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Lines From Lincoln

"If it were not for my belief in an overruling Providence, it would be difficult for me, in the midst of such complications, to keep my reason on its seat. But I am confident that the Almighty has His plans and will work them out; and, whether we see it or not, they will be the wisest and best for us. I have always taken counsel to Him, and referred to Him my plans, and have never adopted a course of proceeding without being assured, as far as I could be, of His approbation. I should be the most presumptuous blockhead upon this footstool if I for one day thought that I could discharge the duties which have come upon me since I came into this place, without the aid and enlightenment of One who is wiser and stronger than all others."

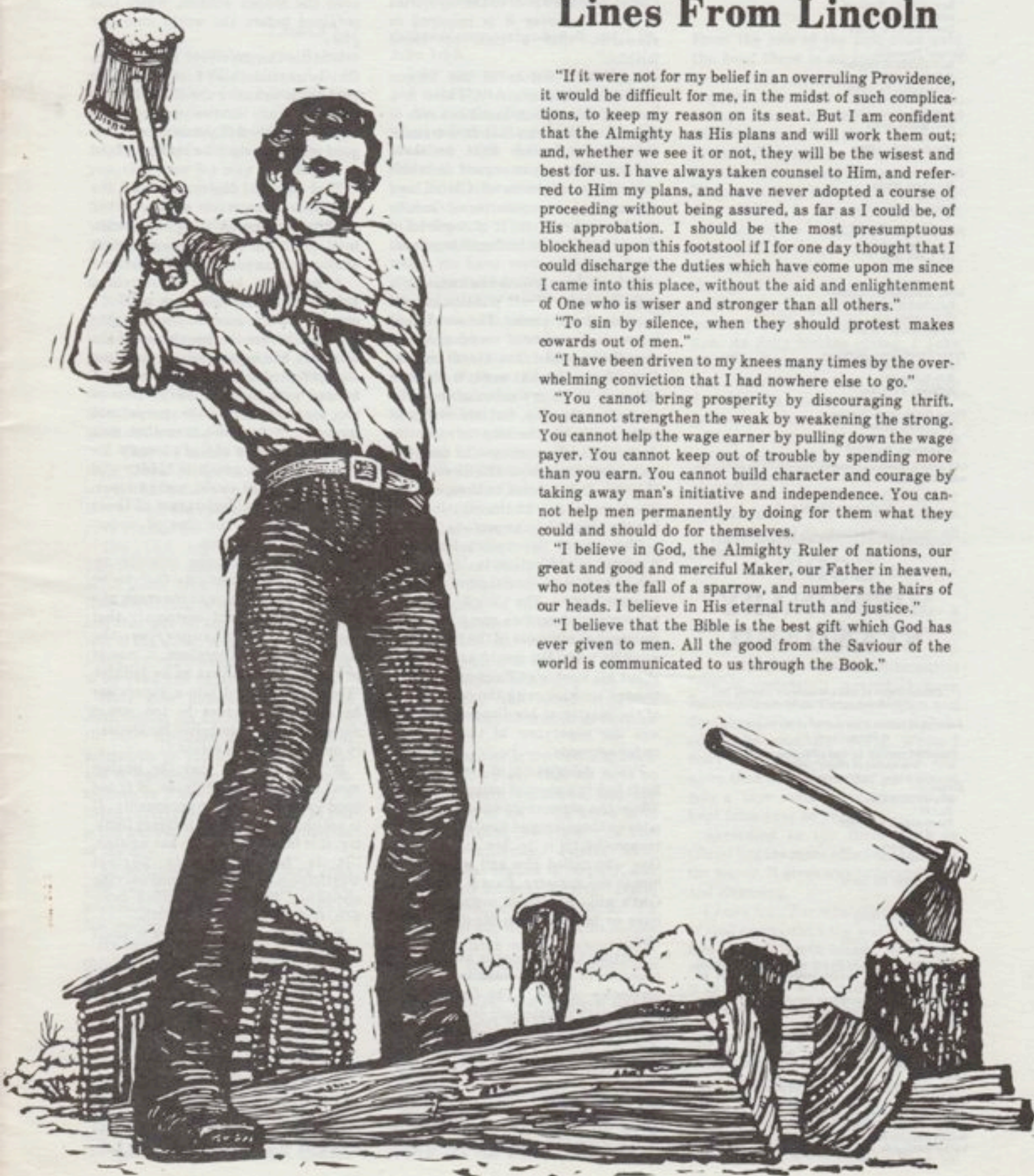
"To sin by silence, when they should protest makes cowards out of men."

"I have been driven to my knees many times by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go."

"You cannot bring prosperity by discouraging thrift. You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong. You cannot help the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer. You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than you earn. You cannot build character and courage by taking away man's initiative and independence. You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves."

"I believe in God, the Almighty Ruler of nations, our great and good and merciful Maker, our Father in heaven, who notes the fall of a sparrow, and numbers the hairs of our heads. I believe in His eternal truth and justice."

"I believe that the Bible is the best gift which God has ever given to men. All the good from the Saviour of the world is communicated to us through the Book."



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Stewards of God's Secrets

I Corinthians 4:1, 2 "Let a man so
account of us, as of the ministers of
Christ, and stewards of the mysteries
of God. Moreover it is required in
stewards, that a man be found
faithful."

Paul here writes of the unique
qualities of the ministry. There is a
two-fold description found in verse 1.
The New American Standard transla-
tion throws further light on these
verses—"Let a man regard us in this
manner, as servants of Christ, and
stewards of the mysteries of God. In
this case, moreover, it is required of
stewards that one be found trustwor-
thy."

In both descriptions the minister is
seen in a subordinate position in rela-
tionship to his master. The word used
here as "ministers" was used to
describe oarsmen. The literal transla-
tion of the Greek word is "under-
rowers." These are submissive to the
master of the ship, but are indispen-
sable to enable the ship to reach its
destination. As a servant he does not
make decisions about the direction of
the ship at any point in time, but, he
labors together with the captain to br-
ing the ship safely to port.

The second description finds the
minister in subjection to his master
but in a place of special privilege and
responsibility. The word steward
(oikonomos) describes one who was a
manager or overseer of the estate of a
wealthy man. He would know much
about his master's affairs and enjoy a
trusted position, with the possessions
of the master at his disposal. He also
was the supervisor of the master's
under-servants.

Paul's description of the minister
finds him in a place of unique freedom.
While the servant-steward is respon-
sible to those around him, his primary
responsibility is to his master, the
One who called him and who placed
him in the ministry. Paul is free to do
God's will—let others complain—he
rises or falls with his Master's judg-
ment.

Further the minister is seen as the
overseer of a rich possession—"the
mysteries of God." The Greek word
for mystery (musterion) comes from a
derivative of mos, which means to
shut the mouth. Therefore, the word
carries the idea of something about
which God has remained silent, a
truth that has been more or less hid-
den, a secret known only to those who
search diligently. Paul speaks of this

mystery in Chapter 2, verse 7 "But we
speak the wisdom of God in a mystery,
even the hidden wisdom, which God
ordained before the world unto our
glory."

What is this mystery? Is it wisdom
that is unattainable? Listen again to
Paul as he writes to the Ephesians—
"Having made known unto us the
mystery of his will, according to his
good pleasure which he hath prepared
in himself:

That in the dispensation of the
fullness of times he might gather
together in one all things in Christ,
both which are in heaven, and which
are on earth, even in him."

A secret, a keeper of secrets—
yes—it is the open secret of God's
plan to redeem man from sin; a plan
ordained before the foundation of the
world. It has been revealed to these
stewards; indeed, they have been en-
trusted with it. Here the purpose of
the steward is not to perpetuate
secrecy—but to make sure that men
everywhere know of God's secrets. He
must take that which is hidden and
declare it to the world, and to super-
vise the further declaration of these
secrets through the lips of under-
servants in the church.

Then we notice the primary re-
quirement of a steward—that he be
found faithful. This was the mark of a
steward. It was not customary that
masters closely supervise the
steward's work. Therefore, it was of
prime importance that he be faithful.
While the steward was a supervisor
he never forgot that he too was a
slave, directly responsible for the dai-
ly operation of the estate.

It is interesting that the quality
most desired is faithfulness. It is not
good looks or pleasing personality. It
is not charm or wit, nor brilliant think-
ing, it is faithfulness. One has written,
"It is be faithful in perfect
trustfulness, faithful in unswerving
obedience, faithful in unselfish devo-
tion, faithful in unsullied truth."

Fret not because thy place is small
Thy service need not be
For thou canst make it all there is
Of joy and ministry

The dewdrops, as the boundless
sea,

In God's great plan has part
And this is all He asks of thee
Be faithful where thou art.

God help us all to be faithful
stewards of His secrets. — D.L.F.

The New Birth: ITS EVIDENCES AND RESULTS

by George I. Straub
General Superintendent

I John 5:1-21

According to history, the Epistles of John were written about A.D. 90 and were produced for a fourfold purpose as John declares;

1. **That man might be happy** - I John 1:4; "And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full."

2. **That man might be holy** - I John 2:1; "My little children, these things write I unto you that ye sin not." **Quit practicing sin.** He makes it clear there is nothing like a sinning saint or a holy devil.

3. **That man might be safe** - I John 2:26; "These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you or try to deceive you." I John 4:1; "Beloved believe not every spirit. But try the spirits whether they are of God, because many false prophets are gone out into the world."

4. **That we might be sure** - I John 5:13; "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life."

The two key words of these Epistles are **know** and **fellowship**. With John, true religion was more than something to be worn on Sunday and then put off and laid aside for the rest of the week. With him it was both a life, an experience, also something to be lived and enjoyed daily.

Note how different the Apostle John begins his Epistles from that of the other Apostles. He begins without salutation or introduction. It is not self or personality he is trying to introduce to a lost world, but rather a living resurrected Christ who was and is the answer to the ills and problems of the day.

At no time do we read where John took out time to prove Christ's existence or argue with man relative to His coming.

He began his Gospel by saying, "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God."

Immediately following this declaration, he began to chronicle His great acts. "All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness, and the

darkness comprehended it not." St. John 1:1-3.

John was not a preacherette and had more than a sermonette to preach to his people. He was well named when called the son of thunder. He preached with force and further declared his messages were not second hand, but rather that of which he was an eye witness.

I John 1:3; "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of Life. For the life was manifested and we have seen it and bear witness and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested unto us; that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ."

The way into Christian fellowship is through Christ and His shed blood. While there are many who make sport and light of the cross, the death and sufferings of Christ, this does not change or lessen the fact; "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins." Hebrews 9:22.

He further states, "If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have (present tense) fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin."

In this chapter is the battle ground. Verse 8; "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." This verse is in perfect harmony with the Psalmist David's testimony; Psalm 51:5; "Behold I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive." David is saying this, he was the product of a warped and sinful nature. This nature was transmitted into the human heart at the fall and passed onto every son of Adam.

Romans 3:23; "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." That doesn't leave man with very much to feel proud over or boast about.

A bird's-eye view of how we appear before God in this condition is set forth in Isaiah 1:5-6; "The whole head is sick and the whole heart is faint.

From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it but wounds and bruises and putrifying sores. They have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment." The inner life of man without God appears unto the Lord like one with running cancerous sores. There certainly isn't anything pretty about this. It is this ugly nature and condition of the heart the Holy Ghost seeks and strives to expose so that man might be able to see himself in the light of God's Word and holiness.

While this is the condition of many, we need not live and die in this condition. As John further stated, I John 3:8; "For this purpose was the Son of God manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil." Before this can be done we must be willing to acknowledge and confess our sins before Him.

A promise accompanies confessions. I John 1:9; "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. To many this may sound like a hard thing. However, with God all things are possible.

In making up broadcasts, I have a bulk tape eraser. I lay an entire spool of tape on the eraser and then snap the switch and in moments the entire tape is completely erased. I have marvelled at that time and again and thought of what has been accomplished in the scientific world. While I don't understand how it is done, any more than how a recorder puts sound into a tape whereby voices can be kept from year to year.

According to the Bible, faith in Christ has the same effect in the life of the sinner. It gives way to forgiveness and cleansing.

I John 5:4; "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world." He infers the new birth brings one into a new relationship with the world. This is in harmony with Paul's Epistle to the church at Corinth. II Corinthians 5:17; "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature. Old things are passed away, behold all things are become new."

Our weapon in overcoming the world is faith. "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." (Continued on Page 10)

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Missionary Crusaders Report

Greetings from the Missionary Crusaders! We praise the Lord for the good rallies thus far.

The November 20th rally at the Lebanon Church turned out to be a wonderful time. We want to extend our appreciation to that church for opening their doors to us while in the midst of their youth revival. The Holy Spirit's presence was precious in the service with several getting blessed and praising God.

Good music and songs were presented by the Bange Sisters of the Hanover Church. A number of churches were represented, including

Salunga, Penns Valley, York, Blosser-ville, Mt. Pleasant Mills, Sinking Springs, Mt. Calvary Church of Elizabethtown, Gospel Holiness, Hanover, and Lebanon; with a total attendance of around 200.

Bruce Hawthorne spoke that night. As he told of the mighty workings of the Holy Spirit in the healing of his children and supplying of financial needs we were challenged to greater faith in a changeless God. We praise God for such a wonderful rally that evening.

The Christmas rally held at York on December enjoyed a good attendance in spite of the bad weather. Churches represented included Hanover, Salunga, Blosserville, Penns Valley,

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The Edge of Eternity

by Florida Gill Nelson

At the threshold of the years of the 'Beast' where do we, God's people stand? — Are we looking up, and rejoicing because 'Our redemption draweth nigh?' or, are we looking on the things that are coming on the earth, in consternation and fear, even as sinners are. We are told to look up, and lift up our heads when we see these things begin to come to pass.

God has given His created beings many promises of His care for them, even back in Isaiah's time; "Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God..."

How precious are the words of this promise; from the one who changeth not: The same yesterday, today, and forever.

In these days of unprecedented evil, the diabolical occult organization; "Tara Center," under Satan's leadership sets the stage for the Anti-Christ. Research by educated people of renown have proven it is no small isolated group, but it's scope of evil is world-wide, permeating every corner of our universe, with witchcraft and satan worship.

Truly the Rapture is very, very close. We are told that "no man knoweth the day or the hour," but Tara has set June of '83 as the so-called revelation of the Christ, or Anti-Christ. Scientists tell us that in June of '83 the Sun will be turned into darkness for a period of time; the place where it will remain in total eclipse the longest is on the north coast of Java, and airlines are scheduling tours for those who can afford it, that want to see this phenomenon.

The world, in general, is content to sleep on in the face of the soon coming of the Lord. They are so completely wrapped up, and entangled with the affairs of this life, they can't see the fast approaching storm of the great tribulation.

People who sit in churches over the world, those who

want smooth things preached to them, who love the things of this age, will wake up when it's too late. Luke 21:35, "For as a snare (trap) shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth." These are the words of Jesus himself.

Man is a free moral agent, responsible for his own conduct, and deeds done in the body, while we live in these probationary temples of clay. "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works." God is keeping a record. And again, "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Rev. 20:15.

Many seem to think, if they don't believe God's record of man it nulls and voids it for them. What foolish thinking, in the face of facts.

The Word of God, that has survived through countless assaults of Satan to destroy it; the word that has stood the test of passing millenniums, its final conclusive argument, that Jesus referred to the Old Testament many times in His ministry.

We are seeing the fulfillment of the prophecies of both the Old and New Testament at an accelerated pace these days; It is like working a jig saw puzzle, the last few pieces fall in place so easily.

God's Word will endure forever, after every other bit of matter has passed away. The Word that says, "But if we walk in the light, (God's light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of, (Jesus Christ, God's son, **our sin bearer**), cleanseth us from **All Sin**."

Let us trim our lamps, and be sure of a supply of oil, it is the midnight hour, and the Bridegroom is at the door.



Missionary Message

All Things To All Men

There is a door that knows no rest
From early morn till sun goes down
It's felt the touch of countless hands
And heard the cries of all around.

Sometimes the touch of fingers small
Tap lightly on till someone comes
At other times the hands are large
Insistent, hurried and like drums!

This door has seen a crippled child
This door has seen a mother mild,
Its seen a boy arrayed in blood
And watched as tears came in a flood.

Its heard a plea for "just some bread",
Or medicine that they cannot buy,
And many come with desperate needs
That caused the hearer's heart to sigh.

This door has wondered why the
steps,
That lead to it are always filled,
It didn't know a missionary
Was there as God had willed.

The words above are just a wee
evidence of how a missionary is called
upon to be all things to all men. The
list of activities and requests that
they are called upon to fill. Let us explain:

We are called upon to be marriage counselors Even though we have never been married we are called upon to settle disputes between married couples. It means sitting patiently for hours listening to each side, all the while praying to the Lord that He will give you wisdom. Then we pray with the couple giving them His Word and have watched with thanksgiving when we have watched from the window as the couple left the yard holding hands!

We are called upon to be pharmacies - All manner of prescriptions are carried to our doors with the plea to help buy the medicine or to give them what we may have in our possession. Ointments, aspirin, cold pills, chloroquine (fever pills), laxatives, worm medicine, all things they need but have no money to buy, so to the missionary's house they go.

We are a general store Little ones

and older ones, asking for a thimble, a bit of glue, paper to cover their books, money to buy their books, boxes to line their mud walls, stockings to make a ball, kleenex, fly spray, alcohol, and on and on. Isn't it true that the missionary has all things, so they demand often to have these all things shared with them, who have so little.

We are a lending bureau Anything from wheelbarrows, shovels, saws, ladders, oilcloth to cover their heads when it is raining, pens, pencils, flower vases, your car as a taxi, books, and baskets! Sometimes these things are damaged or destroyed in their hands and they cannot replace them. But they feel the missionary can always find others!

We are banks - Somehow word has reached all comers that the missionaries are rich. So they come with their needs. The stories they give are often tragic. Tears course down their faces as they tell of sick, or dying ones, of their destitute situations. How are we to know if they are telling the truth? Here is an example. A young woman came to the door while we were scrubbing the floor one Sat. afternoon. Her story was that her sister has just had a baby in the city hospital and that the Dr. would not allow her to leave without things for the babies, they had no money or clothes...and they wanted help. She seemed so sincere. But to test her, I told her, "Okay, wait till I am finished with the work and I will go with you to the hospital and we shall see the babies, and I will help you." Surely, I thought if she is not telling the truth she will not want me to go. But she agreed. So I rounded up some baby clothes when work was finished and some money to help and went with her in her car, traveling some eight miles to the hospital. At the hospital she went in to see if I could be allowed to see the babies and when she came out she told me that the sister had left to go to Jacmel and that we could find her at the station where the trucks left. So we went to the station. She left me and went to look for the sister. The driver told her, so she said to me,

that the sister had already gone. By this time I knew that she had lied. There was no sister or babies...so I ask her to leave the car and I came on home with my money and my clothes. But I had trusted her. I was tired and discouraged.

Often we give because we do not know for sure. Food, money, medicine, money for birth certificates, for weddings, for school, for books, for transportation, clothes for naked bodies. All the needs stare the missionary in the face till they cry in despair to the One Who knows all their needs and understands.

We are teachers, nurses, and preachers. In the churches, in the schools, in the market place, in the villages, in the businesses where we go to buy, in homes and on buses, we speak of our precious Saviour. This is our joy! This is our calling! This is why we came! But all of the things I have written above are duties that fall to us too.

Why are we telling you all these things?

1. Because it means that for us there is hardly any task that we begin that does not suffer many interruptions before it can be accomplished. That means frustrations!
2. Because there is hardly a meal that is eaten that is not eaten in installments. Our food cools while we answer needs at the door. This can be frustrating!
3. Because after you listen to dozens and dozens of heartbreaking stories day after day and you weep with them, we soon feel that soon we shall never stop crying. Our eyes are tired from weeping and it saps our strength and courage!
4. Because we realize that there are literally thousands of others in this country for whom there is no one to go to, no one to fulfill their needs, no one to cry with them. They are hungry and sick and they have no Comforter!

We are willing to be all things to all

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For The Boys and Girls

Special Valentines

By Mrs. Ruth Hoen

The dime store was prettier than usual. Red hearts decorated the windows. Heartshaped boxes of candy banked the shelves. Handkerchiefs and perfumes were displayed in keeping with the occasion. Most important of all, there was a whole counter from which the boys and girls, and even big people, could choose valentines.

"I don't want these," Marie said crossly. "They are five for five cents — look, too cheap if you ask me."

"How about these?" Aunt Mina asked of her curly-haired niece, pointing to "two for five cents" valentines.

"They are cheap too. I want something nice. Something like these folders — move over!" Her last words were spoken to another child about her age.

"But you said you wanted one for every boy and girl in the second grade. Forty children at ten cents each, makes four dollars. This is a lot of money for paper valentines!"

"Not too much for friendship!" Marie was trying to sound grown up. "Mother said I might spend my birthday money as I pleased."

So, although Marie knew her aunt disapproved, she counted out forty valentines and handed the clerk her four one-dollar bills.

"Twelve cents tax, please," the clerk said.

"I haven't any tax money," Marie explained. She looked at Aunt Mina, for the clerk was looking at her.

"Here are two cents," Auntie said. "I happened to think you are only needing thirty-nine valentines, as you yourself make one of the forty in you room."

"You aren't a good sport," Marie pouted. "Now I've got to put one back, and they're all so pretty."

"You'll soon be giving them all away," Aunt Mina reminded.

Outside the store Marie fairly danced with excitement. "Won't everyone be thrilled to receive such a nice valentine. I want everybody to love me."

Aunt Mina opened her mouth, and then closed it. She looked at her pret-

ty little niece and shook her head. But Marie was busily talking to a schoolmate who happened along just then.

"Oh, mine are prettier than yours, Kathryn!" she said to the girl in the shabby plaid coat.

"I'll have fun cutting them out though," the newcomer said.

"Well, you are welcome. I don't like to give out homemade stuff."

Valentine Day came and Marie brought home from school a bag of valentines she received. "They aren't as cute as the ones I gave," she complained.

But when Aunt Mina came next day she had recovered somewhat from her disappointment.

"Want to see my valentines?"

"Of course!" And Auntie admired each one shown her.

"Now," Marie concluded, "I've shown you my best ones. The others aren't worth looking at." She returned both boxes to the chest drawer before Aunt Mina could object.

Aunt Mina was very thoughtful for a moment, then took Marie upon her knees. "Do all little girls keep their valentines in two different boxes?" she asked.

"Why?" Marie's eyes showed surprise.

"I saw Kathryn last night when I went to see her sick mother, and she had hers in two boxes."

"Oh, did you see the kitten one I gave her? It had on a valentine jacket."

"No. I just had time to look at her special valentines."

"You mean that her special valentines were prettier than my kitten picture? Why it was the very prettiest of them all!" Marie's voice was filled with dismay.

Aunt Mina smiled sweetly. "Dear, some of her specials were cut out of tablet paper and colored with crayon. But she divides hers differently."

"How?" Marie's eyes were riveted on Aunt Mina's face.

"Well, it was in a way that made me think of what God told Samuel when

he was about to anoint a new king. God said, 'Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.'"

Remembering the story, Marie said, "God chose the youngest instead of one of those beautiful brothers. But what about Kathryn's valentines?"

"Well, you see," Aunt Mina explained, "Kathryn's special valentines are from the boys and girls who are thoughtful and kind in their hearts."

For a moment there was silence. Then a tear slid down Marie's cheek and dropped on Aunt Mina's hand.

Aunt Mina turned Marie's flushed face up so she could look into the troubled eyes. Marie dear, as we choose valentines, we also can choose hearts. Not at a store, of course. But Jesus can make hearts over. He makes them beautiful by His grace if we let Him."

Marie nodded. It was hard to say words just then but she managed, "We have to—to start the beauty by—by asking Jesus to—to forgive us."

This time it was Aunt Mina who nodded. Moreover, Aunt Mina was sure that next year one of Marie's valentines would find its way into Kathryn's special box.



ALL THINGS.....

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men if those who are at home will help to carry the burden. There may be some who read this who will respond by saying, "Don't answer the door!" "Learn to say, No". And to them our answer is, "We live among them, to say no to their needs to refuse to listen to their cries, will never show them the Saviour, Who never turned anyone away. His times with His Father had to be in the middle of the night and early morning because they were always coming to Him! And we are His servants!"

We shall survive if you who are at home will pray and while praying remember the things we have told you above.

Being a missionary is the greatest calling in the world but it does mean, **BEING ALL THINGS TO ALL MEN!** I Cor. 9:22.

your servant for Jesus sake,
Bonnie Cleaver

While in conversation recently with a church leader, the comment was made: "Calling's out! So far as most pastors are concerned, calling's almost a thing of the past. More and more pastors are making fewer and fewer calls."

The man of God fell silent. His face wore a grave, concerned and troubled look.

I gasped in shocked astonishment. **Calling**, a thing of the past! It couldn't be. It couldn't! Especially not after it had proven for many years to be one of the most effective means and measures ever of getting men and women and boys and girls to Sunday School and Church where they heard (many of them for the first time!) the good news of salvation from sin and Holiness of heart.

A lump caught in my throat and a weight fastened itself heavily upon my heart. **What**, I asked myself, had brought about this dreadful change? **Why** no calling anymore? Had the ministry lost a vital part of its meaning . . . that of being "a servant?" How dared the minister (and his family) do less than He who "made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant . . ." Philipians 4:7.

Quickly my mind went to a woman who, through consistent calling and patient love and concern, was finally soundly converted and sanctified wholly and is now ready for Heaven. "If it hadn't been for you folks," she repeatedly has said, "I'd perhaps be in hell today. I didn't want to come to church but you kept calling, and you were so patient with me. O, I'm so thankful you didn't give up on me!" Did calling pay? A thousand times, **yes!**

Then there was the woman dying with cancer; a dairystore man's wife. We heard about her condition through some friends. We called on her week after week after week, praying with her and for her. One day His Light broke through on her soul. She was gloriously and genuinely converted. How proudly she introduced us to her many influential friends and acquaintances and always, she ended her introductions with praise to God for saving her soul and thanks to Him for sending us to her home. Shouting on her death-bed, she was escorted over Jordan's chilly waters by Jesus Himself. Was it worth our effort? Our time? **Yes! Yes! Yes!**

There are so many more about whom I could write, but time and space will not permit. However, I shall give just one more incident. He was a red-haired, freckle-faced, shy,

timid and bashful lad. His feet were calloused and tanned brown. He seldom wore shoes when we saw him in the home. Through patient calling and caring and loving, the lad finally came to Sunday School; then church. Soon he was gloriously converted and then sanctified wholly. One day he approached Brother King with the good news that God had laid His hand upon him to **preach** the good news of salvation from sin and heart Holiness. It was a time of rejoicing for all. As we watched this young man grow and mature in the things of God, and fulfill his call, we bowed our unworthy heads and praised Him Who had granted us **the privilege of calling** upon the family and inviting them to know the Saviour whom we loved so dearly.

Needless to say, we still believe in and practice "calling" in our pastorate!

Him!

When I speak of calling I don't have reference to the visiting of the church members every week or two or three. No. No. This weekly visiting on a select few leads to fraternizing, to socializing, and a loss of respect for the minister and his message. We are admonished in Proverbs 25:17 to, "Withdraw thy foot from thy neighbor's house; lest he be weary of thee, and so hate thee." By all means visit your church members and friends and **do not** neglect the sick and the infirm, the aged and the feeble. This is your obligation as pastor of the church. But the kind of calling to which I refer is that of making short visits in the homes of the sinner, the backslider, the unchurched, and praying with them and telling them that **you** are concerned over their soul's condition. We need to get back to door to door evangelism.

WHY?

by Mrs. Paul E. King

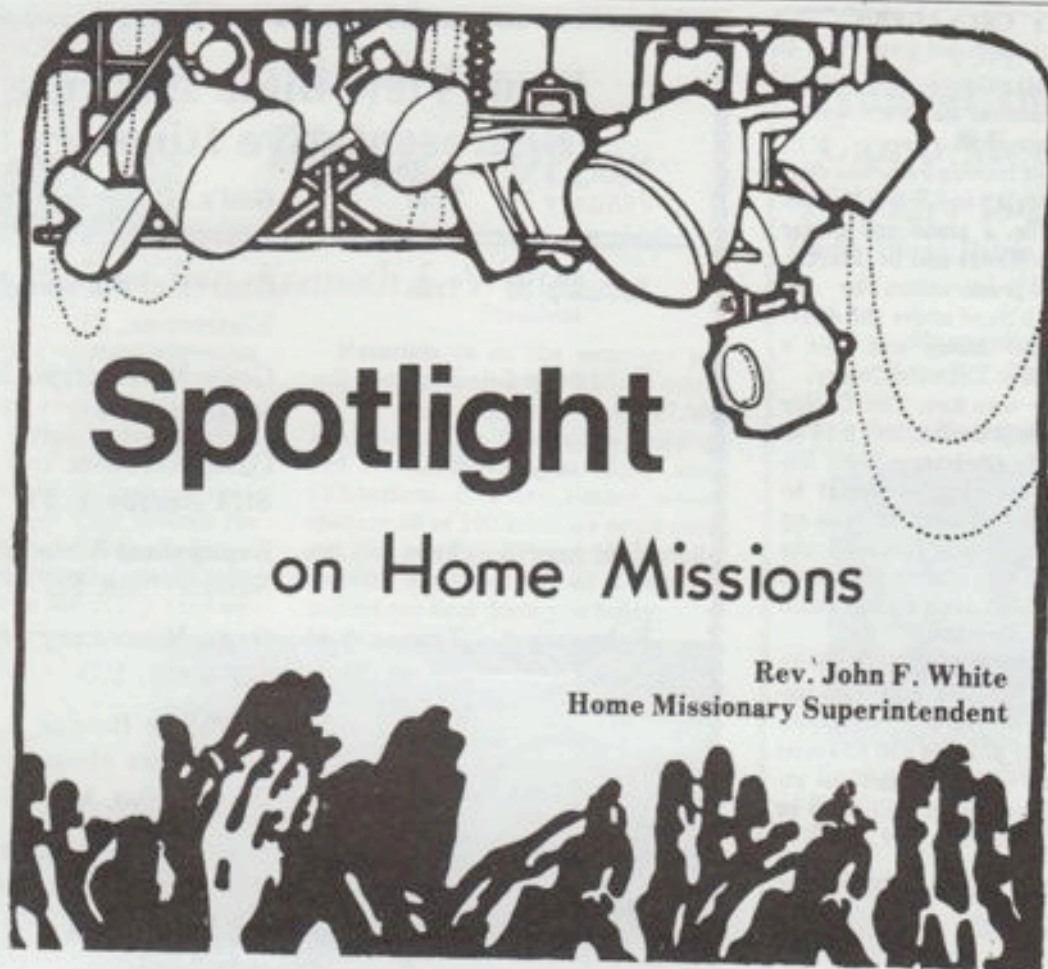
In analyzing the reason (or reasons) for this awful change, I am fully convinced that materialism is factor number 1 for ruling out calling. Some pastors, out of sheer necessity, **must work**, it is true. But all too many pastors, like their affluent parishioners, have been caught up in the deadly web of money making. This is sinful and evil. Before the man of God is aware of it (almost), the "love of money" has wound its devastating and many-faceted tentacles tightly and fiercely around his heart. Gadgets and 'things' become suddenly all-important and necessary. The prayer closet is visited less and less and sermon preparation becomes a grind and a bore. There is no real love and concern for, or interest in, the lost and dying in the community and hence there is little or no calling; no inviting the sinner to come to Jesus for rest of heart and peace of soul and mind. What will be your answer when the Judge of the Universe asks **why** you didn't call upon and invite those round about you to Him? There will be no hiding place . . . and no excuses . . . when we stand face to face before

If the evangelizing of the world depended upon us (you and me and our households) would the gigantic task get done? Would it? What are we doing to help to complete the Bride of Christ and bring about the return of our blessed Lord and Saviour, whom we profess to love with all our heart and soul and mind and strength? Ask yourself the question. I have. Frankly, it's a sobering thought. A frightening thought, really, in view of the fact that we will be held accountable to God Almighty for that which we **could** have done and didn't . . . both as pastor and layman.

It's time we re-evaluated our interests and placed proper emphasis upon that which Christ considered important: "Go **ye** into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." St. Mark 15:16

I am fully convinced that just as soon as pastors and lay people humble themselves before God and confess their indifference and unconcern to Him, that once again will come the **desire** to call upon and visit and pray with the lost, and attendance in our

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Spotlight

on Home Missions

Rev. John F. White
Home Missionary Superintendent

Making The Mark

Isa. 54:2. Enlarge the place of thy tent. Strengthen thy cords.

The General Conference of the God's Missionary Church at its last meeting in July 1982 voted to put a full time Home Missionary Superintendent on the field. The purpose of this is to enlarge the church extension field and support the weak congregations already in existence. The person would personally visit all the churches, conduct revivals, conventions and rallies in behalf of the Home Missionary Department.

Truly all of us see the need of such a person in our church. It is easy for the people to vote and put such a position on the books. The big need is to find financial backing for this position. Now we all know we are living in a day of financial stress. Inflation, joblessness, and poverty is on the increase. Only by the help of God can this new position be made possible. The Home Missionary Department has asked me to present this need to you, our people. I have studied over the different phases of this project and find if 200 people will send us five dollars per month we can meet this need. If we can get more than this it

would be a great help. But the very least we can exist on is the two-hundred.

We ask you to cut out the printed coupon on the bottom of this page and send it in at once. Your response will reveal your support of this new position. We can not go forward without you. This is a must and it is needed at once to see what you want to do. We ask you to pray much about the mat-

ter and respond as God leads you.

Home Missions is the most vital arm of our church. It has been a very weak arm in times past. If we can get this department strong all the other arms of our church will also be made strong. We must be evangelistic, we must have a conference wide revival and we must have it soon. We are counting on you. Answer the call at once.

Home Missionary Department "200" League

I wish to join in my personal support for the work of Home Missions. I will, by the Lord's help send _____ per month to help get a full time Home Missionary Superintendent on the field.

Please sent this coupon to Rev. David Church, Home Missionary Secretary, 1320 N. Front St., Sunbury, Penna. 17801.

PLEASE REPLY TODAY.

MISSIONARY CRUSADERS.....

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Rebersburg, Mt. Grove, Evangelical Brethren of Hanover and York, with a total attendance of 68.

Special music included a ladies duet by Florence Negley and Edith Redcay from Bloersville, a piano and guitar special by Bro. Krout and Sr. Martin, an excellent presentation by the Salunga Church Band under the direction of LaDette Cooley and then a piano solo by Bro. LaDette Cooley.

The speaker was Rev. Tim Cooley who spoke from II Corinthians 9:15 on the subject "My Christmas Gift." Using an illustrated sermon format he challenged those present to take up their cross and follow Jesus all the way. The truth was clearly presented in such a way that even a child could enjoy it and understand.

We trust and pray that 1983 will be a year of real blessing and advancement in the Missionary Crusaders endeavors. Your prayers and financial support, along with your faithful attendance of the rallies will help to make 1983 a promising year.

C.J. Brewbaker**WHY.....**

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churches will more than double. It takes work... hard work... to build anything worthwhile; the Kingdom of God included. This latter will take sweat and tears and strong cryings and groanings and intercessory praying. Add to this calling; week after week after week, and God will give the increase.

This burns upon my heart. I pray that God will lay the burden upon each of us until we will call and call and continue calling until souls will come to Jesus and our church pews will be filled. Not with "sheep" stolen from some one else's church, but with new people. Unless we get busy for Him, we will stand in His presence empty-handed and without excuse. He gave His life to "seek and to save that which was lost." Can we do less than try to reach them for Him? Can we?

Let's get back to calling! It pays!

**NEW BIRTH.....**

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A second evidence of the new birth is mentioned in verse ten: "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself." The purpose of this is to eliminate all doubts and question marks concerning our Sonship.

Penn View Bible Institute Representative Itinerary

January 30	Trio	God's Missionary Camp Orange City, FL.
January 31	Trio	Church of the Nazarene Kissimmee, FL
February 1	Trio	God's Missionary Church Kissimmee, FL
February 2	Trio	Camp Freedom St. Petersburg, FL
February 3	Trio	Evangelical Bible Mission Summerfield, FL
February 6	Trio	A.M. God's Missionary Church Salisbury, MD
		P.M. American Rescue Workers Mission Washington, MD
February 13	Trio	A.M. Free Methodist Church Bowman's Creek, PA
		P.M. Free Methodist Church Dallas, PA
	Quartet	A.M. God's Missionary Church Spring Mills, PA
		P.M. God's Missionary Church Lewistown, PA
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3. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. Verse 12.

4. A man born of the Spirit gets his prayers through. And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us. And if we know that He hears us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him. Verses 14-15.

5. "We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not." John is telling us in this verse that all those who are born again or from above, quit practicing sin.

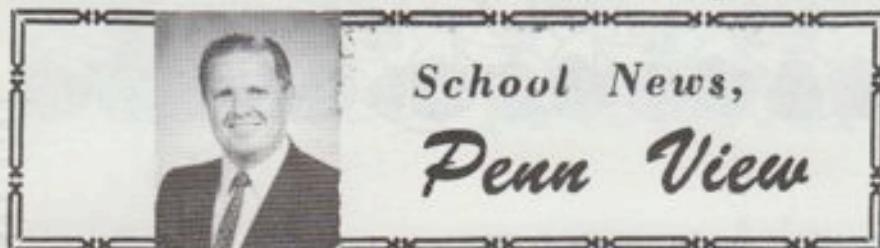
"If we say that we have fellowship with Him and continue to practice sin and walk in darkness, we lie and do not the truth." John makes no room

for sinning Christians. There may be sinning church members and we know there are lots of those. To say that we must sin every day in thought, word, and deed is to put ourselves on no higher level than the sinner, as that's the best he can do.

Does John have anything to say about this? He sure does. I John 3:8; "He that committeth sin or practices sin is of the devil."

A born again Christian does not only quit the sin business but ever seeks and strives to know what that good and acceptable will of the Father is for their life.

Those born of the Spirit do not fight holiness, but rather seek it with a hungry and joyful heart. Matthew 5:6; "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled."



School News, Penn View

From the desk of Rev. Kenneth E. Walter --
President

The brick work on our Cafetorium remains at a standstill. We desperately need your interest and support to enable us to complete this project. The exposed block surface is slowly being deteriorated by moisture getting inside the wall. Also, without the brick enclosure we suffer a substantial heat loss during the winter months which adds to our utility expense.

Materials to do the complete job will cost approximately \$.20 per brick. It will take approximately 27,000 brick to encase this entire building and thus complete our lovely new Cafetorium. If every reader would sponsor 50 or 100 brick we could soon get the job done. Please prayerfully consider what you can do to help us and let me hear from you today.



"Brick Work on Cafetorium at a Standstill."

Dear Bro. Walter,

I want to have a part in completing the cafetorium for the glory of God. Please find enclosed:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10.00 to buy 50 brick | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100.00 to buy 500 brick |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20.00 to buy 100 brick | <input type="checkbox"/> \$200.00 to buy 1000 brick |

You can count on me for \$_____ within 90 days to help with this worthy project.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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The Annual Indoor Camp Meeting

February 18-27, 1983

Penn View Bible Institute
Memorial Chapel

Evangelist
Rev. R.T. Herr

Song Evangelists



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Penn View Bible Institute

Schedule of Services

Nightly	7:30 P.M.
Monday-Friday	10:30 A.M.
Sunday Morning	10:30 A.M.

Services will be held in
the Memorial Chapel.

The Work That Saves...

Horatius Bonar

Done is the work that saves,
Once and for ever done;
Finished the righteousness
That clothes the unrighteous one.
The love that blesses us below
Is flowing freely to us now.

The sacrifice is o'er.
The veil is rent in twain,
The mercy-seat is red
With blood of victim slain;
Why stand ye then without, in fear?
The blood divine invites us near.

The gate is open wide;
The new and living way
Is clear and free and bright,
With love and peace and day.
Into the holiest now we come,
Our present and our endless home.

Upon the mercy-seat
The High Priest sits within;
The blood is in His hand
Which makes and keeps us clean.
With boldness let us draw near,
That blood has banished every fear.

Then to the lamb once slain
Be glory, praise, and power,
Who died and lives again,
Who liveth evermore;
Who loved and washed us in His blood,
Who made us kings and priests to God.

In The Presence Of The King

by Dr. Raymond Edman

To appear before an earthly monarch, all of us would have to learn how to conduct ourselves in his palace. That would be true not only of us in the new world but even of those who have been reared in the lands where royalty still reigns. Without instruction, we would be ignorant as to what we should do and most likely unappreciative of the opportunity of standing in the presence of a king.

Years ago I was requested, perhaps I should better say commanded, to report to His Majesty, Haile Selassie, Emperor of Ethiopia, on my observations regarding the schools in his empire. I was glad to be told precisely when and where I should come, what I should wear, how I should bow at the doorway of the royal reception room, just how many steps I should take before I should again bow indicating my desire to obey His Majesty's command, where I should be seated, and then what next to do.

Of course I said nothing until the king had ceased speaking, usually by asking a question. In the solemnity of the occasion it was not difficult to be silent, out of profound respect for the person and the position of the sovereign and out of regard for his excellence and importance. I was silent in respectful submission and reverent deference to the Emperor. My silence was the mark of my esteem for his worthiness, his moral character and personal qualities. It was proper for me to be still in his presence, for this was his house and his hospitality which in gracious condescension he had opened to me.

I shared that experience with the students at Wheaton College at the first chapel service of the following school year. It was then not necessary to remind them that the chapel is the house of the King of kings, who is worthy of far more respect, esteem and honor than we would render to any earthly king.

It is at the invitation of the King of Glory that we enter His house to meet with Him and not with others, to hear from Him, to make reply to the questions with which He searches our hearts. We are to enter into His house in silence of tongue and submission of spirit to worship Him. He alone is worthy of our worship. Even now we should begin to learn the reality of the worship we shall experience when with the redeemed of the earth we sing in His presence, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive . . . glory, and blessing."

We enter the King's house with profound reverence for

Him, our Lord and Saviour. We hold Him in honor mingled with love and gratitude. We are to sit in silent wonder of that worthy One as we remember our unworthiness apart from His mercy and salvation. We enter with awe and adoration. Worship is true of the whole assembly together, but adoration is the response of the individual heart to the Saviour whom, having not yet seen, we love.

We enter His house with humility of spirit, with that gentleness, teachableness, tenderness, lowliness and meekness which constitute proper conduct in His presence. We enter His house with hunger of heart for the living God, for He alone can satisfy the deepest longings of the human spirit. Beyond the sacred page of Scripture and the song we seek Him. We enter with the hush of the Holy Spirit so as to be still and to know that He is God. We enter the unhurried attitude of heart that instinctively says, "I will hear what God the Lord will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people."

Our reverence as we enter God's house, our silence before Him, our lowliness of heart, our worship and adoration, our earnest expectation that here we are to meet the Holy One can be a help and blessing to others as well as to ourselves. Who knows the need of the stranger who comes for the first time to worship with us or the hidden heartache that well-known friends and fellow members of the congregation may bring with them? Our light chatter on trivial matters can distract or dismay another in his need so that his heart is not ready to meet the Lord in the service. Our thoughtless irreverence can be a stumbling block to that one who needs strength and steadiness. Again, our attitude can be the very example he requires to have him know what God can be his unfailing helper.

We are commanded by the King of kings to come to His house, for we are not to forsake "the assembling of ourselves together, . . . and so much and more, as (we) see the day approaching." In entering the open door of His house we are to shut the heart's door to all other persons present and to set aside the problems that perplex us, the heartache of yesterday and the haunting apprehensions about tomorrow. Sitting quietly before the service begins in the church, we can prepare our hearts to meet the King by silent prayer, by searching His Word, by reading anew the glorious expressions of praise in the hymnbook. Then the heart is ready to meet the King in His house.