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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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A Prepared Place For A Prepared People

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"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so I would have told you. And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:1-3.

These comforting words of Jesus confirm the faith of His people by revealing to them the final consummation of His redemptive work.

The pleasing prospect disclosed in His consoling words will be ultimately fulfilled to the glory of the Eternal Father and to the everlasting admiration and joyful acclimation of His adoring saints.

It was difficult for the disciples to comprehend fully the Saviour's avowed purpose to go away leaving them to suffer and serve alone in a world hostile toward all they professed to believe. Their minds were sorely perplexed and their hearts were troubled by the disturbing fact of the Lord's sufferings and death on the cross. They had almost reached the point of final defeat when Jesus revived their faltering courage saying, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me."

It is not difficult to perceive the importance of believing on the Saviour for the very work's sake and praying in His Name. If His works are performed in our hearts and exemplified in holy living glorify the Father in the Son, it is apparently true that His works in heaven glorify the Father in the Son. It is likewise obvious that we

must continue to believe on the Son and pray in His Name until the final consummation of His redemptive purpose to reward His people for the works accomplished in them and through them in the world. Perhaps He revealed the eternal home of His purchased people in order to sustain them in hope while they performed His works in their labors of love in this world.

The blessed Saviour graciously revealed the purpose of His departure by lifting the veil between time and eternity, enabling the troubled saints to see the Father's house of many mansions and confirmed their faith in His final triumph over sin and death.

In the clear light of truth His redeemed people can see the home of the soul with the eyes of their understanding and can embrace the promise with the arms of their unwavering faith. To these trusting ones will come the joyful realization that faith is indeed the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen by human eyes.

He prepared a place by the work of His cross

When Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you," He was speaking of His going to His Father by way of the cross, for if there had been no cross of suffering there would have been no city for the saved.

It is significant that Jesus did not call attention to His sufferings and death when He disclosed the Father's house of many mansions. He speaks like One returning home after having successful-

ly accomplished an assigned task in the world. Our Lord does not mention the price to be paid in blood and tears to prepare the place of heavenly rest. Perhaps the profound significance of His silence regarding His own sufferings can be perceived in His words, "If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto my Father: for my Father is greater than I." (Ver. 28)

We are disposed to wonder how any devout person could rejoice over the sufferings and death of Jesus. But our Lord implies that love can perceive the deeper meaning of His passion. When love looks at His sufferings on the cross it must weep with deepest sorrow. But when love beholds the Infinite mercy that provides salvation it must worship with unspeakable gratitude. Love does not rejoice in the anguish of the dying Saviour, love rejoices in the achievements of the Divine Sufferer. The great Shepherd of the sheep suffered weariness and pain on the road to find the lost sheep, but the joy of finding it rewarded Him for all He had suffered.

It is apparent that Jesus possessed a peculiar joy in preparing the place in the Father's household for the redeemed family. He had a joy that overshadowed the pain of body and anguish of soul suffered on the middle cross. The supreme joy set before our Lord was evidently the joy of bringing many sons unto glory. It was for this purpose that the Captain of our salvation was made perfect through our suffering.

The Saviour's joy of providing a place for His people was so great that He willingly endured the cross, scorning the shame of such an ignominious death, and having

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EDITORIAL

Discerning The Voice Of God

Joseph Hoffman

In Kings 19:12 we read, and after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice. Elijah had just had one of the greatest victories of his life. It was perhaps the greatest revival in all his ministry. Its effects and results were astounding. The prophets of Baal were destroyed. Israel cried, "the Lord He is God." The heavens were opened, the dry ground was watered and prayer was mightily answered. But in the wake of this great victory came fiery trials and tests, darkness and disillusionments. For Jezebel determined to slay this mighty man of God. He fled for his life and came to Horeb the mount of God. There he lodged in a cave and wished to die. We may point the finger of accusation at this great man, but who among us have not had a similar experience. Great victory, then great trial. In the darkness of the trial we often momentarily forget the great victory. But God was faithful. He sent a mighty wind blowing down through the valley tearing up things, uprooting trees and leaving a trail of destruction in its path, but God was not in the wind. This may suggest the sensational in our day. Many are deceived by the sensational and the spectacular. Elijah could not discern God in this storm. Then following the storm, a strange phenomenon; the earth began to quake, rocks rent, but the Bible says the Lord was not in the earthquake. This could refer to the mass meetings of today, where thousands are supposed to be saved, but few or no restitutions, apologies, confessions are ever made. Elijah could not discern God in the earthquake. Following the earthquake a fire. Now this could suggest much that represents religion today. Many claim to have the fire, they are demonstrational, hilarious and e-

motional; but there is no conformity to the Word. There is no fruit in their life. Divine love is lacking, without which we are as a sounding brass or a tinkling sycamore. I have heard the shallowness of this crowd, but could not discern God in it. Elijah said, "God was not in this fire. Holy Ghost fire purifies. Holy Ghost fire empowers. Holy Ghost fire frees us from all sin. Holy Ghost fire edifies. Holy Ghost fire draws men to Christ. Alas! for the day in which we live, when there is supposed to be fire in the church, but God is not in this modern fire.

Finally, the prophet gets still before God, he hears a still small voice. It is the voice of God. Friend have you ever been swayed by the storms of sensationalism of today, or the phenomena of the earth shaking and quaking meetings (supposed to be); and have you ever heard them say you are a good person, you are saved and sanctified but you haven't gone far enough? All of these things have a tendency to trouble you, unless you get alone with God, let Him speak to your heart, and you will hear the still small voice, "this is the way, walk ye in it".

Firstly, discerning His voice as the ministry. Nothing is so important in preaching as discerning the voice of God and the leadership of the Holy Ghost. In facing problems in a church, two courses lie before the preacher. The one is to try and handle the problem himself; while the other lies in getting God on the meeting, discerning His voice in the matter and then faithfully executing His divine will. We have always found the latter to be more successful. God's presence on the meeting will produce confessions that are not forced. It will produce forgiveness that lasts. It will produce love that will bind us together.

Discerning His voice in knowing when to give the altar call and when to quit preaching, is something thousands have never learned. Many a good sermon is a failure because the preacher went beyond the climatic moment. He finished his sermon, but lost his hold on the lost. There are times it is unadvisable to even try to preach, especially when a service has reached a point of deep

conviction. Discernment here will yield greater results than the best orator could ever produce. For after all it is not the orator, the preacher; but the Holy Ghost who gives the results.

Preaching by observation may satisfy the preacher, but it may grieve the great heart of God and result in irreparable damage to the church and the field in which the church labors.

Allowing ones self to be influenced by another and preaching what some one told us, is surely missing the mark in the high calling of the ministry. Perhaps the informant had ulterior motives or selfish aspirations in the information given to us. Therefore, we must always be sure our message is; "thus saith the Lord".

Secondly, discerning the voice of God as the laity. Many times the saints of God either do not discern the voice of God, or they disobey His voice. A preacher may be having a hard time in delivering the message to the congregation. If the Church is wide awake, they will discern this, and pull on the Throne of Grace for him. Or it may be that God is speaking to someone to testify. By obeying, it

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Lifting Up A Standard For The People

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Scripture — Isa. 49:22 — Thus saith the Lord, behold I will set up my standard to the people. Also Isa. 59:19—When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him. Isa. 62:10—Go through, go through the gates, prepare ye the way of the Lord; cast up, cast up the highway gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people. Jer. 50:2—Declare ye among the nations, and publish and set up a standard; publish and conceal not.

All these scriptures teach that God and his people are to raise up a standard.

Oil Companies have a standard for their make of oil and gasoline, and the manufacturers of automobiles have a standard for their make of cars, and they all claim they can reach the standard. But if one mentions the fact that God's church should have a standard he is called a wild-eyed fanatic, or a crack brain. But whatever one will be called, if he is a true servant of God whether preacher or layman he must lift up a standard.

First, we must lift up a standard because God has commanded it. Lift up a standard Isa. 59:19—God says, Lift up a standard for the people. And all Christians must do this to stay true to God. Jesus says, "If ye love me you will keep my commandments.

Second, we must lift up a standard so the people who sit in darkness may find the way. The Standard is the "Marked out path."

I—WE MUST LIFT UP A STANDARD OF DOCTRINE.

The standards are, First, "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish." —Repentance is Godly sorrow for sin to the extent we give up our sins, we quit the sin business. John says, He that is Born of God does not commit sin, he that committeth sin is of the devil. Not only Godly sorrow for sin, but a confession that we have sinned. We must confess to God that we have sinned against Him, and His Christ, and we must con-

fess to those we have wronged. And repentance covers making of restitution to the best of our ability. This is God's standard of Doctrine as to repentance. Meeting this standard will bring about the new birth experience in our lives.

Second, the Doctrine of the New Birth is not man's idea, but God's Standard. Ye must be born again says our blessed Lord. He did not say you must join the church. Joining the church will not bring you to the New birth, and make a Christian out of you any more than moving to the barn will make you a race horse. Water Baptism will not make a Christian out of you any more than falling in the river will make you a cat fish. Ye Must Be born again.

Third, God's standard of Holiness is entire Sanctification. This is perfection in Christ. God's standard is Christian Perfection. Jesus says in Matt. 6:48—Be ye therefore Perfect even as your father in heaven is perfect. Some have said Jesus did not mean that. Then what did He mean? I would like to know. For one to say that Jesus did not say what he meant is to reflect on the intelligence of Our Lord. He did mean to be perfect in heart. That is God's standard for His people, and through His Holy Spirit we can reach this state. Sanctification means a complete consecration to God on man's part, and cleansing of the nature of man through the Baptism of the Holy Ghost on God's part. This is the standard of God. We must lift up this standard of Doctrine. The filling theory, the empowerment theory and the suppression theory may be the standard of some carnal compromising, ease loving, worldly minded, hireling preachers, but God's standard is the death of the old man of sin, and the purifying of man's nature from ALL Sin. This is the standard of Doctrine that God's servants must lift up.

II—GOD HAS A STANDARD OF CONDUCT. THIS STANDARD IS SET UP BY JESUS, AND GOD'S HOLY WORD.

1—There is God's standard of ethics.

Matt. 7:12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to

them; for this is the law and the prophets. This is what men call the golden rule. But in reality it is God's standard of ethics.

2—God's standard of Separation, is 2 Cor. 6:14-17.

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with Idols? for ye are the temple of the living God, as God hath said I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God and they shall be my people.

Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you. Note, God's standard is complete separation, and to touch not. How can any one say they are living up to God's standard, when they have an unclean thing like the Television in their homes, and in my opinion if one can sit around and enjoy the ungodly programs, and not feel the reproof from the Spirit, I fear they have lost Him, and are as clouds with out water and have become wandering stars. God's standard of separation is drastic, it is complete separation from the world. 1 John 2:15 says, Love not the world neither the things of the world, if any man love the world, the love of the father is not in him. Again, James says in James 4:4—Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. God places the love of the world, and running with the world on the same plane of sins as adultery. If this be so, and it is because God has said it, then it is a spiritual impossibility for a person to be a Christian and be a worldling.

Some may ask, and how can one tell what God classes "the world"? I believe one can be safe and judge the world as follows. Where does it originate, who is running it, who runs with it, why

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EVANGELISTIC PAGE

Time—Then Eternity

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The Revelation Chapt. 10:5,6.
"And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer;"

Time! Who can compute its value? Who can declare its worth? Fabulous sums have been offered by dying individuals in an effort to purchase five of its fleeting moments. One perishing mortal is said to have cried out in desperation—"My kingdom for five minutes of time." No doubt many who read these lines would give an arm or an eye if they could reverse its wheels and live former days over again. Doubtless many would chart a different course if they could but recall the past opportunities and past blessings they failed to take advantage of! However time marches on heedless of our most cherished desires, leaving us with naught but the miseries of a haunting memory. How careful then should be our living! Once done it can never be undone. Not a scene of life can ever be altered. Legislation, education, nor even regeneration can change an act once it is committed. Once something is set in motion it is carved in the archives of eternity forever. Sins, though forgiven, are held in memory's tenacious grasp to be flashed across the mind by the Arch Deceiver in hopes of driving precious souls into utter despair.

I met a man who, in an hour of drunkenness, smashed a beer bottle, and thrust the jagged edge into the eye of his infant daughter. She is marred for life. The action can never be undone. Although forgiven by both God and his daughter yet each time he looks into that disfigured face he

will be painfully reminded of his former sin. Yes once done it is done forever.

When time shall close her short period of duration, eternity will begin. It will mean no more time for pleasures, no time for repentance, and no time to seek the Lord. Many say they have no time for religion, church, or God. It seems their time is all taken by parties, plays, and worldly business. How sad the hour when they must face the lonely valley of death wailing for more time, but for them time shall be no more.

Time opens wide the doors of opportunity and privilege, but eternity bolts them forever. Now is the accepted time; Today is the day of salvation. May the searcher of hearts help us to see it. So many declare that if they had life to live over they would live differently, but neighbor, even while you read these lines you may recall some vows that you made in an hour of desperation that you are not carrying out? Why wait until another crisis comes into your life? Why not settle the question of your souls salvation now while the mercies of God are still extended to you? Remember friend when your end comes time for you shall cease. Eternity will afford no mourners bench, no altar songs, no weeping, pleading saints, and no place of forgiveness.

"Oh, Ye dear mortals, this is thy day; From the blessed saviour, turn not away: He stands pleading, all heaven to give, receive His salvation, and eternally live."

Time! Time! How precious, how fleeting! Let us take advantage of this, our day, of probation. Let us seek to please the one to whom we must render an account.

Time as we know it has three tenses, past, present, and future; the past holds the record of our deeds, the present extends to us precious and priceless opportunities, and the future veils our destiny in the maze of the unknown. The man who suffers in this present life can look back to

a time when he did not suffer or look forward to a time when his pain will subside. The man saddened and disheartened over temporal reverses may look back to a time when such was not his lot or he may look forward to a day when prosperity will again come his way. The individual bereaved of family or friends may look back to an hour when he was not thus affected or forward to a time of reunion in God's golden city. Many times our only consolations are found in past blessings or future hopes, but I say all of this to say that eternity will offer us no such consolations if we fail to get through to heaven.

Eternity is an entirely different kind of existence. There is no past and no future. It is one great inconceivable circle of events. Those who rise to reign with Christ will enjoy unmingled bliss from the moment eternity begins and there will be no end. As they are changed from glory into glory they will not look back to a time of lesser enjoyment nor forward to greater enjoyment for they will be enraptured with the fulness of God momentarily forever. Amen!

What an unthinkable prospect for those who die in their sins without God and without hope! In Hell the soul will be in conscious suffering no end. Can you realize such misery? You shall not recall one single moment when you did not suffer in this place of torment, nor will you find consolation by thinking of some future time when your debt will be paid and your suffering past. The suffering is constant—no end. While time has three tenses, eternity has but one: it is one eternal present moment—ONE ETERNAL NOW. Prepare thyself while time is thine.



A Prepared Place For A Prepared People

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triumphed over sin, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on High. His joy of saving the lost was too great to be stifled by His physical and mental anguish. The merciless mockery of a pitiless people, the sneers of the scribes, the reproach of the rabble could not turn Him from the fixed purpose of giving His life a ransom for us all. The stripes and the spittle, the blood and bruises, the insults and indignities could not overwhelm the fervent love He had for the lost.

Being numbered with the transgressors He was crucified on a lonely hill called Calvary, suffering the Just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God. He was despised by His foes, derided by fanatics, and deserted by friends, but He returned to the Father and prepared a place in His holy habitation for a purchased and purified people.

The place prepared for His children

When Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you," He unveiled the future home of His faithful followers by telling them about the permanent abiding place for the whole family of God. Some of God's children are on earth and some are in heaven, but whether in time or in eternity they are all one family in Christ. There will be no homeless saints in the City of God; all shall dwell in stately mansions throughout the endless day.

The present world has no permanent abiding place for the children of God. They were born in this world, and many will be buried in this world, but this world is not their eternal home. In this world His people have no continuing city; they seek one to come. The sons of God are strangers and pilgrims on the earth; they look for a City which hath foundations whose Builder and Maker is God. His redeemed people are citizens of the celestial City, the heavenly Jerusalem, which John saw coming down from heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Perhaps we are inclined to think

of the personal pleasures and supreme joys to be obtained in the Holy City. We try to visualize its beauty when we meditate on the blessed estate of the righteous. This is all well and good, but it certainly is not the most appealing concept we have of the prepared place for his children. The fact that we shall have an eternal inheritance with the saints in light is not the most important truth to contemplate, delightful as that may be. The greatest pleasure we shall have will be the pleasure of being with our Loving Lord through all eternity.

The glory of His eternal Person shall make glad the City of God. There would be pleasure in beholding the City with the golden streets, the gates of pearl, and the walls of jasper if our Blessed Lord were not there to make glorious the City with His abiding presence. The river of life, the fruitful trees and the singing saints are delightful rewards to be enjoyed in the Father's house. But all these blessed realities would fail to satisfy the redeemed souls if Jesus were not present to make glad the worshiping spirits. Heaven would be an eternal emptiness without His presence to fill it with the glory of His person and light it with the brightness of His beautiful face. The assuring promise is that we shall be with Him in the home of our Father and shall behold the glory and honor which the Father shall bestow on the Son as a reward for His sufferings to save His people from their sins.

Our faith and hope for the heavenly home are based on the veracity of Jesus, who said, "If it were not so, I would have told you." It would be utterly impossible to imagine the overwhelming despair and dreadful disappointment that would sweep over the soul of mortal man if he should discover that the promises of Jesus were not true. The black ravens of everlasting defeat would croak the dirge of death on the tombstones of the righteous dead. The living saints would lift up their voices in an unutterable lament and bewail the hour they heard the message of hope and were persuaded to trust the promises of God.

If it were not so, there would be

no truth in love, no triumph in life, and no basis for trust in the Lord. If it were not so, holiness would be a farce, happiness would be a fallacy, and heaven fantasy. If it were not so there would be no facts in His promises, no faith in His provision, no fulfillment of His purpose. But every word spoken by our Lord is a certified truth based on His integrity. There shall never be a moment in time or in eternity when Christ's immutable truth shall fail. His eternal Word has been the sure foundation for our hope for the many mansions in the Father's house. There is neither chapter nor verse in Holy Writ declaring that Christ's words are not true. No man among the wise and mighty of earth can prove that His words shall fail and His words are false.

The Saviour's Word and Works shall be our hope and heritage long after the unbelievers who have inveighed against His truth have died and their false and forgotten doctrines have perished with them.

Let us continue to believe on the Son for the very works' sake and pray importunately in His Name. He will establish our faith and answer our petitions that the Father may be glorified in the works of the Son in our hearts and in heaven.

The promise of His coming

"I will come again, and receive you unto myself." The infinite love of Christ brought Him into the world to redeem us and His immortal love will bring Him back to receive us to Himself. The final fulfillment of the glorious promise will be the grand climax of the Saviour's redemptive works which glorify the Father in the Son. His works of salvation will not be completed until He comes the second time. The inspired Apostle confirmed this truth when he said, "Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for Him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." (Heb. 9:28)

His appearing will be the hour of victory for His people who are looking for the blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ. They shall see their Lord,

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MISSIONARY MESSAGE

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

From The Land Of Cuba

By James W. Tharp

We count it a privilege to pause a few moments during this very warm day to greet all our STANDARD friends again. Our warm weather is changing into hot weather which reminds us that time is swiftly passing by. Opportunities of today do not always linger until tomorrow. And, certainly these are great days of opportunity. This month I wish to mention some great needs with which we must meet our darkening dispensation.

A Missionary Impulse

First of all, the Church of our day needs an overwhelming missionary impulse. Our only hope of meeting the needs of our spiritually dark age is for a number of desperate souls to make a mighty commitment, and experience that Heaven-sent passion that is stronger than death itself! Any missionary effort motivated by such force cannot fail. Anything less would be just another religious gesture. The termination of our dispensation as well as the world crises in which we find ourselves demand something more than lip service and human gestures. Christians of our day, we need hearts that are bathed and soaked in prayer until they are as tender and pure as the Master can make them. Certainly from such hearts will come such terrific passion for the salvation of mankind that the fires of hell cannot quench our missionary impulse.

But the flames of holy passion must be fanned with fervent prayer. John Wesley once said, "If I fail to fast and pray, I soon lose my spiritual heat and passion." All true men of God were men who excelled in prayer. We are told that the sun never rose on China without finding Hudson Taylor on his knees. No wonder God used him so mightily in founding the China Inland Mission!



Rev. and Mrs. James Tharp and family now on the mission field in Cuba, located at Melena Del Sur, Havana, Cuba.

The Christian's progress is that of penitence, pardon, purity, and then and always, on to passion. To this end Christ has prepared him, that he might become an ambassador of the Cross. No sooner are we called to eternal life, than are we called to the challenge of service for the Kingdom.

Our Moral Obligation

Every Christian has a moral obligation to his generation. I have dealt with what I consider the more important, a missionary impulse, first of all, but I believe it will force us more closely to our correct position when we realize that our commission is a moral obligation. Christ said "Go!" The Christian Church is to be a going concern. The Gospel and its power must penetrate every nation, province and village. We, everyone who dares name the name of Christ in faith, is absolutely obligated to share in the responsibilities of spreading this Gospel. We must be neither ashamed nor afraid to go.

I met a man aboard the S. S. Florida several weeks ago, a graduate of one of our large universities who boldly professed to be a skeptic. Commenting on the death of the martyred missionaries of Ecuador a few months ago, he said, "Why don't you missionaries leave the natives alone! You make fools of yourselves by molesting strangers who have more sense than to believe your propaganda. If those Indians want to go to hell why don't you let them go there. (Though I don't believe there is a hell.)" After witnessing to him of what Christ had done for me I warned him lest he find out about the hell he didn't believe in. But this one man's skeptical remarks are not nearly as terrible as the complacency of untold numbers of professing Christians whose actions correspond with the views of the skeptic!

Much has been written and spoken concerning the materialism and complacency of the American people. But articles and sermons alone will not pull us out of our dilemma. Every Christian, personally, must face himself and confess his own state, (and call his cold-heartedness and passionlessness by its right name—*sin*—regardless of what holiness Church he belongs to), and get on the cross until he is dead with Christ! Only then can he come forth with quickening power for his Christian duties. "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh...but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live." (Romans 8:11-13). I'm convinced that the truly believing soul can be led into this experience until he may suddenly be overwhelmed by a powerful feeling that God only matters! This feeling, if we are not afraid to call it a feeling, will soon work its way into our mental life, and thereafter condition all our actions, judgments and values. Every thing that our Christ has condemned is blurred in our sight;

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Simply Trust

*I traveled today a lonesome road
That was filled with toil and care;
My body was wracked and rent
with pain*

*And I came nigh unto despair.
And then in a still small voice I
heard*

*The Master speak, sweet and low,
"If you would be a burden bearer
Through this valley you must go."
"But Lord, this way is rough and
rocky—*

*The stones—they hurt my feet;
My heart—it's oh, so heavy
Over souls who are in dire need!
Isn't there just one ray of sunlight
To brighten this darkened road?"
And then in an instant I saw Him,
And He shouldered my heavy load.
I've learned not to question, Since
seeing that Face*

*That was filled with such pathos
and love;
But simply to trust, and to lean on
His arm*

*That strongly supports me in love.
I know not just what the future
may hold*

*Of trials, and crosses and thorns;
But all of my heart-aches are now
silver lined*

*And His grace each so sweetly
adorns.*

*Lives burdens will come, ah, yes
weary soul—*

*How well have I learned that
today;*

*But I find sweetest comfort by
just simply trusting*

*And following Him all the way.
—Mrs. Paul E. King*

Sermons In Outline Form

Subject—The Benefits of Calvary
Text — Hebrews 13:12—*Where-
fore Jesus also, that He might
sanctify the people with his own
blood, suffered without the gate.*
Intro. — Modernists scoff at the
thought of the Blood of Jesus, and
accuse us of having a "slaughter-
house religion". However, we see
by the Word that we are both for-
given of our sins and cleansed
from the depraved carnal nature
by His Blood. Observe in Colos-
sians 1:14—"In whom ("His dear
Son" of previous verse) we have

redemption thru his blood, even
the forgiveness of sins." The
statement, *through His blood*",
is one that is deleted from the
new "version" of the Bible.

In our text we observe the fol-
lowing:

I. First, Notice—THE SAVIOUR
"Wherefore Jesus also..."

(1) Perfect Saviour... *"I find
no fault in this man..."*

(2) Precious Saviour... *"Unto
you, therefore, which believe He
is precious..."* I Peter 2:7.

(3) Pure Saviour... *"Who did
no sin, neither was guile found
in his mouth"* I Peter 2:22

II. Second, Notice—THE SUFFERING

"...Suffered without the gate..."

(1) Intense... *"For Christ also
hath once suffered for sins, the
just for the unjust, that he
might bring us to God, being
put to death in the flesh, but
quickened by the spirit."* I Peter
3:18.

(2) Inspirational... *"That He
might bring us to God..."*

III. Third, Notice—THE SANCTIFICATION

*"That He might sanctify the peo-
ple with His own blood..."*

(1) Purifies... *"Blessed are the
pure in heart, for they shall see
God."* Matt. 5:8—Compare with
Hebrews 12:14.

(2) Empowers... *"...Tarry in
Jerusalem until ye be endued
with power from on high..."*
Luke 24:49. Also see the Key
Verse of the Acts, Ch. 1, Verse 8.

(3) Perfects... *"...That we
may present every man perfect
in Christ Jesus..."* Col. 1:28.

IV. Fourth, Notice—THE SUB-
JECTS

"...The people..."

(1) Rescued people... *"Brought
the people out of the land of
Egypt, that He might bring
them into the land of Canaan..."*

(2) Rejoicing people... *"Rejoice
evermore..."* I Thess. 5:16

Observe the path of this bless-
ing from the verse quoted down
through Verse 24 of the same
chapter and you will see that
Sanctification begins with a joy-
ful heart.

Wesley was reported to have
told Lady Huntingdon that she
should "rejoice" there was a
second work of Grace for her
heart.

—Thomas E. Frantz

From The Land Of Cuba

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we are suddenly liberated from
the slavery of other men's opin-
ions. We awake to the sudden real-
ization that only Christ and His
cause really matters in this world!

SOME MEANS TO INVEST

Certainly, you will agree that
God has not called a mere few to
sacrifice for His cause, but He has
called all of us, each in his own
capacity, to give his best and
spend his last for the Kingdom!
However, if we have the mission-
ary impulse and realize our moral
obligation to both our Saviour and
a needy world, our giving is going
to be both cheerful and liberal. In
a day when men are giving their
lives, who among us dare to com-
plain about giving their money? I
make no apologies in informing
our readers of the financial need
for the missionary work here in
Cuba. The Sullivans have toiled
here on the Island for the past
several years, and now as we step
in to relieve them, we do so with
the one pure motive of preaching
the glorious claims of Christ, and
expecting to win some souls. We
are giving our minds almost en-
tirely to language study these few
months, hoping to gain a speaking
knowledge as soon as possible. We
are confident that under the lead-
ership of the Holy Spirit many
souls can be won for Christ here
in this area. We make an appeal
to all our readers to stand with us
in these efforts. A generous offer-
ing from our STANDARD family
would certainly help to lighten the
financial load of our Foreign Mis-
sionary Treasury. Surely, you feel
constrained to make your invest-
ment in the souls of men, and we
ask that you mail your offering
directly to our Missionary Treas-
urer, Rev. C. William Rachau,
Rte. 1, Allenwood, Pennsylvania.

Let none of us shirk our respon-
sibility in the cause of Christ
whether it be witnessing, praying,
giving or living the life day by
day. We are engaged in an eternal
conflict, and must not give up the
fight. Let us make our fight a good
one, our faith a secure one, and
we shall not have to worry about
our reward!

Youth In Action

"Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth." Eccl. 12:1.

Personal Acquaintance With Christ

By Rev. R. Grubbs

In the third chapter of the book of Philippians we find a certain passage of Scripture in which the very heart of the Apostle Paul is laid open, and the very core of the entire chapter is found in verse 10, the clause "that I may know him". In these words reveal the intense longing that motivated Paul's life, the longing to be personally acquainted with Christ. Paul was introduced to Jesus on the Damascus road. As he journeyed, suddenly at midday a great light, brighter than the sun, shone around him and Saul of Tarsus was struck down, brought to humiliation in the dust, blinded by the glory of that light, he came face to face with Jesus. For three days and nights, the world was shut out, the glorious vision of the Son of God burning into his very soul, he waited there before God. For the first time in Saul's life he really prayed. Word came to Ananias, from God, (Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus: for behold he prayeth.) Ananias was obedient, the scales were lifted from Paul's eyes, and he received his commission to go, and forever after there flamed in his heart a great passion to become better acquainted with the glorious Son of God. Notice in order for Paul to gain an increased knowledge of Jesus, he must be willing to renounce everything but the will of God in his life. His background, his ability, his training, his zeal and even his own righteousness, all of these must be cast aside to experience a fuller knowledge of Christ. To walk with Him to talk with Him, to listen to His voice and to behold Him in His beauty and glory, to have unbroken fellowship with Him. Paul had found the satisfy-

ing portion for his heart, so he determined to keep Christ.

Paul went to Jerusalem, and began his public ministry of witnessing for the Lord. Paul lived so close to the Lord, he could hear His voice at every turn of the road: This is the way, walk ye in it. Even in the midst of opposition and pressure in a great city such as Corinth, Jesus spoke to Paul by a vision in the night: Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: for I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee." Do you wonder why Paul was fearless? He was acquainted with Jesus. In Jerusalem he was in danger of being torn to pieces by the mob, but the Lord was standing by him in the night watches and said: "Be of good cheer, Paul." He was acquainted with Christ, and Christ knew him by his name.

As a prisoner on a ship in the midst of a great storm in the blackness of a starless night, the Angel of God stood by him and said: "Fear not Paul, thou must be brought before Caesar, and lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee." This is why Paul could say: I believe God. He was personally acquainted with Jesus.

Paul is a good example for us today, if we became personally acquainted with Jesus. He will be our every need and our best friend. He will be our refuge from the storms of life. He will be our comfort in times of trouble, for there are times when the earthly friends can not comfort when deep trouble is ours, but Jesus can for He has already experienced this way before us.

I am wondering while writing this, you that read it, are you personally acquainted with Christ? Does the Spirit motivate your life? Has the promised Comforter come to you? Jesus gave His life that we might know Him. This life is the only place to get acquainted with Him. "Praise God for the Spirit".

A Prepared Place For A Prepared People

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glorified in His saints, and to be admired in all them that believe in that day.

In a voice like the sound of many waters He shall call the righteous dead from their graves, and rapture the living saints. These holy ones shall have part in His final victory over sin and death. "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and the trump of God: the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up to meet the Lord at His coming and welcome Him in the gladsome hour of His final triumph.

If we truly believe that it was necessary for our Lord to go to the cross in order to prepare us a place in the Father's house, we must also believe it is imperatively necessary for us to obtain the benefits of His sacrificial death in order to enter the place of many mansions. Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people.

There will be no confusion regarding these things if we constantly keep in mind that what we are in moral character and how we live in the sight of a Just God determine our eternal destiny. The Lord shall judge our worthiness to be received unto Himself in the day when He shall appear in His glory.

Let us not neglect so great salvation by being careless and complacent in our daily living; but let us watch and be sober. We must maintain our relationship to Christ by continuing to believe on Him for the very work's sake, and praying in His name.

If the Saviour's works performed in our hearts and exemplified in our labors of love glorify the Father in the Son, we have every right to expect that the Saviour's work of preparing a place for us in heaven shall glorify the Father in the Son. "It doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." (1 John 3:2)

The Church Never Lives Ahead Of Her Leaders

By Evangelist Leonard Ravenhill,
Oldham, England

When the Church should be manning lifeboats to rescue the perishing she is found high and dry on the sandbank of mere Bible interpretations, her engines waterlogged with a stagnant theology

Had the Church recognized her task as an alien force in the world, sent to fight her way through the armed forces of hell, and had stayed upon her knees to see this job through, we might be in the middle of the millenium now

In our present-day evangelism we have turned every one to his own way, and so the church is plagued at this hour with pulpit electricians, magicians, diversified musicians, etc., when her supreme need is a battalion of fiery crusaders.

Dare we indulge in fancy methods in attempting to turn men from sin and destruction? There can be no offering of short-cuts to the altar. We need to alter the altar.

Short cuts to discipleship are abortive. Let the pastor be sure that where the black-market evangelist operates, there can be no abiding blessing.

The crowded altar may be there but if God is at work there will be swelling prayer meetings as well. Converts easily won are easily lost.

We are grieving the Holy Spirit by our unscriptural methods of "getting people converted." Let seekers be told that "all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." Let us not rush them in but rather hold them back until they have solemnly deliberated and counted the cost.

Let us inquire if a man wants enough grace only to keep out of hell, or if he would have enough to get himself thrown out of the Masons!

Is it not true that the way we present gospel truth these days induces many to think they are accepting a philosophy of life, rather than Life itself?

No believer can have divided loyalties. Our Lord wants not

only partnership in our lives, but ownership of them. I know an executive in a multi-million dollar company who refuses to attend any business meetings on the night of prayer meeting. We cannot give the Lord the brushoff with a fat check for missions. He wants our devotion—our life.

Whether Nero fiddled while Rome burned is a debatable point. But today there is no question that Christians are fiddling while the whole world is on fire with the fires of hell.

Let me say again, that when she should be manning the lifeboats to rescue the perishing, the Church is found high and dry on the sandbank of mere Bible interpretations, her engines waterlogged with a stagnant theology, flying her distress signal, and with most of her crew asleep.

The Church must be refloated. She must be lifted from her passionlessness and prayerlessness and launched into the depths of God's mighty power.

This only can be done by a floodtide of prayer being poured out before the Lord. We have Bible Schools—Good! But where are the Prayer Schools? We have Bible Conferences—Fine! But where are the Prayer Conferences?

Prayer is the divine antiseptic, keeping the church from the menace of malignant passionlessness. Prayer is the divine detergent, cleansing her from the filth of self and pride.

A Prayer

O Lord, Teach us to pray! In mercy, purify Thy Church, and empower her to sail on into the gale in firm reliance upon Thee! God is in the midst of her: she shall not be moved!

Lifting Up A Standard For The People

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is it being run, and what does following it lead one to?

Take the entertainment world, where do the shows and plays originate, who runs to these shows, and enjoys them, why do they run them, and following them where would it lead one to? Would it build one up in his soul? Would

it bless one, would one want to be watching one of these shows that have been built by and with the ungodly when Jesus comes? If one would not feel comfortable for Jesus to catch one at any place, then it is of the world.

God's standard is to come out from among them, and be ye separate. And those who love God and His Word will obey God. Jesus says, "If ye love me ye will keep my commandments."

III—WHO IS TO LIFT UP A STANDARD?

All of God's Saints, whether they be laymen or preachers. Especially does God command his chosen servants to lift up a standard.

All of God's called and anointed servants who are true shepherds will lift up the standards of God. It may cost him prestige with the worldly minded, and it may cost him position, but if he is God's man he will lift up the Standard. He must do this to save his own soul.

Of course a hireling will not do this. A dudish, soft soaping, diplomatic, wire pulling, sports crazy, wanton eyed hireling preacher will not lift up a standard. He does not love the people so he will let them pay him their tithes, and support him, while he lets them slip into hell. But the true servant of God will cry aloud and spare not. Reader, which crowd are you in? Do you love the standards? Do you love to hear the standards preached? If you do not then you need to pray thru. If you get where you ought to be with God you will love God's standards.

Last, how are we to lift up a standard? Hear ye God's word. Jer. 50:2—Declare ye among the nations. Of course this means by our daily life and testimony. The testimony is no good unless it is backed up by the daily life. We must lift up the standards not only in our churches but out on the job and with all the people we contact. And Publish, and lift up a standard; Publish and conceal not, are the words of God.

Thank God for His Holy Word, for His blessed Christ that lives today, and for His standards.

In this dark hour while the tribulation clouds are gathering,
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STANDARD PULPIT

The All Sufficient Grace

By Rev. Geo. I. Straub

Text—II Cor. 12:8-9, For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

And He said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.

Most gladly will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

We consider Paul the greatest character in the Bible next to Christ, and believe there are many profitable things we might learn from his life and ministry.

Even though Paul had enjoyed a crisis experience and well knew the time and place he was saved and sanctified, he continued to seek and search after Christ and enjoy His presence in a greater measure.

In his Epistle to the Philippians he enumerates seven things he desired and sought after.

1. To know Christ
2. To win Christ
3. To be conformed to Christ
4. To magnify Christ
5. To be found in Christ
6. To rejoice in Christ
7. To depart and be with Christ, which is far better

One can well see the secret of Paul's success as a Minister. Christ was the theme of his heart and life. He counted all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ, for whom he suffered the loss of all things and counted them but dung so he might win Christ.

Conformity to God's will was the greatest ambition of his life, afflictions hardships, and persecutions never retarded his faith in God. He never ceased praying until he was positive he had the mind of God, after which he proceeded to carry out his mission with an eye single to God's glory.

Paul was not exempt from sickness, infirmities, and afflictions, these helped to add weight to his cross. However, he never ceased to show love and gratitude to the

One he hated and persecuted during his days of spiritual ignorance and blindness. I am debtor was his answer to those who sought to side track and curb his faith in God. His vision was broad enough to enable him to see the folly of seeking enjoyment in the pleasures of this present evil world.

Paul was careful not to allow anything to distract from his goal and purpose while in the fight against an un-friendly world. In spite of all the hardships he encountered he wouldn't allow anything to stop him from rejoicing in Christ. While facing some of the greatest trials of His ministry, he lifted his heart and soul heavenward and said, "to depart and be with Christ, which is far better."

In spite of Paul's greatness he was afflicted with a physical ailment which no one is exactly sure of. However he spoke of it as a thorn in the flesh and prayed thrice that it might be removed. The scripture is very clear in teaching us that God both heard and answered his prayer. The answer was quite different from what he had expected and came back in the form of a NO. According to the answer received the **THORN IN THE FLESH WAS A BLESSING IN DISGUISE.** The purpose of the thorn in the flesh was to keep Paul humble lest he be exalted through the abundance of revelations.

Many a preacher and prophet made shipwreck of his ministry by allowing his talents and success to go to his head. Lest such lead to defeat in the life of Paul, God permitted a messenger of Satan to buffet him.

Webster defines "buffet" thus: To beat, to slap, to box or contend against. To Paul this was like a chastening rod keeping him in subjection to the known will of God.

It is true, God would rather have us enter Heaven crippled and limble than to see one take the ways of pleasure and sin and lose our soul in the end.

The answer of Paul's prayer is

in direct opposition to the teaching of those who claim God heals all men. According to St. Paul this is untrue, as some healings are not in accord with God's will. In Paul's case, healing was denied and grace was given to help him rise above it and bear it.

There are two ways of lightening a load. The first way is by diminishing its weight. The second way is by increasing the strength of the shoulder that carries it. God's grace will be in proportion to our need.

The key thought in penning this article is to help clear up the question that is being asked over and over by some of God's choice Saints. "If I'm a Christian why is it that God doesn't heal me." "Knowing that God never makes mistakes it's not my business to question God but rather to keep ourselves in the center of His will."

Discerning The Voice Of God

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may ignite the whole service and result in souls being saved.

Perhaps a new convert is being wrongly influenced by a false religion, if the saints are minding God, they will come to the rescue of the new convert. Not as a Lord, but meek and kind, they will give advice that will lead the young convert into the true light of God. Christian, have you tarried on the Mount of God lately? Have you heard His still small voice? If not, you are in danger of being detoured and sidetracked and finally lost. Wait on the Lord, He shall lead thee aright.



Lifting Up A Standard For The People

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spiritual lights are burning low and many are falling away, awake ye holy people, and lift up God's holy standards. Hold the standard high. God is on our side; He is our refuge. This is a wonderful day to be a Bible Christian.

CAMP AND CHURCH REPORTS

Camp Calendar

MOUNT JOY HOLINESS CAMP

Date—June 14-24

Location—Entriiken, Pa.

Evangelists and workers are—Rev's Glenn Griffith, Spencer Johnson, Lillian Wilson.

Singers—Rev. Marlin Moore and wife.

Camp Pres.—Fred Thompson

MOUNT OF BLESSINGS CAMP

Date—July 4-15

Location—Midway between Logan and Rauchtown, Pa., on Route 880.

Workers—Rev. Don Scarlet Evangelist, Evansville, Ind.

Singers—Stucci Sisters Trio, Washington C. H., Ohio.

Camp Pres.—J. Hoffman

PENNS CREEK CAMP

Date—July 24-August 5

Location—Penns Creek, Pa.

Workers—Rev. Joshua Stauffer

Singers—Blooms

Camp Pres.—G. I. Straub.

CLINTON CAMP

Dates—July 19-29

Location—Just off Rt. 30, west of Pittsburg, Pa.

Workers—Revs. H. Robb French, H. E. Darnell, Ray Bettcher, Lillian Wilson

Singers—Max Hamilton and wife
Platform Manager—Rev. Glenn Griffith

Information—Write to A. L. Cain, Box 18, Clinton, Pa.

Camp Pres.—Rev. Nelson Douglass.

Evangelist's Directory

Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Passmore—
(Singers, Musicians and Evangelist)
Snydertown, Pa.

May 4-13 Lancaster, Ohio
May 18-27 Grier City, Pa.

The Christianaires—Onenota, N. Y.
South Side.
(Singers, Musicians)

May 2-13 Gipsy, Pa.
May 16-27 Little Hope, Pa.
May 30-June 10 Windsor, N. Y.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Pumpelly and son—
(Evangelist, Singers, Musicians)

May 2-13 Boswell, Pa.
May 16-27 Baton Rouge, La.
May 30-June 10 Lapel, Ind.
June 13-24 Shirley, Ind.

Rev. D. R. Matherlee—
152 Larkin St., Findlay, Ohio
(Evangelist)

May 1-13 Franklin, Pa.

May 15-27 Clover, S. C.

May 29-June 10 Guilford College,
N. C.

Rev. Joan Houck—Box 761

State College, Pa.

(Evangelist)

Rev. Dean Confer—Westfield, Ind.

(Evangelist)

Rev. Thomas Huff—Zylks, La.

(Evangelist)

Rev. Spencer Johnson—Vivian, La.
(Evangelist)

Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Hoffman—
Watsontown, Pa.

May 2-13 Kokomo, Ind. F. M. Ch.

May 18-27 Waynesburg, Pa. Pil. Ch.

June 8-19 Dekalb, N. Y.

Recommendation

Rev. and Mrs. R. Grubbs are entering the full time evangelistic field. They have resigned as pastor of the Odessa Church and are now available for meetings. They are deeply spiritual and will prove to be a blessing to any church. Few ministers and their wives pray more than this Godly couple. Rev. and Mrs. Grubbs have spent many nights in prayer in former pastorates. We heartily recommend them to the people of God everywhere.

Write them at: Winchester, Ind. R. D.
—Editor

Obituary

The Wolfs Store Church lost one of its devout members Monday morning, Feb. 27, when Brother Henry Embick was called home to his eternal reward. Brother Embick was converted seven years ago in the church, following an all night prayer meeting, in which many precious souls were gloriously saved. It was our privilege to be the pastor of this dear brother and his wife and family. Many pleasant memories linger as we reminisce those days of blessing and victory. Brother Embick was active in the church services. He was class leader, Sunday School teacher of men's Bible class, also very active and cooperative in the promotion of the Mount Of Blessings Camp at Carroll, Pa.

To those of his family, we extend our deepest sympathy. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bennett and family of Rebersburg; also Jane Embick, and his good wife, Mrs. Embick. God will comfort you in these hours of deepest sorrow.

His presence will be missed in the services here, but the pull on our hearts is to meet him. Truly the circle grows smaller here, but larger up there.

Funeral services were in charge of Rev. Sassaman, pastor of the church, with Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Frantz singing. Services were held in the Union Church at Carroll and interment was in the cemetery adjacent to the church.

The family wishes to express their thanks to all who stood by with their prayers; and who sent in flowers. God bless each one.

Editor

A Word To Our Subscribers and Readers

We deeply appreciate your fine cooperation and prompt renewals to our church paper. If you have found it to be spiritual and containing the message you feel the church needs in these trying and vexing times, then we urge you to help us secure many more new subscribers to the paper. We have kept the subscription price at a minimum to accommodate our readers. Paper costs; printing costs and also mailing costs are on the incline, but you can still get the Standard for only \$1.00 per year. Many of our readers undoubtedly would like to help promote this religious publication. Why not spend ten or twenty dollars in subscribing for friends in your community. Just one dollar spent and invested in this paper could bring the answer to your oft praying for that sinful neighbor. He has never gone to church with you. Why not take the gospel to him in the form of God's Missionary Standard. Your cooperation needed now. Send all subscriptions and renewals to Rev. Marlin E. Moore Aaronsburg, Pa.

Heaven

One night a girl walking with her father was looking intently at the skies. Her father asked her what she was thinking about, and this is what she said: "I was thinking if the wrong side of heaven is so glorious, what must the right side be?" We cannot tell what a glorious place Jesus is preparing for us, but we know it will be a beautiful place. And, best of all, He will be there!

—Unknown.

STRAWS IN THE WIND

Our Last Enemy

Perhaps we all know DEATH is our last enemy, but it may be our thoughts are on life and not on meeting God. The sainted David Brainerd had the right attitude toward this matter when he wrote in his diary, "My thoughts were much in Eternity where I long to dwell".

Recently, this scribe was called to the bedside of a young man, dying with an incurable disease. I had visited with him frequently to pray and read the scriptures, but this call was to be the last.

Entering the home, I had an awful sense of the presence of the grim reaper, greater—yea, a hundred times greater—than ever before in any death chamber!

Shortly after that last prayer, the enemy claimed his prey, and across the valley of shadow went another soul to meet his record! Needless to say, this humble servant was glad he had been faithful in exhortation and intercession for that one.

A Revival of Healing?

The whole world is now aware of various movements dedicated to a revival of "healing", which is many times spoken of as being "DIVINE HEALING".

That our Saviour is able and willing to heal the sick bodies of His children is evidenced many times in the Holy Scriptures in both Old and New Testaments. Hear Moses crying to God for his sister, "Heal her now, O God." Listen to the wail of Blind Bartimaeus at Jerico's gate, "Jesus, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me!"

However, we remind our readers of these words of Jesus in St. Luke's Gospel, Chapter 4, Verse 27:

"And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian."

Witness the fasting, praying, and intercession of King David for his child in II Samuel 12:15-18—all in vain as the child died.

Where do we get the right to suppose we are wiser than the will of God? Are we not always taught to pray: "Thy will be done..."? Does this not apply to healing? Is

this precious grace and gift of the Spirit to be abused by setting it without the bounds and limits of every other blessing of God?

It is our contention that when God heals the body, that sickness is *healed*, period. We never read of Bartimaeus' being blind again after his experience at Jerico. Naaman did not die of leprosy according to the Scriptures.

If this be the case, what shall we decide about the many modern cults that are advocating healing above the salvation of the soul from sin, whose "healing" is not permanent?

A few illustrations, with the names changed:

Harry was sick unto death in a certain hospital. A "healer" visited him and in a public service made a great ado about his visit, pronouncing the man definitely "healed"! Two days later his grave is being dug within a few feet of a certain preacher's sanctuary.

Sarah was pronounced healed by a "healer", but grew worse rather than better. She died a short while after this scribe visited her death room.

Elizabeth had great faith in a "healer", affirming to this scribe her wonderful assurance of complete deliverance from her fatal condition. She is in Eternity!

We could give many more instances to prove the fact that the cult healings are not permanent.

Reader, we are safe when we stay within the bounds of James 5: 14-16.

Christian Comments On Current Topics

NEVER UNDER-ESTIMATE THE ENEMY

The swept-wing jet airliner flashed over the British Isles and came in for a smooth landing at London airport, and out stepped the leader of the Russian "exterminator squad"!

British airforce leaders were more amazed over the plane that landed, than they were over the passengers. It was true he was not welcome, and even the newspapers

told that in headlines! But such a plane! It was easily shown to be readily converted to carry the Atomic Bomb.

A few years previously, Russian soldiers had rode to the front behind horse-drawn carts. Now, they were perhaps leading the world with this jet transport plane.

Another case of under-estimating the enemy.

How oft we see this in the religious world! "I never thought the enemy would overtake me and strip me of my blessings and grace from God I was enjoying." This sentence is sadly uttered at many altars.

Paul said, "We are not ignorant of his devices". If this is so, we had better educate our hearts to fully realize the danger of playing into the devil's hands or setting but a foot on his territory.

—Thomas E. Frantz

A Bowl Of Manna Seed For Sermons

Topic—The Christian And The Throne Of Grace

Text—Hebrews 4:16

"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find Grace to help in time of need."

**We would examine the respect we are to come "boldly" to God for help.

I. Boldly Because Of The Price Paid For Redemption

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold. . . . But with the precious blood of Christ." I Pet. 1:18, 19.

II. Boldly Because Of The Promises In The Word

**The Old Testament Invitation And Promise—"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters."

**The New Testament Promise: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matt. 11:28)

III. Boldly Because Of Our Position

** (1) We are the beggar; He is the Benefactor.

** (2) We are the servant; He is the Sovereign.

** (3) We are the sinner; He is the Saviour.