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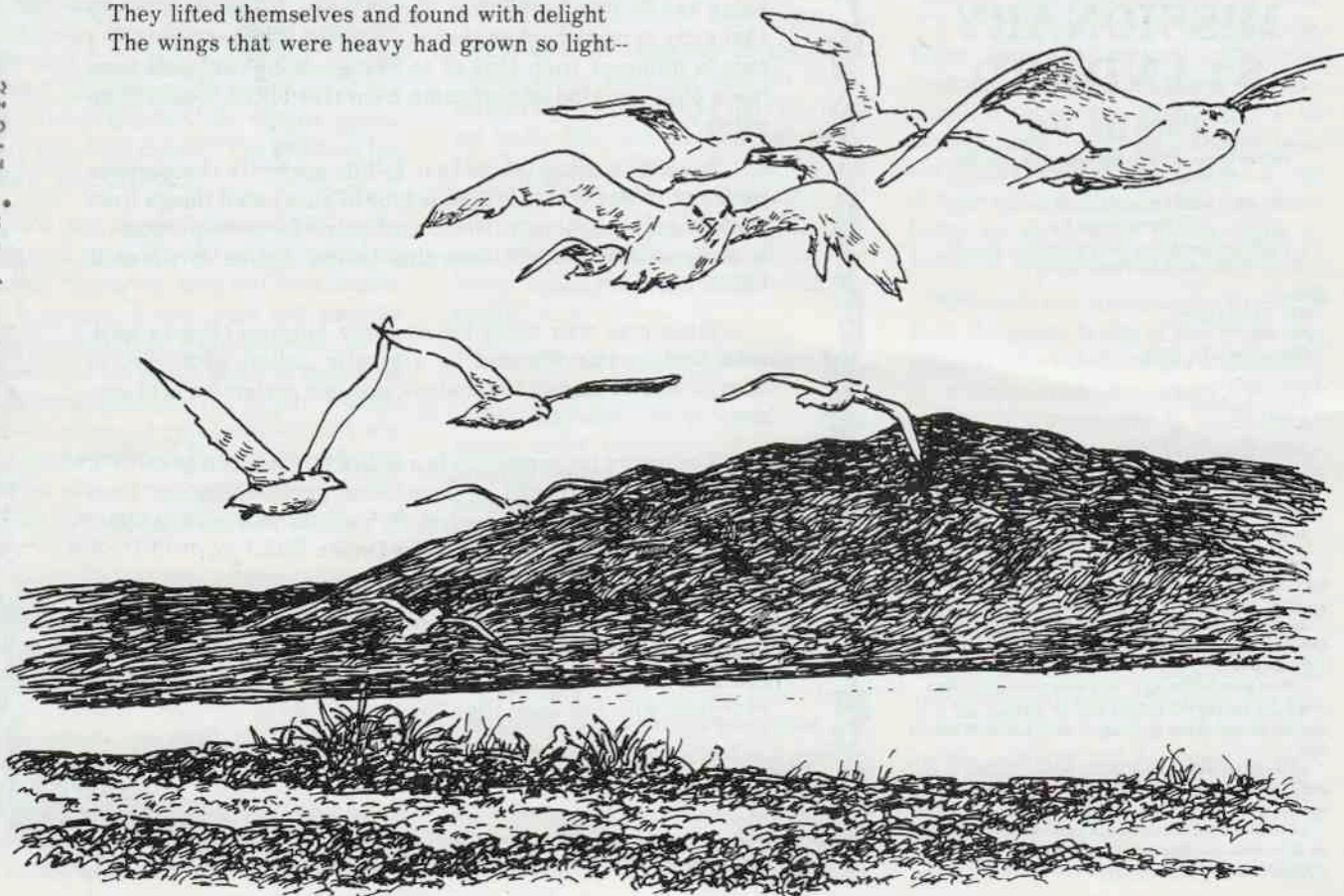
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Burdens Are Things God Turns Into Wings

"Oh for the wings of a bird," we cry,
To carry us off to an untroubled sky
Where we can dwell untouched by care
And always be free as a bird in the air--
But there is a legend that's very old,
Not often heard and seldom told,
That once all birds were wingless, too,
Unable to soar through the skies of blue--
For, while their plumage was beautifully bright
And their chirping songs were liltily light,
They, too, were powerless to fly
Until one day when the Lord came by
And laid at the feet of the singing birds
Gossamer wings as He spoke these words:
"Come take these burdens, so heavy now,
But if you bear them you'll learn somehow
That as you wear them they'll grow light
And soon you can lift yourself into flight"--
So folding the wings beneath their hearts,
And after endless failures and starts,
They lifted themselves and found with delight
The wings that were heavy had grown so light--

So let us, too, listen to God's wise words,
For we are much like the "wingless birds,"
And if we would shoulder our daily trials
And learn to wear them with sunny smiles
We'd find they were wings that God had sent
To lift us above our heart's discontent--
For the wings that lift us out of despair
Are made by God from the weight of care,
So whenever you cry for "the wings of a bird"
Remember this little legend you've heard
And let God give you a heart that sings
As He turns your burdens to "silver wings."

—Helen Steiner Rice



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"Be Ye Therefore Perfect"

By Ross Hayslip
Tuscon, Ariz.

Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in
heaven is perfect" (Matthew 5:48), said Jesus. At first sight it is
a commandment so completely impossible that many have
come to regard it as an idealistic exhortation devoid of all reali-
ty. Perhaps there is some reality in it, they say, but it is meant
only for a few—a special group of saints—and not for the rank
and file.

On the other hand it is the command of Him who walked
with men, therefore it must be capable of attainment.

We are wrong in trying to persuade ourselves that it is
possible to please God with some lower standard of life. There
is no doubt that it is such an attitude which is largely responsi-
ble for so much of the substandard Christianity we encounter
in the Church today. Far too many are content with the valley
when God has called us to the mountains.

What does Christ mean by this commandment for perfec-
tion? We are not enjoined to the perfection of the Godhead;
that is forever impossible to creatures, for God's perfection
consists in that which, once and for all, differentiates Him from
His creatures. To be perfect with the perfection of God himself
would mean for man to become divine, to possess, precisely as
God does, all His attributes—to be as God is.

What Christ here enjoins is that, as God is perfect in His
unique manner, so must we be perfect in ours.

There are different kinds of perfection, and each kind of
being has its own perfection. For instance, it is foolish to say
that a lily is more perfect than a butterfly. The perfection of a
rose is different from that of an orange; a nightingale's song
has a different kind of perfection from that of the "Sixth Sym-
phony."

A perfect being is one that fulfills perfectly the purpose
for which it was created. That is true of all created things from
the highest to the lowest. Since each exists for some purpose, it
is more or less perfect according to the degree in which it
fulfills that purpose.

Since man was made for no other purpose than to walk
with God in this life and be eternally united with Him in
heaven, it is in that and that alone that our perfection is to con-
sist.

The desire for perfection is a desire for God. Our growth in
perfection is a growth in love. One great Christian once
truthfully said, "All our perfection consists in a state of love
and an entire conformity with the Divine Will."

As we seek to put on the mind of Christ let us remember
the words of Dr. W. E. Sangster, "The Way is open for all.
Holiness is not a monopoly of the cloisters or of one branch of
Christendom. The energies of the Holy Spirit are available to
everyone who will seek Him."

—Herald of Holiness.

Moral Mistakes

by T. M. Anderson

"Who can understand his errors?"

(Psa. 19:12.)

The word translated "errors" is a Hebrew word meaning a moral mistake. It is permissible to read the pointed question, "Who can understand his moral mistakes"? This substance of the question is, "Who can perceive the final outcome of his sins of ignorance"?

Moral mistakes are much more serious than the errors of the human mind. Moral mistakes proceed from the depraved heart of man. The evil heart of man is the secret source of all the evils that have filled this earth with misery and woe. The inspired prophet testified to this fact when he said, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jer. 17:9.) These startling words reveal God's indictment against the depravity in the heart of man.

Our Lord revealed thirteen evils which proceed out of the heart of an unholy man. (Mark 7:21, 22), "All these evil things come from within, and defile the man." To this sordid list can be added the seventeen members of the foul brood spawned by human depravity which Paul calls, "The works of the flesh" Gal. 5:19-21).

God has never condoned sin in the heart of man. He has never looked on human depravity with the least degree of tolerance. Every page and passage in the inspired Word reveals God's hatred for sin in the heart of man. God has compassion for the sinner, but He never offers to compromise with sin. Christ has provided a way whereby the sinner can be reconciled to God, but there is no way provided whereby God can be reconciled to sin.

The compromising preaching, the cunning philosophy, and the clever palaver of these last days can never change God's attitude toward sin. God's eternal Word declares, "Except you repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

It is apparent that a man can make a moral mistake that will produce evil results far greater than he can under-

stand. Consider the terrible consequences of Adam's transgression. Ponder on the terrifying import of God's question, "What is this that thou hast done?" (Gen. 3:13.) One is made to wonder if Adam and Eve have ever realized the final outcome of their moral mistake. Is it possible that they understood their error? Did they see the murder that followed immediately after their evil deed?

Consider the wars which have devastated this earth and drenched it with human blood. Listen to the agonizing groans of diseased humanity. Hear the screams of hopeless lunatics. Meditate on the number of helpless idiots who spend their miserable lives in institutions for the insane. Think on the terrors of the wicked, and listen to their wails of despair when they hear their sentence of doom pronounced by a just and holy God. After having considered these dire and dreadful results of a man's moral mistake, ask yourself the question, "Who can understand his errors"?

A man with depravity in his heart cannot know what he will do under certain circumstances in life. He does not know what evil passion may incite him to make a decision that he will regret to all eternity. He may kill someone in a fit of anger. He may commit a sin that will break up his home, break his heart, and break his health.

I am reminded of a preacher who make a serious moral mistake that caused him sorrows and regrets that he never could overcome. I recall his terrible anguish of soul when he realized what he had done. His cry was, "What about my ministry"? Perhaps he never found the answer to his disturbing question. His reputation as a Christian and his years of ministry had perished in a moment of time.

I remember the burden I had for a talented young woman a few years ago. I was conducting a revival in a college where she was a senior. I urged her to give her heart to Christ before she graduated and enter her chosen profession. She turned the appeals down

with a flippant answer. She said she was well able to take care of her own life. In little more than a year after she graduated with honors she died in disgrace, without hope and without God. If I had told her that she would break the hearts of her Christian parents by sin, and die in shame in some strange city, she would probably have considered it an insult. She did not understand her error when she refused the appeal of Christ. Her insane answers to all my pleadings proceeded out of her unholy heart.

Several persons were returning from church one night when they were overtaken by a severe storm. One woman in the company was so frightened by the storm that she began to scream. A friend held her hands and talked to her until the storm had ceased. Perhaps the man was sincere in his purpose to help the frightened woman, but his indiscreet act in holding her hands resulted in two broken homes and a murder.

We may wonder how such a thoughtless deed could lead to such dire consequences. While considering the matter let us not overlook the startling question, "Who can understand his errors"?

The greatest security that one can have against moral mistakes is the security of a holy heart. The Psalmist revealed this fact when he said, "Cleanse thou me from secret faults. Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me; then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer."

When one has obtained the cleansing from the secret faults of the heart it is necessary to watch and pray constantly in order to keep the victory over the enemy. It is necessary to meditate on the things that are pleasing and acceptable to the Lord. A man will backslide in his heart if he allows himself to meditate on evil things.

A man who had spent several years in the ministry poured out his heart to me in anguish and in tears. He told me that he had laid the foundation for his moral defeat in his meditations. He was involved in terrible sin, and had given up his ministry and his hope in God. "Who can understand his errors"? The Word declares, "Fools make a mock of sin."

--Missionary Revivalist

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Belmont Miller

After 145 days of suffering in the Williamsport General Hospital and 10 weeks in the Intensive Care Unit God called Bro. Belmont Miller to his eternal reward. Bro. Miller was born November 26th, 1907 and went to heaven June 9, 1981 at the age of 73 years and six months. He was married for 44 years to Sis. Virginia (Weaver) Miller, a faithful saint of the local church. During his long illness his faithful wife spent untold hours by his side, yet kept a sweet spirit with the blessing of God on her soul. She used every opportunity to speak to others in the unit about their soul's salvation.

Besides his wife Bro. Miller left one son, D. William, one daughter, Bonnie, three grandsons, and one great grandson. He also is survived by two brothers and two sisters.

The viewing was conducted in the Spring Garden church. A steady flow of relatives, friends and church people came. His neighbors were so helpful and collected money to place a memorial in the church in his remembrance. The funeral was conducted in the church with Bro. White, his pastor, in charge assisted by Rev. William Rachau, his former pastor of some 18 years. Bro. Straub also had a part in prayer. Sis. Newton sang a beautiful song entitled "Inside those Pearly Gates." Sis. Miller praised God as she sang, for it was a time of rejoicing. Bro. Rachau spoke of his friendship over the years and their times of fellowship together. He said, "I lost a real friend." The pastor preached on "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." Not many people count death a blessing. But in one moment, God did what the doctors, nurses, and medicine could not do in 145 days, he healed him and gave Bro. Miller a new body. On Sunday morning, June 14th, the church promoted a faithful church member and brother to glory in special service in the church. Bro. Miller has made the goal. May we all strive to meet him. He was a quiet man with never a bad word to say about anyone. He loved all and in his own way. As the tears came down his face while the preacher preached or some one sang he revealed to us the glory of God. He now shouts with the blood washed on high in heaven. What a day it will be when we all meet together to part no more.

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FORM and POWER

by R. A. Kerby

In beginning a study of this kind, it is imperative to know to whom power belongs and from whence it flows to the human family. We will find an answer to our query by turning from all human wisdom, all "educated guesses," to the Word of God which tells us that "God hath spoken once, twice have I heard this: that power belongeth unto God."

The apostle Paul learned by bitter experience that he had no native power to meet the issues of life and death. Once he cried out, "And who is sufficient for these things?" The plain answer is that no one outside of grace is able to meet the demands that life and death pose for us. His faith took hold, and he now rejoices, "Our sufficiency is of God who hath made us able ministers."

When the origin of power is discovered to be God, and Him alone, then the next thing to do is to find out how to attract this power to the deep concerns of ourselves and those around us. The Apostle James points out "Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you."

It has been the folly of the world to fix the eyes on the form while neglecting and sometimes denying the power. Great time and attention are spent upon the form and when hard and trying times come, the first and perhaps the only thing done is to set aside the present norm and look far afield for some new and magical means to achieve the desired end.

Inasmuch as most people refuse to look inside themselves to see if all is well, they take the same old failures into the new situation. They do not realize that no form, no matter how good it may be, is able to see them through. Because they have never penetrated the form and reached out a receiving hand for the power, they fall out with the new form and soon are in hot water again. They soon communicate their discontentment to those around them and soon form a partisan group which would slight the revival services and dismiss the campmeeting

where the emphasis is upon the coming of the Holy Ghost who brings conviction, demands repentance, and promises the sanctifying baptism of the Holy Ghost. In a word, these people have confused the classical with the spiritual. One genuine shout in the Holy Ghost troubles them, and they fear that the Ark of God will be overturned. In very truth, the great danger today is not that the Ark will be turned over but rather that it will be stuck in the mud.

At this point it will be profitable to quote from a man who clearly saw the danger here. "A conservative is one who has a deep respect for the proven values of the Past, and therefore is not willing, without searching examination, to see those conditions disrupted under which those values were matured." Thus we see how down through the years many good methods and

procedures have been cast aside as outdated and of little or no use. This casting aside is often accomplished by the very ones who have lost the power of God. The trouble is much nearer home and more personal than it might first appear.

The vital test in all this is whether or not a method is attracting fire from Heaven. No method should be retained or discarded because of age or the lack of it. Great changes are abroad in the land and much care must be used in "streamlining." The basis of Christianity is conviction, contrition, conversion, entire sanctification, and finally redemption. If we allow these basics to become neglected and crowded out of our "program, sad will be the day! The winds are blowing a hurricane, and the rain is descending in torrents and woe betide the individual whose house is not founded upon the Rock. In speaking of the house built upon the sand, Jesus declared that "great was the fall of it."

If we have allowed ourselves to become at ease in these strange and awful times, our hopes and desires will never come to fruition. At the end, we shall hear the blessed word "Come." May God so bless us that we "shall be accounted worthy to escape all the things which are coming on the earth, and to stand before the Son of man."

Seffner, Florida

To God, be the Glory, Great Things He hath Done. Greetings from Seffner, Florida.

For a long time now, the burden of a Christian Day School has been on the hearts of our people. From the outward glance, the obstacles were too great, but up to this present day, June 30, 1981, 1,710.00 dollars have been raised for this worthy project, with more promised in pledges.

Miss Eunice Norton has agreed to be the Supervisor over the school. Two of our young people have already been enrolled and we're trusting the Lord for more.

Our pastor, Rev. Ronald Hays, will be going to Texas soon, to receive his training from A.C.E.

If we can rescue just one soul from the clutches of the devil and this evil world, it will be worth it all.

Pray for us and with us, for there is much to be done before September.

Eunice Norton

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I do not believe that you will be sorry that you did.

Paul Miller
Assistant General
Superintendent

"That your prayers be not hindered" (I Peter 3:7).

1. The Greatest Hindrance to the Life of Prayer Is Sin.

"The Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save, neither his ear heavy that it cannot hear, but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you that He will not hear." God would rather let Israel be defeated at Ai and go into captivity to Babylon, notwithstanding the prayers of Joshua in the one case, or even Noah, Daniel, and Job, if they could have interceded, in the other, so long as the answering of these prayers would have countenanced the sin of His people. Yes, even that beautiful and consecrated temple must be consumed to ashes, and the very name of Jehovah dishonored by His enemies, rather than sin in the slightest degree be sanctified by a holy god.

"If I regard iniquity in my heart the Lord will not hear me." Even the cherished purpose of sin will thus hinder our prayers. The apostle John most clearly adds his testimony to his heart-searching truth when he tells us that, "If our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart and knoweth all things; but if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments and do those things that are pleasing in his sight." The old farmer, who tried to get peace at the altar by the prayers of the saints, was quite right when he told them one night that the Lord would never answer their prayers "so long as that ox was in the wrong stall." He hurried away to return his neighbor's property, and came back the next night with shining face and light heart to testify to the blessing that came the moment he put the hindrance away.

God can hear the prayers of sinners, or else none of us could have access to the throne of grace, but this is a different matter from expecting Him to answer our prayers while we are deliberately committing sin without an honest purpose to obtain from it. This is the coolest insolence and presumption in the face of heaven. The sin may be confessed and put away, and the Lord will freely bless; but while we stand with evil conscience and wrong intent, and expect God to countenance our disobedience and presumption, we can only accept the awful message which He gave to the leaders of Israel in the fourteenth chapter of Ezekiel:

Hindrances

by A. B. Simpson

"Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their heart, and put the stumbling-block of their iniquity before their face; should I be enquired of at all by them. Therefore speak unto them and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Every man of the house of Israel that setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumbling-block of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet; I, the Lord, will answer him that cometh according to the multitude of his idols. For every one of the house of Israel, or of the stranger that sojourneth in Israel, which separated himself from me, and setteth up his idols in his heart, putteth the stumbling-block of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet to enquire of him concerning me; I, the Lord, will answer him by myself; and I will set my face against that man, and I will make him a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of my people and ye shall know that I am the Lord."

This will frequently be found to be the cause of long unanswered prayers, and the failure of God's people to enter into the fullness of the blessing they are seeking. God is searching their hearts and bringing to their remembrance long-forgotten sins with which He wants them to deal thoroughly. Hence, when we are at some secret crisis of life, seeking, perhaps, entire sanctification, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the healing of some critical and alarming disease, the life of some precious friend, or deliverance in some great emergency. God searches the heart as with eyes of flame, and brings to our conscience things long buried in oblivion, and enables us to "search and try our ways" and lay open all our heart before Him. Then may we receive His blessing unhindered and unbounded, and know the blessedness of the man "whose iniquity is forgiven, whose sin is covered, and in whose spirit there is no guile."

"Beloved, let us 'search and try our ways, and turn again unto the Lord.' Let us be willing to say, 'Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my ways, and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the

way everlasting." Let us bring every Achan to the light and to the sentence of death, and we shall find that even sin cannot hinder our prayers nor our perfect blessing if it is truly put away, but the valley of Achor will become the very door of hope, and the place of forgiven sin and self-crucifixion will be marked as the starting point of a new and higher life of usefulness.

2. Another Hindrance to Prayer is Selfishness and Earthly Desire.

"Ye ask and receive not," says the apostle James, "because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts." God cannot give us all the things that our carnal nature clamors for any more than we would give our child the gleaming razor for which its little hands reach out in such eager desire. They would often be more hurtful to us than the keen edge of the steel to the thoughtless child. Many a good thing may be desired from an earthly and selfish motive and in a carnal spirit. Many a person seeks forgiveness to escape the remorse of a guilty conscience and that he may be at ease to go on again in a life of godless selfishness. Most people who have no true sense of honor, are quite willing to be accepted as candidates for heaven if God will let them enjoy the pleasures of the world on their way. Prayer for healing may be simply the expression of the desire to get free from pain, and be able again to enjoy the pleasure of life. Even Simon Magus wanted the power of the Holy Spirit from a thoroughly base and unholy motive. Things that God in other circumstances would be quite willing to give us, He has often to refuse us as they would really separate us from Him. At a later period of our lives we find Him able and willing to give us the same things without reserve, because, in the meanwhile, we have been able to lay all on His altar, to be used to His glory and in union with Himself.

Therefore, the Lord's Prayer, as we have already seen, begins with the prostration of our whole being at the feet of God and the threefold consecrating prayer, "Hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done."

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We cannot be trusted to ask anything for ourselves until our spirit is thus consecrated to God.

This is the meaning of that profound promise in the thirty-seventh Psalm, "Delight thyself in the Lord, and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." The heart that has found its joy in God cannot desire anything that God cannot grant. He gives it first its desires and then their fulfilment.

Beloved, have not many of your unanswered prayers been thoroughly selfish ones? Have not your very longings for your own spiritual good been prompted either by a slavish fear or a narrow self-love? Have not your prayers for the salvation of your children and friends been as selfish as your desire to see them well settled in life, and perhaps you have never once offered a petition for anyone else's child nor made an effort to bring them to Christ. It is all right that we should seek these blessings for ourselves and for our own, but if it be a true spirit of prayer and union with God, there will be something higher than mere selfish or human love or desire.

3. An Insurmountable Barrier to Answered Prayer Is the Spirit of Strife and Bitterness

"When ye stand praying," our Saviour said to His disciples, "forgive, if ye have aught against any." "Let none of you imagine evil in his heart against his neighbor," is the message of the prophet Jeremiah to the people of the Restoration, as he teaches them the secret of God's blessing in their critical trials. Job had to pray for his very enemies before God could turn his captivity, and banish from his heart every particle of bitter feeling toward the men who had tormented him through months of sickness with their ignorance, misconception, and offensive interference; and when he did, God turned his captivity and restored him to more than his former blessings. One reason why the disciples could not claim the casting out of the demon from the suffering child was that they had disputed by the way which should be the greatest. The spirit cherished animosity, lurking prejudice, sullen vindictiveness, or cold disdain will as effectually obstruct our intercourse and intimacy with heaven as a speck upon the crystalline lens of the eye will obstruct our vision, or the crossing of the wires of the electric machinery of

this building will leave us tonight in darkness.

There are a great many crossed wires in the church of Christ, and the consequences is dark hearts and mournful cries, "Hath the Lord forgotten to be gracious? How long, O Lord, wilt thou not hear my prayer?" Just this long, brother, "If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that my brother hath aught against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift."

The spirit of prayer is essentially a spirit of love. Frequently when we are at some crisis of prayer, and very much is hanging upon God's answer, perhaps life itself, or something more precious than life, we shall find ourselves confronted with just such a test as this. Someone will be thrown across our path where all the strength of the natural heart, with its dislikes, prejudices, and self-wills, will be laid hold of by the enemy to hinder our victory. Oh, let us remember at such an hour that we cannot hurt another by our irritation or retaliation, but we can deeply wound ourselves and hinder the blessing of our God! In the presence of Infinite Love, no breath of hate can live one moment. The simple lines of the old English poet are sweetly true,

"He prayeth best who loveth best,
All things both great or small,
For the great God who loveth us,
He made and loveth all."

It is especially with respect to this matter of love that the apostle John speaks of our heart condemning us in prayer, and above all other things it is perhaps that which we are most likely to overlook, and God is least likely to pass by. "The greatest thing in the world," as Professor Drummond so happily styles it, "is love, and," he truly says, "It is the one business of life to learn it."

Beloved, is this hindering your prayers? Can you think this moment of some brother or sister from whom you are wrongly estranged; some person whom you treat with studied harshness, neglect, perhaps disdain, or possibly with injury or injustice; some word that you have spoken against your brother, and which you should not have spoken even if true; some word to which you have listened against your brother, and never should have heard except in his presence; some cherished suspicion, criticism, or judgment where you have no business even to think

evil? May God help you to see if you are not already on the way to discover some cause of unanswered prayer!

4. The Habit of Doubt Is a Hindrance to Prayer.

"He that wavereth is like a wave of the sea, driven of the wind and tossed. Let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord." This is strong language, but there is no doubt that the sin of unbelief, according to the divine standpoint, is the most hurtful of all spiritual conditions. It destroys the very contact of the soul with God as effectually as the cutting of that telegraph wire would prevent the transmission of a message. We have already seen that the word **receive** in this passage of James means **take**, and that it denotes, not so much God's anger with the unbelief, for He does "give liberally and upbraideth not," to all men, but it refers to the inability of the man to take what God gives. His doubt shuts up his whole spiritual sensibilities and capacities and renders him incapable of absorbing and appropriating the blessing which is offered him at the time. God holds us responsible for our doubt, but does not require us to produce, by our own will, the faith which brings us into contact with His love and blessing, for this is His impartation; but He does require us to prevent it from running out, as from leaking vessels, through all the openings of our miserable doubts. There is one thing that we can all do; we can refuse to doubt; we can refuse to entertain the questioning and fear, the morbid apprehension and subtle Satanic insinuation; and if we do this, God will do the rest and enable us to stand fast in faith, and press forward to the fullness of His blessing.

This is where the enemy concentrates his strongest attacks, waiting when the hour of trial comes, and our prayer seems to be refused and delayed, and hurling all his shafts of fire and evil suggestion into our trembling hearts to try to drive us from our confidence and get us to betray our own cause by consenting to his wicked questionings. Therefore Christ has said, "Whosoever shall say to this mountain, Be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea, **and shall not doubt in his heart**, he shall have whatsoever he saith." So "Abraham **staggered not** at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strong in faith giving glory to God." So we are to hold fast the faith we have professed without wavering, for, "He is faithful

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Double Wedding, Double Joy

For many people marriage is a day long awaited, the fulfillment of many dreams, the commencing of a life together with the one you love, looking forward to the home you will make together. And this is the way it should be.

But a few Saturdays ago, as our church bell rang out the invitation to a double wedding ceremony, there was a feeling of double joy also. Not only because two couples were joining together in marriage, but there was something else a bit unusual.

For the one couple it was the fulfillment of a life-long dream. Already they had given birth to twelve children, only 6 of which are living. Having begun their life together when they were yet sinners, they followed the pattern of so many of the people here—avoiding the expense and red tape of a legal marriage, they simply lived together. Later, the wife found Jesus. She began coming to church and by the light of the Word came under conviction for living in her unmarried state. She pled with the husband, and begged us to pray, but he remained unconvinced. Why bother with all that now after living together for fifteen or twenty years? And the woman was in a predicament—how could she leave the father of her six children, some of whom were still very small? So, she prayed, and we prayed. Finally, God touched Mr. Dormevil's heart—but not without breaking other hearts as well. It happened when God took his little girl, Reserve, Home to Heaven.

Very soon after this, Fré Dormevil came to church and gave his heart to Jesus. Again, we spoke to him of the importance of marrying the woman he lived with. He promised he would. But the weeks turned into months, and then the months into years. There was always something he felt he must do first—build a new house, get the door on the house, buy tin for the roof. But finally, the excuses ran out, or else the will finally surrendered. Oh, how happy we were to hear that the date was being set!

Then Madame Dormevil's brother decided that it was a good time for him and his girlfriend to tie the knot, too. Fré Derisma had had several children to another woman who had died several years ago. Then he had had one of two illegitimate children. Now he has been coming to church and trying to serve God. He began to love a young woman and chose to marry her and begin a new home for her and his children.

The wedding was lovely. The brides wore white gowns, gloves, and veils, no doubt all of which were rented or borrowed, and the grooms looked their best. Each groom and each bride had what they call a "witness", much like what Americans would call their maid of honor and best man. The wedding ceremony was performed by our national pastor, Rev. Marcel Louis. All records were recorded by the government here, but much more important, God was recording this simple little marriage ceremony, and He alone could look into the hearts of these brides and grooms and read the deep joy which was abiding there.

What a joy it is to watch our "babes in Christ" walking in the Light, and obeying His commandments. Some of you have helped us pray that the Dormevils would unit in marriage. Therefore, we trust that you will now

rejoice with us as we see God's faithfulness. That you so much for helping to share our load by praying. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

In His service,
Bonnie Williams

Dear Subscribers:

Many of you have written to express your appreciation for the God's Missionary Standard and how it has been a blessing to you.

Currently, the printing bill for the God's Missionary Standard is over \$3,000.00. Could we as subscribers show our appreciation to the editor, Rev. David Fuller, by sending him a little note of "Thanks for a job well done," and include a gift of \$5.00 or more to be used toward the printer's bill?

Rev. Fuller is doing a good job, let's stand behind him in this vital matter.

Business Manager,
Carl Kready



Strain - Pain - Drain

Satan has from time to time shifted his methods of attack upon the Church. God's Word is true, and the centuries have proven that "all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." The master plan of Satan to hinder, harass, and destroy the work of the Lord changes only in methods.

The study of many Old Testament saints is a revelation in the shifting of methods by Satan to persecute the people of God. Abraham met physical dangers at the hand of Pharaoh - but much deeper persecution through Lot and Ishmael. Moses was the target of the shifting methods of Satan. He met the hate of Pharaoh in whose courts he was trained. He was faced with murmuring, ridicule, ingratitude, criticism from his own family, and insubordination in his ranks. David was persecuted physically, mentally, and spiritually. Daniel was a target from his king's table experience to the lion's den experience. The methods were shifted from time to time, but the persecution was continual.

The Church is witnessing a spiritual persecution at this time. The ideals and

convictions of the blood-washed are under heavy attack from Satan. The deep principles of faith are being over-run by the shallow and self-centered professors of the sanctified life. This is bringing an inner strain upon those who truly have the blessing. To profess entire sanctification and act contrary brings pressures upon those who carry the spiritual load of the Church.

It is painful to the sanctified to see sentiment take precedence over principle. It is painful to the sanctified when they hear other good holy people vilified and unchristianized. It is painful to know that one short conversation by the evil speaker can nullify a fellowship that has existed for years. It is painful to see holy people suffer when it is so unnecessary.

This spiritual persecution is affecting all the sanctified. The unruffled days of yesterday have changed - and the storm is gathering. The drain of strength caused by this spiritual storm is just as real as physical persecution. The constant demand for mental and spiritual alertness takes a toll upon the

physical. But the Lord has promised that if we suffer with Him we will reign with Him. Keep holding on - our finest hour is yet to come!

-The Missionary Revivalist

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that promised." Now, the just shall live by faith; but if any man draw back, my soul hath no pleasure in him." God waits to give His blessing to the soldiers who stand their ground, and who, when the blessing comes, are there to claim it.

But "Alas!" perhaps you say, "I have already doubted, and forfeited my blessing. It is then too late to receive the answer?" No, if you will repent of your doubt as you would of any other sin, and immediately bring forth fruits meet for repentance by refusing from henceforth and for evermore to be betrayed into the same sin. Often we shall find that such a fall becomes the occasion of thoroughly convincing us of the sin of doubting and curing us of it forever.

Beloved, have you been trifling with God in this manner of prayer and defrauding yourself of the blessings for which you have already suffered so much? May you set your face this day like a flint, and fix your feet on the rock and stay your soul upon God.

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The Old Time Religion Sky Pilot



My Bible and I . . .

We've traveled together, my Bible and I,

Through all kinds of weather, with smile or with sigh;

In sorrow or sunshine, in tempest or calm,

Thy friendship's unchanging, my lamp and my psalm.

We've traveled together, my Bible and I,

When life has grown weary and death e'en was nigh;

But all through the darkness of mist and of wrong

I found thee a solace, a prayer or a song.

So now, who shall part us, my Bible and I?

Shall ism, or schism, or new lights who try?

Shall shadow for substance, or stone for good bread,

Supplant its sound wisdom, give folly instead?

Ah, no, my dear Bible, Revealer of Light,

Thou Sword of the Spirit, put error to flight!

And still through life's journey until the last sigh,

We'll travel together, my Bible and I.



Annual Area Convention of Inter-Church Holiness Convention Penns Creek, Pa.

September
15, 16, 17, 1981

Speakers:

Rev. Thomas Reed
Chicago, Illinois

Rev. J. W. Vess
Easley, South Carolina

Rev. H. E. Schmul
Salem, Ohio

Singers:

The McCrary Family
Gratz, Pennsylvania

Rev. John Burgess - Area Chairman

Thirty-Second Annual Port Matilda Camp Meeting

INTERDENOMINATIONAL
Bald Eagle Valley Holiness Association, Inc.

August 5 - August 16, 1981

Rev. Daniel Stafford
Bethany, Oklahoma
EVANGELIST

Rev. Leroy Adams, Jr.
Penns Creek, Pa.
EVANGELIST

Mr. & Mrs. George Vernon
Hobe Sound, Fla.
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The wearing of immodest apparel by either sex is absolutely forbidden.

It is not permitted for women and young girls to wear shorts or slacks on the grounds.

Let us avoid as much as possible all visiting, and give ourselves seriously to the business at hand.

Smoking on the grounds positively prohibited.

Annual Stockholders and Business Meeting,
August 11th, 1981, 5:30 p.m.

Rev. Victor Glenn
MISSIONARY
or one of his co-workers

Missionary Day

August 9, 1981

2:30 P.M.

General Information

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Rising Bell	7:00
Sunrise Prayer Meeting	7:30
Breakfast	8:00
Preaching	10:30
Dinner	12:00

AFTERNOON

Young People	1:15 - 2:15
Silent Prayer	2:20 - 2:25
Preaching	2:30
Supper	5:00

EVENING

Ring Meeting	6:00
Preaching	7:30

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7:30 A.M.	Prayer
8:00 A.M.	Breakfast
*10:30 A.M.	Worship
12:00 Noon	Dinner
2:30 P.M.	Children's Service
2:30 P.M.	Bible Study
5:00 P.M.	Supper
6:00 P.M.	Prayer
6:45 P.M.	Youth Service
** 7:30 P.M.	Evangelistic Service
11:00 P.M.	Lights Out

*On Sunday Worship at 10:30 A.M. &
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**First Service of First Friday

August 14 thru 23, 1981

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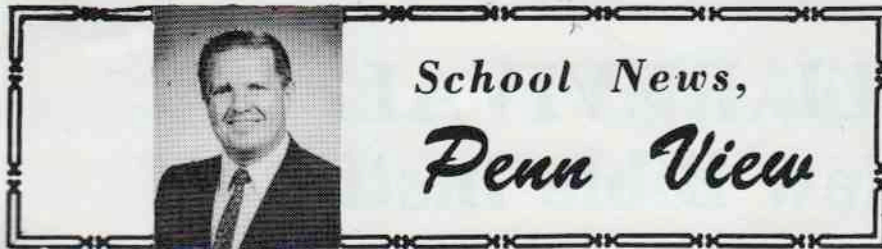
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From the desk of Rev. Kenneth E. Walter --
President

Penn View Bible Institute Is Making Progress! Penn View News Update

THE NEW DINING HALL!

Work toward completing the new dining hall was begun in May through the enthusiastic interest of Mr. Leonard Raub, a faithful layman in the Lebanon, God's Missionary Church.

Having a desire to see the new dining hall suitable for serving during the 1981 Penns Creek Camp, Mr. Raub moved in with his radial arm saw, table saw, jointer, and many other hand tools and work was begun. Assisted by our dean of men, Mr. Stephen Wilson, Mr. Raub has been working three long days every week.

As the long dormant dining hall shell began to take on the appearance of transformation, interest and enthusiasm began to develop in others and more volunteers appeared on the scene.

At the time of this writing the walls have all been furred, insulated, and paneled. The conduit and wiring has been done. The lights and ceiling fans have been installed and are in operation. The suspended ceiling complete with insulation has been installed. The main trunk lines for central air-conditioning have been run and the baseboard heat lines are nearing completion. The floor tile in the kitchen and restrooms has been laid and we are ready to start setting the kitchen equipment in place.

The Lord has helped us to locate good used equipment to furnish the kitchen at a very reasonable price. Some of the women have even become involved by cleaning up the used ovens and other equipment so everything will virtually look like new for the grand opening of this long awaited new facility.

Truly we appreciate all those who have helped to make this progress possible. We thank God for people who have a mind to work and are interested

in the ongoing of Penns Creek Camp and Penn View Bible Institute.

REPORT ON NEW FACULTY!

We are pleased to report that the following people will be serving on our faculty for the 1981-82 school term.

Mrs. Loretta Mae Harris - Kindergarten Teacher; Mr. Roger Harris - High School Social Studies and French Teacher; Mrs. Sharon Hess - Seventh and Eighth Grade Teacher; Rev. Howard R. McKenzie - High School Science and Bible Teacher; Miss Rachel Straight - Home Economics and Girls' P.E. Teacher, Elementary Assistant; Rev. James F. Susan - A.C.E. Supervisor; and Rev. Dean McIntire - Institute Instructor.

DORMITORY RENOVATIONS!

Last year the girls' dormitory was bursting at the seams. Some rather unsatisfactory facilities had to be used for housing some of the girls. Prospects for the enrollment this fall make it imperative that something be done to increase and improve our dormitory accommodations.

Our financial situation would not justify any further expense but once again God has been faithful and provided for this need. He has laid this project upon the heart of one of His faithful children who has volunteered to underwrite the entire cost. Praise by unto God, He never fails.

Some new entrance doors have been installed and work has already begun on closing in between the two dorms to make a girls' lounge and reception center on the first floor and a dean's office, large restroom and lounge for the boys on the second floor.

With some minor renovations in the existing buildings this will provide several more rooms for student housing. Some paneling and new carpet will

be installed to add beauty and comfort and create a more desirable "home" for our boarding students.

A new 200 amp electric service has been installed and extensive rewiring is being done. A new chimney will be built for the furnace and the old camp kitchen will be removed. All of these improvements are important for the safety of our students as well as creating a more efficient operation.

We anticipate by God's help to have most of this work completed by the opening of school this fall, but we could use some more volunteers!

Seven Ways To Help Penn View Bible Institute Prepare Youth For God's Service

1. Prayer - Put Penn View on your daily prayer list.

2. Personal Influence - Encourage young people to consider Penn View in their educational plans.

3. Gifts - We are in need of: - Two good used sixteen passenger vans for student transportation. - Tables and chairs for the new dining room. - Shrubbery for landscaping around the new dining hall and dormitories. - Furnishings for the new girls' and boys' lounge. - Cash to meet current operational expenses.

4. Dollar Membership to help underwrite operational costs for the coming year.

5. Gideon's Band to help liquidate current indebtedness.

6. Scholarship Fund - to provide financial assistance to worthy students preparing for the Lord's service.

7. The Last Will and Testament - Include Penn View as a beneficiary of your estate.

Penn View Bible Institute offers three major diploma programs: Ministerial Studies; Missionary Studies; and Christian Music.

Penn View Christian Academy offers an affordable opportunity to enroll your children in: Kindergarten, Elementary; and High School.

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FALL REVIVAL

Penn View Bible Institute



Penns Creek, Pa.

September 18 - 27, 1981

Evangelist

Rev. J. W. Vess
Easley, South Carolina

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

First Service - September 18, 7:30 P.M.

Monday - Friday - 10:30 A.M.

7:30 P.M.

Saturday - 7:30 P.M.

Sunday - 9:30 A.M.

10:30 A.M.

7:30 P.M.

All services will be held in the Memorial Chapel

"Oh Zion . . . Arise!"

"Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; . . . shake thyself from the dust; arise" (Isaiah 52:1, 2).

We live in an hour when the foundations of civilization are crumbling, the night of apostasy is deepening, lawlessness runs wild to its awful climax, the powers of anti-Christ increase and abound, and wars and rumors of wars belt the globe. Yet the Church of God, with the only hope and cure for mankind's sin and misery, rests, for the most part, at ease in Zion, and we who claim that Name above every name make mud pies and daisy chains, and twiddle our thumbs while the world sweeps over the brink of disaster. We preach a Gospel that is God's dynamite and we live firecracker lives. We sing of showers of blessing and the old-time power and faith, the victory and higher ground — and then we leave it all in the hymn books, and go home.

We read that when our Lord held a service, the congregation went home amazed and glorifying God and filled with fear, and saying, "We have seen strange

things today" (Luke 5:26). How many, do you think, go from our meetings today in such a frame of mind? The Early Church lived in such power that men durst not join themselves unto them; they stood in awe of Pentecostal fire . . . "Where is the Lord God of Elijah?"

I am afraid that too many of us are like those theological students who saw Elijah and Elisha go by. They believed, theoretically, that Elijah was to be taken; but so weak was their faith that they wanted later to send out a scouting party to look for him, lest the Spirit of God had cast him upon a mountain or into a valley! Here was knowledge without faith — the same sort that talks and sings today about the great realities of the Gospel, but never actually believes them. We study Sunday school lessons about Elijah, but who seeks his mantle? We read and sing about Pentecost, but who is willing to *live* as those Christians lived?

— Vance Havner.