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"The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it." Psalms 68:11.

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The Outward Reach

"Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall." Genesis 49:22.

About 18 years have gone by since the aged Patriarch, Jacob, has come down to the land of Goshen to dwell with his beloved, Joseph. The years of their separation were many, and the old man was blessed at the news of Joseph yet being alive. The following is the scriptural account of his getting the news of his son's reign in Egypt:

"And they went up out of Egypt, and came into the land of Canaan unto Jacob their father,

And told him, saying, Joseph is yet alive, and he is governor over all the land of Egypt. And Jacob's heart fainted, for he believed them not.

And they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said unto them: and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived:

And Israel said, It is enough; Joseph my son is yet alive: I will go and see him before I die." Genesis 45:25-28.

Shortly after these events, Jacob is brought to Egypt, introduced to Pharaoh, and settled in Goshen, "In the best of all the land." As we have said, 18 years have gone by, and it is to be expected they were happy years, for Jacob had the privilege to see his grandchildren through Joseph, which is a delight to the heart of any grandfather, and especially to one who had thought his beloved son dead for years.

Joseph receives word that his aged father is ill, so he takes his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim, to visit him ere he dies. We are witnesses to the events that transpired there. Re-read the verses of Genesis, Chapters 48 and 49, and rejoice in the glory that must have attended the old man's dying blessings and recounting of all the ways God had led him along the pathway until this hour. He could well have broken out in the song familiar to us all,

"'Twas Grace that brought me safe thus far, and Grace will lead me home."

Our text is the prediction he made of Joseph's life, and we feel there

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE STANDARD

We are 12 years old, with the August issue, but we'll not waste time blowing out the candles. Too much to be done. September * issue is planned with Camp and \$ Conference reports. Don't miss it. Subscribe for a friend!

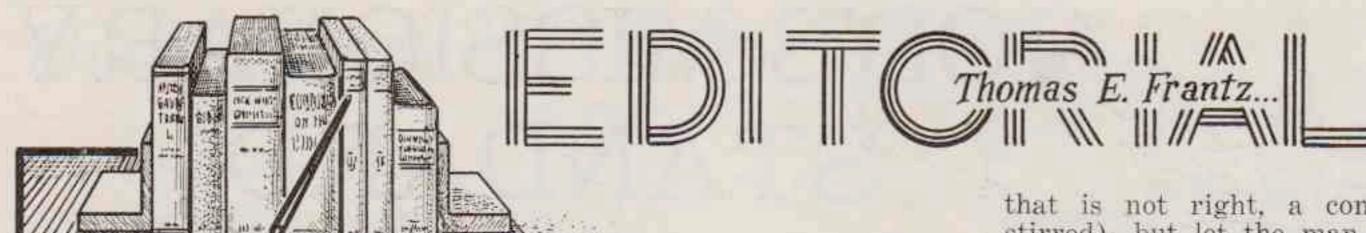
is a spiritual lesson here for us to learn of the life that possesses the OUTWARD REACH.

The Vitality of the Tree

We are to expect greater things of the tree that has been already in the fruit-producing business, for "Joseph is a fruitful bough . . . " and it is well to assume that we can expect more fruit from the spiritual tree that is already a blessing to mankind. Some peo-

ple can sooner fly than they can produce more fruit, for they haven't presented the world with the first apple from a spiritual tree.

This tree, properly located near a source of moisture which it must have to continue, remains "fruitful" and is soon to go beyond the past accomplishments, because it has been faithfully pruned and tended by the husbandman. The Word tells us that "It is the father's will that ye bear much fruit . . . ", and that the Master comes at certain times (in the parables, it is beautifully detailed) and expects to collect His fruit! Jesus said, "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit, he taketh away . . . ", and tells us that the fruit-producers are pruned and purged that they may produce still more. A famous ear specialist was to perform a delicate operation on a certain lady. She asked him whether he would hurt her. He replied, "My good woman, I may hurt you, but I will not INJURE you." This, then, is the way the Master deals with us, when He "prunes" away the undesirable, so that we will produce more fruit for His glory! A Christian businessman had suffered a great loss in his financial affairs. This news was given to him just as he had written a pledge for Christian work. The minister who had received the pledge was called back to his desk, and thought possibly the businessman would have to ask to be released from his promise now, in the face of the terrible loss. Much to the pastor's surprise, the man said, "Reverend, here let me double my pledge to the Church, for I have discovered that it is only what I have given to God will remain." The Lord knows



how to prune our spiritual trees, believe me!

The Vicissitudes of the Tree

Jacob remarks of the "fruitful bough" growing until it pushes its "branches . . . over the wall," but not without great and hard trials. The home in the East was constructed often with an open courtyard, enclosed by a high wall, to keep out the bandits and the wild animals. It is repeated in the Spanish patio so offtimes imitated in modern homes. The Patriarch saw this tree growing by a bubbling well, and fruit abounding everywhere, and with the OUT-WARD REACH extending over the wall.

The "wall" is our flesh, and for the tree to grow until its "branches run over the wall," is indeed a victory. How often people cannot get over their own physical characteristics, so as to present this Christ to a lost world! It is a cross to some backward soul to even speak a word when presented with the opportunity so to do. Again, the talkative-type may say too much, and thus the "branch" never gets over the wall at all! People who continually find that they have "run out as a leaking vessel," often find that the source of the loss is through the open mouth. "There wanteth not sin in a multitude of words," says Solomon. "I die daily," said the Apostle to the Gentiles, and could attend his own funeral, that of his human flesh, his human self, so that his "branch could run over the wall." John the Baptist put it this way, "He must increase, but I must decrease." The individual who has not had the selflife crucified puts it the other way, "I must increase, but He must stay the same."

We've had so much of "my good

sermons," "my good pies," and "my nice cars," that it is time for us to get that "branch over the wall" of human accomplishments, so that outsiders can view the Heavenly Tree planted in the Garden of our soul, by the bubbling well of "Everlasting life."

The average tree, and its branches, are also subject to the attacks of insects, worms, and fungus diseases that would destroy it as the branches attempt to climb. "The cares of life, and the deceitfulness of riches . . . " all these seem to typify this thought, for they are the forces that war against the OUTWARD REACH of any soul, who truly wants to exhibit Christ to a gainsaying world.

Who has not witnessed a thoughtless person's act against a beautiful tree? Boys swinging on tender limbs; lovers carving their initials deeply into the tender trunks; nails driven into the heart of the tree to support hammocks and clothes lines. The tree grows around these hurts, but they still hinder its development. would think people did not appreciate beauty in nature to see all the present-day destruction of flowers and foliage.

So, too, in the spiritual realm, there are those who hurt, wound, bite, devour, and disfigure those who are striving for the OUT-WARD REACH of their soul's aspirations toward the blue. Cutting words and unkind slander likewise, have bruised many a soul. Picture a Sunday School teacher who has tirelessly worked to give her many students a knowledge of the Word of God, only to have the pastor remove her in favour of someone more popular and with a different personality. See that pastor's gray hair? His congregation put it there by their unchristian attitude the time he erred in judgment. Lay-members make a thousand mistakes, and little is said (if the man of God even hints this or that is not right, a conflict is stirred), but let the man of God make a mistake . . . scars, broken branches, and the hoped-for OUTWARD REACH of "spiritual branches running over the wall" is forever hindered! Help us, dear Lord!

The Victory of the Tree To be able to get "over the wall" is the joy of Nature for the tree, and another triumph over the many hindrances. In so doing. (Continued on page 6)

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Meditations by Moore....

As far as firearms are concerned, REPEATERS are still comparatively new, but as to gossipers and backbiters, they are as old as the Bible.

Matt. 23:33. (HOW CAN YE ESCAPE THE DAMNATION OF HELL?) Surely there are multitudes of Christian Professors, who are walking back of the light of the Word of God, in neglect of prayer, fasting, contributing to God's work, witnessing for the Lord, and in many other ways. Shall we consider a few things concerning the list given.

PRAYER: The Word has much to say concerning prayer. Jesus said, "Watch and pray." Two ways of watching in prayer, watch for His appearing, and watch self-life to keep in preparation. He surely didn't mean that we should watch this pleasuremad world, with its wealth, fashions and frolic, with greedy lustful eyes while we prayed. Then let us think of real prayer. He said enter into your closet; secret prayer; open rewards. But who today has time to pray. Many church services are conducted and no one has definitely prayed for their success, and how could they be anything but a failure.

FASTING: This subject is mentioned much, and Jesus speaks of His followers as obeying this part of His Word. (I was up and made a note of this this morning between 3:30 and 4:00 o'clock, but I confess that I began to feel hungry.) This would come under "denying self." Can we neglect to carry out the commands of God and feel safe, and escape being lost.

GIVING: We are admonished to give. Tithes and offerings. "Let not your left hand know what your right hand doeth" (Matt. 6:3). How many give, but according to Bible, know not what is given. Jesus didn't die to make us rich in this world's goods, but rather that we might have eternal life.

WITNESSING: "Ye are my witnesses." We witness, not only by word of mouth, but by our

appearance, where we are seen, the company we keep, etc. Are we living the Word, or are we walking OUT of light, and are stumbling hither and thither in spiritual darkness?

Trials and Triumph at Shamokin

By Rev. Earl Deetz, Jr.

In September of 1961 our General Conference sent us to Shamokin, Pennsylvania, where we went after feeling led of God after much prayer. We found the building in which the people were worshipping to be very small and in poor condition. The roof leaked, and the building - of cement block construction — had cracked to the extent that one could see through to the outside. The number was small, only about 15 regular ones, but may God bless those who held on even under such conditions, building-wise.

A Backward Glance

The Church had its beginning under the ministry of Rev. John F. White, who laboured five years, and was succeeded by Rev. Ray-Sassaman of Beaver mond Springs, Pa., who served as supply pastor for three months, but left to fill the pulpit of the Allentown pastor, Rev. Fred Watson, who had been injured in a serious accident. Rev. Miss Ellen Bressler supplied the pulpit after Reverend Sassaman's ministry and remained here until we came in September of 1959.

Problems - But God's Presence

When we entered the service that night, under the direction of the supply pastor, God comforted our hearts and told us that if we were faithful He would help us in many ways. We didn't accept the responsibility of this congregation because it would profit us in a financial way, for we received eight or ten dollars a week at the first. The church had about \$100.00 in the treasury when we arrived, and paid rent for the lit-

tle building. The treasurer, Calvin Derck, and I contacted the landlord about purchasing the building, so that we could improve it, and make it more presentable, but his price was set firmly at \$2,400.00, which we felt was too much, but, having no money to work with we secured a lease drawn giving us the right to remodel the building, and to rent it for ten years at no increase, with an option to buy.

We Begin To Remodel

We announced our plans for construction, and to the suprise of many, God sent men in from other churches to help us. One of these men, Rev. Mark Miller, is now a local pastor in God's Missionary Church. Brother Miller, Brother Derck, and a few other men came, and we began to build. There was no parsonage up to this time, but we moved in our house trailer, and the folks were thrilled to have a pastor live among them.

The old building was 26 feet long and 22 feet wide, and we decided that the auditorium should be at least 40 feet long. While the men worked, Sister Deetz cooked the meals, and the people brought in all sorts of provisions.

Rev. Fred Watson, and the people from the Allentown Church, were engaged to come to Shamokin shortly after we were stationed here, and Brother Watson raised \$350.00 that night with pledges to get us started. Thank the Lord.

The Money Came Rolling In!

One day a woman came to the trailer and handed Mrs. Deetz \$50.00 for the new building, and some came with \$100.00, and others with \$10.00 or \$25.00, and it just kept coming in until the building was going along well, for on December 25 we were moved in. There was still completion work to do, but the inside was beautiful. The Sunday School had come up to 35 by now, and in three months we were supported by the Church, and they paid our electric and gas, giving us about thirty dollars a week.

The Victories of Dedication Week

We planned our dedication for January 17, 1960, with the Rev. George I. Straub as the speaker, and planned a revival to follow with Rev. Earl Deetz, my father,

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News Flashes from the Missionaries

Shueys In Fiorida: "We earnestly covet your prayers as we labor for the Lord here on the Island of Key West among the Cubans, for thousands of Cubans live here. We have a Cuban girl, who formerly attended our Church, living with us now. We are laboring here on faith, trusting the Lord to supply our needs, just 90 miles from Cuba."

Mr. & Mrs. Carl Shuey 1401 Truman Avenue Key West. Florida

Reverend Seymore Reports Victory

Although news coming out of Cuba is scarce, we understand that our Brother Seymore is continuing his ministry, and he reports many victories among the people. Pray for him.

Sister Harriman Ready for Peru. South America

"The Cuban situation looks bad and since there doesn't look like much chance of returning I am planning to go to Peru. South America, and have my passcort and visa here at the Peruvian Consulate, but my fare and support has not come in. I believe the Lord has called, and that He will provide. The trip to Peru will cost much more than Cuba, and I should have a deposit for my return fare to pass the Peruvian Immigration requirements. Please pray with me for I thirk the Gospel will do more in these Latin American countries to defeat Communism than U.S. money. My only desire is to see souls saved. May the Lord bless and keep you.

Mrs. Ruth Harriman 2951 N.W. 29th Street Miami. Florida

News from the Dark Continent

Killingsworth Mission Liberia, West Africa

Dear Praver Warriors.

"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye always, having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." II Cor. 9:8. "Not that we are sufficient of ourselves, to think anything as of ourselves, but our sufficiency is of God." II Cor. 3:5. God is well able and our sufficiency has truly been of Him, as we seek to do His will here in Africa. It seems as though many months have passed since we last wrote to you, who are coworkers with us in the kingdom of God, so please forgive the delay. We shall try to make up for it by telling you some of the things that have taken place since the last prayer letter.

We have heard rumors that spring has at last arrived there in America, and we are glad for you, for we know that you experienced a long, cold winter. Since it is summer here all of the time, your missionaries have been as cozy and warm as the African sun can make one. Therefore our school



Bonnie and Barbara

opening that came in March was not followed by falling leaves and cool weather as yours in America. Would you like to visit our school here at the mission, deep in the interior, where some of the children walk for miles from distant villages in order to "know books" as they call it?

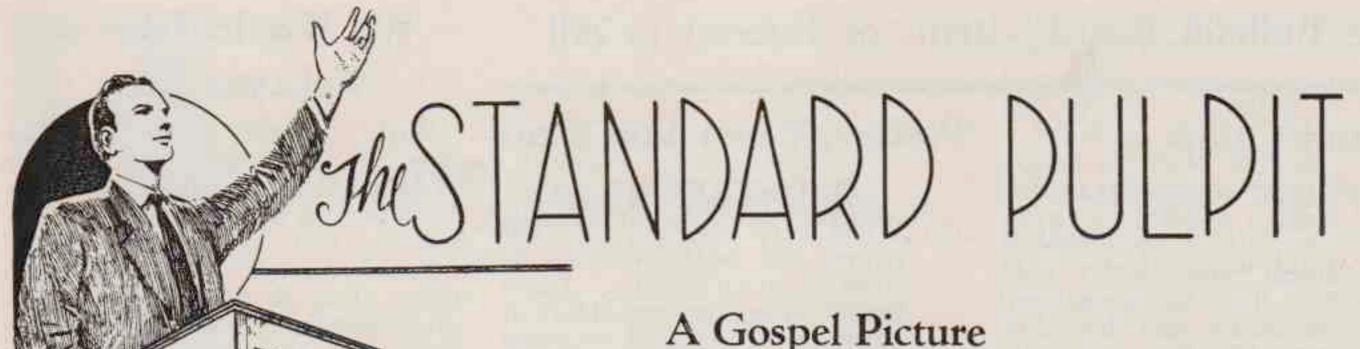
A Visit To School

All right, let's go to school. You must arise at 5 a.m. when the bell rings, then there is another bell at 5:45 when all the boys go to work, which lasts till 6:45 when they come scampering back from the cassava farm or from cutting grass to take their bath in the creek and eat their breakfast. All of the rush is in order that they will not be late for chapel which begins at 7:30. Come now and have a seat on our front porch

girls sit singing songs in Gola and English. Songs like, "When I See the Blood," "The Old Rugged Cross," and "I Will Make You Fishers of Men." After a season of prayer is offered either in Gola or in English to our Heavenly Father, Who needs no interpreter, one of your two missionaries or our native teacher reads a portion of the Word and explains it . . . not once, but twice . . . first in English, then in Gola so that the non-English speaking children receive the message also. Chapel is ended with the singing of the Liberian anthem and then we separate into our classes. Barbara takes her children to the kitchen at the back of our house. I proceed to our overseer's house and use their front porch, while our native teacher remains on our porch to teach the majority of our pupils who are Primers and First Graders, and include all of our non-English speaking children. Classes will last until 12:30 and they include the three "Rs" along with spelling, geography, science, etc. The morning passes quickly and soon the sun is high in the sky and it is time for school to dismiss . . . and you will have discovered by this time that our children have a real eagerness to learn and this makes their teachers very thankful. It also keeps them carrying the little ones to the throne, asking the Lord to give them wisdom in teaching them so that they will become dedicated students, committed always to doing the will of God. Pray with us that our desires shall be granted. Pray also for our day school children, as swollen rivers, and drenching downpours will make it more difficult for them to attend during the rainy season. Praise the Lord with us for giving us these dear children to care for and teach, and also for supplying all our needs for the school.

where 39 little boys and five little

Dispensary Labors
The dispensary labors have been
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A Gospel Picture

By Dr. Joshua Stauffer (Continued from last issue)

Editor's Note: Some response has been received from our appeal for those interested in obtaining this beautiful Old Testament Study of Types and Shadows by our good Dr. Stauffer. We feel there are many more who are interested in obtaining these items in booklet form at a very nominal price. Please write us your feelings on the matter: Editor, P. O. Box 376, Milesburg, Pa.

The Homeward Journey

The journey back took many days of traveling. However, the time is not mentioned. We read of Eliezer starting, and as far as the record goes, the next instant he arrived. This is in keeping with the Scriptures. Inspiration did not record the events of the journey. This clearly prefigures the rapture and home-going of the saints. This is revealed to take place suddenly in a moment, even as the coming of the Holy Spirit was sudden. It is declared to be in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, that is, quicker than we can bat our eyes, it all will be over. One instant the Spirit and the Church will be here and the next they will be up in the heavens. Distance is no barrier to the Holy Spirit.

The Eventide

It was at the eventide that Isaac went out into the field to meditate. His thoughts were on the servant, the bride and the return of the camels. It also was at eventide, the time of the setting of the sun and the close of the day that the camels returned. Our heavenly Isaac, too, is meditating, praying and waiting for the return of the Spirit and the Bride. It will be eventide when the Christ of glory will hear the signal from the Father, "Son go." With a shout He will meet the Spirit and the Bride, as the eventide has come, and this age is drawing to a close, even as the heavenly Isaac starts down, so the heavenly Eliezer with the heavenly Rebekah will start up. These will meet in the air, and together, will return to the heavenly home.

The South Country

Isaac dwelt in the south country, near the well Lahairoi, at Hebron. The south country is where the sun shines, the birds sing, the flowers bloom and the climate is delightful. In part, this pre-figures heaven, the place of delight and where sorrows never come. This is the abode of Christ, where He is waiting for the gathering of the saints.

Rebekah Taken into Sarah's Tent

The journey being ended, Rebekah took a veil and covered her face. She was modest and of a retiring disposition. In this she manifested her wisdom. Before Isaac looked into her face and she was introduced to him, the servant must tell him of

the journey and the remarkable answer to prayer in winning her. No doubt all things which were told to Isaac greatly impressed him that God was in it and this helped to add to his assurance that she was God's choice for him. Isaac then brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. This signified the place of authority. Sarah had been the mistress, but had died. Upon the completion and gathering out of the Church, she will be caught up into heaven, into the Father's house. This is the supreme place of authority from whence all rule and power transcends.

The Marriage

The journey of Eliezer and the selection of the bride he made were satisfactory to Abraham and Isaac. We read that Isaac "took Rebekah and she became his wife." This is all that is recorded of the marriage. In keeping with the custom of the times. marriage was a very public affair. It also was a time of rejoicing and feasting. God instituted marriage. He united the first human pair and declared them to be one. In marriage, the bride assumes the name of the groom upon herself, for she becomes a part of him, and all that he has, she, too, will have. Rebekah now was as rich as Isaac. Very little is written in the Bible as to the marriage of the Lamb. The blessed fact of this mysterious union is stated. The glories that follow are yet to be revealed. We know that a supper will follow the marriage of the Lamb, then after the supper, will come the wedding tour. Christ and all the saints of heaven will return to earth on white horses, which are a symbol of swiftness and aggression. He will set up His kingdom and with the Lamb's wife will rule over the earth. Christ's name will be on the foreheads of the overcomers. The Lamb's wife will be joint heir with Him to share His glory, His kingdom and His rule.

Isaac Loved Rebekah

The inspired record reads, "And she became his wife; and he loved her: and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death." This is the second mention of love in the Bible. Isaac first took Rebekah to become his wife, and then loved her, or, having loved her from the moment he met her, he continued to love her after he had married her. This is not always so among men. Too often men and women love more in their courtship and before marriage than they do after marriage. This is not the right course for a happy married life. Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for her. His love is eternal. The marriage will be an eternal relation which will never be dissolved.

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The Bulletin Board-Items of Interest to All

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- (3) Mark if it is a new subscription or a renewal.
- (4) Include some for your new converts, aged or indigent people, as well as the local County institutions in your area.

Young People, Want a Good Project?

Write the Business Manager, or the Editor, and get a bundle of back numbers of the STANDARD and distribute them in the local county institutions where you live. The County Homes, Hospitals, Jails, Libraries, etc. all would enjoy them. Include sufficient postage for the papers you request. Another way you could be a blessing would be to see that every local institution near you gets the STANDARD regularly at their reading table. It is always a thrill to go to a public hospital or reading room and see Gospel papers there among the other secular reading material. Doctors' offices also make good literature depots. Many doctors will permit it, if you request permission to lay several issues at a time, and mark them, "Please Take Home with You."

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Re-read the Missionary letters, and other communications, and pray for our Missionaries, who have left home and family, and have gone to the "ends of the earth" with the Gospel News! A few lines dropped off to them would greatly encourage them. Check on postage rates for overseas mailing.

We Would Like to Welcome You!

With the past several issues, some of you are getting the STANDARD for the first time. Perhaps you do not enjoy it. We hope you do! We cannot think of a better way for you to invest a dollar than to drop it off to us with your name and address, and we'll send the Gospel your way by mail each month. If you are reading a sample copy, please consider it to be the personal invitation of the Editor to you to subscribe today. Why not include a subscription for your family members, or for a neighbor you have been praying for? God bless you! Write us if we have been a blessing through the ministry of the printed page. You may have a favorite poem, a testimony, or some other item you would want included. Address the Editor today at P. O. Box 376, Milesburg, Pa.

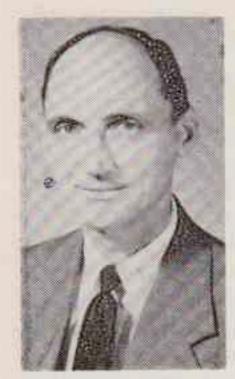
The Outward Reach

the tree becomes a blessing to passersby, for if flowers are in season, beauty is the scene, but if fruit is in season, refreshment is in order. What better two-fold expression of old-time religion, and its products, could we find than beauty and refreshment? The Old Testament priest's garments were designed for "beauty and for glory" according to Moses.

It is the fulfilment of the tree's desire to be able to escape its limitations and appear in a new freedom, outside its ordinary confines, to be seen of all, and yet to refer all to the tree, located in the beautiful courtyard of the soul, by the bubbling well. If the "branch" is so beautiful, what must the tree be like? What deep spiritual lessons here!

So, too, the soul that has been a part of the Tree, the Living Tree, will find an outreach of soul, stretching for the heights of blessings and glory, to be a living witness, and a channel of delight for the cause of God.

Be sure you are a spiritual Joseph, "A fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well, whose branches run over the wall."
—Editorial by Thomas E. Frantz



The Elder's Message

Hell: Where It Is: What It Is: and Who's Going There!

The word, "Hell," is very shocking and distasteful to this pleasure-loving world, and almost obsolete to the modern minister and church, for little by little the idea of there being a Hell is losing its place in the proclamation of the Gospel. Since people do not want to hear anything that will unsettle them, they prefer men in the pulpit who can joke, tell funny stories, and tickle their ears. This is in perfect harmony with Paul's Epistle to Timothy, where he stated: "The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." 2 Tim. 4:3, 4.

What Saith the Scriptures?

The Scriptures have been very careful to give this fearful doctrine a conspicuous place; and so long as our preachers gave this subject due emphasis, a stalwart type of believer was the result. None of us will dispute the fact that the Bible teaches us God is a God of love. It is the love side that most folk enjoy hearing, as it has a tendency to console folks in their carnal security. While God is a God of love, He is also a God of wrath, for this is revealed in the flood of Noah's day, and also in the destruction of wicked Sodom and Gomorrah.

The people of this age, like those in the days of Noah, have become so accustomed to sin, and every violation of God's law, that a Gospel played on the soft pedal is powerless to move man any more. Sin no longer alarms men; the fear of God is no longer before society. Preachers have played to the vanity of society until there is

a fearful disregard for holy commandments of the Word.

Nothing so pleases and gratifies the covetous, lecherous, pleasureblinded men and women of society, as to hear a gospel that eliminates the existence of Hell.

Moses was an authority and well-versed in the laws of God, and gave us these words, "For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and shall burn unto the lowest Hell, and shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains." Deut. 32:22.

Hell - Where It Is . . .

As to its location, Isaiah leaves no room for doubt or argument as he speaks of it as being down or somewhere beneath us. "Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming, it stirreth up the dead for thee." Isa. 14:9. He further states, "Therefore, Hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth shall descend into it." Isa. 5:14. In this latter verse he uses the word, "Descend," which harmonizes with the word, "Beneath."

Science teaches us that the bowels of this earth are full of fire. It would be foolish to deny this as we are all well aware of the fact that there is fire beneath causing volcano action to erupt and blow off the tops of mountains and cover up cities with their smoke and brimstone.

What mean these mighty earthquakes that shake down cities, and destroy thousands of lives and millions of dollars in property? It is believed to be none other than the explosion of accumulated gases of the fire of Hell, seeking on outlet. The volcano acts as a safetyvalve or otherwise this earth would be torn to pieces or blown to smithereens!

Hell . . . What It Is . . .

What is Hell? This is a universal question, and one that sinful man makes a joke of. Christ gave us a view of what it is like in Luke 16:22-31, and we would do well to become serious-minded, and think on some of the things he draws our attention to in the life of the rich man who opened his eyes in this terrible place. To him it was by no means a joke, as he cried, prayed, and begged. To him, Hell was a school room as he learned more in one minute than he ever knew before. He discovered there is more to life than silver and gold. There are those today who would make us believe God is too loving and kind to consign one to a place of suffering and torment. Since man is a free moral agent he is called upon to decide for himself where he will spend eternity. This is made clear by Joshua 24:15: "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve." There is one thing certain. We can't be servants of sin and righteousness at the same time. For this reason we are called upon to make a choice between death and life, good and evil, heaven and

The rich man took three things with him into this awful place of the doomed: Memory, Conscience, and Reason. These three things will accompany every lost soul.

(1) Reason is the power of distinguishing between right and wrong.

(2) Memory is the mind's power of preserving and knowing its past history.

(3) Conscience is the sole survivor of the Fall and serves as the umpire of the heart, if not seared, and allowed to function it takes sides with God.

Memory retains the knowledge of past events, as this is made clear in the words to the rich man, "Son, remember." Since the soul that ignores God, His laws, and His commandments is to be punished, how can he know for what he is being punished unless he remembers those deeds he has done against God.

The rich man in our lesson knew why he was in Hell, and at no time did he accuse God of being unjust and unfair in consigning

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The Simple Gospel

By Rev. Jack White

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man cometh unto the father but by me." John 14:6.

In this day of great spiritual confusion, where there are many beliefs and each one declaring that his teaching is the only right way, it is good to know that the Bible clearly points out the only way to Heaven. In the Scripture used as a text for this sermon, Jesus answers Philip's question, "How can we know the way?" Many people today are asking this same question over and over again. I wish my readers to take special note of one important factor before we get into the three-point answer Jesus gave to Philip's question. This is not man's idea. This statement does not belong to any one church or group of people, but it came from the lips of Jesus Himself. This verse carried Divine authority. This great message of Christ will stand forever. The Bible declares that the Word of God was settled in heaven before the foundations of the earth. Jesus said that His words would never pass away. You may be sure that no matter what your ideas may be, regardless of what you may have read in man's writings, or learned under man's teaching, the facts stated in John 14:6 are final as far as God is concerned. Heed them and you will have Eternal Life.

"I am the Way . . . "

Jesus is telling Philip that no man can find Eternal Life only through Him. Peter and Paul, as well as others, have declared this to be true, also. In their writing it is recorded that "There is no other name given among men under heaven, whereby we must be saved." We also read: "There is one mediator between God and Man, the man Christ Jesus." We are saved through faith by the blood of Jesus. Teachings that baptism saves one is false, because there is no blood shed abroad in the heart by this act. The observance of the Lord's Supper is only done in remembrance of Him . . . there is no blood applied to the heart of man in this act. Jesus said to the great Jewish ruler, Nicodemus, "Ye must be born again . . . by water and by the blood." Only Christ's blood

can make atonement for our sins. Jesus by death on the cross redeemed us back to God. He is the door of the sheepfold, and no man can enter but by him. You as a sinner, must come directly to Christ, and ask forgiveness of your sins, and be willing to forsake evil with His help. He must forgive you if you confess with sincerity. It is recorded in 1 John 1:9: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." The way to heaven is not by joining a Church, by worshipping a cross, but by accepting the Son of God, Jesus Christ, for He is "THE WAY."

"I AM THE TRUTH."

God is always honest with us. This can be proven many places in the Scriptures. The rich young ruler, when seeking eternal life, asked Christ what he lacked yet, and he was simply, truthfully told that he was to sell what he had and give it to the poor and to take up his cross and follow the Christ. Jesus told the woman at the well what her trouble was: she was living in sin. If you really want to know what is wrong with you spiritually, ask God, for He will not keep you in the dark. The Word tells us it is the "truth" that sets us free. When one knows his trouble he can do something about it. Now there is a danger of not heeding the truth. We are warned about a searing of our conscience as if it were with a hot iron: this is a result of not heeding the Truth. God promised that His Spirit would not "always strive with man," so if the Holy Spirit is making you uncomfortable about some things you are doing, or if you feel uneasy over one of your habits, do thank God for the fact that you are now brought face to face with the Truth. The Truth is the only road marker that points to the Way very clearly. Jesus said, "Thy Word is truth." Indeed, the "Word of God is sharper than any two-edged sword."

"I AM THE LIFE."

A man can be existing a long time without being alive. Life begins when one seeks and accepts Christ, for man only begins to live when he is free from sin. Satan enslaves man to sinful wants and wishes, as sinful habits control the person trapped by them. The Bible declares the fact that the

"Wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is Eternal life through Jesus Christ." A church can give you spiritual guidance; baptism can give you Christian reputation; communion brings spiritual blessings, but only Christ can give you eternal life. In history we read of a Spanish explorer who came to the Florida area looking for a fountain that would give eternal youth. We know no such fountain exists, but we do know, however, that there is a stream that flows from Calvary that washes away sin, and gives eternal life. Jesus died that we might live, for HE IS THE LIFE!

Conclusion

Jesus closes this Scripture with a stern reminder that no man comes to the Father unless they take this way. Do you know Christ as your personal Saviour? He is the WAY to heaven. Have you asked Him to reveal the Truth about yourself to you? He will, for He is the Truth. Are you alive unto God? If you have met Him, you have life, for He is the LIFE. Where can I meet him? That is not hard to answer. Fall to your knees now, call upon God in prayer, and you'll soon find the Son of God at hand to aid you. Today is the day of salvation. Call upon the Lord while He may be found, seek Him while He is near.

A Very Impressive Show In Russia

Early in July, 1961, the world witnessed many new and very advanced models of modern warplanes being flown in the Air Show in Russia. Planes that appeared to be much larger and faster than our B-52 Stratojets flew by at several times the speed of sound. Helicopters with jet motors lifted small houses from the ground, and one plane imitated the best features of both plane and helicopter with an advanced power wing design. A delta winged bomber whizzed by at a high rate of speed. Western observers think that all of this muscle-flexing is to make the world believe Russia is going to be very tough about the Berlin question. Meanwhile, here in America, the

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Our Losses

Gerald Little, who was born March 6, 1907, was called by God from the City Hospital at Akron, Ohio, on Sunday morning, July 9, 1961. Memorial services were held in Ohio, and also at Milesburg at the Wetzler Funeral Chapel on July 13, at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Little had fought a losing battle with illness, and only recently had visited his wife's mother, Mrs. Anna Reeder of the Milesburg Pike near Bellefonte, only to have to return home because of additional suffering and pain.

He is survived by his wife, his father, his daughter, and a grand-child, in addition to Mrs. Anna Reeder, his mother-in-law, who attends the Church in the Valley at Milesburg.

Our pastor, Rev. Thomas E. Frantz, conducted the memorial services at Milesburg. Interment at Union Cemetery, Bellefonte.

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Revival Announcements Due Soon

Let our ministers remember that all material for publication is to be at the Editor's desk by the first day of the month previous to the month mentioned on the masthead. For instance, for material to be included in October's issue, it must be in the hands of the Editorial staff by September 1, and no later, as it takes time to properly prepare the material for the printer. We have a fine

Christian printshop working for us, and we must give them all due consideration to have the material in their hands in time. Do NOT ask-us to extend the deadline, please!



A Very Impressive Show In Russia

air force has again caught a home run in the "ballpark" area of the Pacific, when the instrument package from an explorer was safely caught in mid-air minutes after it had separated from a rocket that had made dozens of trips around the world in outer space. It looks as though Americans are getting closer to the time when a man will be returned from orbit, as the Russians claim their man did before Alan Shepard went aloft on May 5, last.



The Pastor And His Relationship to God

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wholehearted co-operation. (We are altogether too cozy and comfortable. The spirit of militant, conquering faith is lacking.)

In the city of Paris, France, a monument has been erected to the French Huguenots who suffered martyrdom for Christ. The inscription reads as follows: Hammer away ye hostile hands,

Your hammer breaks, God's anvil stands.

Concerning the early Christians it was said, "These are they which have turned the world upside down." Theirs was a holy movement. They did not waste their time building block houses. Their task was to build the walls of Jerusalem. We have played with toys instead of fighting for kingdoms. We may organize camp meetings and attend more conferences, but unless, day by day, we wage an aggressive warfare against sin and the devil we will be defeated piteously. Will the downward trend, and the increase of infidelity, doubt, and skepticism ever be halted? Will peace ever come to the world?

Three major means of stemming the tide have been suggested. First, another global war. This may come, but it will only bring about the near annihilation of the human race. Some say it will take a world revival. The Scripture tells us that in the latter days there will be a great falling away. Lukewarmness will characterize the age. This then, is not the solution. The third answer will provide the only remedy for this poor sick world: the coming of the Prince of Peace.

One day he will get this old world off the rocks of ruin. The fires of sin will forever be put out. God shall quell the storm which now rages. Faith lights the way through the blinding darkness. The morning cometh. With God the church is now building the kingdom in the shadows. Let us be faithful to God and the sacred

trust.

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Trials and Triumph at Shamokin

(Continued from page 3) as the evangelist. We still didn't own the building, but we had our eyes set for that goal, much to the surprise of the landlord. The banker whom I contacted said that our goal of \$500.00 for dedication was a large sum for Shamokin, with the chronic unemployment, and our Superintendent swallowed rather hard, too, when I told him about the goal. But on Monday morning I went to the bank with \$576.00 from that Dedication Service. Amen! This put the building in our column, and soon we purchased the next door lots for a parking area, and a parsonage on Diamond street.

The outside of the building was finished through the help of a number of brethren, including Reverend H. Ray Styers, pastor at the Pillow congregation. Trees and other evergreens added to the

beauty of the exterior.

Sunday School Rooms Added

The church continued to grow and we were made to realize that we needed Sunday School rooms. We had all the classes meet in the Sanctuary, and it was too full, but there was no basement, so the men of the church began to dig it out by hand. What a job! There was only a small footer under the wall, so the building had to be underpinned, and much concrete, mostly mixed by hand, was used to strength it. What a beautiful result! We still needed more room ,so we extended the building to provide an annex, rest rooms, nursery, and pastor's study.

Again. Rev. H. Ray Styers came our way, and saved us much

money.

We have just had our dedication of our Sunday School annex with Rev. Thomas E. Frantz as our speaker, and again money was raised to meet our financial needs of the Shamokin Church. people are still coming in, and we still don't have enough room. We had 96 in Sunday School last week, and 100 this past Sunday. In addition to all our projects the young people have purchased a new Conn organ, and also just recently presented the church with a set of Schulmerich Chimes, valued at \$700.00. Thanks be unto God for all He has done for us. Pray for us in His vineyard!

Editor's Note: We were with this growing congregation recently, and enjoyed our ministry among them. They are a free group, and had a good spirit among them. Our prayer is that they may stay in the middle of the King's Highway, and win many souls to Christ. —Thomas E. Frantz



Hell: Where It Is:

him to this place of misery and suffering. He did pray for water and complained of the flames and the intense heat, requesting that one from the dead should be sent back to warn his brothers and save them from a similiar fate. His prayer was unanswered as he was now beyond redemption's point. This teaches us Hell is the sinner's jail, a place of discord, where truth is seen but too late.

Hell: Who Will Be There?
In Psalms 9:17, the Psalmist
David saw "the wicked turned into
Hell, and all nations that forget
God.";

Forgetfulness is listed among the cardinal sins of the Bible, and should be regarded as a direct enemy of God and the soul. It begins with indifference, lack of interest, and finally graduates to a total disregard for any and all things that pertain to one's salvation. Too many times man presumes on the mercies of God, and takes for granted all will come out well in the end. This is a very dangerous attitude for anyone to take as it finally leads to wreck and ruin. David saw the wicked turned out of their course of pleasure, frivolity, lust, and fun.

The scope of this turning is very clear: "All nations that forget God." Failing to recognize God along the way makes room for Communism and the moral and spiritual breakdowns as seen in the world today. Not only the drunkard, the gambler, the thief, the harlot, robber, murderer . . . all of these be "turned into Hell," but all those who "Know to do God's will (Good) and do it not," will also join in the march to the prison of the damned.

Many who have sat in churches and heard the Word and failed to recognize the call of God will also be among that number, for Ecc. 8:10 tells us: "And I saw the wicked buried, who had come and gone from the place of the holy, and they were forgotten in the city where they had so done." Let this be a solemn warning to all as there is a burning Hell at the end of a Christ-less life.



A Gospel Picture

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Conclusion: This Old Testament history of father Abraham, son Isaac, servant Eliezer and bride Rebekah, in its reality, its love, its interest and its beauty, constitutes a prophetic forecast, even a figure of a more interesting, more glorious, more blessed event which will come to pass by virtue of the blessed Triune God, the Incarnation of Christ, Calvary, the coming of the Holy Spirit, the gathering out of the Church and the marriage of the Lamb.

God the Father is the heavenly Abraham, Christ the Son is the heavenly Isaac, the Holy Spirit is the heavenly Eliezer, heaven is the heavenly Canaan, the Church is the heavenly Rebekah, and the calling of the Church is a heavenly calling. The marriage of the Lamb and the Bride will be a heavenly marriage, which will be a heavenly and eternal union. The winning of the Church for Christ by the Holy Spirit will be an infinitely greater feat than the winning of Rebekah for Isaac. The love of Christ for the Church will be infinitely greater than the love of Isaac for Rebekah.

News from the Dark Continent

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lessened because of the approaching rains, since many of them have to come from distances and therefore are now unable to travel so far in such weather, especially those who are very ill. Many, many times God has wonderfully answered prayer concerning our sick folks and we would like to tell you of all the instances, but that is not possible so we shall mention only a few. An elderly man came to us with a deep cavity on his face, which had a very offensive odor and we feel that it is cancer. After dressing it and giving him some medicine, we took him to the Lord in prayer asking Him to undertake . . . and He did, for in a matter of days his face was much better and the odor was gone. He is a professing Christian and has been attending church. Another woman was brought to us in a hammock, who had recently given birth to a baby and was very ill. We gave her an injection and some other medicine. Then we committed her to the Saviour, Who has healing in His wings, and again God answered prayer. In only a day or two, she came to the mission, walking alone and praising the Lord. We were praising Him too.

Injuries Treated

So many children are brought to us too and these last months have seen us meeting some unusual cases. A little boy came having six fingers on each hand, rather than five, and these extra ones were removed. Each time we called on the Lord and He gave us strength and wisdom. Barbara takes care of the surgical work and I try to assist where I can. Then about three weeks ago, one of our own little boys was badly cut by falling in some glass, making a deep gash in his leg just below the knee. It bled profusely and needed to be sutured. We brought him into the house and while lying on the table, he received six stitches in his wound. He was frightened and we were very concerned, but the Lord heard us when we prayed and all was well. How very thankful we are for His assistance in all that we do and we feel that we work hand in hand with the Great Physician. Pray much for our patients that they shall not only be touched physically, but also spiritually. God has very graciously kept your missionaries well and healthy too, and malaria, that even attacks new missionaries, has not touched us. Bless His Name!

A Visit from the Chief

Much to our delight the Paramount Chief of our area visited our Sunday services one beautiful day and stayed throughout the preaching. Afterwards he made a little speech of his own, to thank us for coming to Africa to help his people. He asked the people to support us in every way and to follow the Lord. But he is not a Christian and so we earnestly ask you to pray much for him that the Lord will get to his heart so that he shall be able to lead his people in ways of truth. Our services are well attended and most of the time the town chief comes to worship with us, bringing his people with him.

Down on the Farm

Along agricultural lines, our cassava farm has all been planted and now the boys are kept busy keeping the weeds from taking over. But we feel right now that they are more interested in cutting and clearing a section of the bush which they are going to use for a football field. We have promised them a ball and they want to be prepared. Repairs on our schoolhouse have almost been completed and soon we shall be moving in. Mother Mae very kindly lent us one of her carpenters who has been of much help in the work. God had provided us with a zine roof for the building and we thank Him for this. It shall also be used for a Chapel and Sunday services.

The Life of a Missionary
Being a missionary is a lot different than talking about being
one, or even preparing to be one,
but Barbara and I are learning
some new and precious lessons
here in Liberia in His will. The
trials, the burdens, the disappoint-

ments or the inconveniences are as nothing in the light of all that He has done for us, and it is still true that His yoke is easy and His burden is light. The Apostle Paul, one of the greatest missionaries, said to his people, "I will very gladly spend and be spent for you," and Barbara and I feel the same way about the souls here in Africa. We are not sorry that we have given our lives to see them saved by His power Divine. Your part is just as important as ours, as you pray and give in His name. May the Great Shepherd and Bishop of our souls ever bless you for your faithfulness and concern for the work here. Till next time, we send fondest greetings to all and admonish you to love one another and pray without ceasing.

In the service of the King, Barbara Harper and

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The Preachers' Own Page

The Pastor And His Relationship to God

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"Our sufficiency is of God; who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament" (II Corinthians 3:5,6).

The text gives us the underlying principle of success in the life of the greatest apostle of the early church. Ministers are made by God, not man.

Let us discuss the subject under four headings: (1) God and the man; (2) God and the ministry; (3) God and the message; and (4) God and the movement.

God and the man. The expression "self-made man" is not to be applied to ministers. Worldly success may be the reward of human aspirations without reliance on God, but the successful pastor must be a man of God's own heart. "Such a man is as a wick, dropped into oil and lighted by the fire of the Holy Ghost." The pastor may have vast potentialities and be endowed with natural gifts; he may be eloquent and dynamic, yet without God he can do nothing.

God is looking for holy men, God-fearing men, men with fired hearts as well as filled heads. Righteous living counts for everything. King Saul lost his kingdom because he failed at this point. God said, "To obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams." Conscientious and careful obedience to God is still the essential virtue. Give attention to the inner man and the outer life will tell for itself. The final forces are the spiritual forces. Christ put the emphasis on holy living. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

Association with Christ is essential to success in the pastor's life. The man who spends but little time in companionship with Jesus is doomed for failure. It was said of Peter and John, "They took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus." Kindly faces and shining faces gave testimony of Christ.

To be a successful pastor, one must be humble, holy, happy,

whole-hearted, and wholesome. These traits are not in evidence, unless the divine presence of God is practiced daily.

God and the ministry. What is the ministry of the pastor? He must be a preacher, a priest, a prophet, and sometimes a protester.

First, the pastor must be a preacher. His mission is to proclaim that men are lost and must be saved through Jesus Christ. Paul declares, "But we preach Christ crucified" (I Cor. 1:23). This is the great theme of the gospel. It takes a crucified life to preach a crucified Christ.

The ministry of the pastor is to win men to Christ. Dwight L. Moody once said, "God alone can save the world, but God cannot save the world alone." To accomplish this great work, the indwelling of the Holy Ghost is necessary.

Second, the pastor must be a priest. His duty is to offer sacrifices of prayer and praise. "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ" (I Pet. 2:5).

E. M. Bounds wrote the following: "Light praying will make light preaching. Talking to men for God is a great thing, but talking to God for men is greater. He never will talk well to men for God who has not learned well how to talk to God for men." Prayerless, passionless preachers never can win men to God.

Third, the pastor must be a prophet. He is as a watchman on the tower, announcing the approach of danger. We are sentinels on picket duty. To fail to warn will mean disaster to the church and the sentence of death to the watchman. "But if the watchman sees the sword come, and blows not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand" (Ezek. 33:6).

Fourth, the pastor must be a protester. The word Protestant means but little today. When the Protestant church came into exist-

ence, men were willing to die for the truths of the Bible. We live in a dangerous age. Worldliness and laxity is oozing into the church. The ministry, as well as the laity, is made the prey of Satan. The careless and irresponsible pastor drifts into the spirit of complacency while the church is unawakened and at ease in Zion. As we sleep, communism, modernism, and dead formality is percolating through the rank and file of religious life. From the top to the bottom there has been a terrible letting down in our standards of piety and holy living. It becomes the duty of the pastor to "cry aloud, spare not." This does not mean that we simply put on war paint and set out to abuse the sinner. We must preach the truth uncompromisingly, but we must preach it in love. Jesus was the best example of this type of preaching. Our preaching should be both destructive and constructive.

God and the message. The message must be God's message. "Preach the word." It is quick and powerful and sharper than a two-edged sword. Study God's Word for your own uplift. What blesses your own heart will bless others.

The sermon should be prayed down. Usually short sermons are more effective. A certain preacher had a motto placed on his pulpit where he could conveniently see it when preaching. It read, "If you can't strike something in twenty minutes, stop boring."

A good pastor will feed the flock a balanced diet. The sheep need to be fed as well as fleeced. They may need shearing at the proper time, but sheep would freeze if farmers sheared them as some pastors shear their flock. "Reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."

Preach the Word with earnestness.

God and the movement. These are momentous days. Titanic struggles are sweeping the world. Men are awakening to the fact that we are living in a world of conquest. This is the time for the church to awaken. A real forward movement should be put into effect and supported by hard work, sacrifice, and much prayer. The cry of battle which has been sounded by some of our general church leaders should not be silenced by indifference and lack of

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