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## My Mother- A Prayer

*For the body you gave me, the bone and the sinew, the heart and the brain that are yours, my mother, I thank you. I thank you for the light in my eyes, the blood in my veins, for my speech, for my life, for my being. All that I am is from you, who bore me.*

*For the love that you gave me, unmeasured from the beginning, my mother, I thank you. I thank you for the hand that led me, the voice that directed me, the breast that nestled, the arm that shielded me, the lap that rested me. All that I am is by you, who nursed me.*

*For your smile in the morning and your kiss at night, my mother, I thank you. I thank you for the tears you shed over me, the songs you sung to me, the prayers that you said for me, for your vigils and ministerings. All that I am is by you.*

*For the times that I hurt you, the times I had no smile for you, the caresses I did not give you, my mother, forgive me. Forgive me for my angers and my revolts, for my deceits and evasions, for the pangs and sorrows, I brought to you, forgive me.*

*For your lessons I did not learn, for your wishes I did not heed, for the counsels I did not obey, my mother, forgive me. Forgive me my pride in my youth and my glory in my strength that forgot the holiness of your years and the veneration of your weakness, for my neglect, for my selfishness, for all the great debts of your love that I have not paid, mother, sweet mother, forgive me.*

*And may the peace and the joy that passeth all understanding be yours, my mother, forever and ever. Amen.*



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## Guest Editorial

## HOLINESS IN ACTION



Christ never learned to preach so as to offend no one. Whoever will be God's preacher may as well know at the outset that to preach the preaching God bids him, will mean opposition and offended hearers. A holy life and ministry, by virtue of their nature, antagonize sin and stir the devil. Mr. Wesley's rule for determining a successful sermon was: "Is anyone made angry?" His sons repudiate this rule, and seem to think the more they please people, the more successful they are. Jesus offended His hearers! They sought to kill Him. They led Him out to the brow of the precipice to cast Him down and said He had a devil, after one of His searching messages. Christ, however, provoked little or no opposition until He was baptized with the Holy Ghost, and in a new sense spoke in the synagogue as His custom was. This time there is a "searching, penetrating unction in His speech which cuts His hearers to the heart," and results in the arousing of their anger and their leading Him out to the brow of the hill to cast Him down. The Baptism with the Holy Ghost, the consequent tongue of fire, and offended hearers seem to go hand in hand. The disciples had little opposition, comparatively, until they received the Pentecostal Baptism. Then, there was furor, tumults, arrests, imprisonments, threats, and commands that they speak no more. The writer spoke many times in a certain church, and almost invariably with warm commendation and compliments, before he received the sanctifying Spirit; then the aspect was entirely changed! They were offended: "He has just joined that holiness propaganda; too bad, such a promising young man has lost his influence, and his mind\*\*\*."

But, brethren, the fact that the time has come\*\*\* when they will not endure sound doctrine, and are offended at it, is no reason why we should not give it to them.\*\*\* we must, to keep God's smile on our hearts, declare the whole counsel of God. If we mean to follow Jesus in the tongue of fire, in testimony, prayer, and preaching, we will have offended hearers; but so long as we maintain this result in our ministry, there will be no danger of compromise. Let no one suppose he can so wisely present the doctrine of the holy life as to offend none. If so, he has learned what Jesus and the Apostles and reformers never learned\*\*\*. "Woe unto you when all men speak well of you." "From that time forth many of [Jesus'] disciples went back and followed no more with him." They were offended at Him.\*\*\*

It is not superior wisdom, or tact, or resourcefulness, or judiciousness that preaches so as not to offend, but a manfearing, temporizing compromise, oftentimes. [God's] warning "woe" is given to all who do so!

— Adapted, from "Walking as He Walked," by Arthur C. Zepp.



# God Uses Christian Mothers

Juddie Peyton

*"And the woman conceived, and bare a son; and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months." Exodus 2:2.*

A lot of people might inform you that the best friend a man has is his dog, but some might be inclined to disagree and let you know, in reality, that a man's best friend is his mother.

Certainly we all agree that each and every child needs a good mother. Wouldn't it be wonderful if each one could be thankful for a good mother? We are living in a day and age which has been robbed of its idealism. This age is tainted with commercialism and materialism, and a lot of selfishness. Don't you think it would be good, in such an age, to think of some of the virtues that go into the making of a great mother? We ought to pray that we will always have godly mothers in our land.

We might say that Moses' mother, Jochebed, seemed to have a lot of the marks of goodness and greatness that some need so badly today. Read the 31st chapter of Proverbs, verses 10 through 31 and see what it says there about a good woman.

Let us notice some things about Jochebed which correspond with this chapter. She no doubt had a good husband. He probably had the same faith and ideals and hopes his wife had. It would be good if every home had a Christian father. Isn't it amazing that some women find that one of the greatest drawbacks to their children being brought up in the right way is the children's father who doesn't stand with them. The husband should help his wife be a truly great mother.

Jochebed realized that parenthood was a glorious responsibility. She was willing to go so far as to disobey the King in order that her child's life might be preserved. She took her own life in her hands when she tried to save Moses from the King. Jochebed had the joy of preserving her child's life. It seems that motherhood, in Jochebed's case, was a service to God as well as to her nation.

Jochebed was a woman of vision. Hebrews 11:23 reads: "By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's

commandment." Yes, Jochebed must have had prophetic insight. She may have foreseen possibilities in Moses' life concerning her nation. She may have foreseen possibilities in the life of Moses concerning her God. She may have foreseen possibilities in the life of Moses concerning future generations. She apparently made up her mind that she was going to cooperate with God's purpose concerning her child. She certainly must have had faith in almighty God, faith in herself relative to God, and faith in the child, Moses.

Then his mother had courage. She just wouldn't accept defeat, would she? She was willing to do all she could, within her power to help in God's plan. She was more than a ordinary homemaker. Children need something which goes beyond the necessary material things of this life. They need spiritual guidance and inspiration. Jochebed taught Moses the truth concerning God. She evidently taught him to be sympathetic toward the unfortunate and intolerant where injustice was concerned.

Let us think of some of the other godly mothers in the Bible. There is Hannah, who was a praying mother. I Samuel 1:9-10 "So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon a seat by a post of the temple of the Lord. And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the Lord, and wept sore." Samuel was one of the greatest judges of Israel. He was born as a result of his mother Hannah's faithful prayers. This baby was unselfishly dedicated to the Lord even before he was born. Hannah was true to her word, for she took Samuel to Eli so he could be trained. Think of the unending love of Hannah which inspired her to make the little boy a coat each year. Hannah rejoiced that she had a son who was being used in the Lord's service.

Eunice was a mother who was able to proclaim "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" II Timothy 3:15. The name Eunice means "good victory." Good victory is a main prerequisite if a mother wants her children to be reared in a Christian way. She should

certainly teach her children the Bible and try to get them to walk in the wonderful way of the Lord Jesus. Don't you imagine Eunice was able to communicate her faith to her son Timothy because she had learned of the faith from her mother, Lois. "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also" II Timothy 1:5.

Eunice could have allowed an apparent division within her family to keep her from having a faith like she did. "Then came he to Derbe and Lystra; and, behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timotheus, the son of a certain woman, which was a Jewess, and believed; but his father was a Greek" Acts 16:1. Eunice didn't let this hinder her. She still taught her son the ways of the true God.

Dorcas was a mother who did good deeds. "Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: This woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did" Acts 9:36.

No doubt Dorcas kept herself busy doing good works and performing charitable deeds for people who needed help. This precious woman was loved by quite a few people, and no doubt was remembered because of kindnesses shown. "Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and showing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them" Acts 9:39.

Wasn't it wonderful that she would receive new life? Do you suppose it may partially have been because she was so kind and good to other people? "And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive" Acts 9:41.

Wouldn't you say that each and every child needs a mother who is a genuine Christian? This is the kind of mother who loves the Lord Jesus and knows Him as her personal Saviour, and worships Him and serves Him.

Mother, you are the only one who can make sure that your child has a Mother that is a true Christian! Make sure of that today!



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## Church News

### "FOLLOW ME!"

Lord, I would follow, but —

First I would see what means that wondrous call  
That peals so sweetly through life's rainbow hall,  
That thrills my heart with quivering golden chords  
And fills my soul with joys seraphical.

Lord, I would follow, but —

First I would leave things straight before I go . . .  
Collect my dues and pay the debts I owe —  
Lest, when I'm gone and none is here to tend,  
Time's ruthless hand my garnering o'erthrow.

Lord, I would follow, but —

First I would see the end of this high road  
That stretches straight before me, fair and broad;  
So clear the way I cannot go astray,  
It surely leads me equally to God.

Lord, I would follow — yea,

Follow I will — but first so much there is  
That claims me in life's vast emergencies —  
Wrongs to be righted, great things to be done.  
Shall I neglect these vital urgencies?

Who answers Christ's insistent call

Must give himself, his life, his all,

Without one backward look.

Who sets his hand unto the plow

And glances back with anxious brow

His calling hath mistook.

Christ claims him wholly for His own —

He must be Christ's, and Christ's alone!

— John Oxenham



# Biblical Apparel

Ignacio Palacios

A Study  
in Six Parts

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

## Part V Clothed with Strange Apparel —

Since the incident in the Garden of Eden, God has had to intervene in the way men think. He has to tell them how to live their lives in a way that is pleasing to Him. He also has had to intervene in the way Christians dress from the beginning.

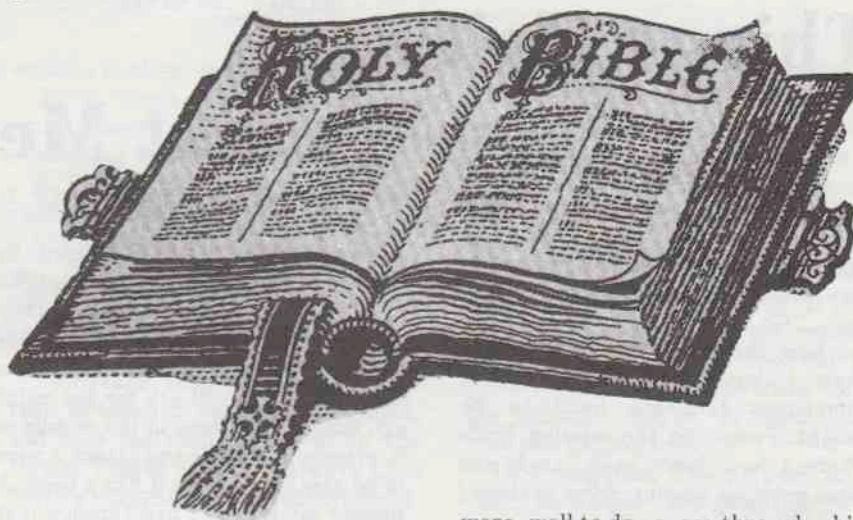
God has never wanted man to dress according to his own ways, but according to **God's** ways. This conflict in God's ways and man's ways started in the Garden of Eden. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord" (Isa. 55:8).

The people of God have always held a higher standard of dress than that of the world around them. The Hebrew people were more modest in their apparel than the rest of the ancient peoples. God did not like it when they changed their attire to conform to the world around them. At one time when the Hebrews were imitating the dress standards and customs of the pagans around them, God considered this a wicked act of betrayal. Zeph. 1:8 says, "I will punish the princes, and the king's children, and all such as are clothed with strange apparel." Surely God is interested in His people's distinct attire.

Even in ancient days there were those who argued that it mattered not to God how folk dress. It got to the point that God had to say, "I will punish the men... that say in their heart, The Lord will not do good, neither will he do evil" (Zeph. 1:12). God **does** care how His people dress, and is extremely displeased if His people which are called by His name start dressing in "strange apparel."

Perhaps it would help to understand more about God's dress standards for His people if we study briefly the attire of the Hebrew people and other cultures of their day.

The clothing used by the Hebrews was respectable, modest, and with deep significance. It was thought that



a person's attire was actually a part of that person. Clothing not only indicated who a person was, but it was also an exterior symbol of an interior motive, a profound desire to represent God as He wanted to be represented by His people.

There was distinction between the sexes (Deut. 22:5). Men's basic attire consisted of the inner tunic, the outer tunic, the girdle, and the mantle. The inner tunic could be either short-sleeved or long-sleeved and could reach to the groin or to the knees. The outer tunic was most frequently used in public or at home. This garment was worn over the inner tunic. In warm weather the inner tunic was not worn, only the outer. The outer tunic was generally long-sleeved and covered the knees. The girdle was a definite sign of male attire. The woman's girdle was distinct from the man's. The mantle was a garment used over all the other clothes and was the finishing touch to a man's attire. Headaddress and sandals were also used.

The woman's attire consisted of the inner tunic, the ankle-length outer tunic with long, pointed sleeves, the colorful girdle which hung clear to the ankles, and the mantle, which was much smaller and tighter fitting than the man's. Woman often embroidered this, and it was made of a material different from that of the man's. They also used sandals, a cap, and a veil.

In order to understand Zeph. 1:8, one must also note the attire of other ancient peoples. The Egyptians hardly used clothes. Men and women both wore only the "loin cloth" and, if they

were well-to-do, a see-through shirt was worn over the shoulders. The Greeks wore sleeveless tunics which didn't even come to the knees. If they were well-to-do, a mantle was worn strapped to the shoulders. The Assyrians, whom the Hebrews were copying in Zeph. 1:8, although they used more clothing, went overboard in outward adornment of jewelry and showy hairdos. The Romans used short-sleeved tunics which did not even come to the knees. Roman women dyed their hair and wore jewelry. There were personal variations in apparel, depending on social status, but this was the basic attire of these ancient peoples.

Strong differences are seen in dress between God's people and pagans. First, there was distinction among the sexes. Second, God's people dressed modestly, covering arms and legs, which the pagans did not do. Thirdly, God's people dressed simply, without outward ornamentation, extravagant apparel or hairdos.

God is just as interested today in the way His people dress as He was back in Zephaniah's day. Down through history, there have always been those who seem to think God is not at all interested in the way Christians dress. But a study of the Bible indicates that God is interested in Christians being distinct from the world around them. Man's fashions tend to uncover rather than to cover. Man's fashions always draw attention to the body, or to the self, rather than giving glory to God. Thinking about being clothed in strange apparel, shall Christians take heed to God's admonition in Zeph. 1:8, or shall they dismiss it as irrelevant to them today?





# Things Haitians Have Taught Me

As a missionary I have been teaching for many years. In Bible Schools, in the clinic work, in elementary schools. Jesus said many years ago, "Go...and teach all nations, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded." But sometimes teachers need to be taught. People on the mission fields where I have been have taught me some precious lessons. Some of them I would like to share with you.

## I. The Value of Little Things

God made all the simple, little things, the lovely things that we mostly pass by and do not even notice. Birds, trees, grass, and flowers, all of them Jesus used to teach wonderful truths about the kingdom. There is water for instance. Many times when I kneel beside my bed to pray in the evenings after taking my bath do you know what I thank the Lord for first? For water and soap. For on the mission field water is so very, very precious. There is not enough water here and the people suffer to find it. Walking miles for water to a river, a spring high in the mountains, carrying it back on their heads or on the backs of donkeys in gourds and any kind of container they can find. During the dry season the river can become a dry bed and then they must look even farther to find the water to wash their clothes, to cook their food and to drink.

And there is the rain that is needed each year that their gardens may grow. Many times they are planted and then fail because rain does not come. We walk around the compound doing our duties with a pray on our lips continually that rain might come. Because we know that it is a matter of life and death, for many many people.

I have watched many of my Haitian friends as I have given them a drink of water and they will bow their heads and thank God for it before they drink. Neither do they drink all of it, but leave a small portion that they will spill on the ground after they have drunk. Why? Because they say they are giving it back to God the One Who gave it! Do you ever thank Him

when you drink clean, cold water to quench your thirst???

Little things are often used by children. Things like stones, paint can lids and small sticks and leaves. They will play jacks with small stones, not having a ball they will use one of the stones, or they will ask for the paint can lids, make a hole in the middle of it, place a nail there and attach a wire to be able to run with it like a hoop. A slender stick with a nail through it is decorated with a leaf turned back so as to make a circle and they run with it as it spins in the wind, much to their delight. Sometimes they will attach one of my colorful flowers to it so that it will be even more lovely! What all do your children need to make them happy?

## II. How to Guard Your Treasures

The Gospel of Matthew records the words of Jesus when He said, "For where your treasure is there will your heart be also...and Luke tells us that "...one's life does not consist in the abundance of things that he possesseth." Haitians do not have a lot of problems with treasures. For they have so little most of the time. A cooking pot, one table, one or two chairs, a straw mat to sleep on, a basin and water pots. No fancy furniture, no beautiful curtains, no bank account. Nothing much to rust or fall under corruption here or for thieves to desire. So what are their treasures? Their children. They will sacrifice and work and do all they can that they might be able to go to school and to be able to live to grow up to read and write, for many of them have never had that privilege.

But many times these precious treasures are taken away from them because of the many sicknesses that plague the country, Malaria, malnutrition, typhoid, tetanus, anthrax, all of these send their treasures to heaven. Small babies and children making up the kingdom.

Because they can be satisfied with so little it makes one to wonder why we must have so much in America to make us content, surely God would have us examine our hearts and see if

we have the true treasures. We seek as missionaries to show them that Jesus is the Pearl of Greatest Price and that He will satisfy their hearts and keep them even when they have so little and their children are dying.

## III. Living One Day At A Time

In Haiti necessity demands that they live this way. For each day is uncertain. If they are fortunate enough to find work they may not have it for long. Promises are made as to what they will receive as a salary after their hours of work. But when payday comes they discover that is not the amount they are given! But one does not dare complain, for if you do' they will say, "That's all right if you don't want it, you are fired." They know there are hundreds of others waiting outside the door seeking work. Injustice is the order of the day in most areas.

Or they will buy for one meal at a time. Often I have seen a small child walking by my house or have met them on the road as I go to visit, and look to see in their hand a spoon with a small amount of tomato sauce on it, or a bit of butter, or a bottle with a teaspoon of oil in it. At other times in their small hand will be two carrots or a tiny wedge of cabbage, all to go in the soup that may have to feed eight to ten people. Yes, living one day at a time, even one meal at a time.

How far do you plan ahead, to take care of your family? How much food do you have in your freezer? Remember that there are many who live one day at a time.

They do not buy clothes ahead of time for their newborn baby that is on the way. I have asked them at times if they wanted me to buy some things for them when I would go into the city and they have replied, "Not yet, I do not know if the baby is going to go back". Meaning that it may very well die as many of her others have, so she is going to wait and see. Yes, one day at a time.

## IV Sharing

Sharing in the matter of food. If the children see someone passing by while they are eating they will invite them to come and share their food no matter how small their portion is. When visiting I have watched as the one child who had been given food would share with the little ones that had come along with me. Taking out of their bowl one spoonful at a time and placing it in the hands of my small companions.

So also with clothes. I have given a

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# Who Are The Preachers?

Dale M. Yocum

For every day that passes there are an additional 100,000 unevangelized people in the world. This does not refer to the total number of people born per day, nor to the total increase in world population. This latter number is about 200,000 every day! But at least half of that increase, or about 100,000 will remain totally unevangelized, according to the present rate of missionary outreach!

Such an awesome fact compels us to ask some questions. Why are we not doing a better job of reaching the lost? Is the sovereign God contented to let them all die without the message of salvation? Is it possible that the church misunderstands her mission? Where are the laborers who should be going forth into the harvest?

In Rom. 10:14-15 St. Paul asks some questions about this problem: "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?"

The preacher is the answer. But who are the preachers? We must know *who* they are before we can determine *where* they are. Within the time scope of the New Testament, the church evangelized the entire world which they knew. How did they do it? Who were the preachers?

This article is an effort to look afresh at the New Testament record and find out who carried the message in that day of effective evangelization. Because that early church succeeded where there has too often been failure in succeeding generations, it is safe to use them as a norm by which to measure our practice.

## The Terms for Preaching

There are five major Greek words which are translated "preach" in our English Bibles, plus some minor additional ones. In order of their frequency of occurrence, the five are as follows, together with the Greek word for each:

1. To Herald (Kerusso). The meaning is to proclaim openly and officially.

2. To Evangelize (Evangelizo). It means to announce or bring good tidings.

3. To Proclaim (Katangello). To an-

nounce, publish, or tell thoroughly.

4. To Speak (Laleo). It has very broad usage and relates to telling something by word of mouth.

5. To Discourse (Dialegomai). It includes argument and discussion.

Looking at each term more closely, we may discover who did the preaching in each sense of the word, and on what authority they did so.

**To Herald:** This term is used more than 50 times in the New Testament, and it is the most formal of all the terms. Thayer said it is always used "with a suggestion of formality, gravity, and an authority which must be listened to and obeyed" (*Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament*, p. 2779). The words "preacher" and "preaching" are derived from the same root word, and thus carry this idea.

The primary preachers in this sense were John the Baptist, Jesus, and the Apostles. Concerning the latter we read in Mark 3:13-14, "And he goeth up into a mountain, and calleth unto him whom he would: and they came unto him. And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach." Prior to the commissioning of the Apostles, there was the calling, the ordaining, and the training. Neither the calling nor the ordaining gave them their authority, but the commissioning which was to come later. The calling was simply Jesus' invitation to the twelve to come and be with Him. The ordaining was not a formal setting apart as we commonly use the term. It means only that Jesus made them to be with Him, that He might prepare them to go forth as preachers.

While the Herald is a preacher in the most formal sense, it is interesting to find exceptions. One was the demoniac of Gadara, who was so marvelously delivered from his sore affliction. He wanted to follow Jesus, but he was told to "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee" (Mark 5:19). The word "tell" means just that, and does not mean to preach. But the next verse says, "And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had

done for him: and all men did marvel."

The word *publish* comes from Kerusso, and is the formal word for preaching. He was told to go home to his friends and tell his story; he actually went to Decapolis (meaning "ten cities") and preached! What was his authority? He knew what he was talking about. Something great had happened to him! He was not commissioned in any formal sense, but he preached anyway, and ten cities heard the message. Maybe we need more men like Legion today!

**To Evangelize:** The purpose is to bear the Gospel—the good tidings of salvation—and to bring people to the knowledge of salvation through Jesus Christ. In the New Testament a wide variety of persons were involved, including God the Father, Christ the Son, the angels who announced Jesus' birth, the Apostles, and a great host of believers as well.

Let us look particularly at the latter group. Acts 8:4 says "they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word." They were not ordained ministers, and they didn't have pulpits; but they preached the good news, and they had results! Look again in Acts 11:19-21: "Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word (from Leleio: to speak) to none but unto the Jews only. And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Grecians, preaching (evangelizing) the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned to the Lord."

Look at that again! Here is a company of scattered believers, not formally commissioned to preach, who so effectively evangelized that they invaded the ranks of the Gentiles, started the work at Antioch, and through that launched Paul in his missionary ministry to the Western World! Today we could call them laymen, and we wouldn't expect them to preach at all. But they did, and through their preaching they spearheaded the great missionary movement that has reached unto us.

We desperately need that again now! Surely here is the greatest "bot-



# Who Are The Preachers?

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tleneck" today: the idea that nobody can preach unless they have a formal commission and a full-time office.

**To Proclaim:** Jesus and the Apostles were the primary preachers in this sense of the term. But again there is an exception. In Philippians 1:14-15, 18, there is this account: "And many of the brethren in the Lord (the original means most of the believers), waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak (from *Laleo*) the word without fear. Some indeed preach (from *Kerusso*) Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will: . . . What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretense, or in truth, Christ is preached (Katangelo); and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice."

Paul's method wherever he went was to initiate a movement of believer evangelism. (We could use the term "lay evangelism," but the contrast of ministers and laymen did not come from the scriptures.) We could study Thessalonica and Ephesus as thrilling examples. Here at Rome the same process was going into effective operation: most of the believers were becoming preachers! There were some whose motives were not pure; but Paul would much rather endure that than to stop the process which he was finding so effective.

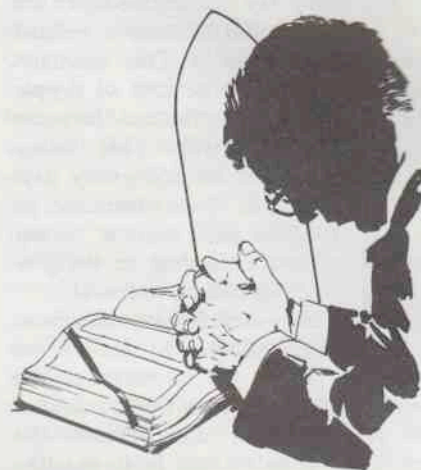
**To Speak:** It is a very general term, and refers to conversation. This is what the 120 did on the day of Pentecost: "we do hear them *speak* in our tongues the wonderful works of God" (Acts 2:11). It happened when some 5,000 were filled with the Holy Spirit some time later: "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they *spoke* the word of God with boldness" (Acts 4:31). (In both cases the word comes from *Laleo*, which is sometimes translated *preach*.)

**To Discourse:** When referring to the message of God's Word, this word is always used to indicate a logical argument with a view to persuasion. It is used often of St. Paul, but of no other person in the New Testament. He was the master logician. Interestingly, it was while he was so engaged at Troas that Eutychus fell out of the window and died. Paul, like some others since, "was long

preaching," (Acts 20:9) and young Eutychus just couldn't follow that much logic.

## Believers Were Preachers

Back to the question before us: Who are the preachers? It is quite evident from this study that, while there were specially designated and commissioned preachers, in some sense most of the believers became preachers. Through that kind of involvement, the church advanced with the Gospel. The members were not troubled about a call, and they were not designated pastors or evangelists in an official sense. But they kept preaching the good news, and the church kept moving forward as long as they did so. When such every-member involvement declines, the church loses the thrust of evangelism and increasing missions die without knowing of the Saviour. Surely we need a return to the practice of the New Testament—a practice that succeeded.



## MISSIONARY MESSAGE.....

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pair of plastic sandals to a needy Mother so that she could come to church and in the course of two weeks have seen those same sandals on the feet of the daughter of the woman, the two sons and at times she too was able to wear them. They were only one size so depending on who was wearing them at the time they were way too little or way too big! No matter, that way they each had their turn, and came to the services according to who could have the shoes that day.

Work crews on construction are known to change as that they are not the same each week. Well, how can that work out. It is confusing to say the least, but that way each group of men have a week when they and their families can eat too! How many shoes and how much food do you have?

And so the people on the mission field have taught me. I value little things, I want to guard my treasures by sending them on to heaven, I want to not worry so much about tomorrow but live one day at a time. I long to share what He has so richly given to me and to most of all share the news of His Wonderful salvation.

Haitians may not have much here in this life but they can teach us if we want to learn. Let us ask the Blessed Holy Ghost to help us to know what is the most important and to act accordingly. He gave all, let us pray that we may ever value the right things.

*satisfied with Jesus,*  
Bonnie Cleaver







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The old cliché, "April showers bring May flowers" is about to blossom into reality again! April in eastern Pennsylvania was a cold damp month and so it is with great expectation that we await the arrival of May flowers. There is something about this time of year that invigorates the child of God. The dead, dormant scenes of nature are replaced with bursting blossoms and beautiful blooms! New life is injected in the landscape as well as the "landscaper"! Robins return to their former place of lodging and the creeping, crawling and flying creatures of all shapes and sizes are bustling about with renewed vigor. Ah, yes, Spring!! Such a beautiful season of the year!

It is with deep appreciation that we begin this next segment of our time together. On behalf of the entire Home Missionary Department we would like to extend a heart felt "Thank You" to every church and individual who contributed to our special Easter offering! The Lord has been so gracious and you have been so kind to help us endeavor to pay for the trailer that was purchased in Donna, Texas! Every gift, large and small, has been deeply appreciated! So far, \$4,100.00 has been repaid to the individual who was so kind to lend us the \$9,000.00 needed to buy the mobile home. At least another \$1,000.00 has been promised and we are trusting the Lord to help us pay this bill in full by the first of June! Will you pray with us that it will be so? To those pastors who have not lifted a special offering for the project, it is not too late to do so! Let us hear from you by June 1st with your church's response to this special project!

Reports from Donna, Texas are en-

couraging. The work is moving forward and new territory is being reclaimed for the Lord Jesus Christ. The Palacios family is grateful for the new home that has been provided for them. They are certainly worthy of all that we as a denomination are able to do for them. They are tirelessly laboring and sowing the seed of the gospel among the less fortunate people in the Rio Grande Valley. I believe a great harvest of souls will be the result of the patient labors of the Palacios! We are planning to have a full report on the work in Texas in our May-June Alert Newsletter, so be watching for the exciting news in the next issue.

The Lord is helping in other areas of the Home Mission Department as well. It is the time of year for pastoral elections for our churches and that usually means a time of change in some areas. The Home Mission churches will be experiencing some changes in the coming year and we trust that you will help us pray for God's direction and leadership in this very important aspect of the church. Our prayer is that God will fit the right man with the right congregation in order to lift up the Cause of Christ. We will report at a later date as to exactly what changes there will be in our Department for the coming year.

I have been pondering in my mind and heart recently as to what is the single greatest need in the work of Home Missions today. Is it a better program or organization that is desperately needed? How about finances, for it seems the money situation is forever demanding our attention. Is it personality or super human performance that is needed? The emphatic answer to all of those questions is, "NO"!

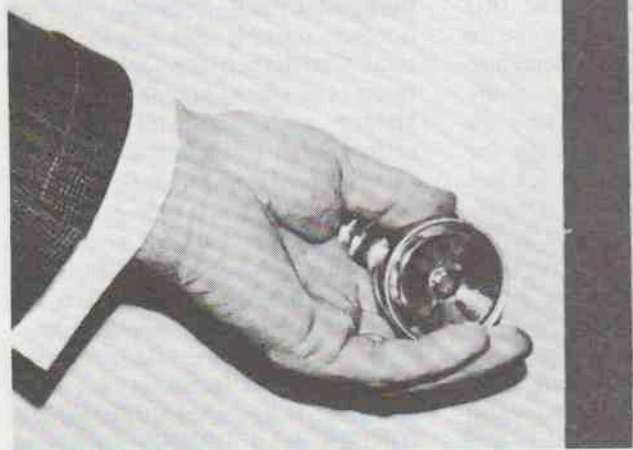
I believe the single greatest need in

this day is the experience of a "personal pentecost". It is the vital feature of this dispensation, the privilege afforded every born again child of God to be filled with the Holy Spirit! Not only is this experience attainable it is absolutely essential for the spiritual development of the believer. Pentecost past is a personal challenge to us to enjoy a pentecost present. The phrase found in the book of Acts, "To those who are afar off" does not mean that the message was only for people of that day, but it is to those in far-off places and far-off times. Proof that this experience is for you and I is that even though church hierarchy has backslidden across the years and tried to stamp out the reality of this experience, God raised up special men and women who organized congregations that still believed the experience possible and necessary for total Christian living. John Wesley broke the dark plague of church history with his Aldersgate experience and testimony of his heart being strangely warmed. God has had men and women in every generation who have heralded the grand proclamation of heart purity! It is my prayer in these hours just prior to the return of Christ that God will help us in the God's Missionary Church to proclaim the joyful sound to an aching, hurting, bleeding world, "THE COMFORTER HAS COME!" Might we have such a personal pentecost, so that we will not be able to contain the blessing, and joyfully share it with others. There is no substitute for it, nothing can take the place of it! The question I leave with you in closing, "Are you enjoying the experience of pentecost personally?" The very existence and future of the church depends on you and your relationship with God! God Bless You!!



# Doors Of The Bible

Dr. William S. Deal



## The Door of the Tabernacle

In ancient Israel before the days of the famous temples, there was a tabernacle, made of boards of wood, overlaid with gold, and covered with several kinds of coverings. It was placed inside a large rectangular court, comprised of a kind of paling which surrounded it, some fifteen feet high. This was the center of Jewish national worship in those days. There are so many interesting things about this

tabernacle, pre-figuring Christ and Christian experience, that everyone should make a study of it. However, here we can only look for a moment at the "door" of it.

First, this door faced the East. Since the east is where the sun rises and each day brings with it new hope, it speaks to us of the new hope which ancient Israel had in God. The tabernacle itself was God's expression in material fashion of His love for the willingness to help Israel; of His redemptive plan for their salvation; and of His promise of good things to come. It also reminds us that God is still the same. He holds out fresh hope for even those who despair if they but accept it. It may also speak of a "new day" for everyone who accepts God's sacrifice for sin, Jesus Christ. When we find Christ in heartfelt religion, a new day certainly begins in our lives.

Then, too, it was here that the humble Israelite brought his sacrifice. He could not enter into the tabernacle, but without the outer gate of the court he stood with his sacrifice. The Priest came out to him and inspected his sacrifice. If it was found blameless and of the right kind, the priest took it from his hand, the worshipper knew he was accepted! He did not have to wait even for the offering to be assured of his acceptance for he was sure that the priest would do this. How blessed it is today to know that the moment the penitent sinner gives himself up to Christ completely, the sacrifice has already been made in the person of Christ, and the sinner may know that he is "accepted in the Beloved!" Just as that ancient worshipper stood there and with joy watched the priest present his offering through the open gate leading into the tabernacle, so we today can rejoice in the forgiveness and cleansing which Christ provides, while we look towards the heavenly courts into which we have not yet entered.

But the worshipper did something else at the gate: he also took part in the worship. Sometimes he laid his hands upon the sin offering before the priest slew it, while confession of sin was made. Then as the offerings went on inside, he often prayed as he stood and waited there. While it is true that "Jesus paid it all," it is also true that we have a part in our salvation. We must come, repent, believe, obey, worship, and work for the Master if we expect to receive the benefits of His atonement for us.

It was at the door of the tabernacle that the burnt offering was made, the bullocks were killed, and other special offerings were made. So Christ was once offered for us, once and for all, outside the gates of the Jewish temple, and of heaven itself, here on earth. Just as the priest took that warm blood and entered into the tabernacle to make atonement for the sins of the people, so Christ, after His resurrection told Mary not to touch Him for He must ascend to God first. Beyond doubt He went into the tabernacle which is in heaven and there placed the blood upon the mercy seat before the throne, thus completing His redemptive work. Now the door of the tabernacle in heaven is open toward the whole race with mercy, forgiveness, and cleansing awaiting every soul who applies for it in Jesus' name. With such gracious provisions made for us, with Christ the great High Priest and Advocate of believers ever at the right hand of God, interceding for us, why should not Christians be the happiest and most secure people on earth! Standing as it were just outside the courts of heaven, looking in, we are now rejoicing in the light of that blessed tabernacle above, shining down in such gracious assurance upon us.





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Springtime greetings to you, our friends of Penn View! Mr. Webster says that a friend is "one attached to another; an intimate." Without you, our friends, there would be no Penn View Bible Institute and Academy. Your expressions of respect and appreciation for Christian training of youth is appreciated.

Our hearts were challenged by the recent Missionary Convention. Evangelical Wesleyan Missions director, Raymond Shreve, vividly portrayed the need of laborers in the whitened harvest fields around the world. He shared experiences of the rich reward the laborers are receiving—souls added to the Kingdom. Truly it is very rewarding to be faithful in sowing the Word of the Lord!

During the school year the Personal Evangelism students have been doing visitation work in local towns and the immediate area of our school. It is thrilling to hear of the interest shown to the students in these visits. Another area of outreach is ministry in nursing homes. Join with us in prayer for the students in their evangelism ministry.

The month of May is always a busy month here at Penn View. The annual auction on May 6 and 7 was again a big success. Many and varied were the items donated for auction and the very popular food stand, with all proceeds coming to P.V.B.I. Our thanks to all for their tremendous cooperation in this event. A special thanks to Raub Subs, Inc. for the food and other items donated for the sale.

We are looking forward with great anticipation to the year-end activities. The Junior-Senior Banquet, the Spring Concert, Baccalaureate and Commencement will be times of sharing achievements which were attained in this school year.

Rev. Terry Walker of Chattanooga, TN, will present the sermon at the Baccalaureate service and will address the seniors on Commencement day.

Looking ahead, the male quartet will be ministering in camps and churches throughout the USA this summer. Pray with us for a profitable summer with many won to the Lord.

Penn View is people helping people, all under the instruction of the inspired Word of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We welcome you to write to our administration office for a packet of information concerning the ministry of P.V.B.I. Penn View prepares students for active Christian service.



## Student of the Month May 1988



Esther Kunselman leads the children in another round of "Boys and Girls for Jesus." Then they all play the "spy game" to memorize a verse of Scripture. She is doing what her heart delights in most—working

with children. Whether it is a children's service, a Christian school classroom, a church, a playground, or just a casual acquaintance on the sidewalk, Esther loves to be with children. When asked about her life's ambition, she responds, "To be a friend to children." Like her Master, she always has time for these "little people."

Esther came to Penn View in the fall of 1983 with the intention of doing the one-year Certificate in Bible. She laughs, "It's been a long year!" The truth is, she enjoyed the first year and she felt the Lord leading her to continue her studies. Initially, she planned to study Child Evangelism. There are two main ways to do this at Penn View: 1) Take the Advanced Diploma in Biblical Studies and fill in the electives with courses in Child Evangelism and teaching, 2) Take the Advanced Diploma in Christian Education (Elementary major) and fill in the electives with Bible and Child Evangelism. Esther chose the second route, much more difficult than the first. Right now she is finishing up the last few requirements from a full semester of Student Teaching. She will be an excellent teacher.

Her father is a pastor in the Allegheny Wesleyan Methodist Church in Smithport, Pennsylvania. She has two brothers and two sisters. Both brothers and one sister are now in Bible School (two of them at Allegheny Wesleyan College, Salem, Ohio).

How did the Lord lead Esther to Penn View? The first year after graduating from high school, she stayed home, helping around the house and in the little country church her father pastors. During that year, she attended a Penn View choir service. "Prior to that," she says, "I had thought somewhat about attending Bible School to take some Child Evangelism. After being in that service, the Lord just seemed to speak to me, and I knew that I was to go to Penn View. I'm glad I obeyed the leading of the Lord. His way is best!"

Esther has been on the Work Program most of the way through school. That has not been easy. She testifies, "Among the many lessons I have learned has been that when I thought 'I can't,' I really could—through the strength Christ gives. I have learned to depend on Him more."

Where will she be in the fall? Only the Lord knows. Several doors are open, the Esther is praying for direction. Will it be in the United States or Mexico? We'll have to wait and see.



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July 4 — 2:30 P.M.  
Penn View Bible Institute  
July 10 — 2:30 P.M.  
Opening Service  
July 1 — 7:30 P.M.



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Breakfast ..... 8:00 A.M.  
Youth Service ..... 10:30 A.M.  
Noon Meal ..... 12:00 P.M.  
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