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SOME ONE HAD PRAYED

By Grace Noll Crowell

The day was long, the burden I had borne
Seemed heavier than I could longer bear,
And then it lifted—but I did not know
Some one had knelt in prayer.

Had taken me to God that very hour,
And asked the easing of the load, and He,
In infinite compassion, had stooped down
And taken it from me.

We can not tell how often as we pray
For some bewildered one, hurt and distressed,
The answer comes—but many times those
hearts
Find sudden peace and rest.

Some one had prayed, and Faith, a reaching
hand,
Took hold of God, and brought Him down
that day!
So many, many hearts have need of prayer—
Oh, let us pray.

Contributed by a Friend.

THE RETURN OF THE JEWS.

(By Chas. F. Parham)

If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth, if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.—(Ps. 137:5,6.)

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee.—(Ps. 122:6.)

In writing a little article on the above subject it is impossible to go into any detail however the thought may demand, but I wish rather to direct your minds to some interesting thoughts in connection with the restoration of Palestine to the Jews, as it is to be rather a restoration of Palestine to the Jews, than a restoration of the Jews to Palestine; as many of the Jews are so filled with greed for gain they will not consider the return as inviting to them, such are better left out of the plan.

The nations are more fully and carefully (tho ignorantly) carrying out the program of Prophecy than any company of actors could carry out the program of a play on the stage. England has no religious thought in the freeing of Palestine from the Turk; it was political—a war measure—yet she fulfilled the word of prophecy to the letter. For twenty-five years I have lectured on this subject and held that in the coming war of Nations the British would free Palestine as a war measure and give it to the Jew as they needed the money power of the Jews, also, the political power and prestige of such a nation to influence their demands when peace would be concluded. India was treacherous and Egypt was rebellious and the establishment of the Jews as a powerful nation in that quarter of the world was essential to the prestige of the British power.

Yet the attempt to conquer the Turk thru the Dardanelles failed, not because of the lack of bravery of the English troops, but because God had ordained it to be thru Egypt or the route Moses took, and they fulfilled the Word, in that not a building was destroyed in the conquest of the Holy Land as Jerusalem will not again be overrun till the Battle of Armageddon is fought in the Valley of Esdralon northwest of the city.

The return of the Jews will begin the seventieth week of Daniel and the last seven years

of this age; don't let anyone deceive you as tho this war would be settled and the nations continue as they were before, and Christ not come for a million years. **These are the closing days of this age and the return of the Jews means the closing of the Gentile age, the end of this civilization, and downfall of the present order of Society and Churchianity and the fall of the nations putting an end to Autocracy, Plutocracy and Orthodoxy (the fall of Babylon) out of which will arise the League of Nations, the world's Democracy, the ten-toed, ten-horned United States of the world—a Universal Brotherhood presided over by a commission of ten men who will rule the world for three years and a half, then the anti-christ will be revealed the final Autocrat of the world, who will be destroyed by the brightness of the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ from heaven, with power and great glory.**

The vital point to Christians in the restoration, is this, that the return of the Jews is to be in The time of trouble such as there never was." At that time God's true overcomers will be changed and go into Redemption according to Dan. 12 and of the 15th of Corinthians. So that the absolute certainty of the soon return of the Jews proves that our Redemption is at hand, and it will occur not at the descent of the Lord but at the time of Restoration of the Jews.

As it was in the time of Noah so will it be at the coming of the Son of Man; if that be true, listen: Seven days before the flood came, God ordered Noah into the Ark and God shut the Door. The prophet says in the figurative interpretation of prophecy we are to take a day for a year and a year for a day.

As the Jews are to be in Palestine the seventieth of week of Daniel then the return of the Jews will close the door of mercy on this age and the last seven years will be void of the privilege of Salvation. Sinners hasten into the fold.

From the day the Jewish congress meets in Jerusalem and proclaims the Jews a restored Nation, or from the day the little horn of Dan makes a covenant with the Jews for seven years, it will be exactly seven years till the feet of the Lord will split Mt. Olivet in His return.

Three years and a half will be given to the

world wide Socialistic Democracy ruled by a Commission of ten men, the last three years and a half by the Anti-Christ, as the world Dictator. Not till the reign of the Anti-Christ will people be made to take the "Mark of the Beast," so that nothing you are asked to sign in the present war, has ought to do with the "Mark of the Beast."

The present war has deferred the struggle between Capital and Labor but has not settled it. Industrialism will either arise and settle his war or a great struggle will follow between the masses and the classes to evolve the world Democracy. And unless the government hastily rids the country of the profiteers, that struggle will shortly ensue. Grandly the masses of this country have patriotically arisen to the need of the hour and shown wonderful loyalty to Mr. Wilson and Mr. Hoover and the requests made by them. But as I travel all over the country, I have reason to know that they won't stand for this profiteering, and if the government desires to keep their loyalty they must shortly deal with these profiteers and on no easy terms; the masses will not stand for this much longer.

We are now in the beginning of sorrows leading up to the final struggle of the age: the fight between Capital and Labor which will overthrow the present forms of Governments, kill the rich, destroy the Lodges, Churches and Combines; then the masses will establish a world-wide league of nations, a united state of the world on the Basis of a true Democracy. When the struggle comes between the masses and the classes in each nation will be the "Time of Trouble" spoken of by Dan, and about that time the Jews will return, the Church go into redemption, the door of mercy closed on this age. We are fast passing thru the beginning of sorrows to the **TIME OF TROUBLE**. Brethren, let us look up when we see all these things for our Redemption is at hand. Even so.

(Written during the time or soon after the world's war.)

Bro. Millard E. Brown writes from Hardesty, Okla., March 6.—"Our meeting is good here. Several have been saved, sanctified and one has received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit."

THE PRICE OF REBELLION

Let us go to the Bible for a few examples. But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Matt. 24:37-38.

Even the sons of God,—(the 6th day creation) left their own habitation, rebelled and fell from the spiritual to the earth plane, taking wives of the descendants of Adam, or the 8th day formed race; (Gen. 6:2.) Their hearts being evil. Gen. 6:5. God said He would destroy man, **whom He had created**, from the face of the earth. Gen. 6:7. He did, (Gen. 7:19-24) but not the 8th day formed man, for Noah and his family were spared, "a just man, and perfect in his generations," a direct descendant from Adam. Gen. 5:28-32.

Ask Pharaoh the price of rebellion. The Bible tells of the rivers turned to blood; the plagues of frogs, lice, flies, murrain of beasts, boils, hail, locusts, darkness and the slaying of the first born in every home in one night. Exodus 8th, 9th and 10th chapter.

What about the rebellious in the wilderness? They grumbled at their leader, rebelled and fell. Only the obedient and faithful were privileged to cross the river Jordan, into the Promised Land, I Cor. 10:5-12. Heb. 4:11.

Look to Jerusalem. They rebelled and fell. Their city was laid waste, their land a wilderness, the Temple throne down; the word of God fulfilled again. I King 9:6, 7. Jer. 25:18. 26:18 Matt. 23:37-38. Matt 24:2. Luke 19:41 44.

What about Nebuchadnezzar? Dan. 4th chapter.

What about Belshazzar? Dan. 5th chapter.

Ask Ahab. I Kings 16:29-34. 22:34-40. Ask the Sodomites. Gen. 19th chapter.

These are only a few of the examples of the price of rebellion and sin, which should be a warning to individuals and to nations today that live ungodly. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land; but if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. Isa. 1:19-20. The nations of the earth are branded for destruction soon because of their sins, May God help us to labor with Him for the salvation of souls.

Yours for service,

S. W. DITTO.

Taian Shantung, China.

Dear friends at home:

On the 20th of July Miss Greer and I started for Machuang to attend the meetings at the "Jesus Home." The new home will comfortably accommodate about one hundred and there were more than six hundred to sleep and eat there during this week of special meetings, so you can imagine conditions. The church which seats four hundred was packed and there were hundreds in the yard. The evening meetings rarely closed before eleven o'clock. The Lord certainly blessed the place, and filled the hungry with good things.

The diet was of the very plainest; millet cereal for breakfast, and more millet with vegetables for the afternoon meal. There was no bread, meat or salted vegetables which the Chinese love to eat with their food, and not even the inevitable tea! In place of the last, a drink was made of mulberry leaves which grow on the place.

Among those present were representatives from America, Russia and Denmark as well as from four or five provinces of China. The crowd included wealthy business men as well as poor farmers; students educated abroad, as well as illiterate men and women; preachers as well as non-Christians; young and old, the lame, the halt and the blind. Yes, even a leper was there.

Some were seeking salvation, some healing and some a deeper experience. Many were blessed along these various lines. A woman who went from Taian had been demon possessed for three years was delivered and perfectly normal while there. Souls were saved and several were baptized with the Holy Spirit.

On the last day, one hundred and eighty people were baptized in water by one of our Methodist preachers who was the first to accept the **Holy Spirit teaching** and has been wonderfully used in soul-winning ever since. It certainly was a most impressive sight to witness those scores of "born again" Christians going down into the water of the new baptismal pool, while hundreds stood around it, praising God in song and prayer. More than five hundred partook of the Lord's Supper in the last service of the week. Truly it was a great feast, lasting those seven days and I am glad

to have had a part in it.

This place is twenty miles from Taian and eight from the nearest railroad station, and the roads are far from being motor roads. I went by rickshaw and returned by barrow. Soon after the meetings were over about thirty of the members of the home started out on evangelistic trips, many of them walking long distances to preach the gospel.

Since my return from the "Jesus Home," I have spent two wonderful days with Baptist friends on the mountain side, and one in the Methodist camp. I have taken part in two funerals and one wedding.

The latter took place on one of the rainiest days of the rainy season. I was responsible for the church decorations, the bouquets for the bride and the flower girls, and for the wedding march. However the Chinese musicians (?) made so much noise that I did not try to compete with them. The master of ceremonies had failed to tell them to keep still after they got into the church, and I thought the combination of sounds would be even more distressing than theirs alone. The bride was dressed in light orange silk with a deep pink veil and green silk hose. Her bouquet was made of pink and white oleander blossoms with streamers of smilax and flowers. The groom wore a black garment decorated with huge red rosettes and streamers. The wedding feast took hours as usual so most of this rainy day was given over to this wedding.

We received word that one of the T. B. boys in whom we had been much interested, had passed away. I went out to the boy's funeral in a near-by village. A few months ago this boy was restored after he was considered dead, and through this miracle of healing through prayer a strong church has been established in this village. Now that his work is done, the Lord took him home. The Chinese have a custom of dressing a corpse in winter clothing, no matter what the weather, so this boy was dressed in wadded clothing and a winter cap, and covered with a comforter.

The other funeral this week was that of a carpenter who with six members of his family were baptized and taken into the church only two weeks ago. He fell from a tree and was instantly killed, but this accident did not

shake the faith of these new Christians.

A colored evangelist is holding meetings in the Four Square Gospel Mission in this city. They have borrowed the Baptist benches and the Methodist tent for these meetings so you see how all denominational lines are being broken down by this revival movement which is sweeping over Shantung.

Lillian Greer and I were both very much interested in your letters. Mrs. Lawler and her daughter, former Penecostal missionaries, now under the Four Square Mission—are here in Taian caring for one of their missionaries, who has been very ill with typhoid-pneumonia. She knew the Bro. Parham of whom you wrote.

The Bible Training School is going along nicely with more pupils than ever before in its history. There are three fine Chinese teachers, a cook, a nurse for the children, and the gate-keeper, who is man of all work, on our staff. Our evening prayers have gradually become a meeting about two hours long which is attended by several Christians outside the school.

We have had a unique case in Chinese history this term. One of the women was so homesick for her mother-in-law that she was really ill, could not study and had to go home to get comforted. Another unique case is that of a woman of about fifty who came with her daughter-in-law and little granddaughter. We have had plenty of cases where the woman came to get rid of living with her mother-in-law.

Twenty years ago I set sail from Seattle, Wash., bound for Taian. It was a long and seasick journey and I was glad when I reached my destination. I am one of the few missionaries on the field who has never lived in any other station than the one to which she was sent. Do you wonder, that after all these years, Taian seems like home to me?

Yours in China, Nora M. Dillenbeck.

Editorial Note: The above article is extracts which I have taken from letters given us by the courtesy of Miss Edna Baker. The letters were written to her and her mother, Mrs. Barget of Conway Springs, Kan. Space would not permit me to copy all the letters, but I am sure we are all interested in this glimpse of foreign missionary work.

"The Life of Charles F. Parham"

I have been intending, since reading the "Life of Charles F. Parham," to write you telling of some of the impressions which came to me while reading it and of the influence which it has had upon my life.

As I began the reading of this book, I realized that it was no ordinary biography. There is something about the life of Mr. Parham as recorded by his wife that takes one into the very presence of Jesus Christ. It is the record of the life of a disciple and an apostle. Mr. Parham was very fortunate in having his life's work written by one who knew its every detail and who presented it through the pen of a loving and sympathetic wife. She in turn was fortunate in having as a subject the life of one who was a flaming evangel for the Lord and who was led in such a marvelous way by the Holy Spirit. One becomes firmly convinced that he was what he called himself—"The Voice of One Crying in the Wilderness" by Divine appointment; that the closing days of this dispensation were ushered in by the ministry of one who bore a striking resemblance to the last of the prophets, John the Baptist. We long to see exemplified in the lives of professing Christians that spirit of the Master which in self-effacing service gives its ministry where there is least likelihood of recognition and no promise of reward. We find this in a remarkable degree in the life of Mr. Parham. It was his fixed purpose to follow only the leadings of the Holy Spirit and to look to the Lord alone to supply all temporal needs. God never failed him.

To me the supreme thing about the "Life of Charles F. Parham" is the thrilling expectancy which lays hold of the reader. One instinctively feels that something tremendous is going to be revealed in it. As one follows the developments of his great ministry with the conversion of multitudes of sinners, marvelous healings of sick and broken bodies and the Latter Rain outpouring of the Holy Spirit as on the Day of Pentecost accompanied by the speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance, until the Holy conflagration had swept around the entire world during his life time, one pauses again and again to praise God for it all. But the best is yet to come. One

sees this life, which God has raised up from weakness, made strong in Him—a dynamo of power, a torrent of energy. Then when he has just about finished the work to which God called him, with shattered health but with the same buoyant and indomitable spirit he sets forth in the realization of a life-long ambition to visit the Holy Land with the eagerness of youth. One catches the contagion of his enthusiasm for the scenes and history of the land where Jesus lived and wrought, suffered, died and rose again. What a splendid culmination that was for such a life! And what a climax it was when on his passage home in mid-ocean, knowing that his days were numbered and longing greatly for the presence of his Lord, after a period when it seemed that Jesus withheld Himself, he was privileged to experience the nearness, the ineffable sweetness and the overpowering glory of the very presence of Christ the Son of God. All sickness, all weariness, all haunting trials fell back from that presence as all evil, sin and injustice will vanish away before the presence of our coming King when He returns with the vast multitude of His saints to establish His everlasting kingdom on earth. Praise God! Hallelujah! What a triumphant ending for the life of a good soldier of the Cross. Mr. Parham lived on the few remaining days of his life with the consciousness of that constant presence of Jesus ever with him. There is something so thrilling, so moving about it that I feel the spell of this life every time I turn my thoughts to it. My great regret is that I never took advantage of the chance I once had to make the acquaintance and benefit by the personal help of Brother Parham. But it is my firm purpose to follow his teachings, to which I fully subscribe. His life is an inspiration and challenge to us all.

LAURENCE R. GUTHRIE,
Boys, Md.

Editorial Note: Since accepting the Full Gospel message and thereby ceasing to be in harmony with the program of the denominational modern churches, Brother Guthrie has left the salaried pastorage to wholly trust God for himself and family and is desiring to start an independent work along Full Gospel lines. This

is a new field for this gospel and they request our prayers in this pioneer work. Sister Guthrie, formerly Miss Mary Tuttle of Galena, attended the great revival Mr. Parham held there in 1903 and is well known to a number of our readers.

OUR EVANGELISTIC TOUR

After leaving Somerville, Tex., where the Lord blessed and saved 8 souls, during four glorious days and nights of service, we made a number of stops in new places and in the old missions. We held services in the Court-house at Brenham, and on to Katy, Tex., being in the Revival there, which Floyd M. Durham had and was then continued by Gail Schultz and the Tuckers. We were on our way to Houston, Tex., and glad to be again with the Stanbrys and the dear ones of the Faith there and at Alvin, Tex., where Alford Whitely is pastoring, and the Modricks and Harold Williams and wife were holding a Revival meeting. God blessed our services together, saving one soul and we all rejoiced together and praised God.

Being in Galveston over Sunday, we taught the Galveston Bible class which is undenominational and how we praise God for the night service in Bro. Tix's home. God honored the service and manifested His healing power. Praise His name. From here we crossed the ferry to Pt. Arthur where they have been praying for years for this Gospel to come. We showed the pictures in a Gospel Tabernacle and also had a fine prayer meeting in the home of Sis. Preston Smith. They are hungry here for more of God. Trust God will make it possible to go back again for a great Revival.

Sister Nettie Bisbee had been wanting us for some two years to come to Tomball, Tex., and show the pictures of the Holy Land which we were glad to do. The rain hindered some, but the second night there was a good crowd, and we were glad for the musical program furnished by the Young People of Houston.

We went on to Waller, Tex., for one night and people came out to see the pictures who had never been out before, and the faithful ones here felt lifted up. We appreciated the hospitality of each one and enjoyed being in the

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C. C. Anderson home.

Also at Hempstead on Sunday night (Mar. 4) people came for the services, (both preaching and the pictures) that had never been before. Many hands were raised for salvation, and responded to the altar call; the Mission was packed, many standing inside and outside too, looking thru the windows. Two carloads of the Hempstead folks came on over to Bellville, Tex., Monday night to encourage the faithful ones here. God crowned the service with His presence, healing the sick and one hungry soul seeking the Lord. From here on to the Tavenor Community Church for one night service and then we will start a weeks meeting at Brookshire, Tex., in the K. and P. Hall, from Mar. 11 to the 18.

After this meeting we will be heading for West Texas and rush on to the many calls that are waiting and asking for meetings.

This surely has been a wonderful trip, seeing many saved and healed, and having the sweet fellowship of God's children; it encourages us to press the battle on for the Master.

In His Glad Service,

ROBERT and PAULINE PARHAM,

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Brookshire, Tex.

Let us all unite our prayers for the healing of Mrs. John Smith at Bellville, Texas.

A number of our Baxter friends have been coming to our home and helping us to wrap the paper for mailing out. We appreciate their help, as our mailing list is growing rapidly, new names being added each month.

BRIEF MENTION

The Apostolic Faith people at Caney, Kansas have secured a mission building on N. Wood 817 and will be glad to have any of God's people to stop with us, as they pass through. Mr. and Mrs. Y. E. Hill.

Bro. Floyd Durham is holding a meeting at Perryton, Texas.

Bro. Jake Fletcher is at home attending the revival meeting at Perryton, having recently closed a meeting at Eddy of which he writes: "We had a wonderful meeting there. The Lord was present to save, heal, sanctify and to baptize with the Holy Ghost. The Lord willing I intend to start a meeting at Mount Zion about March 2. Please remember me in prayer."

Bro. Percy Campbell has been holding some services near Spearman. Present address, Spearman, Texas.

Wm. Yeakel writes from Elk City, Okla.. "After holding services in the Bales School House for 10 days we closed and went five miles north and are now holding services in the Carpenter Community Church, a little place here in Western Okla. Good crowds attend each night and interest is being shown."

The Scott and Dickson Evangelistic party report—"The meeting closed at Conatser Hill about six miles from Delight, Ark. The Lord wonderfully blessed many hungry hearts; eight souls found Christ in the forgiveness of their sins, three sanctified and two filled with the Holy Spirit. Bro. R. L. Parham and wife came by and showed the pictures of the Holy Land. There were large crowds and good interest."

In a letter written to Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Parham, J. F. Bruss of Kalamazoo, Mich., testifies to being healed of deafness—"I wrote you on the 17th of Jan. and at 11 a. m. 19th of Jan. (about the time you folks were in prayer) my ears were opened and I began to praise the Lord. I was twelve days in total deafness. Jan 23th I went to work and am working eight hours a day now. Praise the Lord. Oh, we need so much to pray one for another in these dark days."

Glory fled from Saul who followed it but it followed David, who fled from it.

DUET Words and music by Benny Stanberry

1. Jes-us my Sav-ior is His name, Songs of His love I love to
 2. My Savior un-der-stands the road, That leads us to His blest a-
 3. Soon Jesus Christ will come again, And take us back with Him to

sing, For He is so precious to me each day, Oh yes I'll sing
 bode, If we fol-low the Sav-ior from day to day, He'll go be-fore
 reign, On that happy shore wor-ship and a-dore, And praise the Sav-

D.S. CHORUS Lively

of His love all the way. { My Sav-ior is my Guide, what-
 us and lead all the way. { He's near from morn 'till night, every-
 or for- ev - er-more.

-e'er be-tide, I love Him, yes indeed; He is so true and
 thing is right, while He is by my side; I love Him so, every

1. pre-cious too, with-out Him what could I do; 2.
 where I go, His()love shall a'er abide.

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"Sometime, when all life's lessons have been
 learned,
 And sun and sars forever more have set,
 The things which our weak judgments here
 have spurned,
 The things o'er which we grieved with lashes
 wet,

Will flash before us out of life's dark night,
 As stars shine most in deeper shades of blue,
 And we shall see how all God's plans were right
 And how, what seemed reproof, was love, most
 true."

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