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Let's Put Praise First

Dr. Wesley Duewel

Nothing is more blessed, nothing is more neglected, nothing is more urgent. Christian life can be transformed when praise is put first. Christian service can be endued with new power when praise fills the heart. Christian welfare can be turned into triumphant conquest when praise leads the way. We need to do something about putting praise first.

Prayer and praise must never be separated. Prayer and praise are the two wings by which our souls mount into the heavenlies. If either one is neglected, we fail to mount up with wings as eagles (Isa. 40:31). Prayer and praise are the two steps by which the army of the Lord marches forward. As surely as soldiers march always "left, right, left, right" so we must keep our praising as up to date as our praying if we would advance for God. All are in danger of neglecting prayer, and perhaps all are in even greater danger of neglecting praise. Many a prayer meeting would come to new life and power if men began to praise the Lord.

If there is anything that is a better gauge of the spiritual life than the prayer life, it is the praise life. Satan fears prayer. If there is anything which Satan fears more than prayer, it is praise. God waits to hear the voices of His children. It is the sweetest of music to His ear. If there is anything He delights to hear more than the voice of prayer and petition, it is the voice of praise and adoration. Prayer adds its sweet perfume to

the Christian's life. If there is anything which makes the Christian's life even more fragrant, it is praise. It is not a question of prayer or praise—we must keep the two together. If we are to pray without ceasing, much of the time should be given to praise.

PRAISE MAKES THE SOUL BEAUTIFUL

It is perhaps the most heavenly activity in which the soul can engage. A life filled with praise becomes almost angelic. Praise, thanksgiving, love, adoration—these make the life radiant. The Holy Spirit shines through the Christian's life that is saturated with praise. The Shekinah glory of God marks the life that rejoices ever more, in everything gives thanks, and radiates pure love for God and others. Praise adds sweetness to the voice! praise adds loveliness to the soul. Praise fills the life with song, the heart with joy, and adds a graciousness to all of life. Praise clothes with heaven's beauty.

PRAISE OPENS THE GATES TO BLESSING

Praise needs to be put literally first in prayer. It is significant that in the future prophesied glory, when our walls are "salvation" our gates will be "praise" (Isa. 60:8). "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise" (Psa. 100:4). There is no more worthy entrance into the presence of God than the entrance of praise. Praise opens the gates to

blessing. Praise opens the way to answered prayer. Praise opens the way to the very heart of God. "Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men! And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare His works with rejoicing" (Psa. 107:21-22).

PRAISE MULTIPLIES THE PRESENCE AND POWER OF THE LORD

It is a secret of the blessed life that praise not merely adds blessing, it multiplies every blessing of God. Praise fills the life with the atmosphere of heaven. There are times when it is not easy to praise. There are times when it is easier to pray than to praise. But "By Him... let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name" (Heb. 13:13). When you begin to praise, the disquiet of your heart, the restlessness and fear of soul begins to disappear like fog before sunshine. When you begin to praise, peace is blessedly multiplied within your soul. When you begin to praise, sorrow is turned to joy. When you begin to praise, grumbling and criticism is withered to the roots, the breath of heaven blows the clouds away, and you feel so clean and new again. When you begin to praise, Satan turns in terror and soon flees away.

PRAISING GOD OPENS YOUR HEART TO GOD

and to all His sweet heavenly influences. Praising God gives the Holy Spirit welcome and right of way in your life. Praising God lifts you above the trivial accusa-

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Thanks Be Unto God

The feeling of my heart this Thanksgiving season is best expressed in the words of the Apostle Paul to the church at Corinth, "Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ."

For Personal Victory

The first victory for which I am thankful, is my personal victory over sin, through the blood of Jesus Christ my Lord. One day I was a slave to sin. Sin that was sure to ruin me for this life, and damn my soul for eternity. I was helpless and undone until Jesus in love and mercy, reached down and lifted me up, saved my soul and transformed my life. I still have daily conflicts with the enemy of my soul, but thanks be unto God for sustaining grace and keeping power by which I am more than conqueror!

To me, this is the most important Victory. I may not be intelligent enough to win a contest; I may not have ability enough to win a game; I may not be fortunate enough to win an earthly prize, but I can still live in happiness and contentment as long as I know that I have Victory in Jesus.

For Physical Victory

As a Pastor visiting many people that are sick and shut-in I can't help, but praise God for my health. When I think of the blind, I thank God for Victory over blindness. When I think of the deaf I thank God that I can hear. When I think of the retarded, I thank God for a sound mind. I don't mean to express myself selfishly, but I am writing this as a personal testimony, and pray that it may help others to appreciate their God given blessings more. I fear that too many times when we the people

of the United States celebrate Thanksgiving, we are thinking more of the traditional pumpkin pie and roast turkey than we are of giving thanks to God for His bountiful blessings.

I have known people who could buy anything their heart desired, but their health was gone and they were most miserably unhappy. They could buy the best of food, but couldn't enjoy a good meal because they were too sick to eat it. This has taught me to appreciate Physical Victory more than all earthly possessions.

For Provisional Victory

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:" Ps. 103:2. The provisions of life and the benefits of grace which the Lord hath bestowed upon me are far more than I am worthy to receive.

In thinking over the benefits of grace, the first one that my heart rejoices in, is the privilege of being born in a Christian home. If it had not been for the Godly influence of a praying mother and father I would not be where I am today. I am equally thankful for the Church, to which Mother and Dad took me. My heart is burdened by the lack of Love, Appreciation and Respect for the Church. I fear that many are going to wake up to realize the value of the Church when it is too late. The Church is a God given provision which is sure to benefit your life if you go, and worship the Lord. Another benefit which is precious to me, is the fellowship with God's people. I also praise God for the abundant provision of Bibles whereby all may freely study the Word of God.

Surely we are a blessed people, for there are many other material provisions which space will not permit us to mention.

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!

—Kenneth Walter

Wedding at Church In The Valley, Shamokin

Ronald Schankweiler and Doris Carl were united in Holy Matrimony at the Church in the Valley, Bear Valley Ave., in Shamokin, Pennsylvania on Saturday October ninth at 2 P. M.

Rev. Earl L. Deetz Jr. officiated and the Rev. Charles William Wolfgang prayed the wedding prayer. Miss Carol Derk was the soloist and Miss Helen Miller presided at the organ.

A reception for friends and relatives was held at the Beulah Camp Meetings Grounds, Gordon, Pa.

The newly weds took a trip to Niagara Falls. When they return, they will reside at Elysburg, Pennsylvania.

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"The Abiding Newness of the Religion of Jesus Christ"

by Rev. Frederick McCulley,
of Syracuse, New York

This mesage was delivered to the Second Annual Interchurch Holiness Convention held at Penns Creek Camp Grounds, Penns. Creek, Pennsylvania, September, 1965.

Our text this morning is taken from the ninth chapter of Matthew's Gospel, the 7th verse. While you have your Bibles open, and follow in the King James Version, I will read from the Phillips translation: "Nor do people put new wine into old wineskins—otherwise the skin is ruined. But they put new wine into new wineskins and both are preserved."

It was the practice of Jesus to give the most profound truths in the most homely and unassuming packages. In our scripture lesson, the Master had met three sources of opposition to His teaching.

The Scribes had watched as men uncovered a roof and let a palsied man down to him. They charged Him in their minds with blasphemy when he forgave the sins of the palsied man. He asked them whether it were easier to forgive the man's sins or to heal him, and left them mumbling as He said to the sick of the palsy: "Arise, take up thy bed and go unto thine house."

The Pharisees had watched as He called Matthew the publican, and when He went to eat at his house, they said to His disciples: "Why eateth your master with publicans and sinners?" Jesus replied with words that were at once among the warmest and the coldest

ever spoken: "I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." Warm, I say to every man that has a humble sense of his helpless sinfulness. And cold to every man that justifies himself in self righteousness! such an attitude places men beyond redemption's reach!

Even the disciples of John the Baptist were puzzled by some things. "Why", they said, "do we and the Pharisees fast oft, but thy disciples fast not?" Jesus told them that in his kingdom these matters were governed by the higher rule of the personal presence of the sovereign prince and bridegroom, and that fasting would be unseemly in the presence of the one who brings fullness of joy.

Then, responding indirectly to all three objections, He verbally picked up a goatskin, and taught a truth so profound that many of the greatest theologians have missed it all together. He pointed to the well known fact that new wine is an expansive, dynamic force—that its container must be possessed of some degree of elasticity, that in consequence of this, new wine was stored in new skins that could stretch with the wine as it aged. No one puts "new wine into old wineskins, otherwise, the skins burst, the wine is spilled and the skin is ruined." He was saying that no religious institution of his day could contain the new wine of his kingdom! The priestly religion of the scribes, the prophetic tradition of the pharisees, the ascetic devotion of the disciples of the Baptist were alike incapable of containing the dynamic expansive force of the religion of Jesus Christ! In the Kingdom of Grace, the outward institutional was subservient to the inward organic. Christ's religion was alive with a newness that would rend every ancient re-

ligious system with the leaven of its thoughts.

Now, Roman Catholic scholars would profess little difficulty with this text. They would say: "It took Christianity about 800 years to expand fully, but now it is no longer 'new wine', it is old wine, and we have the wineskin. If you want a drink you will have to come to us."

The Lutherans feel that it finally reached its point of expansion with Luther, and that they have the real wineskin. I have in my library, a church history book written by a Lutheran minister. In it there is a chart in which the church is depicted as a highway leading I suppose to heaven. The road starts off with the Apostolic Church, and for a time heads straight for heaven, but alas, it soon veers off to the left in Roman Catholicism. Fortunately, right at the arc of the turn, where direction would be lost, the Lutheran Church takes over where Catholicism veered off and runs a straight course again. But, sad to relate, there are more deviations, The Anglican Church to the left, the Baptist, Presbyterian, and Methodist to the right. Still, the faithful Lutheran church holds her course, straight and unswerving, and it is to be assumed, qualifies as the real wineskin.

Some of the modern day Holiness churches think that it took about 1900 years to expand, and that it greatly diminished in its expansion, but that however small, they have the bottle and if you want a drink you will have to go with them!

The Ecumenicist feels that, notwithstanding its great age, it still has not reached a full peak of expansion, and will not until every denomination is merged into

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"On Giving Thanks"

by A. B. Simpson

When should we give thanks? "In every thing give thanks." It was when the darkest clouds were accumulating around Him that Jesus rejoiced in spirit and said, "I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth." It was when Paul and Silas were bleeding from their cruel stripes in the inner prison that they prayed and sang praises unto God. It is when we thank the Father for the petition we have asked that the answer most swiftly comes. Surely, then, when our cup is overflowing and our blessings are more in number than the sand, we should bless the Lord and not be forgetful of His benefits.

Why should we give thanks? Because His kindness deserves it, and His loving heart is pleased to receive our grateful acknowledgments, and to own them by richer mercies.

Because it is good for us to give thanks to God. It is a remedy for anxious care and depression. It helps us to forget our trials and ministers to the spirit of hope and joy.

The best of all our blessings is a thankful heart and a contented mind. And it is the highest testimony we can give to others, especially when we present it to the world in the midst of trials and troubles to which others succumb. Our radiant faces, our thankful songs, our victorious praise will speak for God as no words could speak.

How shall we give thanks? "In every thing" and in every way; by habitual cheerfulness of expression, by the avoidance of every utterance of discontent or discouragement, by our joyful songs, by our radiant faces, and especially by our devoted lives. So let us keep the anniversary of our national Thanksgiving a whole year long, that everything in our life may say,

"Thanksgiving mercies, Lord, we sing;
Thanks-living lives, O Lord, we bring."

—Wiley News

"He Deligheth In Mercy!"

R. L. McCluskey

In a wierd world of thrill-killers it is assuring to know that God finds a particular pleasure in the exercise of clemency. God has an aversion to vengeance, an addiction to absolution—His master passion is pardon!

History tells of a captive brought before the judicial bench of cruel and tyrannical James II. The king said: "You know it is in my power to pardon you." But the prisoner, knowing the despicable disposition of his monarch, replied: "Yes, but it is not in your nature to pardon." Not so with the Lord God—it is His essential and inescapable nature to forgive—He delights in mercy! His supreme ecstasy is found, not in the execution of justice, but in the extension of mercy!

Jay Gould was the railroad tycoon of his day. He and his staff were touring in the West and, while waiting between trains, they heard the shout of an auctioneer. Gould inquired about who was selling what, and why. This is what he was told: A hardworking pastor and his faithful flock had built a little church. Because of unpredictable circumstances they were unable to discharge their obligations to the contractor—the building was being sold! The auctioneer

searched the crowd for another bid as he cried: "Going, going, going!" Mr. Gould sought out the contractor and asked how much it would require to meet his demands—he must have \$1,500. The millionaire paid the account and asked for a signed receipt. Standing close by, and watching with intent interest, was an official of the distressed church. He asked of Mr. Gould what he intended to do with the building he had bought. He did not have long to wait for an answer. The railroad magnate found the pastor and the official board of the church, handed them the receipt, and walked quietly away.

We were under the hammer: "Going, going, going!" The tall Son of God mingled with the throng on that fateful day knowing that the bond holding us required "life for life and death for death." A writer standing near that dark and dramatic scene said that "for the joy that was set before Him" He endured the cross! For the tremendous thrill that comes through the pronouncement of pardon, for the joy that springs from the exercise of mercy, He mounted the flaming sacrificial altar and opened His heart to the vitals of infinite fury. Above the crescendo of judgment batteries He shouted: "It is finished!" He emerged from that awful ordeal holding in His hands a receipt signed in blood: "Paid! Paid in full!"

—Church Bulletin

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Missionary Crusaders Rally at Shamokin enjoys music and message by Band Association

Those that gathered at the Church in the Valley in Shamokin, Pa., were not sorry that they had put forth the effort to attend, as the service progressed on the evening of Sept. 27, 1965. A very good spirit prevailed as the people lifted their voices in determination to "Press On Toward the Gloryland", and their testimony was carried out on the air waves by the Shamokin radio station for the first half hour. The Lebanon Valley Gospel Band Quartet then sang several inspiring songs, followed by prayer by Rev. William Tillis, Missionary Crusaders treasurer and Pastor of God's Missionary Church at Nisbet, Pa.

More soul-stirring singing by the congregation followed, and the hearts and minds of all were thrilled and blessed as the quartet sang several more songs. Their singing was not the professional type of some, who do so for honor and fame, but rather of those who have been to Calvary for saving and sanctifying grace.

Then, as the people sang of the joys of living on "The Hallelujah Side", led by Rev. LaDette Cooley, Crusaders vice-president and Pastor of the God's Missionary Church at Bellefonte, Pa. the service left the air, but seemed to increase in vigor and zeal.

Rev. Paul Miller, Crusaders president and Pastor of God's Missionary Church at Mahaffey, Pa. presented the speaker, Rev. Herman Noll, leader of the Lebanon Valley Gospel Band and also serving on the Crusaders board.

Taking his text from Rom. 14:8, "Whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord." Bro. Noll showed us with many illustrations and remembrances of past blessings and victories, that we must give God first place in our lives. He pointed out that the reason we do not accomplish as much for God as in former days, is because we live, not unto the Lord, but unto things, or unto ourselves. The message was received with many utterances of approval and we trust it will also

be approved by our lives. God grant it be so!

Rev. LaDette Cooley
Reporter

Choosing Wholesome Activities

This problem is one of the many that Christian young people face today. They must be able to choose their activities wisely. As Christians they can't play in every game or sport others around them are engaged in. How then, can our young people determine what they should, or should not participate in? The following are some principles to keep in mind when deciding this important, and many times, difficult issue.

First, all recreational activities must be secondary in life. God's word instructs us, "to every man his work" therefore our work should always come first. Recreation is only a side issue and when it becomes the purpose and goal of life, it then becomes wrong. The purpose of recreation is to give us a change of pace, a time of relaxation from the strenuous tasks of the day.

Second, our activities should be constructive: that is they must build up physically, mentally, morally, and spiritually. This thought is implied by the very meaning of the word. Activities that ruin character are not recreational at all! Our activities should cause us to be better able to perform the main duties of life.

It is good to remember that the body is the temple of the Holy Ghost. It needs relaxation and variety from the stress and strain of life. Excessive physical exertion is not recreation, since it causes weariness of the body. Therefore, any activity that violates the law of physical health should be avoided.

Good wholesome recreation will also strengthen one mentally. What effect does it have upon our thought life? Is it constructive to good thinking, or do our minds become diseased because we have engaged in the wrong kinds of activity? Is our thinking more Godward because of the pleasure in which we engage? If our reading, our games, our group activities cause purer thoughts, sweeter imaginations, and stronger minds,

then they will pass the test of this principle.

How then, do our activities strengthen us morally and spiritually? Any activity that interferes with our relationship with our Lord must be avoided. If they hinder our prayer life, disrupt our regular reading of God's word; or cause us to break the Sabbath Day; they will break down our moral and spiritual strength. Let us examine ourselves to see that all our activities are pleasing to God.

Third, our participation must be only in activities that allow us to maintain a clear conscience. Doubt about a certain activity shows our lack of faith in the matter. The apostle Paul states that, "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin." To do anything conscience condemns in the light of that scripture would be sin.

The fourth principle that should guide us in choosing our recreational activities is the influence of our example upon other young people. Let us remember that, "no man liveth to himself" Our actions influence the life and character of those about us. God does not give us the liberty to engage in activities that upset and shatter the faith of a weaker brother. In Romans, Paul tells us that, "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak." All our activities must be conducted with the Salvation of others in mind.

The last principle to keep in mind is to submit all our activities to our Lord for his approval. "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed do all in the name of the Lord Jesus giving thanks to God and the Father by Him. (Col. 3:17) Let us remember that as Christians we are to be Christ-like. Just how do we represent the lovely name of Jesus. Do we have his blessing, the spirit's witness, and a clear conscience of the matter? Will we bring honor and glory to our Christ? Can we be in the spirit of prayer and Thanksgiving to our God while engaging in our recreational activities? If we apply this principle we cannot go astray.

May we use these five principles in choosing our activities wisely.

Rev. Alvin Shaffer
Pastor, God's Missionary Church
Armagh, Penna.

MEMORIAL PAGE

In memory of Paul Beachel Jr.,
who departed this life Dec. 2, 1964,
at the age of 21.

'Twas Jesus that said it,
I know that it's true
For as He has promised
So will He do.

He said He was coming,
We know not the day,
And all we could do
Was hope, watch and pray.

We prayed for God's will,
And trusted in vain,
That it might be His will
To heal him again.

He suffered with courage,
With confidence too
He suffered with patience,
And spiritually grew.

He covered his anguish
With laughter and smile,
And faithfully came
To his last Revival.

He prayed for his family,
For his friends he prayed too,
He wept for his brother
That he might pray through.

Then when his affliction,
He could no longer bear,
He calmly submitted
To the surgeon's care.

After the surgeons
Had done their best,
We found our faith
Still put to the test.

His dear wife and mother
Most faithfully stayed,
Right close to his bedside
And tenderly prayed.

The days passed so slowly,
And anxious we grew,
'Til an Angel read the summons,
And his suffering was through.

His life work is ended,
His labor is o'er,
He is now resting peacefully
On that beautiful shore.

Where the walls are of Jasper,
The streets of pure Gold,
Where there cometh no night,
And he'll never grow old.

Truly Paul is far better,
Than we that remain,
But if we are faithful
We shall see him again.

His radiant smile
Will shine brighter still,
As we all gather round him;
Praise God, what a thrill!

His joy and his laughter
Will have a new ring,
As we march up together
To crown our great King.

For friends and relation
I humbly do pray,
That you all will be present
On that glorious day

By his Pastor,
Rev. Kenneth E. Walter

A cloud of sorrow settled upon
the Shamokin Church in the midst
of their fall revival when Mrs.
Caroline LaRue Feger was sudden-
ly called Home on Sept. 30, 1965,
at the age of 23. She is survived by
her husband, Clyde Feger, two
daughters, and one son.

The funeral service was held at
Farrow Funeral Home, October 4,
1965. Her Pastor Rev. Earl Deetz,
Jr., assisted by Rev. J. M. Sullivan
of Salisbury, Maryland, officiated.
Mrs. Helen Schlegel and Mrs. Bar-
bara Welker sang, "The Old Rug-
ged Cross" and "Does Jesus Care",
favorites of the deceased. Inter-
ment was made in the Odd Fel-
lows cemetery, Shamokin, Pa.

"Our Nations First Thanksgiving"

—November 26, 1789—

(Proclaimed by George Washing-
ton on October 3, 1789)

Whereas it is the duty of all
Nations to acknowledge the provi-
dence of Almighty God, to obey
His will, to be grateful for His
benefits, and humbly to impore
His protection and favor, and
Whereas both houses of Congress
have by their joint committees re-
quested me to recommend to the
People "of the United States a day
of public thanksgiving and prayer
to be observed by acknowledging
with grateful hearts the many sig-



nal favors of Almighty God, espe-
cially by affording them an oppor-
tunity to establish a form of gov-
ernment for their safety and hap-
piness."

Now therefore do I recommend
and assign Thursday the 26th day
of November next to be devoted
by the People of these States to
the service of that great glorious
Being, who is the beneficent Au-
thor of all the good that was,
that is, or that will be. That we
may then unite in rendering unto
him our sincere and humble thanks
of his kind care and protection of
the People of this country previous
to their becoming a Nation, for the
signal and manifold mercies, and
the favorable interpositions of his
Providence, which we experienced
in the course and conclusion of
the late war, for the great degree
of tranquility, union and plenty,
which we have enjoyed, for the
peaceable and rational manner in
which we have been enabled to
establish a constitution of Govern-
ment for our safety and happiness,
particularly for the national One
now lately instituted for civil and
religious liberty with which we are
blessed, and the means we have of
acquiring and diffusing useful
knowledge and in general for all
the great and various favors which
he hath been pleased to confer up-
on us.

And also that we may then unite
in most humbly offering our pray-
ers and supplications to the great
Lord and Ruler of Nations and be-
seech Him to pardon our national
and other transgressions, to enable
us all, whether in public or private
stations, to perform our several
and relative duties properly and
punctually, to render our national
government a blessing to all the
People, by being a government
of wise, just and constitutional
laws, discreetly and faithfully exe-
cuted and obeyed, to protect all
Sovereigns and Nations especially
such as have shown kindness unto
us) and to bless them with good
government, peace and concord. To
promote the knowledge and prac-
tice of true religion and virtue, and
the increase of science among them
and us, and generally to grant such
a degree of temporal prosperity as
he alone knows best.

Given under my hand at the City
of New York the third day of Octo-
ber in the year of our Lord 1789.



Missionary Message

Church Extension — Our Responsibility

Earl L. Deetz Jr. —Supt. of Home Missions Department Mark, 16:15...And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

Gypsy Smith, the great evangelist, died on a journey in his eighty-seventh year in true Gypsy tradition. Called to preach at seventeen, he was colorful, simple and original in his preaching. He said, "I was born in a field; don't put me in a flowerpot." He was no great theologian, but he did have an experience from God that caused him to be a blessing to the Salvation of many souls. He was in a class with Billy Sunday who said, he didn't know any more about theology than a rabbit did about playing ping-pong. When he was advised to learn to sing from his diaphragm Gypsy replied that he didn't want to sing from his diaphragm, but from his heart.

When Gypsy was asked about the secret of his vigor and freshness, he would reply, "I have never lost the wonder. Many of our young people have had a call from God to preach early in their Christian life, but it appears, that they have lost the wonder. The burning desire to see souls saved, even if it meant leaving home, friends and relatives or even a good job, has faded out of their hearts, until they will not leave unless the church is strong enough to support them as well as if they were back at the old job. The parsonage must be up to date and the salary attractive. **GOD SEND US SOME YOUNG MEN WHO HAVE A BURDEN FOR THE LOST.** Men who want nothing more than the Blessing of God upon them and their families. Men who are not so wrapped around their wives apron strings that they are not free to obey the call of God, even if it **SPELLS SACRIFICE.** In addition

to losing the wonder, we have lost that vital something that made the men of yesterdays go out into a new area and trust God to meet their needs whatever they might be. Many people have needs and forget that God promised to meet everyone of them. Philippians 4:19. **"But my God shall supply ALL your Needs, according to HIS RICHES in Glory by CHRIST JESUS."** I am still of the opinion that God can just as well, today, take care of the Home Missionary worker as he did in years past. I remember our General superintendent telling many times of how God met his personal needs and that of his family when they pioneered many of our established churches today. If God helped Brother Straub and Brother Wise and some more of our men, WHY can't we count on God to help us today? I believe He will help us if we ask Him to.

Christ said, "Except ye be converted; and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of God." Children have not lost the wonder, they still look forward to surprises. Anything may happen, everything is new. This is exactly how my wife and I found things when we came here to pastor the church at Shamokin. If I could in writing describe a spiritual spell, you would witness one right now. I shall never forget the thrills of seeing people saved and sanctified and healed here in our first months. Just a simple prayer by a young preacher who was green as the greenest of grass, but who had the satisfaction of knowing that **I WAS WHERE GOD WANTED ME.**

In Romans 10:14, we read the words, "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" We have a great responsibility to the world in which we live. Thousands are dying every day without Christ.

Those for the most part, who are called to foreign service must have a direct call from God in order to leave home and friends. So many things are to be considered when God speaks, but if it's really God, we need not fear. He will prepare the way before us. So will it be with those who are called for service here in our home-land. If it's God calling, we ought not to procrastinate, but go, and trust God to prepare the way before us.

I remember times when the refrigerator and cupboards were bare, but not for long. On one occasion, it was Saturday night. Not a thing in the meat line or vegetable line in the trailer. My wife said, "What are we going to do?"

I said, "We'll pray." We did, and it wasn't long until a man from the congregation came to the door and brought in six or seven large bags of groceries. Meat, vegetables and lots of things that we really would not have had to have just then. God gave us more than we prayed for. We never said one word to anyone that we were in need, but God knew of our needs and he met them.

It's a real thrill to work for God in Home Missions work. Many times I sit back and just can't help getting blessed as I think of all that God has done. He's still the same today. Don't lose the wonder. Pray for His direction. Perhaps someone reading these lines will feel the touch of God directing you to the Work of **CHURCH EXTENSION.**

"Trust Christ"

Oh, trust Him for today
As thine unfailing Friend,
And let Him lead thee all the way
Who loveth to the end.
And let the morrow rest
In His beloved hand;
His good is better than our best,
And we shall understand—
If, trusting Him who faileth never,
We rest on Him today, for ever.
—Selected

Revival Days!

Revival services will be held in the God's Missionary Church of Beavertown, Penna. on Nov. 17, through 28, 1965. Rev. J. T. Carroll is the engaged evangelist. There will be special music and singing in each service. Services begin each night at 7:30. Rev. John F. White, Pastor.

A revival, with special emphasis on **Youth**, will be held in the Millmont God's Missionary Church,

December 1 through 5, 1965. Rev. J. T. Carroll is the engaged evangelist. Special music and singing will be rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Pope. Services begin each night at 7:30. Rev. Arthur Thomas, Pastor.

Revival services were held in the Church in the Valley, in Shamokin Pa., September 29 through October 10. The Rev. J. M. Sullivan of Salisbury, Maryland was the Evangelist.

A good spirit prevailed through-

out the meetings. Several people who did not have a heart-felt experience found the Lord in a satisfying experience. One man, 82 years of age came to the altar and found the Lord.

Because of the death of a close friend of Rev. Sullivan, he was unable to be at the last Thursday night service of the revival. Rev. Kenneth Walter of Allenwood, Pa., filled in for Rev. Sullivan, and again a good spirit was felt in the church.

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The pictures, above, were taken at the dedication of the Nesbit Missionary Chapel, Nesbit, Pa., on September 26, 1965.

The Pastor, Members and faithful Friends of the Nesbit Chapel are to be commended for the excellent progress that has been made in that part of God's harvest field. The attendance has risen with the spiritual tide and some very outstanding conversions have taken place. The old school house has been transformed into a lovely Chapel and Sunday School accommodations, which is truly an asset to the community and the God's Missionary Movement.

Rev. George I Straub, General Superintendent of the God's Missionary Church, delivered the message of dedication. Taking his text from Exodus 25:8 he lifted our hearts to the heights of spiritual ecstasy. He stated that it was God's love and concern for man that caused Him to propose the building of a Tabernacle in the wilderness. One of the great wonders of the Bible is that God should

consent to dwell among men. Psalm 8:4 "What is man that thou art mindful of him?" Fellowship with man has always been one of the great cravings of God! Jesus said, in Luke 22:15 "With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer;"

In Egypt, God had revealed Himself in judgment. Now, in the wilderness, God desires to reveal His Glory, Majesty, and Holiness. Therefore, He commands that a Tabernacle be erected so that He could dwell among them. God has an affinity for true worship and genuine faith. God purposed that it also be a place where the WORD would be kept alive and man would be reminded of the sovereignty of God.

Bro. Straub further declared that God obligated Himself to bless them in the Tabernacle providing certain conditions where met. There was to be no guess work. The Tabernacle was to be built according to the plans He gave them. Noah's Ark was guaranteed to withstand the storm pro-

viding he pitched it within and without. The law governing the erection of this Tabernacle is summed up in three points; First, Co-operation, Second, Willing giving, Third, That which they gave was to be their **best**.

Looking at the finished Tabernacle we see but one gate leading to it, by which the sinner entered by choice. The first thing he came to was the Altar of Sacrifice. God kindled the fire on the Altar and said it shall never go out. It is man's responsibility to keep it burning.

Moses was a type of the true worshiper. Before going to the Mt. of God he dismissed all the cares of life and when he returned the people recognized that he had been in the presence of God. Worship such as this will always prove a blessing to the Church, home and Community.

"They that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth."

—The Editor

"No Guide"

Dean Felker

My telephone rang, and the plaintive voice of a woman on the other end of the line with its tale of woe sounded as if the songs of joy and laughter had long ceased and the time for tears had come. It was the voice of a boy's mother. Would I go and visit her young son in a correctional institution? Of course I would go, but before going I made investigation regarding the lad.

The problem all began when his widowed mother became a slave to strong drink and removed the boy from the influence of the church and Sunday school. Then into the life of this neglected boy came a stepfather and a small stepsister. Instead of increased affection, his loneliness was further aggravated since his mother paid him less and less attention. His heart sorrowed over the loss of his father's love, but now felt hunger for his mother's love which was bestowed on his little stepsister whom his boyish mind conceived to be his rival.

Christmas was over and the New Year had begun. It was a chill winter day. The leaves had long since been stripped from the trees, and the fierce winter winds blew cold among the bare branches. As I went to juvenile court I thought of many young lives who were being blasted by even crueller winds.

That very morning in juvenile court, the little lad of eleven whose mother had called me was being tried for attempting to choke his stepsister to death. Every responsible finger in court pointed in the boy's direction with that fearsome charge of guilt. Strong effort was made to make the lad appear sadistic, but it was denied that any such evidence was gleaned from the boy's institution where he was being detained. It was asserted that if he were sadistic, such evidence would show up when he was with other children and not only when with those of his own home.

If the child had a psychosomatic disease, some of the reasons why was seen in court that morning when his mother spoke derisively of this boy as though God had given them a little devil of a boy with whom to live.

When the welfare officer was

questioned by the judge—if the lad would behave in another home, he testified that the boy would behave wherever there was proper supervision. The mother took exception to that statement, but it was sustained that she could not furnish proper supervision as long as she was drunk so much of the time.

The court session came to a close and the lad was sentenced to a detention home some distance from this city.

When the mother called she seemed penitent. Here was the mother who had left the church and was now asking help in a desperate hour of need. She wanted to know if I could visit her boy.

Arrangements were made and I drove to the institution. Before entering the building, I stood a lone figure in the shadow of that two-storied structure. A few cars were parked in the driveway, but there was not a person in sight. I rang the bell and waited. Somewhere inside that building was one particular boy whose name was listed as delinquent. What contribution could I make without making him feel anything less than a human being? While full of curiosity to see him, the door soon opened not only into the building but into the private life of this eleven-year-old lad.

The double doors unlocked to permit my entrance, then were firmly secured as I furnished identification in the hallway.

Ushered into the reception room, this lad was introduced. We talked of the model car he had gotten for Christmas and such other things that would interest an eleven-year-old boy.

We talked also of his days in church and about him being a Christian.

Then he let me know that he did not have a Bible. Immediately, I thought: "What, no Guide?" He who had lacked proper parental

guidance, now was without a Bible which might help show him the way even now.

After reading a passage and explaining what it meant to be a Christian, he permitted me to pray with him.

When relating this incident to my church, a member made the presentation of a Bible in which I marked passages. We prayed that with his own Bible, he would search it prayerfully and come to know the Holy Scriptures which are able to make him wise unto salvation.

In a few weeks, that prayer was answered. He has written to tell of the joy and peace that has come to his heart. The gospel which is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth had brought godly sorrow for sin that worketh repentance. This little lamb who walked in darkness without a guide, has come to know Jesus Christ as his Good Shepherd.

Subsequent events indicate that his mother too has seen the error of her way. Although she had led her son astray, it was this mother who had called for help in that dark hour of need. It might have been so different, however, if this mother had not forsaken Jesus Christ and brought so much distress and anguish to her family.

This event causes me to say to the parents who read of it:

*Your sacrifice shall be rewarded,
But as parents, watch your child!*

*And although some things cannot
be afforded,
Keep your children undefiled.*

*You can make allowance when
their banners*

*Are not quite up to the top,
But when children have picked up
band manners,*

Command them at once to stop.

*You have a trust to wisely keep
and use,*

*And the seeds of life to plant.
The privileges of the gospel don't
abuse,*

Nor ever tell God, "I can't!"

*Some day you'll reap a harvest
from your seed.*

*The things done to help them
grow*

*Will make you glad for righteousness
indeed.*

Show your child the way to go.



Let's Put Praise First

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tions of Satan. Praising God reduces your problem mountains into hills of blessing. Praise God gives you the eagle's vision and by the eye of faith you see the victory ahead. Praising God multiplies your faith and fills you with joy and hope in believing. Praising God seems to fill you with the very faith of God and to strengthen you with the power of the Holy Ghost. Praising God opens the way to miracles.

PRaising GOD MAKES YOU TRIUMPHANT IN THE BATTLE

Praising God brings to your aid all the resources of heaven. Then angels of God recognize the sound of praise and rush to your side to win the victory for God. Praising God brings the shout of victory in the midst of the battle. Praising God turns the battle into the rout of the enemy. In the battle in the time of Jehoshaphat when the King and people humbled themselves and sought God's face He put His spirit on an unknown Levite and gave them a message of hope. They believed the promise of God and marched into the battle with singers praising God in front of the battle troops. "And when they began to sing and to praise the Lord set ambushments" (2 Chron. 20:22). Praise sets an ambush for the devil; no wonder he flees at the sound of praise. When Israel praised God, the walls of Jericho fell down. When Paul and Silas praised and sang, the Lord shook open the gates of the jail of Philippi. And when you begin to praise the Lord new victories will dawn for you.

This was the secret which David learned, and we all need to learn it over and over. Hear him testify, "I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth" (Psa. 34:1). "My tongue shall speak of...thy praise all the day" (Psa. 35:28). "Let my mouth be filled with Thy praise...all the day" (Psa. 71:8). Who can show forth all His praise?" (Psa. 106:2). "I will hope continually, and will yet praise Thee more and more...I will go in the strength of the Lord" (Psa. 71:14-16) Can you not see why David was a man after God's own heart?

Let us make this year a year of praise. Begin by making this day a day of praise. Begin by filling your heart with God's praises wherever you go. Begin by praising the Lord the first thing each morning. Begin by praising God every time you feel tempted to doubt, to fear, to worry, to criticize, to yield to any kind of temptation: Praise fills you with faith and power. Praise clothes you with heaven's beauty. Praise opens the gates to blessing. Praise wins the battle for God. "Praise the Lord, O my soul. While I live will I praise the Lord; I will sing praises unto my God" (Psa. 146:1-2).

Revival Days!

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We want to thank the Lord for the exceptional help He has given us in recent months. There is, at this moment, a spirit of love and unity in our church. It is our prayer that this same spirit will continue to be felt here at Shamokin. —Earl L. Deetz Jr. Pastor

"The Abiding Newness of the Religion of Jesus Christ"

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one giant wineskin, full of the heady wine of organizational unity. He expects that at that time of glorious fulfillment, everyone will be made healthy and wise, by the big bottle, fully stretched, full of old wine, and thus forever safe from breakage.

I am convinced that Jesus was setting forth a truth here that would remain throughout the church age. That there is an ever present "newness" in the functioning of His kingdom! That though we might be classified as "conservative", we will be petrified and stratified if we lose the newness in this thing! In such a case, we too will be trying to force the dynamic expansive new wine into our old crystalized bottles, and loss of both will result.

Part of my Bible is called the New Testament. Though it is called "New", it is some 1900 years old. Yet, it never seems incongruous to me to call it "New". Hebrews 10:20 describes the way of the

cross as a "New and living way, which He hath consecrated for us through the veil, that is to say, His flesh". Thus, with a double adjectival thrust the abiding newness of the religion of Jesus Christ is emphasized. The word "New" in reference to a "Way" that men find and take throughout the period of grace and the dispensation of the Spirit, certainly speaks of an abiding newness, and the word "living" restates and amplifies this thought, for there is an abiding newness about everything that is alive! The consecrating, breaking of his flesh, that opened this new and living way also suggest a newness to us. John the Beloved gives us a glimpse in the fifth chapter of the Revelation, that carries us across the span of the church age, and into the glorious time of the church's triumph. He takes us to a meeting that is encamped around the rainbow throne of God, under the tree of life, and on the banks of the river of life. There the glorified saints are met together in a perfection of harmony and purpose that is symbolized by their description in name and number as "four and twenty elders". A legal proclamation is made, an important document is held forth, Earth's liberation is wrapped up in its seven sealed folds. A search is made in heaven and earth for one with sufficient resources to redeem the lost inheritance. After heaven and earth is searched to no avail and sadness interrupts the scene of glorious praise, One of the Elders steps forward and says, "Weep not for behold, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah hath prevailed to open the book and loose the seals thereof." A leonine lamb appears, clothed with all the attributes of omnipotence, but Hallelujah, a Lamb "as it had been slain"! What are you trying to say Bro. McCulley? I am saying that after thousands of years of mediation his blessed wounds were still calvary fresh, still fully efficacious! Hallelujah, The blood has never lost its power! And as such it constitutes a basic component of the Newness of the Religion of Jesus Christ.

(To Be continued)

"Hem your blessings with praises, lest they unravel."

News!

Accommodating

Thurgarton, England — Sunday vesper services at the village church are being rescheduled from 6:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. so that parishioners can get home in time for a popular television program.

Barmen Top Clergy

Federal Census Bureau figures reveal that the nation has 193,467 bartenders and 167,471 clergymen. **Grand Jurors Ask Legal Prostitution**

Philadelphia, Pa. — A grand jury of 13 women and eight men has proposed that prostitution and gambling be made legal in Philadelphia.

The grand jury did not say why it believed prostitution should be legalized.

State Records

Harrisburg — State birth records reveal that there were 12,993 illegitimate babies born in Pennsylvania in 1964.

Editors comment — These are just a few of the many shameful news excerpts that can be gathered day after day. It seems to me that just reading the daily news paper should drive us to our knees in prayer for a revival in every city in America. I fear that we have become so accustomed to this sort of news that even we as Christians sit back in unconcern and say, "there's nothing I can do about it." May the Holy Spirit help you to realize that there is something you can do about it. Every Christian has at his command the most powerful weapons against sin and the devil; if only we would use them. The Word of God backed by the effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man, availeth much.

When He Is Near

Life's way is often lonely, as we travel here below,
Many days are stormy, as we onward, upward go.
Illness and sorrow, often load our hearts with care,
But we can always make it when we know that HE IS NEAR

With eyes often tearful, we press along life's way,
Our hearts are fearful, as we face the test each day.
Weary and burdened, we often stumble, neath the care,

But there comes a consolation,
when

we know that HE IS NEAR

There is a blessed secret, to a life of victory,

There is an understanding, that brings joy to me.

I found the answer, when I knelt down in prayer,

I was converted, and since that day HE'S EVER NEAR.

The things of sin, and sadness, lost their lust and charms,

I found true gladness, As Christ took me in his arms...

Soon my journey will be ended, I'll leave this world of care,

To live in heaven's city, Where I know that he IS Near.

SO each day I'll keep pressing, toward, the heavenly goal,

I'll live to keep the blessing, and God's Glory on my soul.

"Casting all my care upon him," I Can conquer every fear,

For I have the satisfaction, — That I know that HE IS NEAR

—Rev. John F. White



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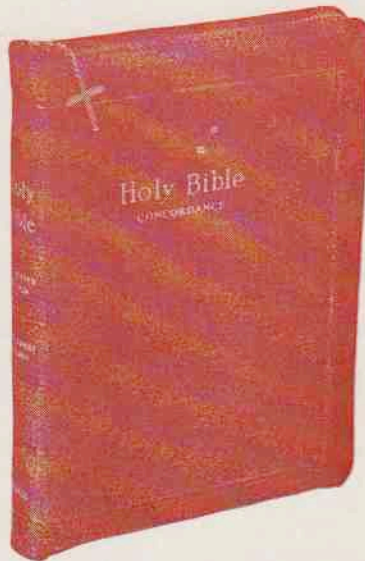
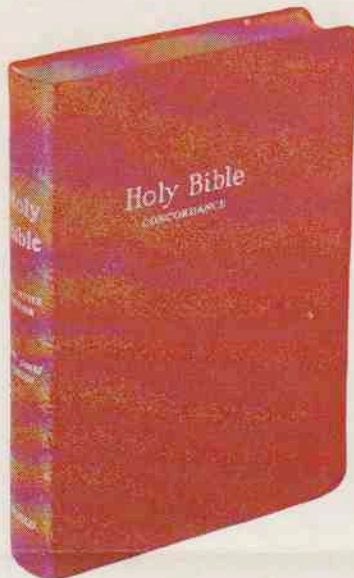
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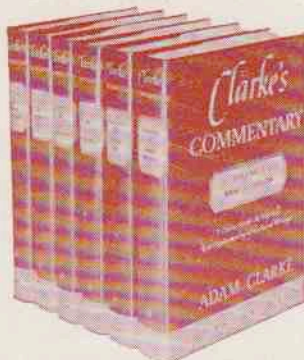
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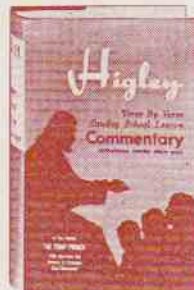
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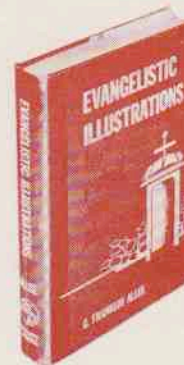
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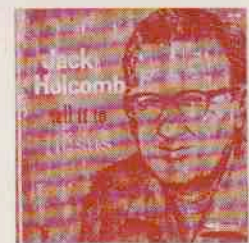
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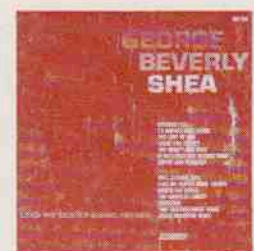
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