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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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## Thanksgiving Prepares The Way

by  
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"The true saint," William Law once noted, "is not he who prays most or fasts most . . . who gives most alms or is most eminent for temperance . . . or justice; but it is he who is always thankful to God, who wills everything that God wills, who receives everything as an instance of God's goodness and has a heart always ready to praise God for it."

And the same devout writer states further that if we would find the shortest, surest way to happiness and perfection we should make it a rule to praise God in everything that happens to us.

The Apostle Paul exemplified this quality of godliness when, bound in chains as a prisoner, he wrote his most joyful epistle. He recognized that the calamity which had come to him personally was, through the providence of God, becoming one means of advancing the gospel of his Lord. So he was able to write his friends at Philippi not only unembittered under trial but actually thankful to God. He was practicing what he had written of earlier to the Thessalonians: "Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks" (I Thess. 5:16-18a).

John Wesley comments on this passage. "This is Christian perfection. Further than this we cannot go: and we need not stop short of it. Our Lord has purchased joy, as well as righteousness, for us. . . Thanksgiving is inseparable from

true prayer; it is almost essentially connected with it. He that always prays is ever giving praise, whether in ease or pain, both for prosperity and for the greatest adversity. He blesses God for all things, looks on them as coming from Him, and receives them only for His sake; not choosing nor refusing, liking nor disliking, anything, but only as it is agreeable or disagreeable to His perfect will."

INDEED IT IS TRUE that sincere gratitude can come only from a humble heart; from a heart aware of his need for God; a heart considerate of his fellow men; from a heart desiring God's immediate will and striving for His ultimate purpose. It is to such men that God can reveal Himself and to such men He can make known the riches of His salvation.

God Himself very pointedly speaks to us about this: "The sacrifice of praise will glorify me," He declares, "and that is the way wherein I will shew to him the salvation of God" (Ps. 50:23, Septuagint).

So it is that thanksgiving opens the way for God to come to us. Writing in a strain similar to the psalmist A. W. Tozer reflects upon thankfulness as a determinative quality in the life of the child of God. "Gratitude is an offering precious in the sight of God and is one that the poorest can make and be not poorer but richer for having made it. . . Gratitude felt and expressed becomes the healing, life-building force of the soul. Something wonderful happens to us

when gratitude enters. We cannot be too grateful, for it would be like loving too much or being too kind."

Paul also suggests that it is thanksgiving which opens the door of our spirits to the revelation of God's grace, to the inpouring of His peace. "Rejoice in the Lord at all times; I will say it again — rejoice!" He wrote to the Philippian believers. "Have no anxiety; in every situation make your request known to God with prayer, supplication and thanksgiving. Then the peace of God, which is greater than any thought can comprehend, will stand guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:4, 6, 7, Bruce).

Ungratefulness toward God, on the other hand, is among those serious moral losses which cause many people to lose their way, to close their lives against God's coming to them, and actually to blind themselves to spiritual light. "They are without excuse," Paul says, "because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened" (Rom. 1:20b, 21).

ALTHOUGH THE CHRISTIAN joins heartily in the spirit of the national Thanksgiving Day, thanksgiving should be to him not just a day-once-a-year affair. It should rather be an everyday pattern of life.

There is much to be learned here from Daniel. Intrigue on the part of Persian leaders led King Darius to sign an irrevocable decree which said that any person making a petition to any man or god other than the king would be cast into a den

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At this season of the year many are listing the things for which they are about to give thanks. Too often the things for which we express our thanks are purely material or perhaps physical, yet, as I ponder the list, one thing is somewhat outstanding this year, and rightly so for this is what the day represents traditionally.

First of all may I take the liberty to express thanksgiving for my rich spiritual heritage. Sunday school, church, prayer and Bible reading in the public classroom and Christian training in the home are some of my most precious memories. In addition to the grace of God, a Godly pastor and Christian parents in my formative years, are responsible for the spiritual life I enjoy today.

Closely related to my spiritual heritage is my national heritage, for this I am thankful. Perhaps the tremendous price that others have been called upon to pay, is what makes this heritage so rich. As I thank God for this I am reminded of the prayers of the General George Washington, as he waited upon God for direction in the revolutionary war. I remember, with gratitude, the historical accounts of men haunted by cold and hunger as they willingly gave themselves to battle for independence. They were not at all like our twentieth century draft card burners and war protestors wanting to be handed everything without cost.

In your imagination, visit the president's office in the days of the civil war. Watch Mr. Lincoln as he paces the floor and prays for guidance and wisdom. Listen as he groans within himself over the loss of lives of his own countrymen who perish to preserve the **United States**.

Visit the blood soaked battle

fields of France, Italy, Hungary, Germany and many others as our own brothers and fathers sacrificed their lives to preserve what we now count so valueless. Reader! does not your heart **sadly rejoice** when you think of the rich heritage we have received. Had not we been granted the national heritage we would not be enjoying the rich spiritual blessings we now have, for these men fought, bled and even died to preserve our nation and Christianity, to preserve our liberties and freedoms.

Subversive governments and atheistic dictators have long desired to destroy what we believe and enjoy but even now we still have this priceless heritage. How long we have this is questionable at this point, yet, at this Thanksgiving season let us bow our heads and praise God for His mercy and grace and give thanks for those "long honored dead" who have made it possible.

Let us further ask ourselves what we can do to further preserve our freedom? If we have given and done all that we possibly can having already known? If after all we deserve the Liberties we now have? Paul Harvey says, "He who does not appreciate and fight for liberty does not deserve it."

By the time you read this, election shall be over. Did you pray earnestly that God's will be done? Did you ask God to place in office those men that would put God back into our government and school? Did you do what was best to bring about the answer to your own prayers? If not are we really thankful for the freedoms we enjoy?

Let us pledge anew our prayers, our efforts, our means to preserve our liberties so the next generations will be able to have a Thanksgiving day and be able to thank God as we do now.

## SENTENCE SERMONS

1. The grass may be greener on the other side of the fence, but remember the water bill might be higher.

2. We may have the desires of our own wills, but the cost will be souls, not dollars and cents.

3. The reasoning of Balaam was not even equal to good horse sense, the mule rendered obedience to God.

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## Holiness Teachings

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### TOPIC — PENTECOSTAL SANCTIFICATION — Its Pre-eminence

It has been noted by Dr. Daniel Steele and other such men, that the revised version of the New Testament, in its rendering of many of the passages which have been used to support the doctrine of entire sanctification under the Wesleyan conception, is exceedingly favorable to it by its more accurate translation of the Greek tenses, and the reinstatement of the definite article. A sample of such text is Hebrews 12:14. It reads (revised version): "Follow peace with all men and THE sanctification." The authorized version does not fully express the thought of the original in its reading — "and holiness." The new version brings it out clearly by supplying the definite article "the," and translating the original word for holiness by its primary meaning, SANCTIFICATION. Hence, gives the idea that there is a sanctification — that is, THE sanctification, as distinguished from other forms of sanctification referred to in the Scriptures. A casual reader of the Scriptures — especially of the New Testament — must be impressed that there are various forms of sanctification taught, and as well that there is one form — that is, THE sanctification *par excellence* in distinction from all other modes presented. It is the sanctification of the Spirit. Let us notice the forms of sanctification over which this is given pre-eminence.

#### 1. Provisional Sanctification.

This is taught in such passages

as these: "By one offering, He hath perfected forever them that are sanctified;" also, "Jesus that He might sanctify the people suffered without the gate." That is, Christ by the sacrifice of Himself through His death and sufferings an atonement for sin, has brought the whole race into a sanctified relation to God, in view of which God can now extend mercy and grace to all who will turn unto Him — that is, God now looks upon all souls as hallowed unto Himself, because sprinkled with the blood of Jesus. In this form, all bad men, as well as good men, are sanctified. But this is a constructive sanctification under the plan of redemption — real, fundamental, glorious — but not the ultimate, actual sanctification of the Spirit.

#### 2. Partial Sanctification.

The Scriptures teach that every justified, regenerated soul is sanctified, but that the sanctification is only initial and partial. Every believer, in view of his having accepted the plan of redemption through Christ, is accounted as sanctified to God by his justified relative. Moreover, still, in regeneration, which is the companion of pardon, an actual work of sanctification is begun and effected to a considerable degree. Not only is a new life imparted, but a new nature given to the soul. Every grace of the Spirit in a germinal form, such as love, joy, faith, goodness, meekness, gentleness, patience, heavenly-mindedness, Christliness, etc., is implanted with the new birth, so that not only as to relation, but also as to nature, a work of sanctification, true and deep, is wrought in the soul. But this is not the sanctification final and complete. It is sanctification blessedly begun, but

not sanctification consummated.

#### 3. Personal Sanctification.

With the new life begotten in the soul at conversion, comes an instinctive impulse to give itself to Christian service. Doing this, it becomes personally sanctified to God in Christian work. For instance: there was a young man — a friend of ours — in college, who, being reclaimed from a backslidden state, felt he must enter the mission field. Having finished his college course, he went to China as a missionary, where for twenty-five years, he has been a self-sacrificing toiler. That was his personal sanctification to God in work. Some years since, a splendid young woman, of fine culture, was converted in a revival in one of our pastoral charges. She immediately resolved to lay her self, with all her exceptional endowments and prospects, on the altar of self-sacrifice among the freed women of the South. She is there today toiling from cabin to cabin, in personal sanctification to this blessed work for God. When Miss Frances Ridley Havergal wrote her beautiful consecration hymn —

"Take my life and let it be

Consecrated, Lord, to Thee," it voiced the gracious impulses of her saved soul to be sanctified to service as a personal sacrifice to God. It is possible for one to be thus wholly consecrated to Christian service without having the sanctification of the Spirit.

It has only been a few months since there came to me a beloved brother — an evangelist of great acceptability and of exceptional usefulness — one whose service for souls has been Pauline and heroic. He said: "I find that while I have been for ten years devoting myself

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## CHURCH NEWS

### Milesburg, Pa.

September has closed and it has been a glorious month with the most notable statement worth making is that "It was good for us to be together". The presence of the Lord was extremely wonderful and as you read these various reports from month to month, sometimes I even wonder what we will be able to report to you the next time. But for this moment, we Praise God for all His many movings we have felt in our services. Many are the things we can mention but we shall say it all in that God is not dead but very much alive and is proving Himself with us here at this location. Attendance has been up, financial load lightened and some new folks coming but again all we say is pray for us here as we go forth encouraged in the Name of the Lord.

Rev. Juddie Peyton representing Faith Missions was with us for one service only. The presence of the Lord was among us from the beginning. Rev. Peyton sang four songs for us among which was the very song he made well known by recording it several years ago — "When He reached out His Hand for Me." This song was sung especially for a very old mother and grandmother of this area. She cannot get out to services very often but she wanted to hear Bro. Peyton again before she passes on and so managed to make it out to this service. We enjoyed having her. Bro. Peyton preached a very challenging message to us on "Witnessing", at home and abroad. We were also glad to be able to send him away with a good check for the Mission endeavor. This is the 2nd year for this venture and ever since this church has launched out on a stronger Missions program, the Lord has really been helping.

On Saturday night the 28th, the Lebanon Youth Group, where Bro. Wise pastors, was here for a Youth service. They presented a greatly different and wonderfully presented variety of songs. The chorus of 23 young persons sang "Heaven Came Down, Oh Happy Day, Let thy Mantle Fall on Me, My Savior is Alive Forevermore, Following Jesus, I've Got Peace, and Thank You

Lord for Saving My Soul". These songs were tremendous and the Lord moved on the hearts of the people thro tears and notes of victory. Then, they had a Brother combination with a trumpet and trombone duet which was thoroughly enjoyed. A solo then was presented at this point that proved to be a great blessing — "I Wish I had Given Him More". A trumpet trio followed with two numbers well played followed by a piano and organ duet. A girl's quartet sang a very well presented and different song followed by a mixed quartet composed of two married couples and they sang "He is Passing By". The Chorus then followed with "Every Day with Jesus, The Old Fashioned Way, Second Blessing Holiness, Jesus Sets Me Absolutely Free," and then the invitation song and the exhortation to find the Lord centered around the song "Till the Storm Passes By". These chorus numbers were centered around solo and duet and various part arrangements and all present went home encouraged to press on. All commented what a good service it was. A young man was present here for the first time after being invited by one of the church families. He was raised Catholic and was so wonderfully impressed both by the friendliness of the folks and the service itself. So this service was instrumental in getting the message of Salvation to a new heart. These Youth Meetings are held for your benefit; we invite you to avail yourself of the opportunities to attend these services. We also encouraged the rest of the churches if you want a tremendously varied and Spirit Blessed service, get these young folks for they will do thee good. Just this week, another denomination ask for more information as to how and what they are and can they be gotten for a service. I say again they do excel and will bless your church. Present for this service were folks from at least four denominations and among these was the God's Missionary represented by folks from four different churches. All went home rejoicing in the Lord. The service with Rev. Peyton was attended by folks from five denominations but let me say this as I close this report, we closed the month in victory in seeing believers sanctified

definitely, sinners praying and seeking God and confessing and believers and Saints alike moving toward God. Pray for us here as we labor on in His Name. Glory.

### Helfenstein, Pa.

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### Missionary Crusaders Rallies

The first general youth rally of the current season was held on Friday night the 20th of September at 7:30 in the Roaring Springs Church where Rev. Truman Motter is the pastor. These folks were in revival with the Rev. Jack Jarrett as the evangelist. This was indeed a very gracious service with the wonderful Presence of the Lord felt so greatly in our midst till the service was over. After a good song service and prayer led by our Bishop, Rev. Paul Miller, the Mahaffey Brass trio played a beautiful number titled "Seeking the Lost" followed by a trumpet solo by Larry Peterson from Mahaffey. At this point we would say that this solo was about the best musical presentation ever presented in any Holiness service I have ever attended. It was wonderful. Then Bro. Jarret sang the song titled "The Report of the Ten Spies" a Rev. Charlie Mourer song and this too was enjoyed. The high-

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light of the evening was the very challenging message of Bro. Jarrett as he preached to us about this current generation and what we are doing about it. Here are some of his statements: "God is as faithful as ever but He does not have the material He used to have. Would to God we would have some old folks established among the young people. We are not getting to our generation. The Holiness church is not exempt from this untoward generation. We need concern for this generation. Old Time religion is a matter of coming and going — Come unto me and Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel. This generation of hippies has come from a generation of hypocrites." Bro. Jarrett challenged this audience to reach this generation through prayer and the Love of God. A soul responded and professed to be saved and this brought the service to a wonderful ending as this is why these meetings are held. Thus the first youth service became history and we ask the Standard Family to pray with us for the next ones to come. Remember the project a 1963 Farmall tractor with snow plow and grass mower for the school totalling \$1200.00. So pray, plan and purpose to give toward this new project and we thank you. Mahaffey, Pillow, Millmont, Milesburg and the host church were represented as well as some visiting folks and their presence was equally appreciated as well. So Praises to the Lord and thanks to you for the successful first rally for the year.

The general youth rally was held for the month of October in our church at Hanover where Bro. Bates and his good folks turned out to enjoy the service with the others who came to enjoy the meeting. The service was slightly marred by the fact that most of the folk got lost in coming to the meeting and thus arrived late but glad to be there nevertheless. Millmont would get the prize for the evening for bringing the bus with almost 40 persons all of the distance involved. This is most appreciated and needs to be mentioned in this point of this report. The pastor, Bro. Bates opened the service and led the song service, announced a thing or two,

and then Bro. Truman Motter, the vice president, took charge. A very wonderful offering was received for the project which is as you should remember, buying a tractor for the school to be used for plowing snow and mowing grass. In fact, a lot of the folks even missed the offering, isn't that terrible. But they arrived in time for the preaching and that may be just as bad depending on the case. It was good for the Missionary Crusaders to be able to be at Hanover and we look forward to coming back in the future. We were encouraged by the warm reception and pray the Lord will bless these good folk in this beautiful area of Pennsylvania. We look forward to our future rallies and trust you all shall be able to make the one that is in your immediate area. A total of six different churches were represented and for this we were grateful. Again, unless the Lord comes, these meetings are in vain and we ask the Standard family for your prayers that we may continue on and that these rallies may result in the Salvation of many souls.

## The Magnetism of Christ Selected

There is an allurements about Jesus Christ that we find in no other person. When Jesus walked the earth, men were awed by His presence; were drawn to Him by an irresistible power. He said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." Christ is the world's greatest drawing power, the greatest magnet, the greatest attraction.

After nineteen centuries Jesus is still the fascinating Master of men. Whether we stand in an art gallery or visit the great libraries of the world or listen to the master works of music, we realize that He is indeed the central personality of the centuries. It has been said, "All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that were ever built, all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned put together have not affected the life of mankind as powerfully as has that One solitary life of Jesus." We are awed by His life, by His healing power, by His dynamic preaching, by His forceful teaching, but we are awed most of all by His sacrificial death on the cross.

Jesus Christ in coming to this world had but one objective, he said, "I am come that they might

have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." He also said, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." He came to dispel darkness, to bring peace and rest to the troubled souls of men. By His death Christ did something for man that man could not do for himself. He opened up the fountain for the forgiveness of all sins — yours and mine. No matter how imperfectly we may understand the meaning of the cross, we cannot deny that a power was released in the world that changes the lives of men. By His death He tells sinners that He loved them enough to die for them.

Thus down the pathway of nineteen centuries the message of eternal life has left a trail of snapped chains and broken shackles. It has caused men to sing: "At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light, and the burden of my heart rolled away. It was there by faith I received my sight, and now I am happy all the day." This is the blessed hope that He extends to all of us, that we might become like Him. He died that we might live. He put on humanity that we might put on divinity. He became the Son of man that we might become the sons of God.

You, too, can plunge into that fountain and have your sins forgiven and find peace for your troubled soul.

## SEALED FOUNTAINS

In the Roman Forum there used to be a spring called "The Fountain of the Maiden." Until recent years it was impossible to find any trace of it. One day, however, in cleaning away a lot of rubbish from the ruins of the Forum, the old fountain burst forth again. For centuries it had been closed by the refuse which had accumulated.

Oh, how many Christian lives are sealed fountains through the hurry and worry of business and pleasure; and where once you were a useful and happy soul winner, you are today absorbed in your amusements and engagements, and your life has withered like the streams that sink in the desert and are lost to sight. How careful we should be that neither by foolish conversation, glaring inconsistencies, religious selfishness, or any other reason we may cause our brother to stumble or hinder our testimony for Christ.

— A. B. Simpson.



## A PAGE FOR YOUTH

### Thank Him for Me

by

David Keith

He was an old African minister. His name was M'Bata. He pastored the mission station church when I was but a lad. I learned to love and respect him as a man of God. Years passed by since those earliest recollections. I had been to the States for my education and now was back in Africa as a missionary. Pilgrim ministers, both American and African, had gathered for the five-day council at Brakpan. It was winter, the mornings were very cold. Frost lay thick and white on the grass. It was a cold that penetrated through to the bones. Our African ministers had come from warmer climates — they felt the cold severely — and M'Bata was one of them.

I pawed through the missionary society barrel of used clothing and found an old black overcoat, which I thought would fit M'Bata. Tears filled his sunken eyes and splashed down his old wrinkled cheeks when he understood that it was a gift to keep him warm. And then in a very beautiful and meaningful African custom he turned to those standing by him and in a voice brimming with emotion said, "Ngi, bongela" (thank him for me). He was actually saying, "I am limited in my vocabulary of thanksgiving so won't you please say thank you for me."

I watched him as he turned to those different ministers and calling them by name said, "Solomon, ngi bongela!" "Gumeda, ngi bongela!" "Maadie, ngi bongela," etc. And each time his voice was raised to a higher pitch.

Needless to say I never have forgotten that experience for few there be that have expressed appreciation over little things, in such a meaningful manner.

Yet I am reminded that thanksgiving is one of the most important attitudes you can have. "In every thing give thanks."

There is a reason why thanksgiving is so important. The absence of it indicates a fundamental deficiency in character. Thanklessness is characteristic of little men — shallow lives. Matter of fact — thank-

lessness is one of the clearest symptoms of a sinful nature in man. "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools."

The thankless person lives and acts as though God were not real at all. Though he say he believes in God, yet he acts as if he doesn't. Theistic in theory — he is atheistic in practice. Such a man gives himself all the credit. He takes all the good things in life as though they belong to him by virtue of his own effort and ability.

Don't allow yourself to become little. Don't make ego your idol. A large-souled man is thankful — because he is humble — recognizing how much of the good stuff of life he has by God's grace and mercy.

I've heard of New Year's resolutions — why not have a Thanksgiving Day resolution? I will try and wake up every morning with some expression of thanksgiving . . . even though I may not always feel like it. My first thoughts will be toward God in gratitude for another day with opportunities. I will thank God through the day for the hundred-and-one things I usually take for granted:

three square meals  
a roof over my head  
parents, friends, and loved ones  
work to do  
breath, beauty, strength  
etc.

With such thanksgiving in our hearts the spirit of the words of old M'Bata will beautify our character — ngi bongela!

### An Open Letter for the Youth

by

Rev. Herman Noll  
Youth President

In working a lot of the time with youth groups throughout the conference, once in a while we are a listener to some of the complaints that come from the youth of our day. We are aware that some churches have more young folks

than others but at the same time there is no reason why every church does not have some sort of youth program for the youth of their church. Every pastor and people should be interested enough in their youth to take an interest to the extent that there is something available for them to have and to participate in.

On page 21 of 1967 Conference Minutes and Journal, you will see resolution no. 9, that every church is to see this standing rule carried out to the best of their ability and then support it. It is my feeling that if we older persons show enough of interest in the youth, there are still many that can be won. I also feel that if we are to have a major revival, it will start or be among the youth of our church. A lot of the time and too often are the times when the old folks are set in their way and will not move or be moved and then they too become the perennial grouch we so often hear about. When an old professor gets to be forever grumpy with the youth, at least where the youth are making a legal and legitimate effort to serve the Lord, then one can sense a lacking spirit. I have yet to see where a consecrated effort between the youth and the senior members of our churches exists, the Glory of the Lord will prevail, souls will be saved and believers will be sanctified and the church moved up the road. Who does not want to thrive in a spiritual atmosphere such as that. So real cooperation in this manner will result in not only spiritual blessing and success, but also in the material aspect in the way of worthy projects, and the like. It lies within the obligation of every pastor and senior member of our churches to encourage not only participation, projects, but also public and private prayer, in church and at home and also on very special occasions such as local and general rallies, and as they encourage the youth to these extents, you will directly note a change of the atmosphere in your meetings and activities for the Lord. Also, a concentrated effort should be made again by pastor and people to attend all the General Rallies as they appear in your area. Yes, sometimes an all out effort is realized for this but this is when God can and will bless as we avail ourselves for His Honor and Glory. Right now we have a

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good spiritual momentum among our youth in many churches and we as the representative of the Conference Youth Board encourage one and all to pursue a spiritual course that will bless and bring victory to the hearts and lives of individuals. We also encourage any churches that have not started some Youth Endeavor, please do what they can. So folks, let us endeavor to save the Youth of our day for the Lord and put all we have into the efforts needed for this cause. To those youth boards in existence, remember our current general project not only in prayer but in support and all you do will be appreciated. Thank you for reading this, pray for us as we labor in these varied many endeavors for Him.

## PAIN OF A GUILTY CONSCIENCE

by

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Pain and mental anguish are common to all

To humans of both high and of low estate.

Pain plagues the king in the palace hall:

It hurts the lowly beggar at the gate.

None alive need an introduction to pain

Who upon this earth have long trod.

Throes of parturition are odd, — wherein

They cause mothers to call upon God.

The greatest pain is caused by sin. The wages of sin are death, beyond doubt:

And all those who indulge therein: Are sure to find this out.

Many wicked hearts are real sore from sin:

And are hurt badly by anguish odd. Anguish of a guilty conscience enters in

A dying man, who says, "There is no God".

## The GOD of the STORM

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In a brief account in the Gospel of Mark, the writer vividly describes a storm on the Sea of Galilee involving Jesus and His disciples. After preaching all day from the boat, Jesus was tired. It was decided that they should cross the lake and get away from the crowd so that Jesus could rest.

Jesus knew His men. The fishermen of Galilee were skillful sailors and He trusted their seamanship, so He lay down with a pillow and fell asleep. Jesus also trusted in the Father, knowing that He was as near to God by sea as He was by land. Then the storm hit them — suddenly and violently.

The Sea of Galilee is only 13 miles long from north to south and eight miles wide. It lies in the Jordan Valley 680 feet below sea level. On the west side of the lake there are mountains with valleys which act as gigantic wind funnels. When the cold winds come down from the mountains, they rush down these funnels toward the warm air around the Sea of Galilee. As a result they rush out over the lake with such savage violence and startling suddenness that the calm of one moment becomes the raging storm of the next.

It was in just such a situation that Jesus and the disciples found themselves. Though the men were expert sailors, the storm proved too much for them. They were afraid. Panic seized them. They awakened Jesus saying, "Master, carest thou not that we perish?" (Mark 4:38).

There are times when we, too, anxiously cry out when fear seems about to swamp our boat. When sorrows like sea billows roll, we wonder where God is, why doesn't He help us?

Our Lord seems to be sleeping, while we, His disciples, battle for dear life. Yet, if we would be quiet for a moment we would hear Him saying as He did that day in the boat, "Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?" (Mark 4:40). "And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea,

Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm."

Some find this story hard to believe. Others believe as I do, that our God, the Creator, is also the God who created the conditions which caused the storm; if He could create those conditions, He could calm the storm.

Stilling the storm is not nearly so important as the meaning of the storm — wherever Jesus is, the storms of life become manageable.

Jesus can give us peace in the storms of anxiety and in the presence of sorrow. Sooner or later sorrow comes into every life. One man who lost his wife, but knew the presence of Christ said, "It seemed as if there was a hand beneath my chin to hold me up."

When the raging waters seem about to capsize our frail craft, we need to recall that Jesus devoted much of His life dispelling fear. If we live in the presence of Jesus, we can have peace even in the wildest storms of life — He is the God of the storm.

The disciples were amazed at the miracle and said one to another, "What manner of man is this, that even the wind and sea obey him?" (Mark 4:41). He controls the elements. What seems strange to the disciples and what may seem strange to us is not strange to God. He is very God and very Man.

God does not always reveal the future to us. We must therefore at all times keep our eyes fixed upon the Author of our faith — Jesus Christ.

Storms are inevitable and unpredictable. Sometimes they drop out of a cloudless sky without warning as it did that day on Galilee. Sometimes they are caused by our own foolishness, and sometimes they descend on us without our provocation. God may not save us from the storm, yet He promises to be with us in the storm.

Our faith must overcome our fear. Jesus trusted the Father, thus He could sleep in the storm; we must trust Him to still the tempests about us. In His presence the raging storms are stilled and there comes to us a peace that no storm can take away.





# Missionary Message

## Letter from the Shueys

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Dear Friends:

Christian greetings from warm Miami! It is again time to inform you of the most recent happenings in and around the church here. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." This Scripture came to my mind today immediately after a 42-year-old Cuban man, suffering the trials of Job (so he

young men in the early twenties. They told us they came from Cuba several months ago in an escape boat. We were attracted by the large shiny medallion necklaces they wore, the Cuban patron saint, they proudly showed them to us at the close of the service. We made no comments but invited them back to the services. These men never have had a background in the things of God such as many of us in America have had. After prayer service we went to the home of Ena, one of our dear Christians whose mother-in-law had just died in Cuba. Her husband is unsaved

and never has come to church. He was sad, one of our Cuban Christian men testified to him and explained to him the way of salvation. He listened, after which we had prayer. Such are the events of the day in the life of a missionary.

Pray for our three young Cubans in Hobe Sound Bible School. The financial support of Eloisa Jiminez, a very intelligent 16-year-old Cuban girl who is studying there still lacks about \$30.00 monthly on her support. Pray for this need. The Bible says, "Study to show thyself approved unto God" and our Cubans in school are aware of this need. They need to prepare themselves so that they can teach others and also they could be used as interpreters in the work here in the near future. Jose and Jerrys parents are moved back here from Chicago, the mother has already arrived and is at Hobe Sound until the father gets here.

Jean and John have been coming here most weekends, helping in the work. This is a sacrifice on their part. They need your prayers. Another new family recently out of Cuba is coming to our services — Angelina Dominguez is a fine Christian mother with three children. Her husband still unsaved accompanies her to church most of the

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said) left our home. After having prayer with him he said he felt better. Yesterday, he attended our church services weeping most of the time (unusual for a Cuban man to shed tears). Upon greeting him he informed us that he was a Christian, came here from Chicago about three weeks ago, suffering in spirit and body, had been beaten and robbed while in Chicago last January, and now his wife was suing him for divorce, couldn't understand why he had to suffer such trials. Pray for him.

We were surprised this eve when six unsaved Cuban men entered our church and sat down in the prayer meeting. Three were older men and the other three were nice looking





## LIVING BEYOND

by

Paul S. Rees

Contemporary Americans appear to be more and more fascinated by the "nowness" of everything. We are captivated by the immediacy of life. We are existentialists in the worst, not the best meaning of that frequently misunderstood word. We represent what professor Pitirim Sorokin of Harvard called our "sensate culture," wherein we live for fleeting emotions rather than permanent ideas or ideals. Adults too — though less likely to admit it — have caught the rhythm of the "go-go" generation.

The mood has caught on. The word is out. What do we care about the past when we have had to shed its illusions one by one? What do we care about the future when no one can be sure that we have one? So make the most of the gilded moment while it quivers in your itchy palm.

As a relief from this noisy preoccupation with the present, I suggest that we think about something that Jesus once said on a day when a woman broke a perfume bottle and poured it on Him as a sign of her reverence, gratitude, and faith. "This also that she hath done," said Jesus, "shall be spoken of for a memorial of her" (Mark 14:9). "This woman's deed will be remembered and praised," is the way Living Gospels translates it.

What the woman did had a here and-now quality, to be sure. But it had also a future dimension, the reality and certainty of which our Lord sealed with His words of tribute. Here, then, is something we may describe as living beyond.

I. Mary of Bethany lived beyond herself. Jesus said, "She hath done a beautiful thing for me." Not for herself, but for me! It reminds you of the way Phillips translates Paul in II Corinthians 5:15. Christ's "purpose in dying for men," says the apostle, "is that their lives should now be no longer lived for themselves but for him who died and rose again for them."

Some years ago a shock went over the nation when a man tried

to assassinate President Franklin Roosevelt. In the questioning that followed the man's arrest he was asked if he belonged to a church. "No, no," he replied, "I belong to nothing. I belong only to myself, and I suffer." Pain is the price-tag that self-centeredness wears.

"Self is the only prison that can ever bind the soul;

Love is the only angel that can bid the gates unroll.

And when he comes to call thee, arise and follow fast;

The path may lie through darkness, but leads to the light at last."

The light to which it leads is the light of living beyond ourselves.

II. Mary lived beyond her means. A thrifty Scot or a prudent New Englander would say, "If so, it is to her discredit." "Keeping up with the Joneses," especially in our credit-card culture, can be foolish or fatal or both.

Yet for the Christian who has gone all out for Jesus Christ there is a kind of calculated imprudence, a sort of deliberate recklessness, that will sometimes take him over the border into the land of authentic Christian adventure. One thinks of C. T. Studd of England. He could have made a career out of sports, for he was brilliant in cricket. Besides, he had inherited a considerable fortune. He gave nearly all of it away to Christian causes, and went off to the mission field.

Some of his friends felt sorry for him, foolish fellow that he was! That did him no damage. What would have been hurtful would be his feeling sorry for himself. This he refused to be. More than once, in the African jungle, with no desk but a goods box, he would start his letter to a friend or a relative: — "From Buckingham Palace!" He was living beyond his means — and gleeful about it.

III. Mary, moreover, lived beyond her years. "This deed of hers," said Jesus, "will be told in memory of her."

Most people are strictly "dated." They belong to their generation and are buried with it. Mary of Bethany is not dated. She marches with the calendar. No age outlives her. No chronometer outruns her.

Why? Not because she built a

cathedral, or organized a movement, or preached an eloquent sermon, or wrote a famous book.

Why then? Leaving out the fact that Christ sovereignly ordained it so, her name is carved imperishably in history because she did not try to do the carving. Her selfless concern was that of witnessing to her unmeasured devotion to Jesus Christ and all that He represented.

She forgot herself into immortality.

She was living beyond — herself, her means, her years.

## LIFE'S EVENING SHADOWS FALL

Hush! Music soft as purest snow,  
Upon My ear is falling,  
A still small voice I seem to know  
Within my heart is calling.

Angel wings about my bed,  
A message now is telling,  
There lies a land beyond the dead,  
I hear the death bells knelling.

A ray of light across my room,  
A vision now is sending,  
No lingering shadows in the gloom  
Heaven and earth are bending.

Beautiful Isle and golden streets  
Before my eyes are nearing,  
Gates swing in where loved ones meet,  
To wait for our appearing.

I see afar such wondrous things,  
My heart is overflowing,  
I know the peace that heaven brings,  
For soon I shall be going.

Whose gentle hands my fevered brow,  
With Love is now caressing,  
The same scarred hand that leads me now,  
Up to a final blessing.

I am so near the other shore,  
I bid farewell to all behind me  
I'm crossing now the final bar,  
Where love and peace surround me.

— Dana Preston Blackwell,

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## Thanksgiving Prepares The Way

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of lions. Daniel, himself a statesman in the kingdom, was fully aware of the grave implications of the declaration duly signed into law. Nevertheless, "he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber towards Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime" (Dan. 6:10). Prayer and thanksgiving were so much of his life that even the threat of a lion's den did not deter him.

How true it is that thanksgiving prepares the way for God to manifest Himself to and through us. Remember He has declared, "Whoso offereth the sacrifice of thanksgiving glorifieth me; and prepareth a way that I may show him the salvation of God" (Psa. 50:23, ASV, margin).

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thirty years. My life has been wonderfully blessed and in limited ability has been used to bless many others.

How thankful I am for those faithful retired missionaries; for the holy fire burning in their hearts; even at an advanced age.

As we muse, I wonder what revival and what influence touched their lives? Who was used of the blessed Holy Spirit to bring spiritual birth to them? It is a never ending chain of God's providence working longer and farther in the yesterdays than we can imagine. Prayer after prayer, life following life, sacrifice after sacrifice, revivals coming and going. Perhaps in glory we will be privileged to see the length of the chain of God's providence that worked in our behalf.

This should be our concern; will there be those yet unborn who will some day be thankful at this season of the year for our lives and our revivals?

If the Lord tarries His coming, we should pray with real burden that it may be so. This was the concern of the psalmist when he prayed: "Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come."

Though we may not be here to see the results of our revivals we must not forget the future!

## Holiness Teachings

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to the work of saving souls and have seen hundreds converted, I am not fully saved myself." Here was a glorious servant of God, that had been sanctified to God in his work, but not sanctified of God in his soul. So there are many children of God all about us who, in like manner, are wholly devoted to the service of God, living in complete consecration to Christian work, yet they have doubts, fears, unbelief, inward struggles, and unrest of soul. Why? They are personally sanctified to God in service, but are **not sanctified of** the Spirit in their hearts. Many of these are vainly hoping that by a redoubling of activity, a renewing of consecration, and a multiplying of self-sacrifices, they will get inward deliverance, and come to complete rest and enjoyment in God. Hence the changes which are being rung on "consecrate yourselves," "work, work," as the way to reach ultimate, real, blessed, entire sanctification, while well meant, are defeating thousands of earnest souls from realizing their hearts' desires, and deferring the hope of their soul for its complete salvation, until the heart becomes sick and faint.

### 4. Preparatory Sanctification.

Such exhortations as these recur in the Scriptures: "Sanctify yourselves," "Cleanse yourselves," etc., which mean, put yourselves into such attitudes as God has indicated, in order that He may sanctify you wholly. No soul has the power to purify itself — to make itself holy; but it has, under the atonement, and by the grace already given, the ability to commit itself to God, and

so trust the promises of God, as that God the Holy Spirit can cleanse and sanctify it wholly.

You can say to your sick friend, "Heal thyself;" and he may reply "I would if I could;" but you say to him, "You can. Abandon yourself to a physician. Go to the sanatorium; take the treatment." He does it, and is restored. So there is a preparatory sanctification — a giving of the soul up to God to be made whole. This is not **the** sanctification, but it is the John the Baptist that is to bring in the complete sanctification.

Provisional sanctification, partial sanctification, personal sanctification, preparatory sanctification, are all blessed and invaluable modes of sanctification, but they are not what, in the Wesleyan way of speaking, is **entire** sanctification, and in the Pauline terminology, "sanctified wholly." It is **the** sanctification which cleanses from all sin in the heart, and fills with all the fulness of God. This sanctification is pentecostal in its power and glory. It is sanctification of the Spirit. The Holy Ghost is its source. He alone accomplishes it.

Dear reader, have you **the** sanctification? Accept — (take what God has provided) The Holy Ghost as your sanctifier now.

(S. A. Keen)

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time. She sometimes cries when she thinks of the 15-year-old son they had to leave back in Cuba because he is of military age. The husband promised to get saved after he gets here. Pray for his salvation. We are also thinking of Roberto Betancourt who was in a backslidden spiritual condition. He came to our church this summer while we were in the North and made his peace with God. Now he is "one of us." He sings beautifully.

The work here in Miami needs your prayers and support and both will be very much appreciated. Write when you can.

Brother and Sister Shuey



## Church News and Penn Views

by

Rev. Herman Noll

It is the end of the month of October and thus report time again from Milesburg's Church in the Valley. The Lord has really been good to us again. We have much to report in the ways of both material and spiritual blessings. Most of all for the abiding presence of the blessed Holy Spirit Who has come time and again in all and most of the services we have had. New folks are coming, attendances are up and we are all encouraged to press on till He is finished with us here below.

It was our happy privilege to have Bro. Tom Weaver and wife with us for one Sunday. This was a day that is still remembered and was tremendously enjoyed by all present. The youth meeting of the month was considered to be about the best that was ever held in the way of the spiritual response. Rev. Eugene Heidler and a trio from his church were here and what a fine time of fellowship was enjoyed by all present. One will never hear more exact singing in the spirit any where else I doubt and the folks thrilled and thrilled again and again to the various songs that were sung. In addition to the trio, a quartet and quintet also presented several numbers. All of this from the same persons giving us not only fine perfect singing but a good spirited God ordained service. These folks that came were the most versatile group we ever had and it was a joy to have them. Rev. Heidler, who pastors the Cedar Grove Brethren in Christ Church, then spoke to us on "Taking a Trip On L. S. D." challenging us to more LOVE to our Lord and others; more SERVICE and that sincere; and DEVOTION in worship when coming to the house of the Lord. After hearing the comments of the various ones of the youth department concerning the spiritual uplift of the service, this must be considered one of the best enjoyed and useful services we have had. They surely did present a night full of the gospel. Folks from four denominations and at least five different churches were present for this service.

Sunday the 27th proved to be another great day of blessing as the

Penns View Bible College was present for a day of representing not only the school but also the Lord. The school came with a 50 voice choir and about a 20-piece orchestra and presented both the afternoon and evening services full of the tones of the Gospel. The afternoon service found the church packed to the door with all the available chairs, benches etc., all in use and we here at the church were thrilled at the response of the public. We would recommend this type of service to our other churches and we will use this item as the means to propagate this thought. After song service and prayer, Bro. Cooley, the music director at the school took charge of the service and may I add the blessing and the sanction of the Lord was on the service from the very beginning. During the course of the day the school presented some 13 different groups and totalled almost 30 selections. The chorus was tremendous and all acclaimed it so. The mixed quartet and Bro. Kuhns with his guitar and banjo all proved to be a special blessing as well as the other presentations. The afternoon service was highlighted by the message of the school president, Bro. George Stepp. He spoke of three things about Wisdom with his text found in Job. His theme was "God's eye view of education". A few of his choice remarks were: "It is not illegal to perspire today"; "It is far better to make a mark for Christ than to have the alphabet swinging around your name on a comma"; "The condition of today's youth is such that it could not weather a depression as was had in the past"; "Wisdom tends toward Heaven and Knowledge tends toward the grave"; "Too many are wise today and otherwise tomorrow"; "Wisdom may be just another Name for Old time Religion"; "We are deforming ourselves" this quoted while declaring some of the more startling truths of the educational systems of the day in our areas of Public Systems; "One of the States of America was investigated in 1940 and found to be subversive and yet they are allowed to continue teaching even today". So these were some of the enlightening facts of the day and we praise God anew for a forthright, honest, and sincere man of God, an educator, who is willing to keep his people informed. In the afternoon, at least nine denominations were present

with at least 14 different churches represented and the students not counted. The evening found many new faces in our church for the first time and all mentioned they enjoyed the services, among these were some youth who, we trust, shall return again and said they plan to. Bro. Sam Peterson, a student from Michigan, preached out of his heart in the evening service and eight seekers lined the altars, all of them from other places and with some pressing their way to the Lord for either salvation or holiness of heart. This proved to be the night cap and was what the services were held for. So the day proved to be blessed of the Lord and when we see souls, our hearts are made to rejoice. The entire offerings of the day were presented to the school and all of the persons staying from the school were entertained in the various homes of the church. The day ended with all saying Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. We welcome them back again and trust it shall be so.

## THANKSGIVING FOR REVIVAL

by

Vard VanBriggle

Let us sing praises to our God for the many great revivals of the past. Throughout our church today the presence of God is enjoyed because of those who carried a burden and concern for revival in their day. Directly or indirectly we owe our spiritual existence to the outreach of revival.

More than three decades ago an unchurched family moved into a new area in one of our large cities. Near them lived several retired missionaries who, burning with the same zeal for souls which caused them to go to a foreign land, began to call from house to house in the community. As a result of their prayers and concern this new family began to attend church.

Later a series of meetings was announced and a real revival broke out. It continued nine weeks. The mother with her daughter and son were swept into the kingdom.

As a result their lives influenced a worldly young man. He was gloriously saved and called to the gospel ministry. I am that one and I have been preaching the gospel for over

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## The King Requireth HASTE!

by

E. G. Garrett

"Why stand ye gazing . . . ?" —  
Acts 1:11.

For the past two decades, the Church has more or less come to a standstill in its reaching forth to the lost. The evangelistic spirit of the early holiness revivals has lost its fervor and zeal to reach out in the areas of the lost. I wonder if there is not a message for us in these last days before the coming of the Lord. It is wonderful that we can have the privilege of knowing the true doctrine of Christ and His power to save, sanctify, and heal — but is it not true that He brings us into this glorious way of salvation to do something besides simply enjoy ourselves? Yes, we are saved to labor for the kingdom of Christ.

These are the most blessed days man has ever known, if we could only see it. We have the most modern means of taking the Gospel to the lost. We have fast, effective ways of travel, communication, and learning, in order to break the language barrier. We have more financial revenue than ever before. The number of those who attend the home churches and have the ability to give and push the cause of God forward are more than in the yesterdays. We do not have to live with all the inconveniences and hardships of our forefathers, and if ever a generation should have the opportunity of reaching forth, we are that generation.

God has not called us to do nothing, but we are to fulfill His will in all matters. The days are becoming more evil as they come and go, and it seems that multitudes are slipping through our fingers every day. Will we feel the urgency of the hour as we ought, or will we continue to live in our easy, plush age and let the lost die in their sins? If we have one bit of genuine grace, we will have to rise to the cause and do what we can while it is yet light, for soon the night will be upon us, and no man can work.

Perhaps we have all allowed the drift to get its grip upon us more

than we would like to admit. Do you find it easier to stay at home during the appointed time for worship than it used to be in your earlier Christian experience? Is it more difficult for you to speak to the lost about their need than it used to be? Are your mind and heart more on the things of time than on the salvation of the lost? Do you find it easy to "pick" the preacher's message and forget what he had to say about your need? Do you spend any time in prayer for the lost of earth? Or has the spirit of the age taken charge of your heart, and all you seem to be doing now is standing and gazing at what is happening? God forbid that this condition get the upper hand in our life! God is on the throne, and He will help us to keep the fire burning on the altar of our heart; but we will have to be willing to draw nigh unto Him in the spirit of true humility.

The Bible states that unto whom much is given, of these same ones will be much required. No generation has ever received as much as we. Therefore, we have a tremendous job before us. Thousands of souls are going down lost from our own nation, to say nothing of the lost in other countries of the world. The devil is gaining the larger portion of this present world population, but we must not allow the spirit of "do nothing" to capture our thinking. God has never lost a battle; and, furthermore, He is not about to lose this one. If we will rally to the cause, and push back the temptations of the age, and push forward to the front lines, we can win souls even in this day.

I would to God, that the truth of this text would grip our hearts, and that we could once again see the evangelistic fervor of the early Church manifest in our midst. Many would be added to the Church daily, and our own hearts would be free from complacency and indifference. The task given to this age is great, but we can do it if we will follow the Master. God has the grace and wisdom necessary to guide us through, but we have to be willing to do OUR part. Why will we be content to stand and gaze, when we ought to be running and working for the Kingdom?

The end is at hand, and we must work rapidly. Urgency is the need of the hour. Do we feel it as we ought?

## WHAT HAVE WE DONE TODAY?

J. M. Mead

We shall do so much in the years  
to come,

But what have we done today?  
We shall give our gold in a princely sum,

But what did we give today?  
We shall lift the heart and dry the tear,

We shall plant a hope in the place  
of fear,

We shall speak the words of love  
and cheer,

But what did we speak today?

We shall be so kind in the after-  
while,

But what have we been today?  
We shall bring each lonely life a smile,

But what have we brought to-  
day?

We shall give to truth a grander  
birth,

And to steadfast faith a deeper  
worth,

We shall feed the hungering souls  
of earth,

But whom have we fed today?

We shall reap such joys in the by  
and by,

But what have we sown today?  
We shall build us mansions in the sky,

But what have we built today?  
'Tis sweet in idle dreams to bask,  
But here and now — do we do our task?

Yes, this is the thing our souls must  
ask,

"What have we done today?"

## THE EMPTY PEW

The empty pew has an eloquent tongue. Though its message is unpleasant, it is one that all may hear.

To the preacher, the empty pew says, "Your sermon is not worthwhile."

To the visitor it whispers, "You see we are not holding our own."

To the treasurer it shouts, "Look out for a deficit."

To the stranger who is looking for a home church it suggests, "You had better wait a while."

To the members who are present it asks, "Why don't you go visiting next Sunday, too?"

The empty pew speaks against the service. It kills inspiration, it smothers hope, and it dulls the fine edge of zeal. The empty pew is a weight, the occupied pew is a wing.