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*For God so loved
the world that He gave*

*His only begotten son that
Whoever*
WILL
whosoever believeth in

*Him shall not
perish but have
everlasting
life.*

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WHOSOEVER WILL: THE HEART OF GOD AND THE CHOICE OF MAN



DAVID WISE

In 1849, William Taylor was sent by his Bishop to be a Methodist missionary in the “uncivilized” territory of California. His destination was the notorious city of San Francisco. Taylor would spend seven years laboring on the West Coast, with San Francisco as the home base for his efforts. The young missionary would typically preach five sermons every Sunday, with the fourth sermon being an open air message in Portsmouth Square at 4pm. It was during this fourth message of the day that he would reach literally thousands of souls who had gathered in this central location with the message of full salvation. When Taylor commenced his ministry in the city, it was known for its violence, debauchery, drunkenness, blasphemy, and overall godlessness. Portsmouth Square, otherwise known as “the Plaza”, was the epicenter for this corporate rebellion against King Jesus. At the end of Taylor’s time in California, a friend of his named Wilson Flint, wrote a letter to Taylor where he marveled at the miraculous change that came to the spiritual climate of San Francisco in seven short years. “The Plaza” was a primary example of this great shift. Where once “pandemonium” reigned, law and order now prevailed. Where drunkenness and profanity were common, churches and churchgoers were seen on every side. The Gospel had done its work in San Francisco and Methodism had been true to its call to spread Scriptural Holiness across these lands . . . even in the “Sodom” of 19th century America.

William Taylor’s work in California was a product of the Gospel he and every true Holiness preacher has proclaimed, whether past or present. At the heart of the message is the knowledge that God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. No son of Adam or daughter of Eve has ever been predestined to the lake of fire. *continued on page 7*

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The World's Need

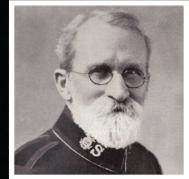
Adapted from *Aggressive Christianity* by
CATHERINE BOOTH

Oh! The needs of the world! To me it is an overwhelming, a prodigious thought, that He shed His blood for every soul of man, and that, as He hung there, He saw under all the vileness, sin, and ruin of the Fall – the human soul created originally in His own image, and capable of infinite and eternal developments and progress. The soul to be rescued, washed, redeemed, saved, sanctified, and glorified – He saw this glorious jewel, and He gave Himself for it. Look at these souls. There is not one of them so mean, or vile, or base, but can be rescued by the power of His Spirit, and by His living, glorious Gospel brought to bear upon them. He had no such little, mean, insignificant estimate of continued on **page 9**



Excerpt from *Helps to Holiness* by

**SAMUEL
LOGAN
BRENGLE**



on which she herself was standing – showed her that her one business was to follow Jesus, to walk before Him with a perfect heart, and to cleave to Him, though the whole corps backslid. Then she confessed all that God showed her; confessed how near she had come to joining the great army of backsliders herself through looking at others; humbled herself before Him, and renewed her covenant, until an unutterable joy came to her heart, and God put His fear in her soul, and filled her with the glory of His presence.

She told me further, that the next day she fairly trembled to think of the awful danger she had been in, and declared that that time of waiting on God in the silence of the night saved her, and now her heart was filled with full assurance of hope for herself, and not only for herself, but also for the corps. Oh, for ten thousand such soldiers!

The secret of all failures, and of all true success, is hidden in the attitude of the soul in its private walk with God. The man who courageously waits on God is bound to succeed. He cannot fail. To other men he may appear for the present time to fail, but in the end they will see what he knew all the time: that God was with him, making him, in spite of all appearances, “a prosperous man.” Know then, that all failure has its beginning in the closet, in neglecting to wait on God until filled with wisdom, clothed with power, and all on fire with love. ■



PRAYER *for* REVIVAL

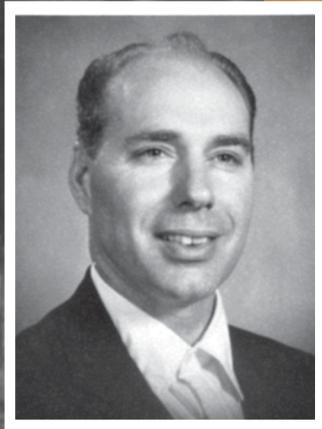
Excerpt from *Illustrations from the Life of R.G. Flexon*

It was in a large Methodist Camp. The last night had come and it fell my lot to be the speaker. The president of the camp, Dr. Sheldon, a medical doctor, called on another medical doctor by the name of Ogden to pray. He fell on his knees and prayed, “Oh, God, this meeting is thine. Amen.” Before the rest of us could get on our knees, he was up. That was all the praying done in that service until we came to the altar service.

When I arose to preach, God took over. I did not have a chance to even read my text. People started for the altar. I do not know how many were at the altar. When the altar service was over I went to Dr. Ogden and asked him why he did not pray when Dr. Sheldon asked him to. He said there was no need to pray, that he had spent all night the night before on his knees in his office praying for just what we had that night, and when the sun shone in the window of his office that morning and he opened his eyes, God spoke and told him He was going to answer. So it was already prayed through and no need to pray. Have you ever spent a night in prayer for a definite object? Try it, it works.

BUILDING A LEGACY

The Life of William Herrick



Rev. William Herrick was born and raised in the state of Indiana. Up until he was ten years of age, the spiritual influences surrounding him were nominal at best. That all changed when his father got truly saved and the atmosphere of their home changed immediately. At the age of fifteen, Bro. Herrick left home in pursuit of “freedom” and ended up moving fifty five miles away to live with an aunt and uncle. In the new location, he could pursue his passion of playing organized sports and not have to face the “restrictive” influences of his father’s holiness home. The next few years saw him learn a trade from his uncle, a butcher, go to Indiana State University and play football for a while, and then eventually end up in the Army for three years. Six months after leaving the Army, Bro. Herrick married the lady who became “Mrs. Herrick” and their lives have been joined together since that fateful day in December of 1962.

During these years, the influence of his younger brother was quite strong on him. His faithful witness and changed life spoke volumes to his older brother. In January of 1965, Bro. Herrick attended a Youth Convention and was gloriously converted. After five months, he returned to the Pilgrim Holiness church his family attended and became a faithful member there. After watching her husband for a year, Sis. Nancy Herrick decided he was “real” and she gave her heart to the Lord as well. In 1971 they left for the mission field and worked with Native Americans for eleven years. Many stories could be told about their tears, trials, and victories working with these forgotten people. One of the most memorable was when Bro Herrick visited a man who had violently opposed the work. He discovered that the man had painted a mural of the Herricks’ church on one of the walls of his house and eventually let his kids go to the Sunday school. The softening of this man’s heart was truly an answer to prayer. Such tenderness of heart towards this faithful couple became common among their Native American neighbors.

In 1982 the Herricks packed up their kids and their belongings and headed for Central Pennsylvania. In their new home, they pastored faithfully for twenty four years in two local churches. “Bill” Herrick was known for his weekly visits to jails, nursing homes, and hospitals. He claims that his greatest memories in the pastoral ministry were found “outside” the pulpit and in these settings where he ministered to people who would seldom enter a church sanctuary. At the age of seventy, Bro. Herrick resigned from the pastorate and started attending the Beavertown church where he has faithfully taught Sunday school and filled in for other local pastors when needed. In their “retirement years”, they are blessed to live very near to their children and their numerous grandchildren. When he was asked what advice he would give young people just starting out in their Christian walk, his answer was to “passionately fall in love with the word of God.” What a blessing William and Nancy Herrick have been to many people down through the years! 🙏



continued from **page 2** Though God's fierce anger burns against evildoers, His love yearns to see broken hearted prodigals return to the Father's house and be saved to the uttermost. It is a love that knows nothing of partiality or favoritism. The invitation is extended to the children of preachers and the children of drug addicts. It yearns to see men, women, and children of every race brought into this experience of the new birth. God's love made full provision for a salvation that went beyond even the wonder of regeneration and made possible the cleansing of the heart from indwelling sin. San Francisco in Taylor's day was a gathering place for souls from the four corners of the world and he invited all races and colors to be washed white in the blood of the Lamb. His strong feelings on this subject can be seen by his statement that "the three chief mourners at the funeral of any lost soul are the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." A soul that misses Heaven has missed the will of God for his or her life.

Sadly, not everyone who heard Taylor preach in the churches, jails, and streets of San Francisco responded to the offer of eternal life. As it was then, so it is now and ever will be. The gift of freewill is a blessing to some and proves to be a curse to others. The drawing influences of the Holy Spirit work upon all but not all respond. This is why some who are blessed from birth with tremendous spiritual privileges, reject their godly heritage and go their own way. This is also why some with severe spiritual handicaps lay hold of the promises of God and become leaders in Israel. With this in mind, we must look upon each individual soul as one that could, with the grace of God, soar to great heights in the things of the Lord. In fact, this is what the heart of God desires. The great masses of lost mankind are full of individuals that could do exploits for God if ever they are brought to the knowledge of Him. The responsibility for bringing this radical message of full salvation to the unsaved rests with an awakened and revived church that yearns to see the worst of the worst washed in that "fountain filled with blood drawn from Emmanuel's veins." We cannot make them choose the way of salvation but we must bring this Gospel that saves from sin to the masses that sit in spiritual darkness here in pagan America. Every person ought to have the opportunity to hear the message of salvation proclaimed by a messenger that has clean hands and a pure heart. The hour is dark and the spiritual confusion has never been more widespread. Yet, the potential for our message changing lives has never been greater. May the mantle of William Taylor fall on a rising generation of Holiness preachers and propel us to proclaim this Gospel in our sin ravaged nation but also to the ends of the earth. ▣



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Penns Creek Camp



JEREMY FULLER

The 2017 General Conference Camp Meeting of God's Missionary Church, Inc. is being hailed by some as one of the greatest in recent memory. Praise God for the old-time blessing! In the keynote message, Union Bible College President, Adam Buckler, preached an anointed sermon exalting Jesus Christ from the text, "A Greater Than Solomon is Here." The Holy Spirit helped him to proclaim well-reasoned and beautifully crafted sermons all through the camp. There is no doubt the passionate preaching of this Kentucky-born firebrand was an inspiration to many. Our very own GMC Evangelist, Brian Spangler, ministered effectively throughout the entire camp, including his unforgettable ordination sermon. His messages on "Evil Speaking" and "Generational Transitions" were pointed and powerful. We are grateful for His courage and transparency. God helped him to thunder forth the TRUTH in love. The newly elected president of the Bible Methodist Heartland Conference, Chris Cravens, arrived on Monday evening to preach on the "Fullness of the Holy Spirit". The depth and balance of His ministry among us was both refreshing and redemptive. His sobering message on Hell, in the final service, was uniquely honored by the Holy Ghost with many precious souls flooding the mourners' bench to earnestly seek the blood-bought victory of Calvary. The Durkees tirelessly provided outstanding music. With congregational singing and specials, they sang or led more than 100 songs through the ten days of camp meeting. Thank you, Bro. and Sis. Durkee, for maintaining a consistently high standard of excellence in music ministry.

The Penns Creek Camp attendees were generous in their offerings to the ministries of the Conference. More than \$132,000.00 was raised for God's work over ten days. Once again, the annual Camp Budget of \$45,000 was met and exceeded. Penn View Bible Institute received \$79,000 in pledges and offerings. GMC World Missions was happy to receive nearly \$3,700 and GMC Home Missions was very grateful to receive over \$5,200. God is keeping the records. Thank you for giving! 📌



Look them in the face and take hold of them lovingly by the hand and say, "My friend, you are dying, you are going to everlasting death. If nobody has ever told you till now – I have come to tell you. My friend, you have a precious soul. Is it saved?"

continued from **page 3** the worth of human souls, as some people have nowadays, who consign whole generations to hell without any bowels of mercy or compassion. Oh! May the Lord fill us with the pity of Jesus Christ, who, when He saw the multitudes, wept over them.

If your homes were being decimated by the cholera, you would not be very particular about the means you used to eliminate it, and if anybody came with objections to the roughness of your measures, you would say, "the people are dying, they are dying," and that would be the end of all the argument. I say, they are dying, and they are to be saved. Satan is getting them: I want God to have them. Jesus Christ has bought them. He was the propitiation for the sins of the whole world. They belong to Him, and He shall have everyone I can reach, and everyone I can inspire others to reach also.

The world is dying. Do you believe it? You are called by the needs of the world. I have little faith in those people's ministry, who go abroad after others, while their own are perishing at home. Begin at home, but do not end there. Set yourself to work for God. Go to Him to ask Him how to do it. Go to Him for the equipment of power and then begin. Never mind how you tremble. I dare say your trembling will do more good than if you were ever so brave. Never mind the tears. I wish Christians would weep the Gospel into people; it would often go deeper than it does. Never mind if you do stammer. They will believe you when it comes from the heart.

Go to the closet until you get filled with the Spirit, and then go and let it out upon them. Finney said "I went and let my heart out on the people." Get your heart full of the living water and then open the gates and let it flow out. Look them in the face and take hold of them lovingly by the hand and say, "My friend, you are dying, you are going to everlasting death. If nobody has ever told you till now – I have come to tell you. My friend, you have a precious soul. Is it saved?" They can understand that! A lady said to my daughter, "I have begun talking to people about their souls in quite a different way than what I used to do. I begin asking them if they do not know they are sinners and if they are ready to die. It produces quite a different effect." For one reason this is so is because she has her own heart full of the love and Spirit of God, and that burns her words in. Begin in that way and see what God will do through you. You go and put your hand to the plough and He will give you the strength to push it along. ▣



Sermon Thoughts

God's Two Agencies for Saving Men



A. M.
HILLS

“For the law was given by Moses; but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.” (John 1:17)

1. THE LAW

- A. To reveal duty
- B. To convict of sin

2. THE GOSPEL

- A. To reveal God's love
- B. To make known the way of salvation

Bishop William Taylor would visit a new town in Africa and preach the Ten Commandments for three days and get the people under conviction. He would then preach Christ three days as their only Savior. He thus won thousands.

“WHOSOEVER WILL” by Philip Bliss

*“Whosoever heareth,” shout, shout the sound!
Spread the blessed tidings all the world around;
Spread the joyful news wherever man is found:
“Whosoever will may come.”*

*“Whosoever will, whosoever will,”
Send the proclamation over vale and hill;
'Tis a loving Father calls the wand'rer home:
“Whosoever will may come.”*

*Whosoever cometh need not delay,
Now the door is open, enter while you may;
Jesus is the true, the only Living Way:
“Whosoever will may come.”*

*“Whosoever will,” the promise secure,
“Whosoever will,” forever must endure;
“Whosoever will,” 'tis life forevermore:
“Whosoever will may come.”*

Get Connected to Our New

MEDIA MINISTRY

It has been the vision of the Conference President and General Board to take a serious look at our website and online presence. Our new Media Ministry is a serious investment of time and money designed to reach and disciple this generation. Rev. Johnathan Arnold was appointed to see this through as Director of Media Ministries. A blog, redesigned website, and social media accounts were launched at Penns Creek Camp Meeting.

The most important feature of this website and Media Ministry is the blog page. If you enjoy reading articles in *The Standard*, you will also benefit from the articles we are releasing each week on the web. Our best writers are exploring holiness, doctrine, standards, church history, leadership, and more. Travel notes are also posted weekly.

We thank God for the progress thus far. In August, the new website was viewed over 20,000 times. Blog articles are being read by several hundred monthly. Steven Hight, President of EFM, recently commented on an article: “YES! I agree 100 %...Thanks for a clear response!” Aaron Dorman wrote: “This advice is so spot on. If taken to heart it can save many a soul from great confusion. Great article!” Ryan Martin said, “Wow. Excellent! Thank you for challenging and refocusing my attention so clearly to the goal. I needed this.”

We are confident that you will benefit from the content as well. What are you waiting for? Get connected! 📌

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May 30- June 05: Colorado Springs, CO: The Spangler Family joined us in our special services and conference. God used them in a special way. We are so glad for our Western District friends.

June 07: Sunbury: I was invited to hear my granddaughters sing. Shilo, Kenzie, and Lily sang with their friend Regina, "I am a promise". Later two young boys, Jack and Zach, collected the offering for GMYC. I encourage you to use some children in your services. You will be blessed!

June 09: Penn's Creek, GMYC work day: In the evening, my wife and I were privileged to have Bro. & Sis. Plank ride with us to the Penn's Valley area to celebrate Rev. Paul Miller's 90th birthday. Bro. & Sis Miller are very special to all of us.

June 12-16: GMYC: There is no better investment of time or money than our young people. GMYC had 180 campers this year. God used Bro. Aaron McCarty's preaching and numbers of young people sought God.

June 17: Shamokin Dam: Ryan, my son, invited me to Denny's for a father and son banquet put on by the Sunbury church. Bro. Fred Bennett was the special speaker.

Coopersburg: A memorial service was held for Lillian Ramsay. The special song was "You Can Have A Melody In Your Hearts." This was the first song Bro. Ramsey heard Lillian sing.

June 18: Penn's Creek: Enjoyed Bro. Kalo Pakoa's mission update about Vanuatu. We also visited little Liberty Shaffer who was being checked by the doctors at Geisinger Hospital.

June 19-24: Administrative work. Relaxed and went to work up in the woods. I also went to the first birthday party for my grandson, Zion.

June 25: Belsano Holiness camp: Camp president Rev. Randy Neville preached a good, solid message.

June 26: Penns Creek: Helped Bro. Steve & Sis. Cindy Davis load their moving truck. We appreciated their long and faithful service to PVBI. Thanks also for loving the Rebersburg flock.

Pension Board: I appreciate how seriously all our board members take their jobs.

June 27: Gen. Board at 9:00 – Camp Board at 12:30

June 28: Bro. Zechman and I met to prepare for the agenda for our next P.V.B.I. Board Meeting June 29.

July 01-09: Mt. of Blessings: Bro. Fulton, Mark Hunter and the Mike Mayhle Family all did a great Job. The Lord moved in a special way Thursday evening and many victories were won.

July 06: Hanover Camp: Bro. Zechman and the Tim Cooley Jr. family ministered effectively.

July 11: York & Millersburg to visit Rev. Clarence Dupert and Rev. Dorothy Straight in the nursing home. Your prayers and cards are appreciated.

July 12: Ono Camp: Bro. Zechman preached a message on the cleansing of the temple. May God help us all to be temples

that are clean.

July 13: Pension Board: Preparing for a Conference presentation.

July 16: New Columbia: Fill in speaker. An excellent meal and fellowship with the Eric Susan Family.



JACOB MARTIN

Beulah Camp: The Eric Isbell Family ministered in song and then Dr. Allan Brown preached an excellent closing message.

July 19-21: Allegheny Wesleyan College: I was privileged to be the guest speaker for college Summer Days.

July 22-23: Penns Creek Camp work day. Thanks for the great turn out.

Oakland Mills Camp: I always enjoy my fellowship with our Evangelical Methodist friends.

July 24: Mifflinburg: NY Pilgrim Con. President Rev. John Peabody and I met to discuss God's work.

July 25-26: Preparation for conference and camp.

July 27- Aug 06: Penns Creek Camp: "Revive us again, fill each heart with thy love, may each soul be rekindled with fire from above." This verse became a reality while the preachers preached and the singers sang. One night, after some victories around the altar, a preacher said, "I need a new touch on me." After God touched that brother during prayer, a young person said, "Pray for me too!" We did and God came again in a special way and met his need. God can certainly restore and rekindle the soul.

Aug. 07-08: Camp & Cabin Clean up. Thanks for all your help.

Aug. 09: World Mission Board meeting. It was good to have Bro. Mobley with us.

Aug. 11: Lunch for a preacher's family and friends who are going through difficult times.

Aug. 13: Beavertown Youth Mission update from Denver, Honduras and Romania: God used the groups in a powerful way to advance his kingdom. Souls were saved and others encouraged to keep following God.

Aug. 15: PVBI Auction meal (Currie Chicken) with Bro. & Sis Zechman, Bro. & Sis Raub and Bro. & Sis Shuey. Rhoda did a great job preparing the meal. The fellowship with our friends was special as always.

Aug. 16: Sunbury: Sis Stump's funeral service. Bro. Bunch talked of her candy, children, church and Christ.

Elim Grove Camp: The Tim Cooley Jr. family sang "Called Out" and Rev. Fulton preached a good message on Mark 8:34.

Aug. 18-19: Administrative work (Sermon prep. for Fl. Trip) Helped unload Bro. Durkee's moving truck at a storage unit. ☑

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