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

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## Some of the Prominent Errors in The Church Today

By The Soul Winner

"Do not err, my beloved brethren" James 11:16.

He who would insist that the Holiness movements have no room for any improvement whatsoever had better examine his own heart. In days gone by, we are told, the various Holiness movements, both large and small, could point to the modern and the old-line churches with a degree of scorn and enumerate their inconsistencies in a long list. It would appear that "those days are gone forever," as almost every pastor and evangelist has just enough "in his own backyard," as the expression goes, to attend to that he has no room to point at others. While we do deplore this condition, we are forced to admit its existence, much to the sorrow of a Holy God. An evangelist now in Heaven made the statement: "We'll have to watch our steps, or the Holiness movement will lose the precious 'move'." In many places this fear appears to be perfectly grounded, as standards drop lower and lower with every passing year. We would mention some of the prominent errors in the church today, as we see them after observation and study, with a prayer that they may be speedily remedied and the Church go marching on to glorious victory.

### *Error in our approach to the unsaved*

One of the first things surely to happen in some churches, when some one is present who is unsaved, is that a special show is put on for their benefit. The local "clowns" try to outdo each other in racing for the prize seat on top of the piano, and jump over the seats, kicking people as they go, to run in and out of the doors—all to impress the visitors. When someone would object to this acting, the retort is: "They don't like the fire. We made it too hot for them." The truth of the matter was that probably

these professors had ruined every chance of ever helping these people to God. While we love, yes love and enjoy, Holy Ghost demonstration, (even if sinners and carnal folk speak against "getting blessed," we feel like David as he shouted God's praises at the return of the ark: if they insist, we will make ourselves even more 'vile' (?) we do detest *demon*-stration. Amen. One fellow jumped all over his church building at one service, while his wife moaned that he was so mean to live with, and would not supply the necessities of the household. As a lad of fifteen I came to the Holiness Church, and was put under deep conviction by the demonstration of the saints, which was *in the Spirit*. Had they acted out of the Spirit's blessing that night, this scribe should never have returned to that church again. After all, beloved, how high a man jumps or how loudly he shouts does not determine his spiritual status. It is how he lives and walks with God.

As surely as some unsaved young man or woman enters the house of God wearing some jewelry, some well-meaning soul will feel a Divine (??) urge to tell them they can never go to Heaven or be saved until they strip off every ornament right then and there. This admonition is usually given in a loud manner so as to embarrass the innocent sinner. Small wonder that many go out, never to return. When conviction for such worldliness strikes the heart, the individual will line up. One wonders how long it took some of those pointing the finger of scorn at the sinner to clean up from their worldliness. Were we to question in this manner we would be "griev-

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## EDITORIALS ..... Thomas E. Frantz

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

## The Church Gets Marching Orders

*"Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward."* Exodus 14:15.

The church here faced the hardest time of its entire existence. They had fled from the hand of Pharaoh's army, and now were at the Red Sea. Possibly some would question if we were to state that the Church of this age is facing one of the hardest moments of its very existence. They would point to the many churches springing up over the world, and the many advancements being made in the education of the ministry, the training of missionaries, and the evangelistic methods of winning souls. However, let it be known that the Church is being sapped daily of its strength by those "certain men (who have) crept in unawares,...turning the grace of God into lasciviousness and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ." Jude 4. In a certain community there is a pastor who fights Holiness teaching and preaching of separation from the world, who actually mocked Holy Ghost demonstration and lied and spoke evil of other Holiness brethren because of their stand and testimony against evil. Yet this individual is a respected member of a large Holiness denomination. The foes of the average church are not so much the beer-drinking, card-playing, and cigarette-smoking sinners, but rather those right inside the church who would lower the

standard of a holy life.

Some of the Children of Israel were fearful as they looked at the mountains rising high on either side of them. Many are the mountains that rise to hide the Sun of Righteousness from us in this age: (1) Mount of Persecution; (2) Mount of Discouragement; (3) Mount of Fanaticism; (4) Mount of Worldliness; and (5) Mount of Darkness. "Satan's favorite time for devilry is at night. Men 'love darkness rather than light.' Spiritism does its main work at night. Job speaks of being scared with dreams. Sometimes God uses dreams and visions to influence men. Then Satan takes advantage of this to attack conscientious souls in the night. He is the "prince of darkness." —E. E. Shelhamer. At this very moment with hordes of Egypt behind them, mountains towering around them, and the Red Sea before them, they possibly could sing with the song writer...

"Lord, you know I cannot climb this mountain,  
 And I cannot swim this sea,  
 But I'd rather die, than go back to Egypt,  
 Old Pharaoh's slave to be."

But from the sky came MARCHING ORDERS:

## THE COMMANDER

God, the Infinite One, sitting in the heavens had heard the cry of the Israelites for deliverance from Egypt, and now hears the wail that arises as they wait before the Red Sea. Observe, (1) The saints fail oftentimes to realize the power of the commander...or else they would cry with the three Hebrew boys who were cast into the furnace..."Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us." (2) Pharaoh's mob failed to see who they were fighting against...or else they would have given up in defeat, for *our god has never lost a battle*. (3) God's servant, Moses, was bewildered...he knew not just what to do, but he had faith in God and obeyed Him when He spoke from the blue sky. Brethren, let us have like faith in our Commander who has told us:

"Hold the fort, for I am coming,"  
 Jesus signals still.  
 Wave the answer back to heaven,  
 "By thy Grace we will."

When General MacArthur left his men on Bataan, his slogan was, "I shall return." All through the captured, battered island the truth filtered, until one day the sky was dark with planes flying over

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## THE STANDARD PULPIT

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

### SOME OF THE PROMINENT ERRORS IN THE CHURCH TODAY

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ing the Spirit." Oh, will people ever learn that God's Spirit is not grieved every time their finite human spirit is disturbed.

Again, the manner in which the pastor meets people as he visits and goes about his pastoral calls oft-times decides for the success or failure of a church. If he is "stand-off-ish" he will win few; he may be too chummy and offend right-thinking people. May the Lord help us that we might "not err, my beloved brethren" in our approach to the unsaved.

#### *Error in the allocation of funds*

Possibly we had better be silent on this issue were we to please some, but it is our duty to "cry aloud and spare not." The way the financial end of some churches is being conducted surely must bring grief to a Holy God. We see this in every department of the church. One evangelist had preached faithfully in a certain locality for a period of time; when the offering was lifted, his heart was touched for people that could not afford to give large offerings to show their gratitude to God and to him for his ministry among them. Imagine the evangelist's surprise when he was paid, for the offering consisted of but a very few dollars and everyone of them in silver. The evangelist drove away from the church, his heart sweet and the blessing still intact in his soul, but his very inner man weeping that people should so betray his confidence and faith he had placed in them. What might have happened had those dear people who contributed so liberally out of their poverty found this situation to be true is only a matter of conjecture. Again, an evangelist in the absence of the pastor, arose and passed out envelopes of his own issue, in order to supplement his offerings, which already were sufficient, especially from that congregation. Offerings are received for missions, and never arrive at the field. Money is voted for this cause or that need, and someone puts it in his pocket. One pastor found the janitor stuffing the offerings from a small bank into his pockets. Truly, "The love of money is the root of all evil." "Do not err, my beloved brethren," in the allocation of funds.

#### *Error in the altar services*

We mention this last, not that it is not important, but that it may be left imprinted on our minds. A sinner enters our church or any church in the Holiness movement. With eagle eyes some dear professor of religion watches until the altar invitation, and then pounces on the weeping soul, and coaxes, begs,

threatens, pulls—and finally gives up. The sinner, his conviction now all gone, resolves never to return to that church again. It has been the experience of many evangelists and workers that when folk are under conviction in the old-time way, they need little coaxing or begging to seek God. Then, again, a touch on the shoulder, or a quiet word of invitation may bring some. Dragging and pulling someone from his seat is surely not the best way to help them to God. Dear reader, professor of God's grace, picture yourself in the position of the poor sinner. How would you like someone to get hold on you and pull, threaten, drag, and molest you to your great embarrassment, and the apparent glee of some other people sitting near you? Remember the Golden Rule here, please. A dear pastor approached a sinner boy whose heart was bent low with conviction. In tears he begged the boy to come to the altar of prayer, but the young man did not come that night. Finally he was saved, and never forgot the invitation of the man of God, for it had been in the Spirit's wisdom and timing. One of the next things some folk expect is to have the seekers at the altar pray through the first time they come. Often times this may not be God's plan, as there may be confessions to make and restitutions to attend to, before God may save the soul that is seeking. Other grasp the seeker and sway him back and forth, with one worker yelling in one ear, "Let go," and another screaming in the other ear, "Hold on." The poor seeker is confused and may become discouraged and fail to go through. On the other hand, if the seeker is a "warmed over" or "baked over" type of habitual backslider, some good shaking may help him to realize he needs to do some praying for himself, as many of this type hang over the altar like a "hunk of liver" (an apology for the language, yet not it's description), and chew their gum, and fall asleep at the penitent form. Advice at an altar can be golden, if applied in the Spirit's wisdom and direction. One seeker moaned that no one seemed to care for her at all. Quick as a flash someone started the chorus, "No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus," and in a burst of glory she arose and shouted all over the church, and had the victory.

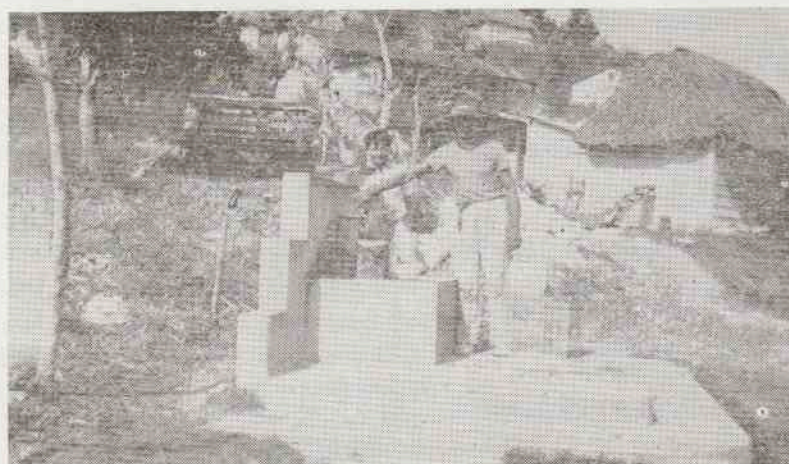
Some altar nurses and buzzards try to "talk people through." The best way we have yet found is to allow them to "PRAY THROUGH CLEAR AND PRAY CLEAR THROUGH." In one altar service a graduate from a famous college, respected by all as a lighthouse to train youth for service, asked the evangelist, "Don't you ever instruct your seekers?"

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## THE MISSIONARY MESSAGE

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



(A scene near a community well, near Bejucal, Habana, Cuba.)



Your Missionary

Reader, when one views the scene shown above in Cuba, he finds it not hard to picture the account that the writer John gives of Jesus stopping by the well side. "Being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well there cometh a woman to draw water."

John 4:6,7. Outside of the city of Bejucal, there is a settlement on government-owned land, where the poor people have built their homes. It was to this community that our missionary, Rev. Paul H. Eversole, and other helpers came to begin a church. At first there were many difficulties to be overcome, but finally, in answer to prayer and with the help of some American friends, a church was built on that hillside, and oh, how the poor Cuban people crowd in to hear the Gospel. There are no wells on the hillside, and the dear people have to carry all their water in used containers as the man is doing at the well in the picture. They carry their water up over the hillsides for several miles back away from the little foot paths. It is possible to stand by the well side and hand a tract or speak a word to every

family on the hill. Those little homes, constructed of crude lumber and with thatched roofs, have been host to the missionary and his helpers many times. They have also opened their hearts to the Saviour and He has given to them the joy of Salvation from the darkness of heathen practices and superstitions.

The writer remembers several winters ago when he and another minister visited this little church and conducted a revival meeting there. The people would hear us wading up the path, and the native Christians would cry out, "Meeting tonight. Meeting tonight," as we walked back the rough path where no car could possibly go. When we arrived at the little church, and had placed the carbide light in position the crowds began to come, until the room was completely filled. What a wonderful time we had singing and preaching. How receptive and how responsive are these dear souls. Also, in other parts of the island, where our missionary is now working, trying to establish another base and headquarters, there is a great need for the Gospel. Some towns have churches but no preachers. Others have no place of worship. The people there are begging for missionaries and for churches.

Reader, close your eyes but for a moment, and see if you cannot see the dear natives of the island of Cuba, 4,000,000 strong, calling for the Gospel and for churches. Then, sit down, write



## A PAGE FOR BIBLE STUDY

### John's Patmos Vision of Christ

N. O. Stucky

*We regret this item was omitted from the December issue due to an oversight on the writer's part.....Editor.*

As we continue the study of John's Patmos vision of Christ, it is very important that we keep well in mind the facts of the lesson being discussed; so it is advisable that before reading this, that time is taken to refresh the mind by carefully reading the lesson, Rev. 1:10-18, the descriptive account of what John heard and saw. It is very important also, if we desire to make the truths applicable (and it will all profit little, if this is not the objective) to remember that at the very outset, he said, "I was in the *Spirit* (under the anointing or influence) on the Lord's day, (or the day of the Lord) and *heard* and *saw*." Where there is no vision the people perish; and a Spirit-less individual or Church will also be a vision-less individual or Church; had he not been able to say, "I was in the *Spirit*," neither could he have said, "I *heard* and *saw*."

The divine purpose behind all of this was not to furnish John with a little entertainment while on the barren lonely isle, but it was a call to action. First, I was in the *Spirit*, and consequent upon this, I *heard* a voice, I *turned* and *saw*, and the voice said, "*write*." God does not give us the Holy Ghost simply to make us feel good and to entertain us. There are plenty of those yet who would like to see the kingdom restored and sit in prominent positions on his right hand and on his left hand, but, ye shall receive POWER, the HOLY GHOST coming upon you, and YE SHALL BE WITNESSES UNTO ME.

Passing up and down the thoroughfares of that ancient city of Athens, we are told, Paul's spirit was stirred in him when he *saw* the city wholly given to idolatry. As a result of what he *saw*, and that stirred spirit, he soon stirred somebody else, and as we read his marvelous Mars Hill sermon, our hearts too become stirred by the fire that still burns in those truths. How every preacher, every layman should have those repeated times to which they can ever look back and say, *I was in the Spirit*, and *heard* and *saw*. With this

in mind we will pass on to note what follows.

We have observed Him clothed as our high Priest, girt with a golden girdle, denoting not only glory and beauty, but strength; also that His hairs were white like wool, as white as snow. This brings us to the statement,

*His eyes were as a flame of fire.*

Fire is the most penetrating thing we have; it pierces and reduces. For Him to have eyes like a flame of fire must speak of His omniscience. When here upon earth He needed not that any should testify of man: for He knew what was in man. In the Gospels, how frequent the statement, "and He, knowing their thoughts," said thus and so. Upon Nathanael's first meeting the Christ, he is greeted with, "Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile" Nathanael comes back with the following query, "Whence knowest thou me?" Jesus answered and said unto him, "Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, (when Philip was waiting for you to get through praying) I saw thee." This was such sufficient proof of His diety and omniscience that he exclaimed, "Rabbi, thou art the Son of God." Yes, His eye can reach all distance, rise to all heights, descend to all depths and enter all concealment. There is not a thought in our hearts, but lo, He knoweth it altogether.

Hear Him as He addresses the church in Thyatira, Rev. 2:18. "These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass." Again in verse 23, "I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts." In His placing such emphasis upon this it is evident He would have this fact ever before us. What a solemn truth this is; there is not a thought that flits with lightening speed across a single mind, that is not as clearly seen by God and registered above as I am this moment writing these words and you shall soon be reading them. Search ME, O God, and know my heart: try ME, and know my thoughts. Well may we add David's

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## YOUTH'S MESSAGE

*"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." Ecclesiastes 12:1.*

### The Lord's Prayer In A Snowstorm

Miss Ellen Bressler

Phil swung over the ledge for the third time. Farther and farther out he swung, then he tried to let go. A blind, unreasoning fear gripped him and once again he swung back toward the ledge. Loosing his hold on the grapevine he walked a few steps and flung himself upon the ground.

Lying there in the sunlight with birds singing around him he almost made a pleasing picture. Almost, but not quite. Although he was of medium build with a fine muscular body, waving brown hair and a handsome face, his eyes had in them bitterness that made him look somewhat sarcastic.

Through gritted teeth he growled half to himself and half aloud to the bird perched on the stump before him. "Silly! Isn't it? Trying to kill myself by swinging out over the canyon—but good! No one would ever know or care. But why can't I let go and finish it all?" Half resolutely he started to his feet, then sank to the ground once more and lost himself in deep thought.

"Only three years ago since I left Dorothy and enlisted," he mused. "It seems an age."

He remembered the battlefield, the screaming shells. He saw again in memory the shell that hit his leg and left him limping ever since. There was the hospital, then a slow recovery and a medical discharge. After returning to the States, he had spent several weeks in a hospital. Finally, the welcome words—"You can return home."

What a homecoming! He had dreamed of it for days. Then he wondered—would Dorothy be the same? He had not told her how badly he was wounded. He wanted to see her reaction.

His parents met him at the station. His mother wept tears of joy at seeing her son home safe; his father too was moved. But—where was Dorothy?

That night he had gone to see her. He tried to take her into his arms and tell her how much he loved her but she drew back with almost a sneer on her beautiful face, saying, "No, Phil, please don't. You see, I can't marry you. You didn't tell me you could hardly walk. I don't want a cripple; I want a man." She had turned to leave the room. "Dot, wait!" he called her back. His heart was bleeding as though slashed with a knife. Then hot fury poured into his torrent of words while she lashed back with reproach and scorn.

He had slammed the door as he left the house, vowing he'd never return.

Three weeks later the parents he had loved and with whom he had had such companionship were killed instantly while crossing a railroad track in their car.

His world shattered around him. He had the home but could not endure staying there alone so he rented it to a friend of his that had recently married, reserving only his room and bath with the outdoor porch that had steps leading down to the terrace.

With the little money that remained he bought a car. Up the mountain he had raced, and down the other side. Fifty—sixty—then seventy miles an hour. He deliberately crashed through the guard rails and plunged down, down, down. As he blacked out he thought, "At last—escape!" but when the police finally reached the wreckage the car was completely burned, but Phil, thrown clear of the tangled mass of metal, was only unconscious and bruised.

Now, he had tried to jump off the cliff into the canyon.

Suddenly, as though a voice spoke to him, he heard again the words a girl had spoken to him in a bus terminal. She was very small, but had a look upon her face different from any girl he had ever seen. She wore no powder, nor paint, he had noticed, and had such a sympathetic air about her that before he knew it he had told her everything—including his sorrow and plans of suicide. Now the words she had spoken to him came back with renewed force. "Suicide is not the way out. There's only one way. Look to Jesus."

He had tried to tell her he was a good church member but she had only shaken her head and said, "That's not enough. It isn't helping you much, is it? You must confess to Jesus Christ and let him speak to your heart. He only is able to give you peace and joy."

He had rushed away to get on his bus but the words had followed him.

Something cold fell on his cheek. A snowflake! Startled he looked around him. Night was falling fast and a blizzard was raging down the mountain upon him.

Strange to say he wanted to get home. He started to walk as rapidly as he could. Soon he found he was not making much progress. He had come far away from the trail so that no one could find him although he did not expect anyone to look. Now,



he realized he was lost. A few hours before he had so desperately wished to die, now he did not want to die.

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"Yes," was the reply, "But we let them pray through to victory. They have a spirit of prayer and burden just now." The young graduate said, "Pray through? I never heard of that." Bless God, we who have touched the hem of His garment and have had sins forgiven, lives changed, carnality ousted, the Holy Ghost abiding, souls blessed, hearts enthused, and heaven brought near have surely prayed on through to victory. Bless the Lord. Do not think that anything short of praying through will bring you the victory, dear reader. "Do not err, my beloved brethren," in altar services.

## THE CHURCH GETS MARCHING ORDERS

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and dropping presents and gifts all stamped, "I shall return—MacArthur." One day he did return and the enemy was routed. Our Commander will return with Glory some today, so may we "Hold the Fort."

### THE COMPANY

"Unto the Children of Israel." The message of the text was to more than the huddled Israelites, fearfully waiting on the banks. This message is to us, the spiritual sons of Abraham, as well today. The company was the choice of all nations on the earth and possessed of a marvelous final deliverance from the hands of the enemy, and were heading toward Canaan land. We, too, are in possession of a marvelous deliverance out of the hands of the enemy, and are on our way to the Spiritual Canaan of Heaven. Note their reaction at the sound of . . .

### THE COMMAND

"THAT THEY GO FORWARD." We may not make so much forward progress in forward moving because we have standards and convictions, and refuse to compromise along sinful lines. However, we can make progress in 1950 in: (1) Spirituality, (2) Unity, (3) Prayer of intercession for a lost world, and (4) Missionary activities at home and abroad. Let all who read these lines heed the words of the Commander, "SPEAK UNTO THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, THAT THEY GO FORWARD."

## JOHN'S PATMOS VISION OF CHRIST

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prayer, "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy

sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer." It is next stated,

*His feet were like unto fine brass.*

This must also have its meaning. The Bible has much to say about brass and its many uses, but we shall only speak of it as it has to do with the lesson before us. In a number of Scriptures it is spoken of to denote strength and endurance; such as Psa. 107:16, "For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder;" again Isa. 45:2, "I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron." The thought implied in both places of course is, gates of great strength, not easily trodden down. It all speaks of His strength, and that though He was crucified in weakness, He was raised in power; and though this is the time of His humiliation, it will not always be so. Hence for His feet to be as brass, implies, that in due time He will tread down His enemies and will be the final VICTOR.

The book of Revelation presents Him to us in its opening chapter as the one who was dead and is alive, and dressed in His high priestly robes as our intercessor, but ends up with Him as KING of KINGS and LORD of LORDS. The Father's pledge to Him was, "Sit thou on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool." The Prophet Isaiah visioned His coming thus, in chapter 63:1-2 "Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? (another rendering, travelling in the wealth of thy power) I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the wine-fat? I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment. For the day of vengeance is in mine heart and the year of my redeemed is come. And I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold; therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it upheld me. And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth."

Yes, today is the day of salvation; The Holy

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## Some Suggested Sermon Outlines

Contributed by Rev. William A. Tarr

### THE COMING OF CHRIST

Christ has a sevenfold proprietorship in His children...

- (1) They are His gift, for they have been given by the Father to Christ. (John 17:6)
- (2) They are Christ's by birth, for by the Spirit's implanting life they have become partakers of a Divine nature. (2 Pet. 1:4)
- (3) They are Christ's by Purchase. (1 Cor. 6:20)

- (4) They are Christ's by Redemption. (Eph. 1:7).
- (5) They are Christ's by Union with Him. (1 Cor. 12:13)
- (6) They are Christ's by the sealing of the Holy Spirit, for that is God's mark upon them that they belong to Him. (Eph. 4:30)
- (7) They are Christ's by Consecration or yielding of themselves. (Romans 12:1).

### BURNING HEARTS

Luke 24:32-35

1. Christ's method of revealing Himself...
  - (a) By talking... "While he talked with us."
  - (b) By Scripture... "And while he opened to us the scriptures."
2. The effect of this revelation on the disciples...
  - (a) Their hearts began to burn... "Did not our

heart burn within us?"

- (b) Their *feet* became willing... "And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem."
- (c) Their *tongues* became ready... "Saying, the Lord has risen indeed... and they told what things were done in the way."

### THE TOUCH OF JESUS

"And, behold, an hand touched me." (Daniel 10:10)

1. Life-giving touch.  
(Luke 1:14, John 11:25, 1 John 5:12)
2. Cleansing touch.  
(Matt. 8:3)
3. Cooling touch.  
(Matt. 8:15)
4. Healing touch.

Matt. 9:29, Luke 22:51)

5. Consoling touch.  
(Matt. 17:7)
6. Compassionate touch.  
(Matt. 20:34)
7. Merciful touch.  
Mark 7:33-35)

PRAYER, LORD JESUS, TOUCH ME ANEW TODAY.

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—The Editor

"The Preacher's Hints" will return to the STANDARD next month.

Dear Reader: It would prove to this office that you are interested in the work of the STANDARD if you would take time to drop us a line telling us how you like our paper. You might include your suggestion for its improvement, along with your favor-

ite poem, your testimony, or anything else of interest to spiritual readers. Address: The Editor, God's Missionary Standard, 635 Susquehanna Ave., Sunbury, Penna.



## THE HOME MISSIONARY MESSAGE AND CHURCH EXTENSION

Offerings for the Home Mission field should be directed to: Rev. Marlin E. Moore, General Treasurer, Coburn, Pennsylvania, designating they are for Home Missions.

### The Value of Home Missions to Every Christian

It will be indeed encouraging to the readers of the STANDARD, as it has been to the General Treasurer, to learn of the increase of effort toward the Home Mission work lately by most of our churches, as well as other interested friends.

It is worthy of note that GOD'S MISSIONARY CHURCH owes its very existence to "Home Mission" work. By sacrifice and prayer many waste places were built up, many closed churches re-opened, and many fallen souls renewed, and, again, altars that for years were barren were lined with friends, neighbors, and loved ones who lived in these various communities. *"NOW THEN WE ARE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST, AS THOUGH GOD DID BESEECH YOU BY US: WE PRAY YOU IN CHRIST'S STEAD, BE YE RECONCILED TO GOD."* II Cor. 5:20. God has given into our power the opportunity to "abound unto every good work" by spreading out and reaching the souls of those all about us.

Let us draw a picture of what God intended for us to do spiritually, from family life. Not many parents expect their sons and daughters

to remain at home, but rather to marry and have homes of their own. Too often the church forgets that this is His plan for them. They strive to build up the membership without ever a thought of pushing some sons and daughters out to start new spiritual families. If we did this type of business naturally our race would soon be extinct, if more concern were not given to its perpetuity than is shown to the cause of Righteousness. Our first concern should be for those who live in adjoining communities, and what a wonderful thing it is when our loved ones and friends get saved. Surely, we can help in some way to help the HOME MISSION DRIVE, and say as Isaiah of old, "Here am I, send me." Eternity alone will reveal the rewards of burdened hearts ready hands, and sacrificial giving to this very worthy cause.

Rev. Marlin E. Moore

Note: Address your communication or offering for the Home Mission Field to: Rev. Marlin E. Moore, General Treasurer, Coburn, Pa.

A friend who did not give his name sent the following letter to the Home Missionary Treasurer, Rev. M. E. Moore:

November 22, 1949

Rev. M. E. Moore  
Coburn, Pa.  
Dear Sir:

Am sending \$10.00 to help pay the debt on the new church at Nady, Arkansas. May God bless the new pastor and his wife.

A STANDARD reader.

Indeed, we appreciate this fine letter and the gift toward the expense of the Home Missionary projects in Arkansas. (See NOVEMBER issue of the STANDARD, Page 9) We hope that many more of our friends will include an offering toward this needy work. Possibly none of us would have been saved had not someone else had a Missionary vision enough to bring the Gospel to us. Direct your offering to: Rev. Marlin E. Moore, Coburn, Pa., designating it is for HOME MISSION WORK.

—Editor

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a letter to the Missionary Treas., Rev. Joseph Hoffman, Elizabethtown, Pa., and enclose your gift for the needy of Cuba. Your gift will speed the going of two missionaries who are ready to go when sufficient funds are on hand, and also will enable our Missionary Supt., Rev.

Eversole, to proceed with the purchasing of our headquarters in Eastern Cuba, and also to provide needed Bibles and other Christian literature. Pray for Cuba, dear reader, and please remember the work in your gifts. God will bless and reward you for all you do.

—The Editor.



## Camp Meeting Item

The growth of the Penns Creek Camp in Penns Creek, Pa., sponsored by GOD'S MISSIONARY CHURCH, has indeed been an item of interest to the various spiritually-minded groups in central Pennsylvania. The camp meetings have seemed to bring a closer relation and fellowship between the various Holiness groups represented in this part of the Lord's vineyard. The camp was a work of faith, begun by the Rev. George I. Straub as a tent meeting several years ago. Great opposition by the Devil was felt at the inception of the meetings, and the tent ropes were severed, allowing the canvas tabernacle to fall in a heap, but yet the work went on. Today there is a fine tabernacle, seating around 1,000 people, including the temporary seats always set up for the capacity crowds. Also we have a fine modern dormitory and dining room; the capacity of

both dormitory and dining room was taxed to the limit the camp season of 1949, and many others have voiced the promise they are planning on coming in July of 1950 for the camp meeting. The brethren on the camp board decided that the only way to provide for the many folks coming in was to construct another dormitory, and a drive was made and many pledges secured for blocks. However, many more pledges are yet needed. If you should like to see the camp go forward, will you not address your pledge and payment to the camp treasurer: Rev. A. A. Passmore, Dewart, Pa., and those who have made pledges will do the office a favor if you will send your pledge payment soon, so that materials may be purchased and work begun as early as possible on the project.

—Reported

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### A Book All Ministers Should Have

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### My Testimony

"O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together." Psalms 34:3.

I want to praise my Lord for Salvation through the precious blood on the Cross for me. Praise the Lord for real Holy Ghost conviction for my sins, I am thankful that when I bowed at an altar of prayer and confessed my sins, Jesus heard my prayer and saved me. Praise His name. He sent me on my way rejoicing. Glory to

His sweet and precious name that wind as they did on the day of Pentecost, Acts 2:2. Praise the Lord for healing power through the blood of Jesus. I was healed many years later I saw and heard that my brothers and sisters in the Lord had something more than I had. So I prayed to be sanctified and to be filled with the blessed Holy Ghost, and thank God one Sunday afternoon at a Baptismal Service I heard the Holy Ghost come down from heaven out of the blue sky like a mighty rushing

In His Service,  
Mrs. Paul D. Peiffer

### JOHN'S PATMOS VISION OF CHRIST

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Ghost saith today, if ye will hear his voice harden not your heart. On Calvary He said it is finished, He removed every obstacle from between every sinner and a justly offended God if they will flee to His wounded side. But all who reject Him and crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh and put Him to an open

shame, and do not get under the blood, will soon be trampled beneath those feet of strength, and will break the gates of brass and cut the bars of iron in sunder. It is either get under the protecting blood or under those feet of brass. If any man shall fall upon this rock, he shall be broken, but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.

(This article concludes this present series)



## Why Become A Christian Early in Life??

Ecclesiastes, Chapter 12

Rev. William A. Tarr

This is an unusual exposition of Ecclesiastes, Ch. 12, and it is our prayer that all readers, especially the youth, will give heed to the thoughts here prayerfully presented.

—Editor

The question is asked, "Why should one become a Christian early in life?" Often we have heard that one should sow his wild oats, have his fling, and then settle down to be a Christian. Many have put a premium upon wrong-doing in early life by exalting stories of the lowest depth. But we must remember that what we sow in early life we will reap in later years whether we get religion or our life is lived in sin. Pay day is coming some day.

(1) One should become a Christian early in life before the keeper of the house shall tremble—the keeper of the house is our nervous system—before one gets palsied, wobbly or feeble, he should give his heart and life to the Lord or Creator. It is the admonition of the writer of the book of Ecclesiastes. He was getting old and coming down to the end of the way; he was summing up his life, giving warning and wholesome advice for those after him to follow. He said for one to become a Christian before his nerves go to pieces and his steps become uncertain.

(2) Also, The Old Preacher said that one should become a Christian early in life before he was bowed over, his back bent, his chest sunken, his shoulders stooped. When this condition exists few come to the Lord—only one in 80,000 after reaching middle life, we are told.

(3) Then the writer of Ecclesiastes says that one should become a Christian before his eyes begin to go bad, before those that look out of the windows be darkened, that is before the transition comes, and one has to wear glasses. He cannot even see to read the Bible or Spiritual reading matter. Every person should remember His Creator and give his life to the highest and best living.

(4) Again, before one's hearing goes bad and his voice becomes weak, he should give his heart to the Lord. "The doors shall be shut in the streets... sound of grinding is low." Don't wait until your hearing is bad, and your voice is so low it is scarcely heard.

(5) "He shall rise up at the voice of the bird"—the old writer is saying that one should be a Christian, before sleep is robbed from his eyes, and he is unable to rest. Wonderful advice.

(6) "The almond tree shall flourish"—that is before one's locks turn gray and remind you of the almond blossoms. It is the sane and wise thing to become a Christian. The writer is saying to get salvation early in life. Don't act in a foolish way, until old age and death are staring you in the face and your hair is white.

(7) Before death comes in and the silver cord be loosed. It is risky business to wait for a death-bed repentance, although it may be possible. Why give God the ragged end of a mis-spent life. Choose ye this day whom ye will serve. Save a child and you save a multiplication table: save an adult and you only save one unit. It is better to build a fence around the top of the precipice and save a child before he falls over, than it is to build a hospital at the bottom. Hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments: For this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be bad.

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## That Face of Yours

By Ira M. Hargett

"Two famous men walked the streets of London one day. One was William Pennyfather, the great philanthropist and devout Christian of England, and the other was Radcliffe, the famous infidel and attorney. Pennyfather said to Radcliffe that religion could be seen in a man's face, and Radcliffe, jeered the idea. Pennyfather was too modest to offer himself as an example, but just then a poor mendicant, a street beggar, approached, and Radcliffe said: "We'll try it on that fellow." As the mendicant reached them he looked up into the hard face of the infidel lawyer, heavily lined with his work over cases and with his sneers at religion, and turned away. Then he looked into the mild and gentle face of Pennyfather and he said, "Oh, Man with God and Heaven in your face, please give me a penny." Radcliffe was staggered. "There must be something in that," he muttered as he walked away. "That man didn't know either of us, and he didn't know what we had been talking about."

—Pentecostal Herald



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### Coming to The Standard Next Month

A first hand account of the *Oriental Archaeological Research Expedition's* trip to Mt. Ararat in search of Noah's Ark. This article will be well worth reading, as it points us to the soon coming of Jesus Christ, as there is a legend among some that the ark is to be discovered ere Jesus comes. We present the

article by special permission of the author, Dr. A. J. Smith, who also includes some new information of spiritual conditions in Turkey, never before printed. Watch for it in the STANDARD next month.

—Editor