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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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FAITH

*I will not doubt, though all my ships at sea
Come drifting home with broken masts and sails;
I shall believe the Hand which never fails,
From seeming evil worketh good to me;
And though I weep because those sails are battered,
Still will I cry, while my best hopes lie shattered:
"I trust in Thee."*

*I will not doubt, though all my prayers return
Unanswered from the still, white realm above;
I shall believe it is an all-wise Love
Which has refused those things for which I yearn;
And though at times I cannot keep from grieving,
Yet the pure ardor of my fixed believing
Undimmed shall burn*

*I will not doubt, though sorrows fall like rain,
And troubles swarm like bees about a hive;
I shall believe the heights for which I strive
Are only reached by anguish and by pain;
And though I groan and tremble with my crosses,
I yet shall see, through my severest losses,
The greater gain.*

*I will not doubt; well anchored in the faith,
Like some staunch ship, my soul braves every gale,
So strong its courage that it will not fail
To breast the mighty, unknown sea of death.
Oh, may I cry when body parts with spirit,
"I do not doubt," so listening worlds may hear it
With my last breath.*

— ELLA WHEELER WILCOX

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It's Camp Meeting Time Again!

Once again the passing of time and the providence of God have brought us to the annual camp meeting season. Those who reside in central Pennsylvania are blessed with many opportunities to worship God in a setting of summer rustic beauty. Days set aside for camp meeting can be like finding an oasis in the desert to weary souls worn from the battle against sin and Satan. Those who enter whole heartedly into a camp program can reap abundant dividends for their investment of time and energy.

However, we do have too many who are only parasites upon the spiritual body of the church. They are simply

camp meeting tramps who allow their local church to suffer through a summer slump while they motor across the country taking advantage of everyone's free will offering plan to take more than they give. On the way they become expert music critics and superb sermon-tasters. May their tribe decrease to the point of extinction!

Take advantage of all the spiritual highlights that you can, not to the forsaking of your local church program. May the 1986 camp meeting season be the best ever!

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Penn View at the Crossroads!

Those who love and have stood by Penn View Bible Institute across the years should be concerned as never before. It is my humble opinion that we are at a crucial crossroads in the history of the school.

Once again we're in transition. Rev. Garry Spriggs is moving to a new field of labor in Kingdom work. We thank Him for his labors for two years with us and certainly wish him God's rich blessings as he moves on in obedience to God's will.

However, we are cast once again into the uncertain waters of transition. The program of Christian education once again is cast into a shadow as questions are rampant and clouds of uncertainty shroud the campus. One of our sister schools recently saw the installation of the second president of that institution in 26 years. We are seeking for our fifth president in 19 years.

I believe that it is time for someone to ask some hard questions regarding the future of the school. Questions such as: Why does Penn View Bible Institute exist - only to serve the ministerial training needs of God's Missionary Church? I say such an outlay of funds and effort is not justified for such a narrow existence. Questions such as: May it not be time to broaden our base and reach out to sister denominations for active involvement in our program. Should we not swallow our pride and try to develop a quality program of training that will attract quality students. Questions such as: Is our training program spiritual, sane, and practical to prepare young people for the latter part of the 20th century? Across the conservative holiness movement there is a heightened competitive atmosphere to try to garner the students that are available. Like it or not we must successfully meet that challenge or be forever relegated to a second-rate classification. Questions such as: Is God's Missionary Church willing to stand behind this institution of higher education with more than lip-service. We cannot survive unless some quarters of the Church come alive with new-found support.

Rest assured that the financial load is going to increase not decrease in the future. It will take the best efforts of everyone who loves the school to meet the challenges of the tomorrows. Are we willing to pay the price for a quality, thoroughly Christian, practically spiritual educational program, or shall we shrink back to patent mediocrity. Brethren, it is time to pray!

DLF

Do You Enjoy Spiritual Prosperity?

*"Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God:
thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness."*

— Psa. 143:10

Brigadier William Ozanne

How can I enjoy spiritual prosperity? The answer to this sincere heart-cry is simply that choicest prosperity is the direct outcome of DOING God's will, not merely knowing it. This was evidently the glorious flash of spiritual insight which illumined the whole of the Psalmist's life. It instantly incited within him an ardent desire and earnest aspiration; then earnestly he entreated: "Teach me to do thy will." His passionate prayer was not merely to comprehend but to perform God's particular will for him own peculiar life. To do God's will, whatever the cost or consequences, provides the entrance into spiritual well-being.

The Psalmist's excited ejaculation readily reminds us of the Apostle Paul's interpretation of God's will: "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification."—I Thess. 4:3. *Entire sanctification*—the practical performance of God's will for us individually—embodies all that is required and involved in *working out* God's dearest designs for us. Such sanctified submission to God's plan and purpose results in choicest spiritual prosperity and happiness. To David, the doing of God's will plainly and simply meant living in "the land of uprightness." Spurgeon so aptly commented: "David would fain be among the godly, the land of another sort from that which had cast him out. He sighed for the upland meadows of grace, the tablelands of peace, the fertile plains of communion. He could not reach them himself; he must be led there. God, who is good, can best conduct us to the goodly land. There is no inheritance like a portion of the land of promise, the land of precept, the land of perfectness."

Spiritually speaking, "the land of uprightness" simply signifies the plain, straight, narrow and upward way of holiness. The straight way of spiritual rectitude is in striking contrast to the crooked ways of the unsanctified, the winding ways of willfulness, selfish-choosing, and the frequent deviations from the highway of righteousness. In a previous Psalm, David expresses the same idea: "Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path because of mine enemies (margin: "those that observe

me)."—Psa. 27:11. He suddenly realized that if he missed the Godmarked track he would surely fall and fail spiritually. Passionately, therefore, he pleads with God Himself to lead him in the straight and level way. Practically, "the land of uprightness" means a settled course of spiritual pilgrimage: *consistent daily holy living*. When we enter that spiritual state of uprightness of character and conduct, we walk with God in a manner of holy living which eventually leads to the Eternal Abode of the Upright. Only by being in full harmony with God's will, by having an attitude of mind and spirit in oneness with Christ, can we enjoy God's choicest blessing of spiritual prosperity. Only thus can we enter "a land which the Lord thy God careth for: the eyes of the Lord thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year."—Deut. 11:12. Charles Wesley exquisitely expresses this spiritual prosperity:

**A land of corn, and wine, and oil,
Favoured with God's peculiar smile,
With every blessing blest;
And keeps His own in perfect peace
There dwells the Lord our
Righteousness,
And everlasting rest.**

Not merely did David perceive this sublime spiritual prospect, not only did he ardently yearn for the possession and enjoyment, but he clearly saw the door by which to enter in. Knowing full well that of his own skill and recourses he was utterly helpless and totally incapable of reaching the door, he looked eagerly, appealingly and trustingly to his great Guide and Enabler and cried: "Teach me to do thy will, thy spirit is good. Lead me into the land of uprightness." God's Holy Spirit is the saved man's teacher; He will assuredly lead him into all truth and into the state of sanctification—spiritual prosperity. How true, too, that we ourselves, despite all our endowments, are so spiritually shortsighted, so spiritually illiterate, so spiritually insufficient that we can never arrive at the promised land of holiness. Despite all our native virtues and graces, we of ourselves will never be able to work out thoroughly

the will of God for and in our lives.

In a remarkable passage of Scripture, we have a most heartening description of God's graciousness and generous provision enabling man to reach the spiritual state of sanctification wherein is spiritual prosperity. "Thou in thy manifold mercies," Nehemiah affirms, "forsookest them not in the wilderness: the pillar of cloud departed not from them by day, to lead them in the way; neither the pillar of fire by night, to show them light, and the way wherein they should go. Thou gavest also thy good spirit to instruct them, and withholdest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst. Yea, forty years didst thou sustain them in the wilderness, so that they lacked nothing; their clothes waxed not old, and their feet swelled not."—Neh. 9:14, 15. Little wonder that the Apostle burst out in a cry of complete confidence when he was filled with wonder, love and praise as he mediated upon God's limitless love and bountiful provision for His redeemed children—"He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?"—Rom. 8:32. Transcending immeasurably any material provision the Almighty Father has provided for the temporal pilgrimage of His chosen Israel is the spiritual provision He graciously and abundantly provides for the spiritual journey of His chosen people—those who are sanctified; those who in truth do God's will in their life.

Christ's crowning accomplishment on the cross, His triumphant resurrection, His glorious ascension, His victorious entry into His Father's house, and His elevated position at the right hand of God as Intercessor and High Priest, fulfilled the promise of the Holy Spirit to be given to us after His Ascension. The Holy Spirit is come to us to be our Sanctifier, Comforter, Sustainer, and Guide. Naturally, we are spiritually blind, spiritually ignorant, spiritually rebellious. We cannot walk spiritually straight. We certainly cannot make ourselves spiritually upright. We cannot alter our unregenerate and unsanctified

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Church News

Youth In Action Day

The Youth in Action Day held on April 26 at the Lewistown God's Missionary Church and sponsored by the Missionary Crusader's was a real success with God's presence felt in all the sessions. The attendance was well over one hundred. The guest speakers were Rev. & Mrs. Rowan Fay from Marcy, N.Y.

Each session was directed by the Missionary Crusader's President, Rev. Timothy Cooley. Bro. Barry Mason represented the Penn View Visuals. Supt. Rev. Paul Miller was the sound engineer.

Rev. Fay motivated our minds in the 10:00 morning session by instructing us to "Get out there and do something and don't wait to be told how, just do it." Following Rev. Fay's instruction, Sis. Fay sang a stirring song written herself, concerning their bus ministry.

Sis. Fay then captivated our attention with a visual presentation using optical illusions to get the message of who, what, when and where of reaching children.

The noon meal was shared together by many at the senior citizen center. It was a lovely time of fellowship. A special thanks to the people of the Lewistown congregation for providing the facilities.

In the afternoon session, Rev. Fay asked the question, "Who will win the war?" and spoke from the text found in Heb. 10:35 concerning not casting away your confidence. His three main thoughts were: (1) Don't get upset any longer over a dry spell (2) You're wrong if you let anything turn you off and (3) Faith has to have a fresh attack.

In the evening session, Rev. Fay spoke about "The Danger of Doing Good in the Flesh." Our greatest need is to be acquainted with the Holy Spirit. Success does not depend on personal abilities but on a personal relationship with God and the Holy Spirit. As a climax to the meeting, many prayed for a refreshing of the Holy Spirit.

Nathan Shaffer
Youth Secretary

Western Zone Youth Rallies

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October 4 — Bellefonte

Thank God for His wonderful presence on the service that was packed out with people in attendance. At least 230 were present for this wonderful rally. Those churches represented were Seven Stars, Philipsburg, Mahaffey, Lewistown, Bellefonte, Roaring Spring, Spring Garden, Sunbury, Penns Creek, Penns Valley, Milesburg, Rebersburg, Armagh, Helfenstein and a group from Potters Dale. The congregation joined in song and choruses led first by Andrew and then Tim Cooley. Rev. and Mrs. Ricky Rose favored the congregation with two special songs. Then Rev. Rose brought a timely message on the subject "For thou art but a youth." In a message based on the story of David he indicated that I. David Faced a Desperate Situation.

II. David Was a Dedicated Youth

III. David Demonstrated Courage

IV. David Disregarded all

hindrances

V. David Determined To Face the Situation

VI. David Had Some Foresight

VII. David Depended on God's

Strength. Rev. Rose closed by asking "Is there not a cause to fight for?"

November 15 - Roaring Spring

Churches represented were Seven Stars, Philipsburg, Rebersburg, Armagh, and Roaring Spring. Each church represented brought a special song to bless the congregation. The attendance banner went to the Rebersburg Church with Seven Stars coming in second place in points.

Rev. David Musser spoke directly to the youth from Hebrews 11:23-28 on "Our Faith in God." His points were:

I. Faith Refuses

II. Faith Chooses

III. Faith Esteems

IV. Faith Forsakes

V. Faith Keeps

Thank God for His wonderful presence on the service.

January 17 - Penns Valley

The church was packed with over 200 people present from Penns Valley, Lewistown, Rebersburg, Bellefonte, Milesburg, Seven Stars, Roaring Spring, Philipsburg, and Armagh.

The congregation was blessed by many inspiring testimonies of victory. Each church presented a song and then the attendance banner was given to the Armagh Church. Second highest in points was Penns Valley.

Special guests were the Barry Mason family who presented a special song and then Bro. Barry Mason presented an excellent object lesson on building our lives on Christ.

February 21 - Milesburg

Once again a wonderful crowd present sensed the presence of God as Rev. Nathan Shaffer led the congregation in singing. Churches represented were Lewistown, Seven Stars, Roaring Spring, Armagh, Rebersburg, Milesburg, Bellefonte, Philipsburg, and Penns Valley with the attendance banner going to the Lewistown Church.

Rev. Ron Clark from Penns Creek brought songs on the guitar and also one song from his boy. Rev. Clark sang two songs and then had the youth from the various churches accompany him as a mass choir. Then Rev. Clark brought a challenging message on faith in God's promises and provisions.

March 21 — Philipsburg

Praise God for His presence on another well-attended rally. Again special songs were presented from various churches. The special speaker was Rev. Nathan Shaffer from the Seven Stars Church. In an illustrated sermon he used items from an old trunk to demonstrate the vital truth of unity in the Spirit and a willingness to work together for the cause of Jesus Christ.

Thank God for what He is doing in the Western Zone youth activities.

Rev. Charles Brewbaker -
President.

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.

DLF

The Ninth Commandment

Thou shalt not bear false witness, Exodus 20:16

A group of women were freely discussing an absentee.

"She is so silly," said one.

"So slow," came a rejoinder.

"Lacking in taste," supplied a third.

"A bit bold, don't you think?" from another.

Then from one that had been strangely quiet came the comment, "She is always so agreeable."

This simple statement revealed a noble soul governed by the command, "Thou shalt not bear false witness."

False witnessing is not confined to courts of law, for most of us pass through life without having once appeared in court. But evil speaking is the form of false witnessing in which many thoughtless individuals indulge, as though it were a pleasant pastime.

This commandment prohibits slandering, backbiting, talebearing . . . and any way endeavoring to raise our own reputation upon the ruin of our neighbor's. — Benson.

All whispering, talebearing, slander, and calumny; in a word, whatever is disposed as a truth, which is false in fact, and tends to injure another in his goods, person, or character, is against the *spirit* and *letter* of this law.

— Adam Clarke.

We are to be intense in our allegiance to truth. This will put us on our guard against certain tendencies to exaggerate when describing things or narrating events which would place another in a bad light, while at the same time we are made to appear as grand, wise, or noble.

Mental reservation, double meaning, significant silence, the end justifying the means, and all kindred evasions, may quiet a troubled conscience, but they will never be permitted in the life of the man who is living according to this Ninth Commandment.

A lie of whatever nature or color is abhorrent to God. We had better suffer the sting and humiliation of defeat by adherence to truth than to triumph by the practice of falsehood. There is a success that is not worth what it costs.

False witness may be embodied in accurate speech. We may use true words and yet create a false impression. The intonation or inflection of the voice, the shrug of the shoulder, the lifting of the eyebrow may convey a different meaning than that intended by the original speaker. Dean Alford said:

Truth does not consist in minute accuracy of detail, but in conveying a right impression.

False witness may be borne by silence. When considering a man's reputation, silence is often most eloquent. "He could have spoken," it is argued, "had he been able to say anything favorable." An innocent man may serve a long prison sentence, suffering untold agony, because some one remained silent.

Reputation is one of our most valuable possessions, but the preserving of it is largely in our neighbor's keeping. Anyone can touch and, to a certain degree, smear the reputation and rob another of this priceless possession.

A man guilty of gossip and slander is guilty of throwing stones when he should be dodging them. He is a breeder of strife, a peddler of carrion, a photographer of garbage wagons.

The slanderer is in the class with the blasphemer. He is more dangerous than the highwayman, lower than the purse-snatcher, and more despicable than the idolater. He is a liar, a sneak thief, a murderer, a despoiler of purity, all wrapped up in one bundle.

A man that beareth false witness against his neighbor is a maul, and a sword, and a sharp arrow, Proverbs 25:18.

The scandal monger dishonors his parents, defies God and ruins his neighbor. His example is fearful, his character is black; the impulses of his heart are sordid and devilish — "Fearful will be his damnation unless he repents in sackcloth and ashes."

Says R.A. Torrey:

Unless we are to break the law of God, there are four things that we must do: First, Never believe anything that we hear against another, until it is absolutely proven to be true; Second, Believe no more than is fully proven; Third, When we are compelled to believe it, keep it to ourselves unless plain duty demands that we tell it; Fourth, When you must tell it, tell it exactly as it is.

Let every reader be very sure that the Holy Spirit has cleansed his heart from that evil pollution called the carnal mind from whence flow bitter envies and strife. On the day of Pentecost the 120 had their hearts cleansed by the baptism with the Holy Ghost. That is God's provision which enables a man to live in full obedience to this command.

"Thou shalt not bear false witness." — Oliver G. Wilson.



One Half Year in Haiti

At the time of this writing I have spent six (6) months on the mission field. I believe I can say it's been the most enjoyable, most frustrating, most rewarding, most fatiguing, and most challenging six (6) months of my life. I have encountered a new people, a new language, and a new culture. I have seen a government topple, seen the thirst of the Haitian people for freedom, and at the same time seen near anarchy emerge and the very depths of human depravity. I have shared the grief of these people over the loss of loved ones, and rejoiced with those restored to health. It has been a time of growth for me, a time of deep introspection. I can see that we face some real problems. Problems that are beyond the scope of man's abilities to resolve. I can see that we need God in a way almost beyond describing. It's only with His help we can hope to change anything here. If we work solely in our own strengths and abilities, Haiti will never know we were ever here. I am confident that with God's direction and our obedience to that direction we can accomplish some good here. In six months I have acquired many questions. I can't say yet that I've found as many answers. There are times yet when I'm not sure I even understand the questions, but progress is being made. I would like to share a few of these areas with you.

First, we are making progress with the language. That has to be the most frustrating aspect of going to a foreign field. It's worse than selling all your possessions, it's worse than being homesick by far. Inability to communicate! No wonder you can't solve any problems! Now after six solid months of frustration I am beginning to understand and to be understood. What a wonderful feeling. It's wonderful to be able to eat at God's table where the bread is in Creole and to get a few bites!

This language barrier is a real obstacle in our work at the clinic. Initially I couldn't see a single patient on my own. Now I see many without the aid of a translator. Oh - I still get stuck frequently, but if I can't explain it another way, then Miss Wing can help me out. Those who work in U.S. clinics would be amazed to see how many people we see. The variety of

things the day holds is almost frightening. Herein lies another frustration.

Coming from a U.S. hospital to a rural clinic in Haiti is a change indeed. I worked in a small rural TN hospital where I often complained about old equipment and other inconveniences. What I wouldn't give to have that hospital here! Sometimes when you get started on a job you never know what you're going to need to finish it. Now if it's your car you're working on, that's not so bad. You can stop for a day or two and wait for parts or tools to arrive, but not so with people. God is helping in this area too. One learns to make do, to adapt, and God is helping us to acquire some of the things we need. There are times when prayer becomes the deciding factor in the course of some patients. The potential for reaching Haitian souls through the clinic is unlimited. It is a wide open door, and scarcely a clinic day goes by without that door of opportunity being used.

No real change is going to be made in the Health of our LaCroix people until (1) they find Jesus. - that in itself causes them to improve hygiene etc. (2) We can get ahead of the continual remedial medicine and start practicing preventive medicine. At this point we are vainly trying to keep ahead of treating anthrax, to the point we can't tell the community how to prevent it. We treat poisoned children, but don't have time to tell the parents not to put it in old pop bottles, which causes another problem, because it's usually the only kind of container they have. The problem seems to be where to begin! (3) We can improve our facilities to better and more efficiently treat what does come through the door. Perhaps the job sounds hopeless, but I believe GMC in Haiti can make a difference, if we have the full support of GMC in America plus God. I'm going to be content with my frustrations so long as we are making progress in the right direction. Rome wasn't built in a day.

The reward of the past six months have been many, enough so that I don't feel like going back home. I have seen God's Hand on our lives. I have seen Him perform miracles, and I believe I am seeing many more souls won for Jesus Christ, than I ever would have in the states. This is

where God has called me. The challenge is great. There is more to do than we can get done. We fall asleep exhausted each night, but each morning God gives a refreshing and endues us with power, for whatever lies ahead.

Many problems, many uncertainties, and only one God. But what a God! What an opportunity for GMC! My prayer is that God will give GMC a new sense of loyalty-that she will realize she has a mission of importance in the world. May each member be in accord with Jesus Christ the head, so that all will share the eternal rewards. God willing, someday I want to write about my first six months in Heaven! No problems or frustration there!

One of Your Haitian Harvesters,
Rex Evans PAC

DO YOU ENJOY

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nature. Only the Holy Spirit can radically transform us and completely control us. "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. Rom. 8:14, 15. So enviable and enjoyable an experience of spiritual prosperity as the Psalmist visualized, earnestly sought, and joyously voiced, is the gift of the risen Saviour to every saved person. When the Holy Spirit has purged our life from all self and Christ is King within us, we shall be possessed by a passion to carry out, carefully and constantly, God's will for us in our character and conduct. We shall then sense Christ's abiding and enriching companionship, as we tread patiently and faithfully along the highway of uprightness which leads into the Holy City.

Before we receive God's full salvation, however, we must reach the point when we desperately renounce our own will and unreservedly accept God's will. That undying desire and determination will enable the Holy Spirit to keep our hearts and minds stayed on Christ notwithstanding all the varying fortunes of our earthly existence, and this will give God a chance to give us His continual and complete blessings.

We shall then with the unspeakable comfort, strength, and pleasure experience what a saint cherished and expressed:

**How wonderful it is to walk with God,
Along the road that holy men have
trod;**

**How wonderful it is to hear Him say:
Fear not, have faith, 'tis I who leads
the way.**

For The Boys and Girls

How God Answers Prayer . . .

"Oh, dear," sighed Jane as she knelt to say her prayers one night. "I wish I could go and stay with Edith, Mother. There would be four of us to play games, and we could have such a lovely time together."

Edith was Jane's special friend at school, and she had invited Jane to spend a week with her at their country home; but as it was a rather long journey for a little girl of ten to make alone, her parents were undecided about allowing her to accept the invitation. Jane was an only child, but Edith had two younger sisters, which made the prospect of visiting her home all the more inviting.

"Suppose you pray about it," her mother suggested. "Perhaps God will help us find someone traveling in that direction, and then you could go."

Jane thought this was a wonderful idea, and the next day she wrote to her friend to tell her about it. In a few days, a letter came from Edith saying that she, too, was praying that a way would open for Jane to come. Not long after this, Mrs. Partridge heard of a friend who was planning to spend a few weeks at the home of her daughter which was only about five miles from Edith's home; and Jane was filled with delight.

The next few days passed quickly and then, to everyone's horror, Jane sickened with chicken pox on the very day before she was to start on her holiday. Poor Jane cried herself to sleep that night, and a sad little girl greeted her mother the next morning, as she said mournfully: "All my prayers were no good. God didn't answer."

"Now, darling," said her mother gently, "how do you know God didn't answer your prayers? I believe He did answer, but He said **No**. He has three ways of answering prayer: **Yes**, **No**, and **Wait**. Perhaps He is saying **Wait** to you just now. Think how terrible it would have been if you had become ill with chicken pox at Edith's home. She and her little sisters might have taken chicken pox and been very ill, and what a lot of trouble you would have caused! God knew all about it, and allowed you to get sick here, before going away from your own mother and home."

"I never thought of that," said Jane. "It would have been awful to be sick away from you, Mother! I'm glad God answered my prayer the way He did, although I am very much disappointed," and Jane tried to keep back the tears.

The days were full of school activities, and at last came the summer

vacation.

"I'm going to ask Mother to invite you to come for this holiday instead, Jane," promised Edith as she bade her friend good-bye. A few days later, the invitation came, and this time it was for two weeks. Jane was thrilled, and looked at her parents anxiously to see if they were going to allow her to accept.

"Yes, a splendid idea!" said her father, looking at her in the funny way he had when he was in a teasing mood. "We'll get rid of Jane, Mother, and then you and I will go off and have a holiday of our own."

And that was just how it was arranged. They took Jane to Coatsville, then went to spend a couple of weeks in the mountains. Jane was an excited little girl when the day came. She liked the long train ride, and late in the afternoon the train drew up at a country stopping place. There was Edith, holding the hand of the kindest-looking lady Jane had ever seen.

Edith and Jane hugged each other, and Edith said: "Two of my cousins, Dorrie and Doris, have recently come over from India, and they were coming to stay, too! They will arrive day after tomorrow, so there will be six of us, and we'll have the loveliest time ever."

And they did. Never had Jane enjoyed herself so much before. The days seemed simply to fly by, and almost before they were aware of it, the two weeks were gone. On the last evening, the six children were sitting together roasting apples, and somehow the conversation took a serious turn, and Doris declared: "No,



God doesn't always answer my prayers." Then Jane looked at Edith, and said, "I know He answers mine, but not always the way I expect Him to. Mother says He answers prayer in three ways — sometimes **No**; sometimes **Yes**; and sometimes **Wait**. Edith and I both prayed that I would be able to come to stay with her for a week last vacation. A lady was coming this way and could bring me, and I thought God had said **Yes**. Then I got the chicken pox, and I was so disappointed; then I thought God had said **No** to my prayers — but really He had said **Wait**; for when this vacation came, Edith invited me to come for two weeks, and Mother and Father could bring me — and you and Dorrie were here, too, which made it all the nicer. The weather was bad all last vacation, but it has been sunny and fine since we have been here. Yes, God answers prayer, and I've proved that that when He has to say **No**, or **Wait**, it is because He had something better for us."

"Perhaps you're right," replied Doris, "but I asked God to let it be a fine day for sailing when we left India, and it was dreadfully wet. I wonder why He said **No** that time."

"I can't tell you that," said Jane, "but surely He had a purpose in it. We'd better all go on trusting Him always, and never again say that He doesn't answer prayer."

— God's Revivalist



EDITOR'S NOTE: During this anniversary year we will be featuring articles printed in *God's Missionary Standard* in the early years of its publication history.

The Place of the Camp Meeting In The Holiness Movement Today

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The value of the camp meeting to the Holiness Movement of today can not be estimated. I am thinking in terms of spiritual values and not in terms of material or most certainly not in dollars and cents.

I do not write as one having little or no experience and association with our Holiness Camps but as one whose life has been greatly effected by my association with and attendance at an old fashioned Holiness Camp Meeting. My call to the gospel ministry came while attending a camp meeting just following World War Two. Across the years it has been a joy to make my way with my family to the camp meeting when the season arrives. My three children feel this is a very important part of their lives. This is understandable because they have attended camp since birth. My eldest daughter has attended sixteen camps having missed only her first year. My youngest daughter has attended each of the twelve years of her life. My son has attended all three years of his life. This July will complete four years as president of the Cumberland Grove Camp Meeting at Jamestown, Tennessee. So I speak with conviction when I say that the camp meeting fills a valuable place in the Holiness Movement.

Its value and importance must be determined in the light of true spiritual benefits to all who attend, both local worshipers who live in the camp area and visiting campers who often come for many miles to enjoy the spiritual feast and also help to carry the burden for lost souls. Any who have gone through the few days of an old fashioned camp meeting will be quick to say there are real spiritual benefits for those who come to be blessed and to be a blessing. We can see its value in the powerful and

beneficial effects upon our youth, many of whom have come to know Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour at a holiness camp. In thinking of its value we must keep in mind its promotion of better morals and a higher standard as regards to our relationship with our fellow man. These are values that cannot be bought with a price. This is true especially in these days of spiritual darkness, moral degradation and unrest between men and the nations of the world. We may not be able to change the world or even hope to turn the drift of the church from worldliness but we can by the grace of God do all in our power by promoting camps of the kind that will give men a fresh vision of the Christ who is the hope of mankind and the prince of peace.

Year in and year out God has seen fit to manifest himself on grounds made holy by His presence and among His people. Such love, such great mercy, such power as has been shown through the years, can hardly be described in mere words. Could we doubt God's will and plan after such divine visitation.

The purpose of the camp finds its answer in the need for God's people to meet and worship. Nothing can strengthen the souls of men more than worship of God while in fellowship with his brethren. Its purpose is made known by the sea of lost souls lapping at our shores. Many have found God, but oh! the need is ever present with us, lost souls waiting to be saved. How we can be

satisfied to go on pleasure trips and vacations at the expense of our Holiness Camps I am unable to understand. In recent months a Holiness minister said to me on my invitation to attend camp. "I don't think I will attend camp this year as I want to get away somewhere and rest; sleep until I am ready to get up and just relax in general." This is a sad condition indeed, when holiness people would rather sleep than win souls, rather relax than to carry a burden for the lost.

Its message is, "Christ and Him crucified." We must lift Him up. By so doing sin will be exposed and men will be reproved of wrong doing. Truth has a sharp edge, sharp as a surgeon's knife, cutting away that which is decayed, and destroying that which is evil of all that fastens itself upon the souls of men. It is a message of, "Holiness without which no man shall see the Lord." Hebrews 12:14. This is our need and there is no substitute. It is the need of mankind. Our Holiness Camps should be dedicated to preach this message with no uncertain sound.

When we in America cease to support the churches and institutions that point men to God and tend to lift to a higher plain, then it will not be long until we will be living on the animal level. Denying God's truth and the principles embraced in His holy word.

By all means the camp meeting has a place in the holiness movement of today. Let us stand by with our prayers, attendance and support.



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Hello mission friends. I trust that this section of the Standard will challenge you with the need of prayer for outreach in our beloved U.S.A.

We have been hearing much recently of being at the crossroads as far as outreach is concerned. There are urgent requests for churches in areas where there are no conservative holiness churches. Souls who are on their way to hell need a life line thrown to them. These souls are hungry and their hunger can only be satisfied by their surrender to the Lord.

This department is pledged to do what can be done to see the Gospel message given out through street meetings, outdoor services in parks, and wherever souls are who need Jesus. Friends, the needs at our back doors are in many cases just as great as on any foreign soil. If we make advancements, we make them only as you and I fast and pray. We desperately need additional prayer partners, folk who will take it upon themselves to pray daily, and as the Lord would direct, fast for the ministry of outreach through this department.

Through prayer, revival was experienced at the church at Glen Burnie, MD. Pastor Thacker is being used of God to reach new folk and establish a church for God's honor. God is able to provide a permanent place of worship for these people.

Through prayer, the work in Donna, TX., is moving forward. At present they are renting church property, but a future need is the purchase of property. The Cantorals are giving sacrificial service in the ministry. Souls are finding victory and are determined to live their lives for Jesus. This group is growing; but a burden is being carried for another area in south Texas. Pray about this with us. Pray for the Cantorals. They are giving their best in this new church outreach.

Through prayer the Lord is blessing at Armagh, PA. Pastor Musser and his people have a new vision for their community. Mention was made through the ALERT of the need of labor and material to paint the exterior of their church. It must be painted this summer. Perhaps you could help in labor or even have some white paint for the project.

We praise God for the giving through the special Easter offering. At this writing, I do not have the figures to give, but we trust by the next issue we can give you the report. Probably as you read this article, work will already have begun at Steamburg. The amount of work to be done depends on the amount of funds received through the Easter offering. The folk at Steamburg are rejoicing in the moving of God's Spirit in their midst.

Praise God for the increase of

"spirit" and attendance at Camp Hill, PA. This small group is bound together for reaching out into their community. Pastor Jacob Martin, ministerial student at our Institute at Penn View, is serving these folk well. Pray for him as he pastors and continues his last year of studies.

Best wishes and congratulations are in order as Rhoda Caster, from our Watertown, NY, church, and Jacob Martin were united in marriage May 31st. May the Lord grant this fine couple many happy years of marriage and service for the Lord and the church.

It was our privilege to visit our Fairborn, OH, church. They have a beautiful rebuilt church. Pastor Hays and people are encouraged. A neighbor of the parsonage family was recently saved and is walking with the Lord! Through your prayers this church is moving forward.

Please note the change of mailing address of this department. It is now 2300-B Sunset Lane, York, PA. 17404. All correspondence and contributions should be sent to the above address, except church offerings which are still sent to our treasurer, Bro. McCoy.

We deeply appreciate your continued prayer and support of this department. Throughout the summer we want to reap the harvest of souls. This can be done as we stand together.



2. (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) 3. 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.

Now the aged Apostle again picks up the theme of his earlier Gospel letter. Remember John 1:3 - "All things were made by Him...." and then in verse 4, "In Him was Life!" John was always wide awake to the spiritual drift and gist of what he was seeing and hearing and experiencing. Since that unforgettable day when "the Life was manifested" to the hard-working fisherman down by the sea-side, John was awake to spiritual matters. Are you? **The Life**, and source of Human life and the very essence of Eternal life has been revealed to you by the Divine Spirit. And do you bear witness? Do you show that Life which was manifested unto you? Here's a great concern. Not that the people of the Kingdom will not bear witness, but that the Witness will not be of **that Life**. You will see it in John's Gospel. "The light shineth in darkness and the darkness comprehended it not." (1:5) "He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not." (1:10) That terrible account of this planet's rejection of Love and Light is but the preface of a deeper and more horrible story of on-going, present day rejection. We want what He brought to give us, but we won't pay what it cost to have it. Read John 3:19 "Light is come into the world and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." Did you ever turn a flat stone over and see the bugs scramble for cover? They love the dark and they are witnessing to the fact. At least they are honest and above board with their testimony; they hate light and they show it. We want His offer, so we act as though we love His Light, but actually we shrink away from His bright, clear light. In Matthew 5:14 Jesus clearly states your purpose and mission here on this earth, if you are a believer. "Ye are the light of the World." However, you are more of a moon than a sun. The moon is a great mirror or reflector; it has not light of its own. In itself it is utter darkness. So are you. Your witness for the King and His Kingdom is negative and derogatory until His light floods your life. Do you see the spiritual, invisible

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aspects of life, as John could, or are you so earth-minded and self-willed that you reflect only earth's dim, shadowy images. Open your eyes. Open your heart. When Heaven is your Home and Christ is indeed your King, you will witness of this Life and manifest it unto a weeping, broken world as John was able to do. In order for you to be where you will shine; you must be where He can hit you straight

on with His Light. Where is that? His. You must be his, body and soul. Not partly His. Part-time relationships cast a dim image. You must be His. His to crush, His to melt, His to polish, His to use, His to spend in any way right to Him. Then your fellowship will be with the Father and with His son, and your light shall so shine.

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Don't Settle Too Cheaply

Dr. William S. Deal

On the night of April 14, 1912, John Jacob Astor stood on the deck of the stricken ship, *Titanic*. At his feet lay a lifeboat, and racing toward his rescue was the Cunard Liner, *Carpathia*. A mansion crowded with palatial appointments awaited his return to New York City. But he knew that if he took that lifeboat to safety, every embellished wall and frescoed ceiling, every flowing fountain and crystal chandelier, every Oriental rug and ivory vase from India, would forever echo the voices of the women and children sinking beneath the swirling waters of the North Atlantic. He loved life but he could not afford to enjoy it at **that** price! He stepped aside and gave his seat of survival to some unknown person. He wrote the name of Astor in imperishable glory of that unforgettable night!

There are some things in life that we may all wish to have, positions we would like to obtain, places we would like to go, and heights to which we would like to climb. But if the way to these things is at the price of someone else's happiness or success, if they cost us deeds of which we will live to be ashamed, or words or actions we will later deeply regret, they are too expensive.

Many a person has achieved fame, riches, power, or prestige at the expense of the weaker, less fortunate, or more conscientious of whom he took advantage. But oh, what memories must haunt such a person in their lonely hours alone!

When we compromise with our better selves to achieve anything or to please anyone, we are settling too cheaply for life's best goals.

Dr. Clarence E. McCartney, the golden-mouthed Presbyterian minister of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, once told a story of a minister put on the spot during a political campaign in which liquor was the main issue. Two of his wealthy parishioners invited him for a game of golf. Away down the course they told him they had asked him for this game to talk with him about his attitude, and that of the church, during this campaign. "We want you to keep silent about the liquor issue," they said. "Why?" he asked. They explained that it was for the good of the church.

"At the rate I am preaching and working," the minister replied, "it will not be long before I have to retire. I shall be living on a small pension in a little cottage in some small town. But I must live with yourself, and if I took the route that you men want me to take, I would be in hell a hundred times before I die!"

Blessed is the man who so conducts his life as to have nothing to regret.

What about our lives and our actions under pressure? Are we settling too cheaply? Trying to please, are we compromising with principles that we shall some day wish a thousand times in one minute that we had not done? Is the price we are paying for the things we want out of life too great for the final goals it will bring us?

If we are living in such a manner or doing anything that will embarrass us in the hour of death, or stand in our way at the judgment, we had better mend our ways while there is a chance to do so. Tomorrow may be too late. We had better act today.

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