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Timely Appeal



ARE YOU READY?

We know the day is coming when the Lord will come in the clouds to gather the faithful to Himself, first those who are asleep in Him, and then those who are alive and remain. (1 Thessalonians 4:16.) The question is, am I ready for Jesus? What am I doing now to prepare myself for that day? The days we are living in are a time of grace that we must use to make ourselves ready for His coming, by living wholly for Him. There are many people on the earth today who don't believe that. Just as the Scripture prophesies they scoff: "walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation" (2 Peter 3:3-4).

But those people are mistaken. Jesus is coming back. There's a day and an hour appointed for His return. We know that's true because Jesus spoke of it saying, "Of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only" (Matthew 24:36). At that appointed time, He will catch away those of us who are prepared for His coming and take us to heaven with Him

My, what a day that will be!

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Greetings to the Saints of God!

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Great to come again to be with you with America's Christian Newspaper, God has allowed this small publication to go out for over 50 years many lives have been changed, this is the reason year after year we strive to send out the gospel truth by the way of this newspaper. Why do we preach so often about salvation and being lost, one of the definitions of salvation means deliverance from sin and its consequences, the consequences for being lost for eternity is hell. We preach because of the necessity of mens souls.

We cry out because nothing short of the truth can lead you to Jesus, nothing short of the truth can assure your eternal salvation. we publish this truth each issue prayerfully that lives will be changed and the truth maybe revealed to many, nothing glorifies God more than the conversion of a sinner. We have many prisoners who write us and tell us what the newspaper means to them.

Reaching out to the lost glorifies God, we must work with all our might while it is yet day for night cometh when no man can work John 9: 4 The reasons why Christians should share the gospel are many. According to the Bible, we have been commanded to preach the gospel to all creation We must also remember that Hell exists, and we have a responsibility to warn people of its reality Sharing the gospel is an act of love towards our neighbors, and it is evidence of our obedience to God. Remaining silent is a sin Having a burden deepens our walk with God and causes us to search the Scriptures. Having a burden for the lost changes the way we feel about others It also deepens our gratitude for the cross, remember that sharing the gospel is not about us or our abilities. It is about God and His power to save. We need a burden for the lost. According to the Bible, we should be burdened for the salvation of lost souls because the love of Christ and the love of God's truth impel us In Romans 9:1-3, It is also an opportunity for us to grow in our faith and knowledge of God's Word In summary, having a burden for the lost is essential for Christians. It is an act of obedience, love, and compassion towards others, while it is important to share the gospel with others, we should not be motivated by fear or a sense of urgency. Instead, we should be motivated by love for God and love for others. We should rely on God's strength and guidance as we seek to share the good news of Jesus Christ with those around us.

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The All Seeing Eye

by Nathaniel A. Urshan

"And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day" (Genesis 1:31).

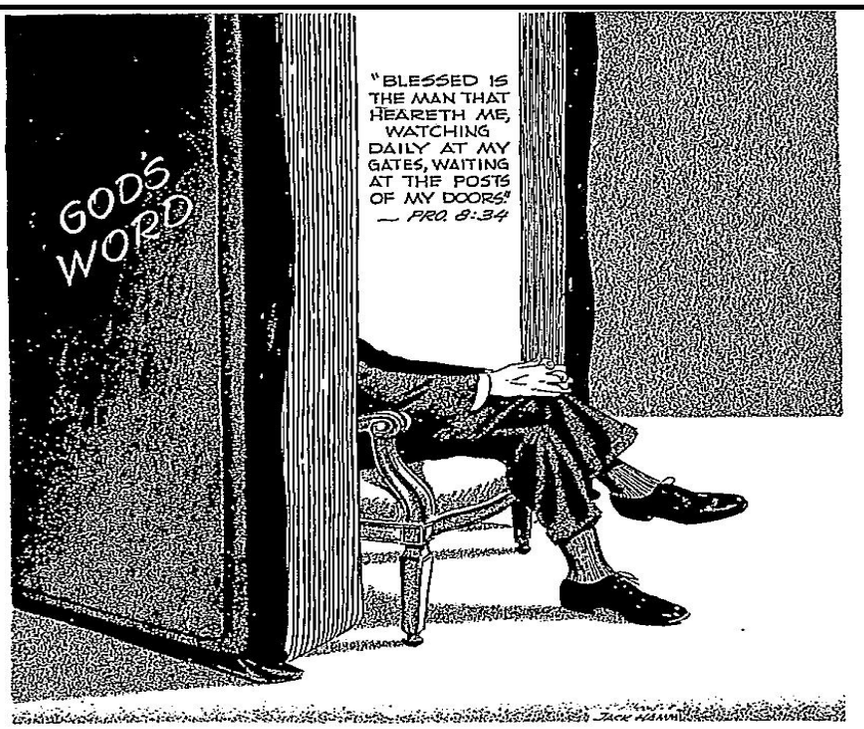
Seven times Genesis 1 states that God considered what he had made in his magnificent ability to create and saw that it was good. When he finished the total work of creation He said it was very good. This statement reveals that God sees all things.

That all seeing eye looks at everything. Nothing escapes His sight.

Somehow as the years come and go, we have a tendency to forget that God sees everything we do. We can easily fail to fear the Lord, respect the Lord, reverence the Lord. When we no longer respect and honor God, we do not do the things God wants us to do.

Some years after God saw that His creation was very good, "GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them" (Genesis 6:5-7). After He had seen the beauty of His creation, He later became grieved by man's actions, so that He decided to destroy everything He had made for man's convenience. But then and this is God at work at His greatest Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. One man found grace in the eyes of the Lord. The earth was corrupt before God and filled with violence, but in the midst of these serious conditions, God almighty told the one man who had found grace in His eyes to build an ark. Almighty God, even in His grief, did not destroy all mankind from the face of the earth,because He saw one man who was faithful to Him.

In Exodus 2:23-25, the Israelites who were in bondage in Egypt cried out to God for deliverance. As we read these verses, we note that God is looking at this world: "God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with



Jacob. And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God had respect unto them." The Lord does not forget His promises.

It may at times seem that God is not concerned about you. Let me halt your doubts. He is concerned about all man kind. He is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (II Peter 3:9). In His search after mankind, He has always looked for somebody somewhere. He is infinite, but He has a concern for finite man.

God Looks at Both the Outer and Inner Life

I Samuel 16:7 talks about a man whom God called to lead His people. God saw the heart of David and found him to be a man after His own heart.

God did not merely look at the outer man, but He looked at the inner man. This fact is not an excuse for following carnal fashions and putting on worldly trinkets. God did not mean that we should ignore the outer man. But He was looking at a man who really loved Him down deep inside.

The New Testament teaches that if we cleanse the inside then we will also take care of the outside.

The Lord saw David. No one thought this young man was qualified, but God saw his heart, and David was a man who sought God with his heart.

The Lord also sees when His people become discouraged. The prophet Elijah reached a point of discouragement, as I Kings 19:14 reveals: "And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away." Prophets get discouraged. The people of God often get terribly discouraged at trying to do the right thing.

Elijah felt that he was the only person who was trying to do right. But the Lord answered him, "Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him" (I Kings 19: 18). When you think you are all alone in trying to stand for righteousness and holiness, do not forget that there are many other people who have never bowed to the gods of this world. They are standing just as strong as you stand. That is encouraging to us who are trying to preach the gospel.

Where Does National Corruption Start?

God sees the hypocrisy of political and religious situations in a nation. He sees it from the top to the bottom.

In many instances we think that the problems of our nation stem from the politicians, but God does not start with the politician. He starts with the spiritual life of a nation. (See Ezekiel 22:23-31.) The spiritual life of a nation is the most important thing for a nation's well-being. Make the pulpit silent and you have lost the voice of God. Close up the pulpit with its strong preaching and you have a nation on its way to hell. God starts with the prophets, and He tells us that they have ravened the prey, taken the spoil, and been dishonest in what they are doing.

There is no place in the Pentecostal Church for spiritual leadership to be crooked or dishonest or hypocritical. If we are going to be ready for the coming of the Lord, we had better start cleansing our garments, and the cleansing must start with the prophets.

This is a direct message from God. God saw the condition of the nation of Israel. The prophets devoured the people, took the treasure, and made many widows among them. Furthermore, the priests did not make a difference between the profane and the holy.

Some may say that preaching about holiness gets old, but we ought to be holy people because we serve a holy God. We must make a difference between the profane and the holy. There is a difference between what is unclean and what is clean. If we do not declare and make a difference between them, we will have on our hands absolute confusion. We will! have a drifting people and a drifting church. When we make a difference between the clean and unclean, the profane and the holy, everybody knows where we stand.

We do not have to make the pulpit a place of enticing words of men's wisdom. We must face the real issues: we are living in a world filled with profanity, unholiness, and every dirty, perverted, degenerate thing we can imagine. When the pulpit stops sounding against these ungodly actions, we are in trouble. It is not the politicians that start a nation's decline; it is the church that starts the problem.

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The pulpit has more strength than we may think. The Word of God has more power than we may think. When we begin to understand how important it is to make a difference between the clean and unclean, we become a mature body of people. When the people learn that the preacher is not trying to be hard on them but is trying to get them ready for the Rapture, they say, "Amen, praise God, hallelujah."

After God dealt with the prophets and the priests in Ezekiel 22:25-26, verse 27 describes the princes, or the politicians. The princes of the land had stooped to areas of destruction against humanity. Why? Because religious leaders became weak.

"Her prophets have daubed them with untempered mortar" (Ezekiel 22:28). Untempered mortar is something that will not hold anything together. Untempered mortar is just slime that has no stick-ability. The prophets actually began to speak lies, telling the people that they were doing all right and saying, "Thus saith the Lord GOD," when He had not spoken. When you say "Thus saith the Lord God," you had better be sure you are staying with the Word of God. When you are outside of the Book, you are outside of the Word of God. You are heaping destruction upon not only yourself but also our land.

The trouble in a nation does not start with a politician. It starts with the church with the ministry. If the church does not declare righteousness, the nation is in trouble.

The situation in the nation of Israel continued to deteriorate: "The people of the land have used oppression, and exercised robbery, and have vexed the poor and needy: yea, they have oppressed the stranger wrongfully" (Ezek-iel 22:29). At this point the people began to participate in evil.

"And I sought for a man among them" (Ezekiel 22:30). This statement is troubling. Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord and God saved humanity. But God looked at the situation in Israel and said that He looked for an intercessor and could not find one man. Then He voiced judgment against the people.

The Frustrated Preacher

Despite discouraging circumstances in our time, the man of God must not become so frustrated that he quits.

Jeremiah reached that point once. When he preached the people made fun of him: "For since I spake, I cried out, I cried violence and spoil; because the word of the LORD was made a reproach unto me, and a derision, daily" (Jeremiah 20:8). He would preach and they would deride him. He would preach and the Word of God was a reproach to him. He got frustrated, the same frustration you experience when you try to stand tall and strong and declare the truth.



Jeremiah decided not to preach any more, but he could not hold back: "His word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones" (Jeremiah 20:9). He thought he would not preach in God's name anymore, but His Word was like fire in his bones, and he went before the people and preached again.

His peers watched him to see what he was going to do. They waited for him to slip, to stop preaching (Jeremiah 20:10). But they did not see a preacher who quit, because a fire from God burned in his heart.

A People with a Strong Vow

In Jeremiah 35:2 God told the prophet to go to the house of the Rechabites and give them wine. This was not the normal thing for a prophet to do, but the Lord was trying to teach Jeremiah a lesson. When we take a stand for God, when we take stands against unholiness, when we take a pro-life stand, when we take a stand for the things that are right, we may have all kinds of criticism and all kinds of opposition, but we must stand. When we have done all that God asks of us, we must then stand in His truth.

Jeremiah went to the Rechabites and told them to drink wine (Jeremiah 35:5-8). But the Rechabites were a people who had taken a vow. They would not drink wine, for their vow and conviction was strong. They refused to forsake the vow of their father. There are people whose inheritance has kept them strong through the years, and we have an inheritance to continue to declare the truth of almighty God.

We have an inheritance to declare the baptism of the Holy Ghost, speaking with other tongues. We have an inheritance to speak about Acts 2:38 and baptism in Jesus' name.

Recently eighteen students at a fundamentalist college were baptized in Jesus' name at one of our churches. The school expelled three of them because they refused to stop attending our church and talking about the Acts 2:38 message. A newspaper reporter investigated this incident and wrote that the Church was simply following the accounts in the Book of Acts. We have an apostolic heritage, and we must hold fast to it.

Because of the Rechabites' commitment, God said they would never lack a man to stand in the presence of God forever (Jeremiah 35:18-19). Through them God taught the prophet that there was a people who would not break their vow.

We Are Indebted

The true Church is going to keep the vow of its pioneers. We are going to keep the vow of our fathers. We are not in a losing battle. We are in a victorious group. Victory is ours. The battle has already been fought. The victory has already been won for us through Jesus Christ. "Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Corinthians 15:57).

Let us think upon His name. He is the healer of every disease. He is the Savior of every soul. He is the Redeemer of all mankind. He is the most lovely figure who ever walked upon the shores of time. There is nobody like Jesus. We need to think upon His name, for a book of remembrance was written of those who thought upon His name (Mal-achi 3:16). God keeps books. He sees and hears those who think about His name.

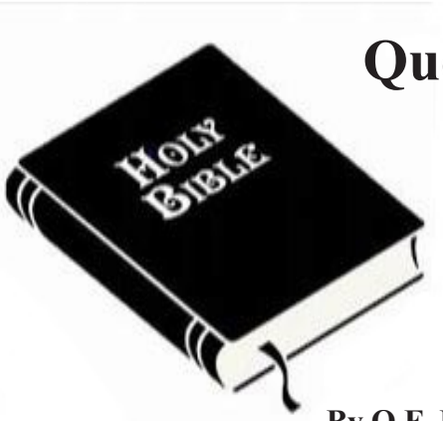
The Harvest Is Now

The husbandman is waiting for the precious fruit of the earth (James 5:7-8). When will He take His fruit from the earth? That is His secret, but He is waiting for the harvest to be completed. Now is the greatest opportunity for revival that we have ever had to see people come to God.

Prophecy of the end time is being fulfilled. Surely the coming of the Lord is near.

"And God saw . . . that it was very good." God knows where His church is, and He knows how to bring His church to the forefront. The Lord knows what His church is doing.

The Lord is coming soon, and we need to be ready to meet Him. We are going to stand strong for the truth that our forefathers have delivered to us. We are going to make a difference between the clean and the unclean, the profane and the holy. We are going to stand strong with this truth, because this is the truth that can save the world. .... end



Questions & Answers

By O.F. Fauss

Question:

My question is based upon the verse " .. . Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbade him, because he followeth not with us. And Jesus said unto him, Forbid him not: for he that is not against us is for us" (Luke 9:49, 50). Since many of us do not fellowship those who are not of our "belief," how can we expect to win them?

Answer:

Notice that Jesus did not tell John to go and "join up" with whoever it was doing a good work in His name, but simply said, "Forbid him not." In other words, leave the door open for this one to come in and walk in the true ways of the Lord.

We, too, shall do well to refrain from fighting anyone who is doing good, as far as he knows. We cannot, however, sacrifice truth that has been revealed to us, to fellowship those in error, even though they have a portion of truth. They can come over to the FULL TRUTH, they can follow Jesus with us, but we cannot go over to them.

For example: Aquila and Priscilla never went over to the limited beliefs of Apollos, even though he had some truth. They rather took Apollos unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly. (Read Acts 18:24.26.)

We can honor the portion of truth accepted by our trinitarian friends, we can show them that we love them, but we cannot sacrifice what God has revealed to us, in order to have their fellowship. To have such fellowship, we would have to agree to keep quiet about the truth of the Oneness of the Godhead and baptism in the name of Jesus. This we dare not do! We must retain and declare the knowledge of God that has been revealed to us, in order to be saved. (Read Romans 1:28; 2 Thessalonians 2:10.12). Furthermore, if the methods used in many of the so-called campaigns of deliverance, salvation and healing-practiced by those who profess the Holy Ghost experience, and who specialize in signs and wonders-are right, then we are wrong, along with the Apostles who gave-1:1s the Book of Acts.

God confirms His Word, and has confirmed it, with signs and wonders. But not all signs and wonders are evidence that those who do them are preaching the true plan of salvation. The Scripture says, "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isaiah 8:21). Solomon said, "Buy the truth, and sell it not" (Proverbs 23:23).

Question:

Please explain 1 Corinthians 11:10, which reads: "For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels." I do not cut my hair, neither do I dye it, and I am not looking for an excuse to do so, but I would like to know just what this verse means.

Answer:

To explain this tenth verse, let us begin with the preceding verses. Verse 3 declares that the head of every man is Christ: and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God. Verses 4-6 declare: "Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head. But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one (or the same} as if she were shaven. For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn (even as a man is shorn): but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven (the same as a man), let her be covered."

Here let us note just what Paul means by the "covered" and "uncovered" head. In verse 15 he plainly states: "But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a COVERING." In verse 7 Paul said that a man should not cover his head, and added, in verse 14, " .. .if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him." Man should not cover his head " ... forasmuch as he is the image of God: but the woman is the glory of the man. For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man. Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man" (verses 7-9).

Then, in verse 10, Paul said, "For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels." The power here refers to the sign of the husband's authority. The woman, in her place, recognizes the· man as her head, even as the man recognizes Christ as his head.

Paul had already declared the importance of a woman's head being covered by her long hair (verse 15). Then to emphasize what he said, he added the phrase, "because of the angels." But you may ask, "Why are angels mentioned? Do angels pay any attention to us here on earth?" Let the following Scripture quotations answer this.

"The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them" (Psalm 34:7).

"For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone" (Psalm 91:11, 12). Even the Devil recognized this as God's Word, and tried-to •, use it in tempting Jesus (Matthew 4:6).

In Hebrews 1:7, Paul says, "And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire." Then in verse 14 he asks, "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?" Further, in comparing the old and the new covenants, he declares, "But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels" (Hebrews 12:22).

Because of the angels, a woman should never show a spirit of rebellion by cutting her hair. Her long hair is a sign of her subjection to the God-ordained authority which He established in giving to Adam the very first woman, Eve.

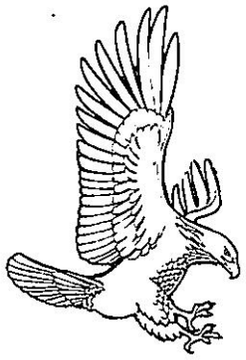
"There be three things which are too wonde1ful for me, yea, four which I know not: The way of an eagle in the air; the way of a serpent upon a rock; the way of a ship in the midst of the sea; and the way of a man with a maid (Proverbs 30: 18, 19).

Bro. David F. Gray

God's Call to His End-Time Church

MANY COMMENTARIES link verse 19 with verse 20, but they do not link at all. A maiden is talked about in verse 19 and an adul-terous woman is talked about in verse 20. They are as different as night and day.

Agur, the prophet saw things that were too wonderful for him. He said, "There are four things too wonderful for me, I can't understand them." First of all, there was



The Way of an Eagle
in the Air

The eagle beautifully typifies the church. There are many birds, such as the buzzard, the mocking bird, the parrot, and many, many others, but there is only one eagle.

The eagle is a solitary bird. It is different. It soars where other birds do not dare fly.

God would use that to illustrate His church. He wants us to travel in the rarified atmosphere where no one else dares to travel. Others do not have the ability to travel there, but God has given His Church the ability, through the Holy Ghost, to enter into realms where none other dares to go.

There are some distinctive, unique things about an eagle. It is a swift bird. It is a strong bird. It builds its nest in a place where no other bird can come. No bird of prey, no vulture, dare go there.

God has put within His people the spirit of the eagle-that dares to climb, that dares to reach out, that dares to be strong in the Lord, that refuses to be like all the other birds.

There is something distinctive about the church of the living God. There is nothing like it on the face of the earth.

The church is not just like an eagle; it is like an eagle in the air. The Bible says Satan is the prince of the power of the air. But the eagle soars in the realm where Satan would try to rule. That very realm Satan claims that is where the eagle soars. That is where we reach out, that is where we do our job. So the church is an eagle in the air, not an eagle perched somewhere. Not an eagle hiding under a bush. It is an eagle up there. Soaring, conquering, beyond that which anyone else can do. The church reaches for new heights to conqueror in the realm of Satan. Pentecost began by invading Satan's territory. Jesus told them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father in the city of Jerusalem. Why? Jerusalem was the city that crucified Jesus. Jerusalem was the headquarters of the worst enemies of the gospel. Recently a man wrote a hand-book on denominations. After tracing many denominations of faith he finally came to the Pentecostal Church. He said this: "The Pentecostal Church traces its ancestry back to the day of Pentecost that is where we began. That is how the church was born. And it was born to conquer.

This is how the church has continued through the centuries. I believe that God has always had a witness in the earth. The Pentecostal experience is unchangeable. You could go to a restaurant, pick up the menu, and say, "I like this. It says roast prime rib, baked potato with sour cream and chives, peas, and salad with Roquefort dressing. I think I'll have that."

The waitress standing there with her little pad and pencil, would say, "Oh, I'm so sorry! That was just on opening day."

"Well, it's on the menu." "Yes, but that was just for opening day, that's all."

I believe in miracles, the gifts of the spirit and the moving of God and the power of the Holy Ghost.

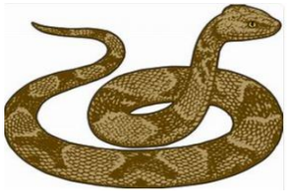
"But," someone says, "I'm sorry; opening day only. That's all." "But it's in the Book!" "I know it's in the Book, but that was just for opening day."

I read in my Bible that a king took his knife and began to cut pages out of the Book, and they are still doing that today. But let us believe God. Let us realize that He has these things for us today. Not just on opening day {at Pentecost) but for you and me today.

God is calling this church to be an eagle in the air, to invade Satan's territory. We do not have to stay down on the lower plane of the other birds. Because others are doing it doesn't mean we have to do it. We can soar above them.

An eagle in the air. That is God's picture of His end-time church. And one day it will soar into heaven itself.

A Serpent on a rock



The second picture that the Lord gives us is that the church is like a serpent on a rock.

I talked once with a man who was acquainted with the wild west. He told me that many times snakes crawl out of their holes and on to rocks in the early morning sunlight. He said, "Snakes are cold-blooded creatures. They have no internal warming system. They depend upon the rays of the sun for warmth."

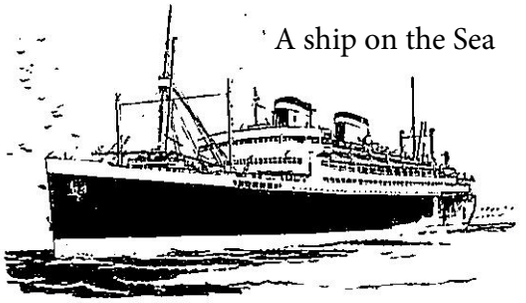
Have you crawled upon the "Rock" today? We are not depending upon our own powers. We do not have what it takes of our selves. If you think that you have the power and the ability and the talent to do it all by yourself, you are sadly mistaken.

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This end-time church does not move under its own power. We have a source of power far greater. It is not by our own abilities, not by our own personalities, not by our own strength that this end-time church is going to do the job. The sooner we learn that, the better.

When we put talent ahead of consecration, we have lost out with God already. We have missed the boat a thousand miles. Dear God, wake us up to realize that we must .be wise as the serpent. We must get our strength from God by waiting before Him.



A ship on the Sea

Then, the church is like a ship in the sea.

Isaiah 57 :20 says that the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest. Revelation 17 tells us that the waters on which the whore sitteth are peoples, and multitudes, and nations. The true church is in the midst of a wicked, filthy, corrupt, degenerate, debauched, depraved world.

God never changes. The sea constantly changes but God never does. His gospel doesn't change, Human institutions change, societies change, civilizations change, moral standards change, governments change, fashions change, and modes of transportation change, but God remains the same. Knowledge has increased. We are living in a day when men have rocketed off this world and gone to the moon. Hearts have been transplanted from one person to another.

If man can do these things, and knowledge has so increased, don't you think God has a church that can outshine this world?

With all the advancement this world has made, the three "p's," pornography, perfidy, and pollution, are engulfing the world. A preacher of another denomination wrote in a recent issue of the magazine Applied Christianity: "The United States is now the most immoral nation in history. Movies, television, and printed pornographic material have reamed the lowest subcellar with naked people portrayed engaging in perve1ted sexual acts, and newspapers, and even clergymen, approving."

We are an immoral people, guilty of the major sins of all the ages: God rejection, sensuality, adultery, sodomy, and infidelity. We are engaged in demon activity, violence and defiance of God as in Noah's day. In many ways we have outdone Sodom and Gomorrah. We are racing the judgment. Sin demands judgment. Judgment is sure; it is not a speculation.

Jesus said the last days would be like the days before the flood, when the thoughts of men were only evil continually. The whole world was filled with violence. God planned salvation for that day, just as He planned salvation for this day. That salvation was an ark. God told Noah exactly how to build it. That ark represents Jesus Christ. One door-that's the riven side of Jesus. Three stories, because in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.

God told Noah, "Make thee an ark of gopher wood, rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch." Don't just build it, pitch it. Don't paint it, pitch it. Don't make it pretty, pitch it. Thousands of dollars are spent to make our churches pretty, but how much is spent to make them safe? To make them hold back the evil tide, so that the leaks don't let the waters of corruption flow into the ark? An ocean of water on the outside can't sink a ship, but it does not take much water on the inside to sink that ship. The Lord told Noah, "You pitch it, get your hands dirty, get yourself all sticky. I know it is unpleasant, but pitch it. I don't want one leak in that r don't want one trickle of water to come through. I want that ark to be safe."

Brethren, in Jesus' name, pitch the ark! You have to do it in your local church. There are children depending on you. It is in your hands. Pitch it.

Where am I going to pitch it? Pitch it without first. We have enemies without: satanic on-slaughts that come as a roaring flood, so we pitch it without.

The Supreme Court of the State of California has passed an edict that all children are, first, a responsibility of the state, and, second, a responsibility of their parents. But God has given you parents the responsibility of your children, not the state. Some of our ministers have been hailed before courts, and judgments have been passed against them, because they have disciplined their own children.

What is the church doing at this time? What are we doing in the midst of the corruption? In the midst of the sea of sin and debauchery? We are pitching the outside of the ark, that's what we are doing. The ark was also pitched within, It would be indeed strange if Satan used all of his powers from the outside only. God's church is the vocal point of satanic enmity in the earth today. That pitching within is going to be only as strong as you are strong, preacher. There is not a law in the Book that is going to do the job. Righteousness has to be in your heart, in your soul, in the fabric of your being, in the consciousness of your consecration. There is where it has to be. Paul's last words to the church at Ephesus were these: " ... of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them." It isn't only the enemy on the outside that we face.

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The Way of Genuine Prayer



"Prayer" is one of those words that everyone seems to know, but finds hard to put a definition of into words. Some say that prayer is talking to God; however, when we pray, God seems to talk to us. So this definition does not seem to be sufficient. Others say that prayer is asking God for the things we need and want. But for the Christian, this definition seems so inadequate. What really is prayer? The best simple definition is this: "Prayer is communication between God and an individual." It is the only way that we can communicate with Him. We cannot write God a letter. We cannot get in touch with Him over the telephone, nor can we get Him on the radio. Prayer is the only way that we can have direct communication with God. We must admit in the very beginning that there are some questions about prayer that we cannot answer. Most Christians feel that prayer is simple. If they are called to give a devotion, they feel that they can always talk about prayer. But prayer is not that simple. It is a wonderful privilege, but there are some great questions that we cannot answer about it. We should be careful that we do not allow our lack of understanding to cause us to neglect to pray. Do you let your lack of understanding about electricity keep you from using it? Or your lack of understanding about radio from listening to it? Or even your lack of understanding about love, from loving?

The disciples came to Jesus one day and said, "Lord, teach us to pray." It seems significant that they never asked Him to teach them how to preach. Nor did He ever suggest that He teach them to preach. Evidently, they had seen and heard Him pray to the Father and knew that there was something about this thing called prayer that they did not understand. So Jesus taught them to pray. This shows us how important prayer really is.

Jesus taught the disciples to pray, and He invited them to pray. Moreover, He gave them many parables about prayer to encourage them to pray and to learn more about how to pray as they ought. .....

Some of God's greatest gifts are unanswered prayer .

NOTHING VENTURED, NOTHING WON

The farmer, when he sows his seed,
Has faith that in the fertile soil,
He'll grow the harvest of his hopes.
And find reward for all his toil.

Perchance 'twill be that parasites,
Or sudden blight, or early frost,
Will threaten what he hopes to gain,
And jeopardize his labor's cost.

Yet his fixed plan he carries out,
Nor for a moment stays his hand;
And thus he wins his harvest goal,
And has new wealth at his command.

In every quest some hazard lies,
But this should never hopes destroy;
Nor check our purpose, lessen toil,
However much it may annoy.

Resolve, and struggle hard to win;
Undaunted be at barriers high;
Scale each, or make a bold attempt,
And yours the merit if you try.

Success has many open doors
To faith that dares and lives to do;
And he's the hero God will crown,
Who fights his every battle through.
by: P. Patch

THE GOAL OF GOOD DEEDS

What humanity needs is the practice of deeds
That will help some brother today;
For the burdens of life, the stress of its strife,
Often cause one to fall by the way.

Too much of life's care, of its burdens to bear,
May discourage and cause sad complaint; And the time for your deed, whatever your creed,
Is when one is sinking and faint.

'Tis the record we make for humanity's sake,
In the end we will find that is best;
And the comforts in grief, in deeds give relief,
Measures up to Samaritan test.

If the hungry you feed and the wanderer lead
To a refuge of shelter and care;
Or to danger's quick call, you respond, risking all,
You will wealth of true gratitude share.

But if neighbors you cheat, try your fellow to beat,
And make profiteering your game;
In the end you will rue the false things you do,
When caught in the net of your shame.

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There is bad in the best of us.
Good in the worst of us. So let's leave the rest of us alone!

WHAT MUST WE DO ?

Sooner or later, we must all face the central questions of human existence: Why are we here? Where are we going? What should we do, what must we do, with our lives?

Throughout history, men and women have attained the pinnacle of wealth, fame, and power only to discover to their dismay that hap-piness, contentment, peace of mind, and joy were still beyond their reach. In the end, death equalizes everyone. In the final analysis all that matters is the spiritual question, "What must we do?"

We find the answer to this essential question in the Bible, the Word of God. God created us in His image as rational, moral, spiritual beings so that we could love, worship, serve, and commune with Him. Man's sinful disobedience has broken his original fellowship with God and defaced the divine image he bears. Consequently, the central need of mankind is to receive forgiveness of sins and restoration of fellowship with God. Without this work of salvation, a person cannot fulfill God's original purpose for his existence, nor can he find true peace, joy, and satisfaction.

The Bible explains how a person can receive salvation, thereby bringing eternal meaning and purpose to his existence. In particular, it reveals God's ultimate solution to the human dilemma. In the New Testament we find that men and women came to grip with the soul-searching question, "What must we do?" and how they received the answer from God.

The Apostolic Answer

Just before the ascension of Jesus, he commanded His disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they were baptized with the Holy Ghost (or Holy Spirit). About 120 of them, including the apostles, Mary the mother of Jesus, and the half brothers of Jesus, gathered in an upper room to await this unprecedented experience with God that would impart supernatural power.

On the Jewish feast day of Pentecost, which was fifty days after Passover, the Holy Spirit descended upon the expectant believers and filled them. By the Spirit's power they began to speak miraculously in other tongues (languages they did not know). As the news of this unusual event spread, thousands in the city gathered to see what was happening. Many of the onlookers were Jews from foreign lands who had come to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover and Pentecost, and they heard the uneducated Galilean disciples miraculously speaking in the various languages of their home countries. Some of them mocked the Spirit-filled disciples and accused them of being intoxicated.

But others seriously considered what they saw and wondered at the miracle they witnessed. They listened to Peter who stood with the eleven other apostles· to explain that they were seeing the fulfill-ment of Joel's prophecy: "In the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh" (Acts 2:17). Peter also preached to them about Jesus Christ, declaring that "(Jesus) hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear ....



Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ" (Acts 2:33, 36).

Many in the crowd had evidently participated in the mob that demanded the crucifixion of Jesus less than two months earlier. Now as they witnessed the Spirit of God filling and anointing the disciples, they became convinced of the Lord-ship of Jesus.

When they were confronted with their crucifixion of the Lord and Messiah, "they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?" (Acts 2:37). In other words they asked, "How can we receive forgiveness for our sin of rejecting and murdering Jesus? How can we now accept Jesus as Lord and Messiah? What must we do to be saved?

Peter replied, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38).

The Pulpit Commentary notes, "We have in this short verse the summary of Christian doctrine as regards man and God" (Volume 18, Acts, p. 54). Peter continued: "The promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call" (Acts 2:39).

With those simple but powerful words, the apostles outlined the proper response of mankind to the gospel of Jesus Christ. On that first day of the church, approximately 3000 Jews, many of whom probably bore personal guilt for the crucifixion of Jesus, accepted this message and found the answer to the central question of life.

In the years after Pentecost, the apostolic church proclaimed this message to the rest of the world. The Samaritans received it (Acts 8:14-17), the Gentiles received it (Acts 10:44-48), and the disciples of John at Ephesus received it (Acts 19:1-6). This message with its command and promise extends even to our day.

Repentance

The first step in securing eternal life is repentance, which literally means a turn from sin to God. Repentance is a change of heart, mind, and direction. It involves recognition of sin, confession of sin, godly sorrow for sin, and a decision to forsake sin. Repentance from sin is a prerequisite for forgiveness of sin and a spiritual relationship with God. When someone repents, he submits his will to the will of God. No longer does he seek merely his own survival and temporary self-gratification. Rather, he seeks to fulfill the true purpose for his existence, which is to live for God and to in-herit eternal life.

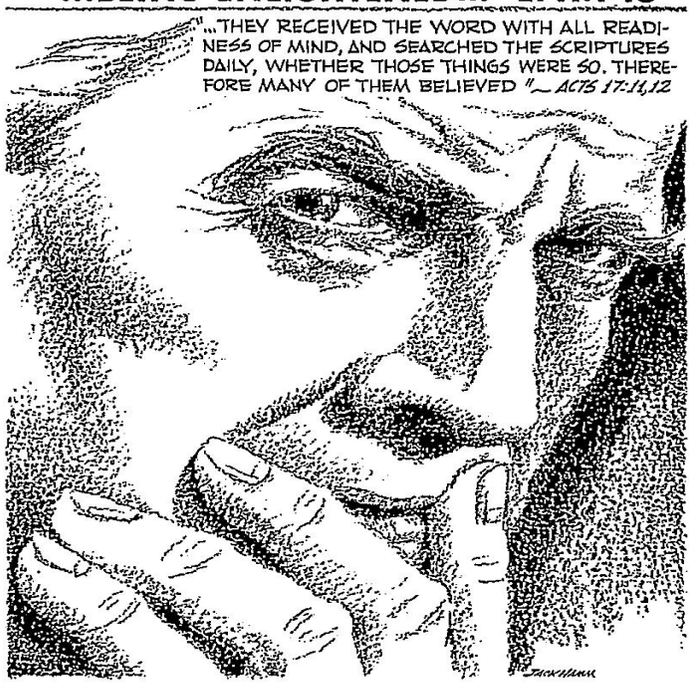
Water Baptism

After someone repents, God's Word co-mmands him to be baptized in water in the name of Jesus for the remission of sins.

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WHAT MUST WE DO ?

"...BEING ENLIGHTENED..." EPH.1:18



Baptism is a confession of faith in Christ. Immersion in water symbolizes the burial of the old, sinful lifestyle with Christ. Invoking the name of Jesus in faith shows reliance on Jesus as the only Savior and makes the power, authority, and presence of Jesus available to the believer.

When the repentant believer is baptized, God honors his obedient faith by washing away his sins. Upon repentance and water baptism, then, God delivers the believer from the penalty of sin. He can now discover the joy of life as God intended it free from the power of sin free to inherit eternal life.

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

After repentance and water baptism the seeker is ready to receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. When the repentant seeker opens his heart in faith, he will be immersed in and filled with God's Spirit. From this moment on, God's Spirit begins to dwell in his life, imparting divine power that enables him to live a holy life and to be a living witness of Christ's saving ability. The recipient will speak in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, just as the disciples did on the Day of Pentecost.

The same answer given to the Jews on the first day of the church came to others who sought for truth.

these people came from different backgrounds, but they found the same answer to their need of salvation.

The Zealous Religionist

As the Christian church began to grow and proclaim the gospel it encountered much opposition and persecution from the Jewish hierarchy, who attacked it as heresy. One of the most violent of these Jewish opponents was Saul of Tarsus, a highly educated man who believed he was advancing God's cause by imprisoning and murdering Christians.

As Saul traveled to Damascus to persecute Christians in that city, God struck him to the ground with a bright light from heaven. "Who are thou, Lord?" Saul questioned, and the Lord replied "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest" (Acts 9:5).

When Saul realized he was actually fighting against God, he had a change of heart. he asked, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" (Acts 9:6). The zealous religionist finally recognized his sin, the inadequacy of his traditional beliefs, and his need of salvation. he asked the most important question a human can ask. To provide the answer, the Lord directed him to a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. Ananias prayed for Saul to be filled with the Holy Ghost and baptized him in the name of Jesus (Acts 9:17-18; 22:16). Saul, better known as the Apostle Paul, joined the ranks of those who received the Spirit with the sign of tongues; he later wrote, "I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all" (I Corinthians 14:18).

The Sincere Worshiper

In the city of Caesarea a devout Roman soldier named Cornelius worshiped God, giving alms to the poor and praying continually. Cornelius was a centurion, a captain over one hundred men. Since he was a Gentile, the Jews did not think of him as a candidate for salvation.

Cornelius had never heard the gospel preached, but he was sincere in his search for God. Because of his earnest prayer, the Lord sent an angel to him in a vision. The angel directed him to the Apostle Peter, promising Cornelius that Peter would have the message of salvation (Acts 11:14). Cornelius was seeking salvation, and God always rewards the diligent seeker (Hebrews 11:6}.

When Peter came to the house of Cornelius, he preached Jesus Christ and the remission of sins through His name. As Peter spoke, Cornelius and his household believed and repented. Before Peter could finish his message, they received the Holy Ghost with the indisputable evidence of speaking in tongues. Then Peter commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus (Acts 10:44-48}.

The Desperate Pagan

Paul and Silas were on a missionary journey when the magistrates of Philippi. a city in Macedonia, arrested them for preaching the gospel.

They were beaten and cast into prison, but at midnight, as they prayed and sang praises to God, the Lord sent an earthquake to deliver them.

The jailer, who supposed that all the prisoners had escaped and who knew that his own life would be taken under Roman law for his failure of duty, drew his sword to commit suicide. Paul and Silas called out and stopped him before he used his deadly weapon.

The jailer evidently realized that God had sent the earthquake on behalf of Paul and Silas. Although a pagan, he recognized them as men of God and became convicted of his sins. In his desperation he cried, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30}. They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31}. This brief answer, given in a moment of crisis, summarizes the way of salvation. If this pagan would turn from his false gods and put complete faith in Jesus as his only God and Savior he would be saved.

Paul and Silas knew that faith in Jesus includes obedience to the gospel, specifically repentance, water baptism, and the baptism of the Spirit. Jesus Himself had linked these inseparably with faith in Him. "Repent ye and believe the gospel" (Mark 1:15}. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16}. "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive ... }" (John 7:38-39).

The jailer took Paul and Silas to his home, where they preached the Word of God to him, explaining in full what faith in Jesus encompassed. When he believed, the missionaries baptized him (that same hour-midnight) and he received an experience that caused him to rejoice (Acts 16:32-34).

Although it is not stated that he received the Spirit;·it is probable that

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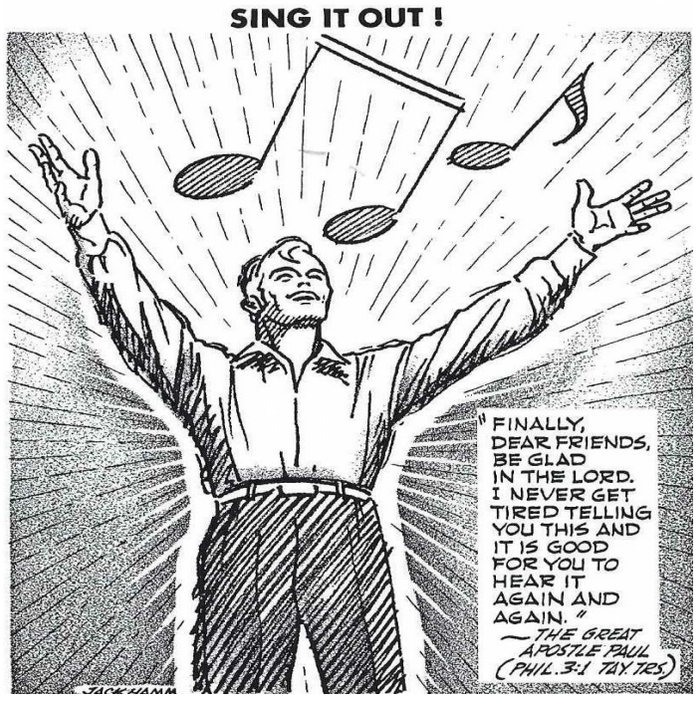
He did, for the kingdom of God is righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost (Romans 14:17}. If he truly "believed on the Lord Jesus Christ" in accordance with the Word of God, then he received the baptism of the Spirit with the sign of tongues (Acts 11:15-17).

Conclusion

This brief survey of New Testament conversion accounts brings into sharp focus God's instructions for our age. The message applies equally to all, whether poor or rich, educated or uneducated, devout or profane, Jew, Samaritan, or Gentile. The guilty crowd, the zealous religionist, the sincere worshiper, the desperate pagan-all needed and all received the same answer. How do we find life's true purpose and ultimate meaning? How can we receive forgiveness of sins? How can we be restored to fellowship with God? How can we receive power to overcome sin on a daily basis? How can we escape the penalty of eternal death and receive the promise of eternal life?

How can we be saved? In short, what must we do?

The authoritative answer of the New Testament church is simple yet powerful and complete: we are to place complete faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, thereby repenting of sins, being baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost. Both the command and the promise are ours! □



God's Call to His End-Time Church

We're going to have to pitch this ark on the inside. The salvation of the world, the end-time revival, depends on it.

God is calling this church to be a ship in the sea: water-tight, pitched on the outside and the inside. The church is the ark of salvation for this world.



A Man with a Maid

The church is like a man with a maid. That means a love story. The word "man" is not the word "Adam," which is the ordinary word for man. The word is "gebar," literally "mighty man."

The mightiest man of all is Jesus. He's the man and He is dealing with His church. As a man with a maid. Yes, it is a love story. Did you know the Bible is a love story from Genesis to Revelation? God came from glory, wrapped Himself in the tabernacle of flesh, and became one of us. He became obedient to death, even the death of the cross. That's a love story, the most beautiful love story in the world. Bring God into your life. Bring God into your home. Bring God into your meals. Bring God into your time of going to bed at night. Bring God in, This is a love story. You're in love with Him.

When you fall in love with Jesus, you don't need any other lovers. You don't need television, you don't need dance floors, you don't need movies, you don't need horse races, you don't need auto racing, you don't need ball games, you don't need skating rinks, you just don't need those things. You love Jesus; He's the one. It is a love story.

There is a world out there with a death sentence pronounced against it, and you and I, the end-time church, are the ones who are holding back the wrath and judgment of a righteous God against this generation, polluted and corrupted. This is a love story. Do you love enough to hang on, to put yourself out, to spend and be spent in this end-time? The way of a man with a maid. We are that maid.

The story is told of a man who had been out preaching in the days of the circuit riding preachers. He was an old man now. He had traveled a long way that day and had preached five different times in five different stations. Late at night, he got to a certain town where there was a hotel and he was going to stay there. He slipped in, completely worn out. But the news got out into the town that he was there, and a great crowd gathered in the street. Someone sent word to him that the crowd wanted him to preach.

The preacher got out of bed, worn out as he was, wrapped himself in a coat, and went out on the balcony. He had someone bring him a candle and light it. He said, "I'll preach until the light goes out." There he stood on the balcony. He preached until the candle flickered out and then went back in, weary and worn out, and went to bed. In the morning they came and found that he had died during the night. He had preached until the "light went out."

Preacher, preach it! This end-time church needs preachers to preach it. Preach it until the "light goes out." .....

Let A Man Examine Himself



"But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup"

(I Corinthians 11 :28).

IT IS A FACT that when we examine others, we are justifying ourselves; but if we will examine ourselves, we will be more apt to justify others. At any rate, I wish to propose that we obey the suggestion given in' this scripture: "Let every man examine himself."

I feel that the urgency of the times demands our personal heart-search as never before. It seems that there are so many uncertainties that we are facing in this year In the light of these times, let us search our hearts together around the Word of God! Someone has said that we are what we eat. I think it would be wise to give some thought to the diet we are feeding our minds. What about our thoughts? Do we discipline our thought life? Do we feed our minds on good, wholesome, spiritual values? Many people allow their minds to be poisoned with the latest news, or views of some "big mouthed, black hearted gossiper." If we allow this, we will become guilty of sin. Others· allow themselves to sink in the mental pit of self-pity!

Our minds can play real tricks on us, with the aid of Satan. I have counseled with people from time to time, who have imagined things about others and convinced themselves that these imaginations were established facts. It would be good for each of us to examine our thought life! (Prov-erbs 23:7), "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he. " You can see by this scripture, that it is very necessary for us to examine our thought life. The Scripture gives us some very definite instructions along this line. "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace" (Romans 8:6). We must ever keep our guard up lest we suffer spiritual death, through .. our "thought diet." Let us now examine our affections. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand· of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth" (Colossians 3: 1, 2). this is where so many good people have missed their spiritual mark in life .. They have majored on minors. They have allowed the cares of this life to choke out their spiritual life. The Scripture declares that we are pilgrims and strangers in this life, and that we seek a better country. Therefore, we are citizens of another country. This life is just a dressing room, for the world to come. We must have our affections on things above. Let us examine our affections! Is our real affection set on things eternal? I feel that it is always safe to re-examine ourself. Make sure they we are not fooling ourselves and playing games with our eternal salvation

Bro G.E.Wesson

A Prayer For Revival

Spirit of God, come, Oh! come, we pray;
earth's night is dark-and many go astray
the fire of love for souls 1s burning low,
Oh. send Thy fire and set the church aglow!

Spirit of God, come, Oh! come we pray,
we need a mighty Pentecost today.
Great Spirit, come convincing men of sin!
unveil the unbelief that works within.

Spirit of God, come, Oh! come, we pray. The fire must fall, there is no other way
to bring Revival both to church and home.
Thine must be the fire; burning Spirit, come!

Spirit of God, come, Oh! come, we pray, light up the darkness with Thine own bright ray. Burn up the worldliness, the sin the dross; and turn men's hearts to Christ and to His cross.

Spirit of God, come, Oh! come, we pray, revive Thy Work? Oh! Lord, without delay. Revive the love of souls, their need reveal, and set Thy church ablaze with holy zeal

Spirit of God, come, Oh! come, we pray, revive and deepen prayer from day to day. Thou dost respond to faith's persistent plea, "teach us to pray," till we the answer see!

Foot Prints



I walked the road of sorrow
A road so dark with care,
So lonely, I was certain
That no one else was there.

But suddenly around me
Were beams of light stretched wide ..
And then I saw that someone
Was walking by my side.

And when I turned to notice
This road which I had trod,
I saw two sets of FOOTPRINTS-
My own ••• and those of GOD.



Thank You For Your Blessings Lord

God on high, you have
Blessed us so
Our family, our friends
And our pastor we know.

Each person is a blessing
And a special grace to lend
May the love of your heart
Never be withheld or suspend.

For those in our lives who fill us, With peace and joy untold
Thank you, Lord, for these blessings
Both young and old.

Your Presence is felt in
Such inspiring ways
We give thanks for Your touch
Throughout all of our days.

Catherine Pulsifer

And Then Cometh the Evening

Maria J. Dodge

When the cares of life o'er whelm us
And the way is dark and drear.
Brothers, sisters, then take courage
For the night of rest draws near!

And when the burning sun goes down,
The star of hope shall rise,
And soon the morning's rosy tints
Will brighten all the skies;

Then gladly work while yet you may.
For soon shall come the rest
When God shall call from earth away;
He doeth all things best.

Thought Provoking Gems

DECEPTION

Old Satan's walking to and fro
Throughout the earth today.
He has a purpose in his mind,
' To see who he can sway.

He's cunning in his fine attire,
Looks just like you and me;
And while he does a crafty work,
He blinds eyes so they can't see.

The things that used to look so wrong,
Somehow they now look right.
It's strange how things can turn about
By Satan's power and might.

A multitude of precious souls
That one time stood foursquare
Have fallen in his awful trap ...
But still are unaware.

He paints a lovely picture
For the clouded eyes to see,
And makes his victims think
That he just suits them to a T.

He leads on down a rocky road,
But makes them think it's rosy.
And while he sees his plan at work,
He nestles up so cozy.

If we are playing in his fire,
We surely will be burned.
Don't think he'll ever let you go;
Small chance for a return.

Deception is an awful doom.
It tightly holds its grip.
It's like the spider in a web-
The victim now is whipped.

Gracie Allen



Troubles That Never Came

The bridges that I've often crossed
Before they came in sight,
Have been of many, many kinds;
Been gray, or black, or white.
I fancied many brutish ones,
And many could not name;
I've had my many troubles, but
The worst ones never came!

When squirrels get their nuts for food.
They gather for a year,
And do not worry 'bout the next,
For that they have no fear,
But man is not content today,
He lives with troubled aim;
A-thinking 'bout the troubles past.
And those which never came!

Some people build their mounts of care
Of many sorts and kind.
Which like the bridges that they build.
Are mostly in their mind.
Though sun's ablaze and sky is clear,
They think of lightning's flame.
They had their many troubles, but
The worst ones never came!

Now God is in the universe.
The birds and squirrels know,
They worry not, nor do they fret.
For what we reap we sow,
If we sow deeds they'll bear their fruit.
For God will hear our claim;
If we trust Him then we can say.
The worst ones never came!

David V. Bush

ESCAPE FROM DECEPTION

Satan hides his presence
And speaks evil to your mind.
Many promises he has bargained,
But disappointment you will find.

The more he makes you suffer,
The more it's his delight.
His ways are so alluring,
But never, never right.

He has some in false religion;
Many bound by worldly styles,
Making them think they look important
Like TV personalities imply.

Anything to make you feel good,
And to turn your mind from Christ,
Deceiving many millions
By his daily wrong advice.

I must hasten now to tell you
That I know a better way.
Jesus Christ is the Master
Over Satan and sin today.

You must make a full surrender
Saying, I give my all to You;
No more gray clouds hovering o'er
He will turn your skies to blue.

I.P. Patch

God's Power

In every waving blade of grass,
In every little flower.
That daily in my walks I pass,
I see God's wondrous power.
And every tiny drop of rain
Which falls in gentle shower,
And then in mist ascends again.
Tells of His wondrous power.
The little birds that gaily trill
Their songs in morning hour,
And all the air with music fill.
Sing of His wondrous power.

Maria J Dodge

Think On These Things



What would Jesus do ?

Praise God my soul for saving grace
Praise God for life anew
That others too may see His face
What would my Jesus do?

Blessed is the soul on higher ground
Blessed is the heart found meek
That more on earth be Heaven bound
How would my Jesus speak?

Blessed is the heart no longer stone
Cleansed by The Risen Son
That more may smile before His throne?
What will have Jesus done?

Neighbors and friends fall daily short
Blinded they're led astray
How may they see The True Report?
What would my Jesus say?

How can they reach the deeper things?
Salvation's Light pursue?
That they may rise on eagle wings
What would my Jesus do?

How would He shift their house from sand?
How would He change their view?
Building towards The Promised Land
What would my Jesus do?

Seeing their plight, their constant pain
Drinking satanic brew
That more in truth be born again
What would my Jesus do?

Being obedient, showing you care
Loving with all your might
Serving in Jesus standing in prayer
Pressing towards The Light

Michael P. Johnson

The Link In The Chain

I'm not the one to make judgments; I'm not the one to set goals,
I'm just a tool for the Master, part of His team to save souls.
I'm not the one with the answers to all the questions you ask,
I'm not the one full of knowledge; I'm hardly up to the task.

I too am one who is searching, why has the world gone astray?
I have found peace in my Saviour but others have not found their way.
So, God, if You're willing to use me, a link in the chain of events,
Give me instructions to follow, words that to lost souls make sense.

Help me to keep it as simple as Jesus revealed to the crowd;
Not oratorical flourish, not being boisterous or loud.
Simply the plan of salvation, let it appeal to mankind,
Its wonderful peace You have offered,
Peace to the soul and the mind.

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The World's Bible

Christ has no hands but our hands
To do his work today;
He has no feet but our feet
To lead men in His way;
He has no tongue but our tongues
To tell men how he died;
He has no help but our help
To bring them to his side.

We are the only Bible
The careless world will read;
We are the sinner's gospel,
We are the scoffer's creed;
We are the Lord's last message
Given in deed and word—
What if the line is crooked?
What if the type is blurred?

What if our hands are busy
With other work than his?
What if our feet are walking
Where sin's allurement is?
What if our tongues are speaking
Of things his lips would spurn?
How can we hope to help him
Unless from him we learn?

Annie Johnston Flint

Only Jesus
Can
Satisfy
Your Soul
Only He
Can touch
Your Heart
And Make
You
Whole

Forgive

Forgive someone. Today forgive.
Turn from bitter to positive.
End frustration, anger, pain;
Wash the anguish from your brain.

No need to reconcile or tell;
Just feel better and get well.
A brand new, peaceful life to live,
That's your gift, when you forgive.

By Joanna Fuchs

God Knows Best

My God knows best! through all my days
This is my comfort and my rest,
My trust, my peace, my solemn praise,
That God knows all, and God knows best.

My God knows best! That is my chart;
This thought to me is always blest;
It hallows and it soothes my heart,
For all is well, and God knows best.

My God knows best! when tears may fall;
In his great heart I'll find my rest;
For he, my God, is over all,
And he is love, and he knows best.

Through life we are faced with many trials and tribulations, however, if we stop and appreciate the little things and keep a happy heart focused on Jesus then we will draw nearer to Jesus and there is no other comfort than that!

Caleb Davis Bradlee

God calls us to reach out to the people in our lives to whom He longs to show His love and mercy

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