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*How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings . . . that publisheth salvation." Isaiah 52:7.*

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## He Heareth Us

Rev. Paul H. Eversole

"And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him" I John 5:15.

### *The Reasonableness of Faith*

In our country of Bibles and churches, our country which was founded on Christian principles, it is appalling that we have so little faith. It is true that we do have some faith for some things, but God's Word teaches us to have GREAT FAITH. Why is it that we have so little faith? With reason Jesus said, "When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" Luke 18:8.

Faith is not something that is pushed upon us, but comes when we have met God's conditions. This is true when seeking pardon, when seeking purity, and also true in our Christian lives as we come to God with our burdens and desires. True faith is a revelation from God. It is as natural for the true believer to have faith, as it is to have communion with God. Why should we not have faith? For God has surrounded us with so many manifestations of His love. Even pagans and sinners believe in God, so why should not Christians lay hold on the promises of God, with a faith that cannot be shaken?

### *The Requirements of Faith*

One of the first conditions that we must meet in order to have faith is PRAYER. We must pray until our souls are flooded with His presence. The morning hour before we begin the day is a good time to get in touch with the King of Kings. Sometimes these prayers must be accompanied with fasting. Jesus said, "*This kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.*" Matt. 17:21. This is not faith, but it gets us to where God can give us faith. These times of refreshing should be frequent, so that the soul lives with God. Living thus in communion with God,

it is only natural that God will soon reveal His will to us. Now comes our test. Do we dare to obey? Here is where we fail so many times. This is one reason why we do not have faith. We won't let God put pressure on us. How can God give us faith when we won't obey? Perhaps we are like Peter—the waves look so high that we get our eyes on conditions. Let us keep our eyes on Jesus. Let us have holy boldness, and when God speaks, let us go forth in His name to do exploits.

A missionary in the West Indies declares, "It's painful for some people to get a new idea, as it requires them to move all their mental furniture." While speaking with a certain lady about God's great promises, and our lack of faith in them, your servant found her quite unwilling to accept the fact that we were almost without faith. No doubt this was because it was an idea that seemed to shake the foundation of her theory that the Holiness people are full of faith. To have faith we must root out prejudice and stand on God's Word.

### *The Rewards of Faith*

The writer had just received a call to the mission field, and was preparing to return to Bible school. It seemed that the burden was heavy—almost too heavy—but at this time God broke in, and in what seemed an audible voice said, "If you will go, I'll stand by you." My burden was gone, and my soul was singing. God had given me a revelation of His care and love. Several years have passed and this is still my promise, as long as I go for God. How can I doubt that He will abide faithful? This faith is mine because I allowed God to put me to the test, and each one of us can, by God's grace, quench all the fiery darts of the enemy, and come off more than conquerors, and with

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## EDITORIALS by Thomas E. Frantz

*"Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people:..."*  
Isaiah 49:22

### Living Epistles

"Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men" II Cor. 3:2.

Well has it been said, "The Christian is the world's Bible"; the worldlings do not read its sacred pages, but they do read our lives. Can we blame them for not coming to Christ if our lives do not measure up to the heavenly standard? A boy lay dying with a terrible disease. As he struggled for his breath, his father moved quickly to his side, and said, "Sonny boy, what can I do for you?" The boy cursed the father, and bid him depart from the bedside, saying, "I'm going to Hell and it's your fault, for you failed to live the life before me." Paul speaks of the LIVING EPISTLES as being similiar to nature. The epistle or letter here compared to the Christian, contains several parts.

First, there is the heading and date, which applies very well to the time and place that Christ came into our hearts. For the writer the time and place was in a little church on prayer meeting night almost six years ago. Then there is the salutation, or our mode of conversing with the world. Again, we have the body of a letter, picturing our mode of

life before others. There is the complimentary close, or our last testimony as we leave this world. Many saved and sanctified saints have gone on shouting their farewell testimony to weeping relatives standing around the bedside. Lastly, there is the signature, which compares very well to the impressions our lives have made on the world. We can so live that it can be said of us, "He being dead, yet speaketh."

The Apostle again mentions LIVING EPISTLES as being spirit-inspired, "*Written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God.*" Verse 3. These epistles are not written in ink or with a typewriter, but written by the Spirit of God on our hearts.

Paul continues his comparison by saying that the LIVING EPISTLES are superior to the natural, "*How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious.*" Verse 8. All are aware of the truth that the letter of the law has a killing effect on anything spiritual, while the Spirit brings life and liberty in the Holy Ghost. How often we have seen in our Holiness realms, that when individuals make a plea for the "letter", they hinder the Spirit from working. When the Spirit has His way in hearts and in services, the law will be kept to the Nth degree.

The great apostle to the Gentiles concludes his analogy of the natural epistle and the spiritual by saying that the LIVING EPISTLES are significant in progression, "*But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*" There is all room for Christian Maturity to develop as we walk with Jesus. God grant that those who read these lines may determine they will permit the Spirit to make their lives, LIVING EPISTLES.

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## THE STANDARD PULPIT

*"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Timothy 2:15.*

### Missing It At Last

Rev. Joseph Hoffman

Matthew 25:8. . . . "And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out."

A fast train was making its way to a certain destination. It was Christmas day, and a certain man traveling on the train was looking forward to being home with his family for Christmas dinner. His heart began to beat with great rapidity, and a tear stole quietly down his kindly face. He hoped in a few moments to be again with his loved ones. Suddenly the train was rolling over a cliff to its destruction. The man was almost home but missed it at last. Tragically, I hear someone say. Yes, but not as tragic as the individual who is anticipating being in the number "When the Saints go Marching In" to finally awaken to the horrifying reality that his lamp is gone out.

We wish to call your attention to three thoughts in the message.

#### *The Similarities of These Virgins*

Webster defines a virgin as "One who has kept her chastity, and is morally pure." Paul declares in II Cor. 11:12. . . . "For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy; for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ." Paul likens the redeemed Corinthians unto virgins. They are similar in that they all were virgins, yet five of them missed heaven at last. The second similarity is seen in the fact that all of them had lamps. This undoubtedly typifies their profession. Profession is the cheapest thing in the world, while possession is the most costly. There are multitudes of people who call themselves Christians, yet they have never learned the true meaning of the word, "Repent." They have never experienced a radical, instantaneous, supernatural change of heart. *"If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature (Margin. . . 'New Creation')"* II Cor. 5:17. A third way in which these virgins were similar was that they were all anticipating the Lord's return. Disappointment will be the lot of many who are expecting the Lord's return, and their subsequent rapture to the skies. Jesus said, "Two shall be in the field, the one taken and the other left." The midnight cry was never more real than at

this time, and all mankind knows that the end of the age is close at hand. Jesus' second coming is nigh at hand, and His final message relative to His coming was, "Watch" and "Be ye therefore ready." Recently we were alarmed at hearing an outstanding evangelist declare that one of the greatest revivals the world has ever witnessed will take place during the time of Great Tribulation. If this be true, then we are badly mistaken in our interpretation of this truth. . . . **THEY THAT WERE READY WENT IN. . . AND THE DOOR WAS SHUT.** Matt. 25:10. The door is an emblem of SEPARATION. Let us not be deceived, the Gentile dispensation is about to close, and God will again be gracious to Israel. Yes, they were all expecting to get into the marriage, but some of them MISSED IT AT LAST.

#### *The Differences of These Virgins*

"They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps." Matt. 25:3,4. The first difference was in their preparation. Oil here typifies the Holy Ghost or the sanctification without which no man shall see the Lord (Heb. 12:14). Heart purity is an absolute necessity if we are to go when Jesus comes. The outward life of the ten virgins seemed the same, but the difference, spiritually speaking, was on the inside, for the wise took oil IN their vessels. You need holiness of heart, dear reader, if you ever expect to be among the redeemed hosts in Glory. The second difference is seen in their readiness. *"They that were ready went in with Him."* Thank God there are some people who are living in readiness and preparedness. They have made all necessary adjustments in life, and are living in a right relationship, both with God and their fellowmen.

#### *Three Dangers Revealed In the Text*

*First*, there is the Danger of Supposition. Mary, the mother of Jesus, supposed her son was in the company, but it was not until the close of the day that she discovered His absence. Don't take chances on your destiny by mere pretension or supposition.

*Second*, there is the Danger of Stopping

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## THE MISSIONARY MESSAGE

*"Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.*

*Incorporated missionary work on the Island of Cuba. Rev. Paul H. Eversole (Bejucial, Habana, Cuba), missionary on the field. Rev. Joseph Hoffman (Elizabethville, Penna.) Missionary Treasurer.*

### "Good-Bye America. Hello, Cuba"

Dear Christian Friends:



Your Missionary

*Greetings in Jesus' precious name.* After spending the summer in the United States, I will soon be on my way back to Cuba and to the people to whom God has sent me. Truly it is a joy to labour in the field where God sends us. God has been so

good to us, and our missionary work is rapidly taking form. With the cost of the Chevy Carryall Suburban Truck and the high duty that we must pay, it seemed like a high mountain to cross. But the money came in for the truck and within a little over a week after I arrived in Pennsylvania, money had come in to pay the entire cost price. Then on Missionary Day at the great Penns Creek Camp, with around \$700.00 needed for duty, the people responded with an offering of almost the whole amount. We praise God for this victory, for we feel that it is a great victory.

We have been greatly handicapped in the past by the lack of resident missionaries; we appreciate our visitors and all the help that they have given us, but we need permanent missionaries. At the missionary services at Penns Creek Camp several came forward and expressed a willingness to go if God should lead them. Then at the Conference after camp, we had two applicants for missionary work in Cuba. These applications are now pending.

The prospects of new missionaries brings us face to face with another problem. Where shall the new missionaries live? This is indeed a problem, as it is hard to rent houses, and those that are available are not suitable. For the last few months in Cuba, I have lived with the natives, but we are now forced to

think of something more permanent. We have spied out the land and have pretty well determined the territory in which we want to work. Now we must find a location for general headquarters. This seems like a big task, but other tasks have looked big, and God is able for this need also. Please pray with us about this need.

We will be having a few more missionary meetings before we return to Cuba. I will be available during the first part of September for some missionary meetings, and could show some natural colored slides of the conditions in Cuba. If you desire to contact me, you may address me at Penns Creek, Penna.

Soon after these meetings we plan to load what equipment we can take with us, and head our missionary truck toward the southland. It will be a journey of several days, with several meetings and stops on the way. Then we will board the S. S. Florida and sail for Cuba. Within a few hours we should be in Cuba among the people we love. It will be a happy day when we can take up our work again, and see hungry hearts weeping their way to victory. We have been receiving good reports from our native workers and feel that we have precious soldiers of the Cross in Cuba. Please pray for these dear people. They are God's "other sheep" and we must bring them into the fold.

Your Missionary,  
Rev. Paul H. Eversole

### ANOTHER MISSIONARY PROJECT

In the May Issue of the STANDARD we spoke of supplying Bibles for some natives that wrote us from Africa. Recently we received another letter from them. We print it here as it was received.

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Dear One in Christ:

Greetings in Jesus' name. Receive (d) your letter this week, and glad to hear from you

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## EVANGELISTIC PULPIT

*"Do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry." 2 Timothy 4:5.*

### The Power Of Prayer

Rev. Wilhellamina Endicott

Text...Acts 4:31...*"And when they had all prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness."*

#### *The Need of Prayer*

If we could get every professor of religion to pray at least ten minutes a day and every professor of Holiness to pray fifteen minutes a day, I believe this country would be shaken for God. This is our greatest lack today--prayer. Prayer is not just words but it is a cry, a request, a pouring forth of our hearts to God who is All-mighty, All-powerful, ready to hear, eager to listen, able to perform. More things have been wrought by prayer than anything in all the world. We need to live on our knees in these last days and to keep in constant touch with Divinity. We need to pray in faith, expecting the answer, and thanking God in advance for it. We need to take time to be holy. There is no time for it unless we take time from something else. The saints of old arose at three or four o'clock in the morning and met God before they met anyone else. We need to pray until the fire of God falls and burns up everything He cannot use and refines everything in us that is usable.

#### *Great Men Lived Lives of Prayer*

Christian Evans, a minister, tells in his diary of one Sunday afternoon, while traveling a very lonely road to attend an appointment, or being convicted of a cold heart. He tied his horse to a tree, went to a spot in the woods, walked to and fro in an agony of soul as he reviewed his life. He waited for three hours before God, broken with sorrow, until there broke over him a sweet sense of God's forgiving love. He received from God a new baptism of the Holy Ghost. As the sun was westering he went back to the road, found his horse, mounted it, and went to his appointment. On the following day he preached with such new power to a group of people gathered on the hillside, a revival broke out that day and spread through all Wales.

John Knox, who was noted for his power

with God in prayer to such a great degree that the Catholic Mary Queen of Scotland declared that she feared the prayers of John Knox more than all the armies of Europe, could bring to his aid the armies of Heaven and the God of hosts. He would kneel before the Lord as long as his knees could endure it, and then lie prostrate on his face for hours. His cry was, "O God, give me Scotland, or I die." And God gave him his country to be the stronghold of Protestantism.

Paul and Silas were thrust into prison. Their feet were made fast in stocks. At midnight, in the most distressing time, under trying circumstances when everything was discouraging, they prayed and sang praises unto God. The prisoners heard them, and there was a great earthquake until the foundations of the prison were shaken. Immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's bands were loosed. The keeper of the prison awakened out of his sleep was ready to commit suicide, but Paul said, *"Do thyself no harm, we are all here."* He was put under deep conviction and cried out saying, "What must I do to be saved?" As he trembled, sprang in (to Paul's cell), and fell down, Paul said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." (Acts 16:31).

Then we read of Peter and John, how they were cast into prison, but afterward when they prayed the place where they were assembled was shaken. They were all filled with the Holy Ghost. They spoke the Word of God with boldness, not one of them lacked and great grace was upon them all.

There was Elijah in the time of a great drought. He prayed earnestly that it might not rain. It rained not for three and one half years. He prayed again and it rained then. He prayed for the widow's son who had become ill and died. The child was revived and lived.

If we will pray in these last days I believe God will put such old-time conviction upon sinners until they will be unable to eat, drink, sleep, or work, but they will come crying out, "What must I do to be saved?" He will make

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Your letter seems to be like water from heaven, pouring on the head of ours. We are highly pleased as somebody over there has promised to send the Bibles to us. Kindly extend our most hearty greetings to him. As God has promised that: "If you ask you will receive."

Many people here, as you know, are barbarous, killing and eating men. It is pitious, may God have mercy on them, and may they repent.

Please can you send us some Christian papers and magazines? We will be pleased to have them. Please kindly inform your people, if any of them have any old Bibles and books, let them to you, and you post them to us. We will like the Bibles in English edition.

May God bless you. Hoping to hear from you. Kindly reply us by air-mail before sending.

We are,  
Yours in Christ,  
John Osolu and Brothers



Rev. Joseph Hoffman, Missionary Treasurer, in Cuba.

Mode of traveling in Cuba on Missionary Business.

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Short of God's Will For Your Life. Lot's wife also had been delivered from the world, but looked back, having the worldly spirit in her heart. Believer, you need holiness of heart.

*Third*, there is the Danger of Seeing Our Need Too Late. The foolish virgins discovered their need, but it was too late to buy oil, too late to plead, too late to enter. **THEY MISSED IT AT LAST.**

## SCRIPTURAL, OR TRUE HOLINESS

Rev. N. O. Stucky, Evangelist

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**II. THE EXPERIENCE.** The doctrine alone, regardless of how thorough and Scriptural, if not embraced and acted upon, may serve as a creed, but is as cold and empty as last year's bird nest. There is oil in the earth, but unless man's desire for it reaches a state where he will do something about it, and become a diligent seeker after it, it will remain in the bowels of the earth. I recently saw in the state of Pennsylvania where those large hills and mountain tops were being ripped open by huge steam shovels and bull-dozers until they were unsightly; all because someone's doctrine said there was a few feet of coal down beneath those hills, and a way of getting it; and someone's ambition and desire for money became active and faith and works united at great expense and labor and become diligent seekers, and I saw them getting results. So likewise we must become diligent in our seeking the life of holiness which requires two separate, distinct works of grace. God wills that we should be holy and has made ample provision for it through the death of Christ on Calvary; the process of it is Holy Ghost conviction for sin, which if responded to, will lead to genuine repentance and the new birth, which is holiness begun, and is perfected in holiness by the mighty baptism with the Holy Ghost. Then follows:

**III. THE LIFE AND PRACTICE.** A father may give his son a choice farm and the best of equipment to work it with, but that does not assure a good crop. It now remains for him to apply himself and avail himself of what the father has made possible. Likewise, God, in giving us the new birth and cleansing our hearts from inbred sin and filling us with the Holy Ghost, removes all inward hindrances to living a consistent life of holiness. Nevertheless, it is up to the individual to apply himself to the task and work at the job, and see to it that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts he should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world.

How delightful to know, and know that you know, that the doctrine you embrace, your experience and life are all a product of the Scriptures. "For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth forever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you." Surely, "holiness becometh thine house (whose house we are), O Lord, forever."

## AMONG OUR CHURCHES — ANNOUNCEMENTS & REPORTS



Milesburg, Pa.—Revival Services will be held at God's Missionary Church, Milesburg, September 18-October 2, or longer if the Lord so leads. Rev. Joseph Hoffman, evangelist in these services. The public is invited to share these services with us. Pastor, Rev. William Rachau.

### ALONG BIBLE PATHWAYS—FOR THE CHILDREN

JESUS SHOWS HIS LOVE FOR CHILDREN AND HIS SYMPATHY TO PARENTS

Rev. Evan T. Kersietter

One day Jesus went into a city called Nain. As He came near to the gate of the city, the people were carrying out a dead man to bury him. He was the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and many of her friends were with her. When Jesus saw her, He was moved with pity, and said, "Weep not." He came and touched the bier on which the body lay, and those who carried it stood still. Then Jesus said, "Young man, I say unto thee, arise." He that was dead sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. All who saw it were afraid, and they praised God and said that He had sent a great prophet among them.

On another occasion came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. He fell down at Jesus' feet, and besought Him that He would come unto his house. For he had only one daughter, about twelve years of age, and she lay dying. As they journeyed Jesus healed a woman with an issue of blood. She then gave her testimony; while Jesus was yet talking to the woman, there came a messenger to the ruler of the synagogue, who said, "Thy daughter is dead; therefore trouble not the Master any further." But Jesus said unto him, "Fear not, only have faith and she shall live." Despite the weeping at the house, which told all that the child was dead, Jesus ordered every one out of the room where she lay except Peter, James, and John. He took the child by the hand and called, saying, "Maid arise," and straightway she arose and walked. Those who saw it wondered; even her parents were astonished. No wonder we sing in our camp meetings and prayer meetings today, "It's Just Like Jesus."

We also think of a time when people brought their children to Jesus that He might put His

hands on them and bless them. But His disciples found fault with those who brought them, and would have sent them away. But Jesus was much displeased at His disciples, and said, "Let the little children come unto me, and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of heaven." He meant that only those persons who are humble and loving, like little children, shall come into His kingdom. And He took the little children up in His arms, and put His hands upon them and blessed them.

Dear children, Jesus loves you. Remember that little chorus: "Jesus loves the little children . . . all the children of the world." Now, I wonder do you love Him? Would you rather take His name in vain? I pray not. When in school, do you let the other boys and girls know that you love Him? Do you let them know that you belong to God's Missionary Church? Do they laugh at you and make fun of you because of your plain dress and clothes? If they do, remember, Jesus loves you and He wants you to be a little Christian.

Beloved parents, remember your responsibility to God for your children. Did you consecrate or dedicate your children to the Lord? If so, remember the vows you made to God, that you would bring them up in the fear and admonition of the Lord, and direct their feet to the sanctuary and watch over their spiritual welfare. Do you take your children to the Sunday School and church services or are you following the modern tide of letting the children go and then staying home yourself? Do you claim James 5:14 when your children are sick? Remember, Jesus shows His love for children and His sympathy to parents. He has proven it through His Word.

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a deeper confidence and faith in God.

My heart was blessed by a recent message, stressing the fact that God hears every word that we pray. It increased my faith to think that God hears all. Yes, I had known this before, but the Spirit drove the message home in a new way, and made it mine. Oh, Glory to Jesus for these little touches from heaven, that quicken our souls and give us new faith in God.

Dearly beloved, let us look up to God. Let us be careful to keep our prayer covenant with Him, and let us have holy boldness to obey and see if He will not open the fountains of His grace and give us faith so that we may

know that He heareth us, whatsoever we ask, and that we have the petitions that we desired of Him.

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believers so hungry for the Holy Ghost until they will want Him more than anything else. I challenge you, Christian friends, to pray and believe God. Remember we are serving a living God, One who remains the same, One who still hears and answers prayer. Glory to God for prayer. Some one says, "I'm too busy to pray." *If you are too busy to pray, you are busier than God wants you to be.* Amen.