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SERMON OF THE MONTH

SIGNS OF THE END

By Lowell Long

Listen! As the world presses by there is conveyed to us a message, we can actually feel it by the changing tempo of our time. We can look about us and see the truth that the world longs to understand. **Jesus is certainly coming soon.**

We live today in a world of doubt and unbelief, these traits breed fear because man has nothing that he can trust solely in, to give him peace in our troubled day.

Many who claim to be Christians have turned into sign seekers and miracle workers who have gone outside the pages of God's Holy word for their power.

Yet in all this confusion there is still, for the honest hearted, observant Christian, manifold signs to warn him of the hour in which he lives, and the impending doom of our entire system.

The world cries, we could believe what you're telling us about the end if we could only see some sign of it. We are as Israel, having eyes, yet not seeing, ears but not hearing because of reluctance to wholly serve the Prince of Peace. **Romans 11:8.** Jesus speaking in **Matt. 13:16** told them, "But blessed are your eyes for they see and your ears for they hear. Are we not disciples? Is it then not our rightful place to strive to understand the picture our Lord has painted for us, on the canvas of our eventful world?"

The signs of the close of the ages are varied, but most are plain, and do not have a great deal of symbolical references which some people use as an excuse for not understanding God's word. The New Testament is rich with direct quotations about signs to watch for, spoken by our Lord Himself. Yet we can go back a great deal further than this for Prophecies of Bible Signs.

Isaiah. 11:12 prophecies of the gathering of Israel from the four corners of the earth. An ensign shall be set up; which shall call them back from every land. In 1948 the Jewish flag was raised pronouncing their independence. This could well be the ensign to the world calling back the chosen of God, bringing to pass one

of the greatest signs of the last days of our world.

This is an obvious sign, one that effects nations, people, financial and economic standards, still humanity, highly educated, supposedly intelligent, is blinded by the god of this world that they should not perceive. **II Cor. 4:4.**

The Jew is today following the path that leads to his beloved homeland, the cry has went out, "Awake, awake; put on thy strength, oh Zion." Let us awake to the realization that we are swiftly approaching the consumation of all things.

Leaving the Jews, let us consider another sign which is so prevalent in the world today, that we can hardly glance at a newspaper or listen to our radio without reading or hearing of **war conditions.**

Matt. 24:6 reminds us that there will be wars and rumors of wars before the end comes. Turning our thoughts far back in history we can imagine the thunder of calvary as Alexander's Grecian troops crushed the Persian horde, with lance meeting sword and cold steel cutting short the high ambitions of many a young warrior.

We can picture vividly the Roman chariots, carrying the leaders into the thick of the fray, inspiring the men behind to victory, even when it cost them their lives.

Still these battles of old would seem pale and uninteresting beside the awe inspiring crescendo of modern warfare.

Since 1914 the world has never known real peace, there have been short lulls in the action, but a state of armed readiness has prevailed.

Since 1939 or earlier there has been conflict continually upon our world. The short deadly burst of the automatic weapon and the thunder of armored vehicles is less noticed in parts of the world than would be the cry of children at play.

Our own nation, spared by God's grace thus far, does not fully realize the devastating force of a war fought in our homeland. Little can we realize the filth, wreckage, and disruption left as the aftermath of angry men. Still if conditions prevail, and we know they will, and grow worse, we will possibly face this plague such as others have

faced, for we too, have departed as a people from the way of God.

Joel 2:30 tells of signs of pillars of smoke in the heavens, and we immediately see the great white mushrooms of the atom or hydrogen bombs. Reaching high above the earth; announcing the fact that man has devised a more lethal method of mass murder.

As we observe these things come to pass, we can only thank God that we have a haven of rest that war cannot reach, and a hand that clasps us in a grasp of safety, that the chain reaction of a thousand bombs cannot loose.

We think of war only as a destructive force that maims and confounds, and yet it has a far greater significance. True, war is brought about by power hungry men, greedy for wealth and fame, but just as God allowed war to punish Israel and bring recompense upon them, so will He allow war to draw the nations of the world to the place where His plan can be fulfilled.

The cry has went out as never before, for, "peace and safety", **I Thess. 5:3.** Let us look then for sudden destruction, knowing we cannot have peace without the Prince of Peace who shall come and deal justly with the nations, and end all war with the Battle of Armageddon.

The conflict of nations in war during these closing days is not the only thing that is plaguing the world.

Along with war here has come disasters in many other forms, chiefly by catastrophies such as earthquakes, violent storms, pestilence and conditions of drouth. We have felt these things in our own land, yet not to the extent that some have, nor to the degree that it will eventually be.

Luke 21:11 speaks of Great earthquakes in diverse places as does **Matt. 24** and **Mark 13.**

The world has known earthquakes all down through its history, yet not **great** earthquakes in diverse places.

Until the last few years most earthquakes followed the pattern of occurring in a certain designated strip or area where geologists claim the rock formations or strata are conducive to movement because of underground faults and so forth.

In the last few years however

many earthquakes have been out of these areas, in fact they occur in just about any portion of the world. We say this condition has not reached its greatest intensity yet because **Mark 21:12** says, that before this time comes fully to pass, we, God's people, will be delivered up to be afflicted, persecuted and cast into prison.

Therefore we can look forward to this sign in a greater measure.

Famines and pestilence are mentioned in several scriptures and it doesn't seem to imply a local scale, but rather of world wide importance.

These have been prevalent throughout history in a minor degree, but at this very moment our world conditions are perfect for a widespread famine.

Man can survive war and disaster many times but when life sustaining food cannot be found, death, that dark companion of famine, will take his grim toll.

Rev. 6:8 states that the pale horse on whom death rides was given power to kill the fourth part of the earth, and one of his weapons would be hunger. We do not have to suppose this state of affairs will be in existence, we know it will, and seeing the nearness of it, we should strive to acquire much spiritual food, nourishing up our souls to withstand the natural and spiritual famine which is sweeping nearer each passing day.

The sign of pestilence will go along with famine because during years of drouth, when a possibility of crops comes, no doubt the grasshoppers and locusts will swarm upon the wheat and the grain, the fruit and the vegetables, destroying all hopes for a starving world as they did in Egypt before the Exodus. **Exodus 10:12.**

Another type of pestilence will be that of disease, plagues which will sweep through nations like wind driven fire, death no doubt, will be welcome in many cases. Whole cities and even nations may fall because of disease.

How wonderful that we are acquainted with the protecting power of Calvary's blood, and the only true healer in the entire universe.

Another sign of this type is the dust storm that is a result of a combination of factors but still is a prophecy of the last days.

The dry parched earth which, due to a lack of moisture, cannot hold vegetation, is quickly picked up by the high winds of certain portions of our land and other lands. **Duet. 28:23-24.**

The storms we have seen recently remind us of the condition of the world. The forces of sin billowing and rolling before the driving winds of adversity, overcoming all that is in the path with its suffocating pall. But the promise of God tells us the wind shall not always rage, nor the choking clouds prevail, for the sweet pure rain of the coming of Christ's Kingdom shall forever clear the air of sin, and we shall awake to the brightest, clearest morn ever known.

There are other signs of perplexing weather problems, storms, and things of this nature that we will not use here even though all have their place.

Let us go now to a series of signs of the closing days that are manifested through individuals. They are important because they deal with people, and in serving God we also deal primarily with humanity.

II Timothy, the 3rd chapter, is a wonderful guide to the actions of man in the last days. We should take heed, observe, the people described in II Tim. 3, could step from the page of the Bible into our age and never be noticed, so close is the description Paul gives, to the average person of our day.

Paul warns of perilous times, not because of earthquakes, flood, or famine, but because of ungodly men, seeking their own temporal benefits.

Verse 2 tells of selfishness, promoting only, ones own cause. Half of the worlds trouble begins at this point. Fortunes are amassed, armies are built, because of love for self and self exaltation.

Covetousness follows along in self loves footsteps, it runs in our day from coveting our neighbors car, to nations coveting the adjoining nations power and resources.

Many a christian has failed God because of coveting that which the world possesses, instead of the divine favor of the Father.

Many shall boast and be proud of temporal accomplishments, indulging in self gratification to an extent that was never known before. In our day if something is accomplished

in any field of knowledge, industry, or sports, the whole world is immediately told how proud each one should be of the things that have been done, and their boasting is endless, no doubt arriving in the hearing of God as complete vanity.

God who has allowed these inventions and accomplishments to be, is neither thanked, nor glorified for what he has done.

This boastful sign has even crept into our churches, most congregations are more proud and boastful of their financial accumulation, their great edifices and their number, than they are concerned with the spiritual aspect of religion.

Two other signs that are constantly before our eyes and often present in our hearing are **blasphemy** and **disobedience** to parents.

We needn't go beyond the places of business in our own towns, or the house of the neighbor down the block to hear enough blasphemy to shock the imagination. Man speaks against God in every form the devil can devise. Many do not know they are cursing themselves into future destruction.

Child Physcologists and juvenile crime experts agree that the reason crime is so terrible in teenagers and older people, is that the children run the home instead of the parents. Let us notice that just a very few years ago this was not so. It is a sign of the end which we should surely recognize.

People are unthankful to God and certainly not thankful or even courteous one to another, unholiness is the rule and not the exception. We mean unholiness in religion, no one expects a sinner to be holy. Forsaking the house of God, forgetting His work. Holiness has been cast aside as an outmoded tool, while in reality it is the key that will unlock heavens door and allow us to see God.

The church world of today is streamlined, the people are broad-minded, yes, and just as thick as they are broad.

Let us glance at a few other signs that are so close about us today. **Without natural affection, truce-breakers:**

The divorce rate is higher than ever and some people seem to make a hobby of it. Men are killing their wives, wives are just as busy kill-

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From My Viewpoint

By Gail Schultz
(EDITORIAL)

Here it is time to come to you again and we want you to make special note of the fine camp meeting that will be held for the betterment and pleasure of us all. Let us go with thankful and hungry hearts. Also the Youth camps are so located that they can well serve our youth. When the minds of the young are caught in a vise of the world, let us hold before them an open door through the camps. We need your prayers that we may know without a doubt the leading of the Lord. It is not that we are without a job, but it is that we need to know what is the will of the Lord, in regards to our work. Help us pray, should we take the paper for another term, should we teach in the School again, Should we continue our work here in Baxter or go to other places. Does the Lord want us as pastors or as evangelists? Help us settle these things correctly and wisely before the Lord, so that there will be no regrets. If I know my heart, I seek to do only His will.

We are so busy here with so many duties, and we feel tired in body, so remember us in prayer. Thank you every one that has helped with the paper and have sent in funds. Thank you too that have sent in

The Origin of Man

Where did I come from, how did I get here? For hundreds of years man has been trying to answer these questions. They have tried to reason his origin, his nature, his purpose of existence. But all of these findings have been, "just a theory."

Where we came from is a matter of divine revelation. The Holy Scripture is the only authority on the origin of man.

Some men would have us to think that this universe came about just by chance and that we are here just by chance; that we have no purpose of existence but that we just happened. The Holy Scripture says that all things were made for His pleasure, and our purpose in being here is to worship God our creator.

The theory that we are here just by chance is based upon the assumption that the transmutation of species is a fact. But the Holy Scripture says that reproduction shall be "After their kind". Not once in the history of the scientific study of man has this law been broken. The fiat command for like to beget like in a law. But transmutation of species is just a theory and not a law.

The Bible says that man was created in the image of God. God created both man and beast, but an impossible barrier was put between them. God gave man the capacity to reason, so that he could choose for himself whether or not he wanted to worship God. This is the whole purpose of our being here. It was not by chance, but by the will of God.

Indian Prayer

"Great Spirit, help me never to judge another until I have walked two weeks in his moccasins."

money to us personally, without it we just could not have continued our work here.

I am glad that I can think of Jesus as the One altogether lovely, and that He is the power that controls life. We are looking for His coming and have hope in Him that we do not want destroyed. May God bless you and feed you with His richest blessings.

Lines From The Co-Editor

Dear Christian Friends:

We are proud to be coming your way again with the Report. We would love to visit with all of you face to face, but we can't, so thanks to a wonderful God we can write a few words of encouragement.

I often think of the great privilege of serving God. He didn't make us serve Him, but with His wondrous mercy and loving grace, he sought after us, until out of the smothering darkness of sin we saw the great light and came to Him, and there we found the great treasure, the Pearl of Great Price, the Bright and Morning Star, the Saviour of our soul, who gave to us the peace of heart which we had longed for so long.

There are many miracles which, even though they are hard to explain can be explained. For instance, a miracle of healing can be seen, testified to and explained just what happened and how. But the miracle of salvation, even though you can testify about it, and people can see the change which comes to every individual at salvation, still you just can't explain this great miracle that has happened to you. Sinner friend, really accept before you can come it is something which you must to the knowledge of how marvelous salvation is.

I feel that there are great things ahead for God's people. I know that there is nothing to murmur or complain about, but in our King's army it is glorious to be one of his soldiers. Personally, I want to be one of his faithful servants when he calls for his people. Remember, look up for your blessings come from on high.

—M. D. METHVIN

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Bro. and Sis. Lowell Long of Elmwood, Okla., on the birth of a son on May 21st. His name is Kurt Andre.

Bro. and Sis. Eugene Curry of Amarillo, Tex., on the birth of a daughter on May 3rd. Her name is Deborah Joy.

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Are The Beatitudes Of Any Importance

How many times have you read the gracious teachings of the Master from the standpoint of the beatitudes? How many times have you been in a Sunday school class or Bible class or Bible lesson to have them by-passed with only a suitable remark. Yet they are the foundation of the teaching of the Christ. Christ knew how to speak a word in due season, He knew whom to rebuke, and when. In like manner he knew the need of comfort and instruction. Jesus preached to the souls of men, for the soul is the flower of eternity. Indeed the voice of Jesus was greater than that of prophet, or priest, or angel.

In Matt. 5:3-11 the beatitudes are stated. Let us consider them for a few minutes. "Poor in Spirit". Here the heart must have a desire that does not shrink from price, a humility that does not seek for an understanding, but wants obedience that will bring personal contact with God. There must be such a submission to His will and such a desire to please Him that all other things fade to a nothingness. In humbleness often reconciliation is made. Illumination is granted because light is wanted, blinded eyes are open to the call of the High and Mighty powers of our God. Communion is sought to that our souls might be filled with His Spirit. Until we see our need, we cannot see Christ's worth. We must be little in our own eyes and weaned from self. The greatest of Christians are the most humble. They feel poor in spirit and need Christ most.

"They that mourn". Here is a group that cry out to the Lord both day and night. From the very depth of their souls they are asking God. They cry for deliverance, they cry against sin, more than the consequences. Those that enjoyed world pleasures do not mourn. To mourn is not the sorrow of a melancholy spirit, or disappointed hopes. Let us mourn for Christ and His Kingdom, for one another, that the church might come to its perfection. There must be some groaning in the Spirit. Mourning comes spontaneous and free, not as the result of certain acts or sins. It means, waiting and

longing and seeking and praying until the answer comes and the fire falls.

"The meek". This is a term that implies the right kind of spirit, the spirit of good will. Not just a natural even temperament, or unruffled feelings in undisturbed circumstances, but to remain calm amid the vexations and cares of life. Here is forbearing and forgiving spirit, without murmuring and complaining. First we must be meek toward God, that is submissive to His will and call. Now and then I hear somebody remark about a mighty man of God, and I want to correct them by saying, a man of a mighty God. Then meekness toward all men is a supreme quality. It involves bearing injuries, and going a step further and forgiving injuries. It is a case of always returning good for evil. Here indeed is a test for untrained or overspent nerves. To be like Jesus means to reach out for something that we in the natural do not have.

"They which do hunger and thirst". This is asking for a death to sin, to renounce the world and seek personal purity. Not only do we now want to drink deep from the wells of pure salvation, but another grace has been brought into play and we desire a holy life. This is the base for our entire sanctification. Willing to drink of the cup from which He drank, willing to walk the road that He walked and seek a life of toil rather than the easy. May we be able to say, "We have wholly followed the Lord" and what we are, we are because of the grace of the Lord. So hungry Lord that only you can feed me, and so thirsty that only drinking from the streams of perfection will quench the thirst.

"The merciful". This is a quality exercised between man to man, independent of written law. Walking so close to the Lord that the hurt and memory of wrong fades from him. Love here covers. In order to reach out to humanity one question confronts us, and that is does he suffer? Not what creed, or family, or nation, but does he need our helping hand? We must show pity and understanding. Help to lift the load and be a brother - fellow keeper. We can show mercy in judgment, and in sharp criticism. Let us

place ourselves in a position to comfort in sorrow, reproach or disgrace. Above all let us disperse slander and help another find the Lord, and seek eternal deliverance.

"Pure in heart". When anything is pure it means that is is not mixed. We speak of pure water, the minerals or ingredients are right, and also we speak of the pure air. We mean that any germ that would harm is not present. The gold is pure when all other substances have been removed — so it is with the heart. The heart is pure when that which is contrary to the law of God has been removed. Surely the soul is pure that loves only what it should love. Bad thoughts, deep cutting sin must vanish. I think that we not only need holiness, but we need the holiness sealed in and the world sealed out.

"The peace makers". These are they that seek to bring peace between others. Many would like to be placed in this class, not only from an individual standpoint, but as peace makers between companies and groups and races and nations, but peace makers must have peace in their own hearts. That peace that comes down from above. Jesus said, "My peace I leave with you." It is up to us to pray for peace, to seek to relieve and counsel men. Is the atmosphere charged with turmoil and "fight" when you are about? Is the strike and brawl spirit abounding, or is there a quiet hopeful spirit that whispers "Peace be still"? Peace makers in the community or the church rank high in worth. Let peace abound. "Persecuted for righteousness". First we have this persecuted idea suggested everywhere, be that real or imaginary. Next there is a negative persecution, that is it does no violence. Perhaps because of the fear of the law or because they themselves are cowards, bound by vice and intolerance. Next there is a domestic persecution raging within the walls of ones own household. A divided family, where the harmony is broken and the spirit grieved is unpleasant to say the least. Private persecution is where the person is directly involved. This may be a secret thing, but very trying and annoying. The next step is public persecution where the discriminating act is known to everybody.

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ing their children and this sign is being manifested by all of Satan's evil influence.

There is hardly a country on the globe today that has not broken a truce at some time with a fellow nation. People's word was once honored. That has passed and instead we abound with traitors and deceivers. II Tim. 3:4.

There is hardly a one of us who does not remember the Alger Hiss incident a few years ago, when a trusted government employee was found, along with others to have been giving valuable atomic information to Russia. Nor is it limited to an isolated case, but every nation has its share of this type.

In the early history of our country a traitor was looked upon as the very lowest of persons, so low in fact that the name of "Benedict Arnold" still is applied to traitors today. This is surely forwarning us

Persecution is contrary to sound reasoning and can take the form of mockery, hatred, to hurt, or destroy. A person can be reviled — slander can become persecution. Persecution can reach out to destroy property, withhold rights, and effect friends and relatives and even life itself can suffer. Persecution may be defined as an abuse of power employed to hurt another.

Now go back over these beatitudes and see the stalwart Christians that we will be if we walk in the full meaning of them. Also take note of the most gracious rewards that are offered for living in obedience to them. Let us pray, take not the beatitudes away from us, but cooperate them into our being and co-ordinate all our spiritual powers to live by them. Here in short. I have said, "Lord, I need so much from you; For your Kingdom I will cry day and night, and gladly bear your yoke. My soul will renounce all the things of this present world, and I will not seek my own, but others for thy Kingdom. Any contrary motive of my heart will be crucified, and heavenly peace will be my motive. In persecution I will be true and exalt thy Holy Name."

to prepare, for the end of all such deceit is at hand.

We will deal with two more signs before we close this article. They are "**Lovers of pleasure, more than lovers of God,**" and a **form of Godliness without God's power.**

Our world is a pleasure bent world. Pleasure in its various forms is a billion dollar industry in our land. The worst part of it is that professing Christians are just as pleasure mad as the rest of the world.

Many a church has closed its doors on Sunday night because of movies, skating rinks, dances and other un-Christian pastimes. Our youth seem to grasp every ungodly, immoral fad that comes along. From indecent dancing, to so-called music which is nearly impossible for the mind to make any sense of.

It is even worse because it is sanctioned by the parents who are also seeking an escape from the fears of a disintegrating civilization.

In conclusion let us look at the religious world. II Tim. 3:5 describes it perfectly. There most certainly is a form of godliness in our land. Gallups book of facts for 1956 tells us that 97½ million people were on the 1954 church roll. 60.3 per cent of the entire population is on the church books. Why then the crime waves, the juvenile delinquency, the corrupt state of politics, business, etc.

The answer is that we have a form, but the power of God is not in it.

What can we expect when at least seven of the major religious beliefs from modern theology to Christian science, do not believe in salvation through Jesus Christ, in fact many of them deny He is the Son of God.

The standard revised version of the Bible tends to take away the divinity of Christ and deletes many entire scriptures in the main text. The organization which sponsors this Bible has had in the past several of its officials on the government list, as belonging to organizations which were definitely Communistic.

No doubt many of our pulpits are filled with these godless men as is spoken of in II Cor. 11:13-15.

Well over a billion dollars was given to church work in 1954. Yet this only comes to an average of

YOUTH CAMP

The Apostolic Faith Youth Camp of the Four-State district will convene June 24 thru July 1.

We wish to extend an invitation to everyone who is interested to attend the camp. Especially to the gospel workers and ministers who have a burden for this kind of work. Please feel free to be in camp with us.

The things you need to bring with you are: Bible, bedding, towels, wash cloths, personal belongings.

We hope to see you in camp this year. If you can't come, be sure and remember us in prayer, for more than anything else, we want a spiritual camp.

Youth Camp Committee.

AMARILLO, TEXAS—

Bro. and Sis. Jim Morris were the evangelists for the revival of two and a half weeks with the Amarillo church. The messages were outstanding and the presence of the Lord were felt in each service. Crowds were small due partly to a wave of sickness that hit at this revival time. One received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and the church was helped.

\$41 a member for a years time. The average yearly wage of the American worker and business man will figure over \$2,500.00. The Lord is getting very little of His share from a supposedly pious group of people. (Gallup Facts - 1956).

We need not go any further to prove something that is plain before us. The signs Jesus left by His own statements and through His apostles, are common place today.

The Lord desires that we know of these landmarks of the ending of our age, to warn of its nearness, and so that we may separate that which is scriptural from the wonder working powers of Satan.

Soon the sky shall roll together as a scroll and the sign which we long to see shall come to pass, affirming the promise of eternal reward.

Jesus shall appear with clouds and great glory and those who longed for His sign shall be joyous, for they shall be prepared to meet Him.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

LET'S HAVE FUN

Jimmy Stevens sat quietly in his deck chair watching the motion of the water as the ship sailed over the Pacific ocean. There were plenty of games aboard ship for a ten year old boy to play, but all Jimmy has done during the trip is set in the chair and look at the water.

When the boat docked at Honolulu, Hawaii, Jimmy didn't even want to go ashore and look around. You see Jimmy has a problem, he is a very selfish boy, he thinks his parents should always do just what he wants to do. And the very last thing he wants is to go to Japan.

His mother and daddy are new missionaries to Japan. Jimmy tried every way he could to make his parents stay in the States, he begged, cried, pleaded and even played like he was sick. But his parents knew the Lord wanted them to preach Jesus to the Japanese people, so all Jimmy's efforts were to no avail.

Jimmy declared he would never be happy or have fun again. This is the reason he just sits all day doing nothing. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens have prayed to the Lord to help them show their son the great need of telling the Japanese people about Christ. They are also praying that Jimmy will get saved, for although he has been in church all his life and has felt the Lord talking to his heart, Jimmy has never accepted Christ as his Saviour.

Mr. and Mrs. Stevens have tried for two months to get Jimmy interested in the customs and history of the Japanese people. They got maps, story books, they event went to the library and read everything of interest about Japan so they could tell it to Jimmy, but all of this doesn't seem to have done any good. The closer the ship gets to Japan the more upset Jimmy becomes. (I am sure you boys and girls know how sad the devil can make a person feel). Every time Jimmy thinks about how unfair he thinks his parents are for taking him away from his friends, toys and everything he has always known, he starts to cry.

I am sorry to say that never once in the two months Jimmy has known he was going to Japan has he ever thought of how happy the Japanese people will be to find out that Jesus Christ died for their sins.

I believe we will leave Jimmy Stevens sitting in his deck chair feeling very sorry for himself, read next month's paper for more about Jimmy, our unwilling missionary.

—Lois Allen,
Alberts Makecau

YES OR NO

1. Joseph wrote the Ten Commandments. — Yes or No?
2. The first book of the Bible is Genesis. — Yes or No?
3. Jesus died for everyone. — Yes or No?
4. Noah rode in the whale. — Yes or No?
5. Steven was the first martyr. — Yes or No?
6. By His stripes we are healed. — Yes or No?
7. The lions took a bite of Daniel. — Yes or No?
8. The elephant was too big for the ark. — Yes or No?
9. Jesus will come to earth again. — Yes or No?
10. It's alright to use the Lord's name in vain. — Yes or No?

Dear Boys and Girls:

I want to tell you I have gone on a vacation and will be away all summer. I hope you will enjoy reading about Jimmy and what happens to him in Japan. Look for me in September. One last word before I go, Please attend your Church and Sunday School, and also bring a friend with you. I hope you have fun in V. B. S., and Youth Camp this summer.

Good-bye for a while.

Your little friend,
FREDDY FOX

Answers to Yes or No

1. No; 2. Yes; 3. Yes; 4. No; 5. Yes; 6. Yes; 7. No; 8. No; 9. Yes, and 10. No.

MY FAVORITE STORY

The favorite story of Jimmy and Gerry Bargett of Baxter Springs, Kansas is David and Goliath, I. Samuel:17.

Daniel Clanton of the Joplin, Mo., church says his favorite story is Joseph sold into bondage, Gen. 38. Max Clanton likes the beheading of John the Baptist, Mark, 6.

The story Bobby Taylor of the Lemon Grove, Calif., church likes best is Joseph and his coat of many colors, Gen. 37.

In Loving Memory of My Father RALPH R. FULBRIGHT

ETHEL DEPEW

My father was a godly man, he loved and served his fellow man.
Never too dreary or tired for a smile,
He lifted burdens for many a mile.
He put God first above everything,
His testimony had a clear true ring.

In our memory he will always be,
For the faith he taught us at his knee.
Faith that will conquer tho' great the foe;
And always bring victory in every woe.
He loved to sing of His Maker above,
And tell the great story of redeeming love.

He fought a good fight, He has finished His course,
A crown is awaiting on that great day,
When the saints of all ages shall pass in array,
Well done, says the Master, your rest has begun,
You have been faithful a crown you have won.

To those who are left in memory's garden,
His footprints are plain, His yea, yea, and nay, nay,
So make no mistake, be firm and be strong,
Strive hard to win, never give in to wrong,
And we'll all meet again on some glad morn.

MUSINGS

By Maxine Long

When I went to school my teacher taught me that when I wrote a long number I was to divide it into units; by counting over three counts from the left and placing a comma, I would find the hundreds, etc. So as we muse today on the things of God, we are to count over and find our units; by counting the cost we can always figure what is right and wrong.

The first unit we are to think about is the parable of the Prodigal Son. I have heard a number of sermons and songs about the son who went astray, how bad he was, and all the mean things he did, but he repented and came back and was forgiven. But what about the son who stayed at home? Let us look into the Holy Book and see about him. Luke 15:25-32 — "Now the elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew nigh to the house he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked him what these things meant. And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound. And (notice this) he was angry, and would not go in; therefore came his father out and entreated him. And he answering said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment; and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends; but as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf. And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me; and all that I have is thine. It was meet that we should make merry and be glad; for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found."

I am always happy over a good revival where the lost are found, but it makes my heart ache to see the church members, and so-called workers of God, commit the sins that the other son committed. I am afraid they are in every house of God.

The first sin he had was **anger** caused from jealousy of a brother.

He wouldn't even go into the house and show companionship even when his father asked him to. Is there people like that today in our churches? Then as the story goes on it shows he was **self-righteous**; he was so much better than his brother. He hadn't done the mean things that he had done, yet in his very heart he had let bitterness grow until he didn't show one Christian point. The story doesn't mention that he ever repented, and I'm sorry it didn't, for his father said everything he had was his at any time he wanted it. So I hope he repented and came clean before his father as the younger brother had.

Let us think about our second unit, "cushions". What is a cushion? The dictionary tells us it is a pad for resting and would relieve shock; it is for comfort, and helps the body to rest. But we are going to use God-filled cushions now. There are prayer cushions that we all can furnish for the pastors, the song leaders, our neighbors, and even the janitors. We all need prayers of other people, and if we need prayers then let us furnish our part of them. Who cleaned your church up this week? Who mowed the lawn? Did you think to give them a cushion of praise? It helps you know. Some time there will be several special songs and maybe one is sung by someone who isn't a good singer, but their efforts always thrilled my soul. While the good singers got more praise, I tried to encourage the poor one by telling them how their song had lifted my soul. But so many of us are clear out of cushions but we have on store a good supply of "tacks of criticism". Did you ever sit on tacks? ? ? Let us exchange them for cushions. There are so many kinds of cushions that we can give them away. To the one that is blue and discouraged we can give one that will chase away the blues. Just think about it; there is no limits! And they are prettier than TACKS.

Our last unit of thought today is from Billy Sunday. It made me enjoy my Bible reading more so I am passing it on. "Twenty-nine years ago, with the Holy Spirit as my guide, I entered at the portico of Genesis, walked down the corridor of the Old Testament art-galleries, where pictures of Noah,

GOLDEN ACRES, TEXAS—

Bro. and Sis. E. W. Dickson write us that they were at Rockdale for a real good service on May 10th. They were planning some services in Arkansas and looking forward to a Youth Camp that they are to be in at Onalaska, Tex. Then it is their desire to visit some of the other camps of the faith as time permits. Let us all unite our efforts to see the youth won to the Lord and established in His knowledge for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh and only by His will may people be able to stand in that day.

Abraham, Moses, Joseph, Issac, and Daniel hang on the wall. I passed into the Music room of the Psalms where the spirit sweeps the keyboard of nature until it seems that every reed and pipe in God's great organ responds to the harp of David the sweet singer of Israel.

I entered the chamber of Ecclesiastes, where the voice of the preacher is heard, and into the conservatory of Sharon and the Lily of the valley where sweet spices filled and perfumed my life.

I enter the business office of Proverbs and on into the observatory of the Prophets where I saw telescopes of various sizes pointing to far off events, concentrating on the bright and morning Star which was to rise above the moonlit hills of Judea for our salvation and redemption.

I entered the audience room of the King of Kings, catching a vision written by Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Thence into the correspondence room with Paul, Peter, James, and John writing their Epistles

I stepped into the throne room of Revelation where tower the glittering peaks, where sits the King of Kings upon His throne of glory with the healing of the nations in His hand, and I cried out:

"All hail the power of Jesus' Name,

Let angels prostrate fall.

Bring forth the royal diadem

And crown Him Lord of all."

Isn't it wonderful to belong to Christ! I want to live each day better than the day before; I want to hear Him say, "Well done, my faithful servant." I am proud of my salvation. God bless you all.

I Know Something Good About You

Sometimes we are met with a friendly greeting of, "I know something good about you." In spite of modesty we are all pleased and generally want to know what the remark was? I have been thinking this morning that I know something good about every one of you — something that you should tell everywhere. That something is that we have a Mighty Saviour, and the sins of the past are under the Blood. I know that you are living a better life because of the Faith that controls your life, that you are richer in your household because one time the Gospel without spot or wrinkle came your way.

In the raging battles of life I know something good about you, you are more calm, more free and determined to see the end of a perfect salvation. Sure you are bothered, some times hurt and often disappointed, but you know that you can't lose. The goal is set, the prize offered, and out there you know Jesus will answer in such a way as to make even the enemies of the Gospel realize that salvation is real.

Yes, I know something good about you, something that will out shine the sun, out last the world and fill eternity. Not that you are so great, or so noted, or rich or powerful in worldly influence, but you are what you are through the name of Jesus. I wish we all could understand that a name is worth a lot. We can keep it free from guilt and condemnation. Some may choose to find fault, but still know something good about you, and that is what I want to tell.

Did you not help a fallen brother yesterday? Did you not call upon the sick and minister in His Name. Did you not feed the flock of the Lord, meet in prayer, walk in lowliness of mind and heart, and give of your substance to the needy. There will be more revivals, more youth meetings, more sending out of the Word because of you. A light for the lost sinner burning brightly because of you. This something good is worthy of acceptance. This something good is good now and good for eternity. Let us seek not our

GUATEMALA TRIP—

April 27, 1959
Polar, Texas

Dear Bro. Gail,

It is indeed a pleasure to us to write you about our trip to Guatemala City to visit Bro. and Sis. Isai Calderon's churches. We are so happy God has granted us such a privilege and, of course, it was a great experience for us, but a wonderful one. God was so good to us in every way and was with us all the way.

We left Snyder, March 30th, and drove into Guatemala City on Sunday evening at two o'clock, April 5th. Bro. and Sis. Raney of the Apostolic church of Snyder, Texas, went with us and we were glad to have them with us. They proved to be a blessing to us and also to the people over there as he preached to them every night for a week. Bro. Isai interpreted the messages. The people were so glad to have us and really loved the Lord. It was wonderful to see how they accepted the Word of God and how they revered the house of God. They worked from seven till seven and walked to church.

We can say Bro. Isai has done a great work there for the Lord. For the four years he has been there he has four churches and a wonderful group of people to work with. We visited three of the churches. We had the opportunity to visit the other one, but all of us were so worn out that we rested. Bro. Isai pastors the church in Guatemala City where he has good crowds—110 on Sunday mornings and fifty to sixty through the week. The country church has around fifty. This is the one we went to. Some Catholics met Bro. Isai and a group of his church people there with knives and told them they would kill them if they came back. Bro. Isai said they had a good service right there and he thought several changed their minds. Later he went back by him-

self, but His. I have a report to give about you that is good when you win. I want to forget the failure, the time when things went wrong in general, and look on the brighter side with you and let you know that I know something good about you.

self. Now they have built a church there and have it all finished but laying the roof. We drove as far as we could to this place and walked the other two miles to have service in a home by candlelight. We had about fifty people that night—some sitting on the floor and the rest standing.

Bro. Isai has a motorcycle to go onto these places. He goes once a week to all of the churches. One church is about 180 miles from Guatemala City. It has from 200 to 250 in number.

Well, I'll tell you, it is a great thing how God has blessed Bro. Isai and his wife. She is a great help to him. They were all so good to us and treated us so nice giving us the best. We have not regretted the money we have spent there. God has given us a greater burden than ever before for them. We just hope and pray that more of our people in the U.S.A. will get missionary-minded and get behind him with their prayers and support!

Bro. Isai sent his regards to all the people over here, especially Bro. Wada. So pray for them.

May God bless all and give us all a greater vision to work for the master.

Our Love,
The Ernest Ford Family.

BOISE CITY, OKLA.—

Bro. Homer Allen, as pastor, assisted by his sister, Miss Lois Allen are going right on with the work at Boise City. They have a D. V. B. S. planned. They also have a building fund started, and are putting forth every effort to see a real work for the Lord established at this point. These folk are staunch "backers" of the Apostolic Faith Report. They have this notice in their bulletin, "If you know of anyone who wants to receive the Apostolic Faith Report, send their name and address to Rev. Gail Schultz, Box 110, Baxter Springs, Kans. I am sure we that already receive the paper enjoy it each month. But let us remember it is our responsibility to help support the paper. The sole duty doesn't belong to the other person". I wish this would be used as a weekly reminder in all of our churches by all of our pastors — my, wouldn't the paper grow?

SPENARD, ALASKA—

May 30, 1959

Dear Friends,

Greetings from the 49th state in the name of our wonderful Lord.

Summer is here and it finds us busy, trying to get ready for the winter. Our trailer-house was quite a problem to set up since the water pipes were frozen and bursted inside the walls; but the trailer is all taken care of now with the exception of the skirting to weatherproof it.

In addition to the church we are starting the building of a small room to afford space for a Sunday school classroom and place for a study and workroom. This we felt was imperative since we were trying to have four classes in the auditorium.

Our first Sunday here we had 10 in Sunday School and 12 the next Sunday. We are reminded of the Word of the Lord which asks "For who hath despised the day of small things?"

Eula and Edna have begun a canvass of the area and have found some good prospects. I will join them when I've completed the room on the church. There are so many here who don't know the Lord.

Joanie has sure enjoyed living out here in the country with plenty of room to run in.

The girls have been quite busy with their canvassing and curtain making. They are in the process now of making curtains for the front of the church.

We have named our church "Full Gospel Chapel". Our new address that we just received yesterday is Box 3366-C, Star Route B, Spenard, Alaska.

The trip up here was made without any trouble except a couple of flat tires. We left Moab, Utah, Friday morning and arrived here on Wednesday noon, May 13. We've pretty well recuperated from the trip by now.

The Palmers are all well and we have enjoyed seeing them once again.

Sister Edna Neff has really been all eyes since she left the "south 48" and seems to be enjoying her work here as well as all the beautiful scenery.

We do covet your prayers for our work here, there is so very much to

OBITUARY**Mrs. R. M. Cronister**

Mrs. R. M. Cronister was born in Cedar County, Missouri, December 16, 1871, and departed this life March 9, 1959, at the home of her daughter in Amarillo, Texas.

Mother Cronister was converted at the age of 18. She moved to a ranch south of Booker, Texas, in 1901. After moving to the Texas Panhandle, she was among the first to accept the Apostolic Faith, hearing the Gospel preached under the ministry of the Parhams, and Bro. Eldon Bollinger.

She attended the early day camp meetings held by the Barker Brothers at Elmwood, Okla.

Mother Cronister was firm in her faith in God. She gave many testimonies of answers to prayer, and God's dealings in her life.

She was an invalid the last two years of her life, passing away four months after having a hip broken. While unable to go about, she carried on a ministry by telephone, praying for, and encouraging those who needed help.

Her husband, R. M. Cronister, preceeded her in death Feb. 11, 1946. She leaves to mourn her passing two sons, D. A. Cronister of Durango, Colorado, and Paul C. Cronister of Amarillo, Texas. Also one daughter, Mrs. Mary Golding of Amarillo, Texas, with whom she made her home the past 15 years.

Her funeral was conducted by Rev. J. E. Burkhalter of the San Jacinto Assembly of God Church, and she was laid to rest in the family plot in Memorial Park Cemetery, Amarillo, Texas.

be done and the days, despite the 20 hours sunlight, seem too short.

God bless you and keep you,

Yours for Souls,

Bro. and Sis. J. D. Ray

P. S.—Please excuse this memorographed letter, we don't plan to make this a habit but due to the rush of getting set-up we saw the impossibility of getting letters off to all our friends. Please excuse us this time.

Thanks.

HARDESTY, OKLA.—

The Lord is blessing the labors of Bro. and Sis. McClenegan as they pastor. May 11th was the Youth Rally for that district and Bro. Jack Cornell was the speaker of the evening. There were about 120 present. The pastors report that they are happy when busy in God's work and add, "And we have His word; he that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him. Psa. 126:6. May our services be rendered in faith and in the power of the Spirit."

MODESTO, CALIF.—

The Lord is blessing the efforts that are being put forth at the church here. The flock has a nice church and a parsonage, and are glad for the work that is being done by their pastors, Bro. and Sis. John Billings. They are asking the Lord to help them to grow and if you have a burden to work with this people let them know. Don't you think that it would be possible for you to make Modesto your home and the Apostolic Faith church there could flow because of your interest the "open door to which blessings and work?"

ELMWOOD, OKLA.—

Bro. and Sis. Lowell Long are at home at this time, but they soon expect to be going to Mississippi to work there in the Youth camp. They have a great desire to be in evangelistic meetings and see many souls won for the Lord and the Gospel Truth established in many hearts. Bro. Long has been holding services in several of the churches near Elmwood.

RANGE, OKLAHOMA—

Bro. and Sis. F. P. Copeland and Bro. C. O. Bard conducted a few days revival with this people of late. The Lord was with them in a mighty way and there were quite a few saved, some sanctified and hearts were made joyful because of the power of the Lord. Thirteen were baptized in water on the last day. Bro. and Sis. Travis Flowers of Perryton, Tex., are the pastors of this church, which is located several miles southeast of Hardesty, Okla.

Baptism of the Holy Spirit

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is the experience an individual can have with God, during which the Spirit of God enters the heart of that individual and makes it His abiding place. It is a most wonderful experience, and not, as some people think it to be, an act that causes screeching, wild dancing, rolling in the aisles or any other such carryings on as that. Instead, if it is the true Spirit of God that enters the heart, it is an experience so marvelous and wondrous that it cannot be fully explained to anyone else; although you know that it was real. There is no doubt but what it is something that has come into the heart in the order God would have it to come and the feeling of closeness you have to God is inexpressible.

The Holy Spirit is given to humanity because Jesus promised man before He returned to His Father that He would pray the Father to send them a Comforter to take His place here on earth. Like salvation and sanctification; the Spirit is received in the name of and because of Jesus! Jesus knew that the world would need a Guide and Instructor so He asked His Father to send one and He sent the Holy Spirit. One of the most wonderful things about receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is the nature in which it is given. God freely gives the Spirit to man and is usually far more willing to give than man is to receive. God wants people to have this gift.

However, there are certain requirements to be met before man can receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. He is not given to just anyone, but to those who have prepared themselves for His entrance into the heart. In order to have the heart and body prepared, an individual must first have been saved from acquired sin and through the act of sanctification be made holy, and the Adamic nature or sin nature in their heart purged and made clean by the blood of Jesus. They must be wholly dedicated; heart, body, and soul to the Lord and his work. The Spirit will not take up as His abiding place an unclean or impure temple or heart.

To receive the Spirit into the heart, man has to do as Jesus told the

apostles to do just before He ascended into Heaven. Man must wait or tarry before God in prayer until they have received power from on high. He must remember to pray in the name of Jesus and honour the blood He shed, and believe He died and was resurrected. As in all experiences with God, man must step out in faith, and believe the Spirit is a gift for him and that God will give the Spirit to him.

When an individual has made up his mind that God will send the Spirit into his heart; then he needs to start praising God and Jesus and begin thanking God for the Holy Spirit. At the end of a perfect praise to God, the Spirit will come in and flood the heart and soul with His precious and divine presence.

As the Spirit comes into the heart and life of any person, He gives that individual the ability to praise and thank God in a foreign tongue. This is the sign that the Spirit has entered that person, for only He can give this utterance, and it is a distinct language, not a jabber. The individual just has to be yielded to the Spirit and let Him talk for him.

After the Spirit takes up His abode within the heart, He becomes the Comforter, Teacher, Leader, Guide and Witness of Christ to the person into whose life He has come, and because of Him, he can have the knowledge that he will be directed the way God would have him go. The Spirit is indeed a great help and in so many ways. One of the beautiful thoughts in connection with the receiving of the Spirit is: "When the Spirit comes in," this makes the individual a candidate to be among those who will meet Jesus

in the air. To be among this number, he must follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth and do all he is led or told to do by God through the Spirit.

An individual must be very careful and prayerful that he might not vex or sin against the Spirit after receiving Him. To sin against the Spirit is to blaspheme Him and this sin is unforgiveable. The person doing this is in danger of eternal damnation according to scripture. There are other ways of displeasing the Spirit such as rebelling against Him, and quenching Him as He endeavors to lead. A person having the Spirit should do their best to not offend Him for the Lord has said that His Spirit would not always strive with man, and God may take the Spirit away if man should tempt God.

Yes, the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is a definite Christ-like experience between man and God, and because of this man can have great power to overcome the world and evil. I thank God that He has given the Spirit to me and pray that I might always trust Him to lead and help me.

BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS—

Bro. and Sis. Robert Girouard write that they are resigning from the church effective at camp meeting time. They are open for the call and leading of the Lord. I'm sure the church will be wanting another pastor, let us pray that the right man will fill the place. Each of us has a job to do, and to be up and about the Master's business is wise indeed.

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