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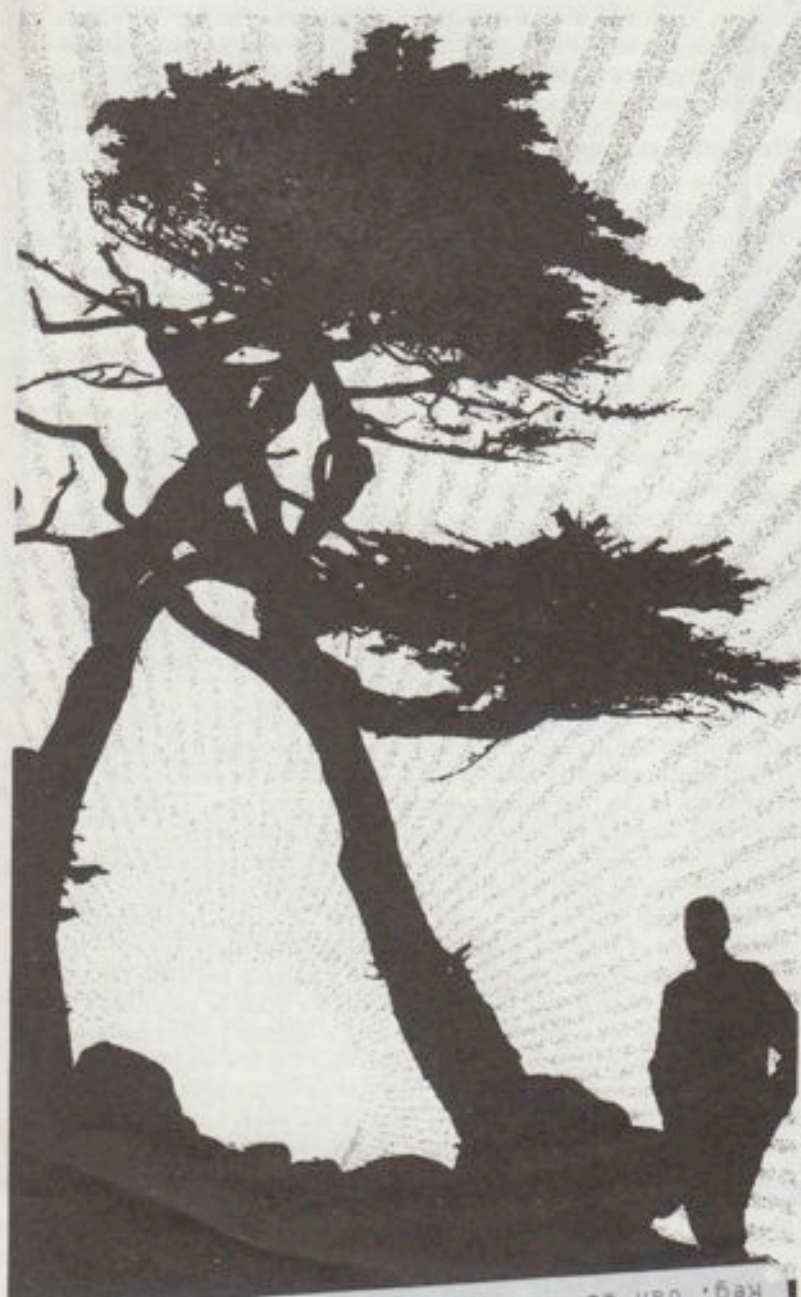
"The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it." Psalms 68:11.

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Step by Step Into 1986



"As thou goest, step by step, I will open up the way before thee" (Proverbs 4:12).

Child of my love, fear not the
unknown morrow,
Dread not the new demand life makes
of thee;
Thy ignorance doth hold no cause for
sorrow,
Since what thou knowest not, is
known to Me.

Thou canst not see today the hidden
meaning
Of My command; but thou the light
shalt gain;
Walk on in faith, upon My promise
leaning,
And as thou goest, all shall be made
plain.

One step thou seest — then go for-
ward boldly,
One step is far enough for faith to see;
Take that, and thy next duty shall be
told thee,
For step by step thy Lord is leading
thee!

Stand not in fear, thy adversaries
counting,
Dare every peril, save to disobey;
Thou shalt march on, all obstacles
surmounting,
For I, the Strong, will open the way.
Wherefore, go gladly to the task as-
signed thee,
Having My promise, needing nothing
more

Than just to know, where'er the
future finds thee,
In all thy journeyings, I go before!

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Concern / Commitment

As we come to the close of another year, we again are facing an untried way. We soon will open the book entitled 1986, with its blank pages waiting for the inscription of our activities and actions, trials and triumphs, burdens and blessings. As the Lord tarries His coming, each day, week and month will find faithful transcription. We strain our eyes to see ahead through the haze only to realize that just moment by moment will the new year unfold before us. We must learn to "place the unknown future in the Master's hands."

One writer gave us this insight:

I know not what awaiteth me,
As dawns another year!
The path untrod I cannot see,
Yet knows my heart no fear.

Though dark the path may be, or light,
A smooth or rugged way,
I ever shall be led aright
While I for guidance pray.

I believe, however, that this new year is extremely significant because we face as a denomination a new era. We are standing on the brink of a new epoch. The passing of our beloved General Superintendent George I. Straub on the afternoon of December 16th has brought us to this point. There are some natural concerns that surface at such a time as this. Anytime there is a changing of the helm to another there are adjustments to be made, but the course that has been previously determined must be maintained, though the wheel is now manipulated by new hands.

We must give ourselves to some introspective analysis at this time. There must be the exercise of concern for both personal and collective spiritual depth, maturity and stability. There must be concern for the maintenance of the "old paths, wherein is the good way." There must always be a concern for the lordship of Christ in our lives.

It will then follow as day follows dark that renewed commitment will be ours. We must be committed to unity among the brethren. May no divisive spirit now or ever arise among us. We must be committed to the doctrine of holiness. God's Word teaches that there is a cure for the sin problem. We must be committed to a balance between the extremes that so often divide the work of God. We must be committed to evangelism. May we never be satisfied with a cloister kind of holiness, but may we ever reach out to a lost world. May the fire which caused a George Straub to spread the good news of salvation across the hills and valleys of central Pennsylvania burn in our souls until we cannot but speak of that which we have seen and heard.

A future issue of the Standard will be dedicated to
the memory of George Straub, who departed this life
on December 16, 1985.

God's Will in the Obedience of Christ

By T.M. Anderson



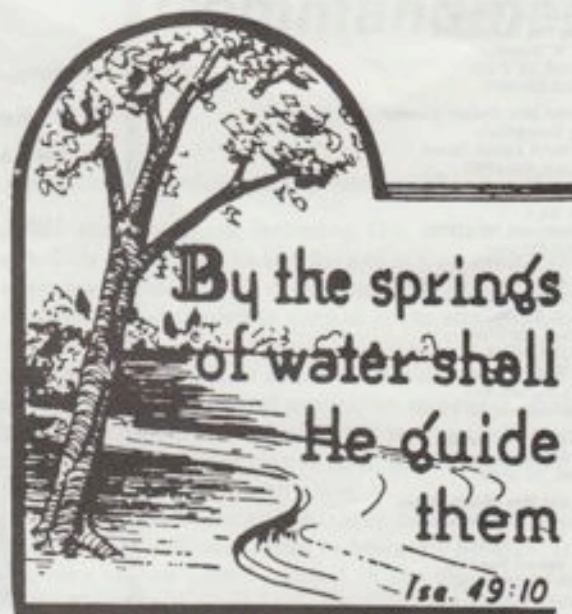
"...When he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law; then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." — Hebrews 10:8-10.

Christ's self-surrender to the supreme will of God was an inherent principle of His own Divine-human nature. He did not yield himself in humble obedience to God's will by authoritative constraint. Christ's offering of Himself to suffer for the sins of the world was entirely voluntary, being no less His own will than the will of His compassionate Father. It is evident that the Son of God came forth from the Father's presence for the purpose of offering His unblemished body to provide the fitness of character necessary to enter into unbroken fellowship with God. This holy reality of spiritual completeness fulfills all the requirements of the sovereign will of God and satisfies the deepest desires of His ransomed people.

The scriptural doctrine affirming that we can be sanctified instantaneously through implicit faith in the one offering of the body and blood of Jesus Christ is the only Biblical message in all Christendom that offers the slightest hope for complete cleansing from the thralldom of innate sin. The faithful Holy Spirit has revealed the truth of entire sanctification in the noonday light of divine revelation. The testimony of God's competent witness enables us to see that it is possible to be sanctified completely and permanently through unwavering faith in the sacrifice of Christ.

The soul-inspiring truth stated in the words, "For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified," does not in any sense imply that the characters of the Lord's people are permanently fixed, or that they are unconditionally and eternally saved. The Apostle would have us understand that no other sacrifice is required to obtain holiness of heart and life. In the all-sufficient offering of Christ's body and blood there is complete cleansing from inborn sin which qualifies His people to draw nigh to God, enjoy unbroken fellowship with Him, and abide in perpetual oneness with Him throughout all time and eternity. To abide in unending harmony with God is the highest honor ever conferred upon any creature of earth. This holy state of blissful relationship with the Lord is the sunlit summit of supreme satisfaction to which Christ exalts His purified people. Nothing less than a work of divine grace that cleanses the entirety of the inmost being is acceptable in the sight of God. Such a state of heartfelt holiness is the cloudless pleasure of spiritual life.

Christ's actions are personal in the application of His own work of cleansing. He is the Sanctifier and His people



are the sanctified. "For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren." — Hebrew 2:11. Christ's marvelous work of regeneration and the mighty work of sanctification are masterpieces of His workmanship. These two epochal works of grace are as evident in Christian experience as the towering peaks of the majestic mountains that lift their heads above the plains. The joys springing from the assurance of Christ's inworked cleansing are confirmed by the witness of the Holy Spirit. The calm contentment and deep delight produced in the hearts of the Lord's peculiar people constitute the solid rock on which they base their unfeigned faith and lively hope of eternal glory.

Pursuant to the Father's acceptance of the Son's all-sufficient offering, He said to Him, "...Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool." — Psalm 110:1. This astonishing revelation shows that the Son, having offered one efficacious sacrifice forever, took His rightful place on the mediatorial throne in certain expectation of final victory over His enemies. The only begotten Son shall reign in righteousness until He has vanquished all His vicious and villainous foes, and crowned all His adoring saints with immortal glory in heaven. The Son's certain expectation of ultimate triumph is shared by all His ransomed people. From the first unforgettable hour they received the boundless benefits of redeeming grace to the last victorious day of their earthly pilgrimage, they can retain the consoling witness of the Spirit with increasing pleasure and augmenting brilliancy to an unhesitating obedience to the Father's will.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: This continues a series of articles on the Ten Commandments. Written by Oliver G. Wilson, Editor of *The Wesleyan Methodist*, in 1949, it will help to focus on this great moral code and bring much needed light to bear upon our needy society.

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I Timothy 5:4



Shew Piety at Home

*Be kind to thy father, for when thou wert young,
Who loved thee as fondly as he?
He caught the first accents that fell from thy tongue,
And joined in thy innocent glee.
Be kind to thy father, for now he is old,
He locks intermingled with gray;
His footsteps are feeble, once fearless, and bold —
Thy father passing away!*

*Be kind to thy mother, for lo! on her brow
May traces of sorrow be seen;
Oh, well may'st thou cherish and comfort her now,
For loving and kind hath she been.
Remember thy mother, for thee shall she pray,
As long as God given her breath;
With accents of kindness then, cheer her lone way,
Even to the dark valley of death.*

— Selected.



The Fifth Commandment

"Honour thy father and thy mother," Exodus 20:12.

How shockingly old fashioned this sounds to modern ears. This harks back to the days of asking permission, of suppressed desires, of spankings and other forms of punishment that tended to keep us in the straight and narrow path.

Much has been said to show the crassness of those days of correction by the literal application of a razor strap or a green switch from the grove. Yet it is true that the crude method often produced men of solid character, which is an indispensable product in any land.

Nobility of character and charm of manner fruit in youth or adult who studiously seeks to honor his parents, and he discovers he has placed himself in the channel of God's blessing.

The purpose of this commandment does not concern, so much, the welfare of the parent as it does the betterment of the child. It is not back to the past but forward to the future. It promises life-happiness and composure of soul to the one who strictly fulfills its demands.

Other things being equal, where there is no reverence for parents there will be no reverence for God. He who disregards the Fifth Commandment will soon broaden out in his lawlessness so that he will grow profane in his worship and vicious in his attitude toward his fellow men. In other words, he who is neglectful, defiant and unkind toward his parents will disregard all the other nine commands when it is to his advantage to do so.

To honor parents requires:

Love, trust and filial fear.

Submission to rebuke and kindness under correction.

Attention given to instruction, and advice weighed carefully from whatever source it might come.

An honest and sincere effort to assist older people wherever possible and a genuine interest in their welfare at all times.

Obedience to law and respect for all officials.

Honesty and personal integrity that are above reproach.

A loyalty to God and truth that is unquestioned.

He who lives thus will bring honor on the father who gendered him and on the mother who bore him. He will bless his generation with nobility and bring to his children a heritage that is rich in grace and culture.

Oliver G. Wilson



"Does it Pay to Answer God's Call?"

Since I am not much of an expert at writing, please allow me to just talk to you from my heart. You've heard it said, "The will of God will not lead you where the grace of God cannot keep you." How I've found this to be so. Allow me to give you a few examples of the joys and even a few hardships involved in missionary work, at least here at our station.

I have found that I do not have the gift of tongues nor do I have a talent in learning new languages, but my feeble mind is slowly learning the Creole language. I am now teaching my own music class without an interpreter and I praise the Lord for this. When I get stuck on a Creole word the students are very eager to help me out.

Just the other day I took Miss Williams out of Leogane and she had to stay because of a death that took place in the area. We were suppose to stop at the TB sanatorium on our way home to visit a couple of sick girls and since she was not able to go back it fell my lot to stop. It is amazing how the Lord will help you when the need arises. I managed to understand each of the girls and even helped the one sit up and take her medicine and then got her settled down for the night. She asked me to pray for her and said that I could pray in English but I said that I would try to pray in Creole. When I finished, she was smiling and I knew that not only did she understand me, but our blessed Heavenly Father, Who has no language barrier, understood me also.

My days do not always go by with flying colors and those are the days that I must ask the Lord for extra help. I heard about wringer washers from the olden days but never realized that I would have to one day learn to use one. On one particular day I was draining the washer and forgot about the bucket that was filling up. I was very happily going about something else when I remembered. When I got back in the house I found two streams making rivers in my living room and had to grab everything I could find to stop it. Oh, the joys of a wringer washer, but at least we do not have to do our wash by hand. The mission field is becoming more modern.

I am learning to be a missionary as far as eating goes also. A year ago you could not have persuaded me to eat something that had had a bug in it. But just yesterday I decided to have a bowl of cereal for breakfast. I was a little late because the ants had decided to have some too. We don't often buy pre-sweetened cereal because of the cost but this particular kind was pre-sweetened and I had just paid \$4.00 for it. I wasn't about to let the ants have it and so I strained them out with a strainer and proceeded to have my morning breakfast of cereal. I sure did learn my lesson about keeping things in Tupperware containers.

Not all of life here is hardships though. Just tonight my heart was warmed by a little girl. She is one of our neighbor children who has no father as such, and her mother has gone to the USA. She has been thrown on the

mercy of her relatives. She came in an old ragged dress that you wouldn't give to the 'Good-Will.' She said that she had a fever and wanted some medicine. I knew that she really wanted some love and even though I had much to do, I took some time to cuddle her on my lap and talk to her. After all, why are we here?!

Sometimes I could sit and cry when I see our children and people suffer for the lack of love, food, clothing, and finances. But most of all, I hurt when they don't know Jesus. Oh, that He would fill us with His love and give us wisdom to win the people to whom we have been called.

Does it pay to answer God's call? Yes, a thousand times, Yes! His benefits are wonderful and His peace is beyond compare. Please continue to pray for your missionaries. We don't want to disappoint you, but most of all, we don't want to disappoint Him!

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Cathy Brubaker

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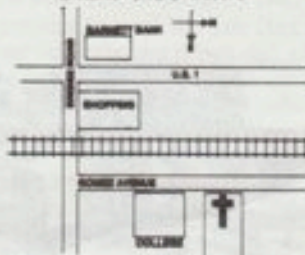
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For The Boys and Girls

New Year's Eve and A Leper Boy

Gwendoline A. Lear

Dark clouds hung threateningly over an angry, tossed sea. A full tide crashed with terrific force over a bed of slimy rocks under a rugged cliff. The day was bleak — not a ray of sunshine pierced its gloom! A man with a face that reflected the day — hastened his steps over a grass-grown path, circling in a dangerous projecture over the cliff.

Little Choi followed his cruel, determined father with dog-like faithfulness.

"Be careful! You'll fall over!" cried the boy, seeing his father dangerously near the crumbling projecture.

The kindly warning was unnecessary, for the man was making quite sure of his safety. Stamping his foot several times to secure a good footing, he looked cautiously over the edge to the booming sea below! Then rubbing his fat, coarse hands together, he spat upon them before seizing his only son and hurling him to what he prayed to his gods would be a watery grave. Deeming it unnecessary to wait final results of his heathenish deed, the man turned his steps homeward.

In his Korean home he rested comfortably seated, cross-legged, upon the stone floor, puffing a long pipe, after enjoying a hearty supper. His wife, washing her lord's dirty dishes in the kitchen, was suddenly bidden to "cease her chatter and listen." "The blame is entirely yours," said the man. "Had you put the flour sieve out upon the shoemat Angwangi would not have had time to visit our home with leprosy." The woman stood before her lord trembling with fear and remorse. She knew that she was guilty!

Angwangi is a mythical being who is supposed to come down and visit the Korean home on New Year's Eve. The heathen belief is that he does not bring good gifts to the people, but such things as typhus fever, cholera and leprosy, and the like.

It was quite true that Choi's mother had neglected to put the sieve beside the shoemat on New Year's Eve. She felt that she deserved the torrent of

abuse hurled upon her guilty head. She dared not raise her eyes to meet the infuriated gaze of her husband. Surely the fates were against her!

Hearing a slight stir outside the door, she watched aghast to see it gently pushed open, and Choi stood on the threshold with his torn, bleeding, leprosy hands stretched out in pitiful pleading.

A piercing scream broke from the terrified woman's lips: "The demons have sent him back," she cried, seizing a knife and rushing at the boy. Escaping the glittering blade with a cry of horror, Choi ran out into the sheltering darkness.

His father and mother had forsaken him. Would the Lord take him up?

Stumbling along the rock road as fast as his numbed feet could carry him, he choked back his bitter tears. What a day it had been! First hearing from the cruel lips of the frightful "medicine man" that he was a victim of leprosy. Then, without mercy, to be cast to a watery grave! The struggle for life! The waves refusing to engulf him; dashing his frail body again and again at the foot of the crags where, bruised and bleeding, he at last gained a footing. Slowly and painfully he had climbed up the rocky cliff to the path with a mother's pity in view; but the mother's pity had responded to his cry for mercy with a glittering knife at his throat.

With the wild bark of ravenous dogs and wolves in the distant woods, brave little Choi struggled forward mile after mile in the darkness. Stumbling at last over some rocks, he was pitched head first upon the stony ground. A strange sensation crept around his heart. A drumming sound in his ears mercifully precluded the vicious sound of dogs and wolves.

The next day when the sun broke over the purple hills with floods of golden light, a tall man with kindly piercing eyes, burning with divine sympathy, was led of God to pass over the lonely, unfrequented road where Choi had fallen. The Christians called him a "Jesus" man. Choi became a

trophy for God in his hands. Placing him in a Christian hospital in one year's time the lad was restored to health, without one trace of leprosy. Who can doubt the tender care of a wonder-working Savior?

Ten years later Choi was called one day to the "Jesus man's" private office.

"What is this I am hearing about you, Choi?" said the doctor, with a quizzical look in his eyes, at the full-grown, strong young man standing before him. "You're going to leave me, eh?"

A mist crept over the young man's eyes. He looked away, resisting the strong temptation to clasp the hand of the best friend he had upon earth, to tell him that he was not going to leave him; but, the next instant, he looked fearlessly into his spiritual father's eyes and answered, "Yes!"

"Have you counted the cost?"

"Fully and received the command: 'Go home to thy friends and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee.' True, they are not my friends, but I must go and tell my father and my mother about my great Saviour."

The doctor looked searchingly into the brave eyes of this youth whom he loved as a son. His voice was husky when, holding out his hand, he said: "God bless you, Choi — aye, and keep you."

One year later, tidings reached the doctor that made his heart rejoice. A revival was sweeping Choi's village. Far and wide the heathen were casting aside their false religion and seeking to know more and more about the Saviour of the world who had shed His blood to wash away their sins.

It would be too long a story to tell about Choi's sufferings in his native village; sufferings sponsored by his own parents and relatives, until realizing their sin, they found the remedy, Jesus Christ.

Was it worthwhile saving the life of one puny leprosy lad and giving him the opportunity of finding a Saviour?

— The Evangelist



"The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light." Romans 13:12.

Once again the calendar on the wall has been replaced with twelve new sheets, speaking of the beginning of another great year of man's continuous process of producing records for history. With the old year already slipping away and the new year coming in with force, we pause long enough to consider our present condition — the state of the world, the state of the church, and the state of our souls. With one panoramic view of the world conditions, whether at home or abroad, our minds are stirred by the alarming conditions that sin has created by its godless characteristics in the lives of humanity. I hesitate not to say that the state of the hour calls for a spiritual revival and we pray that Christians the world over will rally to the "need of the day."

TIME IS FAR SPENT

"The night is far spent and the day is at hand" — thus our age is ready for a change in events. The world is not prepared for the future, but it is aware of the fact that something is about to happen. The word 'spent' infers the meaning of being tired out, exhausted, without energy, used up, and truly this is a characteristic of the element of time.

Men have often spoken of the age as "borrowed time". This we certainly cannot prove for none have a knowledge of God's time cycle, but we do know this is an age of grace for God has been merciful and long-suffering with the wickedness of man. A bird's eye view of the sins of humanity would make us to understand the love of God — for the multitudes of human

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What Of The Hour

by Donald Hicks

January 1959

sins has long ago called for total destruction as God desired to do to Israel at Mt. Sinai upon their departure from true worship to the creation or making of a golden calf.

In the past year several times our hearts were saddened with the shadows of another war, and only the Lord realizes just what our new year may bring. We need not spend our valuable time looking for world peace, for such will not be our lot. Nations may ever strive to reach such goals, but godless humanity can never function properly on godly principles. Peace has its lasting roots in the Lord, thus in order for the human family to find this beautiful trait, they must turn to God. From the Christian's view man has departed too far from his original state to solve the problem of world peace and his only hope of the future is based on the Word.

In Matthew 24:37 Jesus said, "as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be" and certainly this is a descriptive picture of America as it is today. The books of prophecy no longer hinder the coming of our Lord, for all is now pointing towards that great hour. We conclude then that the hour is far spent and time in this special dispensation must be nearing its close.

DARKNESS PREVAILS

The 20th Century is an age of unlimited gospel light, but yet sin is on the increase the world over. There exists in the human realm two strong forces: God and Satan, righteousness and sin, good and evil, light and darkness. These forces will ever oppose each other until the final day when the Lord shall triumph over all evil and sin, and Satan, as an evil force, shall be destroyed for all eternity.

Truly our age is one of the most enlightened ages in which man has ever lived. Civilization has reached great goals in its forward movements. History reveals that in the past few hundred years, progress has been unlimited and we wonder, if the Lord tarries, what tomorrow may bring. Our libraries are filled to capacity with books obtaining all kinds of

knowledge and most everyone has the opportunity of learning. Indeed we can be pleased with this phase of our modern times.

But how sad it is that with all our gain, the average individual's personal knowledge of God is more distant than ever. The world stands in need of a spiritual revival. Even America with its millions in church, is far from the spiritual state that it should be.

We live in an age of hypocrisy. Many so called holiness churches pretend far beyond their spiritual possession. The darkness of the world and sin has made great inroads upon the property of the Lord and spiritual people seem to be too contented to be alarmed over this unhealthy condition. It is time that many inventory long enough to realize how dim their spiritual light is in a world of prevailing darkness.

Many may live to see the day when Catholicism will again gain strong political power over civilized nations as it did during the period of the "Dark Ages". History speaks of those times with a note of sadness, as thousands of Protestants were crushed beneath the darkness of this great evil. Don't be so foolish as to believe that such could not happen in our day. Better that we open our eyes and observe the cruel steps that Communism has taken towards the church. To every land in which this devilish ruling power has gone, Christianity has suffered severe setbacks and in many cases has lost complete functioning power.

At this very critical hour in which the church should be at its peak in performance, modernism has instead gained its inroads, thus weakening our power even more and preparing the Protestant movement for a great downfall. Is the Christian willing to stand for his rights and principles as our forefathers did at the outset of this great nation.

WORK MUST BE DONE

Because of the lateness of the age and the spiritual darkness of modern

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As I write this article, we are still in '85; but only a short time and '85' will be history. You are probably reading this in the new year. Whatever 1985 may have held for each of us, good or bad, victory or defeat, joy or sorrow, let us get a new grip on life and face the New Year with faith in God. Faith that His will must be done in our lives. Faith that God still lives and rules over all. Faith that night will turn to day, darkness to light. Faith that there are still many people over these hills and valleys, deserts and plains, who still love and honor the name of the Lord. We should expect some battles during 1986; then we won't be upset when they arrive. Life is a constant warfare between good and evil, God and Satan. If we take our stand with the Savior, we may rest assured that we are on the winning side, regardless of how thick and fierce the fight.

I do not know, and I cannot see, what God's kind hand prepares for me. I cannot look through the haze which covers my future ways, but yet I know that over it all rules He who notes the fall of a sparrow. I welcome the New Year which I am sure will bring fresh blessings from my God and King. Glory to His dear Name!

As far as this Department is concerned, I look forward to a great year — the best ever. I look forward to OUTREACH and claiming new territory for the Lord. I am accepting as my verse for the new year, Daniel 11:32b "...the people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits." There are many areas in my life in which I am anticipating those exploits; and there are new areas and

new ways of proclaiming the old message where I feel this department needs to launch out in this new year.

The Lord helped last year and we do praise Him for any advancements there may have been. But let us not rest on the plateau and take it easy. Get on our climbing gear and reach new peaks for His honor and glory!

Multitudes are still unreached and we must strengthen the things that remain in a few areas. Would you join with us in believing God for His direction throughout the year? Would you accept the challenge and support with your daily prayers and regular giving to the outreach the Lord has available for us? Time is closing in and we must advance and not retreat. I read recently the following: A sign on the wall of a locker room of one of the sports teams in America reads "WHATEVER IT TAKES!" When God said, "WHATEVER IT TAKES TO SAVE MANKIND," he knew it would take His Son. Let each Christian say to God, "WHATEVER IT TAKES" We are a team. Unless all of us do our part and are enthusiastic about it, we cannot grow for Christ.

The work at Donna, Texas, our newest mission post, is moving forward. They are planning to relocate into more suitable quarters. In a recent service a number of youth were at the altar and were saved and have a determination to continue for the Lord. Remember this work is completely Spanish and these folk are eager to be at their best for the Lord. Pray for the workers, Carlos and Emma Cantoral and daughter, Sonia. They are really dedicated and living very sacrificially to see the work advanced.

The repairs at the Steamburg church have begun and we perhaps will not be able to finish till the spring of the year. The Lord gave direction to Pastor Hoskins in the purchase of a much needed mobile home; and we are trusting the Lord to help in the payment of this place of residence for the school teacher. The Steamburg church has been experiencing revival blessings. There is expectancy in the atmosphere and rejoicing as the Lord is manifesting Himself in the lives of the folk there. In the spring, major building repairs will be done to alleviate a serious water problem in the church basement. The pastor has vision of the need of enlarging the church proper due to increased attendance. Pray much for these folk as they move forward spiritually and numerically.

I wish time and space would permit me to bring requests from all of our mission churches. Armagh is going through some challenging days. There is new interest in the community. Pastor Musser needs your prayers for support in reaching the community folk. There is great potential in this community.

In early November, a week of meetings was held at the Atlantic Church. The interest expressed in this meeting and the continual outreach into the community are encouraging. The Walters are faithfully proclaiming the Gospel not only in the church proper but throughout the community in every day living. Pray for them.

Folk, we are living in crucial days. Daily we need to pray much for the continued outreach in our mission churches: Avon, NY; Camp Hill, PA; Eastern Shore, MD; Fairborn, OH; Watertown, NY; plus the churches already mentioned in this article. Also for the new areas of outreach. Pray much for the possible purchase of a tent for summer meetings in new areas. Some folk think tents are a thing of the past. I personally do not feel this way. I believe the Lord would use a tent meeting to reach those out on the highways and byways, who are not coming into our churches.

We are also trusting God to work in all of our churches. Pastors are catching the vision of lost souls and are beginning bus ministries with glowing reports of souls being reached. Some of these pastors have caught the vision through the Seminars on Evangelism and Church Growth sponsored by this department.

Let us be workers together; and let us be strong and do exploits for the Kingdom in this brand new year.

ONE OF THE EXCITING and exacting things about life is that in most of its aspects it is less precise and tidy than we should like to have it. It has multiple edges and they bleed into each other. Life is linkage. We want to make it breakage — tearing one thing from another. Our Lord pushed the both/and button when He said to the Pharisees: "These you ought to have done" ("justice and mercy and faith"), "without neglecting the others" (tithing "mint and dill and cummin").

1. I believe in both common grace and conditional grace. It was of common grace that Jesus spoke when He said, "...your Father who is in heaven... makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust" (Matthew 5:45). Immanuel Kant's "stars above" and "moral law within" are wondrous bounty of common grace, as are "the gorgeous canvas of the morn," and the "leaping, lovely ways of children," of which Orrick Johns wrote so beautifully. "These," he said, are the "unimproverished spoil poured from the bursting stores of God."

But if these bones descend lavishly on saint and sinner alike, the same cannot be said of the greater grace that pardons guilt and recreates the twisted human person to feel at home in the kingdom of God, whose rule is that of "righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit." This greater grace is not promiscuous. It is conditional. While not purchasable, it is forever seeking a receiver repentant enough to know he doesn't deserve it and trusting enough to rest gratefully in the reality of it.

2. I believe in both total commitment and continuous growth. Most of the bestselling books addressed to contemporary Christians are at least mildly antinomian, that is, they are permissive about sin in the Christian life. They rarely wrestle with the radical phrasings of the New Testament: "dead unto sin," "sin shall not have dominion over you," "the pure in heart," "sanctify you wholly," "that ye sin not." To explain them is important; to explain them away is impertinent. Yet equally important is a grasping of the New Testament emphasis upon acquiring Christlikeness. Here the processes of discipline and development are unending — "from one degree of glory to another." Neither crisis nor process is excluded; both are embraced.

On being a both/and person

by Paul S. Rees

3. I believe in both conformity and nonconformity. "...be subject to the governing authorities" (Rom. 13:1) puts me under bonds to be a conformist. But "...be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image which you have set up" (Dan. 3:18) gives me my warrant for turning nonconformist when rulers demand that I pawn my conscience.

4. I believe in both order and ardor in the life of the Church. Christian communities that are meaningfully cohesive and communicative must have a degree of organization. The alternative to order is something messy — chaos. The mischief sets in when order preoccupies us. Structure without spirit stifles. Some rules are necessary, but when rules rule us, they ruin us. Order without ardor is tyranny. Ardor without order is anarchy. We need both. We should exclude neither.

5. I believe in both the personal and the social dimensions of the life of Christ. Though it is beginning to yield to clearer thinking, the evangelical bias against the word "social" has been excessive and eccentric. We are creatures whose sociality is as profoundly real as our personality. Setting the one against the other is without reason or necessity. Furthermore, we need to demythologize the notion that desirable social consequences flow automatically from regenerative personal changes. Professor Bernard Ramm is right:

The assurances so frequently given from the pulpit that if we can change enough hearts we will change society cannot be entirely believed. . . . More is needed in our present situation than changed hearts. There must be just programs and righteous policies.

Being a both/and person is recommended. It gets you closer to reality.

WHAT OF THE HOUR

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times, shall we grieve the Holy Spirit and frustrate the plan of God by cutting off the steam and idling the machines of the Lord. God forbid. Rather than play the part of a fool and be eternally lost, we should employ more strength and work longer hours so that we will not be overcome with evil, but will overcome evil with good, good.

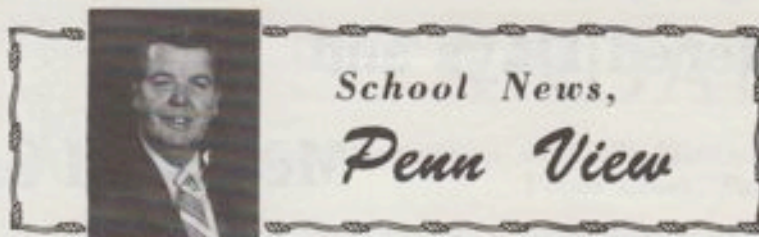
Our Lord said "Occupy till I come" and also we are commanded to "watch and pray". This does not mean we are to experience a cooling off, but rather a firing up with the holy fire of the Lord. Might all the hinderances be removed and let us apply ourselves against the forces of evil with the direction of the great hymn:

*Onward, Christian soldiers!
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on*

*before;
Christ, the royal Master, leads
against the foe;
Forward into battle, see, His
banners go!
Like a mighty army moves the church
of God;
Brothers, we are treading where
the saints have trod;
We are not divided, all one body we;
One in hope and doctrine, one in
charity.
Crowns and thrones may perish,
kingdoms rise and wane;
But the church of Jesus constant
will remain;
Gates of hell can never against that
Church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise,
which can never fail
Onward, then, ye people! Join our
happy throng;*

*Blend with ours your voices in the
triumph song;
Glory, laud, and honor, unto Christ
the King
This through countless ages men
and angels sing
Onward, Christian soldiers, marching
as to war,
With the cross of Jesus, going on
before.*

My words will not convince you of the lateness of the time, for that you already know. But our purpose is that people might be stirred to do something about the darkness that exists at this dangerous hour. Will you permit God to use your talents and abilities in the great war against evil, that light might continue to prevail over darkness.



From the desk of Rev. Garry L. Spriggs
President

Happy New Year

Well, it's that time of year again! It's New Year's! What will 1986 hold for us? How bright is the future?

The unknown is always frightening. We do not know what the future holds but we **do** know who holds the future!

Here at Penn View we have some goals for the future and by God's help we can accomplish them. I shared some goals with you in the August issue, let me share some more with you now.

GOAL #1 GENUINE SPIRITUALITY

What is spirituality? I don't know that it can have an exact definition that fits every person. However, it is made up of a balance between "knowing" and "feeling." A mere "feelings" oriented spirituality (so called) is too shallow and can lead to looseness with God's Word, even to moral looseness. I am not interested in this. This does not mean that one never "feels" any emotion, we are emotional creatures and we **must** get emotional about our Salvation from sin (at least once in a while)! Praising God is in order. Emotions, though, are **subjective** and must be based on the **objective** truth of the Word. "I must be alright, God is blessing me," is a term heard often. This may, and could very well be a true statement. However, **there is no such thing as the blessing of God if we are in a willful violation of the principles of His Word!** We may "feel" blessed but it's not of God!

Neither am I interested in a so called spirituality that is only knowledge oriented. Surely there are "dry" times emotionally and we must go by the knowledge that we have not sinned and hold steady. We have all experienced this, I'm sure. There are those, though, that seem to **never** have a "warmed heart" and that alarms me. There must be a balance somewhere between these two extremes. It is my desire to maintain this balance personally and to help our campus family to do likewise.

GOAL #2 ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

This goal is for both faculty and students. Four of our six full time faculty now hold recognized masters degrees. Two of our part time teachers are working on their masters degrees. We have just received an application from another teacher who has a recognized masters degree (he is a good, old fashioned, spiritual person, too). I have a promise from another young man who is finishing his masters degree and feels Penn View is where he wants to teach.

Our present teachers are doing a fine job. We have an excellent student body this year and they are responding to the Academic challenges. Penn View is doing a good job educating our young people and it's getting even better.

GOAL #3 FINANCIAL STABILITY

I spoke of this in the August issue, however, it is still a long range goal. As we continue to upgrade our regular support in addition to paying off the indebtedness, the financial picture should improve. Thus far this year, regular giving is behind and that is hurting us. (Hopefully debt reduction money will begin to come in soon and that too will be a real help).

Another problem area of finances is the high number of student work scholarships. This gives an open door for the student to come but gives us no cash income. We **must** increase the size of our student body and have more of them on a cash basis. There is no overnight solution to this problem but hopefully each year will show an improvement.

Another financial area that needs developed is Wills. Is Penn View Bible Institute mentioned in your Will? If you want more information and guidance in this area, feel free to contact us here at school.

What about naming Penn View Bible Institute as the benefactor of an insurance policy? Even a \$5,000 of \$10,000 policy would be inexpensive to keep up and yet provide a nice gift to God's work upon your Heaven going. Again, give us a call for more information.

We **must** get on a more solid foundation financially if we are going to exist. I believe God is helping us in this area.

This year ahead can prove to be an exciting one — let's all pull together to make it the best year yet for your school.

Again, **HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

*Yours for Youth,
Garry L. Spriggs*

(Approximately \$20,000 in debt reduction money has been received so far)

Numbered Days and Measured Strength

by R.A. Beltz

The approach of a new year makes me more conscious of the passing of time — my time. My time is running out. God has the final control of my time here on this earth. David said, "My times are in thy hand" (Ps. 31:15). That kind of faith and commitment bring assurance and peace. My days are numbered, but God controls the number. He told Solomon, "Then I will lengthen thy days" (I Kings 3:14). My obedience to God may have a bearing on the length of my days.

God not only numbers my days but He measures my strength. The promise to Asher was, "As thy days, so shall thy strength be" (Deut. 33:25). This applies not only to the number of days, but to the kind of days. Some of my days are more demanding than others. Some days I find "living is easy." I coast along without much effort. The winds blow softly and are favorable. People help me. Circumstances seem to contribute to my easy progress. But, I have other kind of days when living is hard. I fight for every forward inch I go. The winds are contrary, people are difficult and the circumstances seem to be against me.

In my difficult days I need to remember that He who numbers my days, also measures my strength. The ratio is perfect. "As thy days" — "so shall thy strength be." There will be strength according to the day — whether it is an easy day or a hard day; whether I'm coasting or climbing; whether the people are for me or against me; whether the circumstances are favorable or unfavorable. The man who lives by faith has a source of unfailing strength in God. I am living by faith.

I expect change. I know I cannot maintain my present status. I will have to adjust, adapt, meet new conditions and circumstances. Some I will like better, some will frustrate and perplex me for the moment. But I shall try to remember "As my days, so shall my strength be." Yes, I have changed the pronoun in the promise from "thy" to "my." I will make it personal and claim it for my own. He numbers "my days" and he measures "my strength." My strength will be measured and given according to my days, so whatever my day calls for, I shall trust Him for strength and sufficient grace.

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