His face, and withdrew His sustaining presence, while His beloved Son became our sin offering our "scapegoat," (Lev. 16: 8, 10, 26) "Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree," (1 Peter 2:24) reconciling the world to God. Rom. 5: 10.

When Jesus said: "It is finished," what was accomplished? **Everything.** Christ restored to man what was lost in Adam. Adam brought sin, sorrow, sickness and death, and Christ brought us victory over all these.

"For as in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive, 1 Cor. 15:22. In Christ's life on earth, He overcame the world, the flesh and the devil and by His death and glorious resurrection, He overcame death, hell and the grave. "He sanctified the people with His own blood," through His obedience brought deliverance from the inbred sin, inherited through the disobedience of Adam. "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift." 2 Cor. 9:15. "By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." "For by one offering He hath perfected forever them that are sanctified. There of the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us; for after that he had said before, this is the covenant that I will make

with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts and in their minds will I write them." Heb. 10:10, 14, 15, 16. (Read also all the 9th and 10th chapters of Heb.)

"For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication. That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour." 1 Thes. 4:3, 4. "For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath ALSO given unto us His Holy Spirit." 1 Thess 4: 7, 8. "He that despised Moses law died without mercy under two or three witnesses.

Of how much sorer punishment suppose ye shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, where with he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite into the Spirit of grace?" Heb. 10:28, 29.

Were the people sanctified in the Apostle's time, and did the apostles recognize sanctification as a definite work of grace or experience? We will let the apostles themselves answer this question. As Paul, Peter and Jude all addressed special messages "to them that are sanctified," we believe that they not only recognized that some of their congregations had this experience, but that they had received it through their ministry.

Paul—"Unto the church of God, which is at Corinth," "to them that are Sanctified" in Christ Jesus, call to be saints with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, both theirs and ours." 1 Cor. 1:2.

Peter—"Elect according to the fore knowledge of God, the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ," 1 Peter 1:2.

Jude—"Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James" to them that are sanctified," by God the Father and perserved in Jesus Christ and called." Jude 1:2.

We fear that these messages, "to them that are sanctified," would not be received today either by those in formalism, or those in fanaticism, but by these Scriptures we understand that souls were sanctified under the Apostolic Ministry, and that sanctification is a part of the "faith which was once delivered to the

saints" which Jude exhorted them to "earnestly contend" for. (Jude. 1:3)

Let us contend for this experience that we "shall be vessels unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the Master's use, and prepared unto every good work. II Tim. 2:21.

I do not believe that Jude intended for us to contend for this faith by argument but earnestly seek to have the reality wrought out in our hearts: to have in our lives all that has been purchased for us on Calvary at so great a cost, and claim "our inheritance among them that are sanctified." Acts 20:32, Acts. 26: 18.

In sanctification is real unity made possible. "For both He that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brethern." Heb. 2:11.

But to keep a real sweet sanctified experience, not only in our heads, but really in our hearts, we must continually put God first in our lives, and if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1:7.

"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. I Thess. 5:23.

Sanctification is not Perfection.

"Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect; but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus." Phil. 3:12. Read also. Phil. 3: 13-16.

Sanctification is not Crucification.

We have studied in this lesson about the inbred sin, the carnal flesh nature, which must be cleansed, sanctified by the blood of Christ, but there is also a crucification of the natural, human flesh, the self nature, which though sanctified, we must die to. Crucifixion, or dying daily, to self, is a continual choice on our part to decrease, that Christ may increase in our lives. This is a very important subject, which we may study later.

This lesson may seem as but an outline for Bible study on this great subject, but I am giving it prayerfully, trusting that it may be a help to at least some of our readers.—Ed.

SERMON ON "HISTORY OF NATIONS"

Many stories can be given from the writings of the sainted man Daniel. He walked and talked with God therefore was able to understand all deep sayings. Daniel stood upon a mountain and looked down over the hill top of the ages witnessing the rise and fall of many generations and saw kingdoms come and go. Many times Daniel did not understand but with a promise that he would stand in his lot in the later days, he prophesied and labored on.

I want you to read in the book of Daniel 2:31-35. Just five verses but in them a compound and complete history from Daniel's day through all ages until Jesus comes to earth to reign. Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon in his sleep dreamed a dream. A man stood by his couch, his figure composed of metals instead of flesh. The vision was of much distress to the king so he resorted to magicians, astrologers and the sorcerers, the servants of Satan and earthly wisdom. None could advise the king of his dream or its interpretation regardless of reward or punishment. How incomplete we are without God! But in Daniel, in whom dwelt the spirit of the Living God there was an answer. Daniel was summoned. On his arrival he informed the king of the failure on his part to acknowledge God. However as to the dream it could not be given and interpreted for the dream was even forgotten. The man you saw by your bed whose appearance was most dreadful consisted of the following. The image had a head of gold, breasts and arms of silver, belly and thighs of brass. The legs of iron and the feet composed both of iron and clay and the toes of the same element. How perfect a history of the nations. On each line a kingdom and the makers of history are known before their days. The interpretation is as follows. King Nebuchadnezzar was the head of gold who soon was to come to his end.

Much might be said of this king, how the world feared him and many moved at his command. He ruled from 604-561 B. C. He built cities; his slaves built a mountain for his wife; he had his hanging gardens. On every hand everything that could be desired was at his command. His country was the ruling power of the Oriental world. The Euphrates River divided the capital, only a mound is left today to

remind us of how frail the things of time. Nebuchadnezzar, like many men of today forgot God and as the result in an unexpected hour his kingdom was to vanish from him. Babylon went down and soon fell into the kingdom of silver, or Medo-Persia as we find it under Cyrus in 553-529 B. C.

It was in 539 B. C. that Babylon became a part of Medo-Persia. The Jews were soon given back right to rebuild their temple. Medo-Persia grew and like the head of gold became great, strong and powerful. Its civilization filled its God given call, giving homes to many souls. Every kingdom has its day and then comes to its death. No nation can stand with unrest in its heart and United States trembles with unrest. Her rich are selfish, her granaries are over running and the poor are down trodden and in want. According to "James" a day when armies will plead with flesh is at hand. So strong will be the call for equality that the rich will throw away their wealth and dress in rags to save their lives. Christians prepare in your lot to stand!

In the Bible we read of a "He Goat of the West" and in history we read of "Alexander the Great" which I believe to be one and the same for both have the same characteristics. Alexander was a trained warrior of Macedonia who was taught by Greek teachers. When twenty years of age he became heir to the throne through his father's death. Alexander died as conqueror of almost the entire civilized world including Medo-Persia. Alexander's expanding country fell into the hands of four generals, however, all of them were powerless and shortly we have another Western country arise. This was a double nation of East and West Roman Empire. Thus we have the "legs of iron," strong and powerful. Rome began on "seven hills," it grew by leaps and bounds. King after King ruled, some good, some fair and some unfit. As she grew older the sin of hating God crept in. The poor were oppressed. Many moved to town deserting farms, building highways, or becoming lazy just lived off from the government. Thus high taxes. Her priesthood became corrupt. She sought pleasure in show, vice, drink, game and crime. Just a picture of our own country today.

One great event had arisen during this time in Rome, right within her borders. This was

the birth, life, and teachings of Jesus. Little Rome knew of the result. Christianity was soon to cross Europe and Rome had to answer if she would except Christ's teachings or not. Like most countries, (for the world in general does not know God) Rome rejected the Gospel and fought her adherers. She took away from them all social and citizenship right. What if it took that sacrifice today? We must give up all if we are to serve Jesus. In a state away from God, Rome met her downfall in 476 A. D. Modern history here begins with the rise of twenty-three governments or nations over Rome. Thus they existed until changed by the world war. I do not have time to relate their history to you, perhaps you are well acquainted with these nations. These are the feet of Daniel's image iron and clay, England and France example of iron and Belgim and Greece example of clay nations. How quickly clay nations dissolved before the German hoards, the iron kingdoms stood firmer.

Several events were accomplished by the world war. It saved the world from an autocrat government. The world's one man rule will come when Jesus comes as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. All territory north of the Roman boundary passed to Russia and other North Europe countries to make up the "Country of the king of the North," or the bear. The Jews were given a lease on Palestine, their home land by Parliament. So when General Allenby captured Jerusalem it became the home of a wandering Jew and marks the beginning of the close of the Gentile age. We will soon be cut off from grace. Only the foot of Jesus holds the door open until some mothers and fathers prayers are answered and the servants of God are sealed.

Friends we are down to the toes of Daniel's image and a coming "Ten Toe Kingdom" or "Ten League Nation." They yet lay in the future and will come about by the falling of our modern civilization. With distress and commotion on every hand, "Peace," (the cry of peace) yet no peace and in the Bible we are told just such a time will bring sudden destruction. "Reds" and their like, in every country are rising up in anti-organization, anti-governments and anti-religion movements. These are growing so fast that we are in the death throws of

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May God bless all who have made this issue possible.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Parham announce the arrival of a little daughter, March 18, who they named Roberta June.

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this era and the birth throws of another made precious by Jesus coming. You may not believe me but permit me to advise you that these modern nations are finished and riding down. Chains, combinds and trusts in every business press the country. Soon the cry for justice will be given—only to drive us into the world's darkest hour.

Three kings out of ten will give way to one when incarnation takes place, becomes the anti-Christ. He rules as Christ, many are deceived but he comes to his end. Jesus comes in the clouds, bringing His saints with Him, fights the battle of Armageddon. Takes His people to rule and invites the heathen as an inheritance. Peace is proclaimed throughout the world from pole to pole. Jesus is the Stone that Daniel saw fall out of the sky and fill the whole earth as a mountain," the Stone the builders rejected." No wonder Daniel didn't understand!

If you are broken in spirit by conviction, repent and in so doing find God in a real conversion, you like Daniel will stand in your lot in your day. Because His grace is sufficient I expect to see Jesus, don't you? If you will not except Jesus you will be ground to powder and pass as chaff on a threshing floor, of nations that have forgotten God. Time is fleeting, so hurry and get saved. Why not tonight? History is almost complete and Jesus second coming as King of Kings and Lord of Lords is at hand.

Gail Schultz.

THE BIBLE

A noted orator asked Dickens for the most pathetic story in literature, and he said it was that of the Prodigal Son. Mr. Coleridge was asked for the richest passage in literature, and he said it was the first sixteen verses of the fifth chapter of Matthew. Another asked Daniel Webster for the greatest legal digest, and he replied that it was the Sermon on the Mount. No one has equalled Moses for law, nor David for poetry, nor Isaiah for visions, nor Jesus for ethics, nor Peter for holy zeal nor Apollos for fiery oratory, nor Paul for logic, nor John's statements of sanctified love. What a ridiculous statement that to study the Bible "Marks a step backward in education!" GOD'S WORD is the very greatest of all teachers. We do well to stay close to its pages. It is The BOOK.

—Selected

FREEDOM IN THE TRUTH

Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free. St. John 8:32. Truth is of God. Falsehood belongs to satan. Truth brings freedom and happiness. Falsehood slavery and sorrow. In the beginning the first promise made to man was the truth; it came from God. The next was a lie; it came from the devil. Man accepted the lie and he is still suffering from the misfortune it brought him. The very ground has been accursed; thorns and thistles sprung up.

A man and a woman, the first formed, were living in blissful innocense in the Garden that Jehovah God had prepared for them. The Lord had given them permission to eat of the fruit of all the trees except one. The man went out to work, you know his duties were to dress the garden, and while he was away at work the devil came to Eve in the form of a serpent, because the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord had made.

The devil was so smooth with his lie that he made Eve believe it, and he has been fooling men and women ever since.

When people nowadays are looking for the devil, they are expecting him to appear in the form of a snake or a hideous old man, but he doesn't always come that way. He fixes himself up so nice that many people think he must be about perfection, and then he puts his proposition across by making them believe a lie. And no marvel, for satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Eve gave way to temptation and then she in turn tempted her husband and he fell too. The devil told them that they wouldn't die, but so far as I can learn, humanity has been dying pretty regularly ever since, and a lot of woes have been piled up on the people on account of sin having entered the world. From that day to this, God and His truth, and satan and his lies, have been opposing one another.

Lies have caused all of the misery and suffering of the world; lies actually told and those inferred. We would have peace international, local, religious, individual and every other kind, were it not for the lies that are broadcast and believed. We fuss with people because we don't understand them, usually because they are lied about. People tell us things and they usually leave the good things out. Nations war with nations many times by misunderstandings and

propaganda put out by imps of satan that fans the flames of hate until war results. Husbands and wives fall out nearly always through misunderstandings. It's hard to keep from having misunderstandings; there's always someone ready to misrepresent to one or the other or both of them.

What the home needs is what the world at large needs; the Truth. If husband and wife could always get at the truth in every matter that comes up that might cause a cloud on their home life, there would not be trouble between them. The same rule holds good in the community, state, nation and throughout the entire world. The arch deceiver realizes that truth will make brothers of all, so he regularly, cunningly broadcasts his stock of falsehoods and reaps his harvests of suffering humanity. Truth anywhere is the only thing worth while, but the Master wasn't talking about ordinary truths in the text. He didn't say "truth nor a truth" but He said "The Truth." And he meant the Truth of truths, the Paramount truth of salvation. He said, "If ye have the Truth then are ye my disciples indeed and the Truth shall make you free." What is that truth? Some would have you believe that the main truth of the Scriptures is baptism; some Sabbath keeping; some soul sleeping. I believe that Peter hit the nail on the head when Jesus asked the question, "Whom do ye say that I am?" and he answered, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." I believe that because Jesus said in answer, "Blessed art thou Simon Barjonah, for flesh and blood have not revealed this unto thee but my Father which is in Heaven." This is "The Truth." Do you have it? I do not mean do you believe it, I mean do you hold it in your heart in possession; if you do, then you are His disciples indeed. The Truth of Truths will make you free. And I can tell you, that if you are not in possession of it you are entirely unhappy. If you haven't the truth do you want it? I know that you do but whenever you are just about in the notion of accepting the Pearl of great price, some lie will slip into your mind that it isn't the proper time. That is from the devil. Don't pay any attention to him. He is the same old liar as he always was.

It is natural for man to worship, no matter where you go. Go to the heart of Africa, to the Islands of the sea, you will find that everywhere

some sort of worship is being carried on. Paul upon finding in a public place in Athens an altar on which appeared the inscription, "To an Unknown God," told the people of that city that he perceived that they were "too superstitious" and at once began to preach that "Unknown God" to them. That's my business to day. I find that few people really know the God of the New Testament that I can reasonably say, as he did then. What therefore ye worship in ignorance, this day I set forth unto you.

The Athenians were dumfounded when they learned from the great missionary that the "Unknown God," created the heavens and the earth. Yes says Paul, He made the earth and all that is in it. In other words He made you, and all of the material of which you make your little gods, of wood, stone and clay. Isn't it strange that people nowadays as well as in those days, worship things made of metal, wood and clay, more than they do the true God? If you think they don't watch them and you'll find out. The most of them worship a round piece of silver on which are engraved the words, "In God We Trust." but some set up as their gods, land, automobiles, diamonds, good clothes and what not. Why do people worship such foolish things when God gave us all we have, even the air we breathe. Continuing the great teacher said to His hearers, God dwelleth not in temples made with hands, neither is He served by man's hands, as though He needed anything. These statements are as true as the first but how few really understand them.

A lot of people seek God in temples and shrines, and do not seem to realize that "in Him we live and move and have our being." Most people are trying to do something for God, when they should know that from the fact that He owns everything, it is presumptuous to attempt to do anything for Him or give Him except as we do for or give to one of His subjects. And He is not far off, the text continues, but some seem to think that God is afar off. He can hear us when we whisper, in fact He knows our thoughts, even before we think them. He is closer than parent or companion, and yet to many He is the "Unknown God." How are we to know Him, people have said to me. There is only one way and that is through Jesus Christ as their Savior. God had trouble with man and even repented that He had made him at all, but

He found a way to reach the people of the earth, and that way was through sending His only Son to be a mediator between Himself and His people.

When a man accepts Christ as his Savior, he becomes a new creature. He has learned that God's way is the way of peace and happiness, and recognizes Him in everything he sees. If you have been worshipping the "Unknown God," get acquainted with Him through His Son Jesus Christ. I preach the "Unknown God," by telling the story of Jesus. When people know the Son, they also become acquainted with the Father, and He is no longer the "Unknown God" but the God of Love. When we become acquainted with the Father and Son, we then worship in Spirit and in Truth. We often hear a person say, "But one must have respect for a man's religion." Suppose it makes him worse, then it is a curse to him and the community in which he lives. Surely no Christian could have much respect for this brand of religion. But what is needed is pure religion; the brand mentioned in James 1:27.

Pure religion and undefiled before our God and Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in affliction and to keep one self unspotted from the world. We are very careful what we eat, drink and wear but the Scriptures sets before all a straight edge to measure our religion. This brings up the question. Ask a hundred persons for their definition of religion and you would receive about a hundred different answers, for people have a great many different ideas about those things. For that reason, when I am looking for an answer to a religious problem, I do not take the word of the first person I meet, neither do I look in the dictionary for the meaning, but I go to the Book, the Book of Books, the Holy Bible. Pure religion won't allow the poor unfortunates, sick and needy to beg in the street for their living or die of want if they are unable to get enough to keep them alive.

We are living in a land flowing with milk and honey, even plenty to spare, and yet many are perishing with hunger. This question may seem uncalled for to many but I want to tell you that the ignorance of most people in the matter of salvation, and pure religion, is a tragedy.

The teaching of many ministers of the gospel, when approached by the seeker after the

truth the great multitude of inquirers are so confused that they never become Christians at all and die without hope. I feel moved to say that the truth of the matter is that God and man, in the beginning, were on good terms, but the latter sinned and was driven from the presence of Jehovah. God in His goodness, provided a way by which man might get back into fellowship with Him, and there is no other way, no matter what anyone may think or say. The way is just a plain, sensible transaction. He says that if you are convicted that you are a sinner, are sorry and confess your sins to God, then you are a subject for salvation. But this is not religion, this is salvation. You are then ready to begin a religious life for God and your fellow man.

J. K. Seber,
Katy, Texas.

ABUNDANCE PROMISED

The other evening I was riding home after a heavy day's work, I felt weary and sore depressed when swiftly, suddenly, as a lightning flash, came: "My grace is sufficient for thee." And I said: "I should think it is, Lord," and burst out laughing. I never fully understood what the holy laughter of Abraham was until then. It seemed to make unbelief so absurd.

It was as if some little fish, being very thirsty was troubled about drinking the river dry; and Father Thames said: "Drink away, little fish, my stream is sufficient for thee." Or it seemed like a little mouse in the granaries of Egypt after seven years of plenty fearing it might die of famine, and Jacob might say: "Cheer up, little mouse, my granaries are sufficient for thee." Again, I imagined a man away up on yonder mountain saying to himself: "I fear I shall exhaust all the oxygen in the atmosphere. But the earth might say: "Breathe away, O man, and fill thy lungs ever; my atmosphere is sufficient for thee."

O brethren, be great believers! Little faith will bring your soul to Heaven, but great faith will bring Heaven to you.—C. H. Spurgeon.

You can not serve God and mammon, but you can serve God with mammon.

Robert Speer.

TO THOSE CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

(Continued from the February Issue)

"Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ." The law was added 430 years after the promise, because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made. Read carefully Gal. 3:16 to 22. This promised seed was Christ. "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." 1 John 3:1.

Since Adam, the father of the human race, was only natural, and had no spiritual or immortal life, it was needful that the spirit seed should come to redeem a lost race. "And so it is written. The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit." 1 Cor. 15:45. In due time Christ was born, the seed of Abraham, the son of God, the only begotten of the Father. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." St. John 3:16. Verse 17: "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. Verse 18: He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." We find in Tim. 6:15, 16: "Which in His times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords. Who only hath immortality dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see, to whom be honour and power everlasting."

Men teach us that all men are immortal, but the Bible says in verse 16, "no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see." In II Tim. 1:10 we read, "But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel: He gives us power to become the sons of God. If we already had that power he could not give it to us. He only gives it to those that receive him. To recognize we are lost, dead in trespasses and sins and excepting him as the only begotten of the Father conception of

spirit life takes place in the soul. Before this grace takes place we have no uncorruptable seed; only natural not spiritual. After conception of spirit life, then the "born again" experience is possible and not until then could we be born again of incorruptible seed, according to I Peter 1:23! "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."

Sanctification makes us one with Christ. "For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren." Heb. 2:11. Then and not till then can we prove ourselves newborn babes by obeying from the heart. "Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings," I Peter 2:1. Neither can we develop spiritual life. I Peter 2:2; "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby."

"Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ. That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive." Eph. 4:13, 14.

"And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you. To the end he may establish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints." I Thes. 3:12, 13.

To accept pardon as the "born again" experience gives to the natural man spirit life or seed. If that be true then Christ was not the one seed or only begotten. Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all MEN unto ME." He is lifted up in that he is the way the truth and the life, the only begotten Son of God.

S. W. Ditto

WHAT OTHERS THINK

War crucifies our Lord again,
And brands us with the curse of Cain.
It thrusts the spear into His side,
And slays the hope for which He died.

—John Oxenham.

DO YOU Tithe?

An Eyeopener for Many Christians

The above heading may seem to be a rather pertinent question, but every one should be able to answer it in the affirmative, for if we do not tithe we are in a way robbing God, for it is simply a debt we owe Him and surely God SHOULD be first in everything.

The writer took up this blessed tithing system over a quarter of a century ago and I can gladly testify that I am so in love with the plan that I would not think of advising anyone to do otherwise.

I had quite a surprise in this connection quite recently. A friend who had been reading up on the subject (by the way a splendid thing to do) got under conviction not only to pay his tithe, but also to pay up his back tithing, which he figured out amounted to \$2556.00.

He had quite a talk with me about the matter and decided to commence and pay up just as he could spare the money, and to show his good faith he paid in several dollars in just a few days. Could you see his smiling face you would soon decide that he was not sorry for the stop he had taken. He reported to me later that he had been blessed in making several sales in a very short time, and that it seemed that God was helping him, then to show his sincerity and earnestness, he paid in \$15.00 more. A splendid example.

There is one thing ABSOLUTELY SURE, and that is, that we cannot outgive God—it makes no difference, whether it be money, time or talents, He will more than amply repay us.

Friend: Have you been robbing God all these years? See Mal. 3:8. If so, right about face and try this plan of paying God His due, and just see how it works. I feel sure that every honest soul who tries this plan, will never want to go back into the robbing business again.

It is a very common thing for persons who do not tithe, to say with quite a degree of animation, "Oh! I pay more than a tenth," or, "Everything I have belongs to God;" but then the truly honest way is to keep books with the Lord, so to speak, or at least to take out one-tenth of all increase as soon as it comes in, is the safer plan.

I fear that many church members are failing at this point and, oh! what a sad thing to meet Jesus and be compelled to acknowledge to

Him, that you failed to do your duty along this line. Just suppose the church as a whole today followed this system, there would immediately be plenty of money for all necessary church expenses and a surplus for the mission field, too. No need then for suppers or bazaars.

Yours for souls,

W. M. B.

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

O'Dean Shaw, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Shaw, was born May 8, 1922, and died, Dec. 16, 1931—age 9 years, 7 mos and 8 days—in the hospital at El Reno, Okla.

Funeral services were conducted at the home and also at the Friendship church by Rev. G. T. Campbell. The following songs were sung, "What a Friend we have in Jesus," "Shall we gather at the River," and "Asleep in Jesus."

The little body was laid to rest in the Friendship cemetery, there to await the glorious resurrection. Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for such is the kingdom of heaven. Mark 10:14.

THE CROSS GLORIFIED

It was no cross of burnished wood,
But a rugged, cruel tree
On which the Prince of Glory hung
For all the world and me.

The cross that then was a sign of shame
Holds now before my eyes,
The once despised is glorified
Because of sacrifice.

For joy, that was before Him set,
He counted not the loss
But suffered, bled and died for men
That they might love the cross.

If patient suffering glorifies
My trial, for those I meet,
Help me, O Christ, to bear with joy,
Nor suffer aught, defeat.

As Thou didst glorify Thy cross
By bearing there its shame,
Help me to bear with grace my cross
And magnify Thy name.

—Selected from Mr. Parham's Scrap Book.

THE SEA THAT IS DEAD

I looked upon a sea, and lo, 'twas dead,
 Although by Herman's snows and Jordan's
 River fed,
 Whence came a fate so dire? The tale's soon
 told;
 All that it got, it fast did hold.
 All tributary streams formed here their grave,
 Because that sea received but never gave,
 O Sea that's Dead, help me to know and feel
 That selfish grasp and greed my doom will
 seal,
 Help me, O Christ, myself, my best to give,
 That I may others bless, and like Thee live.
 Anon.

DIVINE HEALING

I am praising the Lord for healing. I was sick for eighteen years and was troubled with appendicitis; only an operation would heal me. I was unable to do my work and felt as if I was only a burden. Life meant nothing to me. I was ready to give up, when the Lord sent Bro. Robert Parham and his wife to our town. Then I begin to see the Light and through prayer I was completely healed, and now I do my work and feel that life is so much when spent in the service of the Lord. My baby had typhoid fever and was struck with paralyses, was in bed 56 days and the Lord healed her. Thank God for such wonderful power. May every one realize there is only one Great Physician, the Shepherd that heals His sheep and watches over them thru the dark hours of temptation.

Praise His precious name.

Your sister in Christ,
 Mrs. Ed Archer,
 Somerville, Texas.

Did you give him a lift? He's a brother of man,
 And bearing about all a man ought to stand;

Did you give him a hand? He was slipping down
 hill,
 And the world, so he fancied, was using him
 ill. ----

Did you give him a smile? He was down cast and
 blue,
 And a smile might have helped him to battle
 it through.

Did you ask what it was? Why the quivering
 lip?

Why the half suppressed sob? Why the scald-
 ing tears drip?

Did you offer to help the one that was in need?
 Were you a friend when the time came? Or
 didn't you heed.

By Lester Wilkson,
 (Written when just a lad)

INFLUENCE

A man's influence lives forever. He dies and is buried, but his influence is left behind to work on; and it will continue to build up or wreck lives down through the coming ages according as it is good or bad. "Gather up my influence and bury it with me," were the dying words of a wrecked young man to his weeping friend. How his request startled them and lacerated their bleeding hearts with a deeper agony! How impossible to comply with his request!

By living as he had lived he had created a working force which only the Omnipotent could annulate; and this God does not do.—Sel.

Elgin Illinois,
 April 12, 1932

Dear Sister Parham and
 Apostolic Faith Family

Greetings in Jesus' name:

We are just beginning a campaign in Elgin, Ill. We gave our first invitation last night and four were sanctified. We never saw such interest manifested in the "Prophetic Word" as is evident here. No one preaches divine healing to this needy people. Of all the 34,000 population of this place the last religious census shows over 18,000 of them have no church affiliation what ever. Such a whitened field for the harvest.

Surely we are nearer the end of this gospel era than most of God's people realize. We are praying God to give us a great harvest here, please join us with your prayers.

Yours in His blessed bonds,
 Evangelist Irene Dilworth.

CAMP MEETING AT DEW, TEXAS

Evang., H. G. Stockwell, assisted by other ministers and workers will conduct a camp meeting at Dew, Texas, June 26 to July 10.

For further information regarding the meeting address,

H. G. Stockwell,
Magnolia, Texas

Laverne, Okla.,
April 11, 1932

Dear Sister Parham,
Greetings:

We are glad to report victory in all things through the Blood of Jesus. God has supplied our every need, given us a place to work in His vineyard and souls for our hire. His word as it went forth has been confirmed with signs following. In the meeting closed a week ago in Booker ten found salvation, twelve were sanctified and eighteen filled with the Holy Spirit and spake in other languages as the Spirit gave utterance. I am glad for a Bible evidence. Eight went into the water on the last Sunday in water baptism, and all enjoyed the presence of the Lord.

We are now in a revival in Laverne. It has just started but we are looking forth to a great revival, and ask you to pray that we may see souls delivered and made free in Him.

I am as ever your Brother in the Lord,
Gail W. Schultz.

Utopia, Texas,
April 29, 1932

Dear Sister Parham:

Received your good letter and we are glad for all the news, and we are praying that God will supply the means for the paper soon. Seems that it is hard to keep things going these days but God has never forsaken His own, so we must all look up and praise Him for His goodness and that we got to know Him before these days came.

This leaves us starting a tent meeting in Utopia, several of the ministers are expecting to be with us for this meeting. Bro. Alfred Whately, Bro. Ben Barker and party, also Bro. Watkins; we hope to see a real revival for this section of the country.

Yours in Him,
Chester Jackson

JOPLIN REVIVAL MEETING

Brother Gail Schultz, having closed a 9 weeks' Revival, at the 12th Street Mission in Joplin, on January 24; the Lee S. Drachewberg evangelistic party took charge and the meeting has been going on continually with good music and singing.

And as Bro. Drachenberg brought forth the Word of God in the Spirit, men and women were seized with mighty conviction and the altars have been filled with people seeking God. About 78 souls have been saved and many have been sanctified and baptized with the Holy Spirit.

We certainly do praise God for the wonderful outpouring of the Spirit on all the Church as well as on the unsaved. It is a wonderful thing these days to see men and women come weeping their way to Calvary, as they have been doing. God has been working in a wonderful way, and there has been rejoicing in heaven as well as on earth, when we have seen mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers, all saved. In some instances whole families have been saved and when they got saved they went and told others what a wonderful Savior they had found, and God saved their loved ones too.

Many have been healed as they were prayed for and many have been baptized in water.

Jesus said: "I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me." And Bro. Drachenberg has lifted up no man save Jesus Christ and God has verified His word, as he preached it without fear or favor, telling only the truth as it is written in God's word. We all certainly praise God for sending Brother Drachenberg our way.
C. S. Butler, Pastor, Full Gospel Mission,

Vining, Okla.
April 19, 1932

Bro. Drachenberg and party stopped for one night service on their way to Texas. There was a good crowd and several souls saved and others under conviction. We are praying for a real revival at this place. Please pray that God will send some one to help us.

Mrs. A. P. Sparks.

Evangelist S. W. Ditto is closing the meeting at Breham, Texas, where he has been for several weeks. God has wonderfully blessed the people at that place.

3rd ANNUAL MEMORIAL MEETING
CHARLES F. PARHAM
 Houston, Texas
 West End Mission, 909 Knox St.
 Sunday, June 5.



Many dear ones of the Faith celebrated the birthday of Bro. Chas. F. Parham during his lifetime, to show their appreciation of his great consecration to God, his life of service and the glorious Gospel he brought to many. Since his death this day has been kept as a memorial to him. South Texas plans to have an all day meeting with basket dinner, that the people of God might come together for a great spiritual out pouring. Many of the old timers of the faith will be there who have stood true to God these many years.

Robert L. Parham will be in charge with Mrs. Chas. F. Parham present. A large number of ministers, workers, and delegates will be there from Alvin, Hempstead, Katy, Wallis, Tavener, Somerville, Waller, Belleville, Brookshire, East Bernard, Brenham, Galveston, Texas City, Liverpool and many other towns in the south. People will be there from many miles, so make your plans to be with us, for all are cordially invited.

NATIONAL CAMP MEETING

It has been decided to have the National camp meeting of the Apostolic Faith at Caney, Kan., for this coming summer Aug. 6-21. A number of the Evangelists have agreed to attend and act as a committee, and every one is working hard to make it a real blessing to all that shall come.

Arrangements have been made for a fine camp ground and the city has extended every kindness also their support to this meeting, and were very glad to have it in their town.

Plan to come to the camp meeting, and be among those that are coming to deepen their lives in God, already several are saving money to come on and have spoken for tents. We expect one of the largest crowds for some time, in spite of the hard times, so we are praying that God will supply your needs to be with us at this time. Everyone pray that it will bring us all closer to God and a greater unity among the people that are standing for the faith, as we draw near His coming.

Tents and cots can be rented at the smallest cost for several years, also rooms at a low cost can be secured by those wanting such. Those wanting tents or cots should notify the chairman so arrangements can be made in time. Any donations will be accepted as unto the Lord.

For further information address the chairman, Chester Jackson, 816 S. W. 6th, Perryton, Texas.

CONVENTION PLAN FOR SOUTH TEXAS

There has been so many requests for us to have a camp meeting this summer so we feel to have a camp meeting this summer so we feel to Bible school and convention of ministers, workers and believers in the day meeting. We are expecting many people to come for the good of this meeting, make your plans to be there. The location, and the date will be announced at the Birthday Meeting in Houston, Texas, June 5.

We are at present in a revival at Webb City, Missouri and the Lord is blessing, many souls have been saved, sanctified, and a real work is being done in the hearts of the believers.

Those wanting information about the Convention write to Robert L. Parham, 1436 Columbia Ave., co. A. B. Corl, Houston, Texas.

Yours in the fight for God and Souls.
 Robert, Pauline, and little daughter, Roberta
 June.