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**F**aith makes the discords of the present the harmonies of the future.  
— Collyer.

**A**ll the scholastic scaffolding falls, as a ruined edifice, before  
one single word—faith. — Napoleon.

**I**n actual life every great enterprise begins with and  
takes its first forward steps in faith. — Schlegel.

HAVE  
FAITH  
IN  
GOD

**T**he steps of faith fall on the seeming void, but  
find the rock beneath. — Whittier.

**H**e who expects to find men faithful to  
each other will much disappointed be  
when men cease to be faithful to their  
God. — George Horne.

“Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common  
salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that  
ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto  
the saints.” Jude 3.

# What Manner of Man?

By JERRY McCLENAGAN

TEXT: Mark 4:41, "... What manner of man is this ... ?"

As the Son of **man** Christ knew physical limitations, deprivations, and temptations as we. He experienced emotionally, mentally, and physically the life of a human being as you and I. He was God in flesh and blood: the "Word became flesh and dwelt among us." He "took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men ... being found in fashion as a man ... ." He became like us that we might become like Him!

Thus, we see that He was very much a **man**, but what **manner** of man? What qualities, what powers, what abilities did this "Man" possess and display?

He was a man in tune with God, His Father, a man anointed with the Spirit. His words, His acts, His life were all the expression of spiritual power from a human soul!

Christ was no ordinary man, and we cannot explain His humanity, perhaps, on the same level as ourselves. But aside from His glory with the Father preceding His incarnation, we must realize that He **did** become like us! However, He did not become like us as concerns **sin**. He exercised complete faith and trust in His heavenly Father. He experienced the full power and energy of the Holy Spirit. He could do "nothing of Himself," He said. He explained that it was His Father that had "given Him power over all flesh."

Let's take a step by step look at Christ as the Son of man.

## A Man of Sorrows

Isaiah says Christ was "a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief." The word "sorrows" means, literally, "pains". This does not necessarily mean physical pains. It involved suffering in spirit and mind. But even this kind of suffering will have its effect on the body. The torture of heart at Gethsemane brought blood to His brow. He was in-

deed a man of sorrows.

Isaiah's inspired words seem to imply that this grief was the result of His being "despised and rejected of men." As He wept over Jerusalem it was a sorrow because of the rejection of men. It was not a self-centered grief. Rather, it was because He knew all that was involved: the salvation of these people. He felt the emotion of compassion and the emotion of grief. A man of sorrows!

## A Man of Prayer

Because of His humanity He must pray. If He had relied upon His divinity there would have been no need to pray. Often He "withdrew" Himself to pray. The source of His power and poise was from His Father through prayer. Whether He faced the crowds or the cross, He faced them as a man — but a man in touch with God, because He prayed. He was a man of prayer!

## A Man of Faith

The "sorrows" could only have been met through prayer. And prayer was the foundation and strength of His faith. He taught us to **pray in faith** for our needs. And He taught that if we have faith mountains can be cast into the sea. At this time He was speaking of casting out an evil spirit. He then said that this kind of evil spirit "goes not out but by prayer and fasting." He speaks of having **faith**, but then emphasizes **prayer**. Why? Because if we are to have faith we must pray. He taught this because He lived it and succeeded by it. Because He was a man of prayer He was a man of faith!

## A Man of Victory

We see Christ face the trials of life with prayer and faith. These two steps inevitably lead to this one: victory!

Isaiah said of Christ: "He shall not fail, nor be discouraged." A

man of victory!

Is it any wonder, then, that we are promised victory through Him? "Thanks be unto God, which giveth us the **victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**"

We began by saying that Christ, as the Son of **man**, experienced like temptations, deprivations, and limitations as we. He "was in all points tempted like as we are, **yet without sin.**" He was victorious in His daily living! Thus, He is our Example and our Helper!

Though we may face the various complications and temptations of life, we can be men of prayer, and faith, and victory, because we follow in Christ's steps!

(Scripture references for the above article: John 1:14; Phil. 2:7-8; Acts 10:38; II Cor. 5:21; I Pet. 2:22; John 17:5; John 17:2; 4; John 5:19, 30; Isa. 53:3; Lk. 22:44; Matt. 23:37; Lk. 5:16; Matt. 17:20-21; Isa. 42:4; I Cor. 15:57; Heb. 4:15.)

## OBITUARY

Robert E. Hunt, 35, Uvalde, Texas son of Mrs. Fern (Hunt) Polvado, passed away December 17, 1961. He was born at Cheney, Kansas, May 20, 1926. In 1950 he was united in marriage to Georgia Lewis at Sabinal, Texas.

Leaving to mourn his passing are his wife, Georgia; two daughters, Charlotte and Nancy; one son, Robert Jr., all of the home. His mother, Mrs. Fern Polvado, Vanderpool, Texas; his grandmother, Mrs. Jessie C. Dibbens, Vanderpool, Texas; one brother, Jarman D. Hunt, Kansas City, Mo.; several aunts and uncles and a host of friends.

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# Prophecies Concerning Jesus

## AND THEIR FULFILLMENT

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### LETTER OF THANKS

The Apostolic Faith Report  
Readers:

It is with grateful hearts that we the family of Walter Jacobs want to express our thankfulness to you for your faithfulness in prayer, kind letters, and cards helping us to bear the great burden of his illness. He is still in the hospital at this date; but we feel that God has done so much for him and will complete the job as we hold to God for victory.

He is much improved. We transferred him to Veterans' Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri, November 28th. God worked this all out. We don't know how long he will need to stay; but God can complete his healing in a moments time. We only say God's will be done. We thank you and God bless you all for your cards and prayers. —Leota Jacobs.

### CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Polvado and Mr. and Mrs. Jarman Dean Hunt want to thank you for the many kind letters, cards, and prayers during this time of sorrow in the loss of Sister Fern Polvado's eldest son, Robert Earl Hunt.

I may have missed several good scriptures concerning "the prophecies concerning Jesus and their fulfillment;" however, we gathered these together in the hope that they will be a blessing to you, the readers of the Apostolic Faith Report; especially to the ministers and teachers of Bible lessons. —Donald Dibbens

1. A Saviour of Mankind is to be born of the seed of the woman. Gen. 3:14-15.

"And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."

**Fulfillment: Galatians 4:4.**

**"But when the fulness of time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of woman, made under the Law."**

2. The Saviour's Descent Traced.  
I. He came of the Family of Shem. Gen. 9:18.

"And the sons of Noah, that went forth of the ark, were Shem, and Ham and Japheth and Ham is the father of Canaan."

Gen. 9:27. "God shall enlarge Japheth and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant."

**Fulfillment: Luke 3:36. "Which was the son of Cainan, which was the son of Arphaxed, which was the son of Shem, which was the son of Noe, which was the son of Lamech . . ."**

II. And of Abraham, through Isaac and Jacob. Gen. 12:1-3.

(1) "Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

(2) "And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great;

and thou shalt be a blessing:

(3) "And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse them that curseth thee: and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed."

Genesis 18:17-18.

(17) "And the Lord said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;

(18) "Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in Him?"

Genesis 22:18.

"And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because thou hast obeyed my voice."

Genesis 17:18-19.

(18) "And Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live before thee!

(19) "And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call him Isaac; and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him."

Genesis 21:12.

"And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called."

Genesis 26:1-4.

(1) "And there was a famine in the land, besides the first famine that was in the days of Abraham, and Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar.

(2) "And the Lord appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt: dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of.

(3) "Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee: for unto thee, and unto thy seed, will I give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I swore unto Abraham thy father;

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# The Purpose of Prayer

By the late A. B. Stanberry, Sr.

Every person has a part to perform and a place to fill in the world. Communion with God clears the mind and secures divine aid. Prayer seeks divine wisdom, and awaits divine instruction. To live in the constant spirit and habit of prayer is the greatest achievement of the Christian life, and the greatest need of the present day. There are many needs—laborers, funds, wisdom and reforms—but the need of prayer transcends them all. If only the Church of Christ could be impelled to pray, there would be an end to barrenness and failure; without fervent, effectual prayer there is no remedy.

## The Ministry of Prayer

The ministry of prayer opens the door of opportunity for work, to every Christian. There is one great inlet of power into every Christian life—"Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost shall come upon you." There are five outlets: our life, what we are; our lips, what we say; our service, what we do; our money, what we lose; and through our prayer, the only medium through which the universal needs of the world can be touched. We appreciate all these forms of sacred ministry. Tears of joy steal down our cheeks when we stand in holy awe before the picture of the great accomplishments of the transforming power of the ministry of the gospel. We are glad for its purifying effects in the hearts of men and nations. The ministry of sacred song has calmed the storm-tossed soul, and softened the hardest hearts. The personal lives of saints and martyrs have also ministered to the world an example of sacrifice and service, too eloquent for words to utter. And the ministry of giving to worthy causes, and for the extension and upkeep of God's kingdom, has been a great outlet of power for good in the world. Yet all these beautiful pictures have their local coloring. The prayer-life is not only one of

the essential elements in all these holy ministrations, but it adds to the picture the brilliant tints of universality. The effectual prayer of one righteous man can take the wings of the Spirit, and visit the object of its ministrations in any state or nation, in any case or condition, at any hour of the day or night, without permission, passport, or price, and there minister to its spiritual, physical and temporal needs. We can only sing, preach, live, and give where we are, but we can pray for all men everywhere.

## The Mystery of Prayer

Prayer is the only medium by which we can prevail in the Spirit world. The Word of God reveals mysteries; prayer lays hold of God and prevails. The spirit of worldliness will never be broken by strong and fiery words of censure. The powerlessness of the church can never be cured by reproach. If the lack of prayer lies at the root of our trouble, there is no remedy but prayer. The remedy seems sure and simple, and the need urgent and acknowledged. But the remedy is not so simple as it seems. Prayer taxes all the resources of the mind and heart. We see the ease of omnipotence in the miracles of Jesus, marvelous and wonderful as they were, but of His prayers it is said, "He offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears." The mysteries of the accomplishments of prayer, is the result of wrestling in agony with breaking hearts and weeping eyes until the answer is assured. To time-serving, pleasure-loving people, it is a mystery why all those who have shared in Christ's intercessions and triumphs have also tasted anguish and pain. They have wrestled against principalities and powers, contended with the world rulers of satan's kingdom, and have grappled with spiritual forces in the heavenly sphere. Because of this unsolved mystery, satan keeps his workshop running over time, turning

out prayerless sermons, prayerless work, and a prayerless religion. A prayerless Christ is both passionless and powerless, and until prayer is restored to its place and purpose in the Church and habit of individual believers, its impotency needs no other explanation, and its counsellors need seek no other cause. Following the teachings and examples of Christ and the apostles in prayer, will solve the mystery.

## The Mastery of Prayer

Prayer is the deciding factor in a spirit conflict. Earth is the scene of this battle. Christ is the victor, and as the Captain of our salvation, will lead those who will freely give themselves up to God, and fully give themselves over to prayer, on to certain victory. This is the Bible way of giving the Lord a new spot in the contested territory on which to erect the banner of victory—a new footing on the enemy's soil. Prayer is a war measure. Our adversary, the devil, walks about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers, and spiritual wickedness in high places. Nothing short of the whole armor of God will enable Christian soldiers to stand against the wiles of the devil, and quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. **THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR PRAYER, BUT TO PRAYER ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.** Such prayer life seems absolutely simple, but it is by no means easy. The devil sees to that. He sentinels the gateway of prayer. Those who enter must expect a fierce battle on the threshold. Satan dreads prayer. If he does not attack, he will divert. Prayer illuminates and transforms. God teaches men to pray. He opens their eyes and they see things in His light; He touches their hearts, and they feel as He feels. The frivolous are not sincere enough to pray. The proud are not teachable enough to pray. The worldly are too busy to pray. In order to be a victor, Jesus spent whole nights in prayer. He would get up a great while before dawn and go out into a solitary place

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## CONVOCAATION REPORTS

### RALLS, TEXAS

Convocation means "a calling together," or "an assembly of persons called together for a purpose." Thus did some of the ministers and laity of the Apostolic Faith Movement meet together in Christ's name to be challenged and inspired by His Presence among them.

#### Various Responsibilities

The committee — Jim Morris, Gene Waterbury, and Austin Morgan — shared their responsibilities with a number of competent helpers. Among them were: Winston Barker and his wife, who prepared the meals, Ann Adair, who arranged the special songs, Yvonne and Velora Adair, who conducted the children's services, and Jerry McClenagan who, with the accompaniment of Mrs. Gene Waterbury at the organ and Mrs. Austin Morgan at the piano, directed the choir in the evening services.

#### "Preach the Word"

The preaching in the afternoon services was a time of heart-searching and dedication to God. The ministers contributing messages to these gatherings were: R. D. Wooster, Eugene Webster, Stephen Welsh and Jerry McClenagan. One of the afternoon meetings was given a

#### Missionary Emphasis

Natives from India and Korea — Stephen and Mary Abraham and Sung Jae Chyo — sang in their native tongues and spoke of their people's needs in Christ. Bro. Abraham called to the Christian's attention the necessity of responding to God's call from the text, "Here am I, send me." He also referred to their Bible School in India and its similarity to ours in plan and teachings. "The people of the Apostolic Faith Movement," said Bro. Abraham, "can be proud of your missionary work in India."

#### Bible Lectures

Robert Girouard and Marcus Adair fed the Christians some "meat" of the Word in the morning services. Bro. Girouard's themes: "Love" (I Cor. 13), "Divine Healing," and "The Destruction of Russia" (Ezek. 38). Bro.

Adair's subjects: "God's Plan of the Ages" and "Stewardship."

#### "Not in Word Only"

With a burden of love and a fervency of spirit, Harrol Waterbury and Paul Clanton delivered the evening messages. As in I Thess. 1:15, their gospel message "came not unto (us) in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost." Bro. Waterbury's text for three nights was "Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning, (Luke 12:35). The context speaks of the Christian's readiness in view of the Lord's unexpected return. Thus were people reminded of the present-day world conditions in direct relation to the end of this age. The hoped result was that all would realize the expediency of preparing their lives for Christ's coming. The two following nights Bro. Clanton gave a powerful plea for deeper Christian living. His texts: "He Giveth Not the Spirit by Measure," and "How Can I Know the Way." He also delivered the Communion Message.

#### Watch Night

The Convocation came to a close as Winston Barker, in a sermon on "Christian Perfection," enjoined all to walk before the Lord with a perfect heart in 1962.

### WEST COAST

The Lord gave the Churches of the West Coast an outstanding Convocation—not outstanding in acclaim or in large attendance—but in the visitation of God's Spirit.

Outstanding were: the 7:30 p.m. Evangelistic Services; and the Bible Lessons at 10:00 a.m. Bro. K. Kerr from Alvin, Texas brought the Evangelistic messages that melted the hearts of the unsaved and the backsliders. Each night there were from one to four saved. Some were sanctified and some were healed. Some of the Evangelistic Sermon topics were: "Headlines of the Century," "There is a Lad Here," "Three Cheers for the Pharisee," "The Withered Hand," and "Come into the Ark." Bro. Jacob C. Regier from Perryton, Texas gave the

Bible Lessons. He prepared a booklet of scripture references on thirteen different Bible subjects ranging from: "Christ Our Provider;" "The Plan of Salvation;" through "Tithing." The subjects used in these Bible lessons were: "Christ Our Provider;" "Repentance;" "Conversion;" "Looking for Christ's Coming." The messages were appreciated and most of the booklets were taken home for future study.

Bro. Edwin Waterbury was the minister for the afternoon worship services. His subjects were: "Because thou didst not trust the Lord;" "Judgment;" "Prophecy from Zephaniah;" and Bro. Kerr preached one afternoon on "Ye Are Rich."

The Watch Night service was highlighted by the Communion. Bro. Regier spoke on "The Passover and the Lord's Supper" after which the entire congregation partook of the bread and wine which were blessed by the prayers of Bro. Bill Patterson and Bro. Edwin Waterbury.

Bro. Lee Brock and wife were in most of the services serving with their talent and strength. Bro. Bill Patterson was in charge of many services but declined to preach in his home pulpit.

Meals were served in the class rooms in the back of the Stockton Church. Sister Marie Patterson and Sister Patsy Waterbury did the cooking with the aid of many hands. The food was wonderful. The fellowship was superb.

Bro. Edwin Waterbury brought two young men and one young lady from their church in Spring Valley. These young folks along with others from Stockton and Modesto were blessed by the Youth Services conducted by Mavis Van Benthusen. Sister Mavis was joined by Sister Vonda on Saturday of Convocation Week. They also conducted the Children's Services with the help of Sister Patsy Waterbury.

The children of Bro. and Sis. Robert Wayne Girouard, with their mother, sang a song entitled "I'm Getting Ready to go Home." Mrs. Lee Brock composed this song. In the Watch Night Service Mrs. Brock and two other ladies blessed the service by singing this beautiful song again.

All in All — It was a wonderful Convocation.

# PASTORAL REPORTS

## TEXARKANA, TEXAS

Bro. J. W. Elliott sends us word that on three occasions recently he has been healed in answer to prayer. Here are the words of Bro. Elliott, "So as the song says: 'Its No Secret What God Can Do.' So I do praise the Lord for his great healing power. Perhaps this testimony will be of help to the readers of The Apostolic Faith Report. I preached twice here on the street the last two Saturdays. I am praying for the Report. Good bye, A Brother in Christ still looking up." J. W. Elliott.

## SPRING VALLEY, CALIF.

God has given us some gracious services here in the Fair Oaks Chapel of late with the moving of the Spirit. We are praying for a revival the first of the year. Rev. Edwin A. Waterbury, Pastor.

## CAVE SPRINGS, ARKANSAS

We look forward to the paper and enjoy it very much. Bro. Winston Barker conducted a revival for us during the middle of December 1961. Some were saved and blessed of the Lord. The Church is growing. We would love to have anyone of the Faith to come by for services. Rev. Hap Blythe, Pastor.

## PERRYTON, TEXAS

Bad weather caused a small decline in attendance. However God is blessing in all services. A new sidewalk has been installed and plans are underway to re-decorate the parsonage interior. The Harold J. Bollingers and the Marcus Adair family have been recent guests with their singing and preaching.

Jacob C. Regier, pastor

## PRAYER REQUEST

David, baby of Bro. and Sis. Tina McCleod of Center Point, Texas. Baby David is in John Sealy Hospital, Room 9B, Galveston, Texas. URGENT.

## ALVIN, TEXAS

Bro. J. D. Ray conducted an excellent revival that was a blessing to the Church. Personal victories were gained and one filled with the Holy Spirit.

During the Thanksgiving holidays, the Adair family was with us for several services. The Adair girls brought some wonderful singing.

Then the Lord sent the dessert to these wonderful spiritual meals by a visit from Bro. Gail Schultz in our Wednesday night service. Everyone present enjoyed hearing about the Bible School and the Lord certainly anointed his sermon.

R. L. Cannon, Jr., Reporter  
Rev. G. K. Kerr, Pastor.

## STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

The Bill Pattersons, pastors of the Stockton church, write that the Holiday Convocation was a great blessing to their congregation. Bro. Kay Kerr conducted three nights of evangelistic services immediately following the convocation and God blessed in a wonderful way. During the holiday week and the three night services 15 souls were saved. The Stockton church has a fine group of Christian young people who are a blessing and inspiration to the congregation.

## SPRING VALLEY, CALIF.

Bro. K. Kerr was scheduled for a revival in the Fair Oaks Chapel immediately after New Years.

Edwin Waterbury, pastor

## MIDWAY COUNTRY CHURCH LOGAN, OKLAHOMA

God continues to bless in a special way. The Christmas program was successful with attendance of 160. The attendance in the regular services has been excellent recently with a new record of 107 in Sunday School and two persons were saved in morning service recently. A series of Bible lessons is being planned for the near future.

Edwin Modrick, pastor

## FOLLETT, TEXAS

The work of the Lord is consistently going on here. Wednesday night January 17th was a special business meeting and going-away for Bro. and Sis. Roland Haney. The Haney's have accepted the pastorate of the church in Crosses, Arkansas. They will leave Follett the latter part of January. Many phases of the work of the church was discussed with emphasis mostly on reaching out to the unsaved.

Donald D. Dibbens, pastor

## QUITMAN, MISSISSIPPI

The Pine Hill Chapel has been enjoying some very fine services recently. The Watch Night service was of special blessing, the Lord's Supper was observed and sermons were brought by Sister Dorothy Anderson and Brother Jack Hopson.

We conduct services the first Sunday of each month in the County Home and God is blessing in the ministry there. And we especially enjoy the Apostolic Faith Report.

George Hintergardt, pastor

## MODESTO, CALIFORNIA

Bro. and Sis. Kenneth Priest from Stockton are driving back and forth to Modesto to fill in as pastors. They are so anxious for the Lord to provide a pastor for them. They request prayer for the Modesto Church.

## LOVINGTON, NEW MEXICO

The Apostolic Faith Church, 4th at Avenue K, Lovington, New Mexico, enjoyed a good revival January 10th through 21st with Evangelist Austin Morgan, Ralls, Texas.

Homer Allen, pastor

## PINE HILL, ALABAMA

Evangelist Jerry McClenagan began a revival February 4th. This is the first meeting to be conducted in the new building and the people are looking for God for a spiritual refreshing.

Harold Bollinger, pastor.

**STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA**

At Christmas time the Lee Brocks reported that they had been in services in their new Church for seven weeks. The location of the new Church is 2606 N. Wilson Way in Stockton, California. The attendance is running from 30 to 35. From 6 to 10 of these folk attended the Convocation. One received a glorious experience in the Lord. The Sunday Services were dismissed for the Convocation. The Brocks brought their organ from the new Church to the Convocation which enhanced the musical services greatly. They are worshipping in a rented building. The Brocks are living in their new trailer house.

**HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS**

We had a very good Watch Night Service here. We started with 15 people and there were 9 present as the New Year arrived. We had the Lord's Supper. Brother Long brought a heart stirring message dealing with prophecy.

The Church is growing. During the month of December we had our largest number, 22. We want to extend an invitation to all the people of the Movement to come see us. Especially the Ministers to come be with us in some services.

Francis and Ruth Dearing, pastor

**SPEARMAN CONVOCATION**

The Holiday Convocation at Spearman, Texas was well attended and God blessed in so many wonderful ways. One of the outstanding features of the meeting was the fine spirit of unity and brotherly love which prevailed amongst those of God's people gathered there. Several spoke of this and of how the Spirit of the Lord was present to bless in the services. Several persons testified to having been healed by Divine power during the meeting. The Watch Night service was well attended with people coming from various churches of the Faith over the district, and several friends from churches of other faiths in attendance as well. Thanks be unto God for His rich blessings upon the Convocation.

**LIBERAL, KANSAS**

Special services were held Sunday January 28 in celebration of the fifth anniversary of the first service held in the new church building here. Following the Sunday School and morning worship a basket dinner was prepared in the fellowship hall.

The afternoon service was of special interest with a short history of the local church given by Alvin Barker, relating how the first services were held in the Gene Hibbs home, then later the Seventh Day Adventist Church was rented for services. After continuing to worship in the rented building for some time, the people decided the time had come to build a church of their own. Many obstacles were met but God always provided a way to overcome them, and eventually nine lots were purchased in a very good location. The lovely brick building was later built and has gradually been improved, both inside and out, and is now a place of worship dedicated to the promoting of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Besides several Sunday School rooms and a pastor's study, the building contains a lovely sanctuary with red velvet drapes at the windows, and a new organ and piano. The congregation expects to have new pews installed in the near future, also cushioned seats on the choir platform. When the church is completely finished, the next step planned is to build a parsonage beside the church building.

The guest speaker for the afternoon service was Rev. Jacob Regier, pastor of the Full Gospel Church of Perryton, Texas. Bro. Regier brought a message of inspiration and also of warning on the subject "Lest We Forget", taken from the text in Deut. 6:12. From this scripture and its context he pointed out God's warning to Israel that after they had achieved their goal, then to beware lest they forget God who had enabled them to reach that goal. The message brought out the parallel between that day and our present time. Several visiting ministers and lay members came for the afternoon service from the following churches:

Guymon, Okla.; Hardesty, Okla.; Balko, Okla.; Laverne, Okla.; Beaver, Okla.; Canyon, Texas; and Perryton, Texas.

**STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA**

The Church was blessed and benefited by the Convocation. Bro. K. Kerr remained 3 days after the Convocation to conduct Evangelistic Meetings.

Bill Patterson, pastor

**PANHANDLE MINISTERS**

The Panhandle Ministers Meeting for January was held at Perryton, Texas, Tuesday night January 7th. This was a joint meeting with the permanent board of directors for the Panhandle Camp Site at Laverne, Okla., and by-laws governing the camp ground was adopted. Due to the extremely bad weather and bad road conditions the attendance was small.

**BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT**

Superintendent Schultz writes that the Bible School is progressing nicely and God is blessing. Enrollment is small, numbering 16, but everyone is studying diligently and enjoying the Christian fellowship of the School.

The financial needs of the School are being met, thanks to the co-operation of the churches of the Movement. Several churches have contributed various kinds of food stuffs for the cafeteria, and many churches as well as individuals have sent pillows, linens of various kinds, and some gifts of cook-ware. Bro. Schultz sends his sincere thanks to each and every person who has helped to keep the School going, and he asks your prayers for the future.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

James N. Hardy, Box 21 Cerro Gordo, N. C.; Rev. Jesse L. Dockum, Box 27, Hartville, Missouri.

Be careful how you live. You may be the only Bible some people will ever read.

The worst moment for the atheist is when he is really thankful and has nobody to thank.

# The Children's Hour . . .

By ALBERDINE WILHITE

**D** -on't be unruly, never rude.  
 -o, please do the things you should.  
 -on't, please don't forget to pray.  
 -aniel did three times a day.

"D" could stand for deceiver.  
 Satan is his name.  
 To rob us of our faith in God  
 Is his tricky game.

#### MEMORY VERSE:

Do all things without murmurings and disputings. Phil. 2:14.

Satan first became known to the human race in the Garden of Eden. He was responsible for man's fall there. He deceived Eve, who in turn deceived Adam. Satan even tried to deceive our Lord Jesus. He knew Jesus was God's son. So if he will try to deceive the very elect then he will also try to deceive boys and girls.

In order to fight Satan, or the devil, we need to know something about him. He is a fallen angel. At one time he stood at God's throne. He desired to be as high as God. Because of this desire he was cast out of heaven. He is beautiful. He can be an angel of light. He is always busy. He runs to and fro seeking whom he can devour. That's a big word for boys and girls, isn't it? But Satan can devour or destroy, our love of God, our desire to live for Jesus, and our will to do what is right, if we give him the smallest chance. The devil is a master of deceit. He is the father of lies—so let us be careful what we say and how we say it! The lake of fire was made for the devil and his angels, so let us stay true to God and His Son. Let the Holy Spirit guide us into the light of Jesus's love.

Today there are so many things that look harmless to us but they are not pleasing to God

"D" could stand for diamonds.  
 Beautiful but tough.  
 Remember sinners and be kind  
 They could be diamonds in the rough.

or His Son. We all have to make a choice. If we are not for Jesus, we are against Him. If we are against Him then we are for Satan. So beginning today—if we have not been doing so—let us take Jesus with us everywhere we go—to school, to the soda fountain, to the homes of our friends. Remember that Jesus loves you and He cares for you. Only Jesus can protect us from Satan. For where Satan is even God's love does much more abound.

There is a song that children sing today that I sang as a little girl:

"Jesus loves me, this I know  
 For the Bible tells me so.  
 Little ones to Him belong.  
 They are weak but He is strong."

Yes, Jesus loves little children. Isn't it wonderful! But—think just a moment—do you love Jesus? Enough to give Him your heart? Only Jesus can save you from sin and Satan. If you love Him tell Him so. Will you?

When there is no thirst for righteousness the sermon is usually "dry."

C. 1. Devil. 2. Darkness, death  
 5. Deuteronomy. 6. Daniel.  
 Both. 4. Daniel, a major prophet.  
 B. 1. Deuteronomy. 2. Daniel. 3.  
 Dove. 4. Dates. 5. Diamond.  
 A. 1. Dromedary. 2. Dragon. 3.

Answers:

Remember that our key letter is "D".

#### A. Can you name:

1. An Animal? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Esther 8:10.

2. A Reptile? \_\_\_\_\_ Rev.  
 12:3-4.

3. A Bird? \_\_\_\_\_ Gen.  
 8:11.

4. A Fruit? \_\_\_\_\_ 2  
 Chron. 31:5.

5. A precious stone? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ex. 28:18.

B. Two books of the Bible begin with the letter "D". Name them.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

3 Which is found in the old testament?

4 Which one was written by God's prophet?

5. Which one was written by Moses?

6. Deuteronomy or Daniel was cast into the lion's den?

C. Fill in the blanks. "D" is the key!

1. Then was Jesus led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the \_\_\_\_\_  
 Matt. 4:1.

2. The people which sat in \_\_\_\_\_ saw a great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of \_\_\_\_\_ light is sprung up. Isa. 9:2.

Do you have enjoyed the hour. The Lord willing, I'll see you next Report.



YOUTH PAGE**How to Stay Young**

Youth is not a time of life, it is a state of mind. We grow old only by deserting our ideals. Years wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the mind. Worry, selfdistrust, fear, and despair—these are the long, long years that bow the head and turn the growing spirit back to dust. We are as young as our faith and as old as our doubt—as young as our self-confidence—and as old as our fear—as young as our hope and as old as our despair.

**Teen-Ager, Go Home**

Note — The following Open Letter to a Teen-ager first received public attention when it was quoted by Juvenile Judge Philip B. Gilliam, of Denver. More recently it appeared in Abigail Van Buren's syndicated newspaper column. The author of the letter is not known.

"We hear teen-agers complain, 'What can we do? Where can we go?'"

"The answer is: go home! Hang the storm windows, paint the woodwork. Rake the leaves, mow the lawn, shovel the walk, wash the car, scrub the floors. Help the minister, rabbi or priest, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, visit the sick, the poor, study your lesson. And when you're through, if you're not too tired, read a book.

"Your parents do not owe you entertainment. Your city doesn't owe you a recreation center. The world doesn't owe you a living. You owe it your time and energy and your talent so that no one will be at war or in poverty or sick or lonely again.

"You're supposed to be mature enough to accept some of the responsibilities your parents have carried for years. They have nursed, protected, excused and tolerated you. They have denied themselves comforts so that you could have luxuries. This they have done gladly, for you are their greatest treasure. Teen-agers, grow up and go home!"

**To the Youth**

By Patsy Waterbury

I John 2:15 says, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world, for if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in Him."

Although I memorized this scripture as a young person, and have known it many years, the impression of the words seem to be more vivid today than the time I learned it. The definition that is first given in my dictionary of love is: "a feeling of strong personal attachment," or "ardent affection."

Do we love the world? Are we actually thrilled and enthralled by the worldly things going on around us? Oh, I know and realize that we can not shut ourselves up and live apart from

worldly things altogether. If we are Christian young people, we are in the world, but not of the world.

Do we get our biggest thrills from seeing a new motion picture? Are the lives of the screen stars so exciting to us that we can hardly wait for a copy of a movie magazine to tell us another chapter of some glamour queen's new romances? Do we look longingly at the TV personalities and make them our idols? Are these the things we love?

A rich young man, a ruler, came to Christ one time, and because he loved his worldly possessions too much, he could not become a disciple of Christ's without first getting rid of them. What do we love?

I know there are Christian Young People who are actually living for God, but I am constantly alarmed and disheartened by the many who seem to choose the world instead of Christ. Of course the Bible does not specifically say—"Do not go here," or "Don't do this" concerning our modern entertainment places, but it says, *Love not the World!*"

To be a youth today, one doesn't have to drift with the tide. You can live for the Lord! You can still choose the places to go that you know would not be displeasing to God! You can still act, and even dress like a Christian should!

No doubt the ways of Christ, if He were living on earth today, would seem old-fashioned and out-dated to many. Perhaps the standards of a real Christian are almost disappearing today, but let's don't sacrifice our Christian experience just to be fashionable. It's fashionable to dance, to smoke, and to do many other things of the world, but if these things were once sin, are they not still just as sinful today?

Do we have a "feeling of strong personal attachment" for the worldly things? Or, is our life filled with Christ in such a way that we have no room for the Devil's businesses? The Bi-

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**MID-WEST YOUTH RALLY**

Mid-West Youth Rally was held at Laverne, Oklahoma Monday night December 18. Attendance was not as large as usual because of the church groups being unable to come because of Christmas programs. The Woodward church won the attendance banner.

The devotional program followed the Christmas theme, "From the Manger to the Cross," and was given by the Woodward church group. The other church groups contributed to the program with special songs and readings.

The January rally will be at the Midway Country Church.

Carol Baker, Secretary.

**WEST TEXAS YOUTH RALLY**

The Youth Rally was held at the Big Spring Apostolic Faith Church. Invocation and greeting was led by R. D. Wooster, pastor of the church. Special songs were presented from the churches in Big Spring, Snyder, and Ralls, Texas. The program was presented in four parts with this thought as the theme: "Men Working — Against God. Without God, and With God."

Ellen Boyd, reporter.

## To the Youth

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ble says, "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." Let Christ fill your heart with joy! Let Him give you a place to work and spend your time. Attend Sunday School every Sunday! Be the first to step to the choir. Testify when you're given an opportunity. Be at every Youth Service and take part willingly; and don't forget mid-week services! These things will help your love for Christ to grow. Give all your time and service to the Lord.

I recently asked a young sailor what the hardest thing about living for the Lord was in the service. He felt that to be excluded from so many things was the biggest trial.

Oh Christian Youth, don't be afraid to exclude yourself from the worldly things. Some day when we all stand before the Judgment Bar of Christ, many, many will be excluded from Heaven; but you who remain true to the end will hear these joyous words as you are **included** into the Kingdom of God, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things; enter thou into the joy of the Lord."

## Purpose of Prayer

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to pray. Paul, the great Gentile Apostle, fought the good fight of faith, and won the victor's crown by giving himself over to God in wholehearted service day and night, "in many prayers and tears," thus keeping the way clear to the divine presence. One hour spent in spiritual thinking, earnest communication, and patient waiting before the Lord, would do much toward making us the masters of our circumstances and would often save us both time and money; besides keeping our hearts young and our tempers sweet.

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## Prophecies

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(4) "And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all nations of the earth be blessed."

Genesis 28:1-4.

(1) "And Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan.

(2) "Arise, go to Padanaram, to the house of Bethuel thy mother's father; and take thee a wife thence of the daughters of Laban thy mother's brother.

(3) "And God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of people;

(4) "And give thee the blessing of Abraham, that thou mayest inherit the land wherein thou art a stranger, which God gave unto Abraham."

Genesis 28:10-14.

(10) "And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went unto Haran.

(11) "And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillow, and lay down in that place to sleep.

(12) "And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.

(13) "And, behold, the Lord stood above it, and said, I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land wherein thou liest, to thee will I give it and to thy seed;

(14) "And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth; and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed."

Numbers 24:17.

"I shall see him, but not now; I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth."

Isaiah 49:3-6.

(3) "And said unto me, Thou art my servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified.

(14) "Then I said, I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for naught, and in vain; yet surely my judgment is with the Lord, and my work with my God.

(5) "And now, saith the Lord that formed me from the womb, to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the Lord, and my God shall be my strength.

(6) "And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldst be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth."

(For "fulfillment" of these scriptures see next issue of The Apostolic Faith Report.)

## FINANCIAL REPORT

MARCH 27, 1961 TO DECEMBER 31, 1961

March 27, 1961 on hand .....	\$ 598.97
March 27 to December 31 contributions .....	1,707.26
	<u>\$2,306.23</u>

### Expenditures:

Printing, mailing and misc. ....	2,070.39
On hand .....	\$ 235.84
Owe the printer for the December Issue .....	\$ 264.59
On hand .....	235.84
In the red .....	\$ 29.75

We are starting 1962 with a deficit of \$29.75.

# What Does Tithing Movement Mean?

By J. K. SEBER

Perhaps this question can best be answered by indicating first what it does NOT mean. It does not mean that any one is seeking to enforce the requirements of the Jewish law upon Christians: it does not mean that the Mosaic or Levitical requirements, with penalties, are to be introduced or forced upon Christians, but it does mean that the people of God give one-tenth to Him. Jesus indeed recognized that tithing was a duty under the old dispensation, and in speaking to the Pharisees, He gave His commendation. But I believe all will agree that the New Testament standard of ownership is that all property belongs to God. We ourselves belong to Him, and the Christian obligation requires that we shall give to the Lord whatever He requires of us in the material good things which He has bestowed upon us. One tenth of the annual income therefore does not at all exhaust our Christian obligation; so far as the ownership of property is concerned, our obligation to God extends to the utmost limit of our possessions. Christian stewardship means all that we have is held at the disposal of our Lord and Master. Why then should the Christian be asked to give at least one-tenth as the minimum of his giving? The reply to this question is that the tithe or tenth was widely recognized throughout the Mosaic law. There are instances in the Old Testament where one-tenth was given long before the requirements of the Mosaic law is given. One of the most interesting examples of the giving of a tenth is the vow of Jacob after his remarkable dream and vision. Gen. 28:22.

It will be seen in referring to this passage that the next morning, Jacob vowed that henceforth he would give the tenth of all his increase. In this instance there was no legal requirement, so far as we know; there was no previous command of God and there was no priesthood or temple service to be maintained; there was

no penalty attached for failure to make the vow to give a tenth. The vow was simply the voluntary and free act of God's servant whose heart was filled with gratitude for the mercies and blessings which he had received. Jacob did not exhaust his obligation to give in vowing to give Him a tenth but he did make his giving definite and practical. Thousands of Christians have made the same kind of vow because of the blessings of God and have found that the divine mercies increase continually with the gifts. We have these promises when we give God the first fruits of the increase: "So shall thy barn be filled." "Prove Me, saith the Lord, and see. I will open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing."

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## God's Faithfulness

Jesus said, "HAVE FAITH IN GOD." (Mark 11:22).

Evidently the Saviour would have us to put our faith in One who is always faithful. (Romans 4:3). All these words serve to emphasize the blessed truth of our heavenly Father's faithfulness toward His children. We should always hold that God is faithful; in daily life we should count upon it; at all times and under all circumstances we should be fully persuaded of this glorious fact: **GOD IS FAITHFUL!**

Much is said about faith as a quality that each person should develop, but is it faith in man? Or is it faith in God? Faith is no better than its object. Here, then, is a basis for faith that never wavers, a faith anchored in the Power and Immutability of an Almighty God and Father. None who puts his trust in God's faithfulness will ever be disappointed. Abraham held God's faith and was willing to offer up

his son Isaac, for he accounted that the faithful God was able to raise him up from the dead. Moses held God's faithfulness, and in the strength of this faith he was able to lead the millions of Israel across the wide, howling wilderness. Joshua triumphed by this same confident trust in Jehovah.

The apostles held God's faithfulness and were not daunted by the hatred of the Jews, nor by the hostility of the heathen. And what more shall we say, for space would fail to tell of those who, holding God's steadfastness, had faith in Him, and by it "subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. . ." (Hebrews 11:33-34). All God's giants have been weak men who did great things for God because they reckoned on His faithfulness to take them through. And so in these trying times of the last days we, too, may rely upon God's faithfulness to keep His promise to "keep that which is committed unto Him against that day." (2 Timothy 1:12). The Jehovah God was faithful to Abraham, to Isaac, to Samuel, and to all the others of the great heroes of the Bible, will be faithful to you and to me in these present days of trouble. Only have faith in His faithfulness.

Jeremiah, the mighty prophet of God, gave us these words of trust and encouragement in his Lamentations, chapter 3, verses 22 and 23: "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning: GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS."

Jesus said, HAVE FAITH IN GOD." Amen.

### THANK YOU NOTE

Mrs. Jessie C. Dibbens, known to many as "Mother Dibbens," wants you to know how very much she appreciated the Birthday Card shower on her 88th birthday January 16, 1962. God bless you for your prayers and remembrances.

## SPECIAL BIBLE SCHOOL NOTICE

In a Board meeting of the Apostolic Faith Bible School conducted on January 4, 1962, it was put into motion and carried that a special meeting of all Ministers and Church Delegates be called to meet at the Apostolic Faith Chapel in Baxter Springs, Kansas on March 28, 1962 at 9:00 A. M.

This is an urgent meeting. The future of the School must be discussed and planned. If, as many wish, a summer term should be added? We only serve here as the need has to be met. Is this need now filled? There are many decisions to be made . . . it will take the voice of the Movement to make clear the necessary actions to promote growth — progress — good-will — fellowship — and discern the perfect will of the Lord which must be foremost.

Please plan now to attend this Special Business Meeting.

MARCH 28, 1962 ..... 9:00 A. M.

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