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## The Everblooming Easter Flower

by Joseph H. Smith

There is no fading of the true Easter Flower. The Risen Jesus—who is to us the Lily of the Valley, and the Rose of Sharon—shall die no more. Aaron's rod that budded, and was preserved in the Ark of the Covenant, had spoken of a life supernatural and Divine and everlasting. Christ our risen Lord has fulfilled this type. And in the Holiest of All today "he ever liveth to make intercession for us."

We want not only to treasure the historical fact of His resurrection, but even more than this to prize the Risen Life of our Savior. This is as truly for us, and as requisite for our salvation, as were His incarnation and His crucifixion. His ability to save to the uttermost is accredited to the fact, just stated, that "He ever liveth to make intercession for us." He has entered into Heaven to appear in the presence of God for us. The Risen Christ is our Unfading Flower.

When in His High Priestly prayer He said: "For their sakes I sanctify myself," He had reference not only to His sacrificial death of the morrow, but to the consecration of His Risen Life to priesthood in our behalf.

Next, let us notice that as Christ's Resurrection assures our own, so likewise His Risen Life may have a counterpart in an unfading, ever-blooming, and increasingly fragrant life in us. If with Him we have been crucified, that "our body of sin might be destroyed," and we have been quickened unto newness of life by the power of His resurrection, we shall bear likeness to the Victor o'er the tomb.

Good and great and gracious as was the incarnate life of the man of Galilee, His Risen Life, as exhibited in His intercourses among His disciples during those forty days, was still a much more abundant life. And has He not told us that "he came," laid down his life, and took it up again, that we (His sheep) might have "life" and have it more "abundantly"? Evidently there are to be Easter flowers all along the pilgrims' pathway. The Apostle Paul was inspired to declare that "if we have been planted together in the

likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection" — like His risen life, in that:

It is life following crisis of death, as the life of the beautiful butterfly when it has burst the grave-like cocoon of the worm.

It is transcendent life, or a life that is above the world and superior to its obstacles.

It is life in deepest sympathy with the earth's toilers and travelers and sorrowing hearts; and helpful to doubting minds.

It is life in the presence of God interceding for souls of men.

It has, as source, an inner life hidden from the world.

It is, like the night-blooming cereus, a life that can flourish under the darkness of the world, and yet it is fit to be set in the garden of the Lord's palace of light.

It is a life upon which gravitation has lost its hold; for it is under the power of the law of ascension, as its affections all are set upon things above, and its thoughts all trend towards God, to whom it rises above clouds and skies of nature.

For Easter Day to have a facsimile in a man, or the resurrection of Christ a suitable memorial in the Church, there should be a Gethsemane prelude and a veritable Good Friday parallel on a minor scale. This in order that there might be not merely an added church membership enrollment, but an actual awakening from the dead, and arising to a newness of life—a life in fellowship with the Risen Lord. This will cause a fragrance as well as beauty on earth that will keep the Risen Lord in mind, and the hope of our own resurrection beaming with brightness long after Easter flowers have faded and new Easter clothes been worn out; and when names of some of the Easter church joiners shall have gone on the lists of the "unknown", "cannot be found," or "dropped," the life of Christ shall still be blooming in the mortal bodies of those who have risen thus with Him.

As there was a Presence at the empty tomb, so there was a Presence on the lonely road which the two walked on the way to Emmaus! The Friend whom they were mourning as dead walked with them by the way; the One who had conquered death and the grave was present with them. A strange burning was felt at His words. Someone has said, "The burning heart was the evidence of Easter;" Mary felt it at the tomb; Peter and John felt it as they ran; the women felt it as they hastened to carry the angel's message; these two disciples felt it as they journeyed. The heart strangely warmed is the best evidence for God in the world. It has been the heart of Christian activity from the beginning, and will be to the end.

— Selected.





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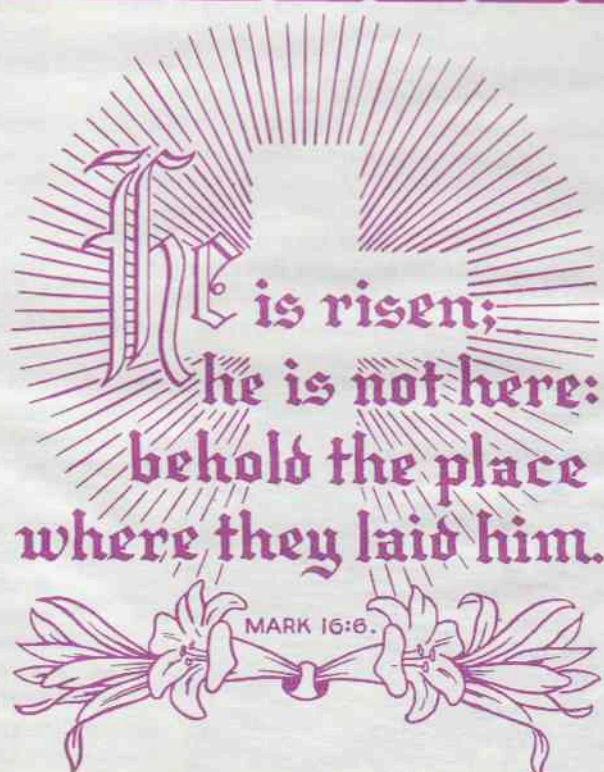
I was a Roman soldier in my prime;  
Now age is on me, and the yoke of time.  
I saw your risen Christ, for I am he  
Who reached the hyssop to Him on the tree;  
And I am one of two who watched beside  
The sepulcher of Him we crucified.

All that last night I watched with sleepless eyes;  
Great stars arose and crept across the skies;  
The world was all too still for mortal rest,  
For pitiless thoughts were busy in the breast.  
The night was long, so long it seemed at last  
I had grown old and a long life had passed.  
Far off, the hills of Moab, touched with light,  
Were swimming in the hallow of the night.  
I saw Jerusalem all wrapped in cloud,  
Stretched like a dead thing folded in a shroud.

Once in the pauses of our whispered talk,  
I heard a something on the garden walk.  
Perhaps it was a crisp leaf lightly stirred —  
Perhaps the dream-note of a waking bird.  
Then suddenly an angel, burning white,  
Came down with earthquake in the breaking light,  
And rolled the great stone from the sepulcher,  
Mixing the morning with a scent of myrrh,  
And lo, the Dead had risen with the day —  
The Man of Mystery had gone His way!

Years have I wandered, carrying my shame;  
Now let the tooth of time eat out my name.  
For we who all the wonder might have told,  
Kept silence, for our mouths were stopped with gold.

Edwin Markham.





# Jesus, the Second Adam

It is well to remember that in the coming of Jesus Christ a very definite thing was to be accomplished. He did many things while He was here, but the thing for which He came, above everything else, was to bring this rebellious planet back under the rulership of God. It is true that while He was here He revealed God to us. He also showed us how man ought to live. He gave to us the example and pattern of what God intended that man should be. He also gave to the world the only philosophy of life that will really work in this world. In His death on the Cross, He paid the price for man's redemption and made it possible for God to justify the ungodly and at the same time be just.

However, it will be well to keep in mind the fact that He came to qualify as the rightful Ruler and King of this earth. He came to take the place that Adam was intended to fill. He did not take upon Him the form of an angel, but He took upon Him the form of a man. The favorite name by which He spoke of Himself was "The Son of Man." He lived as a man. He passed through all the experiences that are common to man. His life was little different from the common lot of the

average man. He worked and knew the ache of toil, and the pangs of hunger and thirst. He subjected Himself to everything that God can ever ask of any man, and He could say, "I do always the will of my Father." In other words, where the first Adam had failed through disobedience, He met every requirement and measured up to every demand. He could come to the close of His life and stand up before His enemies and say: "Which of you convinceth me of sin?" In other words, "Can anyone find that in Me which would disqualify Me for the place of rulership under God?" And I thank God that even to this day not one single person has ever been able to find one single thing in His life that he can point to and say, "This is it, and He is not qualified for the place." Even infidels and skeptics have to admit that He is the sinless One, and all join in saying, "He is worthy."

Thank God that there is one who is known as the Son of Man, and yet He has been proclaimed before heaven and earth as the one who is worthy to be the Ruler of this old, sin-cursed earth. "Every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that he is Lord, to the glory of God." A worthy Ruler has been found, and the kingdoms of this world are to become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever. Amen!

While He was here in the flesh, He presented Himself to the Jews as their King. He entered into Jerusalem

just as the prophet had said He would, and His disciples saw in this event the fulfillment of God's promise. However, the leaders of that day were so blinded by sin and selfishness that they refused to recognize Him as their Messiah and King, they rejected Him and brought false charges against Him. They arrested Him, carried Him before court, and charged Him with the charge of blasphemy. They said that He was a blasphemer, for He claimed to be the son of God. They sentenced Him to death on this charge. They carried Him to Pilate and charged Him with treason. They said that He made Himself to be the King of the Jews. They told Pilate that if he let this man go, he was no friend of Caesar's; and it was on this charge that Christ was sentenced to the Cross. They rejected Him as the Son of God, and also as their King. They crucified Him and thought they were done with Him.

However, I thank God that He took an appeal. He appealed His case to the Supreme Court of this Universe. The Judge of all things sat on the case and examined all the evidence in the presence of all the angelic creatures of heaven. On the third day, God handed down this momentous decision: "He is not guilty of blasphemy, for He is my Son. He is not guilty of treason, for He is not only the king of the Jews, but He is King of Kings and Lord of lords." God dispatched an angel of glory to the garden where Jesus was being held a prisoner in the cell of death; and on the first Easter morning, the angel came down with the keys of death and opened His cell, and He came forth to life, and was justified in His claims before all creation.

His resurrection is the testimony of God to this skeptical world that Jesus is all that He claimed to be, and that one day He shall be the Ruler of all things. God called Him back to His right hand, and has appointed Him heir of all things. He had already been proclaimed before high heaven the rightful Ruler of all things; and only a short time more, all things shall be brought into one in Him, and He shall rule "where'er the sun doth his successive journeys run." His kingdom shall rule from sea to sea and until sun and moon shall wax and wane no more. Glory to God forever! I feel like shouting every time I think about it!

— John R. Church, in *Advocate*.





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## Church News

### Missionary Crusaders Rallies

The September rally was held at the Penns Valley God's Missionary Church. Rev. and Mrs. John Zechman spoke on the topic "Manners and Modesty." The presentation was well received, as was the special music provided by each church.

The October rally was held at Pottersdale where Rev. Bradley Dixon is pastoring. A full house listened to Rev. Bob Thornton speak on the subject of "Peer Pressure."

The November rally was held at the Milesburg God's Missionary Church. As the rally occurred on the first night of the local church's revival, their evangelist, Howard Dearth, was the speaker. A packed church enjoyed the message on the theme of "The Joy of the Lord."

The January rally was held in Roaring Spring, PA. After special music from the young people, Rev. Anthony Little spoke on the prison ministry in which he is engaged.

The February rally will feature General Superintendent Paul Miller and the April rally will once again feature the insightful presentation of Rev. Max Wood on rock music. The date will be April 15th at the Mahaffey God's Missionary Church. The May rally will be held on May 6th at the Butler, PA church where Rev. Garry Truitt is the pastor.

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# Biblical Apparel

Ignacio Palacios

## Part IV

### The Hair Affair —

**Editor's Note:** This is the fourth of six articles on this very timely subject. Ignacio Palacios is pastoring the God's Missionary Home Missions Church in Donna, Texas on the Mexican border.

In the last article, we saw how apparel tells tales on one's character. God is very much interested in a Christian's apparel. He intends for them to look distinct, and He wants their Christian character to be reflected in their apparel. There is a correlated topic on the subject of apparel, and that is hair.

From earliest times, man's fashions have included different hair styles. Since it is noticed that God began the idea of man's wearing of appropriate apparel, let us also see what He has to say about appropriate hair styles.

God is always interested in details. Jesus declared that even the hairs of one's head are numbered (Matt. 10:30). If God takes the interest of numbering our hairs, is He not interested in our hair? Surely He is. There are plenty of scriptures that deal with the topic. Look at I Cor. 11:2-16. In examining this passage briefly, one discovers at least four principles dealing with hair.

1. If a man has long hair it is a shame to him (v. 14). Therefore, men ought to wear their hair cut, or short.

2. If a woman has long hair it is a glory to her (v. 15). Therefore, women ought to leave their hair long, or uncut.

3. A woman's hair is her natural covering or veil (v. 15). Therefore, a woman needs her long hair for a covering (v. 5, 6).

4. A man ought **not** to wear a covering or veil over his head (v. 4, 7).

It is only fitting and proper for a man to cut his hair and wear it short; whereas, for woman, it is fitting and proper to wear it uncut and long. It would be a shame for the man to let his hair grow and not cut it. By the same token it would be a shame for the woman to cut her hair and wear it short. In fact, cutting a woman's hair was the way to shame her publicly as an adulteress or a prostitute in biblical days. That's why I Cor. 11:6 deals with



the shame of having the hair shorn or shaven. The NIV marginal reading implies that the cutting of hair for a woman would make her as one of the "shorn-women." For the man to wear long hair would not only make him look like a woman, but it would also make him look like the infernal creatures of Rev. 9:7-8 who had the faces of men and hair like women.

Even though God has established certain principles governing hair in His Word, there are still those who bring up objections to them. Especially women, who are always fond of fashions, are among the first to object. The first objection is that long hair is relative. What I call long is long. Ezek. 44:20 suggests there are only three lengths of hair: shaved hair, long hair, and polled hair. In other words, one can either go around with a bald head by having shaved it, or with long hair without cutting it, or with polled or cut hair. According to this, long hair would be uncut hair, for the other two styles are cut or shaven. I Cor. 11:6 deals with this when it talks about the **covered** head, the **shorn** head, and the **shaven** head. The covered head is that which has uncut long hair. Therefore, long hair is not relative to what I call long, but to uncut hair.

The second objection is that "I don't cut my hair; I only trim the dead ends." All hair is dead from the root out. Hair grows from the root out and not from the ends. Besides, God is not interested in making the hair grow on a woman by cutting it, or doing anything else to it. He is interested in

it staying uncut.

A third objection is that the passage in I. Cor. 11 applies only to the Corinthians of Paul's day and not to people today. If so, then the whole Book of Corinthians is only for the Corinthians of Paul's day. If that be so, the whole New Testament is only for Paul's day, and the whole Bible is neither universal nor the eternal Word of God.

Another objection is that "I am exempt from this commandment." Is God a respecter of persons? Since when does God have a double standard?

Some people say they don't feel guilty if they don't abide by the biblical principles governing hair. Just because one feels one way or another does not diminish what God has to say. Just because one does not "feel" guilty does not necessarily mean he is not guilty.

The objections are many. But Paul says, "If any man seem to be contentious" or bring up objections, "we have no such custom" of being contentious or argumentative about hair. We accept God's principles herein given, for we are "the churches of God."

What are Christians going to do with God's principles governing hair? Are they going to let the world dictate its hair fashions to them, or are they going to abide by God's Word?

When talking about sin, we would all agree that murder or stealing is wrong. How about women's cut hair and men's long, uncut, hair? "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."



# The Mission of Easter

Leonard Sankey

It may not seem, at first consideration, that missions hold much importance in the commemoration of Holy Week. A few moments of thought about the unspeakable agonies of our Saviour would make the most calloused individual take a close look at the kind of life he or she is living. Also, the glories of the resurrection morning are so thrilling that we would like to shout in exaltation of the living Christ; but there is more to this season of the year than introspection and exaltation.

The prophet Isaiah, writing several hundred years previous to the fact, foresaw the mission of Messiah's sufferings and death. "So," said he, "shall He sprinkle many nations." Isaiah refers to the sprinkling of Christ's atoning blood, thus appeasing the wrath of offended justice and making the way clear for reconciliation with God. Wesley had a world-wide view of the effects of the atonement when he exulted:

"His blood atoned for all our race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace."

Thus our missionary outreach today is foreshadowed in the matchless outreach of Christ Himself. Evangelical concern for a lost world is based upon the provision which Jesus made enabling lost ones to be reconciled to God. And Jesus personally expressed His desire for His followers in reference to our spiritual productivity when He said, "...ye should go and bring forth fruit." During Easter week itself, then, we have Christ's participation in missions, His provision for missions and His proclamation that we should be involved in missions.

This month as we trek in memories' byways, let us sit at the feet of Jesus in the upper room and learn of Him; let us kneel with Him in prayer in the garden, stand with Him and for Him in man's judgment hall; and finally, walk

with Him outside the gate—and fall in surrender at the foot of the cross. Then be on hand to shout with the angels on the resurrection morn. And with the glorious truth of the empty tomb in our heart and on our lips—and with the Holy Spirit's empowerment throbbing in our being—go to the harvest—the Mission of Easter! Lucy Meyer caught the vision of a needy world, the response of Christ to that need and His call to us when she wrote:

"He was not willing that any should perish;  
Clothed in our flesh with its sorrow and pain,  
Came He to seek the lost, comfort the mourner,  
Heal the heart broken by sorrow and shame:  
Perishing, perishing! harvest is passing,  
Reapers are few and the night draweth near;  
Jesus is calling thee, haste to the reaping,  
Thou shalt have souls, precious souls for thy hire.

He was not willing that any should perish;  
Am I His fellower, and can I live  
Longer at ease with a soul going downward,  
Lost for the lack of the help I might give?"

Prayer: Oh, Lord Jesus, at the foot of Thy cross we throw ourselves today in shame for our lack of outreach to a lost world. Thou didst come to seek and to save the lost; all too often we have sought only to save ourselves. As we look at the love of our Heavenly Father for a wayward human race expressed through Thee, we commit ourselves afresh to the call of the needy ever surrounding us.

"Jesus, I long, I long to be winning  
Men who are lost, and constantly sinning;  
O may this hour be one of beginning  
The story of pardon to tell." — Tovey

Amen



# Going With Christ

By Paul S. Rees

Picture Jesus and His friends around the table of the Last Supper in that quiet upper room to which they have retreated. Hear the solemnly tender rise and fall of the Master's voice. In unforgettable words He tells them: "I go to prepare a place for you. . . ." "Let not your heart be troubled. . . ." "I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter. . . ." "Peace I leave with you. . . ."

Then the change! "Rise," He says to these comrades of His, "rise, let us be going!" And out they went into the night.

He might have gone out alone; but no, He wanted their companionship. They might have gone out alone; but no, they needed His presence.

## I.

Consider, now, that these simple words, "Rise, let us be going," call for an *act of departure*. At the risk of laboring the obvious: to *go there* is to leave *here*.

One day in my reading I stumbled on this sentence: "One of the deadliest delusions of the human mind is the idea that to stand still is to be safe." God has always had to contend with people who are more interested in security than in progress, more concerned with comfort than with conquest.

Going with Christ means, for example, that we leave our meager knowledge of the Bible and get going with some honest, industrious study of this matchless Book.

It means that we leave our stale prayer life. Perhaps we haven't framed a new petition, or gained a new insight, or felt a new throb, or read a new book on prayer for a year.

It means that we leave our small thinking and see beyond our tiny borders into the groups of Christians who, by the millions, are the witnessing servants of Christ our Lord.

Recall the stirring close of Oliver Wendell Holmes' poem, "The Chambered Nautilus"?

Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul,

As the swift seasons roll!

Leave thy low-vaulted past!

Let each new temple, nobler than the last,

Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast.

"Thy low-vaulted past!" *Leave it!* Get on to something bigger. "Rise, let us be going!"

## II.

Note something else. These words which call for an act of departure call also for an *act of adventure*.

Never was risk more nobly taken, never was sacrifice

more courageously faced, than when Jesus, that night, led His men out to the foot of the Mount of Olives and on to Calvary.

Abraham knew adventure as well as departure, for we read that "when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance," he "obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went" (Heb. 11:8).

Moses knew adventure, for we read that "when he was come to years, he refused to be called, the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season" (Heb. 11:24, 25).

Abraham and Moses, and a host beside, did what they did, became what they became, because they kept hearing some such call from the Lord as the apostles heard that night in the Guest Chamber, "Rise, let us be going!" And hearing, they obeyed! They put together the act of departure and the act of adventure.

Why, then, do so many of us wait out our dull days in a colorless, conventional sort of Christianity, when all the wide seas of God are waiting for us to sail them?

## III.

There is yet another call that sounds here. When the Master says, "Rise, let us be going," there is, beyond the departure and beyond the adventure, an *indenture*. If some readers wrinkle their brow in perplexity at the use of that word, I shall not be surprised. Many years ago it was used more commonly than it is today. The Thorndike-Barnhart Dictionary defines it as "a contract by which a person is bound to serve someone else."

When our Lord says, "Let us be going," He binds Himself to us in a companionship on which we can utterly rely and in a service to which we can be forever committed. And this in three ways:

1. *As our Pilot He precedes us.* Go back to John 14:5: "Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life."

2. *As our Peace He pacifies us.* Listen to Him in verse 27: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you. . . . Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

3. *As our Priest He prays for us.* When He finished this message to the apostles, which He began in the supper room and, presumably, continued as they walked along on their way to Gethsemane, He turned to the Father and began praying for them: "Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me \*\*\* keep them from the evil. \*\*\* Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. \*\*\* that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them" (John 17:11, 15, 17, 26).

Are you living in smug content, far from the realization of your own minimum ideals of what a useful, growing Christian should be? Arise and go!

Are you living in the shadow of heavy losses and sorrows, holding in one hand the broken vessel of memory, and in the other the broken vessel of self-pity? Arise and go!

Are you living in fear — fear of people, fear of the past, fear of the future, fear of death? Arise and go!

Are you living in the creeping fog of delayed decisions, the soul-destroying climate of procrastination? Arise and go!

Leave where you are, and start going to where you ought to be!

"Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end!\*\*\*"

— The Herald.



# Doors Of The Bible

Dr. William S. Deal



## The Door of A Lion's Den

Many years had now passed since the brave Hebrew boys so courageously entered the fiery furnace and came out unharmed. Another king was reigning over the world metropolis; and in fact, another kingdom had taken the place of the one in which they had lived and done their exploit of faith.

Daniel was now what we may call prime minister of the Persian kingdom and was held in highest esteem by his king, Darius. But he had some political enemies who were

quite concerned about his high standing in the kingdom. Admittedly, he was a fine fellow, they said. In fact, if they were to trip him up, it would have to be by finding some flaw in his religion, they agreed. Together they worked out the dastardly scheme, all behind the back of the king. When they had it all planned, fool proof, they thought, they asked for a private conference with the king. They succeeded in flattering him into signing a decree whereby anyone worshipping any other God than the king for thirty days would be cast into the den of lions. Without investigation, the king signed the decree, making it an unalterable law of the Medes and Persians.

But Daniel paid no attention to it. He prayed three times daily just as usual. The king was notified of his procedure. He then saw his plight but it was too late. As Daniel would not recant, he could do nothing but let him go into the lion's den. But with the coming of the morning, Daniel was shouting the victory as he came out, unhurt by the lions. Then the wicked plotters of this injustice had a trial at the lion's den, but they did not come out so well. The hungry lions ate them for breakfast!

What does one see when he faces this door? First, there is reflected in this door true godly courage. Daniel could have compromised and said, "Well, I think I'll just say my prayers in bed for the next thirty days. After all, there's no use in a fellow losing his head just to show off his religion!" But Daniel did no such thing. He knew that PRINCIPLE was at stake, and more—the religion of the Jews and belief in God were at stake. Had he ceased his prayers, the unbelievers would have lost confidence in his religion and his God immediately. We must not make a similar mistake today. Our reaction to situations is all the Bible many people read. Let us give them a correct version!

Second, this door reflects the fact that no matter how high in affairs of the world we may ascend, there will always be those who oppose us if we remain true, unflinching followers of God. Some vainly imagine that if they had wealth, prestige, or high position it would be easier to serve God. But no, the likelihood is that it would be much more difficult. St. Paul said, "Warn them that are rich..." No matter what his position in life, a believer in Christ can never escape his responsibility of witnessing for Him. And this witnessing will often cost something.

Third, there gleams from this door at the lion's den the hope that God will never leave nor forsake His own. Inside the den, hungry lions looked at the old prophet, but did not dare to touch him. Someone said he was all backbone, and they did not care for that just then. Others have described them as so friendly that one large lion even offered his mane as a pillow for Daniel. The fact is that the angel of the Lord "shut the lion's mouths." I would just as soon believe in the stark realism of the case, that Daniel kept well to himself and watched and prayed through the night, meanwhile praising God for His marvelous power and manifested care of him.

Fourth, this door reminds us that God will defend the innocent. Daniel reminded the king the next morning that it was because he was innocent that God had preserved him. As young people, we should never forget that innocence of sin and disobedience pays the highest possible dividends.

Here again we see God honored, the truth vindicated, the wicked punished, the good spared, and the great good news of God's care for His own sped on its way, all because ONE person dared to be faithful, bold in confidence, and courageous enough to face life's situations with unfaltering faith and unswerving obedience. May we have strength to do likewise.





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Matthew 28:6 says, "He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come see the place where the Lord lay." The very words, "He is risen", grip my heart with a sincere appreciation for the resurrection. We are not serving a dead hero, but a risen Saviour! We don't make a pilgrimage once a year to a shrine erected in His memory, but we are encouraged daily to, "Come boldly to the throne of grace, that we might obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." We have the privilege of daily communication with a Living God because of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ! HALLELUJAH!

Easter is the special time of year that is set aside for special offerings to the Home Missions Department. The Home Missions Board met recently and it was decided that this year's offering would be used to pay for a trailer that we had to purchase for the work in Donna, Texas.

Rev. Marlin Baum and I had to make an emergency trip to Donna in late January in order to secure a better place for the Gonzalo Palacios family to live. The mobile home that they were living in was in a condition that was beyond repair. The roof had leaked for years prior to our purchasing the property, and what we did not realize was that damage had been done to the timbers in the roof and one wall of the trailer and they were on the verge of collapsing. There were large holes in the floor the electricity in the place was short circuited, and the septic system was blocked and backed up on top of the ground.

Bro. and Sis. Palacios had lived like this for almost three months, and had

never complained to the Home Mission Board one time about how terrible things were. When we arrived in Donna, I was appalled at the condition of the place they were living in. I thank God for sacrificial people like the Palacios' who labor for Christ with little of this world's goods without complaint. Bro. Baum and I realized that something had to be done immediately, and so we started looking at mobile homes. We were able to locate a 1983 model, 14' x 70' with two bedrooms and two baths in excellent condition. The home came with central air conditioning, delivered and set up on our lot for \$9,500.00. I called Bro. Miller and reported to him what we had located and he felt that we should go ahead and purchase the mobile home while we were there. We were able to secure \$9,000.00 private financing to make the purchase. The mobile home has been delivered and set up and a new septic system has been installed, and the Palacios' are very grateful for what has been done to improve their living conditions!

That brings us to the reason for our appeal to you for this special offering at Easter time. We must repay that \$9,000.00 to the party who provided the money for us "interest free". They were so kind to help us in our time of great need, that we feel we must repay them as soon as possible. I can assure you that the work in Donna, Texas is worthy of your support. Bro. Baum and I held a week-end meeting while we were there and what a meeting we had! New folk were out in almost every service, and I suppose that all told more than 30 people

prayed at the altar that weekend! The door is wide open in the Rio Grande Valley and we mean to step through it with your help! If nine of our churches would give \$1,000.00 each, or 18 churches would give \$500.00 each the bill would be paid! Pastors, what can we count on your church to do? We need large individual gifts to help make up the slack and boost us over the top! My prayer is that the next time we report to you the bill will be "PAID IN FULL".

I would like to take a moment to let you know that God is helping in other areas of the Home Missionary Department. Our pastors are reporting new contacts and new people coming out to their services. We are so thankful for the wonderful group of ministers and their families that the Lord has sent to our Department to help spread His Word. They need your prayers daily that God will encourage their hearts and supply their every need! None of our Home Mission pastors receive a salary large enough to live comfortably on, and many must work a second job to make ends meet. They are willing to do it for Jesus' sake, and I want them to know my hat is off to them! Along this line of laborers, let us pray that the Lord of the harvest will send forth laborers. Pastors and missionaries are desperately needed to fill the void in many areas of the world! Let us believe together that the need for workers will be met. Jesus is coming soon, so we must work fervently to get the gospel out before He comes! God Bless You, and thank you for your support to Home Missions!



## Christ, The Theme of the Bible

In GENESIS He is the Creator and the Seed of the woman.	In EZEKIEL He is the Throne-Sitter.	In II CORINTHIANS He is made Sin for us.
In EXODUS He is the Lamb of God for Sinners Slain.	In DANIEL He is the Smiting Stone.	In GALATIANS He is the End of the Law.
In NUMBERS He is the Star of Jacob.	In HOSEA He is David's Greater King.	In EPHESIANS He is Our Armour.
In DEUTERONOMY He is the Prophet like unto Moses.	In JOEL He is the Lord of Bounty.	In PHILIPPIANS He is the Supplier of every need.
In JOSHUA, He is the Captain of the Lord's hosts.	In AMOS He is the Rescuer of Israel.	In COLOSSIANS He is the Pre-eminent One.
In JUDGES, He is the Messenger of Jehovah.	In OBADIAH He is the Deliverer upon Mount Zion.	In I THESSALONIANS He is our Returning Lord.
In RUTH He is our Kinsman-Redeemer.	In JONAH He is the Buried and Risen Savior.	In II THESSALONIANS He is the World's Merciful Judge.
In SAMUEL He is the Despised and Rejected King.	In MICAH He is the Everlasting God.	In I TIMOTHY He is the Mediator.
In KINGS-CHRONICLES He is King of kings and Lord of lords.	In HABAKKUK He is the Anchor of our Faith.	In II TIMOTHY He is the Bestower of Crowns.
In EZRA and NEHEMIAH He is Lord of Heaven and Earth.	In NAHUM He is the Stronghold in the Day of Wrath.	In TITUS He is our Great God and Savior.
In JOB He is our Risen and Returning Redeemer.	In ZEPHANIAH He is the Judge and Cleanser.	In PHILEMON He is the Father's Partner.
In PSALMS He is the Blessed Man, the Son of God, the Coming One, the Reigning One, the leader of Praise.	In HAGGAI He is the Lord of Presence and Power.	In HEBREWS He is the Rest of Faith and the Fulfiller of Types.
In PROVERBS He is our Wisdom.	In ZECHARIAH He is the Smitten Shepherd.	In JAMES He is the Lord of Sabaoth.
In ECCLESIASTES He is the Forgotten Wise Man.	In MALACHI He is the Son of Righteousness.	In I PETER He is the Theme of Old Testament Prophecy.
In the SONG of SOLOMON He is My Beloved.	In MATTHEW He is the King of the Jews.	In II PETER He is the Longsuffering Savior.
In ISAIAH He is our Suffering Substitute.	In MARK He is the Servant of Jehovah.	In I JOHN He is the Word of Life.
In JEREMIAH He is the Lord of Righteousness.	In LUKE He is the Perfect Son of man.	In II JOHN He is the Target of the Antichrist.
In LAMENTATIONS He is the Man of Sorrows.	In JOHN He is the Son of God.	In III JOHN He is the Personification of Truth.
	In the ACTS He is the Ascended Lord.	In JUDE He is the Believer's Hope.
	In ROMANS He is Our Righteousness.	In the REVELATION He is the Lovable King and Lord.
	In I CORINTHIANS He is the Firstfruits from the Dead.	

## Penn View Bible Institute SPRING MUSIC ITINERARY

April 24	North Terrace Wesleyan Church-Zanesville, OH	10:00 a.m.
April 24	Barberton Rescue Mission-Barberton, OH	2:30 p.m.
May 1	God's Missionary Church-Salunga, PA	7:00 p.m.
May 1	God's Missionary Church-York, PA	9:30 a.m.
May 8	God's Missionary Church-Penns Valley, PA	7:00 p.m.
May 13	God's Missionary Church-Berwick, PA	7:00 p.m.
May 15	God's Missionary Church-Newport, PA	7:30 p.m.
May 15	Emmanuel Wesleyan Church-Gratz, PA	9:30 p.m.
May 21 & 22	*God's Missionary Church-Steamburg, NY	7:00 p.m.
		7:30 p.m.
		9:30 a.m.
May 22	God's Missionary Church-Beavertown, PA	7:00 p.m.
May 27	*God's Missionary Church-Lewistown, PA	7:30 p.m.
May 28	Spring Concert-Penns Creek, PA	7:30 p.m.
May 29	God's Missionary Church-Millmont, PA	9:30 a.m.
May 29	Baccalaureate-Penns Creek, PA	7:00 p.m.

\* Quartet only





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## Report on Campus Days 1988

Success!! God has done it again! Prospective students joined us here on campus for two outstanding "Campus Days" on Thursday and Friday, March 24, 25. All of us were thrilled with Rick Neville's challenge to "GO FOR IT!" He began with the description of Paul and Barnabas as "men that have hazarded their lives" (Acts 14:26), and called us to "Go all out for God!" "Spiritual men are not made by man and his program," he warned. "They are made by God." He urged us to be totally committed to doing the will of God in our lives. "God's biggest problem is not communism, Catholicism, or materialism. It is dead fundamentalism!" Enthusiasm ran high! The Spirit of the Lord was present in a precious way. We closed the service by having young people come to the front as a demonstration of their complete surrender to God's will. The whole front of the chapel was lined.

Thursday night, visiting students and their sponsors enjoyed a snack, then retired for a DORM ADVENTURE. Friday morning found us consuming some of Milton Pearce's sweet rolls in the Dining Hall. By 9:00 a.m. we were ready to observe classes. A Special Student Chapel lifted our spirits even higher as students described to us how the Lord has been helping them grow here at Penn View. Then we hurried back to the classroom. At supper, Mr. Pearce's fried chicken carassed our appetites, and then we were ready for the closing session.

Again, Rick Neville called us to dedicated Christian labor. "Is Christian Education for Me?" YES, it's for everyone. Even if the vocation you feel led to pursue is outside of what the Bible College offers, take at least a year of Bible School and pray seriously about whether the Lord is calling you to His service. There are so many things you can learn from even one year in Bible School. And what is more? You may catch the vision of a needy world. We will long treasure the challenge and the inspiration of Campus Days 1988!!

## PENN VIEW BIBLE INSTITUTE Year-End Events

Please Notice and Spread the Word!

Missionary Convention	April 26-28
(10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m.)	
Missions Groups to be represented:	
God's Missionary Church	
Evangelical Wesleyan Missions	
Evangelical Bible Missions	
Evening speaker, Rev. Raymond Shreve	
Spring Benefit Auction at Selinsgrove Farmers Market	May 6-7
Spring Concert	May 28
Baccalaureate (7:00 in the Evening)	May 29
Speaker, Rev. Terry Walker	
Commencement, (10:00 in the Morning)	May 30
Speaker, Rev. Terry Walker	
Think about enjoying these and other events with us.	
We are all part of one family. We hope to see you!	

## Student of the Month

April 1988



Wendy Rhoades is a tiny speck as she treks up those long stairs leading to the main school building. This is nothing new for her. You would be surprised if you knew how many miles she has traversed. Why does she do it? She wants to become a teacher of children, preferably third and fourth grade level — "a teacher who remembers what it is like to be a student and yet has a teacher's wisdom."

Wendy's father works for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Her mother is a monitor in a Christian school. Her brother, Scott, is also studying here at Penn View. Wendy testifies that she had never thought she would like to come to Bible School, but when she decided that she would like to become a teacher, she began to shop around. "I always considered Penn View one of the best," she says, so after she and several others came to see the campus, it began to grow on her until "I

became excited and couldn't wait till next year."

"Penn View has meant a lot to my spiritual life." Of course, there were times of growing. Concerned, dedicated faculty and staff members prayed and counselled with Wendy. She rejoices, "I live in peace and rest today." Now she is able to help other students grow in the Lord. Students reveal, "Wendy has been one to whom I have been able to go when I needed a friend to understand." And, "She's a friend of God, and you know she sits and talks with Him quite often."

One class that was especially helpful to Wendy was Christian Counselling. It was practical. She observes, "You really don't need to give answers, just guide people in learning how to cope with the problem. They are the ones that will need to do the work. You are just the encourager." Teaching people Biblical principles has become central in Wendy's thinking.

Dorm life is always a interesting part of Bible School. Wendy remarks, "I came from an area that didn't have many young people so I thoroughly enjoyed the fellowship. The times of husking corn, campfires, and water battles I will never forget. ... It seemed like a big family of sisters and when you needed help, someone was always there." Other memories include making yarn hairpieces and puppets from scratch and working together to keep each other awake in order to study. Roommate? Well, the two of them grew so close "one of us could start a sentence and the other one could finish it." She adds, "You

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## He Knew Christ Did It!

The service was over, and the minister was ready to leave the church. At the door he met a father and his twelve-year-old son. The little fellow was in tears. "What is the trouble, son?" asked the good man kindly.

"Sir," interposed the father, "Jimmy would like to be saved. Will you talk to him?"

The minister took the little lad into the church and sought out a secluded spot, and the two knelt down together.

"O God," prayed the good man fervently, "may Thy Holy Spirit reveal the Lord Jesus to the heart of this boy."

"Now, son," he said, "thank Jesus for everything you can think of."

"Lord Jesus, I thank Thee for coming to this earth to save me," faltered the child. "I thank Thee for dying on the cross for my sins. I thank Thee for coming to be my Saviour."

There was silence. It continued so long that the minister finally looked up to see what Jimmy was doing.

The lad was kneeling upright on his knees. His tear-stained face—now lit up with a radiant smile—was turned toward the preacher.

"Why did you stop praying, son?"

"Because, sir—I just found out—that Jesus really did it!"

You and I always have held a sound theory of the Gospel. Indeed, we would have turned indignantly on any denier of its truth and withstood him to the face.

But oh, the blessed day when the fact of Calvary takes hold of our hearts and we realize that our sins actually are sinking into the cleansing fountain. Yes, we've always known, but now we find out that Jesus really did it! — M.M.

— **Message of Victory**

## The Christ Above Comparison

I know men; and I tell you that Jesus Christ is not a man. Superficial minds see a resemblance between Christ and the founders of empires, and the gods of other religions. That resemblance does not exist. There is between Christianity and whatever other religions the distance of infinity . . . . Everything in Christ astonishes me. His spirit overawes me, and His will confounds me. Between Him and whoever else in the world, there is no possible term of comparison. He is truly a being by Himself. His ideas and sentiments, the truth which He announces, His manner of convincing, are not explained either by human organization or by the nature of things. . . . The nearer I approach, the more carefully I examine, everything is above me—everything remains grand, of a grandeur which overpowers. His religion is a revelation from an intelligence which certainly is not that of man. . . . One can absolutely find nowhere, but in Him alone, the imitation or the example of His life. . . . I search in vain in history to find the similar to Jesus Christ, or anything which can approach the Gospel. Neither history, nor humanity, nor the ages, nor nature, offer me anything with which I am able to compare it or to explain it. Here everything is extraordinary.

— **Napoleon, during a conversation with  
a general, in exile on St. Helena**

— **Eternity Magazine**

### STUDENT OF THE MONTH . . . . . (Continued from Page 11)

also learn lessons of patience and understanding when you live with twenty or more girls from twenty or more different backgrounds. . . . I really don't think I would have liked to stay at home and go to school. It would be nicer in many ways, but I would have missed out on so much."

One very common problem in college education these days is finance. How can one pay for his education? Wendy's parents sacrificed and managed to help with some of the expenses. Since she was valedictorian of her High School graduating class, she received a partial scholarship. One

summer she did Children's Work and Vacation Bible Schools in churches and campmeetings. Beyond that, she worked! Wendy was on the Work Scholarship program most of the way through school. She says, "The knowledge I received from working is something I never would have received from a class."

Where is she bound now? She will be completing her Student Teaching this fall. We are anticipating she will be a very dedicated and qualified Christian teacher. Best wishes, Wendy! May Heaven's richest be yours!