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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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## *Great Men, Poor Fathers*

Selected

It seems reasonable to think that a good man will automatically be a good father. We would say that, if a man is intrinsically good, such will assure his success as a father. Much more so if he is a great man!

Perhaps my acceptance of such an idea was what caused me to react to some examples in the Bible which contradict it — examples which show that a good man can be a bad father. I am thinking of Eli, Samuel, and David. They were three great and godly men who walked before God and carried on great assignments for Him. Few in the Old Testament tower as high as Samuel and David. Yet what failures they were as fathers!

Eli was a godly priest. God had chosen his household to serve Him "for ever." He was given the task of raising young Samuel. But "the sons of Eli were the sons of Belial; they knew not the Lord" (I Samuel 2:12).

Of course Eli cannot be blamed entirely for the wickedness of his sons, but the Bible does not absolve him. God said: "I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not" (3:13). The judgment inflicted by God upon the sons and their father was great indeed.

One would say that Samuel, having witnessed all of this, would give special attention to guiding his children. However we read: "And his

sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment. Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel . . . and said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways" (I Samuel 8: 3-5).

Finally, David failed also in the same important matter. It looks as though, in the family of the singer of Israel, the children did pretty much as they wished. The history of his family could not have been more tragic.

Of David's relations with one of his sons, the Bible declares: "And his father had not displeased him at any time in saying, Why hast thou done so?" (I Kings 1:6). The Goodspeed version makes it clear that David never restrained the proud Adonijah. Here is a fault which all of us fathers will do well to try to avoid. Absalom would have killed his father to steal the throne. As a father, David was a failure.

So three times, in quick succession, great and godly servants of the Lord failed in this vital relationship and task. A priest, the founder of the school of the prophets, and the king-psalmist: all great men, but poor fathers!

Of course, a bad man will be a bad father. His children will be influenced by his life even if he does not want it. The corrupt tree cannot bear good fruit. But what has impressed me anew is that a man can be a good man, even a godly

man — and yet a poor father.

The conclusions are clear and cutting. Godliness is essential, but not enough, to be a good father. Nor does it suffice to have good intentions. Obviously this is a task which demands all our attention, our dedication and continuous effort. Here is something which will make it necessary for us to go often for wisdom to Him Who gives it "liberally, and upbraideth not." This is something for us to pray about daily. It is something that will make a claim on our time, our affections, and our energies, if we want to do our task well.

What it means to be a good father is a matter for another article and a more experienced writer. Compelled by four reasons — four reasons from six to 16 years of age — to be the best father that I can be, I simply want here to remind us that, besides being good men and good Christians, we must work at the task of being good fathers, with all that this may require and imply in each of our cases. It will be most difficult to win our children to Christ if we fail here.

Do we need good fathers? you ask. Religious, educational, and social leaders agree that there is hardly a more pressing need in our society. Much is said about the impact of a good mother, and properly so; but, Father, do not fail to see that your children need a good father just as much.

Among the many assignments for my life there are few that move my heart so deeply as this one. I want to be a good Christian, a good man, a good servant of God. But also, by His help, I want to be a good father.







## Holiness Teachings

Compiled by

Rev. Allen C. Russell

### TOPIC — THREE WAYS TO CANAAN

The land of Canaan is the chosen and constant type of a pure life — a life of rest, and peace, and triumph; a land where God's favor shines upon us steadfastly, and where the fruits of the Spirit can grow in rich abundance. It is the contrast, not only with the bondage of Egypt, but with the wanderings in the wilderness. There are two or three points in the type that it will be well for us to dwell upon.

### CANAAN WAS THE END AND PURPOSE OF ALL GOD'S DEALINGS WITH ISRAEL IN EGYPT.

From the first this was clearly set before them. The promise to Abraham was that after his seed had served as strangers in a land not theirs, "in the fourth generation they shall come hither again." Tradition would, doubtless, hand down this prophecy to the people of Israel during their sojourn in Egypt, keeping alive some hope in their deepest gloom. When God comes to help His people He speaks to Moses as if it were the one purpose which He was about to accomplish. "I have surely seen the affliction of My people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; and I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey." Ex. 3: 7-8.

God recognized this as the cove-

nant which He had made with their fathers: "I will bring you in unto the land concerning the which I did swear to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it you for an heritage." (Ex. 6: 8.)

So then Israel marched out of Egypt, with their hope and expectation set on Canaan. They were delivered from Egypt, that they might be led up to the goodly land. How clearly this was understood, and how fully expected, is plain from their language on the very shores of the Red Sea, in which they already claim it exultingly as their own.

Thus they started, convinced that the land of Canaan was the only end of their journey; and never dreaming that they were going to stop short of it.

And note further, (that Canaan was meant for every one of them.) The tent life; the manna from heaven; the water from the rock; the moving pillar of fire and cloud; the dreary discomforts of the wilderness itself; the daily wanderings: all told them that this was not their rest. Moreover, many of the very commandments of God were such as could be fulfilled only in a settled land, and frequently this explanation was added, "Thus shall ye do when ye come into the land whither ye go."

Now we stand as Israel stood, heirs of one great promise, with one great purpose waiting its fulfillment for our sakes. The Scriptures see before us only one idea of religion, and that is **Holiness**. We are forgiven that we might be holy. We, like Israel, are "delivered out of the hand of our enemies, that we might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness

before Him, all the days of our life." Our faith in Christ is to lead us up to a land, this side of Heaven, in which we are to rejoice evermore, to pray without ceasing, and in everything to give thanks; a land in which we are to rise with Christ into a newness of life, and to sit in Heavenly places with Him. We are to get to a place of victory over sin, and where we are to be careful for nothing. Christ, the glorious and ever present, is to be our heart's satisfaction. In Him we are to find a King Whose rule in everything is our delight; a Friend Whose presence is our strength and joy, a Saviour Whose power to save is proved to the uttermost, — an uttermost that reaches downward and upward, as well as onward for ever and ever.

Let us set this before us very plainly. All the love of God to me in Christ; all that the Lord has done for me by His life and death and resurrection and ascension; all that the Holy Spirit has wrought within me, is for this one thing — my being made holy. This religion that I have is to lead me up to dwell in a land that the Lord careth for, a land where I may find His favor compassing me about as with a shield; where I shall prove myself more than conqueror through Him that loved me, and where I am to observe and do all the law of the Lord my God. Do not think about holiness as a strange and exceptional thing. It is meant for every one of us, and it is the direct end and meaning of all that God has done for us and in us.

### AND THERE IS NO REST FOR US THIS SIDE OF HOLINESS.

Our experience will have in a strain of disappointment; it is not

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## CHURCH NEWS

### NORTHAMPTON, PENNA.

Rev. Thomas I. Ramsay, pastor of the God's Missionary Church near Northampton, Pennsylvania, reports that a very good spirit is prevalent in the services at Weaversville (near Northampton) and that God is doing great things for pastor and people. Rev. Ramsay stated in a recent letter to the Home Missionary Board that he feels completely in the center of God's will. Brother Ramsay every day gives God the Glory for His goodness in calling him to Weaversville to work for the Master. He reports that the attendance is on the increase and that financially, the people are to be commended for the generous spirit in giving above their tithes and offerings. The Home Missions Board appreciates this fine report and looks forward to the continued Blessings of the Lord upon the Weaversville church.

The superintendent of Home Missions just recently conducted Revival Services at Weaversville and reports that on two occasions the Spirit of God moved in such a fashion that there was no room for preaching. The Spirit of God moved people to the altar and several claimed Victory during the revival services. Brother and Sister Ramsay and the congregation are to be commended for the united interest put forth to reach the people of their community.

Rev. Earl Deetz, Jr.  
Home Missions reporter

### SALISBURY, MD.

Truly the Lord has blessed our church greatly in the past three months. We have had great times in the Lord, and are looking forward to many more such times in the near future.

During our revival of February 15 - 25, we saw great results. Rev. Fred Watson, our evangelist, spoke under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Many seekers prayed through to glorious victory, while others went on to holiness. We had thirty-two seekers at the altar during that week and a half.

On Sunday morning, the twenty-fifth of February, five more members were added to our church, making a total of twenty-one mem-

bers.

Our attendance in Sunday School has been running between fifty-five and seventy for the past two months as several new families have been added to our enrollment.

We started cottage prayer meetings in January. A soul was won to the Lord in the very first meeting. As the Lord was blessing our sincere effort for revival, and we were witnessing marvelous results, we decided to continue our cottage prayer meetings each week after the revival. We can report that the Lord has continued to meet with us in these meetings and our regular church services also. Praise His wonderful name! Pray with us for continued blessings.

Earl Deetz, Sr.

### NISBET, PA.

We want to thank God for the way He has been blessing us, here at the Chapel. We praise Him for the way He has been helping us and for the new people who have attended the services. Praise His Name!

We had a Spirit-filled weekend service, February 23-25. The speaker was Bro. Morris Archer, (son of Rev. John Archer) of Zanesville, Ohio. The singers for these services were Bro. and Sis. J. D. Fausey, Muncy, Pa. We truly had a wonderful time in the Lord.

Rev. Clarence Hausman, his wife, and son Timothy, visited the Chapel in February. We were most happy to have the Hausmans visit us. Rev. Hausman preached two very stirring messages while they were here. Timothy and our pastor presented instrumental specials which were enjoyed by all.

### MISSIONARY CRUSADER'S RALLY

The latest Crusader's Rally was held on March 22, 1968, at the Milesburg Church. (Rev. H. Noll, pastor) The speaker for the evening was the Rev. Mr. William Wolfgang. Rev. Wolfgang pastors the Helfenstine Church.

The service was opened with prayer. The Rev. T. Motter led the song service. The presence of the Lord was felt in the song service. Special numbers in song were sung by Bro. and Sis. Fuller. Two

of the songs which they sang and that were enjoyed by all were, "A Name I Highly Treasure," and "No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus."

Rev. Wolfgang preached a very deep message. When Rev. Wolfgang was preparing his message, he was undecided as to how to word his message; he finally decided to "scold the old and to encourage the young." His text was Dan. 6:10. The message had to do with prayer. Some of Bro. Wolfgang's highlights were: "If we can begin well we'll end well. Why was Daniel taken captive? Because of the sins of his fathers and those before him. This came about for God to be glorified. The break-down of youth begins in the home, with the absence of religious instruction. The secret of living is keeping our windows open toward Heaven."

Attendance was approximately 160. Eleven churches were represented and nine God's Missionary ministers were present. There was an altar service with four seekers. Praise the Lord for those who want to serve Him.

The last Missionary Crusader's meeting was held on May 10, 1968, at the Coopersburg God's Missionary Church, Rev. Robin Hevalow, pastor.

The song service was led by Rev. Tom Weaver. Rev. Motter was in charge of the service.

Three spirit-filled songs were sung by the girls' trio from Penn View Bible School. They sang: "A Deep Settled Peace," "A Name I Highly Treasure," and "Springs of Living Water." "A Name I Highly Treasure," was a solo by Jean Tillis.

A very stirring message was brought by the Rev. Herman Noll. Rev. Noll said that he wanted to get away from preaching this message but that God held him to it. His main word was "ROD." The "Rod" of correction. He read Prov. 29 as he spoke to us. Some of his remarks were: "The condition of the Holiness churches lies with the

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### EVANGELIST SLATE

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MILESBURG, PENNA.

The church here at Milesburg was saddened by the accident of Barry Corman, one of our young men. We are praying that God will help him in this time of need. He was hit head-on by a speeding car and suffered head, facial, chest, leg, and possible internal injuries. We ask the **Standard** family for their prayers on his behalf. Also remember one of the mothers of our church who is very ill, Sister Biny Johnson. Bro. Jim Davidson, a new convert, is also convalescing from a heart attack. Sister Johnson was one of the original Sisters of the church here, and Bro. Davidson is new, but your prayers for them will certainly be appreciated. Both of the last two above mentioned persons have expressed the fact that they are ready to meet God.

### School Meeting

The Milesburg God's Missionary Church in the Valley was filled to overflowing on Friday night, May 3, to hear the musical presentation of the Penns View Bible Institute. A good and fine Spirit prevailed from the sound of the first note. Approximately 34 students from the school took part in the program with 26 singing in the chorus and about 19 in the orchestra, some taking part in both. These young hearts did present the cause of the school and also that of the Church of the Blood-washed, and everyone left the service encouraged to press on till the end. The Fuller trio sang, and their song was a blessing indeed to the church filled with folks looking for a gracious time of worship together. The chorus sang four numbers, two trios were heard singing, a banjo solo was enjoyed, and the orchestra played along with the congregational singing. All in all, it was wonderful, and we do invite them to return in the future. Eight different God's Missionary churches were represented as well as four other area churches. Eleven ministers were also present giving this service their support. Rev. G. W. Stepp, the president of the school, gave an inspiring series of thoughts on "Christian Education." Initiation, Importance, and Implementation of Christian schools was the theme. I think that if there was anyone there who did not believe in Christian Education, they were quite impressed with the effect and the

need after hearing our gracious Brother deliver that which was expedient for the hour. So once again let me say that the Milesburg Church did enjoy having the Institute here, and we recommend them to anyone who reads this report. Do try to secure them for a service, and you will be blessed.

## April Youth Rally

The April Youth Rally of the Milesburg God's Missionary Church in the Valley was held on Saturday night the 27th at 7:30. Rev. & Mrs. Melvin Evans, from Berwick, Pennsylvania, were the special workers for the evening, and along with their two sons presented a night of wonderful worship centered on our Lord and Master. After congregational songs and testimony, the Evans Brothers sang three selections, and then we were privileged to hear a very inspiring message from our Bro. Evans. He challenged the Youth to live Godly lives and to be the examples that are needed in various walks and talks of life. One especially, "Being Radiant for God," was effectively presented. Seven God's Missionary Churches and two other churches were represented. Along with Rev. Evans, other ministers present were: Rev. Gregg Evans, Rev. Paul Thomas, and this writer. This was a highly spiritually enjoyed service, and all went forth thanking God for having been there and enjoying the service. Watch for our fall listing of Youth services and the workers engaged for their respective times. See you at all the Camp Meetings, the Lord willing. Some of the projects the youth at our church have had are as follows: storm windows for the whole of the church building, a ceiling fan to cool the church, and very recently they purchased groceries for a needy family in the area. The Lord has given us some great times together and we look to the future for many more times of refreshing and blessing in the Lord.

### Mothers' Day Service

The Milesburg Church presented a special Mothers' Day Service, Sunday evening, May 12. A guest group, the senior citizens of Bellefonte, was present for this service. They were overjoyed singing the "Old Songs." Several very encouraging remarks were made by this visiting group; may God bless them.

Bro. Stauffer and Sister Ann

Hicks rendered a solo each in keeping with the service. A trio and the youth Chorus also sang several numbers. The message was a blessing to the people.

The oldest person present was 84; the oldest married, or the one married longest was 62 years, husband deceased. The one married longest and both still living was 52 years. In the old songs and spiritual services, the God's Missionary Churches have a rich heritage, for which we should be more grateful. One visitor remarked, "It was so wonderful to sing the old songs again; in our church we scarcely know the songs they sing." Let us come into his courts with Thanksgiving and into his presence with singing.

### Band Service

On Sunday the 19th, the Central Pennsylvania Gospel Band played for two services. Crowds were good in spite of a downpour of rain. So we do pause and thank everyone who came. A varied number of churches were represented as follows: Methodist, Missionary Alliance, Pilgrim, Independent, Free Methodist, and God's Missionary Churches totalling 15 different congregations. A returned missionary from Africa was also present in the afternoon service. The band played many good and old-time numbers, some of which brought back memories of the yester-years as some of the songs were reminiscent of my early youthful days as a teenager. My prayer is, "Oh God, Give Us the Old Songs" that have meaning and purpose to the singer. The service closed with one seeker and we trust that what was accomplished was done for eternity.

## CAMPMEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

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## A PAGE FOR YOUTH

### Don't We Care?

I left the tent where we were holding meetings in Paris, Illinois, one night, and among the number who left, was a young man to whom I was especially attracted by his fine looks. I walked down the street with him, and put to him the question:

"Are you a Christian?"

He said, "No, sir, I am not."

Then I used every scripture and every argument, to get him to promise me that he would give his heart to God; but I could not succeed. When about to separate, I asked him:

"Are your father and mother living?"

"Both living," said he.

"Is your father a Christian?"

"Don't know — he has been a steward in the church for several years."

"Is your mother a Christian?"

"Don't know — she has been superintendent of the sabbath school in the same church for some time."

"Have you a sister?"

"Yes, sir."

"Is she a Christian?"

"Don't know — she has the primary department of the Sunday school."

"Do your father and mother ever ask the blessing at the table?"

"No, sir."

"Did your father, mother, or sister ever ask you to become a Christian?"

"Mr. Sunday, as long as I can remember, my father or mother or sister have never said a word to me about my soul. Do you believe they think I am lost?"

Can any of ours say that we do not care for their soul? May God save us from the crime of unconcern!

— Billy Sunday

### THE CREAKING WHEEL

Did you ever see a wagon coming down a hill in the country, and every time the wheel turned over there was a terrible noise? One of the wheels had a creak in it. Did you know that sometimes boys

and girls get creaks in them? Did you ever see a boy or girl who was told to do something, but all the time they were doing it, they were complaining and fussing, because they had to do it? God's Word says, "Do all things without murmuring."

There is also the creak of laziness. When boys and girls have this, they always say, "Can't somebody else do it?" when they are asked to do something.

Or if some playmate has something they do not have, they grumble because they think they are not treated fairly. That is the creak of selfishness. Don't you think it would be a good thing for us to oil our creaking wheels? One cross, fussing boy or girl fills a house with unhappiness. Ask Jesus to help you to do all things without murmuring.

— The Church Advocate

### A BLESSED ADDICTION

Garnet Skiles

The word "Addict" means one who devotes himself constantly to a habit, pursuit or practice. A drug addict is a person who continues to use habit-forming drugs, such as morphine or heroin. The taking of these drugs—frequently for only a short time—can result in addiction.

Teen-age addiction in its inception and its continuance is greatly due to criminal association.

Paul writes, "I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the first fruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints)" (I Cor. 16:15).

This household voluntarily addicted themselves to the ministry of the Christians. They were obsessed with a burning desire to help their brothers and sisters in the Lord who had a spiritual, physical or financial need.

This desire stemmed from constant association with Christ Who "went about doing good" (Acts 10:38). This is love in action, and against such addiction there is no law. You can become addicted to the ministry by doing what your hand finds to do. It is a blessed experience for all.

### ONE-TENTH DRUNK

John was sitting at the table, his whole attention given to his arithmetic lesson. When John went about anything, it was with his head, his heart, and his hand. His father and mother sat opposite him and had been talking, but not a word had he heard. John looked up from his lessons just in time to hear his father say:

"Dean got beastly drunk at the club last night — he drank ten glasses of wine. I was disgusted with the fellow."

"Father, how many glasses did you drink?" asked John.

"I drank only one, son," replied the father, with a self-approving smile.

"Then you were only one-tenth drunk," said John reflectively.

"John!" cried his parent — but John continued in a studious air — "Why, yes, if ten glasses of wine make a man beastly drunk, one glass will make him one-tenth part drunk; and —"

"There, there!" interrupted the father, "I guess its bedtime for you. We'll have no more arithmetic tonight."

So John was sent to bed. In the bed, he lay musing: "One thing is sure: if Dean hadn't taken the one glass, he wouldn't have become drunk; and if Father had taken nine more, he would have been beastly drunk. So it's safest not to take any — and I never will."

— Selected

### ON GOD'S SIDE of the FENCE

"The Lord was with him," (Genesis 39:23).

A young fellow sought advice from his pastor. After a talk on the difficulties he was facing, the minister said:

"When in trouble, my lad, kneel down and ask God's help; but never climb over the fence into the devil's ground and then kneel down and ask for help. Always pray from God's side of the fence."

Joseph kept on God's side, and so received the help he needed.

— The Times



## The Father's Heart

### Selected

His summer slacks and sport shirt were heavy with dripping water; it oozed from his shoes. But in his strong arms was his son, a four-year-old boy, wet, pale, occasionally shivering with a gasping breath, but alive.

Little Danny had been playing in the warm water of a desert lake. As he stepped backwards, a sudden slope caused him to stumble and lose his balance. The weight of his own struggle forced him farther back and into water too deep, and it closed in over his head. A four-year-old boy, scared and struggling, but unable to save himself!

The young father and mother were sitting on a nearby rock, enjoying the warmth of the late afternoon sun and watching their four young children in happy play. They saw their young son stumble, also his struggle for solid footing; and in that moment of peril the most important thing in their world was the life of a four-year-old boy. A little boy was struggling against forces which he could not overcome without help. But a father and mother who loved him were watching, and moments later that father was carrying a scared but living boy out of the water to the safety of love and family.

The struggles of life continue with the passing of the years. They are just as real and as powerful as those that little Danny faced that evening in the desert lake. We splash along in the shallow waters of life enjoying the careless contentment of material happiness; life is good and our worries are few. Then suddenly disaster strikes. We struggle, but each effort seems to force us deeper into the waters of despair. They close over us and no one is there to help.

But wait! Father is watching, a Father Who loves us. "For God so loved the world (you and me), that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). And along the shores of the struggles of life we see Jesus. In His strong arms are hope and love and life and victory. The dark waters of despair give way to new heights of joy and true

happiness.

That night a happy father and mother with four children drove back home over a desert road with a new understanding of the value of life. Also a new depth of love and praise filled their hearts.

Danny is my boy. I saw him as the water closed over his little form. I will never forget a four-year-old boy, wet, pale, shivering with an occasional gasping breath as I carried him out of the water and back to life. He is my son.

For a few short, wonderful years we know this joy of an earthly home. As parents, we work and struggle to provide a safe and happy home for our children. But the journey of life is short, the boys and girls become men and women, and they go away to travel their pathways of life and to build their own homes.

The passing years not only separate the family group, but also carry each one of us ever closer to the inevitable waters of death. There will be a vacant chair, and there will be an empty bed. We struggle and reach out, but each effort carries us deeper into the dark water.

But wait! Father is watching—the Eternal Father Whose heart is love. His strong hands reach down into the water, and suddenly we find life, love, and home.

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away," (Revelation 21:4).

## HE IS FILLING YOUR SHOES

### Selected

It doesn't take him long to step into Daddy's shoes and try them out for size. Of course he cannot fill them at first, but the time comes all too soon when he will. We fathers could well afford to take a candid look at ourselves. What kind of example are we setting for our children?

To the little boy, the greatest man in the world is his daddy. He is most apt to become what his father already is. "Like father—like son." The things his father does, he will do.

The places dad goes, he will go.

The values his parent chooses he will embrace.

The habits dad indulges in will seem legitimate to his son. Father, your boy is in the process of becoming what you are.

I pray that we as fathers will provide the kind of shoes that we can proudly see our children fill. Their concept of God is limited to the faith the father demonstrates in the home. The greatest heritage you can give your children is a vital faith in God. Do not impoverish your family by neglecting their spiritual welfare. Bring your children to church and Sunday school. Provide shoes that are fitting for your children to wear.

## HE WALKS SO STRAIGHT

### A Father's Prayer

From my window I watched him walk across the lawn clutching in his hand the little treasure from Daddy. He walks so straight! God has blessed him with strong legs and a strong back.

O God, help me to keep him walking straight! Teach me to guide those tiny tripping feet to the cross of Christ. May he be so accustomed to seeing Dad look up that he will look up too. May he, seeing Dad firmly clasp Thy hand and walk without hesitation the marked-out path, also reach up the hand that still clutches the toys of childhood and sense the thrill of knowing the Christ.

Soon, too soon, those legs will hold him up so that he will look the world in the eye. O God, keep those legs walking straight! May he by then have found that following Christ is the "great adventure." No longer grasping the toy, but now the tool of productive manhood, may he still look up and with strengthening hand grasp the hand of Christ.

As others watch that form stride across the ways of life may they always have the occasion to say, "He walks so straight!" Then, within my heart, the earnest of that eternal joy will echo the words of the beloved disciple: "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth" (III John 4). — Gordon Wetmore, Wollaston, Mass.





# Missionary Message

## PRAYER REQUEST

We recently received word from Sister Sauffley that Haiti is being plagued by drought. The tom-toms are beating day and night and it has come to the place that the natives are blaming the Christians for this condition. This could result in trouble and even martyrdom. They request prayer that God will be gracious and send the needed rain. Let the Standard family take this request on their hearts and may we unite our hearts in faith for this need. — Editor

## "A Door Was Opened Unto Me of The Lord." (II Cor. 2:12)

Dear friend of Missions,

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our LIVING LORD and SAVIOR!

Someone has said, "The safest place in the world to be is in the center of God's will." I would like to say, that even though there are many trials, hardships and disappointments, the HAPPIEST place in the world to be is in the center of God's will.

The church at Kissimmee is suffering at the present time from the Summer exodus of all the Winter residents, but over all, we have had a good year. The church has been almost entirely repainted and two Sunday School rooms have been completed. The parsonage is gradually moving toward completion.

Spiritually the church is clean, the atmosphere is clear and God is blessing. Glory be to Jesus!

For over a year there were several people who visited our church occasionally from Orlando, Florida and showed interest in our opening a church in Orlando. After much prayer the Lord directed us to the old Methodist Church in Orlovista, a suburb of Orlando. We looked it over and decided that this would be the ideal place for us. We soon learned that plans were already underway to turn it into a warehouse.

Again we went to prayer and the Lord did intervene. Time and space would not permit me to tell you in detail how marvelously God did work in our behalf.

On February 12th, 1968, Bro. Straub, Bro. Collier and I met the head trustee of the Methodist Church and were informed that they had agreed to sell it to us for the sum of \$8500. I nearly shouted with rejoicing, not only for the fact that we could buy it, but the reasonable price for which it was offered. With Bro. Straub's approval, I immediately gave them a deposit and the wheels began to turn. The devil fought us long and hard in securing a mortgage but again the Lord did over-rule.

On March 5th, 1968, we started cottage prayer meetings in the community and continued every Tuesday evening until May 7th. What a day of rejoicing when on May 12 we opened the doors of the Sanctuary for our first service at 2:30 p.m. A total of 42 witnessed the seal of the Spirit to our opening a church in this community, as a community drunkard came to the altar and began to seek the Lord even before the first sermon was delivered. Though he did not pray through, it didn't hinder the service, and we still have hope for his Salvation. God is helping us in the revival as Bro. Collier and I are preaching alternately and several precious saints are faithfully and prayerfully standing by. The attendance has fluctuated extremely but conviction is settling down. Two young married women who live near the church have been seeking God. One is a backslider; the other has never been saved. Please pray for these precious souls and their husbands.

This church is a beautiful white stucco building located on the corner of John and Church Streets, and is easily accessible from highway 50 or Interstate 4 via State route 435. There is plenty of off street parking and an abundance

of Sunday School room. In fact it is an ample facility for an indoor Camp-meeting, which I am already making plans for in January, 1969, if Jesus tarries. Watch the "Standard" for further details.

The building over all is in good repair; however, it does need some restoration. The original stained glass windows were taken out and used in the new Church. At present the openings are covered with plywood or plastic. It would be a tremendous help if 13 churches or individuals would pay for a window. I can replace ten of them for \$30 each and the three larger ones in front for \$40 each.

It is also urgent that we put a new roof on the main auditorium as it is leaking in several places very badly and we are in the rainy season. This will cost approximately \$250, if we do the work ourselves. I trust that God will lay these needs upon someone's heart. This is a worthy investment and we need your help. Your investment in souls is the only investment that will pay you dividends throughout eternity.

Yours in the Master's service,  
Rev. Kenneth E. Walter

## Recommendation

It has been my privilege to receive Rev. and Mrs. Frank Collier into membership at the God's Missionary Church at Kissimmee, Fla. Rev. Collier has been accepted as an ordained minister by God's Missionary General Board and desires to serve in the field of evangelism. He has been a successful pastor, having served his last church for thirteen years. God has blessed and honored his faithful ministry. I am happy to recommend him to all churches as a precious Brother and a faithful servant of the Lord. You may contact him by writing Rev. Frank Collier, Route 5 - Box 52 EE, Kissimmee, Florida — 32741.

Rev. Kenneth Walter



## YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE

We need beds, sheets, pillow cases, springs and mattresses for Penns Creek Camp. Should be in good condition or at least must be in fair condition. If arrangements are made someone will be at the camp grounds to help unload them when they arrive. It would be an almost impossibility for us to pick up the donations since so great a distance is involved. This could be a good project for your young peoples societies. Since some people come to camp without bedding it is necessary that the camp keep some sheets and pillow cases on hand to accommodate them. Please help us in this time of need and for this worthy cause. If you have some green stamps you would like to donate, we could get some sheets and pillow cases with them. We thank you in advance for your consideration.

— Rev. Earl Deetz, Jr.  
Camp Secretary

## What to do in a Crisis

Selected

The way some hand-wringers write and talk today you would think it is a novel experience for the church to be in crisis. It isn't. The church was born in crisis! The Book of Acts is a book of crisis. So are all the other books chronicling the history of the church.

Immediately after the coming of the Holy Spirit, the church went through a deep valley of testing. Two of its strongest leaders were imprisoned and threatened for preaching the resurrection of Jesus Christ. And what did they do on their release?

They returned to the church assembled and reported the threat; they told of the dark cloud of opposition and persecution rising against the infant church; they faced squarely this hour of crisis that confronted the pitifully small group of believers — and then they went to prayer!

They didn't call a strategy meeting or a business meeting. They called a prayer meeting!

Today we spend so much of our time analyzing and organizing that we forget the most strategic thing we can do in a time of crisis — going to prayer and praying through.

That the church is in crisis doesn't need to be argued. We are faced with the stark statistic that there are more unevangelized people in the world than ever before. A missionary leader has written: "If the population of the world could be compressed into a community of one hundred people, 75 of them would be uneducated, underclothed and underfed; 37 would live under Communist domination; 25 would belong to the Roman or Eastern Catholic churches; 15 would be Moslems; 11 would be Hindus; and 15 more would be either Confucianists or Buddhists. Only eight would be Christians."

Sobering, isn't it? But that isn't all the story. The church is losing ground. If the present ratio of converts to population increase continues, Protestant Christianity will represent only four percent of the world's population — that's one out of 25 — by 1980, and only two percent — one out of 50 — by the year 2000.

Over the centuries the church has seen the flame of evangelistic passion rise and fall. There have been days of triumph when that flame swept over entire continents, fanned by the Holy Spirit and fed in the hearts of Christians by the words of Jesus: "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you" (John 20:21).

And, conversely, there have been times — tragic times — when the flame was only a flicker. This may be such a time. It is certainly true that biblical evangelism is being short-changed by much of contemporary religion. And even in those groups where the evangelistic heartbeat still throbs, it is all too often weak and erratic rather than strong and steady . . .

Billy Graham has said, "The early Christians turned the world upside down. They changed the whole pattern of history. . ."

When the body of believers at Jerusalem went to prayer in the face of crisis, something dramatic and startling occurred. J. B. Phillips translates it this way: "When they had prayed, their meeting-place was shaken" (Acts 4:31) . . .

When General William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, would read the Book of Acts and feel the warmth of the fires of evangelism which blazes on page

after page of its twenty-eight chapters, tears would stream down his face as he prayed, "Do it again, Lord; do it again!"

Let us make it our prayer. What better thing can we do, after all, in a crisis?

## Civil Disobedience

Selected

Do you remember headlines in your newspapers such as these: — "Demonstrations in Selma, Alabama," or "Rioting in Los Angeles"? In the past few years, civil disobedience has grown more and more familiar. Now is the time for ALL American citizens to examine this force to see what it has done to Americans.

As a result of demonstrations and - or riots, millions of dollars in property have been lost, people have been killed, and hard feelings have been engendered in the hearts of all concerned. The people whose property has been destroyed despise those responsible for the destruction, especially since in many cases their insurance does not cover the loss. These people directly affected, tell their friends who, in turn, tell others, creating ripples of resentment far-reaching into the lives of other Americans. This is exemplified by the gradual general rejection of the Negro's cause by white people.

Civil disobedience solves nothing. The law breaker's goal is harder to attain by the very fact that he is breaking the law. Likewise, violation of the law nullifies any attempts of the law to create equality, because law cannot help law breakers.

The results of civil disobedience are only negative. The Negroes are angry because demonstrations do not result in the attainment of equality sought for, and take their spite out on the white people. The white people are resentful because they have lost time and money; so they focus their resentment on the Negro. Thus, civil disobedience results only in further friction and separation between the races, not in the equality sought by the Negro.



## Holiness Teachings

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up to the New Testament sample; doubts find many a lodging place in us, for there is more of the wilderness than the land flowing with milk and honey; more of fear than triumph. The heart is distracted between alternate lustings after the old life and timid desires for the better. We can find no dwelling place, no home for our souls, wandering about without any progress; going on and yet as far off as ever; a parched earth and a brazen sky, with anbelief muttering at the elbow and tugging at the heart strings — religion is a melancholy failure this side of the Canaan life of holiness. The glowing promises and pictures of blessedness point further on. Christ's purposes concerning me is not forgiveness only. Forgiveness is to lead up to a life of rest, a life of power, a life of victory in Him. There seems to be a kind of religion that takes away nothing but the sting of sin. No words are strong enough to expose the delusion of those who are content with a religion which is anything other than **deliverance from sinning**. Beware of putting emotions, creeds, modes of worship, religious exercises of any kind, in place of this. Such a religion is a delusion of the arch-deceiver himself, to us a peril, and to God an insult. I can never have known any true communion with God if it have not left within me a deepened hatred of that which is evil, and a greater longing for that which is good. How can I ever have seen the crucified Lord if the sight has not made me detest and dread that which has slain the King of Glory? Let us doubt everything sooner than believe in a religion which does not make sin a more foul and loathsome thing to us than ever it was before. It is nothing, and worse than nothing, if it does not give us a new spiritual consciousness, a new standard of duty, a new light revealing the blackness and curse of sin. Religion means first of all righteousness — that first, not escape from hell, not getting to Heaven, not being happy, but **being saved from sinning**. We cannot afford to have any other thought of religion than this.

(From "Thoughts On Holiness", M. G. Pearse). To be continued, D.V.

## EDITORIAL

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ever, since that war Israel claims all of Jerusalem. In a recent news cast the commentator declared that Israel is now planning to annex the other one-half of Jerusalem, while the world begs her not to. While armies are already gathered near Jerusalem and she is no longer divided, "trodden down by the gentiles," is it not reasonable to expect the rapture of the saints at any time? When Jerusalem is no longer trodden down by the gentiles, the time of the gentiles is consummated.

Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious, but you who read these lines and are not actually ready for that great event, fall to your knees, and seek the face of God until you know beyond all doubts you are ready, for Jesus is coming soon. Amen, even so come Lord Jesus.

## PENN VIEWS

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schools. Knowledgeable people inform us that Protestant schools are being organized at the rate of 225 per year. Perhaps it would be in order now for us to give more attention to the development of some of the smaller Bible Schools (now generally having financial problems) rather than to the initiating of other new schools thus dividing our interests to the point of jeopardizing what we have already gained. We must have these schools. They have been almost too late in coming. We must not fail at this critical hour. Various educational measures and methods have been tried and have only resulted in failure. Now that we are trying to recover what we lost for a while, we must support these Bible Schools with all that there is in us. To do less than this will not only deter true progress, but will at the same time contribute to positive retrogression back into the slime-pits of secular and worldly wisdom which is really, in the final analysis of things, worse than nothing. If we fall back to this, we will probably never have another chance. We must go forward on the old original Bible lines, but we must go more cautiously and carefully, ever guarding against those subtleties that led our early educators into the morass of deception where so many of the worldly-wise are still

floundering. Our children are worth any sacrifice that we may be called upon to make, whether that be money, means, midnight-oil, prayers, pushing, pulling, or whatever.

Penn View Bible Institute and other Holiness Bible Schools must not fail. The nation that they help save may be our own!

G. W. Stepp, President  
Penn View Bible Institute

## Missionary Crusader's Rally

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parents, not with the youth. Don't promise your children a "spanking" and then fail to give it to them. Warnings from parents to their children should give their children wisdom (taken from Proverbs). A percentage of our trouble with our youth is with the parents." Bro. Noll also related some of his childhood experiences.

The attendance for this service was about 100. The offering was thirty dollars.

Charles H. Haffling  
Secretary Youth Society

Our new church at Salisbury, Md. was host to a Missionary Crusaders Rally. A number of churches were represented; the spirit was good, as was the crowd. Several sister Holiness denominations were present, as were a number of independent Holiness churches. The host pastor opened the service and Bro. Truman Motter, vice-president of the Missionary Crusaders, was in charge of the meeting. A youth chorus from the host church sang several numbers. Also, Sister Jean Tillis and the girls' quintet rendered several numbers in song.

There was also a Crusaders Rally in the Wayside Church at Dornsife. Bro. Raymond Hoffman, the host pastor, opened the service and Bro. Larry Slavens led the congregation in some inspirational singing. The Lebanon youth group rendered several special numbers in song and Bro. Wise brought a tremendous message on "Empty Branches." Some of the thoughts of the message were: The next best thing to being saved and sanctified is the knowledge that we have helped others; we are never beneficial until we have overflowed; the early church had cool heads and burning hearts, but the modern church has cool hearts and hot heads; the peril of today is empty-heartedness.



## PENN VIEWS

### "CHRISTIAN EDUCATION"

#### Its Rise, Its Retrogression, Its Recovery

Probe as you please into the archives of history, delve as you desire into dim and dusty records, search to your heart's content in any culture of the world, past or present, and if you are honest you will come up with but one basic answer to the question "What has made the greatest contribution to the salutary development of the world's peoples?" That answer will without hesitation or equivocation and in the very nature of the case be — Religion, worship of the True God. This is the Gibraltar against which all the skeptics, all the scientists, all the intelligentsia of all time may level their weapons of disagreement if they choose. The fact still remains. Reverence for God is at the bottom of all development, mental, social, and cultural. It must always be. "They that honor me I will honor and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed." Even the gates of Hell cannot invalidate the truth nor remove this foundational fact.

An unquestioned second to, and springing from, this world-wide influence for good has been the influence of the schools of the world. There have always been schools from the beginning of creation. Who can deny the benign effect of the fireside university where Godly parents instilled timely truths and precious principles into the plastic minds of inquisitive children? The family altar was the desk, the Bible was the textbook, parents were teachers, children were students, and God was the Superintendent. It is too bad that in the course of time this religio-academic hearthside institution had to give way to its successor, the traveling tutor who was often a combination teacher-preacher. These men, if they were to be of the greatest service to a community, of necessity must be trained; hence educational institutions came into being. All of these schools at first were motivated by holy aspirations in the hearts of noble men. Schools of the Prophets sprang up wherever and whenever new frontiers were opened up. Churches and schools were "sine que nons," indispensables leading the way to better living.

The years rolled by. All was going well enough. America was on the march toward real success. But after a while there was a flavor of mild decay observable in many of our schools. Our products were not measuring up to their predecessors. Something was apparently going wrong. Perhaps the fault lay in the supposed narrow limits of our fields of concentration. Why be circumscribed by the puritanical limitations of Bible centered curricula?

After all, there were many things, old and new, that were worth learning even though not especially cited in the "good book." Why not make some of these useful arts and sciences adjuncts to our Bible-logged school programs? It would, after all, make for wider visions, and greater service to our fellow man. And so the door was opened. We would launch out into new areas. We would demonstrate to the world the wisdom of our decision by producing masters, not mediocrity. We must be on our way to hitherto unreached plateaus of academic excellence. Our banners were flying, the bugles were blowing, and the crowds were cheering. New vistas were opening, new colleges and universities were mushrooming and teacher qualifications were steadily rising. Everything seemed to be operating smoothly. We were marching to the tune of "Utopia Forever." We were so enthralled with our everywhere-apparent success that we at first failed to notice the deteriorating moral fiber. There was, however, notwithstanding the academic progress, a definite trend in the direction of moral retrogression. Could it be that with all our precise and perfected methods that had done so much to carry us so far, so fast, we had been too demanding of our students? Had we unconsciously enslaved them in rigid halls of stereotyped learning to the point that they were becoming mere machines with distorted personalities, subject to our stringent supervision? Were we becoming masters at didactics and at the same time, so restricting and curbing those pent-up motivations and drives so that our youth were virtual prisoners in our ivy-covered towers — victims of superimposed and ruinous disciplines? Perhaps so.

At least many people thought that some alleviation of this unwholesome educational pattern would surely be in order.

Why not try the new and revolutionary Dewey-Freud freedom school? Let the student freely express himself in whatever way his uninhibited natural drives may dictate. This would be a safeguard against warped personalities and lop-sided philosophies that had been obviously developing in the confines of the old puritanical lecture sessions. This new concept was easier on the instructors too, for it did away with much of the outmoded drilling, useless phonics, and repeating required in the disciplined class room. Everyone would now be able to enjoy education, not endure it. The development of the entire pupil will now be emphasized, not just the development of his mental faculties. The mental was important. Yes, but so were the physical and esthetical natures important.

By now the spiritual and moral aspects of life were rapidly becoming eclipsed. The sun that had lighted the way to our place of leadership was rapidly setting. Conditions in classroom and on campus were rapidly worsening. Moral restrictions were turning into laxities and license. It was too late and too embarrassing now to admit even partial failure, to say nothing of a reversal of policy that might lead us back to tried and tested principles that had contributed so much to our developmental welfare. Besides we were too proud to submit to such a reversal of policy. There must be higher pinnacles yet unscaled. Why not look further? By this time, however, some of the older folk who had seen the educational temple in her former glory were in tears. These tears led to prayers, and prayers led to action.

Christian Education! Could it again become a reality? Some folks thought so! Consequently, in 1882 Nyack Missionary College was founded, to be followed four years later by Moody Bible Institute. From these two small acorns, mighty oaks developed. Similar reproductions sprang up in various areas of the world, particularly in the United States and Canada. Now there are more than 250 Bible Schools, Bible Institutes, and Bible Colleges dotting our land, not to mention the legion of Christian Day Schools. Denominational differences have contributed to an ever growing number of such

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# PENNS CREEK CAMP

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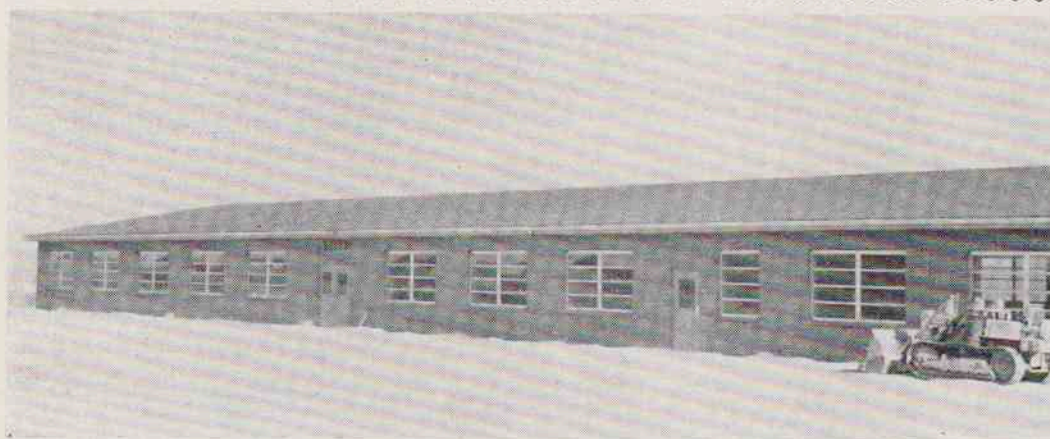
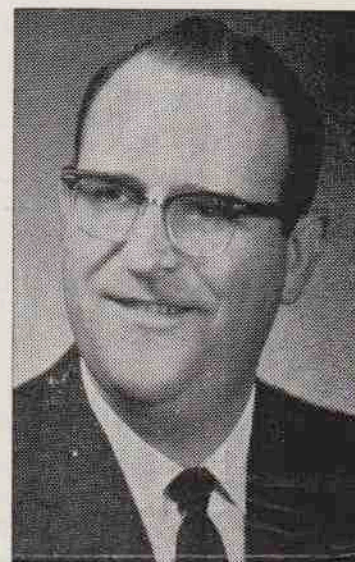
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For information, write the camp secretary, Rev. Earl Deetz, Jr., 342 S. Diamond St., Shamokin, Pa. — 17872.

Home Missionary Day — July 27

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Penn View Bible Institute Day and dedication of new building — Aug 4

## BOARD AND LODGING

(Rates based on two persons to a room)

Lodging for entire camp	\$ 6.00
Rental of tent for camp	3.00
Large room; 2 beds (4 persons)	10.00
For use of hot plate (flat rate)	1.00
For use of current (Trailer)	1.50

(Each camper must bring bedding)

Ministers and their families entertained at half rates. Children 6 to 12 years, half price. Dining hall will be operated on a free-will offering basis.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Rising bell — 7:00 a.m.  
Breakfast — 7:30 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting — 8:30 a.m.  
Preaching — 10:00 a.m.  
Dinner — 12:00 Noon.  
Bible Study — 2:30 p.m.  
Supper — 5:30 p.m.  
Children and Youth service — 6:30 p.m.  
Preaching Service — 7:30 p.m.

(This schedule subject to change)

## Mailing Address:

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