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(Habakkuk 3:17, 18)

Katherine E. Purvis

Though the fig tree shall not blossom,  
Neither fruit be in the vine,  
Yet Jehovah is my refuge . . .  
All His promises are mine!  
Though the olive fail to ripen,  
And the fields shall yield no store,  
In the God of my salvation  
I'll rejoice forevermore.

Though the fold no flock shall shelter,  
And no herd be in the stall,  
Onward still I go rejoicing,  
For my Father orders all;  
He who notes the falling sparrow  
From His great and lofty throne  
Bids me cast my care upon Him;  
For He careth for His own!

Though the tempest rage around me . . .  
Want and grief my soul assail;  
Though I miss the well-beloved  
Who have passed within the veil:  
Though the darkness close around me  
Till the path I cannot see,  
I go singing through the shadows,  
For He always walks with me!

In the night glad songs He giveth.  
For I lean upon His Word:  
My Redeemer ever liveth.  
Any my joy is in the Lord.

— An old hymn in "Tears and Triumphs"



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## A Prayer For The New Year

"Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we  
forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us  
from evil." Matthew 6:11-13.

These familiar words from what is commonly called The Lord's  
Prayer contain petitions which deal with the three dimensions of time  
in our lives, the past, the present, and the future. As we pause at the  
close of the old year and face the fresh one, these words are very perti-  
nent to our reflections.

First, let's notice the word for the past - "Forgive us our debts as we  
forgive our debtors." We can walk confidently into the new year know-  
ing that every sin or mistake of the past is covered by God's  
forgiveness. That will only be true as we have forgiven others. The  
past can and must be covered with forgiving love. No bitterness over  
ill-treatment or grudges from relational problems must be permitted  
to accompany you into the new year. Freedom from the tyranny of the  
past is possible only as we release others. Then we can look back with a  
sense of satisfaction, grateful that God has helped us to learn some  
valuable lessons from yesterday's experiences.

Second, there's a prayer for the present - "Give us this day our daily  
bread." The present of our lives unfolds to us moment by moment,  
hour by hour and day by day. God's promise is "as thy day, so shall thy  
strength be." Each day of the new year will need its strength, and  
therefore its "daily bread." We are admonished not to give anxious  
thought about tomorrow, but to live each day confident in God's  
gracious provision for our temporal needs. The Word reminds us that  
"every good and perfect gift comes down from the Father of lights, in  
whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

But this is not only a petition for physical provision but also for  
spiritual prowess. Regardless of what we face from day to day, as we  
spend time alone with God we derive the strength we need to fight the  
spiritual conflicts in which we are engaged.

Third, there is a petition for the future - "And lead us not into temp-  
tation, but deliver us from evil." Doubt and fear lurk in the shadows of  
the unknown future. As we look toward tomorrow we know so little  
and are bombarded with so many questions that we struggle to be  
assured that all will be well. The God of past victories is the God of  
future triumphs. The God of present provision is the God of future  
fulfillment. This is a prayer for guidance and deliverance and God will  
provide both for us in the new year.

Some gracious unidentified writer from another day encourages us  
with these words:

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

Though dark the path may be, or light, My God shall be my strength and stay  
A smooth or rugged way,  
I ever shall be led aright  
While I for guidance pray.

I know not whether short or long  
My pilgrimage may be;  
I'll daily praise my Lord in song,  
For all His love to me.

And as the year shall onward roll  
And day by day be mine,  
I'll seek to lead some precious soul  
To Christ, the Way Divine.

While sojourning here below;  
He will supply my need always,  
His Word assures me so.

With joy I greet the opening year,  
It cannot bring me ill;  
Since Christ, my Lord, is ever near,  
My soul with peace to fill.

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# Distinctions — Justification and Sanctification

Dr. William M. Arnett

Broadly speaking, justification refers to the whole work of Christ wrought for us; sanctification, the whole work wrought in us by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 3:24-26; I Pet. 1:2). Justification is a relative change: that is, a change in a relation from condemnation to favor; sanctification, in a broad sense, is an inner change from sin to holiness. Justification secures for us the remission of actual sins; sanctification, in its complete sense, cleanses the heart from indwelling sin or inherited depravity. Justification is an instantaneous and completed act, while sanctification is marked by progressiveness; that is, it has stages and degrees (e.g., initial or partial sanctification and entire sanctification). Justification is a forensic and judicial act in the mind of God; sanctification is a spiritual change wrought in the hearts of men.

## Three Phases of Sanctification —

(a) Initial sanctification, which is concomitant with justification and regeneration, signifies an initial cleansing from the acquired depravity that attaches to the actual sins of unbelievers, for which the sinner is himself responsible (e.g., Tit. 3:5; Eph. 5:26) "... having cleansed it by the washing of water with the word".

(b) Entire sanctification, a completed work, realized experientially in a definite, second work of grace (I Thess. 5:23).

(c) Progressive sanctification is a continuous relation to Christ and his atoning blood by faith whereby there is preservation in purity and holiness (I John 1:7, e.g., II Cor. 3:18). There is a sense in which a Christian can have perfection in quality, but not in quantity, "remaining imperfect, in that he has not the graces in sufficient intensity." Here is the distinction between purity and maturity.

## What It Is Not —

John Wesley warned that to set Entire Sanctification or Christian Perfection too high was tantamount to driving it out of the land. He was careful to point out that it is not absolute perfection, accorded only to God, or the perfection of Adam prior to the Fall, or the perfection of resurrection glory; neither is it exemption from ignorance, mistakes, infirmities, temptations, or forfeitability.

There are natural imperfections due to physical or mental limitations.

Faulty judgment may arise from imperfect knowledge. Involvement in social injustices is possible because we do not live in a totally-Christian environment, though a conscientious Christian does not or should not smugly acquiesce to the imperfections of our social order. Entire Sanctification or Christian Perfection is not freedom from trouble, or natural instincts (i.e. self, herd, sex), or growth. It is not sinless perfection. There is a difference in not being able to sin (i.e., sinless perfection) and being able not to sin (cf. Rom. 6:22; I Jn. 3:6, 9; Lk. 1:71, 74, 75; II Cor. 9:8). It is not a perfection of knowledge, judgment, memory, power or service. It does create in the believer a clean heart, and it does empower for witnessing and for service. We do have "this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency [greatness] of the power may be of God, and not of us" (II Cor. 4:7), for God has not "given us the spirit of fear [fearfulness]; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (i.e., a disciplined mind, II Tim. 1:7).

## Entire Sanctification: Terminology —

The experience of Entire Sanctification is known by various terms representing its different phases, such as Christian Perfection, Perfect Love, Heart Purity, and Baptism with the Holy Spirit, the Fullness of the Spirit, Full Salvation, and Christian Holiness. John Wesley used a variety of words or phrases to express it, though he preferred scriptural terminology or descriptions. More than twenty terms or expressions have been observed in his writings. For Wesley, the essence of Entire Sanctification or Christian Perfection, is "perfect love."

## Entire Sanctification: Biblical Basis—

There are important references in the New Testament where sanctification is referred to as "whole" or "entire," or is strongly and implicitly implied. Of special significance is I Thess. 5:23, 24, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." The context clearly indicates that Paul's prayer for the Christians of Thessalonica anticipates an advanced stage of sanctity or

holiness. Prior to the Apostle's prayer in chapter 5, there is evidence of his concern for a deeper work of grace. In I Thess. 3:10, Paul expresses a desire to see the recent converts, in order that he might "perfect" what was lacking in their faith. Paul's burden breaks forth in the prayer that God might "stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God" (3:13). The work of grace for which he prays in verses 12 and 13 is that these Christians may abound in love, and be established in holiness.

Entire sanctification, it seems, is the concern of the Apostle in Eph. 5:25-27 where the Greek verb from *hagiazō* is used ("to sanctify"). "Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

Jesus' prayer for His disciples in John 17:17, 19 has a similar concern. "Sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth... And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth."

The Apostle's admonition in II Cor. 7:1 implies full or entire sanctification: "Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." All of the foregoing passages anticipate a level of Christian experience beyond the elementary stages of conversion.

In addition to these passages, there was Jesus' command for His disciples to tarry in Jerusalem for the endowment of power (Luke 24:49) and the baptism with the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:5), which was realized on the Day of Pentecost when "they were all filled with the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:4). Also in Acts 8, the Samaritans received the Holy Spirit as a second crisis, the chief significance of which was not power (Acts 8:10, 19), but purity of heart (cf. Acts 15:9). Paul's summons to the Christians at Rome to "reckon yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin" (Rom. 6:11) and "to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God" (Rom. 12:1) implies a deeper work of grace and a level of holy living beyond the initiatory stages of the Christian life.

There is implicit reference to Entire Sanctification in the following passages: Acts 20:32; 26:18; Rom. 6:19, 22; 15:16; II Th. 2:13; II Tim. 2:21; Heb. 2:11; 10:10, 14, 29; 12:14; 13:12 and I Pet. 1:2.

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**March - General Rally - Lewistown**

**April 17, 1987**

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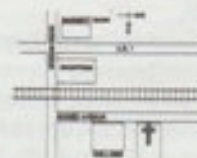
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Thank God for His wonderful presence on the services. Rev. Bradley Dixon led the congregation in two rousing songs. Rev. and Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Brewbaker provided instrumental music. Rev. Paul Park, from Clearwater, Florida, spoke on the subject, "What Heaven Means To Me." The message was very uplifting. Around 140 people were present for the rally, with the Mahaffey Church taking the attendance banner.

After the service everyone went next door to the Mahaffey school building and had a time of fellowship together, with refreshments provided by the Mahaffey church people. I want to thank all that made the time of fellowship possible.

*His for Kingdom,*  
**Rev. C. J. Brewbaker**  
Youth Secretary



# Are You Getting Worldly?

By Morris Chalfant

A little lad came in from the back yard, covered with mud. His mother exclaimed, "Sonny, what in the world were you doing? You have mud all over your clothes! Look at those shoes!"

She was interrupted by the little fellow's apology: "I'm sorry, Mommy, I guess I am getting worldly." So much of the earth was sticking to him that he thought he was getting worldly.

Some of the strongest language in the entire Bible comes from the inspired pen of James. Under divine inspiration he wrote, "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God?" (Jas. 4:4).

That there is an unholy worldliness—a worldliness that is spiritually deadening—is too clear a teaching of the New Testament to debate. Jesus' solemn query comes quickly to mind: "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Matt. 16:26). Equally easy to recall is Paul's admonition to the Christians at Rome: "Be not conformed to this world" (Rom. 12:2). And even more explicit is the warning that John wrote to the believers: "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world" (I John 2:15-16).

Paul said, "Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world" (II Tim. 4:10). He did not say that Demas loved a wicked or sinful world, notice, but that he loved "this present world."

Worldliness may manifest itself in many ways. Some people show it by the way they dress, the places they go, and the people they associate with. However, there are other people who exhibit no such external signs because they are too stingy to spend the money such display requires. They too are worldly minded. They love money more than anything else in this world.

Nothing is said of how the rich young ruler was dressed, but he apparently had great possessions. The tragedy was that *they* really had *him*. His possessions were his god, and he would not give them up (cf. Matt. 19:16-22). On the other hand, Job and Abraham had much of this world's goods; yet God occupied a primary place in their lives. No doubt

both of these men dressed and ate well, but God came first.

Worldliness is a sin that severs our fellowship with God. Worldliness is spiritual treason committed by those who profess to be loyal soldiers in God's army.

Worldliness is an unholy alliance with the enemies of God. It is a selling out to the forces which oppose God in the great conflict of the ages. Unfaithfulness to one's country is treason; unfaithfulness to one's wife is adultery. Unfaithfulness to God is spiritual adultery and worldliness.

God's people from the days of righteous Abel have been holy, different from sinners, and undefiled in motives. "Love not the world" (I John 2:15) and "Be ye separate" (II Cor. 6:17) are God's commands whose sound still comes ringing down through the centuries. Men have differed widely on the meaning of these commands, as concerns the minor workings of life. But through the years holy men and women have been impelled by an inner urge to be Godlike, to be separate from and antagonistic to everything that would rob God of His glory.

Those who are living a life pleasing to God have an inner nonconformity to the world. Whatever tends to dampen the love of God, to wean the soul from God, or to weaken the high resolve to live a holy life in humble compliance to the will of God is worldliness.

James Elliot, the missionary slain by Indians in Ecuador, wrote in his diary, "Feared the power of television last night (Psalm 119:37: 'Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity'). Lost victory in not obeying it at Bob's house. Sense the power of decentralizing effect it has on my mind and affections. It quickens me in ways not God's and defeats the purpose of the prayer to be quickened in ways divine. Lord, grant me a disciplined spirit and an obedient body henceforth."

Many things that a Spirit-filled Christian would not touch at all may be quite consistent for a worldly man to do. In a word, the standard and test for everything is this: Is it consistent with the Word of God and with my testimony for Christ?

Have you renounced the world and put the Saviour first? Or are you getting worldly?





# Missionary Message

## The Everlasting Arms

A song which I have liked for a long time comes to my mind once again—"The Longer I Serve Him, the Sweeter He Grows." I have found it so.

At the beginning of this year, I asked the Lord for a promise that I could claim as my own for 1986. He gave me Deuteronomy 33:27, those precious words that say, "The eternal God is thy Refuge, and underneath are the Everlasting Arms." I took the precious promise gratefully, but mixed with some trembling, for I supposed that such a wonderful promise was given because it would be needed.

The guess was right. The trials came quickly and sometimes heavily. Sometimes I was still staggering from one blow when another blow followed. My strength was gone and it seemed I could no longer stand. It was then I knew the reality of the Everlasting Arms. It is true that we cannot realize His strength until we have none of our own. I could not stand, but those strong Arms upheld me.

And oh, how those Arms have comforted me! When we pass through bit-

ter sorrows that no comfort on earth can touch, those precious Arms of God fold us to His heart, and while we pour out our grief on His breast, He gives a comfort that we could not find anywhere else.

And oh, the security of those Arms! "When all around my soul gives away, He then is all my hope and stay." It seemed that things and people and circumstances changed more quickly than I could cope with. A shaking, trembling feeling of insecurity overtook me, but then again, those strong, never-changing Everlasting Arms were there—the Arms of my Eternal God who is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Everything else might pass away, but He will always be my Refuge and His Arms will always be there.

It is as we walk through experiences like these that we learn to say, "The Longer I Serve Him, the Sweeter He Grows." The enemy of our souls would delight to see us fall because of our circumstances, but Jesus intends them for our good. And as we see Him working on our behalf,

and feel His strength and comfort and security, these things that are so painful and so hard to understand, only make us love Him more.

I am back in Haiti now, and I am still needing those Everlasting Arms. There are so many things we cannot understand nor explain—sometimes hard things and painful experiences. But oh how blessed, when weak and tired and bruised, feeling like we are going limp, to find we do not fall, because "underneath are the Everlasting Arms."

I love Him more now than I did at the beginning of the year. I believe God is working out His purpose, not only for my life, but for our Haitian people. He loves them and gave Himself for them. And as I continue to lean on His Everlasting Arms, I trust that I shall be able to teach our people that they, too, may come with all their burdens and cares and lean on the Everlasting Arms. We covet your prayers.

*Leaning on Jesus,  
Bonnie Williams*

## "Souls For Jesus"

Many times we write as to how wonderful the Lord has been in working with the health of our people, and this is very important. Or we write to you about the answers to prayer we receive involving our personal help with the work; such as language study, wisdom in the clinic, or working in the Bible School, and these are important. But I think the most wonderful thing we can write to you about and the thing we are working for the most is that souls may find Jesus.

Yes, we need to help their sick bodies. And the reward our clinic people receive when they have accomplished this is good. And yes, we want to educate our Bible School students, and feel a sense of

thankfulness when they say, "The Lord has been giving us Light and we want to walk in it." But again, the most rewarding thing to a missionary is to kneel around an altar of prayer and help to pray a hungry soul through to Jesus.

We had the privilege of doing this again a few weeks ago. Let me share a little with you about this incident. Our pastor has been away for a few weeks on vacation and we have been having some substitutes, along with helping ourselves. The pastor at LaCroix has been meeting with us here in Carrefour for Sunday evening services.

On his way back from LaCroix he found himself seated by a young man who seemed to be very unhappy. Bro. Selon Dieu began talking to him, and

through the course of the conversation found out that this man was very dissatisfied with life. Selon Dieu began telling him of One who could satisfy his life and after talking awhile about the Lord, he invited this man to come with him to our church. During the course of the service this man was very honest and told us just what Selon Dieu had said and asked us to pray for him. The next Sunday night he was back again. The Lord's presence was very real in our service that night and this man didn't hesitate when the invitation was given. We gathered around him for prayer and God, Who is All-merciful and ready to forgive, came around that altar of prayer and forgave that man of his

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## For The Boys and Girls

# "SEND FOOD TO JOHN"...

On the summit of Washington Mountain stood a hut, the home of John Barry, a poor charcoal burner whose family consisted of only his wife and himself. His occupation brought him in but a few dollars, and when cold weather came, he had managed to get together only a small amount of provisions for the winter. The fall of 1874, after the summer of hard work, he fell ill and was unable to keep his fires going. So when the snow of December 1874 fell, and the drifts had shut off communication with the village at the foot of the mountain, John and his wife were in great straits.

Their entire stock of food consisting of only a few pounds of salt pork, a bushel of potatoes, some sugar, flour, coffee and tea, had in early December given out, and the chance of replenishing their larder was slim indeed. The snowstorms came again, and the drifts deepened. All the roads, even in the valley, were impassable, and no one even thought of trying to open the mountain trails which, even in summer, were only occasionally traveled, and no one gave the old man and his wife a thought.

December 15 came, and with it the heaviest fall of snow in years. The food supply of the old couple was by now reduced to a day's rations; but John did not despair. He was a Christian, a God-fearing man, and he remembered God's promises. So, when evening came and the northeast gale was blowing and the fierce storm was raging, John and his wife were praying to God and asking for help.

In Sheffield Village, ten miles away, lived Deacon Brown, a well-to-do farmer who was well known for his piety and consistent deportment, both as a man and a true Christian. He and his wife had gone to bed early, and, in spite of the storm outside, were sleep-

ing very soundly when with a start, the deacon awoke and said to his wife:

"Who spoke? Who's there?"

"Why," said his wife, "no one is here but you and me; what's the matter with you?"

"But I heard a voice," said he, "saying, 'Send food to John.'"

"Nonsense," replied she. "Go to sleep; you've been dreaming."

The deacon laid his head on the pillow and was again soon asleep. Soon he started up again and, walking his wife, said:

"There! I heard that voice again saying, 'Send food to John.'"

"Well, well!" said she. "You are not well. Your supper has not agreed with you. Lie down and try to sleep."

Again he closed his eyes, and again the voice said, "Send food to John!"

This time, he was thoroughly awake, and he said to his wife:

"Whom do we know named John who needs food?"

"No one that I remember, unless it be John Barry, the old charcoal burner on the mountain."

"That's it!" exclaimed he. "Now I remember when I was at the store in Sheffield the other day, Clark, the merchant, in speaking of John Barry, said: 'I wonder if the old man is alive. It's been six weeks since I saw him, and he has not yet laid in his winter stock of groceries.' It must be that old John is sick and wanting food."

So saying, the good deacon arose and proceeded to dress. Said he,

"Come, wife. Waken our boy and tell him to feed the horses and get

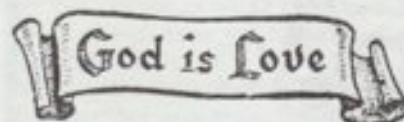
ready to go with me. You pack up in the two largest baskets you have a good supply of food and get us an early breakfast, for I'm going up the mountain to carry the food I know John Barry needs."

Mrs. Brown, accustomed to the sudden impulses of her good husband, and believing him to be always in the right, cheerfully complied; and after a hot breakfast, Deacon Brown and his son Willie, a boy nineteen, hitched the horses to the double sleigh, and then, with a month's supply of food and a "Good-bye, Mother," started out at five o'clock that cold morning on a journey which almost any other than Deacon Brown and his son would not have dared to undertake.

The northeast storm was still raging, and the snow falling and drifting fast; but on and on went the stout, well-fed team on its errand of mercy, while the occupants of the sleigh, wrapped in blankets and extra buffalo robes, urged the horses through the drifts, in the face of the storm. That ten-mile ride, which in the summer required hardly an hour or two, was not finished until the watch showed that five hours had elapsed.

At last, they drew up in front of the hut where the poor trusting Christian man and wife were on their knees, asking for help from Him who is the hearer and answerer of prayer. As the deacon reached the door, he heard the voice of supplication, and then he knew that the message that had awakened him from his sleep was sent from heaven.

He knocked on the door. It was opened, and we can but imagine the joy of the old couple when the generous supply of food was carried in, and the thanksgiving uttered by the starving tenants of that mountain hut.





## Can YOU Say

# THE LORD'S PRAYER?

I cannot say "OUR"  
if I live in a watertight spiritual compartment.

I cannot say "FATHER"  
if I do not demonstrate the relationship in daily life.

I cannot say "WHICH ART IN HEAVEN"  
if I am so occupied with the earth that I am laying up no treasure there.

I cannot say "HALLOWED BE THY NAME"  
if I, who am called His name, am not holy.

I cannot say "THY KINGDOM COME"  
if I am not doing all in my power to hasten its coming.

I cannot say "THY WILL BE DONE"  
if I am questioning, resentful of, or disobedient to His will for me.

I cannot say "IN EARTH, AS IT IS IN HEAVEN"  
if I am not prepared to devote my life here to His service.

I cannot say "GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD"  
if I live on past experience or am an under-the-counter shopper.

I cannot say "FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES"  
as we forgive those who trespass against us "if I harbour a grudge.

I cannot say "LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION"  
if I deliberately place myself in a position to be tempted.

I cannot say "DELIVER US FROM EVIL"  
if I am not prepared to fight evil with the weapon of prayer.

I cannot say "THINE IS THE KINGDOM"  
if I do not accord the King the disciplined obedience of a loyal subject.

I cannot say "THINE IS THE POWER"  
if I fear what men may do or what my neighbour may think.

I cannot say "THINE IS THE GLORY"  
if I am seeking glory for myself.

I cannot say "FOR EVER AND EVER"  
if my horizon is bounded by the things of time.

Author Unknown.



## Disappointment

Disappointment — His  
appointment."

Change one letter, then I see  
That the thwarting of my purpose  
Is God's better choice for me.  
His appointment must be blessing,  
Though it may come in disguise.  
For the end from the beginning  
Open to His wisdom lies.

"Disappointment — His  
appointment,"

Whose? The Lord's Who loves me  
best  
Understands and knows me fully,  
Who my faith and love would test;  
For, like loving earthly parent,  
He rejoices when He knows  
That His child accepts, unquestioned,  
All that from His wisdom flows.

"Disappointment — His  
appointment,"

"No good thing will He withhold,"  
From denials oft we gather  
Treasures of His love untold.  
Well He knows each broken purpose  
Leads to fuller, deeper trust,  
And the end of all His dealings  
Proves our God is wise and just,

"Disappointment — His  
appointment,"

Lord, I take it, then, as such,  
Like the clay in hands of potter,  
Yielding wholly to Thy touch,  
All my life's plan is Thy moulding.  
Not one single choice be mine;  
Let me answer, unrepining —  
Father, "Not my will, but Thine."





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HAPPY NEW YEAR! I trust that the coming year will indeed be a happy one for you and your families. It will only be that way as we keep Christ the very focus of our attention. The holiday season is such a wonderful time of the year. Hearts are merry as we consider the Christ child and His coming to earth to be the Savior of the world. Then as the new year approaches we anticipate what lies ahead for 1987. It is a time for making "resolutions". Turning over a new leaf if you will! For those of us who are a little on the "fluffy" side of the weight chart, it is a time to try the latest diet. I heard of one recently called the "threeday diet". You are supposed to eat six bananas the first day, six eggs the second day, and six hot dogs the third day. That's all! If you live through it, you're **guaranteed** to lose 10 pounds in three days! I'll keep the weight, thank you! But not only is the New Year a time for looking ahead, it is also a time for looking back at the year that is closing.

It is interesting to note that the month of January was named for the Roman god Janus. Janus was known as the gate god, and an image of him was placed at the entrance gate of each city. The reason that Janus received such honor was because he

had two faces. Thus he could see in two directions at the same time.

Joshua 1:5, 6 says: "As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Be strong and of a good courage." In this first month of 1987 we need to take a look in both directions so that we can have a proper appreciation of the past and a bright out look for the future. Notice three things with me that this forward and backward look will do for us as we prepare for what is in store in 1987.

#### I.) The Assurance Of His Presence!

"As I was with Moses, so will I be with thee." God's promise to Joshua came at a time of great crisis in his life. And so we see that God directs his attention to the past to draw strength for the future. Joshua had witnessed some of the great things God had done for Moses and the Lord said that if He would do that for Moses He would do it for him. But not only was that promise for Joshua, it is for you and me as well. "I will be with thee!" What more could we need or want to rest our faith in for 1987? In the New Testament the Lord assures His disciples with these words, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." We can rest assured

that God will be with us in the coming year, just as He was with us in the past!

#### II.) The Assurance Of Continued Progress!

"I will not fail thee." Isn't it wonderful to be living for a never failing God? I'm sure there are times in our lives when we wonder if God really knows or understands the situation we are in. Bills come due at the end of the month, and the funds just aren't there to make ends meet. Word comes of a terminal illness of a closed loved one. It seems as if the bottom is falling out of everything and then we recall His promise, "I will not fail thee." Uncle Bud Robinson said that God would take care of His children even if He had to stand the devil on his head and shake the change out of his pockets to do it with! He will not fail us!

#### III.) The Assurance Of Abundant Possibilities!

"Be strong and of good courage." The Lord has promised you and me that as children of God we shall be strong and do exploits. I trust that you are planning to do more for God in the coming year than we did in the year just closed. We are living in an age of abundant possibilities! I just read recently in U.S. News and World Report that the modern theology that was being propagated in the '60's and '70's that God is dead is a thing of the past. We are living in a God-conscious generation today. People are searching for something to fill the vacancy created in their souls that can only be filled by Jesus Christ! Shall we take advantage of the opportunity that awaits us and win men to Christ, or will we let it pass us by for another year? I trust that as we look back at 1986 and ahead to 1987 it will cause us to take every opportunity that is ours to win the lost to Jesus.

On behalf of the Home Missionary Dept., I would like to extend a special "Thank You" to every church, organization, and individual who made a contribution to our Dept. in the past year. Not only for financial contributions, but for the spiritual as well. Were it not for your prayers and kind words of encouragement we could not exist or make inroads in the devil's territory. Thank you so much! Let us pray together that God will help us to tear down some of Satan's strong holds and establish new lighthouses for lost souls in 1987! By God's help, much can be done in the coming year. Thanks and may God's choicest blessings be yours in the days ahead!



## SOULS FOR JESUS.....(Continued from Page 6)

sins. I had never seen this man smile before he was saved, but now, everytime he shakes my hand he gives me a big smile as if to say, "I, too, have found satisfaction." He has been coming very faithfully since he has been saved and we thank the Lord for this new soul.

We also enjoy the times the Lord especially comes in our services blessing our souls. Our people don't respond just as you do when the Spirit of the Lord comes on them and blesses them. A few in particular from our church sit and shake their heads from side to side and laugh somewhat quietly to themselves, and I know that the Lord is blessing them especially at that time.

Many times as new missionaries we go through frustrating times and wonder if we are doing anything to edify the Lord. Let me share an example of how the Lord helped me in this.

One particular Sunday night the Lord impressed upon my heart that He wanted me to testify about a song we had just finished singing. In my own simple way of speaking Creole I told them just exactly what that song

had just meant to me and how special Jesus was. After I finished testifying, Bro. Selon Dieu got up and said that the Lord had just stamped His approval on what he was to preach that night for I had just testified about the very subject the Lord helped him to prepare. Oh, how the Lord blessed me for minding Him and also seemed to bless in the service. We closed by singing the song, "Thank you, Jesus." Our people left that night talking about the service and with a feeling that God really was greater than their problems, and they could make it with His help.

God truly has been wonderful and we praise Him so much for calling us into His work. We are still going through some frustrations and culture changes, but the blessings we are receiving being in His work outweigh those problems and we find we really have nothing to complain about. "Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance." This is our cry.

*Because of Jesus,  
Cathy Brubaker*

## Find My Mission

I was longing for a mission;  
Fancy made it something grand —  
Something that would win the praises  
Of the world on every hand.

But one day I had a vision  
Of the needy ones nearby,  
Of the hearts that starve with hunger  
Till they faint and fall and die —  
Starve for little deeds of kindness,  
Or a word of hope and cheer,  
And the smiles that cost so little,  
But can make it pleasant here.

So I seek to scatter sunshine  
In a dark and cheerless place.  
Loving words have given courage;  
Smiles have cheered the tearful face.  
In the joy of helping others,  
God's good time I waste no more,  
Since my life has found its mission  
Waiting at the very door.

— Anonymous

## Sanctification and Sensitiveness

Spirituality is not mere stoicism. While indifferent to many slights and stings and slurs, holiness is not insensibility to any.

While the Holy Spirit elevates us He does not exterminate us, nor any normal faculty or legitimate feeling of our being. While no longer carnal, a sanctified man or woman is still thoroughly human.

But with some there is an abnormal sensitiveness which may make them miserable in themselves and uncharitable to others. This is sometimes due to an unforgiving temperament, sometimes to neglected training, sometimes to certain lines of ignorance, and sometimes, no doubt, to an infirmity of conceit which magnifies the place one would hold in others' esteem, and the recognition he should have in their notice. This last is a sort of the ghost of the vanity which grace had expelled but which has left its spectre behind it.

In any case, a morbid self-consciousness is seized as an occasion of Satan to afflict a sensitive soul, to suggest dissatisfaction, disgust and discouragement, and to dispose its pitiable victim to distrust the piety or purity or purpose of others, and then to either puff itself up the more or else slip out of all notice and place and service entirely.

The symptoms of sore sensitiveness are like these:

- An itching to be noticed.
- A hankering after some publicity with an expectation of public recognition, in some way, of what they have given.
- An uneasiness as if out of place when grouped with others as only one of a clan.
- A feeling of injury when put aside a little, for another to take the part they felt so eminently called to or fitted for.
- A deep wound if silenced or snubbed or corrected.

— Joseph H. Smith  
June 4, 1931





## School News, *Penn View*

Hello to our Standard family from the halls of PVBI! What a privilege to begin a new year with the expectancy of the help of the Lord! He has been so gracious to us through the old year and we are quite confident that He will give us direction through 1987. No, we do not know what is ahead, but we do know that God never fails us. We fully trust Him for what-ever may happen.

This year marks the 20th anniversary for PVBI. History reveals that the graduates of PVBI are reaching around the world. There are students serving the Lord in South America, Costa Rica, Bahamas, Mexico, Haiti, Taiwan and in many states of the USA. Praise the Lord that in a given five year period 95% of our graduates entered Christian Service.

A word now from our Academic Dean, Mr. Timothy Cooley:

Many of our graduates move directly into the ministry to which God has called them: the pastorate, the mission field, the Christian school, or Christian music. And it's always exciting to follow the lives of dedicated young men and women as they accept the challenges of their careers and begin to bless the church, the community, and the world.

But others will pursue further education, preparing for special service. Some will take additional undergraduate study. Most of them will find that courses they have taken at Penn View will transfer for credit. A nearby university that has received national recognition routinely accepts our transfer credits, and this year a Penn View graduate, who transferred sixty semester hours from his ministerial major toward a program in teaching Social studies, completed his degree with honors!

A few will climb into graduate work. Two accredited seminaries have recognized the quality of undergraduate education at Penn View and have accepted our graduates in Masters degree programs. One Penn View graduate is now studying for his doctorate. Education at Penn View is Bible-centered and practical, but it is also academically sound.

What is more? Penn View insists

that the entire program minister to the spiritual growth of the student. Instructors invest personal time and energy to counsel, advise, edify, and be a friend to the students. They recognize that there is more to education than lectures, notebooks, papers, and tests. They build their lives into the lives of students because they care. We laugh together, we weep together, we pray together. Education is for the whole person.

Where will our students be in ten years? Only God knows, but we are prayerfully preparing them to serve and to live to the glory of God.

Yes, PVBI is alive and well. We are looking forward to increased enrollment for the second semester and in the fall, the Lord willing. Pray with us to this end.

When you are in the Penns Creek area please stop in and visit with us and take a tour of our campus. It is located in the beautiful hills of Pennsylvania on 40 acres. Our book store is open also for your purchases for your church and Sunday school.

The Lord was very gracious as the Chapel Choir toured over the Christmas season. His presence was felt in a very special way in many of the services. Oh, How we praise Him! Throughout this tour and the Christmas season the Lord sent in the funds for the general operational fund. This is in answer to definite prayer. All Glory to the Lord!



In this issue of the Standard we want to introduce the director of Music here at PVBI. Mr. Barry L. Mason, the son of Pastor and Mrs. Stewart Mason, has been involved in many areas here at our school. Mr. Mason is a graduate of PVBI and serves the school in several capacities. He teaches voice, piano, directs the Chapel Choir and also gives training to various music groups - namely, the girls' trio and the male quartet. Mr. Mason, with his wife Gertrude, works diligently in the ongoing of Penn View Visuals. Penn View Visuals are quality materials used in children's ministries, such as VBS, Sunday schools and Children's church. Penn View Visuals has just begun to branch out into other types of materials and promises to be a blessing to many churches and schools. The Masons have two children, Michelle and Michael, who attend Penn View Christian Academy. Mr. Mason is a vital part of the growth of PVBI. Students enjoy singing in the choir he directs, as well as taking private voice and piano lessons from him. Thanks, Barry, for your ministry.

We give you an invitation to our winter revival February 20 through March 1. The evangelist will be Ronald Coleman of Pendleton, IN. Pray much for the meeting, that God will use Evangelist Coleman in the ministry of the Word. Please note the ad concerning this meeting elsewhere in this issue.

In closing, we take this opportunity to thank all who are standing by PVBI with your prayers and giving. We are so dependent upon each of you and wish to report that God is answering prayer in a very special way.

Students testify to the fact that God is leading them and that they are enjoying His divine presence in their lives every day. Students are seeking and finding God's will for their lives. Praise the Lord! PVBI is committed to Christian training and upholding the Word of the Lord in the old-fashioned manner. God is still the same and His Word is the answer for our contemporary society. God is still on His throne and He still answers prayer and leads folk into the experience of second blessing holiness. We want our graduates to leave our halls to serve this present age with the anointing of the Blessed Holy Ghost. Pray with us, please.



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