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

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The Nearness of God...

by
E. G. Garrett

The child of God is often called upon to endure hard trials and difficult circumstances. This is quite contrary to the man of the world, in many ways; yet it can be observed that many trials are common to mankind. All men have to endure physical afflictions and suffer the result of unwise decisions, all because of Adam's fall in the Garden. The Christian not only must endure these same situations, but he also must wrestle with the enemy of his soul day and night. The devil is at war with the saints, and he will not let up until the Lord comes and casts him into the bottomless pit. Thus, it behooves each of us to keep a close walk with the Master.

Psalm 139 gives us some encouragement on this subject: "O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off." In other words, regardless of what we are doing, or where we are, the Lord is near. Praise God! The day will never be so dark and lonely that the Lord is not there to comfort and guide us.

This same Psalm states that He "compasseth my path and my lying down." Thus, He is also with us though the hours of the night when we are not aware of His keeping. Although we are subject to the attacks of Satan, we are also under the wing of Christ, and the enemy

can come only so far, when he must stop.

Many Christians today have the idea that because they are saved and sanctified they are entitled to an easier way; but the Bible does not state that, at all. God has not promised an easy way to heaven; but, to the contrary, He has promised that we would be tried as gold in the fire. However, with this promise, we are told that He will never leave us nor forsake us.

Christian thinking today seems to hold to the idea that material prosperity is connected with spirituality; but this is not true. The man of God MAY prosper; and then he MAY NOT do so well; but this does not state his experience with Christ. In fact, it seems the more a person has of this world's goods, the less of God he has.

The knowledge of God's holy presence should be enough to cause our hearts to rejoice at all times. To know that God is willing to follow us in all that we do — or even better — and that He is already there when WE get there, should stir us to carefulness. The Christian is not his own, but is bought with a price. He does not simply exist in order to live; but he has been called upon to live for Christ and to fulfill the will of God. This is not always easy, but it is glorious. The child of God may go through the fire, so to speak, to live where God would have him to live; and he may even have to suffer many times more than the unsaved — but is it

not worth all it costs?

The old Psalmist cried out in the last part of this Psalm, and stated:

"Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

This is asking the Lord to send whatever is necessary to burn out all the dross. When God begins to search the heart and try the reins, He goes deeper than any psychiatrist can go; yea, He goes even beyond the deepest secret the heart can bear. When the Psalmist cried this prayer, he was asking for the most thorough revelation his heart had ever received — but, oh, the value of such a searching! The Lord does not search us out simply to know what is on the inside, but He does His work for the betterment of our own heart. God is desirous of making us suitable for the heavenly world, and thus He hides nothing, nor is He willing that we hide anything. Our heart must be bare before the King of kings, and we must be willing to be made anything He would have us to be. This life of Christ must be wholehearted, or it will be nothing. No evil will pass through the gates of heaven. Therefore, the Psalmist wanted to know the worst while he was on earth, and while he had time and opportunity to make it right. Thank God for the thorough way in which God deals with His children! He is always near, and He always understands. The Psalmist was more interested in his relationship with God than in anything else in the world, and this condition has not changed today with any child of God. If we put God first, then He will be mindful of us in all things.



Power seems to have taken pre-eminence over all other entities in this generation. How fast will it go? What is its horse power? What about forward thrust? These are the questions asked today. Economy and endurance are of but little value in comparison with power. Everything tends to an increase in power — autos, planes, machinery, even my son's new bicycle is geared to have more power with less effort. The greatest power ever known to man has been, and will continue to be the power of prayer plus faith. Jesus said, "You can ask what ye will if ye believe it shall be done," again "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive" Matt. 23:22.

Nations have been completely renewed by prayer. Wicked men have been subdued by it and the whole history of mankind has been changed through prayer. In the writings to the Hebrews we have a listing of men of prayer and faith and their exploits achieved. "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, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again; and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection Heb. 11:33-35.

The general feeling of men today is that whatever will be, will be, and there is nothing that we can do about it, but, records of the past are convincing evidences that God will change those things which seem to be inevitable when men will pray and trust Him. A quick glance backward at the changes accomplished through prayer plus

faith will inspire us to greater faith and more earnest prayer.

England in the seventeenth century was in a chaotic condition, spiritually lifeless and on the verge of national and political ruin when John and Charles Wesley became concerned about it and made a covenant with God and each other, they would not rest or partake of any pleasant food until God sent revival. We remember the results of such a covenant of faith. God sent the needed revival and completely revolutionized England. There was some persecution and not all men accepted this spiritual revolution, but enough did to make it effective in redeeming their land from complete destruction.

While bloody Mary was queen of Scots the Christians underwent a period of extreme persecution even unto death, thus she was named "Bloody Mary". John Knox, a man dedicated to the Christian faith and the spread of Scriptural religion began to pray. It was not long until the queen felt the results of his prayers and declared that she feared the prayers of John Knox more than all the armies of England.

We are facing a foe today who has boasted he will bury us, but further we are facing an inward foe that will bury us if we cannot see revival. This wave of atheism and lawlessness that covers our fair land combined with the outer force of communism will destroy us unless God will help us. It is not a matter of God's ability to help us. He is the very same God and can, but, He implores proud men and women to humble themselves and pray and seek His face and turn from our evil ways, then will He hear and forgive our sin and heal our land. II Chron. 7:14.

Will we pause long enough in the midst of our false security and imitative prosperity to see that we

have forgotten God and must make the first step back to Him?

Let us not believe that the destiny of America is settled and we cannot do a thing about it. Lack of vision, prayer and faith will settle our destiny but a real faith and unrelenting earnest praying will move the mind of God and can very well change the history of mankind. Will we accept the challenge or will we with thousands of other professing Christians fold our hands, be contented with the things we have and say it cannot be done?

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Holiness Teachings

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TOPIC — "The King's Command"

Text — Matt. 5:48, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in Heaven is Perfect."

At the outset, here is "perfection." Perfection taught, perfection encouraged, perfection commanded. The Son of God comes down from Heaven to teach us what we should be; and He bids us be perfect.

Let us look this full in the face. For whilst on the part of some there is an earnest seeking after light, others get rid of the whole subject with a flippant or fierce contempt: "Oh, I don't believe in 'perfection'!"

May not this be an awful and even a blasphemous thing to say? You may not believe in this or that man's way of explaining it. You may differ from everybody's view of the subject. But perfection as it stands here is not part of any man's creed — **it is the command of God.** Our opinion about it cannot get rid of the word. Here, in its majestic authority it abideth forever. But we may bring upon ourselves the penalty of those who neglect the commandment; perhaps even the greater penalty of those who reject it; or, possibly, the penalty of those who "despise" the word of God.

But beside these are others, very different - earnest and holy people, who have a conscious shrinking from anything that hints at the possibility of perfection. It is to them inseparable from a perilous tendency to spiritual pride, that most miserable and loathsome of all pride. Certainly none of us would like to hear a man say of himself, "I am perfect."

Yet here is the word of the Lord, and we cannot afford to hold any view which rejects or weakens any utterance of His. Let us try, honestly and earnestly, to get at the meaning of this Scripture, praying for light to see, and grace to be, that which the Master commands.

TO WHOM ARE THE WORDS SPOKEN? They are not meant for all. The answer is very plainly given — "And seeing the multitude, He went up into a mountain; and when He was set, His disciples came unto Him, and He opened His mouth, and taught them saying . . . Be ye therefore perfect." The words are for His disciples, and for them only.

This is by no means the doctrine with which Christ meets all hearers. In the strong and almost terrible words of this Sermon on the Mount, He warns us against casting pearls before swine, or giving that which is holy to dogs. We are forbidden to take our treasures to those whom they cannot enrich, or our holy things to those who cannot be blest by them. When the Great Teacher stood in Jerusalem, the stronghold of the Scribes and the Pharisees, He did not bid them be perfect. It was exactly what they thought they were — perfect in their prayers, and their almsgiving, and their robes, and their phylacteries. To them He pours forth the terrible denunciation, "Woe unto you, hypocrites! Woe unto you, blind guides! Ye serpents! Ye generation of vipers! How shall ye escape the damnation of hell?"

At another time there came unto Him "the publicans and sinners for to hear Him." He did not bid them be perfect — that could only have discouraged them, almost mocked them. Jesus meets them with the

gracious and beautiful stories of the Lost Sheep, the Lost Piece of Money, and the Prodigal Son.

"His disciples came unto Him." They knew Him. They loved and trusted Him. They sat at His feet and looked into His face, and listened wondering at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And to them He said, "Be ye perfect." These words, like the whole Sermon on the Mount, require that we come in the disciple-spirit. Not as curious critics; but as simple, earnest, loving followers of the Lord Jesus. It may be that we come full of mistakes as they were: full of prejudices; with a great many things to unlearn — yet coming with boldness, that we may learn of Him.

HERE IS CHRIST'S IDEA OF HIS HOLY RELIGION. This is what it is to do for us: It is to make us even as He is perfect. This is the aim and purpose of it all.

What is our idea of religion? Very much, one might almost say everything, depends upon the answer. The prayers we offer, the sins we confess, the standard by which we measure ourselves, the aim and effort of the daily life, all depend upon the thought of what religion is and what it is for.

There is an idea still lingering amongst some that religion is in doing the best we can, and God will do the rest. We must not do anything very outrageous — must not steal or lie, that is any more than other people do, and then we need not fear.

What saith the Scripture? "His name shall be called Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins." "Christ loved the Church, and gave Himself for it." Why? That He might save it from the fu-

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CHURCH NEWS

Obituary

Milesburg, Penna.

There has been no summer slack here at Milesburg. We do thank the Lord for the way He has been with us this summer. We are glad to report there has been no "Summer Slack" as we often hear it mentioned. The attendance has been steady and even a bit on the increase but above all the Lord has been with us even beyond our expectations. It has been our privilege to minister to folk from several states as mentioned in a previous report but one of these need special mention. Sister Mary Sheesley from Colorado spent a few weeks here with her relatives, the Myles Stauffer family. The Stauffers are the in-laws of one of our ministers, Rev. Marlin Stahl and Sister Stauffer is a sister to another of our ministers, Rev. Fred Watson. Sister Sheesley spent many meetings with us. She was able to enjoy the gracious times of refreshing which we enjoy when the Spirit comes to bless. She was also able to be here for the funeral of her sister and member of the church here, Sister Bina Johnson and to enjoy part of the Penns Creek Camp. On her departure the last night, she testified that she loved the services at the Camp Meeting. One of her boys arm was broken and went home in a cast. She was reunited with folks here at the church who had not seen each other for 40 some years. So it was a joy to have her here worshipping with us.

August 25, 1968, morning and evening Bro. and Sis. David Fuller were here to sing and bring the messages. We ask the Standard family to remember the coming services as follows: September 28, 1968, Saturday evening at 7:30: the Lebanon Youth Society from the Lebanon Church will be here for a night of music. All are welcome. October 26, 1968, Saturday evening at 7:30: Rev. Eugene Heidler of Mifflintown, Penna. and his radio staff will be here for the monthly rally. Rev. Heidler pastors the Brethren in Christ Church in that area. All are welcome.

Watch the Standard for future

youth services here at Milesburg.

Sunday, August 18 was a great day at the Milesburg Church in the Valley as it was a day that the Lord did reveal Himself and did come to bless His people. The morning service was one of tremendous blessing, victory and such a sacred service as the Holy Spirit came upon us dwelling with us as we worshipped the Lord together. This service will be long remembered among us here at Milesburg. Then in the afternoon, we shared with the Bellefonte church and Bro. Cooley a baptizing service. This was a time of blessing as we saw young men and women following the Lord in baptism. This service was under the direction of Bro. Cooley and was attended by folk from Zerby, Pleasant View and Milesburg. We wish you would have been with us. Then in the evening service, a very large audience joined with us as the theme for the night was Praise to the Lord for the wonderful day He had given us and again the Lord came and did bless His people. It was our privilege to grant unto one of our number, Bro. Steve Hicks, his preaching license as Bro. Steve is following his calling to the ministry. The Lord did bless this part of our service with His sacred presence. One could sense the nearness of the Spirit. As Bro. Steve was welcomed into the ministry, there were present members of the following professions; three members of the medical world each of a different phase, a service man, Steve's brother and his uncle, Rev. Donald Hicks representing the ministry. Bro. Don Hicks prayed the prayer of commendation. The scripture was taken from II Cor. 3, verses 1-6. This part of the service was also participated in by the local Church Board. We ask the Standard family to pray for our young Brother that the Lord may grant to him a fruitful ministry in the Lord. Visitors in this service were from Lebanon, Tyrone and Buffalo, New York. Again we thank the Lord for a great service.

Church news and Evangelists'

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A faithful member has gone home to be with the Lord from the Milesburg church. Sister Albina Johnson from R. D. No. 3, Bellefonte, died on Friday, August 2 at about 5:30 p.m. She was 71 years 10 months and 22 days old. She is survived by her husband, Mr. Lee Johnson, Sr., 7 children, one of which serves in the Milesburg church as a Deacon, 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Six sisters survive her with one of these active in our church as a Sunday school teacher, two brothers also survive, one of which attends our church here at Milesburg and the other being our good brother Evangelist Rev. Fred Watson.

Sister Johnson served faithfully here at Milesburg until August 13, 1967, which was the last time she was able to attend the service when she was struck down with a terrible disease which finally resulted in her home going. She was Treasurer, Deaconess, the ladies Sunday School teacher and indeed a faithful member for all these many years. It was the pastor's happy privilege to serve her for only a short time but there are many pleasant memories from those short months, especially the times which were shared together in the many visits made to her sick room. She died with victory in her heart testifying many times to me of the saving, sanctifying and keeping power of God even in time of severe pain. It was Sister Johnson's desire to see her family all saved and thus WE ASK THE STANDARD FAMILY TO PRAY WITH US TOWARD THIS END.

The funeral was held at the God's Missionary Church at Milesburg on Monday, August 5 at 1:30 p.m. with the Wetzler Funeral Home in charge. The church organist, Sister Ann Hicks played before and after and also during the service at which time she played Sister Johnson's favorite song, "When I come to the End of the Way". The services were very well attended and the pastor conducted the services which ended with interment at the Advent Cemetery. Heaven will surely be worth it all, Praise the Lord for Victory. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were married 54 years on the 1st of August.

1968 Camp Reflections

by

Rev. Herman K. Knoll

(Memories of Penns Creek Camp from a Pastor's Viewpoint).

It was a pleasure to attend camp meeting and hear Holiness declared.

One can't help but wonder how great the losses are the Church has suffered because of Carnality.

Continued preaching on Carnality is not the result of inability on the part of the preacher but because of the need of the message to the Church.

The congregation's acceptance or rejection limits the ability of the preacher to preach.

God is limited in power by man's attitude resulting in many battles lost.

Some folks here in the tabernacle tonight have made limitations and have set boundaries.

Your disobedience and rebellion proves that you are of your father the devil.

Your response to the truth shows you the identity of your heart.

In preaching Holiness, every strata of life is reached.

Looks as if some folks here have been eating dill pickles for 15 years instead of the Grapes of Eschol.

It is very dangerous to face revealed truth and not do anything about it.

The rise of little insignificant things in your heart will give rise to a flood tide that will wreck.

A self-pleasing spirit will cause you to be a helpless wonderer.

If God can't get to your heart in conventional means, He may move in stern means to get to your heart.

Peace of Victory is a lot different than the peace of defeat.

A lot of new prophets are defeated because of old dead prophets that have compromised.

Lethargy brings action against Godliness instead of worldliness.

All are familiar with **religious regularity**.

Some folks live on the leftovers of the last meeting.

We have learned to perpetuate religious form and custom.

Christianity is more than a subscription to a set of rules.

It is easier and cheaper to live on leftovers.

We stretch our religious heritage as far as possible.

There is a difference in perpetuating a cause or a movement than effecting it.

We are warned not to manufacture false oil.

The deeper the confession, the deeper the cleansing.

A bone scraping preacher is sort of scriptural after all.

Continual refusal of God's will for your life results in continual rejection.

If sinners or the unsanctified leave this tabernacle this afternoon rejecting God, they may literally stumble over the form of the Master through the Holy Spirit.

You can be a privileged but also a defiled person.

The Adamic nature cannot be forgiven, it must be cleansed.

Many in high places of Church authority are defiled.

Spiritual inactivity brings tireless activity against righteousness.

Lining up to sweet old fashioned Holiness will stir the sleeping prophet.

Animosity sears the spirit.

Refusal on the part of persons to accept light only brings scales to the spiritual eyes.

Spiritual disobedience has brought unsanctified persons to a place of stalemate.

There is tragedy in some successes.

The reason people crawl into caves is to get away from the light.

There are certain irrevocable laws connected with a spiritual breakthrough. Prayer is the main one of these laws.

When Carnality affects the minds of believers, great truths are lost.

Carnality limits the Holy Spirit from revealing truths to hearts.

A person can know the will of God but never be happy until he does that will of God.

Truth cannot aid us until we participate in it.

God is just in His expecting and demanding fruit from a sanctified life.

When Holiness is preached, there are always results.

Being good by the avoidance of evil is not enough.

Denial of self and not self-denial is what brings us to a Christ centered life.

The article of discipleship is what God puts His finger on.

Carnality is invisible but the traits are visible.

Jesus Christ is an enemy of patch work.

The bleating of the sheep denotes a defective consecration.

Samson is a good example of going through religious calisthenics.

We are guilty of majoring on the crisis only in the experience of Holiness, while perhaps minimizing the continual process of Holiness.

Unpleasant memories hinder the operations of God.

There is decisiveness in cleansing ourselves.

Our foundation is laid or made in Cleansing but the structure goes up in living the continuing process of Holiness.

There are far too many spiritual pigmies and dwarfs.

There is a difference between growing into and growing in the experiences of Salvation and Holiness.

On receiving new truths, we do not throw the old truths away.

Some people's life is a history of good beginnings.

To say no one is perfect as far as Christian perfection is concerned is bordering on unbelief as it is plainly stated several places in the Bible.

In God's economy there is the plan of dispensable persons.

Excerpts from Evangelist
D. M. Kiffer

One reason perhaps why a person cannot believe is because of their work of repentance not going deep enough.

Absolute obedience is a Divine imperative.

There are no two standards regarding sin.

It is possible to live an outward Holiness without an inward struggle.

There is one standard of life for the followers of Christ.

Television is a moral issue both physically and spiritually.

Doctrine is a teaching of the plan of God that has been wrought in your life.

Doctrinal study is a time of blessing and not a time of dry study.

The time will come when the "physical characteristics of death because of Adam will be changed".

Backsliders can't have confidence in and love for one another.

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A PAGE FOR YOUTH

CONSIDER THIS

Sel.

In this momentous age in which we are living today, certainly we young people need to have our spiritual stakes driven deep and our life's goals set high. In order to do this successfully, we must **KNOW** Christ **PERSONALLY** as Savior.

Someone has said: "Whom you know is more important than **what** you know." This statement being true, socially, economically and politically, it is certainly true religiously, as well.

A Bible school student may come to know much **ABOUT** Christ by studying Systematic Theology, Philosophy of Religion, Theism, The Doctrine of God, and Religious Values, but the question is: Does he **KNOW** Christ personally?

Young people may be reared in Christian homes and be taught in Sunday schools all their youthful days about the Life of Christ, the Teachings of Christ, and the Parables of Christ, and yet miss the greatest issue entirely.

It is commendable to **KNOW ABOUT** Christ; but, dear friend, it is blessed to **KNOW CHRIST**. To know **ABOUT** Him, and to **KNOW** Him are far from being the same thing.

To be qualified to testify that you **KNOW** Christ, you must converse with Him, dine with Him, and commune with Him.

Young man, young lady, today is the day of salvation. Do you **KNOW** Christ?

IT'S VERY HARD

Sel.

"It's very hard to have nothing to eat but porridge, when others have all kinds of dainties," muttered Dick, as he sat with his wooden bowl before him. "It's very hard to have to get up so early on these bitter cold mornings and work all day, when others can enjoy themselves without even an hour of work. It's very hard to have to trudge along through the snow, while others roll about in their coaches."

"But it's a great blessing," said his grandmother, as she sat knitting, "to have food, when so many are hungry. It's a great blessing to have sight and hearing and daily

strength to labor, when so many are blind, deaf, and suffering!"

"Why, Grandmother, you seem to think that nothing is hard!" said Dick, still in a grumbling tone.

"No, Dick, there's one thing that I do think is very hard."

"What's that?" cried Dick, who thought that at last Grandmother had found some cause for complaint.

"Why, Dick, I think that heart is very hard that is not thankful for so many blessings!"

— John Three Sixteen

Ask Him

Sel.

A Christian business man who takes great interest in the work of the Lord, and is often a speaker at religious meetings, one day after giving an address to young people, was approached by a boy who asked rather petulantly, "Can't I play ball on Sunday?"

"Why do you ask?" questioned the gentleman.

"Well," replied Jack, "I want to play on Sundays, and my mother doesn't want me to. She doesn't think it is right."

"I don't want to tell you whether you should play on Sunday. You play on Monday, don't you?"

"Oh, sure!"

"Well, why can't you play on Monday instead of on Sunday? By the way, whose day is Sunday, anyway?"

"I suppose it's the Lord's day," admitted Jack, reluctantly.

"Then, if it's His day, why don't you ask Him?"

"Oh, I know what He'd say!"

No doubt there are many who know what the Lord would say if they should ask Him.

THINK IT OVER!

Sel.

God made the sun — it gives.
God made the moon — it gives.
God made the stars — they give.
God made the air — it gives.
God made the clouds — they give.
God made the earth — it gives.
God made the sea — it gives.
God made the trees — they give.
God made the flowers — they give.
God made the fowls — they give.
God made the beasts — they give.
God made the Plan — He gives.
God made man — he . . . ? ? ?

Clear Vision

Sel.

Preaching in Brighton, England, pastor Henry Howard said that once he was trying to prepare a sermon for children. He said to himself, "What has the heart to do with seeing?"

"I went to the telephone," he continued, "and called the principal doctor in our city. I asked him if there was any disease of the heart that affected our eyes."

"Oh, yes," he said, "certainly, Mr. Howard, there is. We call it a dirty heart."

"I asked him for particulars, and he explained that it was a disease in which ulcers formed on the inner walls of the heart. There was no pain there, but the blood vessels of the eyes were affected, the eyes becoming bloodshot; and if there was no cure, the blood vessels burst, and the man became blind. A clean heart — a clear vision."

Much of our lack of vision can be traced to a dirty heart — a heart that is selfish, worldly, and occupied with the things of time.

Something You Should Know

5 percent of reported church members do not exist;

10 percent cannot be found;

20 percent never pray;

25 percent never read the Bible;

30 percent never attend church;

40 percent never give to any cause;

50 percent never go to Sunday school;

60 percent never go to church Sunday nights;

70 percent never give to Missions;

75 percent never engage in any church activity;

80 percent never go to prayer meeting;

90 percent never have family worship;

95 percent never win a soul to Christ.

Let us determine to dedicate ourselves for His service, so that the whole world may hear the whole Gospel.

— Crusade Contact,
Child For Christ Crusade



Missionary Message

We Have Light, We Have Light!

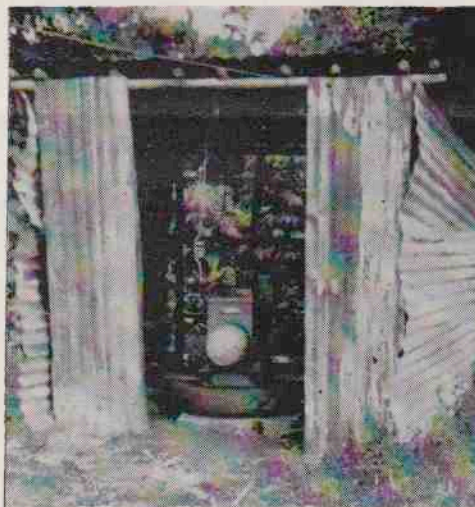
Miss Bonnie Cleaver

"I will make the darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. . ." Isa. 42:16. There was a sound of a crank turning, then a roar and finally a steady hum of a powerful motor. Standing there in the darkness listening with grateful hearts we heard all the strange new sounds and then looking towards the house we saw lights go on all over. Yes, after eight years of using kerosene lamps we now had real lights! We left the little zinc shelter that housed the generator and walked through the night into the mission house and went quickly from room to room turning on the rest of the lights. Our hearts could not utter how we felt and we just kept saying to one another and to the radiant rooms we entered, "Praise the Lord", "Thank you Jesus", or as the Liberians say in surprise, "What!", meaning that it was hardly believable. I wanted to cry, God had been so good to us.

It gets dark early here in Africa, around 6:00 or 6:30 all the year long. And with the kerosene lamps we could not see to do things as well after it became dark so we usually went to bed early. Now we can stay up and do our schoolwork at night and write letters and many



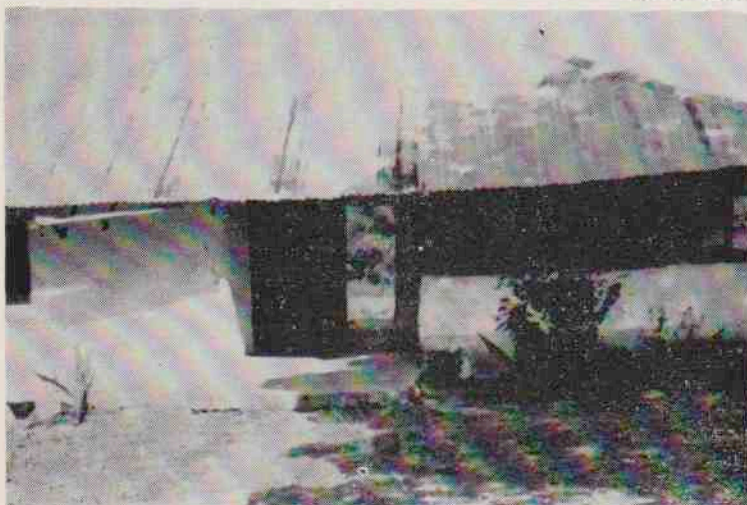
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other things. Of course we can't remember complaining about the lamps, they were just taken for granted, till we were home on furlough and turned switches to see a room light up. But along with the running water you enjoy there and the inside plumbing among other things, we too enjoy them while we are home, but we come back to our work here with joy. In doing so we do not in any way feel neglected or in need of pity, because of seeming inconveniences.

After having our lights that first night and then trying to go to sleep I found that I could not do so because of all the excitement. So I just stayed awake and thought of some times in the past when the electricity would have been a blessing. About a week and a half before our house was wired and the generator was set up I had gone to bed and the other missionary came and told me they had brought a little girl who was wounded. I reached for my housecoat and went quickly to the kitchen where a scene reached my eyes that could only be described as "bloody". By the light of the dim kerosene lamp I saw a child of about 11 years on her mother's back with blood streaming from her head and soaking the woman's clothes and her own. The wound in the child's head was a



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REMAINING FREE

MEN

We frequently celebrate the birthday of our nation without giving any thought to the continuing price of freedom. Benjamin Franklin said: "They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

Freedom Within Law

The highest freedom comes within the limitations of God's immutable laws. This is true for every aspect of man's being — body, mind and spirit. The human body obtains its highest freedom under the rigid discipline of exercise, nutrition, rest, fresh air, and abstinence from nicotine, alcohol, and narcotics. The body will encounter impairment, disease, and enslavement in proportion to the violation of the laws of God which govern the body.

Only a mind that is subjected to rigid discipline obtains the highest freedom. The matter of being deeply spiritual comes not by accident. The highest freedom in spiritual achievement comes through submission to inevitable spiritual laws.

The new morality of the present day which places no restraint upon freedom is the old immorality with its unbridled restraint. Political freedom can neither be obtained nor maintained except within the restrictions and limitations of both civil and moral law.

Edmund Burke, the great political philosopher of the eighteenth century, said: "Men are qualified for civil liberty in exact proportion to their disposition to put chains upon their own appetites; in proportion as their love of justice is above their rapacity; in proportion as their soundness and sobriety of understanding is above their vanity and presumption; in proportion as they are more disposed to listen to the counsel of the wise and good, in preference to the flattery of knaves. Society cannot exist unless a controlling power upon the will and appetite is placed somewhere and the less of it there is within, the more there must be of it without. It is ordained in the eternal constitution of things, that men of intemperate habits cannot be free.

Their passions forge their fetters."

Chief Justice of the United States, Earl Warren, speaking at the Annual Awards Dinner of the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, 1962, said: "In civilized life, law floats in a sea of ethics. Each is indispensable to civilization. Without law, we should be at the mercy of the least scrupulous; without ethics, law could not exist." History is not on the side of unbridled freedom, which is so widely advocated in many high places today. Great nations and civilizations of the past have perished through internal moral decay. We are only speeding the destruction of our nation in advocacy of the new morality, which is only the old unrestricted immorality.

Our Founding Fathers

The Founding Fathers who signed the Declaration of Independence were men of faith. They believed in the disciplines of the moral law. They believed that God is alive and that He is manifesting Himself in history. George Washington issued an order from his headquarters at Valley Forge, May 2, 1778, in which he said: "While we are zealously performing the duties of good Citizens and Soldiers we certainly ought not to be inattentive to the higher duties of Religion. To the distinguished Character of Patriot, it should be our highest Glory to add the more distinguished Character of Christian. The signal Instances of providential Goodness which we have experienced and which have now almost crowned our labours with complete success, demand from us in a peculiar manner the warmest returns of Gratitude and Piety to the Supreme Author of all Good" (Norman Cousins, *In God We Trust*, p. 51).

John Adams, who succeeded Washington as the second president of the United States, in a letter to Benjamin Rush bearing the date of January 21, 1810, said: "The Christian religion, as I understand it, is the brightness of the glory and the express portrait of the character of the eternal, self-existent, independent, benevolent, all powerful and all merciful creator, preserver, and father of the universe, the first good, first perfect, and first fair. It will last as long as the world" — (Ibid., p. 101).

We will not remain free men under the unrestricted canopy of the new morality or the "God is dead" movement. We will remain free men only as long as we follow the light of the torch of faith which illuminated the pathway of the Founding Fathers of this great nation. — J. C. M.

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ture punishment of sin? No. "That He might sanctify and cleanse it by the washing of water with the Word, that He might present it to Himself a glorious Church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing, but that it should be holy, and without blemish."

Christ's idea of His holy religion. It is to make men like God, corresponding to Him, answering to Him. This is the aim and end of every part of it — to make men think as God thinks — that is, to love God with all the mind.

To will as God wills — that is, to love God with all the heart.

To do what God commands — that is, to love God with all the strength.

And not only of Christianity is this the great aim. It is impossible to think of any true religion of which this is not the purpose — to be like God. This is religion in the angels; this was the religion of Paradise — a power sustaining and developing the likeness of God. This was the whole aim of the Jewish religion. Christianity differs from all these in — The way in which that purpose is to be fulfilled.

The Son of God becomes the son of man that through Him the sons of men may become the sons of God. The great revelation that Christ makes is not of God only, but of God as Our Father. This is the text of the Sermon on the Mount, "Your Father, which is in Heaven." And in that new relationship lie these new and infinite possibilities. The relationship between God and Israel was the relation of a covenant. God was the God of Abraham; Israel was the seed of Abraham. Our relationship to God is the relationship of a new nature.

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We Have Light, We Have Light!

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deep puncture wound. Because of the dimness of the lamp and the hair covering the spot it was almost impossible to see the exact location of the wound in order to apply the pressure dressing. So I told one of the boys to go for my flashlight and while one held it focused on her head I snipped away the hair and then put on the dressing. By that time I was sprinkled with blood too. Then we prayed and put both the child and the mother into our spare bedroom. I went periodically to check the dressing and we praised the Lord that the blood soon stopped altogether and we could all go to sleep. Praise His Name! Dressing wounds with a flashlight is not the most pleasant situation but He made a way. Next time we shall do it by electricity. Then there was the time on a Liberian Thanksgiving Day when we had gone to bed, only to be awakened at 3:00 a.m. with something biting us in bed. I hurried to reach for my flashlight and it showed me that the driver ants were coming in my window and had taken possession of my bed. When we checked the house they were coming in all the windows and so we rang and rang a bell for the mission boys to come. They were sound asleep and so heard nothing, therefore we proceeded to do the work ourselves. After getting matches, paper, kerosene and both our flashlights we burned them inside and outside the house. About 5:00 a.m. we finished and then it was time to get up so there was no use to go back to bed. How much better it would have been to be able to turn on the power plant and kill them by the light of electricity. But at that time we did not think of such a thing and only praised the Lord that He awakened us in time. Only now did the memory come back to remind us of how grateful we were for the lights. Also I remembered the task that it was to iron with a heavy charcoal iron, having the coals come out, then pressing over top of them, only to have to rewash the garment. Or seeing a live coal come out one of the holes and then have a hole burned in your dress. But now we can iron with electricity and with an iron that is not so heavy. Thank the Lord!

I still could not sleep so thought again of some of the other "lights" that I have seen here in Africa that have thrilled my heart. The "light" in a little Liberian boy's eyes as he ran to me with his report card, pulling at my arm, saying, "Mother, Mother, I passed!" And I knew that he had walked to school for two hours every morning through wet jungle paths and crossed a swollen river that has taken more than one life, to come to the mission school to "know books". Knowing that most of the mornings he came to school without any breakfast and went home in the evening still with an empty stomach till his mother came from the farm to cook the daily rice. Or I remembered the "light" in a native woman's face as she clapped her hands and danced around her little boy who had been so sick the week before but now was well and strong. They had brought him to the mission late one evening with his neck and face swollen beyond recognition. Even though we were tired after a long day we put them into the car and rode over rough roads to the main road and then for one and a half hours to the city hospital where he could be seen by a doctor. In one week we took its mother back to the hospital and we found the little boy outside in a communal high-chair with about five other babies happily eating his cereal. We hardly knew him, he was so changed and well and his mother was so delighted that as we saw the light in her face we knew that the trip had been worth it.

The Lord has done marvelous things for us. He has not only given us a generator but also a new clinic. Some of you who receive our prayer letter know about it already. In the old one with its wooden shutters closed against the rain we could not see many times to do our work well, and so in the new one with its six windows we have "plenty" light and are so happy for it. He supplied all of the needs, materially, financially, and physically, that it might be possible for us to have the generator and the new clinic. So to the many who sent extra money during this time not even knowing our needs, and to all who have prayed for so long that we might have lights, we want to say thank you. I am sending a picture of both the old and the new clinic building so that you may see

what He has done.

Both the lights and the clinic cost money, a great deal of money to us, but they only give us material light. God has given us light too and it cost Him His only Son, Jesus, Who was the Light, died for us that we might have spiritual light and then carry that same light to others who still live in the darkness of sin. What are you doing, how much are you praying, when are you going, to help souls who still wait to hear that there is Light for them. May God forgive us for the little we do and inspire us anew to do more than ever before.

Your servant for Jesus sake,

Bonnie

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Born of God, we are His children, and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ.

Here lies the glorious possibility of perfection: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in Heaven is perfect." Dwell upon it until the thoughts are filled with the mighty wonder of it, and the heart glows with an adoring love, and all the soul is thrilled with its boundless promise. Not in any figure, but in very act and deed they that are Christ's are "begotten of God," "partakers of the Divine Nature." Accept it as the pledge of an infinite blessedness. Herein lies not only the possibility of perfection, but the ground of this command and demand.

Holiness means that in all this round of life we seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. So thinking and purposing and doing that everywhere the life of God within us shall have freedom and opportunity for growth.

Holiness then is simply this: perfect health of soul. It cannot be other than this.

"Christ, Who is Our Life," perfectly received for forgiveness, for deliverance, for victory, for all.

"Christ, Who is Our Life," perfectly distributed over the home and the business, throughout the thoughts and wishes and words and deeds.

(Holiness Teachings by M. G. Pearse)

PENN VIEWS

Once again schools across America are opening doors to begin another year of teaching. Worldly minded men and women will be instructing young men and women in those things that will prepare them for their life's work but the sad truth is prayer will not be offered nor will the Holy Scriptures, which the Apostle declares are to make one wise, be read. Many Christian youth will be subject to doctrines we do not believe, doctrines which will tend to unspirituality.

At Penn View the doors will also open to admit choice young people, who are concerned about their future life and a life in the world to come. Nor will they be disappointed for the teachers at Penn View have been selected by men who know what qualities are to be found in good teachers, also, each teacher has a spiritual relationship with Jesus Christ. While that education that will prepare youth to face the challenge of a material world is by no means neglected, yet, students here are instructed in the Word of God and exhorted to spirituality.

A tremendous responsibility rests upon each teacher and board member in any way connected with Penn View. Your continued support in prayer will be greatly appreciated for only through earnest sincere prayer will we succeed. Perhaps you could help us in a more tangible way. Many have made pledges of money that will be helpful when received, but the building is nearing completion and funds at this time are greatly needed. We would like to hear from our many friends of the Standard, who are interested in investing in this great worthwhile cause. Donations will be greatly appreciated for many needs must be met. Will you help us? Your donations, large or small, will be appreciated and the Lord will especially bless you.

All donations are tax deductible and receipts will be issued upon request. Send your donation directly to: — Penn View Bible Institute, Penns Creek, Penna. 17862.

What of the Night

As a general rule, when we think of night, we think of darkness. When the sun goes down and darkness gradually seeps in, we push a button and the darkness vanishes.

There is light.

Spiritual darkness is not so easily dispelled. Men may toil for years, pouring out their hearts and lives before seeing any visual results.

Kenya is a land of great contrasts today. Though there is a great desire for education — and there are many highly educated people — among the Africans, there are others who have never spent a day in school.

There are modern houses, stores, factories, cars, buses, running water, electricity and a multitude of other conveniences. But just a short distance away one can see the little mud hut with its grass roof, dirt floor, and little stone fireplace where the family meals are prepared.

A baby is born in the hospital where everything is clean and sanitary. Another baby is born in the bush with the help of crude, possibly even dirty and rusty implements.

There is the large city school with its ample blackboards and many large windows contrasted by the little mud school with its tiny blackboard, if it has any at all, and small holes in the walls, which let in the rain as well as the light.

There are the wealthy. There are the poor. There are the well-dressed. There are those with only a blanket or a cowhide for covering.

Yes, we see great contrasts wherever we look, and the greatest is between the darkness and the light.

There are multitudes who are hungry for the Gospel. They no longer find satisfaction or have faith in their heathen altars of dead sticks. They are still in the dark, but they are searching for the light.

Watchman, what of the night?

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When Spiritual pride is developed there is satisfaction with outward gain.

We must be prepared to jeopardize health and business.

We must be ready to offend others for the sake of the cross.

Without Holiness there is no present revelation nor will there be a future revelation of God.

The direction for Holiness is imperative therefore there is no argument.

We must be deeply attached and openly committed to Jesus Christ.

Holiness is the standard for all Creation.

Holiness is the standard for our Recovery.

Holiness is the standard for our Judgement.

God has a tailor made experience for every need.

Judgement is just and as sure as life.

The essence of Holiness is purity.

Seek the reality of a pure heart.

After purity is attained, we do not become angels.

We still retain personalities that vary even after Spiritual perfection.

There will be partial knowledge, fallible memory, warped judgement and hasty decisions after heart purity.

We may have a perfect experience in an imperfect environment.

Excerpts from James McLaren

One can hear them expressed as follows: Bro. Mc Laren, "Lord, help us all"; "Let me digress a moment"; "Oh Dear".

Bro. Kiffer, "Perpetuate" and "I'll tell you".

Holiness is begun in Justification.

Holiness is continued in Sanctification.

Holiness will be consummated in Glorification. — James McLaren.

The working of these two brethren in our camp was something to behold. It was a most rewarding time of doctrinal teaching and soul reaping. We returned to our churches encouraged in the Lord to press on. Thank the Lord for a great year at Penns Creek.

Hearing minus doing equals self deception.

Hearing plus doing equals blessing.

David Fuller
Penn View Bible Inst.

The Holy Spirit speaks in languages we can understand.

We must be willing to give up the 98c claim to our lives.

Sister Maynard

DANGER AHEAD

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"Danger ahead" signs on the highways . . . "Danger" on bottles that contain poison . . . "Beware of the propellers" at some airfields . . . "Thin ice" on ponds and rivers in the winter . . . "Cross at Intersections" . . . "Beware of the Dog" . . . "Speed Limit . . ." — all of us live with warnings on every hand. We take them as a matter of course, and if we stop to think we are thankful for them. We know they are meant for our good.

Strange to say, however, many of us resent any word of warning about our spiritual welfare. The possibility of danger in regard to our eternal destiny is only too often hidden by a conspiracy of silence. Now that the reality of the devil and of hell are ridiculed, even by many who teach and preach, it has become passe to speak of sin and judgment and the world to come.

Men in many secular fields recognize their responsibility to warn of particular dangers. State and federal laws require that there be clear and adequate warnings against certain hazards. But many ministers of the Gospel are silent about the Bible's warnings of "the wrath to come" — a subject about which Jesus, John the Baptist, Matthew, Luke, and John speak clearly.

John, in the Revelation, describes a day when the wrath of the spurned Christ will be poured out: "Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the generals and the rich and the strong, and every one, slave and free, hid in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, calling to the mountains and rocks, 'Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand before it?' " (6:15-17, RSV).

Why is there silence on this subject about which God so clearly warns us in the Bible?

Why do men ignore the whole matter of a coming judgment, mentioned more than 1,000 times in Scripture?

Why do many of those who should proclaim the truth of wrath, judgment, and future punishment remain mute, or soothe with plati-

tudes that please even as they damn?

The reason is not hard to find. They preach a deformed doctrine of God, a doctrine in which His love and mercy are stressed while His holiness, justice, and judgment are slighted.

Certainly the Bible comforts us with the truth that "God is love"; yet it also warns us that "our God is a consuming fire." The Bible that tells us that Christ is a foundation stone, a sure footing, the only foundation, also warns that "every one who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; but when it falls on any one it will crush him" (Luke 20:18).

By and large churchgoers hear messages of comfort and hope based on wishful thinking. The nature of sin, an offense against a holy God, is denied or disregarded. The Cross is spoken of solely in terms of love without the element of propitiation. Only the physical agony of Christ on the cross is stressed; His role as sin-bearer and His vicarious death are overlooked.

I do not see how God can fail to judge those who preach or teach a gospel that is not THE Gospel. The love, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ must be preached against the backdrop of the holiness and judgment of God, Who offered His Son as a substitute and as the One to Whom we may turn for salvation.

No nation has ever existed under more favorable circumstances than America. None has had greater privileges and opportunities. Yet like Israel of old, we have turned every man to his own way. And where there is no repentance, God's judgment is there.

Where are those who should stand in the highways and byways to warn this sinning nation? We are being warned about man's offenses against man, his inhumanity to his fellows — and we need this warning. But how few speak also of our offenses against a holy God! How few preach of things beyond the grave. How many stand up to preach about "justice" but fail to mention "self-control and future judgment" (Acts 24:25). How appallingly evident it is that the Church today is more concerned with man's temporary material welfare than with the welfare of his eternal soul.

The Apostle Paul, preaching to the intellectuals in Athens, told them of God as Creator and Sus-

tainer of life and of man's vain attempts to worship him by man-made contrivances. Then he said, "The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all men everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all men by raising him from the dead" (Acts 17:30, 31).

Why so few sermons on "repentance"? Or on that coming "day"? Or on the certainty of coming judgment?

The only explanation is that many no longer admit or believe in the true nature of sin, so deadly in its effect that only the atoning sacrifice of the Son of God can save its victims. And because the biblical teaching about sin is rejected, the biblical teaching about judgment and redemption is rejected also.

The good news is what God has done at Calvary and continues to do for man. But salvation is not offered on man's terms. It is offered on God's terms, and it involves sin and judgment, love and redemption. No part is complete without the others. Too often a truncated gospel is preached that either denies or ignores the "day" about which our Lord warned, a day of finality and judgment toward which all are headed but from which all may escape by way of the Cross of Christ.

God's infinite patience is seen by many today as indifference rather than forbearance, blindness rather than loving hope. The Apostle Peter tells us that God does not wish that "any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and the works that are upon it will be burned up" (II Pet. 3:9, 10).

Figurative language? Don't rest on a false hope! And why rest at all on anything less than Jesus and his atoning, forgiving, cleansing work?

But, you say, this introduces the element of fear, and fear is incompatible with our thoughts of a God of love. For the unrepentant sinner there is danger, and he should fear. The future is incredibly dark for the unbeliever.

There is danger ahead for the unbeliever. And there is perfect safety for all who believe.