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The Search for Faith

By George I. Straub

When the Son of Man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth? (Luke 18:8)

At the close of the parable of the unjust judge and the indefatigable widow, Christ immediately confronts the hearer with his solemn question, "When the Son of Man cometh, will He find faith on the earth?"

The answer to this question is given in Luke 17:26 & 27. "AND AS IT WAS IN THE DAYS OF NOAH SO SHALL IT ALSO BE AT THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN". They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came destroying them all.

Another interpretation of this verse is given thus; they married, they swapped wives and divorced one another. Free lovism and trial marriage was condoned and practiced. Universal unbelief prevailed, crime became unmanageable, with sins of every kind abounding.

Sometime ago at the request of the Pennsylvania State Police, I attended a Police Seminar held for the interest of the Clergy. For most of us present I am sure it will be a day long to be remembered, as the State Police gave us the overall picture of the tremendous problems they are having with lawlessness, crime and criminals.

Their message was in perfect harmony with St. Paul's Epistle to Timothy, "Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse." How

can it be otherwise when so-called bishops and hired clergy lock arms with the world, make sport and light of old time religion. Recently a high standing clergyman wrote an article for Look magazine, "In search for God, if there is a God, where is He?" In addition to this, long columns appear in our leading newspapers declaring God is dead. With the Bible out of the public schools and skeptics making a joke out of the Virgin Birth of Christ, what more can be expected?

In a recent edition of the Readers Digest an article appeared "WILL MAN DIRECT HIS OWN EVOLUTION". The article is dealing with the thought, will artificial insemination which is already being practiced, evolve a super race. This article is directed at the very heart and foundation of the Christian's faith. The article further states, "With the knowledge acquired through medical science it is now possible for a virgin to bring forth a child through the means of artificial insemination. Thus inferring there is no mystery to the Virgin Birth of Christ. Artificial insemination is not a myth nor a fable. It is now being practiced and taught in our schools of learning. What is in the background of all this, nothing else but the master mind of Satan? Teaching such as this can destroy faith in God's Word and pave the way for atheism and infidelity. Humanity has always been a failure, every dispensation winding up with tremendous calamities.

One can well see why Satan

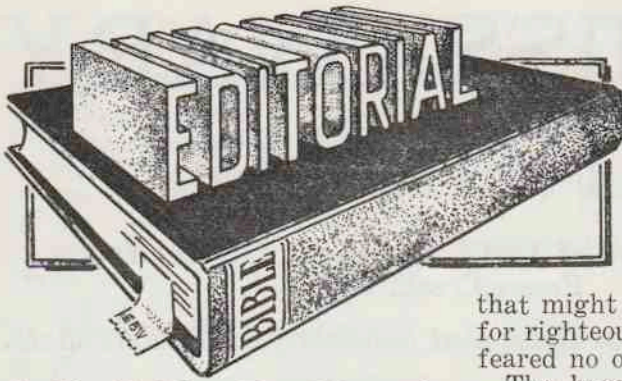
strikes at man's faith after reading the great faith chapter. (Heb. 11) "Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. (Heb. 33 & 34)

It was the strong fervent faith of the Ancient Worthies that enabled them to stand like monuments when the storms of adversity raged. Faith is dependence on the veracity of another; firm belief and trust in a person, place, thing, doctrine or statement. One is said to have kept faith when he performs a promise made to another. Saving faith is the acceptance by the intellect the affection and will of God's favor extended to man by Christ.

Historical faith is inadequate to produce revivals and deliver souls from the cess-pools of sin. To many Christ is only a historical Savior. Little or no opposition is encountered when teaching or preaching historical faith. The battle begins when Christ is preached as the true Son of God, and one Who can liberate those whom Satan has bound with sin's strong fetters.

Another reason why Satan seeks to destroy the Christian's faith is set forth in the Epistle of John (I John 5:4). "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world; and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." Without faith it is impossible to please God, therefore he that cometh to God must believe that He is

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I Shall Not Be Moved

"He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defence; I shall not be moved." (Psalms 62:6) This 62nd division of the Psalms is a song of David picturing the condition of the hearts of his fellowmen. In these verses he speaks of covetousness, robbery, oppression of the poor and of those whose hearts are set upon mischief.

Meditating upon these evil doers, his mind may have been partially persuaded to go with them as he declared, I shall not be **greatly** moved (v.2). However, upon closer examination of the situation and its outcome he became aware of the utter vanity of such folly and very wonderfully declared "I shall not be moved." If there was a thought in the beginning of compromise he certainly erased that thought in this 6th verse.

In these evil days of spiritual drift, is it at all possible that some have felt it nothing serious to be moved just a little? Let us, rather hold fast, with bull dog tenacity to these principles, doctrines and inner convictions we once felt a necessity to spiritual and Biblical religion. Some can scarcely see the difference in verse two, being greatly moved and verse 6 "I shall not be moved." As a result many, who were once old fashioned and on fire have given in, just a little to the evils of the age, and have consequently lost spiritual ground. The question is how much ground can we loose and maintain salvation? I believe none. As the years pass we can see how many have been moved from their former stand.

Three things David did not do;

I. He did not fear in his troubled day.

He saw the waning faith, dying spirituality and decaying moral life of his country men. He probably felt more and more the suffering

that might be involved if he stood for righteousness and truth, yet he feared no one but the Living God.

The hymn writer says, "Never fear the coming clouds of sorrow." He too, realized that fear will greatly change men's lives. How strange that modern man will fear, the opinions of other men, laws, the scoffing of fellowmen; he fears the threat of coming persecution and eventual martyrdom but he will not fear the eternal God.

II. He did not surrender to the urges and discouragement he may have felt within.

He apparently had what many modern men does not have, an inner source of strength unseen by the natural eye. All about us today we hear people say, "What is the use?" Consequently they just fold up and quit. Beyond doubt as David looked upon the existing circumstances there were times of discouragement; he might even have reasoned, "how much better to quit running or with-standing his enemy and surrender, but somehow he gained the moral courage to beat down despair and discouragement, repressing any inner urge he may have felt.

Many, who have meditated upon world conditions and the advancements of communism have succumbed to the inner urge to give up. Others have striven against the worldliness that has crept in AND THE EVILS OF THIS PRESENT DAY, who have adapted the motto, If you can't win them join them, and this they did, going down in defeat.

III. He did not ride with the tide.

It might be that some are not alarmed at the apparent feeling, "Well everybody is doing it". At least for the present, it would appear that going with the crowd is the easiest way. Let us remember it was usually the small groups and the individuals who were right and not the masses. Luther seemingly was alone and yet, he preserved vital godliness.

Will history repeat itself and God raise up a man to stand in the gap and make up the hedge. Who of us will dare to stand like David and the three Hebrew children, or like Daniel facing the den of lions. It might seem to be less expensive to take the way of little or no resistance but let us remember, the lifeless object that drifts with the current, will eventually land in some remote place unseen or unheard of any more.

Let us stand against the tide of lawlessness, pervading the home, the school, the nation and the church; the tide of worldliness, of indecent dress and immodest apparel; the tide of infidelity and God is deadism. Will we dare go on record with David, "I shall not be moved"? It will take some grace and courage but it will bring blessing and life eternal.

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Reviving the Standards

By E. G. Garrett

John and Charles Wesley were used of God in their generation to revive the people. They also saw many wonderful experiences transpire before their eyes.

The early holiness movements, largely called "come-outers," enjoyed the blessings of the Master upon their efforts in calling men's attention to their broken-down altars. Marvelous conversions and Holy Ghost fillings were the result. But, now, what about our present condition, and what group of people is seeing the power of God manifest? I am aware that the Full Gospel and Deeper Life movements are boasting of great accomplishments, but evidence proves that in actual practice they are no deeper or fuller than the rest. It appears that they are as spiritually bankrupt as any other group, so long as they are eager to adopt every new promotional scheme and religious gadget to prop up their sagging fences. One author states, about these boasters: "Most of them are literally hanging on the ropes, praying for the bell that will end the farce and save their faces before a cynical world." The truth of the whole matter is that if we are ever to receive a fresh impulse of life, or real revival, it will come from some other source than these coarse, clamorous movements that are so desirous of vainglory, or seeking for public attention.

However, anyone would agree that if the Church ever needed revival, it needs it now. This is not a statement to be cast at other religious groups, but the holiness people either must be revived, or experience the cold ecclesiastical arm of tight organization to take over. So long as the Spirit is in full charge, there is little need of man's

organization to gear the people; but when the Spirit is not allowed to be in the leadership, then man must devise a machine to legislate the people. Holiness has gone far from the standard of the old days. Today, we are dominated by "nice standards" in which there is no reproach, nor humility. Pride is in the driver's seat, and the human is being portrayed. This is not to say that there are not some good, Spirit-filled individuals who love the Lord with all their heart; but it is to say that a great number of those who claim to be filled with the Spirit are not living up to the standard of true holiness. For instance, let us look at some conditions.

The observance of the Sabbath day is not according to the Book. Folk find it easy to sit at home during the time of services; but then they are not too sick to run around the rest of the day, for their own pleasure. Folk also find excuse to spend their tithe money on articles for their own using rather than giving it into the treasury of the Church. God's portion of our earnings is to be placed in His storehouse for the promotion of Truth. Then, the standard of dress is becoming deplorable. Men and women alike used to want their nakedness covered; but today, it seems they love to put their bodies on display. Short sleeves, short hemlines, short hair, no shirt, wild haircuts, face make-up, and the whole lot of worldly means of attire are becoming the regular practice in most holiness churches. Pastors don't seem to have backbone enough to stand before their people and tell them the truth of modesty! It is easier to let these touchy things go than it is to cry out against them. One would have to say it appears that men are more interested in their salaries than they are about the preaching

of the Word. The drift is on in holiness circles, and who or what is going to stem the tide and stop the current?

The standard of honesty and fair play with those with whom we have business dealings seems to have passed away with the day of cash-and-carry. Because of the day of credit, we humans seem to think that we are not responsible for our debts — but we are! A man has no better religion than his word. If we do not fulfill our obligations, then we have not the Spirit of Christ. If we do not dress in accordance with the standard of modesty proclaimed in the Bible, then we are none of His. If we find it more enjoyable to stay at home and do our own pleasure on God's day than we do to worship the King of kings, then how can we claim to love Him with all our heart? Oh, that the standards of true Holiness might be revived!

How a Funeral Might Have Been Saved

"If folks could have their funerals when they are alive and well struggling along, what help it would be!" sighed Aunt Jerusha, folding her Paisley shawl with great care.

"Now, there is poor Mrs. Brown," she added, as she pinned her green veil to her Sunday bonnet. "How encouraged she could have been if she could have heard what the minister said today! I wouldn't wonder if she'd have got well."

"And Deacon Brown a-wiping his eyes, and all of them taking on so! Poor soul, she never dreamed they thought so much of her!"

"Mrs. Brown was discouraged. You see, Deacon Brown, he'd got a way of blaming everything on

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Salunga, Penna.

By Rev. John F. White

After many years of trying, a new God's Missionary Church was opened at Salunga, Penna., Lancaster County. This town is located three miles south of Mt. Joy and eleven miles north of Lancaster. In early July, Rev. J. F. White secured a closed Methodist Church on the main street of this town. The first service, a prayer service, was conducted in the basement of the church August 23rd, 1966. For several weeks only a Tuesday night prayer service was conducted with an average attendance of 28. The first Sunday of September brought with it the first Sunday service. There were 36 in attendance in the first Sunday School, however, since then the attendance has grown to as high as 77 with a weekly average of 49. Sunday evening is the best attended service with an average of 72. The prayer meeting has also increased to an average of 41. Not only is the attendance good but the spiritual tide is high. At the time of this writing four Sunday morning services out of the last six have had no preaching. The Sunday nights have been blessed times with many souls praying through to victory.

Dedication day was November 30th with Rev. George I. Straub, General Superintendent, present to preach in all services. God's presence crowned the Sunday morning service while the saints shouted praises of God. There were 68 present for this glorious service.

Sunday afternoon and evening the Lebanon Valley Gospel Band was present, also there were 368 persons present in the afternoon service and 240 in the evening service. In the evening service, Rev. Straub did not get to preach as God came down their souls to Greet, while Glory crowned the Mercy Seat.

A week of revival meetings was conducted Nov. 20 through the 27. The meetings were well attended with over a hundred present on the Thursday night services and an average of 82 in all the services. The following brethren ministered the word during these meetings; Revs. Straub, R. T. Herr, W. C. Rachau, E. Deetz, Jr., A. Thomas and T. Wise. An elderly mennonite woman prayed through to holiness of heart and has been a great blessing in the church.

A week end meeting was conducted Oct. 27-29 with the Rine-Bringer trio of Beavertown singing and the pastor speaking. God came every night in a very unusual way. The meeting was extended until Tuesday night as God blessed the saints. Sunday night of this series of meetings found ten seekers, their victories were real and lasting.

The church runs a full ministry including youth meetings and street meetings. One man remarked, "I came because if you had something that made you go out on the street corner, I wanted to see for myself what it was." There have been three of these meetings with 37 attending each service.

Financially the church has stood by the pastor with an average weekly salary of \$63.00. God has blessed in many other ways. Many have donated to the church; paint, carpet, a piano (a new church model) and a large picture for the front of the church. God helped us secure church pews and furniture for a meager cost. The hand of God is seen in every service. Pray for the continued blessing of God in this new work.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CHURCH

In 1958 Bro. Straub and a number of the brethren conducted revival services in a closed church in the town of Florin, Pa. Unable

to raise the money necessary for the continuance of these services the work was discontinued. In 1960-61 Rev. White, while pastoring at Lewistown, Pa. started to conduct prayer meetings in the Elizabethtown area, traveling weekly for over a year they conducted these meetings in the social room of the National Bank in Elizabethtown. At this time no building could be acquired. In June of 1966, through the interest of several of the brethren a new interest for this community arose and the present building now purchased was found by Rev. White and he with his family, believing to be the will of the Lord moved to Mt. Joy.

The building, located on the main street of Salunga, is a white frame building with bell tower. It has a balcony across the entire rear of the church and two Sunday School rooms on each side of the vestibule. These can be opened for overflowing crowds. The building will seat approximately 300. A nearly new oil furnace heats the church while a completely furnished basement and rest rooms are part of the building.

Extensive repairs have been made on the building, many friends donating material and labor. Thank God for such dedicated men. We believe the purchasing of this building to be a miracle of God. May the unknown, unnamed person behind this virtual miracle be blessed here and eternally rewarded. "To God be the Glory, Great Things He Has Done."



Could a mariner sit idle if he heard the drowning cry?
 Could a doctor sit in comfort and just let his patient die?
 Could a fireman sit idle, let men burn and give no hand?
 Can you sit at ease in Zion with the world around you DAMNED?

Revival — the inrush of the Spirit into the body that threatens to become a corpse.

Straight Talk for Teens

Sunday School Times

Complaining is a contagious disease. It spread like wildfire through the Children of Israel. We must always be on guard that we are not carriers of this disease of complaining. For many fellows and girls it is thought "cute" to gripe, and rather "square" to be enthusiastic or appreciative. We must fight this temptation as Christians, and be on the alert against it, as it is often done unconsciously.

The Israelites complained that their steady diet of manna was monotonous. It is astounding how their stomachs took precedence over their brains. They went so far as to say they wished they were back in Egypt so that they could have fish, melons, and garlic. Apparently, they forgot all about the agonizing bondage they had suffered under the Egyptians. They wanted meat at all costs.

To want something "at all costs" is a very dangerous thing. God said, "All right, if you want fish, I will see that you have it, not just for one day or a few days but for a whole month. You will have it until it comes out your ears, and you won't be able to stand it." He gave them quail to eat, and even as they were in the act of eating it, many of them died because God sent a plague upon them.

To insist upon something, as the Israelites did, is to imply that we know better than God what we need. You may want to go to a particular college very badly. Be sure to leave the choice to God. He will put you in that college if that is His will; and if it isn't you are better off somewhere else.

You may feel that nothing else matters, but that you marry a particular girl or fellow. It is right to make requests to God, but don't insist at all costs. If God wants you to have that girl or fellow, nothing will come in the way of it. No one will take him or her away from you. If it is not God's will for you, it might be disastrous to insist on your own way, which God might give you. Always in our prayers we should add, as our Lord did, "Nevertheless not my will, but thine be done." God has our best

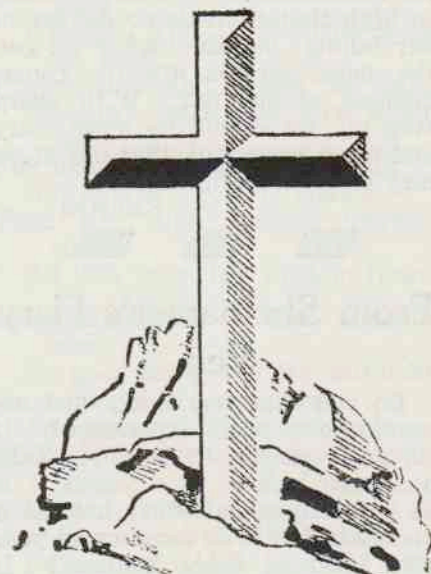
interests at heart, and will never short-change us.

God became exasperated at the people's rebellion and unbelief. He told Moses He was going to smite them with pestilence and disinherit them. Moses was "fed up" with the people too, but his loyalty was phenomenal. He protested and reminded God that if He killed the whole nation in judgment, the surrounding nations who had heard of His fame would conclude that He wasn't able to bring this people to the land He had promised them. This, they would think, would be the reason He destroyed them. He then threw himself on the mercy and longsuffering of God.

Moses' pattern in prayer is one we can follow. We can and should remind God of His promises. He delights to be reminded of them as we lay hold of Him by faith. We can and should remind God of His character, His love, His mercy, His justice. He delights in this.

Because of Moses' intercession, God pardoned the people; but sin, even though forgiven, has its bitter harvest. God, in judgment for their rebellion, decreed that no one over twenty years old would see the Promised Land.

In this judgment we learn a solemn lesson. Because of His longsuffering and mercy, God forgives our sin when we cry to Him and confess it. Often, however, the effects of our sin cannot be erased. Hot words spoken in a moment of anger cannot be recalled. Sexual sin may be forgiven, but it frequently has irrevocable results.



Follow Your Leader

Author Unknown

I wonder how many of you have ever played a game of "Follow Your Leader." When I was a boy we used to play it often. We would choose someone to be the leader. He would take his place at the head of the line and make all sorts of strange motions which we were supposed to imitate. When he ran, we ran; when he crawled on his hands and knees, we did the same. Over fences, across creeks, through dark places, up ladders, into trees, wherever he went we went, and whatever he did we had to do. Whoever failed had to become leader.

I think that everyone, even after growing up, plays "Follow Your Leader." Many people do things just because other people are doing them; say things just because others are saying them; and think things because other people are thinking them. That is all right if others do, say, and think correctly.

We are great imitators. We copy others without thinking about it. For that reason we should be very careful about choosing our companions. If they help us to be better, we should keep them as associates; otherwise it is better to stay away from their company. You know that if you place a rotten apple in a bag with a good one, the good one will become bad. All our lives we play "Follow Your Leader." Be careful what leader you choose.

Fathers and mothers, if they are truly the right kind of parents, are good leaders. Let us remember that, girls and boys. Sometimes we think that we know better than they, but you will find out, as you grow older, that they knew best.

But your father and mother will not always be with you and other leaders may not be safe to follow.

The Bible tells us about Jesus, the best leader. He said to His disciples, "Follow Me," and He says that to us. He never makes a mistake.

If we follow Jesus, we will not go astray. He is the best leader for every one. Let us yield our hearts to Him and always seek to follow Him.

Our Mark In Life

By Mrs. Charles Wolfgang
Folks say I never want to be a
preacher's wife

I think they have an awful life
Well, true it is in many a way
But listen now and hear me say.

You bear the burdens and heart-
aches share
Of all the folks that are under
your care

But after every trial and storm
The sun shines through to help
us along.

The many nice gifts and help I get
As preacher's wife I don't want to
quit

The little bit I can say or do,
I try to help my husband too.

Children don't want to be a preach-
er's child

They think they're not allowed to
just run wild

But as preacher's children and
preacher's wife

We have always had a happy life.
The Lord surely has a place for us
all

If we wait in prayer and in His
name call

They say, to lose so much time I
cannot afford

But wait, I say, "Wait on the Lord"

Now I am just a preacher's wife
And I want to live a good clean life
Unworthy tho' I seem to be
I'm glad the Lord has chosen me.

I want to say I thank you all
For the things you gave, both large
and small

For kind words and the fine cards
you sent,
You'll never know just what they
meant.

Let us serve the Lord together
Go to church in all kind of weather
Don't let the devil cut us asunder
Then we'll all meet together in that
home up yonder.

Written by the wife of Rev.
Charles Wolfgang and read in one
of the special services in the Helf-
enstein church.

She Wanted A Savior

I heard the other day of a poor
woman who was very ill. A friend
on entering her cottage, heard the
words, "I want something, I want
something," several times repeated
before she noticed his approach.

He then said to her, "What do
you want, my poor friend? Per-
haps I can help you." "Oh," she
said, "I want a Saviour!"

"Do you?" he replied. "Thank
God, I have one to offer you; one
who has died that you might live;
one who has borne your sins that
you might have His righteousness;
one whose love never changes and
whose strength never fails; one
who offers you grace here
and glory forever — a place in His
heart now, and in His Home by and
by. Is that the kind of Saviour
you want?"

The poor woman eagerly drank
in the good news. Jesus was just
the Saviour she wanted. She re-
ceived His offer of mercy, pleaded
His precious blood, trusted His
written Word, and experienced the
fulfillment of that precious prom-
ise, "Believe on the Lord Jesus
Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

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Temptation

"Resist the first overtures of
sin." After-remedies come too
late. If you resist, absolutely, at
first, and turn your back on temp-
tation, you will have no trouble.
If you give in, the least bit, you
are already gone! Turn away vio-
lently from temptation. Don't
stop to think it out or to reason
it out. There is a time to flee
and a time to fight. This is a good
time to flee!

Selected

We never get beyond the need
for watchfulness. We cannot climb
so high that there is no danger of
our falling; but the higher we get,
the more serious are the conse-
quences of our fall. With every
step up, we should be more wary
and more prayerful, that our steps
may be guided aright.

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From Shelhamer's Fiery Pen

Do you ever feel shaky and un-
easy about your experience? If
so, don't pass it by lightly. Take
a square look at it. See if it is
as perfectly satisfactory now as it
once was. Do you come up to your
own ideal of Bible holiness? If

you have not the real experience,
it is useless to try to make your-
self and others feel perfectly sat-
isfied with it. Why not be honest?
God can only help such souls.

"When souls are wholly sancti-
fied **they are as pure as angels**, and
relatively as pure as God." They
are as clean as heaven itself. We
must admit this if we believe that
as soon as a person is wholly sanc-
tified, he is then prepared to live
with angels forever. "Blessed are
the pure in heart for they shall see
God." Have you this experience?

Have you gotten to the place
where you can be imposed upon?
Holiness will do this for you. You
will let God defend you and your
opinions, rather than hold out for
your point or rights, and thus ac-
complish your ends at the expense
of grieving the Spirit.

**HOW TO BE ON INTIMATE
TERMS WITH JESUS.** — Get
alone in secret, and after you have
talked your heart out, then ask
Him to speak freely and tell you
whatsoever He **thinks**, yea what-
soever He **fears** concerning you and
your heart. Carnality can't bear
such intimacy very long.

Do you feel clear, in the face of
every individual, every test, and
every unpleasant circumstance, to
testify to Christian Perfection? In
other words are you perfectly sat-
isfied with your experience at **all**
times and under **all** circumstances.
ARE YOU?

If your witness to a clean heart
was not, and is not just as clear and
positive as that of your conversion,
you can safely set it down that
carnality is still lurking within.



One Who Doubted

There shall be a resurrection of
the dead, both the just and unjust.
—Acts 24:15

"It is as likely that I should rise
again from the dead as that a tree
should grow out of the middle of
my coffin," said Lady Ann Grim-
ston, daughter of the Earl of Than-
et. She lived and died an atheist,
some two hundred years ago. But
a tree has grown from the very
middle of her coffin. It is a sturdy
oak, and by its side grows a second

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Spiritual Enthusiasm

You are familiar, perhaps, with the statement: "It is faith in something, and enthusiasm for something that makes life worth living." We would apply it to a spiritual aim in life and say: "It is faith in God and enthusiasm in His service that makes life worth living." We are not willing that ball games and shows should have the benefits of all the human enthusiasm. God's cause needs some shouting, too, and God's people need the joy that comes from being lifted on the tide of a great cause and carried forward with the zest and zeal of making a great investment.

The resurrection of their Lord and the coming of the Holy Spirit according to promise made the early church a body of religious enthusiasts. They had a story to tell that had redemption in it, and a joyful life, and human development, and heaven at last. The Holy Spirit can make extraordinary Christians out of ordinary people. He proposes to come with the fire of God, bringing warmth, and zeal and will do for the soul in general the good things the sun does for the earth.

Phillips Brooks says: "Let us beware of losing our enthusiasm. Let us ever glory in something, and strive to retain our admiration for all that would ennoble, and our interest in all that would enrich and beautify our life." "Men are nothing," exclaimed Montaigne, "until they are excited," and Dr. Marden exclaims: "What a power there is in enthusiastic adherence to an ideal! What are hardships, contumely, slander, ridicule, persecution, toil, sickness, the feebleness of age to a soul throbbing with an overmastering purpose?" "When one has the spirit of a composer," said Mozart, the great musician, "He writes because he can't help it." "Every great and commanding moment in the annals of the world is the triumph of some enthusiasm," says Emerson, and another writer states: "There are important cases in which the differences between half a heart and a whole heart makes the difference between signal defeat and a splendid victory."

Selected

Just Suppose

Just suppose the Lord would begin tomorrow to make people as sick as they claim to be on Sunday.

Just suppose the Lord should take away the children whom the parents use as an excuse for staying away from church.

Just suppose the Lord should make people as poor as they claim to be when asked to help finance His program.

Just suppose the Lord should have everyone stoned to death for covetousness as was Achan.

Just suppose the Lord should let some parents look into the future and see what their example and lax control did for their children.

Just suppose — and then, by the help of the Lord, go forth and live and serve as if eternity was soon coming.

It is! I come quickly says the Lord.

Selected

Disappointment—His Appointment

"He performeth the thing that is appointed for me." — Job 23:14
Disappointment — His appointment

Change one letter then I see
That the thwarting of my purpose
Is God's better choice for me.
This appointment must be blessing
Though it may come in disguise;
To the end from the beginning
Open to this wisdom lies.

Disappointment — His appointment

Whose? The Lord's who loves me best;

Understands and knows me fully.
Who my faith and love would test.

For like loving earthly parents
He rejoices when He knows
That His child accepts unquestioned

All that from His wisdom flows.

Disappointment — His appointment

No good thing will He withhold,
From denial oft we gather

Treasures of His love untold
Well He knows each broken purpose

Leads to fuller, deeper hurt,
And the end of all His dealings
Proves our God is wise and just.

Disappointment — His appointment,

Lord I take it then as such,
Like the clay in hands of potter

Yielding wholly to Thy touch.
All my life's pain is Thy moulding,

Not one single choice be mine,
Let me answer unrepining

"Father, not my will but Thine."

Disappointment — His appointment;

Change the letter, then, dear friend,

Take in cheerful acquiescence

All Thy Father's love may send.
Soon may faith be lost in vision,

Then in glory thou shalt see
His appointment, and that only

Was the right way Home for thee.

Selected



Pungent Paragraphs

F. Lincicome

The fact that our Creator has given us a mind is at least a hint on His part that He wants it developed. To choose ignorance rather than knowledge is not only foolish, it is sinful. Knowledge is not our greatest foe; our greatest foe is ignorance, and especially active ignorance. Some of us are not nearly so much in danger of being too broad as we are of being too shallow. It is too bad when we have more brawn than brain, more goods than goodness, more avoirdupois than ideas, and more notions than convictions.

* * *

Life is a cafeteria. There are no waiters to bring you success; you will have to help yourself. If you have decided to wait for success, I would advise you to sit down while you wait; but you never did hear of anyone leaving his footprints upon the shores of time while sitting down. It's all right to take our hats off to the past, but we will have to take our coats off to the future. There never has been a harvest of results without a heavy sowing of sweat and labor somewhere. In the long run, the magnitude of the harvest will depend on the liberality of your sowing. You can't sow sparingly and hope to reap bountifully. Everything preaches to me of the impossibility of getting something for nothing. Getting something for

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Missionary Message



Letter from The Shuey Family

Dear Standard Family.

Christian greetings from Miami! It is again time to send to you missionary news for we believe that you are interested. The hot weather and the hurricane season is about over, we hope. This place very closely resembles Havana, Cuba in the sense that nearly everyone speaks Spanish. There are also, the little Cuban coffee shops just like the one we saw on the island, in many places here. Most of the stores and industry in this part of the town are Spanish, our telephone calls too. I am wondering if some of you who are saved and set apart for a holy purpose, growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, are hearing His call to come and help with such a work as this. If you positively cannot, you can pray and give.

It is heart rendering to hear these folk speak of Santa Barbara (one of their saints) and the many other superstitions and beliefs in which they are entangled. We are very much encouraged though, for the fact that we have recently had very interesting contacts with peo-

ple who have a spiritual hunger and are in confusion, they feel that Catholicism doesn't satisfy.

A Cuban lady who attends our mission here writes, "I'm a Cuban, I came to the United States aboard the U. S. Coast Guard Boat the Skipper K. This boat was sent to Cuba to bring out Cubans gathered at the port Camarioca. I am here with my two daughters, arriving November 24, 1965. My husband was not a politician, nor a military man nor a millionaire but just a common laborer. He loved the sea and was a mechanic of marine motors. In time he realized that his country was the victim of Communism. I knew that MY HUSBAND WAS CONSTANTLY BEING WATCHED, one day he was missing from home. He repaired motors for the people who came to the United States, and knowing this he managed to board a launch that he was repairing and arrived here. In two months he had sent us visas, money orders and other legal papers to bring our young daughters to the U. S. My passport was not given to me, they told me it was misplaced that I should have patience and they would give me another. Months passed, I applied for another and

received it in the latter part of October. Realizing that we could not leave Cuba, my husband went from the U. S. to Cuba on a boat to get us. They stayed on a little island Cayo Sal, because of a defective boat until a U. S. navy boat picked them up. The following year a group of six men started out in two boats to seek their loved ones. My husband stayed on the boat while four men went ashore in Cuba to get their loved ones, they were taken prisoners and shot, the communist hunted for two days for the other two who remained behind with the boats and helicopters. Miraculously they were not found and later an American Marine boat rescued them. Castro later opened the port Camarioca. It was then that MY HUSBAND tried to go to Cuba in a small launch through the Florida straits to get us. His was the ninth little boat to enter this place where 1300 little boats took the risk and went to pick up people. He still couldn't bring us out for they said the boat was too small. The most of the vessels were not more than 30 feet long. This was an outstanding act of bravery, that men and women should risk their lives to leave red Cuba and bring out their children, wives and mothers. I have to constantly praise my heavenly Father I know the power of prayer. Suffering draws the Christian closer to Him. I have developed the habit of praying every hour if for no longer than a minute. I have asked the Lord, that if it be His will to do a miracle (I didn't want my daughters to forsake the ways of the Lord) He performed that miracle, our family has been reunited and my daughters are now in Hobe Sound Bible School here in Florida. The dear Shuey family has helped to make this possible. Attentively, Acacia Jimenez."

We again want to thank you for your letters and prayers and gifts. Do write us. All gifts will be receipted upon request.

Your Missionaries,
Carl, Ernestine & Jean Shuey

Love Thy Neighbors

By John Wesley

Christian Perfection implies that we are to love our neighbor as ourselves, treating all men with equity, charity, benevolence, and affection. Forgive them, bear with their weakness and errors, rejoice in their prosperity, lament their adversity and in all possible ways contribute to their improvement and happiness to the extent of our knowledge and ability and in consonancy and obligations to God and ourselves.

It therefore excludes envy, for this regrets another's talents, excellence, success, or popularity, and involves more or less malignity and evil desire, if not a positive effort to eclipse and injure.

It excludes covetousness, for this inordinately desires the possessions of others and retains its own and is inconsistent with our duty to the destitute and the cause of Christ.

Jealousy, is peculiar uneasiness arising from the fear that another will obtain some good which we desire ourselves.

Emulation, for this would hinder the progress of others in order to secure us the profit or honor of exceeding them.

Wrath, for this is an evil and turbulent passion, which leads to broils and contention.

It excludes all other passions which tend to wrong action, and implies all those kind and heavenly tempers which sweeten and perfect the happiness of fraternal intercourse.

All misrepresentations of another's views, plans, feelings, all talebearing, tattling, and slanderous insinuations; every kind of degree of reference to others which shall detract from their respectability, influence, or pleasure, doing unto others as ye would that men should do to you.

But this is "faint praise." Silence is sometimes the worst kind of injustice. Negative goodness is often positive evil. We are to love our neighbor, speak well of him when defamed, or at all events give him the benefit of what we know in his favor. To hear one injured in his absence and make no apology for him is to be accessory to the slander. We wink at

the outrage unless we suggest that there may be a mistake in what has been said, or that it is only part of the truth, and not to be circulated.

Love "thinketh no evil." It will defend just as far as the truth will admit, and hope for them when it can say no more.

But this is not the extent of its solicitude. He will strive to improve them, to increase their influence for good, their happiness and usefulness and will rejoice in their promotion.

Selected

The True Physician

I was sure I was converted
and my sins were washed away,
For I had my Saviour's presence
and the witness day by day;
But my spirit still was tainted
with a stubborn, strange disease
Which oft made me feel more will-
ing **self** instead of Christ to
please.

I advised with many doctors,
seeking for a perfect cure;
But their notions all were different
and they failed to make me pure.
Doctor Ignorance informed me
that conversion cured all,
Purifying all the nature
that was ruined by the fall;
But I knew he was mistaken,
for my Bible taught me so,
And my "up and down" experience
told me that he didn't know.
Doctor Works and Doctor Water,
Doctor Growth and Doctor Fire,
All were free with their opinions,
but to help me, failed entire!

Then I heard of Doctor Culture,
who would polish the outside;
But he could not reach the evil
and a cure for sin provide.
Nor could Doctor Imputation
understand my case at all;
Nor could Doctor Sin Repression,
so I ceased on them to call.
Many said that I must suffer
with my painful soul disease
Until Doctor Death would free me,
only he could give release.
But I knew they were mistaken
Else redemption was a failure,
and the Saviour's promise, too.

All these Doctors had their plasters
which they wanted me to try;
But they never wrought a cure,
so I bade them all good-bye.

Then I yielded all to Jesus;
unto sin and self I died;
And reposing on His promise
I, by faith, was sanctified.

Now I know the Great Physician
can effect the double cure,
And the heart of each believer
make and keep completely pure.
Christian, won't you seek this
blessing,
waiting for you from above?
It is Pentecostal Power
It is Jesus' perfect love!
Kept for Jesus and His glory
I may every moment be;
Kept by Jesus through His power
truly flowing unto me;
Kept from sin, and needless
sighing,
kept from fear and doubt and
pride.

Kept through trials sharp and
many,
kept by Jesus, crucified.
Kept mid all the world's allure-
ments,
kept when passions strangely
plead,
Kept from storms and persecutions,
kept in every time of need;
Kept when all around seems failing,
kept when friends unfaithful
prove,
Kept and sweetly kept by Jesus,
happy in His **perfect love**.

Author Unknown

Skeptic Answered

In a dining car on a train, a man who did not believe in God sat down next to a minister as the latter was eating a fish dinner.

"You a minister, are you not?" he said.

"Yes, sir."

"You look it. Preach out of the Bible, don't you?"

"Of course."

"Find a good many things in the old Book hard to understand, don't you?"

"Of course, some things."

"Well, what do you do about them?"

"Just what I do with these fish bones. I lay them aside, even if other people are foolish enough to choke on them."

Selected

"A little girl in Sunday School was asked, 'What is faith.' She said, 'Believing what God says without asking questions.'"

The Search for Faith

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and that He is the rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. Defeat begins when faith wavers and weakens. In the case of Adam and Eve, the federal head of the human family, their break with God came when Satan got them to question the soundness of the Word of God. It didn't take much to throw them off the track. The same tactics are used today that was used in Eden. It is not a light thing to tamper with God's Word, and to question the soundness thereof. Where this is practiced defeat begins. Once God fails to bless His people, or hearken unto their prayers there is always a cause and that cause is man. Isaiah makes this very clear by saying, "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God. And your sins have hid His face from you that He will not hear (Isa. 59:2). What the prophet is saying is this, God cannot, will not and does not bless over sin.

This was so beautifully illustrated when Joshua led his army against Ai. Up until this time he had glorious victory with some old-fashioned shouts in the camp. There wasn't a king in the land that could withstand him with this battle at Ai. Here the scene changed and his soldiers began to fail, flee and run from the battle. Shouts ceased, fear GRIPPED THEIR HEARTS, and questions were raised as to why they were driven back. To Joshua this was not a light thing to see his people, church and God scorned at.

Immediately Joshua went to prayer and began to inquire into what was the back-ground of all this confusion. God did for Joshua what He does for every honest hearted seeker. He revealed the very thing that stalemated the battle and gave the enemies of the Church an occasion to criticize and belittle the cause of God. There was a lull in the battle until Achan was dealt with and with the accursed thing out of the way. However it took this to bring back the blessing of God upon the camp.

In the above text Christ was not dealing so much with the coming of the Lord as he was with the unspiritual condition of the Church. Will I find faith on the earth when I come again?

One Who Doubted

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tree, a sycamore. The vault where the lady lies buried is square, built solidly of brick and granite. The two trees filled the interior first. Then they burst through the masonry and spread out to such an extent that they completely enveloped the grave. They broke the iron railings surrounding it, and in the churchyard of Twein, Hertfordshire, they may be seen today, carrying the railings skyward. Thus has God demonstrated the contemptible folly of one who doubted His Word.

Selected

Pungent Paragraphs

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nothing is fundamentally wrong. It belongs to the psychology of crime.

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Time is the world's greatest factor, and also the world's greatest waste. There is nothing with which we are more profligate, and when we waste time we waste the most valuable article this side of Jordan's icy stream, because time is the stuff we make life out of. Time is something that can't be recovered when once lost. You can lose your health, wealth, and knowledge and get it back; but not so with time. A billion-dollar corporation need not advertise: Lost, yesterday, sometime between sunrise and sunset, two golden hours, each one studded with sixty diamond minutes." The past is not yours to improve or modify. The past is a finished product, the present is the raw material out of which you can make a better product.

* * *

It is much easier to become submerged in the crowd than to stand out from the crowd. It requires a lot of courage for one to assert his own personality and stand out like a unit in the midst of the multitudes, but unless we do it we become moral and spiritual non-entities. It does not require any courage, vision, will, or purpose to go with the crowd. You do not need any originality to lose your soul, nor any creative genius to find your way to hell. All that is necessary is to follow the crowd. The crowd is hellward bound.

How a Funeral Might Have Been Saved

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to her. I don't suppose the deacon meant it—'twas just his way—but it's awful wearing. When the things wore out, or broke, he acted just as if Mrs. Brown did it herself on purpose. And they all caught it, like measles or the whooping-cough.

"And the minister a-telling how the deacon brought his young wife here when it was nothing but a wilderness; and how patiently she bore hardship, and what a good wife she's been! Now the minister wouldn't have known anything about that if the deacon hadn't told him. Dear, dear! If he'd only told Mrs. Brown herself what he thought, I believe he might have saved the funeral.

"And when the minister said how the children would miss their mother, as though they couldn't stand it, poor things! Well, I guess it is true enough; Mrs. Brown was always doing for some of them. When they were singing about 'sweet rest in Heaven,' I couldn't help thinking that that was something Mrs. Brown would have to get used to, for she never had none of it here.

"She'd have been awful pleased with the flowers. They were pretty, and no mistake. You see the deacon wasn't never willing for her to have a flower bed. He said 'twas far prettier sight to see good cabbage a-growin'; but Mrs. Brown always kind of hankered after sweet-smelling things, like sweet-peas and such.

"What did you say, Levi? Most time for supper? Well, so it is! I must have got to meditating. I've been thinking Levi, you needn't tell the minister anything about me. If the pancakes and the pies are good, you just say so as we go along. It ain't best to keep everything laid up for funerals."

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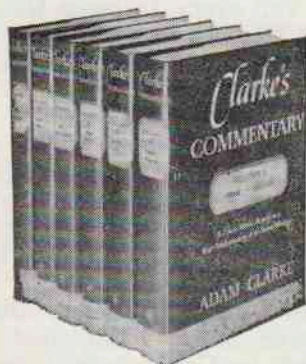
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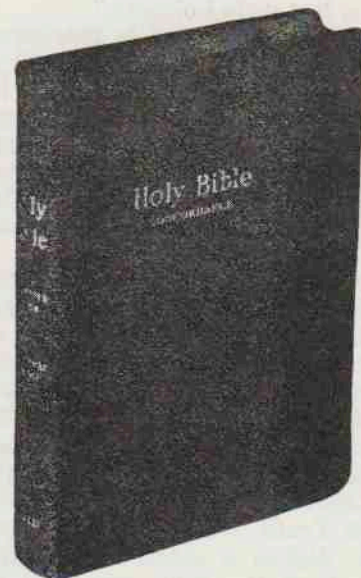
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God's Call to Holiness

By Raymond Pollard

In I Thessalonians 4, verses 3 and 7, the Apostle Paul declares: "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification . . . For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness."

These verses are a clarion call from God to holiness of heart and life. Whenever holiness, or holiness people, are mentioned, some uninformed people immediately think of some oddities, eccentricities, and extravagances. These have no connection whatsoever with "true holiness."

What, then, shall we say of the holiness to which God calls men? This experience of holiness consists of three things: theory, experience, practice. To state it another way: "True holiness" is a truth to be taught, an experience to be enjoyed, and a life to be lived.

Let me consider, first, Holiness as A Truth to be Taught. Anyone who makes a sincere and candid search of the Bible will find that holiness runs from Genesis to Revelation like a winding, connecting golden thread. Holiness is the essence of God (I Peter 1:16). It is God's eternal purpose for us, (Eph. 1:14). It is found in the redemption promise of God. It is provided for in the atonement of Christ. Holiness will characterize those who have part in the first resurrection (Rev. 20:6); and "holiness unto the Lord" will be the perennial theme of the Millennium (see Zech. 14:20, 21).

The great truths of full salvation — justification by faith and entire sanctification — are so clearly woven into the texture of both the Old and New Testaments that, turn where you will, some aspect of holiness will be found. It is in the Bible in promise, in prayer, in precept, in symbol, and in experience. Holiness is the grand theme of the Bible!

How, then, can holiness as a truth to be taught be denied? Can we say that holiness is NOT necessary when in the New Testament alone "there are sixteen commands to be holy, eighteen inspired prayers that we might be holy, and fourteen passages telling us of its results"?

Also, holiness is An Experience to be Enjoyed." Almost all churches teach that "the pure in heart

shall see God," and that "without holiness no man shall see the Lord." The question is: "When may a man be made pure?" When can a man be sanctified wholly?

The Bible clearly teaches that purity of heart is the present privilege of a believing Christian. Just as pardon is promised to the sinner, so is purity promised to the believer.

"Pardon puts into my hand a title deed to heaven; purity puts into my heart a moral fitness for heaven. Pardon must precede purity . . ."

Some people believe in the truth of holiness, but do not believe in it as "a second work of grace." Yet the Bible distinctly reveals that there is such an experience, after being justified. Our Lord prayed for His disciples in John 17:19 that they might be sanctified. Note that they were already disciples, but Christ was praying for them now to be sanctified.

Paul prayed for the Thessalonian Christians: "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly," and then follows this prayer with the promise: "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."

In II Cor. 1:15, Paul says: "I was minded to come unto you before, that ye might receive a second benefit." The word for "benefit" here, is the same word used for "grace" elsewhere in Paul's letter. He uses it in Eph. 2:8 where he says: "For by grace are ye saved through faith." So it is perfectly proper to say that Paul wanted these Corinthians to experience "a second grace." They had already become Christians, as anyone can plainly discern who studies this epistle.

The idea of "a second work of grace," or "the second blessing" in no sense weakens or counteracts the teaching of the "first work of grace," which is known as the new birth, or regeneration. Rather, it enhances it.

Those who deny that there is such an experience as entire sanctification to be enjoyed in this life, either do not understand fully the twofold nature of sin and the twofold provision of redemption, or they are seeking to excuse wilful sin in their lives.

I am glad to tell you that you can enjoy this blessed experience of heart holiness. If you will confess the wranglings of the carnal

mind within, consecrate your all to God, and step out by faith on the promise of God to cleanse "from all unrighteousness," He will sanctify you!

Finally consider holiness as A Life to be Lived — for in the final analysis, this is what really counts. This is the practical demonstration before the world of whether you have the real thing in your heart. This is what Peter meant when he said: "Be ye holy in all manner of conversation," or manner of living.

If you really have the experience of heart holiness, you will be holy in your business life, your domestic life, your school life, your political life, your social life, your public life, and your secret life. "True holiness," when you get it, will work in the dark as well as in the daylight, in times of adversity as well as prosperity, in times of criticism as well as commendation.

The greatest argument for holiness is a holy life lived in the pressures of our everyday environment. A life of holiness is the most beautiful thing in this world, and it is also the most valuable, for it cannot be purchased with the confined wealth of the world.

If we are going to live this holy life, it is therefore essential that we have a holy heart. The spiritual level of the heart determines the moral character of the individual. And since the words, thoughts and motives of an individual spring from the heart, it is evident that to live a holy and pure life the heart must be made and kept pure. If the fountainhead of the stream is polluted and disturbed by the stirring of strife, carnal anger, pride, self-seeking, hatred, or ill-will, the stream will reflect the unrest and turmoil as it flows out into everyday life. A pure heart is the source of a holy life.

God has an experience of divine grace for every believer that will purify the heart, and remove the carnal traits and wranglings, and enable that person to live a holy life in an unholy age.

Friend, have you heard God's call to holiness? Have you experienced the blessing? Has your life been producing the fruits of holiness? If not, then RIGHT NOW, stop whatever you are doing. Drop to your knees. Make an altar of whatever is at hand, and pray through to God's sanctifying experience.