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*"The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it." Psalms 68:11.*

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## Men of the Times

By Rev. H. C. Van Wormer

In 1 Chron. 12:32, we read, "... the children of Issachar ... were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do. ..." The wise men in the court of Ahasuerus "know the times" (Esther 1:13). Jesus, when on earth, blamed the Jews because they "knew not the time of their visitation" and did not "discern the signs of the times" (Matt. 16:3; Luke 19:14).

As men of God, as leaders of others, do we know the times in which we live? Do we know what to do, when to do, how to do and do we have the dare to? Or are we going to be found of our Lord wanting in these things because we, too, have failed to "discern the signs of the times? For we are living in one of history's most difficult periods, and in an hour of widespread disruption, confusion, frustration, division and aggression. This is no ordinary time and age in which we live. It is one of those epochal periods of history that attracted the attention of the eye of the ancient prophets, as they peered through the divine telescope of prophecy, when they spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. Some time ago, Brig. Gen. Charles Lindbergh said, "Mankind has entered another of the historically recurring periods of catastrophe and crisis, this time on a global scale ... our security will lie in the indestructible power to destroy."

Furthermore "our faith and the way of life produced by our faith are in mortal peril. There are spiritual values at stake in the world crisis today which strike at

the roots of our very existence." Are we awake to this as ministers of the gospel, or are we adding confusion to the confusion, frustration to the frustration, disruption to the disruption and division to the division? Are we showing our people the way out of this apostate condition as did Jude?

### — What We Face Today —

Today, we are faced and confronted by Catholicism which is gaining tremendous power everywhere, by an aggressive, atheistic Communism which is contending with Christianity for man's allegiance — "The philosophies now set in opposition to each other are irreconcilable" — by a blatant, blasphemous, Neo-paganism of which is such as has not appeared on the scene for two thousand years, by a synthetic, barbarism which is "armed with modern engines of destruction and diabolical devices of torture and motivated by dark, furtive forces," by a disasterous materialistic philosophy and secularization of life which is dominating and damning our way of life and faith everywhere, by an increasing tendency to gloss over the awfulness of sin and by an appalling apostasy which is not a "falling away" into formalism, backsliding or vice, but a downright forsaking of the Lord Jesus Christ and "the faith ... once for all delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3) and the following after "another Jesus ... or, another gospel" (2 Cor. 11:4) proclaimed by men who are "false prophets, false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves

into the apostles of Christ" (2 Cor. 11:13).

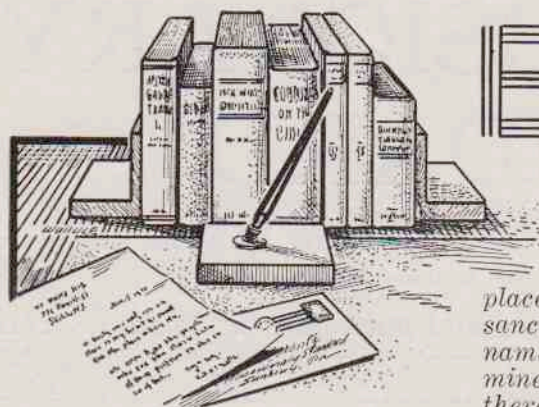
### — England's Broadcaster —

Recently, England has been stirred by the blasphemous radio broadcasts of Mrs. Margaret Knight, Lecturer in Psychology at Aberdeen University. The broadcasts were given over the station of the government-sponsored B.B.C. Never before has the B.B.C. dared to sponsor an atheistic talk series. Mrs. Knight boldly proclaimed God to be a myth, with no more reality than a Santa Claus. The theme of her broadcast was, "Morals without Religion." In her remarks to parents concerning the training of children, she said: "And we can tell them that some people now don't think there is really a God, any more than there is really a Santa Claus, though we often like to talk as though there was ... let children read and listen to New Testament stories in the same way as they read and listen to the stories of Greek mythology. And if they ask if the stories are true, they can be told that they are a mixture of fact and legend. ... There was a real Jesus Christ who preached to the Jews and was crucified, but we don't believe that he was the son of God and a virgin, or that he rose from the dead."

Dr. J. C. McPheeters who was writing about this in THE HERALD said: "This is a blasphemous proclamation to the effect that Christians have a dead God. The radio broadcasts of Mrs. Knight are very clearly a phase of the anti-Christ and their messages spoken of by John in these words: 'Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that anti-Christ shall come, even now are

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# EDITORIAL

Thomas E. Frantz...

## David's Estimation of Worship's Worth

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." Ps. 122:1.

David was a man that daily had experiences concerning many and varied relationships. One minute he was keeping his father's sheep in the wilderness, faithfully doing the lowly tasks, and in a flash he had been anointed as king over Israel by Samuel, the Prophet. His victory over the giant brought him fame and fortune, for the ladies of Israel danced and sang, "Saul hath killed his thousands, but David his ten thousands," and the fame and fortune lost its luster when "Saul eyed David from that day," and the young Shepherd-King spent most of his time avoiding the wrath and anger of the Tall One, who had become jealous. The bosom-companionship of Prince Jonathan helped David in these hours, and finally in the hours of exile, hiding in caves and mountains, David very likely realized the true worth of religious worth, and it may be that the words of the text were forced from his lips after remembering the vicissitudes of those hours.

Let us see just why David was "Glad" to attend upon the means of Grace in the Sanctuary:

### I.

He would meet the Saviour there! "The Lord is in this place, and I knew it not," said Jacob in Bethel's lonely hour. If this is true, and it certainly is, how much MORE will God be in the place dedicated to His worship and praise. "Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attend unto the prayer that is made in this

place. For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually." (2 Chron. 7:15, 16) This was the language of God of Solomon upon the dedication of the temple to the worship of Almighty God! Beloved, we can be sure we will meet God today in His house.

A number of years ago the writer began a revival meeting in a small church in a little town in the coal regions of an Eastern State. The Church was poorly located, right next to the railroad track, and a big ravine was nearby. The Lord found the location, though, for we had a wonderful revival. The altars were crowded night by night, and many wept their way into the kingdom. Attendance was of a capacity nature, and many new contacts were made for the Church and pastor. Out of that meeting went some to serve God in the Christian work. Why all this, when human conditions did not seem to favour such a revival? GOD met with His people!

### II.

David knew he would meet the Saints there! "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," David said on another occasion. Encouragement always comes from the fellowship of "those of like precious faith." The picture of the lepers at the gate of Samaria, heading for the camp of the Assyrians, leaning upon one another, reveals the true spirit of Christians even in today's divided world. A soldier who had served in the Crimean War had been severely wounded. At a public gathering, upon recovering from his injuries, he was questioned by the male attendants: "Did you fall immediately upon sustaining this injury?" "No," said the young man, "as strange as it may seem I did not fall to the ground. You see, as soon as the other fellows

saw that I was hurt, they crowded so closely to me that I couldn't fall!" What a lesson for the saints of God in this age! Enlightenment is another benefit of Christian Fellowship. When Paul and Peter had a difference of opinion, The Apostle Paul "Withstood him to the face," to give Peter light on the subject. Tender, compassionate exchange of ideas among Christians is a source of inspiration, indeed.

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# The STANDARD PULPIT

## The Darkness of Heathendom

—Victor Glenn

*"And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me. And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal. Thou son of David, have mercy on me. And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they called the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise: he calleth for thee. And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus. And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way." Mark 10:46-52*

I would like to use this passage of scripture as a basis for a missionary message.

I believe this picture of the blind beggar portrays to us so aptly the condition of the heathen. I am aware of the fact that every sinner is blinded by sin. I read, I believe in Corinthians, that the eyes of their understanding are darkened that they might not know the way of salvation.

If that be true of we who have the privilege of attending camp meetings, if it be true about individuals who have churches to attend, radio messages going out and Gospel appeals given to them, how much more it would be true of the countless multitudes of souls who sit in heathen lands where church bells never ring, the Gospel has never yet reached where they are in the darkness and shadow of

death, waiting for someone to tell them about Jesus Christ.

One can little imagine how blind the heathen are spiritually until with his own eyes he begins to see it. Such a terrible and tragic blindness prevails among them!

In an article in the paper, one of our missionaries wrote something that portrays their terrible blindness. She is a registered nurse, laboring down among these pagan people where I suppose she provides the only medical assistance available for many miles. She said, "Only three days ago we came face to face with Satan. We had made two visits into the home of one Kunama man who was very ill. In our first visit there, the native young lady interpreting for me and I walked in to find a terrible situation. Sitting there beside the man who was ill was one of the witch doctors of the village. She had made small incisions into the man's abdomen and with her mouth was sucking out the blood. It was one of the most sickening sights I had ever witnessed in my life. When we left the atmosphere

was charged, not with God's presence, but with the presence of Satan." They had felt that the powers of darkness were saturating that room, so quickly left because they wanted him to realize how wrong this darkness was.

Near one of our mission stations where our missionaries had learned of this experience, a mother lost her son by death, only a few weeks old. She thought evil spirits had killed him, so took the little body of her baby, placed it in the native oven and baked it to a crisp. She put the burned crisp away until later on when she had another son born. She brought out that crisp remains of her dead baby and tied it around the body of her living child to ward off the evil spirits, so it would not die as the other child had died.

A tribal chief came to the mission station. He had pled for missionaries time and time again. None had been given. Finally in advanced age, he came to the mission and said, "I am old. This is the last time I'll ever come. I have begged you year after year for

missionaries, you have none to send. You have told me that you have a God, and that God has a Judgment, and all men shall stand before Him at the Judgment. Do you know what I'm going to tell Him when I stand before Him? I am going to tell Him that year after year I have begged for a missionary. I have pled for a missionary that I might hear of your God and you had none to send."

There are tribes in Eritrea to whom we promised five years ago

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A group of mothers in Africa where Bonnie Cleaver is laboring. Note their native dress. Sister Cleaver is in the back row, right of center."



## The Sunday School Teacher's Page

Beloved Teacher, yours is a high honour: that of helping to mould the lives of both young and old. In this respect, you may enter into that relationship with the Master Teacher, Who will be the Divine Instructor to all of us, since the Word has told us — "If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God, Who giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not." James 1:5. In 1948 your pastor was conducting a revival meeting in the Philadelphia area; after service that night there was a re-union in the back of the Sanctuary, to which my attention was attracted. I discovered an old sister about 85 years old, around whom had gathered several gray-haired men, who said at my approach: "Preacher, this dear lady was our Sunday School teacher, and down through all these years we have never forgotten her." The lips of the old lady began to tremble as they spoke these words of tribute! It was revealed to me that *Teaching Is Indeed a High Honour!*

In the outset of this Study, we will explore our knowledge in a general way, so get your pencil, and let's see what we know already about the Book, for it is our textbook always:

- (1) *Bible Structure* (We will further study this division)
  - (a) *How many books in the Bible?* —
  - (b) *Why Two Divisions?* —
  - (c) *How Many Books did Paul write?* —
  - (d) *How many of the Gospels were written by Disciples?* —
  - (e) *What book in the Bible does not mention God?*
- (2) *Biblical Origin* (There will be information on this item)
  - (a) *What language was the Old Testament written in?* —
  - (b) *What language was the New Testament written in?* —
  - (c) *What is meant by a book of the Bible's being considered as canonical?* —
  - (d) *In what year do we first find the King James Version of the Bible's being circulated?* —

- (3) *Bible Characters* (We MUST surely study the important ones)
  - (a) *Elijah and* — — — — —  
(Associate one with another)
  - (b) *David and his bosom friend — Prince* — — — — —
  - (c) *Deborah and her fellow-judge,* — — — — —
  - (d) *Moses and his brother* — — — — —
  - (e) *Jacob and his wives,* — — — — — and — — — — —
- (4) *Bible Doctrines* (This is so important for us to study.) (Quote verses of Scripture to prove the following.)
  - (a) *Necessity of Repentance*
  - (b) *What The New Birth Does—*
  - (c) *The Christian's Stand Against the World —*
  - (d) *What Basis Consecration Is Laid upon—*
  - (e) *Two Generations, Christ said, whose days would be repeated in the times of His Second Coming —*  
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## Atheism in an Old Church

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maintained: anti-Christian, anti-Buddhist, and anti-Moslem.

According to George Weller, who has just returned from a tour of Leningrad, the soft pedal has been turned on the anti-Moslems part, for Soviets have many from the Middle East in Russia, learning the various arts of war. Only 20 Buddhist temples are left in distant Siberia, and still the Communist Museum is bearing down heartlessly on this belief, possibly because Red China has used even Buddhism to spread their Communistic line.

The Jewish religion has escaped outright condemnation with the other three, because: "It depends on written laws and codes rather than images and ikons, and we haven't been able to find material to dramatize it."

Various exhibits are given to show the "false teachings" of Christianity, and nearly 1,000 people daily visit the anti-God shrine.

Perhaps those in our midst who say that Communism would not eradicate religion in America, should restudy what happened at Kazan Cathedral!

## David's Estimation of Worship's Worth

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Empowerment also can be chalked up to the meeting of *Saints* in "the house of the Lord," for the Church took Saul and Barnabas in charge, laid their hands upon them, and "thrust them out" into the whitened harvest fields of earth. Dr. Joshua Stauffer said recently that it greatly blessed his heart to see Churches sending forth sons and daughters to work for God in the blessed ministry.

### III.

The Psalmist was glad to go to God's house, because he knew he would meet *sinners* there. One can see Peter and John's joy when the lame man, who was daily laid just outside the church door, was healed in answer to prayer, and went about leaping for joy. Jesus met the disappointed seeker, who had laid for 38 years by the pool, and in a flash he was made whole. Some people today, being put off for that long by God, would start throwing mud at the angel when he came down each year to trouble the waters of the pool. In previous days in the history of the Jewish nation, they oft times gathered without permitting any unsaved people in their midst. However, in the New Testament era, the invitation was always broad, and included the "*whosoever will*," and may the Lord ever help us to welcome anyone and everyone that sincerely desires to find God into our churches. It seems sometimes that certain people bitterly resent even the attendance of the unconverted into our midst. This was the attitude of the Pharisees of Jesus' day, and the Master told them that some harlots and wicked people would get into the Kingdom before they, the Pharisees, did. This was indeed a hard saying, but, true nevertheless. Yes, David, we are able to say with you today: "*I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord,*" for we, too, have learned to properly evaluate the worth of worship! —Editorial by Thomas E. Frantz



## Our Losses

**GROVE, Mrs. Tessie:** wife of Hiram Grove of Buffalo Run Valley Road, R. D., Bellefonte, Pa. died August 5, 1961, and was laid to rest in the Meyers Cemetery on August 7. She had reached the age of 75 years, and was a patient sufferer, although blind for the past several years. She leaves to mourn her passing, in addition to her husband, two children: Mrs. Pearle Corl of R. D., Bellefonte, and Mr. Ralph Grove of Bush Addition, Bellefonte. Her services were conducted by Rev. Thomas E. Frantz of Milesburg, from the Wetzler Funeral Home in Bellefonte. The writings of Solomon furnished the text: "*Who can find a virtuous woman, for her price is far above rubies?*" Sister Grove has entered into the Glory, and her "*works do follow her,*" and the many prayers she prayed for her family and neighbors will some day find their answer. Many long hours of suffering were punctuated with prayer and praise, and in the last hours of her life she agonized in prayer for her loved ones. May God bless her memory!

**HUGG, Mary,** wife of Toner A. Hugg of Milesburg, was born in 1880 and passed to be with God on August 4, 1961, having attained a good age, and having suffered many of the infirmities of old age, and yet not complaining or murmuring at her lot. She deeply appreciated the prayers of the visiting ministers, and seemed to want God's will fulfilled in her life. She left two daughters, Elizabeth of Bellefonte, and Martha of Washington, D. C., as well as one son, Walter. Her aged husband also survives. Her services were conducted from the Wetzler Memorial Chapel at Milesburg, with Rev. Thomas E. Frantz officiating, and burial was at Union Cemetery at Bellefonte. God is calling His children home to Heaven.

**WENSIL, Mrs. Grace,** of Mahaffey, Pa., was called to be with the Lord on August 9, after a lengthy illness. She had suffered for months with an incurable condition, but kept her radiance until the end, and lived on in pain and agony, but held on to the Lord. Our prayers are with her family. Further report of her passing will be printed as received.

## Renewals! Renewals! Renewals!

A lot of time and trouble would be spared the editorial and business staff if everyone reading these lines, whose subscription is about to expire, would enclose a dollar in an envelope, along with correct name and address, and send it off to:

Miss Eva Bailey  
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She will properly credit your account for the amount, and set your subscription ahead a dollar's worth.

Don't forget to subscribe for your neighbors, friends, pastor, Sunday School Teacher, local institutions near you, etc. God will bless you if you do.

—Editor

## Meditations by Moore

"HOW UNSEARCHABLE ARE HIS JUDGMENTS, AND HIS WAYS PAST FINDING OUT."

Man, in this world will never be able to comprehend the Holiness or Righteousness of God, nor can he grasp the horror and darkness of hell, for the Righteousness of God is Heaven — and the wrath of God is Hell.

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Mankind was not made to enjoy sinfulness, and so will be sorry for his wrong — either here, or hereafter. Be wise, and make it here.

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J. Edgar Hoover says, "Crimes of Passion increase in the summer-time." Well, that isn't hard to understand, with all the half-nude girls and women to be seen everywhere.

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Many young people really believe themselves to be in love, when it is but the flames of lust they feel.

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Have you noticed how beautiful the dead are made to appear. Remember only that their hearts are still and cold. So it is with the dead religionist.

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We learn not by what we see others go through, or what we read, we learn by hard experience.

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A family-altar may alter the family. It might be worth a try.

## Men of the Times

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there many anti-Christ; whereby we know that it is the last time.' (1 John 2:18). John speaks of many anti-Christ who are the forerunners of the anti-Christ. Blasphemy is a characteristic of the anti-Christ and his forerunners that precede him. . . . It is a sad day for any nation when a forerunner of the anti-Christ is permitted to blaspheme the name of God, in a national broadcast, proclaiming that God is dead. We have already had the reaping of the harvest of such blasphemy in two world wars, within a single generation, and the path to a third world war is paved with such blasphemy. The final harvest of such blasphemy is 'the wine of the wrath of God.' "The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation'" (Rev. 14:10).

— Lawbreakers Abound —

Besides this, we are in a period of "record law violation which has become a national disgrace," of a tragic falling apart of the American home and a disregard for the old-fashioned family altar. As a result the sanctity and stability of the average American home is being destroyed, of a disruption of our spiritual foundations, of a real moral sag and deterioration which has reached the stage of alarming proportions, of "an unchristian and anti-social attitude toward marriage and the home in which sacred vows are being repudiated and infidelity is condoned," of "the lack of parental respect shown currently by the children of America" which has become an "appalling evidence of our renunciation of our authority, our disdain for orderly processes, and our rejection of established customs and standards" — "Too many of us have jettisoned our ideals, walked over our ancestors' deencies and trespassed on humanity's sacred and valuable convention" — of having our styles and, too often, our morals dictated to us by the modern motion picture and TV rather than by the Living God and the Church of Jesus Christ. And a period of downright worldliness in many churches which have been turned into nothing more than dance halls, enter-

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## Views of the Work in Africa



Sister Cleaver and a teacher in the school at the mission. Note how the little fellow enjoys having a picture taken.



A big sister plays nursemaid to a little one, and carries it native style, slung around the waist, and wrapped in cloth.



Bonnie and a little jewel they wanted to give her. It seems to be holding on for dear life.



Barbara and a group of her students. The second lad from the left has had an accident of some sort.



Look at these dear little faces. The news about Christ has made them happy.

## Cuban News

Reverend George Straub, our General Superintendent, said that it was in the Providence of God that Rev. Ramon Seymore had successfully held our property on this Island, by organizing as "God's Missionary Church in Cuba," and formed a membership of the Cuban Christians. Brother

Seymore was chosen as the General Superintendent on the Island, and has a capable assistant. More of this later. It was revealed that every property we hold is now secure, because of this wise move. Thank the Lord!

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The gifts you wish to send to missions, in any field, may be sent to Rev. Marlin Crock, 2127 Hill

Street, Lebanon, Pa., and he will send you a receipt, and see that your offering is used as you direct. Offerings sent direct to the field are often lost, so use this official method, it will help everyone.

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Rev. and Mrs. Carl Shuey, Stadium Park, Lot 173, Key West, Florida, are continuing their work among the Cuban nationals,





Some of the students in front of the school. Nice looking group, isn't it?



A group of young people with their Missionary down by the river, on the way back from a picnic.

who have taken refuge in Florida from the Communists. They are working with another Holiness group there in a regularly-chart-ered, approved denomination, and gifts made to them to continue their work may be deducted as charitable contributions, they tell us, and they will send you a certified receipt for anything you send to help them. Pray for them. We will have pictures of their work soon, too.

## "The Darkness of Heathendom"

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to send missionaries as soon as we had them and they have none yet. We have had none to send.

Yes, they are blinded by heathen night. This man was begging. One of the things that mark the condition of heathen people is the fact of their poverty. Our missionaries do not throw anything into a garbage pail. If they did, their back would hardly be turned until that garbage pail would be filled with black hands reaching in trying to find something that will save their life.

Oh, the poverty that exists! Brother Cromer told me of watching a couple of boys digging in a hole. Finally they dug out two rats. He said to the interpreter, "What will they do with those two rats?" The reply was, "That is their food for today." How would you like to live on that kind of level? How would you like to exist on the filth and slime and things of that nature?

Beloved, that is not the darkest side of the picture. The darkest side of the picture is the fact that if they even knew God, they could go to heaven from their huts; they could go to heaven from those conditions, but they cannot go unless someone will carry to them the Gospel, unless someone makes Christ known to them. Yes, the darkest side of the picture is not the fact that they don't know what it is to have the satisfaction of a full stomach, the darkest part of the picture is that they are lost, lost, lost without God and what, Christian, are you doing to change that situation?

"Behold the hands stretched out for aid, darkened by sin and sore dismayed. Oh, will you to their rescue go, lost wand'ers down to endless woe."

This man cried out, "Thou son of David, have mercy on me." In every heart there is that cry, but they know nothing about the Son of David. They don't know anything about Christ. They are lost and don't know the way. They do not know how to pray and do not know about Christ and they never will unless someone carries the Gospel to them. But, beloved, when they do, I am glad it works yet today.

I read a paragraph from our nurse down in the pagan area of that fearful scene, going in and watching a witch doctor make incisions in a man's stomach, sucking out blood with her mouth, the atmosphere charged with the power of Satan. That would be as hopeless a situation as you could find. I am sure that you and I would wonder, is there any help for something like that?

The missionaries went back to tell this man about Christ. She said from the first time he heard about Jesus he wanted to know Him. It was really a joy for Christina, the native worker, to tell him the wonderful story because he always listened so eagerly. It was as if he suddenly came in contact with something for which his heart had hungered so long. His soul seemed to reach up for the truth to drink in every word. One Sunday afternoon, as Christina was speaking to him from the Bible, it seemed that God was especially anointing her. From the glow on her face, one could plainly see she knew whereof she spoke. She, too, was of the Kunama tribe and knew of their terrible darkness.

"That afternoon as we prayed, he lifted his voice in prayer along with ours and simply talked with God from his heart. When we finished praying, he told us how glad and how good he felt inside because he knew that Christ had come and forgiven his sins. From that day on there was a genuine transformation. Yes, he knew Jesus and His power to save. Weeks passed and we saw the physical wasting away. Yet how truly the inward man was renewed day by day. Although his mind was alert there was a different look on his face. He rejoiced with us and talked about the glad meeting of God's children on the resurrection day. This morning he went to be with Jesus."

Out of darkness, almost inhuman, until if you would walk into a situation like that you would

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## Conference and Camp, 1961

The Penns Creek Camp meeting closed on a high note of victory, and the messages of Reverends Darnell and Miller were greatly appreciated by the saints of God. The West Virginia Quartette sang their way into our hearts, and we deeply appreciated their humble spirit.

Though we were right in the midst of harvest time, many of the saints gathered each night to enjoy the power and presence of the Lord. Some nights the preacher scarcely got to preach, for the glory of God came upon our hearts.

The day services were blessed of God, and Reverend Miller gave us good truth from the book. Some of the best ever heard, was the opinion of many who heard him.

The last Sunday afternoon was a Missionary Service, and a good time it was, too, with Missionaries telling of their victories and trials, singing songs in the native language, and lifting us to a time of deeper devotion and blessing. Sister Shreve from Florida was the featured speaker. She and her husband had labored in China before the Communists took over that country, and just recently were forced to leave Cuba for America. However, they are carrying on the work among the Cuban nationals in Florida, assisted by the Carl Shuey Family. The songs of Paulina Guterrez and the Shueys were appreciated. The William Sullivan family also appeared on the platform and gave their testimony.

### General Superintendent

Rev. George I. Straub was re-elected General Superintendent, and, by Resolution of the Conference, will serve three years on this call. The Conference expressed their appreciation of his good leadership.

### The General Board

Assisting Reverend Straub will be the following officers: Rev. C. William Rachau, Assistant Superintendent; Rev. Russell Herr, General Secretary; Rev. Truman Wise, General Treasurer; Revs. Fred Watson, Marlin E. Moore, and Allen Russell — Additional Members.

### Penns Creek Camp Board

Revs. Truman Wise, Joseph Hoffman, Fred Cain, Marlin Moore, and Raymond Hoffman — compose the Penns Creek Camp Board.

### Home Missionary Board

Revs. Earl Deetz, Jr., Paul Miller, H. Ray Styers, and John White are the members of this Board.

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## "The Darkness of Heathendom"

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wonder if there are really people so ignorant and blind as this. But Jesus heard him cry! The Son of David was passing by. Jesus came into that little hut. You have never heard wailing until you hear it in a heathen country. When he died, the article continues, the folks gathered to wail. But there was so much of God's presence there they did not wail. They sat around and said, "Isn't this wonderful to have this kind of feeling when a person dies!" They did not understand it too well, but it made an impression without doubt that they will never forget.

Beloved, there is power, wonder-working power in the blood of Jesus Christ.

The thing that strikes me here about this Scripture is the fact that Christ stood still to hear the beggar's cry. It would not have astonished one if he had stood still to hear a rich man cry or a rich man speak. But here is a beggar in rags and the Son of God stood still. I know He is interested in the darkest of heathen just now as He is any soul here. He makes a remark that I have never been able to get over, "Bring him to me." He did not walk the few steps that separated Him from that blind man. God has always asked that we bring souls to Him.

He is still speaking yet today.

Yes, the voice of God is sounding out today. "Bring them to me." What will you do to bring them to Christ?

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## Introducing "The Missionary Crusaders"

The new Young People's Board met recently, and voted to form a more active Youth Movement among our churches, to be called "THE MISSIONARY CRUSADERS," with the Church divided into three Districts: (a) *Eastern Zone* — Rev. Earl Deetz, Jr., Chairman. (b) *Central Zone* — Rev. Robin Hevalow, Chairman. (c) *Western Zone* — Rev. John F. White, Jr., Chairman.

The first Western Zone meeting, including the churches of Lewistown, Zerby, Rebersburg, Carroll, Mahaffey, Pleasant View, and Milesburg, are to meet at Pleasant View Church (Near Bellefonte) on August 28.

A General Rally is planned for the Milesburg Church on Monday Night, November 6.

The young people have taken for their project a series of improve-

ments at the Penns Creek Camp Ground, and any money received above actual expense of running the rallies will go toward this fund.

As previously noted in this issue the Youth Board has been expanded to five members, and includes: *President* — Rev. Paul Miller. *Vice President* — Rev. Earl Deetz, Jr. *Secretary* — Rev. Robin J. Hevalow. *Treasurer* — Rev. John F. White, Jr. *Additional Member* — Rev. Alvin Shafer.

Pastors have been requested to announce the meetings and cooperate to see good attendances at the rallies. A quiz of the first five chapters of John's Gospel is planned for the Western Zone. Increased interest in the Bible, it is felt, will result in spiritual benefits and soul victory.

—Editor

## Heathen In America?

A report is just in from New Albany, Indiana, that the mother of a 19 year old retarded youth had kept the boy chained in a basement, and, while sought by the police for the crime, had committed suicide. The Deputy Sheriff who investigated said that he found the boy with a chain about his neck, allowing him to move just a few feet from the bed. He was emaciated, and weighed but 70 pounds, and was unable to speak clearly, and was so hungry that he consumed eight potatoes and two bowls of beans before he could be restrained. Where are the heathen? Surely some are in America!

## Roses in the Pulpit

Nineteen years ago, in fact 994 roses ago, a pastor in Texas told his congregation that he liked to have a rosebud in his hand to keep from waving his arms while he preached. The next Sunday a local florist delivered the first of 994 rosebuds to the pulpit, and had since every Sunday morning.

Since the pastor, Dr. P. D. O'Brien, was leaving the Church to engage in evangelistic work, it was hoped that the donor of the rosebuds would come forward. He was discovered to be Nat Shick, 77, a retired postmaster.

While much could be said about preachers with rosebuds in their hands, rather than the Sword of the Spirit, let it be also shown that it is refreshing to find a man in the church who thinks enough of his preacher to send him flowers instead of throwing bricks at him.

## Atheism in an Old Church

Kazan Cathedral, located in the heart of Old Leningrad in the U.S.S.R., was once dedicated to the spread of the Gospel. It is beautiful, not unlike St. Peter's in Rome, with long-armed colonades, a great dome and allegorical mosaics, but its beauty is deceptive, for since 1929 it was taken over by the Communists and has become a museum of Atheism. 70 false missionaries go out from this Cathedral to preach against religion, and a three-fold museum is

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## THE RISING TIDE—RELIGION IN THE HEADLINES

### Bible Reading Upheld in Kentucky

Chalk up one for our side, friends. The State Court of Appeals in Kentucky has ruled that daily reading of the Bible is legal in the schools of the Blue Grass State. Thank God!

### We Lost Out Here, Neighbor

The Gideons, an organization of Christians of various persuasions, has failed in their offer to supply copies of the New Testament to a hospital in Athens, Greece. The hospital board, upon recommendation of Greek Orthodox Archbishop Theoclitus, has refused their offer.

### A Tragic Move in Australia

Dr. Hugh Rowlands Gough, Anglican Archbishop of Sydney and Primate of Australia, announced that some university and college lecturers in that country are said to be teaching philosophies which advocate free love and pre-marital sexual experience. He called for publication of a re-

port of information gathered by the New South Wales Youth Policy Committee. "The right of self expression," being taught to the youth, he said, "paves the way for Communism."

### Religion At A Discount?

At West Lafayette, Indiana, Dr. Arthur R. McKay, of McCormick Theological Seminary, told 5,000 women, gathered for a convention of United Presbyterian Women Fellowship, that Americans were seeking religion on the "bargain basement" level.

He said, "Americans say to God: 'All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee'—after everything else which concerns us has been taken care of — our clubs and smokes and drinks, our weekly movies, our furs and our new cars." He emphasized that we are "stewards of a way of life recognizably different from the paganism which surrounds the Church."

*Note:* True Christians do recognize God as their Saviour, and put Him FIRST, and have no time for the things mentioned by Dr. McKay in the above charge. However, it is quite true that many professing Christians have closed their hand toward God's cause.



## Men of the Times

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tainment centers, gambling dens through bingo, movie theatres and everything else that appeals to the lower nature of men.

### — A Shameful Episode —

In the last issue of the magazine ETERNITY, the editor had this to say: "Revivals? It was the night of December 10, 1954, I had finished preaching in New Castle, Pennsylvania, and had been driven with friends to the junction where we were to catch the night sleeper for Philadelphia. We went into the dining car where a group of some twenty people were sitting, mostly drinking and singing. There were a dozen girls of college age who later got off at Pittsburgh. As I came into the car they were singing 'Down by the Old Mill Stream.' A moment later they began to sing a Christmas carol. Then another. The music was slightly alcoholic, as were the singers. We ate our sandwiches and drank our coffee while the concert went on. There was a good deal of talk between the girls and the men who were, seemingly, business men on their way home for the week end. 'Silent Night,' and then a Mambo. Then 'Adeste Fidelis.' There was a moment of silence when the verse drew to an end: 'O come let us adore Him; Christ the Lord!' Then after the very brief moment of silence a voice called out, 'Who put the overalls in Mrs. Murphy's Chowder?' and they were off to other popular songs.

"The songs about Christ were no deeper than the Juke-box tunes. I looked over at the crowd and wondered, 'America is having the greatest revival of religion,' some secular magazines say, 'in all its history. 'Religion is news!' one of the greatest of our news weeklies reports. A building boom in new churches will pump more than a billion dollars into the construction business in the next two years, we are told. But a nation that can sing 'O come let us adore Him,' and, with scarcely more than a pause, 'Who put the overalls in Mrs. Murphy's Chowder?' is in no revival at all, but is in great danger of the judgment of God."

Then, too, our holiness churches are being swept off their foundation by a flood-tide of worldliness until the church seems more con-

cerned about courting the favor of the world than getting folk delivered from the world. The drift is on! Anyone conversant with church history knows that no evangelical denomination has escaped the fatal drifting from purity and power. This incoming tide of worldliness must be reckoned with as being both delusive and dangerous. The holiness church is already losing, in a large degree, its former distinctive characteristics, and is being shorn of its old-time spiritual life and power. We have come to the place if one dares to raise his voice about the distinctive characteristics which characterized the holiness people down through the years, he is immediately shouted down as a "rigid legalist." Why is this true? Because many of the members of the holiness churches are becoming restless under the restrictive rule of their church; and, gradually consenting to the world's allurements, take up with many of its follies, fashions and fads; and, as a result, they are losing their spiritual power and their distinctive characteristics. All desire for secret prayer, that formerly was precious, is gone. They no longer cherish and enjoy the blessing of God, the liberty of the Spirit, the holy fire and the shouts of praise. As a result many of the members of the church are already bringing it down to the level of the ungodly until the theatres, ball-games, prize fights, westerns by the way of the living room, the bowling alley, the skating rink, nude and lewd art so called, social luxuries, etc., etc., with all their loose moralities, are making inroads into the sacred enclosures of the holiness church. The church is more conformed today to the world than it has been for years. If you have any doubt about this try raising your voice against the tide of encroaching worldliness and see the howl that is raised among those who are supposed to be Christian.

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## The Tabernacle

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the presence from the mount; and now, the presence of Jehovah in the Tabernacle. We trace the same three stages in the Old Testament: First, the Spirit of God as manifested in the patriarchal dispensation; secondly the revelation of God under the Law; and thirdly, the revelation of God in Christ, the True Tabernacle. "God, who at sundry times

and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the Prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds"; hence we find God in the very first verse of Leviticus, speaking to Moses no longer out of the mount or cloud, but out of the Tabernacle. So we may find in Christ the continual presence and guidance of our covenant God. "If a man love me," Christ says, "he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." Let us only do what Moses did, yield ourselves fully and implicitly to the Divine will; hand ourselves over as the property of Christ, and we shall also be possessed and filled with a glory as Divine as the Shekinah, and as enduring as the life and love of God (Exod. 11).

Henceforth this event, the setting up and anointing of the Tabernacle, becomes a landmark of time. It was to begin the second year of their national history, and was on the first day of the first month. The first year had begun with the Passover, but this forms the next great era of their existence.

And so the moment when the soul is dedicated, and anointed by the Holy Ghost, is an eternal era in its history, as important as the hour of its new birth; the beginning of months and years, from which all its experiences and hopes are henceforth measured. Have we entered upon this second year? Have we begun it, like them, with the sacrifice of our being in implicit obedience, on the altar of God?

And have we received the descending fire, and the abiding Comforter, henceforth to speak to us, not from the Heavens, or even from the tables of stone, but from the inner chambers of His sanctuary in our hearts? —The C. A. & F.M. Weekly, 1896.

## Answers

- (1)
  - (a) 66
  - (b) O.T.—Law; N.T.—Grace
  - (c) 14, if you count Hebrews.
  - (d) 2. Mark & Luke were not of the original 12 Disciples.
  - (e) Esther. However, prayer is mentioned, so God is suggested as the Supreme Being.
- (2)
  - (a) Hebrew and Chaldee
  - (b) Greek and Aramaic
  - (c) Authentic to the general tenor of the Bible. Inspired.
  - (d) 1611
- (3)
  - (a) Elisha
  - (b) Jonathan
  - (c) Barak
  - (d) Aaron
  - (e) Rachel and Leah
- (4)
  - (a) "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."
  - (b) 2 Cor. 5:17.
  - (c) "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. . . ."
  - (d) "Mercies of God . . ." Romans 12:1.
  - (e) "Days of Noah . . . days of Lot."

**Note:** The above answers are just some of the many verses that could be used as proof texts for Bible Doctrines suggested.



## SERMONS THAT STILL LIVE

### The Magnet of the Cross

By The Late Rev. G. W. Ridout

The title of this article is derived from the words of Jesus Himself: John 12:32 gives us these exact words: **And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.** This he said signifying what death he should die. Verse 33.

Our Christian religion would have been empty and void without the Cross. Christ's life and teachings would have been insufficient without Calvary and the Cross. Our theology without the Cross and the precious blood would be utterly futile. Much of the failure of present day preaching is due to the lack of blood—preachers who fail to preach the precious blood of Jesus to cleanse from sin and purify the soul, neglect to employ the magnet of the Cross and they have no joy in seeing souls converted, changed and transformed.

At the Cross people become converted and are made new creatures. An utter and complete change takes place.

"Such an amazing revulsion," says Begbie in his *Twice Born Men*, "such a complete and total transformation of character is an achievement possible only to religious influences. Hypnotism, as I know, can undoubtedly, after many weeks of operation, cure some men of their vices, drugs are able in certain cases, after a long and difficult treatment, to remove the taste for alcohol, but it is only a religious force which in the twinkling of an eye can so alter the character of a man that he not only then and there escapes and stands utterly free from tyrannical passions, but is filled full of a great enthusiasm, desires to spend his whole life in working for righteousness and feels as if he fed on honey dew and drank the milk of paradise."

#### II.

The last week of Christ's life was lived with the Cross in anticipation. Some modernistic writers have been bold enough to say the Cross and crucifixion was an accident. No, no, the Cross was in God's great plan of redemption. The days and nights of this eventful week were full of sacred things.

Thursday night saw the institution of the Lord's Supper, Matt. 26, which through the ages the church was to observe as Christ said, "In remembrance of me."

"He took into His hands the cup,

To crown the sacramental feast,

And, full of kind concern, looked up,

And gave to them what He had blest,

And, 'Drink ye all of this,' He said,

'In solemn memory of the dead.'

"This is my blood, which seals the new  
Eternal covenant of my grace;

My blood, so freely shed for you,

For you and all the sinful race;

My blood, that speaks your sins forgiven  
And justifies your claim to heaven."

Good Friday! What this day means to the church and to the world! It is the day of the Cross and the Crucifixion; the day which means more for the redemption of a lost world than any event which

ever happened in the history of mankind! Let us hear Charles Wesley sing about it:

"O love divine, what hast thou done!

The incarnate God hath died for me!

The Father's co-eternal Son,

Bore all my sins upon the tree!

The Son of God for me hath died;

My Lord, my Lord, is crucified.

"Behold him, all ye that pass by—

The bleeding Prince of life and peace!

Come, sinners, see your Saviour die,

And say, was ever grief like His?

Come, feel with me His blood applied:

My Lord, my Love, is crucified."

#### III.

Passion Week as we call the week of Gethsemane, including the Lord's Supper, Christ's trial before Pilate, and his crucifixion on Calvary, is one of the most significant of all the weeks in the calendar.

As in contemplation we sit beneath the shadow of the Cross, the magnetizing power of the Cross becomes a heart-melting reality, as one has put it:

Justice drives me there,

Love melts me there,

Mercy covers me there,

Light breaks in on me there,

Peace greets me there,

Grace lifts me there,

Life finds me there,

Joy crowns me there,

God saves and keeps me there.

"When penitence has wept in vain

Over some foul, dark spot,

One only stream, a stream of blood,

Can wash away the blot.

" 'Tis Jesus' blood that washes white,

His hand that brings relief;

His heart that's touched with all our joys,

And feeleth for our grief.

"Lift up thy bleeding hand, O Lord!

Unseal that cleansing tide:

We have no shelter from our sin

But in thy wounded side."

Further, let us think of the Cross and what it means to the saved soul. John Bunyan wrote that "The school of the Cross is the school of light." President Forsyth saith, "In the Cross the world was doomed to—salvation," but I think it took a Bechuana Christian to state it even more powerfully when he said, "The Cross of Christ condemns me to become a saint."

#### IV.

Two ministers were talking on the subject of preaching, one who had but limited success asked the other to explain the difference between their preaching. One said, "I reach the life of Christ, his example, his message, his influence; but I make no converts." The other said that explains the difference between us, "I preach Christ crucified, His sacrifice and His blood; by preaching the precious blood my gospel takes effect and sinners are converted."

One of the great Evangelical Bishops of the British Church, Bishop Ryle, said years ago:

"The Cross is the strength of a minister, for one, would not be without it for the world. I should feel like a soldier without arms, like an artist without his pencil, like a pilot without his compass,

like a laborer without his tools. Let others, if they will, preach the law and morality. Let others hold forth the terrors of hell and the joys of heaven. Let others drench their congregations with teachings about the sacraments of the Church. Give me the Cross of Christ. This is the only lever which has ever turned the world upside down hitherto, and made men forsake their sins. And if this will not, nothing will. A man may begin preaching with a perfect knowledge of Latin, Greek, and Hebrew. But he will do little or no good among his hearers unless he knows something of the Cross. Never was there a minister who did much for the conversion of souls who did not dwell much on Christ crucified. Luther, Rutherford, Whitefield, M'Cheyne, were all most eminent preachers of the Cross. This is the preaching that the Holy Ghost delights to bless. He loves to honor those who honor the Cross.

By faith I to the fountain fly,

Opened for all mankind to me,

To purge my sins of deepest dye,

My life and heart's impurity.

From Christ, the smitten rock, it flows;

The purple and the crystal stream

Pardon and holiness bestows;

And both I gain through faith in Him.

#### V.

The Cross has always had a central place in the old-time religion. It was the preaching of the Cross and the blood that cleanseth from all sin that made the messages and testimony of the old-time religion so mighty and so effective and victorious.

A prominent bishop of the old school said in his day on the religious situation, "Our chief medicine for the spiritual diseases of the nineteenth century is a bold and unhesitating inquiry for the old paths, old doctrines and the faith of the days that are past."

The old-time religion has been characterized by deep conviction of sin. Peter Bohler, when trying to lead John Wesley into saving faith, said of him, "He wept bitterly while I was talking upon the subject and afterwards asked me to pray for him. I can freely affirm that he is a poor, heart-broken sinner, hungering after the righteousness of Christ." The soul under deep conviction of sin says:

'Guilty, I stand before thy face;

On me, I feel thy wrath abide;

'Tis just, the sentence should take place;

'Tis just; but O thy Son hath died."

The old-time religion stands for radical and thorough conversion. Thomas Walsh was brought up an Irish Catholic, but under the preaching of the Methodists, got under conviction. "The arrows of the Almighty," he says, "stuck fast in me and my very bones trembled, because of my sins." Under a sermon on "Who is this that cometh from Edom with dyed garments from Bozrah," he got gloriously converted. "I was divinely assured," he says, "that God for Christ's sake had forgiven me all my sins; the Spirit of God bore witness with my spirit that I was a child of God. I broke with tears of joy and love." He became one of the marvels of early Methodism—a miracle of grace himself, and a mighty preacher of the gospel.



## The Tabernacle

As A Type of Christ

Rev. A. B. Simpson

### Condemnation

The first chapter in every Christian's existence is the dark, sad chapter of condemnation. This was vividly set forth in the ancient camp of Israel, by the fire that ever burned without the camp, suggesting the wrath of God revealed from Heaven against all unrighteousness of men. That fire consumed the offering to which sin had been transferred, and it must likewise consume all whose sins are not transferred to that burnt offering. If He, in the place of the sinner, suffered this vengeance, how shall we escape if we dare to stand before God covered with our guilt and corruption? "If they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?" Our Lord has not quenched this fire, but left it still burning outside the gate of the Gospel for all that reject Him. "He that believeth not is condemned already." "He that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

### Salvation

The next stage in the believer's life is salvation. And so we now enter the gate, and stand within the court. We may freely come. There is no barrier, not even a fold of a curtain, intervening. We hasten through the inviting entrance, and stand before the smoking altar which tells us of the Cross and the Blood through which we have redemption from sin. We place our hand upon the head of the sacrifice, and we become partakers of the great expiation.

Next, the laver speaks to us of the Holy Ghost, whose power regenerates and cleanses the soul from sin; and we wash in its fountain, and are qualified and authorized to enter into the inner presence, and into the more intimate fellowship of the Holy Place.

### Consecration, Communion

The Tabernacle also tells us of the next stage of Christian experience and life — communion, consecration, sanctification, and abiding fellowship with Christ. That inner chamber just beyond the open court is only for God's priests. How, then, may we dare to intrude? Thank God, we are all admitted to the place of priesthood, if we will accept it. "Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own Blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God." Not a few, now, but all are "a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people." So we may boldly enter in; but not until we have washed in that cleansing laver, as well as sacrificed at the altar. We must accept His sanctifying as well as justifying grace. Even to Peter, who had been bathed, that is, justified, Christ said: "If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me." Although we have boldness by the Blood of Jesus even to enter into the Holiest, yet we must come with "hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water." Thus Divinely cleansed, "let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith." Our great High Priest is standing within, and sweetly saying, "I am the Door: by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."

What pasture! There is the sevenfold

lamp which speaks of Christ and the Holy Spirit, our perfect Light; the light of truth; the light which reveals Himself; the light of Heavenly vision; the light which brings sight as well as light to our dull eyes; the light of guidance and direction amid the perplexities of life and His own continual presence and voice as the Shepherd, as well as the Door; and the light which will shine through us and from us as the light of men.

The Living Bread; the table with its twelve loaves, made from the finest of the wheat, ever renewed with each returning Sabbath. Not only bread, but frankincense like honey out of the rock; all the sweetness of His consolations, as well as the strength of His life. Bread that nourishes both soul and body, and becomes our perfect life and sustenance. Then not only is there the bread, but all that is implied in the altar of incense. This includes all that is involved in a life of prayer and communion with God, through Jesus Christ. That incense, together with the anointing oil, was the most sacred thing in all the Tabernacle service. It might not be imitated by mortal art, but was consecrated sacredly for the service of God alone. It was compounded of many ingredients; and some of it, we are told, was beaten very small, and then was burned with sweet spices on that pure altar (Exod. 30:33, 34).

So the spirit of prayer must be born from above, and cannot be imitated or counterfeited by merely human effort. It springs from the combination of all the circumstances of life and qualities of our Christian character. It is the flower of piety, and the fragrance of the heart, distilled like perfume, indescribably delicate, pure and Heavenly. Nothing is too small to enter into it, and become an occasion for it. The incense of prayer may be beaten very small, and rise from a thousand trifles in our life which we may so consecrate to God as to become a sacrifice of a sweet smelling savor. Our little trials and trifling ministries, laid on this golden altar, become to Him like the fragrance of the spring, and the breath of Aaron's censer; and He treasures them in Heaven in "vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints." But in order to be Divinely fragrant, they must be set on fire by the Holy Ghost, the true Intercessor and Advocate on earth, as Christ is the Advocate on high; making intercession within us "with groanings which cannot be uttered."

The sweet incense of the Holy Place penetrated through the veil, and filled the Holy of Holies. And so the spirit of prayer makes both earth and Heaven one. The altar stood at the very entrance to the inner chamber; and so when we are rapt in fellowship with God, we are at the gate of Heaven and almost within the veil. We can hear the voices and catch the breath from those inner chambers. Happy are they who thus abide in Him; in the atmosphere of ceaseless communion and peace! The most trying place will be fragrant, like odors of Heaven, and the most lonely spot a little sanctuary where all Heaven will seem to be around us with its almighty protection, its blessed companionship, and its unspeakable joy.

### Glory

The innermost chamber in the Hebrew Tabernacle was the Holy of Holies. It

speaks to us of Heaven itself; the immediate presence of God, and the glory which awaits us at His Coming or our translation within the gates. It tells us of a Heaven not far off, and shut out of our vision, but near and open. The veil is rent in twain from top to bottom, and the Holy of Holies sheds its light and glory all around us, even here; so that translation itself is scarcely a change of companionship, although it may be of location. That inner chamber tells us of the place where our prayers can enter now in sweet incense, and be accepted in His Name. Our eyes can look through the veil, and see Heaven open, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God. There the sprinkled Blood on the Mercy Seat is ever pleading for us, and claiming our perfect and perpetual acceptance. There the Ark within the veil, with the unbroken Law within its bosom, is the symbol of the perfect righteousness which we share with Him, and in which we stand accepted in Him, even in the immediate presence of God. There the cherubim of glory are the patterns of the dignity and royalty which our redeemed humanity has already attained in Christ, its illustrious Head, and which we shall share in its fullness when He shall appear. As we look through, we know that our spirits, too, shall follow, and be with Him where He is. "The feet that tremble and falter shall walk through the gates of day"; and the very body of our humiliation shall be like Him, when He shall appear, and shall be changed into the image of "the body of his glory."

And all this we have even here, not only in vision and prospect, but in foretaste.

"The holy to the holiest leads

To this our spirits rise,

And he, who in His footsteps treads,

Shall meet Him in the skies."

### The Anointing of the Tabernacle

After the Tabernacle had been fully completed, according to all the pattern shown in the mount, it was solemnly dedicated to God, and the entire tent and its furniture were anointed with oil, specially prepared according to the Divine prescription, and consecrated to this exclusive purpose, and then the manifestation of the Divine presence appeared upon it. The pillar of cloud spread its curtains above it, and the Shekinah glory took its place between the cherubim, and filled the tent so effulgently, that Moses even was not able to enter the Holy Place. Moses had simply and perfectly obeyed God's directions, and now God accepted his work, and put His seal upon it. This was symbolical of the anointing of Jesus Christ with the Holy Ghost, and of the same anointing which comes upon every consecrated heart when it has obeyed the Divine directions, and presented itself a living sacrifice to God. God will so fill such a soul, that there shall be no room for self and sin. This, indeed, is the true secret of sanctification and self-crucifixion; the expulsive power of the Holy Ghost and the Divine presence are the only true antidotes to the power of self and Satan.

Henceforth the Tabernacle becomes the seat and center of the Divine manifestation. We thus observe three stages of the manifested presence of God in Exodus, namely: First, the pillar of cloud and fire that went before; next,

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