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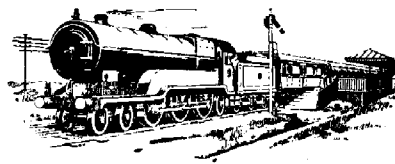
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## AND FOURSQUARE REVIVALIST

The Elim Foursquare Gospel Alliance was founded by Principal George Jeffreys, its present leader, in Ireland, in the year 1915. The Principal's campaigns have filled to overflowing the largest halls in the British Isles, and have resulted in many thousands of converts to Christ, and notable miracles of healing. The Movement consists of Elim Revival and Healing Campaigns, Elim Foursquare Gospel Churches and Ministers, Elim Bible College, Elim



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## Preparation—Presentation—Satisfaction

By Principal P. G. PARKER

“**T**HEY shall not appear before the Lord *empty*” (Deut. xvi. 16).  
 “None shall appear before Me *empty*” (Exodus xxiii. 15).

“And none shall appear before Me *empty*” (Exodus xxxiv. 20).

“Thou shalt take of the first of all the fruit of the earth . . . and shalt put it in a basket, and shalt go unto the place which the Lord Thy God shall choose to place His name there. . . . And thou shalt set it before the Lord thy God, and worship before the Lord thy God” (Deut. xxvi. 2, 10).

Lack of time does not permit us to go into all the details in connection with Israel's worship. But a general idea is conveyed in the scriptures above. They were not to appear before God empty. They were to present before God baskets of firstfruits. They were to worship.

In their worship there was to be *preparation*. They were not allowed to idly stroll into God's presence and then just as idly walk away again. Broadly speaking they had to take with them an animal offering of a sacrifice and the offering of a gift. This giving to God necessitated much preparation. The animal and the fruit required careful selection.

Then there was *presentation*. The solemn happy moment came when the prepared sacrifice and gift were offered.

That was followed by *satisfaction*. The worshippers went home with gladness of heart knowing that they had worshipped God according to His plan.

With us to-day the same order should prevail. There should be

Preparation for Worship.  
 Presentation of Worship.  
 Satisfaction after Worship.

Our special worship meeting is the Sunday morning communion service. Then we gather at the communion table (the visible thing) in order to worship the in-

visible God. For such worship there must be first of all:

*Preparation.* There is a general preparation. It should be the preparation of the heart during the whole week. But there should also be special preparation. When does that special preparation begin? I should say, generally speaking, on Saturday night. Many a Sunday morning is spoiled on Saturday night. On the other hand a well spent and wisely ordered Saturday night will prepare the way for a beautiful Sunday morning. That special preparation is continued on Sunday morning. We get up in time to avoid rush. We get up in time to allow for the unexpected. We get up in time to be at the Lord's house promptly at the appointed time. Occasionally special and justifiable causes of delay may arise, but such times should be very rare. Habitual lateness will destroy the atmosphere of worship, just as cold water poured upon a blazing fire will destroy its heat.

Sunday morning worship is more vital than school and business. A child would not think of being late for school except under most exceptional circumstances. Neither would a person think of being late for business. How much more should we be in time at the Lord's house. Of the Saviour it was said, “*When the hour was come He sat down with the twelve.*”

Then at the precise moment there comes *presentation of our worship*. We do not bring with us an animal offering as the Israelite did. We do not present a material lamb. But we present before God His own Lamb which was slain for us. In other words as soon as we come before God we begin to present to Him the name of Jesus Christ. It is the only name we can present. It is the only name suitable for sinners. We cannot present the name of any denomination. None of these things will give us access to God. There is only one name—it is the name of the atoning Lamb of God. It is the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We also present before God our basket of firstfruits. How shall we describe the basket—for the basket itself

is as important as the fruit. It is suggested in that harvest hymn we sing so frequently :

We thank Thee, then, O Father,  
For all things bright and good,  
The seed-time and the harvest,  
Our life, our health, our food.  
Accept the gifts we offer,  
For all Thy love imparts,  
And what Thou most desirest,  
Our humble, thankful hearts.

"What Thou most desirest, Our humble, thankful hearts." Yes, that is it. The basket is our humble, thankful heart. But what is in the basket? What is the fruit therein? It is suggested in Galatians v. 22 : "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance."

In the basket of our hearts this ninefold fruit of the Spirit should appear. Express it this way if you like : The pears of love, the apples of joy, the bananas of peace, the figs of longsuffering, the apricots of gentleness, the oranges of goodness, the peaches of faith, the pineapples of meekness, the grapes of self-control.

## A Voice from the Pew

By Miss W. J. BRAND

**T**HERE are many voices. The world is filled with voices ; beautiful and blatant ; charming and corrupting. Voices raised in accord ; voices raised in discord. And the Church? Many voices ! Within her portals can be heard much jargon ; a medley of tongues like the sound of running waters. From her pulpit comes forth a torrent of words . . . words . . . words ! Her pew is silent. The pulpit speaks and the pew listens. The pulpit is the voice ; the pew is the ear.

The writer can recall with much gratefulness when the words of the preacher have moved the heart, given the soul a vision and left the life soft and yielding to the touch of the Master. Again the writer can recall with reluctance when the preacher's words have been cold and have failed to touch the heart but rather have left a hunger unappeased and a need unmet. With such thoughts in mind I am constrained to pen the following and I ask to be heard as a voice—"A Voice from the Pew!" I offer no apology, but let the words be received with the same spirit of love with which they are given.

Now that we have the opportunity to voice our thoughts we would speak boldly as we ought to speak. We have listened to preachers and preachers ; we have heard sermons and sermons. How often we have been disappointed and disquieted and with thoughts confused and hearts disturbed we have come away wondering if the preacher has known why we came to hear him. Did he not know that we had a longing? "Sir,

**WE WOULD SEE JESUS!"**

Has the preacher never fully realised that the Lord has said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel!" "Preach the gospel!" If so, what meaneth the arguments, debates, tearing of others to bits, high-sounding fallacies we have had to listen to?

It is when our hearts are thus filled with the fruit of the Spirit that worship becomes spiritually natural. It is not forced. It rises as naturally as vapour rises from the green earth under the influence of the rising sun.

If we come before God filled with self, or filled with thoughts about others there will be no worship. But if we come before God filled with the Spirit of Christ there will be fragrant worship.

The result of all this will be :

*Satisfaction.* We shall leave the house of God satisfied. Of the Ethiopian eunuch it was said that after being baptised he went on his way rejoicing. Why? Because he had done the will of God. Doing the will of God always leads to joy. If we worship according to God's plan then we too will go on our way satisfied—rejoicing.

Finally let it be said, An ideal prayer meeting is not one in which we talk about prayer, but one in which we pray. An ideal worship meeting is not one in which we talk about worship, but one in which we worship. Worship, not talking about worship, is the ideal. Therefore—let us worship.

The preacher has spoken about almost everything under the sun and after airing and parading his knowledge before us he tells us with a few stunted words at the end to look to Jesus. How can we? He has built before us a huge barricade and we cannot climb up nor can we see over the top. He forgets the injunction that he must decrease and that Jesus must increase. Has he never heard the words of Jesus? "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me" (John xii. 32). Seems not! Or else he has forgotten. So many preachers miss the mark and fail here. They forget that Jesus must be uplifted and it is the uplifted Christ who draws men to Himself. We cannot see Jesus if He is not given all the pre-eminence. Give all to Jesus ; live for Jesus and you will talk about Jesus. Then we shall get our heart's desire—"We shall see Jesus!"

"Preach the gospel!" And is not the gospel just Jesus? He is its centre, its body, its life, its essence. Philip of old had one message. "He preached . . . Jesus!" (Acts viii. 35). Paul determined not to know any save Jesus Christ. He preached Christ and Him crucified (I. Cor. i. 23 ; ii. 2). Woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!" (I. Cor. ix. 16). Likewise also the disciples "went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them and

### CONFIRMING THE WORD

with signs following" (Mark xvi. 20). If the apostles of the early Church had one mission—to preach Jesus, why do modern ministers serve us with such whims and fancies ; pretty bubbles which burst before the pin of practice? They talk and talk and still the unheeded cry of hungry hearts beats clamorously against barred doors—"Tell us . . . tell us about Jesus!" Give us the old-time gospel in the old-time power and then and only then will they see the old-time

results. Let them consider well the words of Paul the mighty; a stalwart of the faith, "Though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed" (Gal. i. 8, 9).

"Preach the Word!" A preacher to be a good minister of Jesus Christ should be nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine. How many addresses we listen to are but an endless list of quotations from books with perhaps a scripture text stuck on to give it a label. They need to hear a few hints from the apostle: "Neither give heed to fables, and endless genealogies." "Avoid profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so-called." We would have a man who receives his messages from the Throne; in the prayer closet and not the Public Library. On his knees before God with only an open Bible in his hand and the Spirit of God his Teacher. We do not despise learning and the writings of men, but scholarship must never come before the Holy Spirit. He teaches all things and takes of

#### THE THINGS OF JESUS

and reveals them. He is the Spirit of Truth and He guides into all truth and glorifies the Christ. Why do preachers set aside the commands of Jesus? Why do they not allow the Holy Spirit to fulfil His mission? Alas, they seem quite content with what other men have thought and said and seek not God's thoughts. They use second-hand material and all the while, if they but sought to learn, God waits to show "great and mighty things, which they know not" (Jer. xxxiii. 3). Moses must come unto God in the mount, and be there, ere he can go forth and teach the children of Israel (Exodus xxiv. 12). Ezekiel must hear the Word at God's mouth before he warns others (Ezek. xxxiii. 7). The Lord must put His words in the mouth of Jeremiah and then he can be the prophet of Jehovah. The disciples must be with Jesus before He sends them to preach (Mark iii. 14). And the preacher to-day must get down before God and hear Him speak ere he goes forth with "Thus saith the Lord!" Let his words be made potent by prayer and the power of the Holy Ghost and then shall he be able to speak with authority. None shall then be able to gainsay nor resist and from our lips shall come the worthy admission, "We know that thou art a man of God, and that the Word of the Lord in thy mouth is truth" (I. Kings xvii. 24).

And we do not want to be entertained. We do not want to be made laugh like the worldling at a third-rate show. We want to be encouraged, helped and cheered by God's pure Word. Yet, alas, how often so many so-called sermons are made up of so much buffoonery and the preacher acts more like a common jester than a servant of

#### THE MOST HIGH GOD.

We do not condemn a smile. We realise the value of simple illustrations. They are like little windows to let the light in. But let them be something above vulgarity, pure and lovely, and not base and questionable. Our dear Lord spoke often in parables but He never resorted to worldly filth to furnish an illustration. His words were good and pure,

spirit and life, and with power. How much there is to be learned from the greatest of all preachers, even Jesus Christ. "Never man spake like this Man!" (John vii. 46).

Nor do we want our ears tickled with pretty tales. If we must be rebuked or admonished then let us have it. But do not stand like some paragon of righteousness and bellow at us as if we were the dust beneath your feet. We shall remain unmoved and hard and indifferent. But just be humble and loving and we shall be broken and melted. Who can stand before the power of love! The blessed Master Himself won men by love, not by condemnation. Paul said he was nothing if he had not love. "Love never faileth." I. Cor. xiii. is good for the pulpit as well as the pew. **Lofty**

#### TEN YEARS AGO

*On January 8th, 1927, Principal George Jeffreys commenced his campaign in the Corn Exchange, Rochester. As a result of this campaign the present Foursquare Gospel Church was established, and still remains as a permanent witness to the power of God to save and heal.*

*On January 14th, 1927, the first of a regular series of Friday evening Foursquare Gospel Rallies was held in the Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street. Fragments of the report of that gathering stir up many fragrant memories: "The Great Hall was well filled. The volume of singing . . . wonderful. How hearts pulsed with praise to Him as He spoke through the gifts of the Spirit, and through His messengers. God set His seal in a wonderful way on this day's services."*

arrogance will often bring out the worst in us but love will ever bring out the best and our desire shall be to be like the Lord you tell us about.

Do be human! Some are unto us pillars of stone. The stiffness of their words make us likewise. Be natural and be one of us. How often

#### THE PREACHER'S ATTITUDE

has been one of aloofness and we have felt him far away. Be yourself and come down to our level. Let us feel you are one with us and not from us. The writer remembers at this moment hearing a dear servant of God preach at a Bible School held at a holiday resort last year. The very remembrance of those studies given then never fails to arouse in the heart a joyous thankfulness to God for the blessings accrued. The preacher was so practical as he expounded the Word. One sensed that the man was giving part of himself in his expositions. He made the Book to live; to be so real. The blessed result was that the listener was strengthened in the faith, and love for the Bible was deepened and intensified and the Christ was brought so near and made so wonderfully dear and precious. His preaching had that personal touch about it and one could feel that here was a man who had practised and proved what he preached; what he spoke of was within our grasp if we followed the precepts of God's Word. The example of Paul in Acts xiv.

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# Principal and Party at Camberwell

By ADELAIDE HENDERSON

"And the Lord added to the Church daily such as should be saved."—Acts ii. 47

"**G**OD is offering to you men and women in this meeting an experience grander and more wonderful than any you have ever yet known. He is opening the door for you into a new world, where He will no longer be the God afar off, but the God nigh at hand. He is asking you to receive the best thing this world could ever offer you. Repent! Forsake sin! Accept this glorious gift of eternal life and God will clothe you with power from on high to live an overcoming life."

The atmosphere without was damp and cold. Fog encircled the city with its icy mantle. Inside a lofty, tastefully decorated Presbyterian Church at Camberwell, London, an eager company of people sat alert and interested, drinking in the above terse, direct, soul-awakening utterance, and well over three hundred of them responded to the challenge and were soundly converted. Archbishop Magee once said in effect many years ago that England will never be governed by the Sermon on the Mount until we have "a regenerated humanity." It is into the building of this strong and reliable foundation "a regenerated humanity" that Principal George Jeffreys is putting the forceful eloquence of Calvary passion and Calvary love in his outstanding ministry as a revivalist in these last days. What

## CHARACTERISED THIS CAMPAIGN

is that which is so striking in all his campaigns. The message that the revivalist carries is a full one and *he holds nothing back*. With what patient earnestness night after night did he show his hearers that bodily healing is to-day, and always has been, part of Christ's glorious gospel of salvation, that He can still restore health to organs that are diseased and weak; but that they must first crown Him as Saviour and Lord of their lives, and be truly born again of God's Spirit.

Critics who attend these revival campaigns have to admit that Principal Jeffreys is faithful to God in his ministry, in that he tries to guard the weak-minded from accepting salvation in order to be healed. The serious side of bartering with God for their salvation is shown forth. They are shown that as individuals they have the power to choose, that the power to choose makes their will the supreme abitrator of their eternal destiny, and that the most tremendous issues of life are not expressed in words but in choices. The deep hush in the silence that followed some of the speaker's anointed utterances was most impressive. One could feel that the Divine Heartsearcher was at

work in the lives of His own as well as in the lives of the unsaved. They were

## DEEP CREATIVE MOMENTS

holding in them decisions for eternity.

Nothing was held back. The Principal expounded clearly and fearlessly from God's Word the subject of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, inviting and encouraging all who wanted God's power from on high to retire to the minor hall and wait before God in prayer and praise for this endowment, while he ministered to the sick in the church. So it happened that while God was healing and quickening sick and tired bodies as the Principal prayed and laid hands upon them in the church, the Holy Spirit was baptising souls with a real Acts ii. experience in the minor hall. Not a few rejoiced that in a quiet, reverent, and orderly fashion, yet with mighty anointings these believers received the drenchings of the Latter Rain and went away drunk with the new wine of the Kingdom. In a revival campaign like this where the power of God is falling through the ministry of the Word, it will always be found, as it was at Camberwell, that seekers for God's power come into the waiting meetings already so much under the

## ANOINTING OF THE SPIRIT,

that they quickly and beautifully receive their Pentecost. It was so on Whit-Monday of last year in the Royal Albert Hall. At the close of the Principal's mightily anointed evening message men and women were so drenched with Holy Ghost power that soon as they knelt down in the seeking meetings that followed they were baptised with the Holy Ghost and with freedom and power spoke clearly and quietly in other tongues.

But to return to Camberwell there was a singularly beautiful touch in the ministry and in the meetings all through the campaign. Believers with the light of a new joy in their faces told of the setting up of the "family altar" in their homes as a result of the blessing received at the meetings. Some long-established Christians living in the district scarcely missed a meeting throughout the campaign, and testified to a very deep change in their home life and their Christian life. Camberwell campaign marked the dawning of a new day for them in their spiritual experience. The meetings are still continuing in the same church under the supervision as well as the personal ministry of Pastors W. G. Hathaway and E. C. W. Boulton, assisted by other ministers and helpers of the Elim Alliance.

# From Here, There, and Everywhere

## OUR NEW KING

IT was a great pleasure to know that on the Sunday following the King's accession he and a number of the Royal Family attended Divine Service. This was announced in a *Court Circular*—the first announcement of its kind since King George V. died.

## A STRIKING BOOK

*The Song of the Shepherd King* (R. C. Burr, author) is a very interesting book which we have just read on the 23rd Psalm. There are a number of topical passages in the book, some of which we are glad to share with our readers.

## THE SHEPHERD'S CLUB

"The shepherd would have a rod or club made of solid oak and studded with nails, which in the hands of a determined man was a most formidable weapon. This club David would attach to his girdle—which every shepherd wears—made of a wide strip of strong leather. This club is the simple origin of the royal sceptre which comes from a Hebrew word *shaiwet*, meaning sceptre. When the shepherds became kings, as they did in Egypt, they took the club, or sceptre, with them on the throne, and the club has become the sceptre of kings ever since."

When King George V. was crowned in Westminster Abbey he was holding to all intents and purposes the club of the 23rd Psalm. On receiving the sceptre with the cross—the ensign of kingly power and justice, and the sceptre with the dove—the rod of equity and mercy—the Archbishop says: "Be so merciful that you be not too remiss; so execute justice that you forget not mercy. Punish the wicked, protect and cherish the just, and lead your people in the way wherein they should go."

## THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF

"The shepherd carries a staff as well as a rod or club, which is sometimes bent or hooked at the end, and gave rise to the shepherd's crook, or crozier, in the hand of a Christian bishop. It is used by the shepherd to guide or pull back a sheep should it go too near the edge of a precipice; and also to extricate a sheep if caught in a thicket of sharp thorns, which are very common in the East; and also to test the ground for a morass or marshy ground, which is often met with in the rainy season, and is dangerous for the sheep."

## KING GEORGE V. AND FAMILY LIFE

"The foundations of our national glory are set in the homes of the people. They will remain unshaken while the family life of our race and nation is strong, simple and pure."

## THE CORONATION AND THE BIBLE

"The Archbishop of Canterbury lamented in his speech at the Tercentenary meeting of the Authorised Version at the Albert Hall, that it was not studied in family life as hitherto. He remarked: 'In this Coronation year when it will be my sacred privilege to present our English Bible to our King (George VI.),

at the most solemn moment of his life, "as the most valuable thing that this world affords," I would like to feel assured, and I think I do, that a fresh stimulus is being given in our families and homes to the quiet study of the English Bible.'"

"At the Coronation the Archbishop of Canterbury addressed King George V. thus, 'Our gracious King: We present you with this book, the most valuable thing that the world affords. Here is wisdom; this is the royal law; these are the lively oracles of God. Blessed is he that readeth and they that hear the words of this Book, that keep and do the things contained in it. For these are the words of Eternal Life, able to make you wise and happy in this world—nay wise unto salvation and so happy for evermore, through faith which is in Christ Jesus, to whom be glory for evermore.'"

## AMERICA AND THE BIBLE

"The first official trial of the pneumatic tube for mail transit in America was made in the Philadelphia Post Office in 1893 in the presence of a hundred distinguished persons. The Postmaster-General, after declaring that the system meant rapid communication between cities all over the world, sent through the tube a Bible wrapped in an American flag and a message which he composed as the initial package. The message read as follows: 'The first pneumatic postal tube in the United States is to send through it a copy of the Holy Scriptures, the greatest message ever given to the world. Covering the Bible is the American flag, the emblem of the freedom of sixty-five millions of happy people.'"

## KING GEORGE V. AND THE BIBLE

"To an influential deputation that waited upon the King at Buckingham Palace, headed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and representing the various religious interests in the country, to present His Majesty with a copy of the marvellous Book, which itself was a work of art and bore a suitable inscription on the cover, the King replied in words that ought to be written in letters of gold.

"During 300 years the multiplying millions of the English-speaking races, spreading ever more widely over the surface of the globe, have turned in their need to the grand simplicity of the Authorised Version, and have drawn upon its inexhaustible springs of wisdom, courage and joy. It is my confident hope, confirmed by the widespread interest your movement has aroused, that my subjects may never cease to cherish their noble inheritance in the English Bible, which in a secular aspect is the first of national treasures, and is as you truly say in its spiritual significance "the most valuable thing that the world affords.""

## CORONATION, 1937

Our earnest prayer is that the Coronation of this year will as much—and even more—exalt the Word of God. Righteousness exalteth a nation. Sin is a reproach to any people. The Bible has made England great. It can make us greater.



# Sanctified

FRANCES R. HAVERGAL.

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1. Church of God, be-lov'd and cho-sen, Church of God for whom Christ died,  
2. By His will He sanc-ti-fi-eth, By the Spi-rit's pow'r with-in;  
3. Ho-li-ness by faith in Je-sus, Not by ef-fort of thine own,  
4. He will sanc-ti-fy thee whol-ly; Bo-dy, spi-rit, soul shall be

Ch: In thy gifts and praise the Giv-er! 'Ye are wash'd and sancti-fied,'  
By the lov-ing hand that chast'neth, Fruits of righteousness to win;  
Sin's do-mi-nion crush'd and bro-ken, By the pow'r of grace a-lone;  
Blameless till thy Saviour's com-ing In His glorious ma-jes-ty!

Sanc-ti-fied, by God the Fa-ther, And by Je-sus Christ His Son,  
By His truth, and by His pro-mise, By His Word, His Gift un- priced,  
God's own ho-li-ness with-in thee, His own beau-ty on thy brow,  
He hath per-fect-ed for e-ver Those whom He hath sanc-ti-fied;

And by God the Ho-ly Spi-rit, Ho-ly, ho-ly Three in One.  
By His blood, and by our u-nion With the ri-sen life of Christ,  
This shall be thy pil-grim bright-ness, This thy bless-ed por-tion now.  
Spot-less, glo-ri-ous and ho-ly Is the Church, His chosen Bride.

REFRAIN.

Hal-le-lu-jah! what a Sa-viour! He who for our sins hath died;  
Hal-le-lu-jah! what a Sa-viour! Now in Him we're sanc-ti-fied.

# Bible Study Helps

## THE VOICE OF GOD

The spoken voice of God is mentioned three times in connection with the life of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**I. The Voice of Proclamation, at His Baptism** (Matt. iii. 17; Mark i. 11; Luke iii. 22).

1. Approval of "hidden years."
2. Induction into public ministry.
3. Setting aside of the baptiser.

**II. The Voice of Confirmation, on the Mount** (Matt. xvii. 5; Mark ix. 7; Luke ix. 35).

1. Approval of ministry.
2. Announcement of exodus.
3. His superiority to prophets (the old dispensation).

**III. The Voice of Glorification at the Feast** (John xii. 28, 30).

1. Exaltation of sacrifice (vv. 25, 26).
2. Comfort in need (v. 27).
3. Confusion (v. 29); judgment (vv. 30-33).

## THE ASCENSION OF CHRIST

(Luke xxiv. 50, 51)

**I. The Saviour's Last Act on Earth.**

1. To bless was in harmony with His mission and work in the world (v. 50; John xv. 16).

2. It showed the constancy of His love (John xiii. 1).

3. It was intended to encourage confidence and hope (Acts i. 11).

**II. The Saviour's Ascension to Heaven.**

1. The event had been predicted (Psa. lxxviii. 18).

2. It was witnessed by the disciples (Acts i. 9).

**III. The Purpose of Christ's Ascension.**

1. He ascended as the representative of His people and took possession of heaven on their behalf (John xiv. 2, 3; Heb. ix. 11, 12).

2. He ascended that He might fulfil the promise of the Holy Spirit (John xv. 26; xvi. 7).

3. He ascended that He might be an intercessor of His people (Heb. iv. 14; Heb. ix. 24; I. John ii. 1).

## GOD FOR US

(Rom. viii. 31)

1. **Loved** by the Father (II. Thess. ii. 16).
2. **Blessed** by the Father (Eph. i. 3).
3. **Chosen** by the Father (Eph. i. 4).
4. **Predestinated** by the Father (Eph. i. 5).
5. **Drawn** by the Father (John vi. 44).
6. **Begotten** by the Father (I. Pet. i. 3).
7. **Delivered** by the Father (Col. i. 13).

## ANONYMOUS GIFTS

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# FAMILY ALTAR



The Scripture Union Daily Portions. Meditations by Pastor J. SMITH

**Sunday, January 10th.** Josh. vii. 1-15.

"Israel hath sinned" (verse 11).

We may think that one sin is a small thing, but here we find that it is the cause of the death of thirty-six men, and if it had not been dealt with would have been the cause of the death of thousands. Joshua was a wise captain, and he did not accept defeat as a matter of course, but calling together the elders of Israel they gave themselves to intensive prayer, and soon received an answer as to the cause of the defeat; and not only an answer, but directions as to how the cause could be remedied. O, that the spirit of Joshua was more mighty in our midst to-day, that there was more heart-searching as to why we are not victorious in our march forward to claim the promises of God in our glorious blood-bought inheritance.

PRAYER TOPIC:

That a real forward move may take place throughout the Elim Churches during 1937.

**Monday, January 11th.** Josh. vii. 16-26.

"So the Lord turned from the fierceness of His anger" (verse 26).

Alas, that sin is to-day looked upon with such a benign smile. No wonder there is such a lack of power in the Church of Jesus Christ. It is a fact attested to by the experience of all the faithful servants of God, that as we grow in holiness we also grow in our hatred of sin. Although we may pity the sinner, as the Lord does, yet we must abhor his practices. Let us remember that Jesus Christ loved righteousness and hated iniquity, and for this reason God anointed Him with the oil of gladness above His fellows. Alas, that the love of God has been so misrepresented by many of the preachers of the present day and made to appear as something which smiles sympathetically and with complacency on the evils of this age; whereas His love is represented in the Bible as making the supreme sacrifice to put away sin and bring in everlasting righteousness.

PRAYER TOPIC:

That all those now seeking to be immersed in the Holy Ghost may be filled and flooded with Divine power.

**Tuesday, January 12th.** Josh. viii. 1-13.

"Take all the people of war with thee" (verse 1).

We know that on the former occasion only a small number of the men of war were sent up to take the city. They took victory for granted, but there was a disastrous defeat. While it is quite true that their defeat was not due to their numerical weakness, yet it is evident that such an arrangement was not in the

will of the Lord. I have seen too much of this same spirit manifested in our day: taking victory for granted. I have also noticed on such occasions a lack of whole-hearted co-operation on the part of the whole church. The finest indication of blessing that I know is when the entire congregation rise to the importance of the situation, and with one consent unite their prayers and their sympathies that the name of the Lord may be glorified.

PRAYER TOPIC:

For great blessing in all the foreign mission stations where our Elim missionaries are labouring.

**Wednesday, January 13th.** Josh. viii. 14-23.

"I will give it into thine hand" (verse 18).

How different was the taking of Ai to that of Jericho. The methods employed were those of modern strategy. This reveals to us the fact that we should not always be expecting God to do everything for us along the line of miracle. On the contrary God more frequently uses your mind, filling it with thoughts, plans and purposes to carry out His intentions. As we follow the course of conquest in the land of Canaan we will find that their victories were accomplished by good hard fighting, and although God wrought with them, yet He did not do it for them by Himself. So God will work with you to drive out everything that tries to hinder your possessing your full divine inheritance, but you must fight against them as well, and that with your whole heart and soul and mind and strength.

PRAYER TOPIC:

That the touch of God may be upon all campaigns now in progress.

**Thursday, January 14th.** Josh. viii. 24-35.

"Mount Gerizim . . . Mount Ebal" (verse 33).

In my Bible Dictionary I read the following about these two places. "Ebal and Gerizim are two hills near Shechem, with a valley of about 200 paces between them. Ebal is on the north, and has a top extremely bare and barren; Gerizim is on the south, and was extremely verdant and fertile. On these mountains the Hebrews were ranked, six tribes on each, who echoed Amen to the blessings and curses pronounced by the priests, in the valley between the two." We are called to be "A Royal Priesthood," we are standing in a valley between the hill of blessing and the hill of cursing. As it was then even so it is now, the path

of obedience is the path of blessing. Let it be emphasised over again it was not so much relationship as obedience which insured the blessings of Israel, and it is the same to-day.

PRAYER TOPIC:

Praise for blessed times of spiritual refreshing in the special "watchnight services" throughout the country.

**Friday, January 15th.** Josh. ix. 1-15.

"And Joshua . . . made a league with them" (verse 15).

Paul tells us that the things which befell the Israelites were our examples, that we might not make the same mistakes which they made. Here we have a very common mistake. Israel is on the march, in their midst is the mighty God of heaven and earth, before them lies a path of victory, there is no power able to withstand them. The news spreads abroad, and their enemies quake with fear. But here the victory is made less complete. Flushed with success, they do not stop to ask counsel of God when faced with a difficult problem. They go ahead, make a solemn league, pledge their word, and are committed thereby. Alas, in so doing they have curtailed their own inheritance, the enemies of the Lord will live in it instead; they have made for themselves a chain and must be bound by it. Never compromise with any old inhabitant of the good land into which the Lord has brought you.

PRAYER TOPIC:

For the Divine anointing to rest upon the various publications sent forth by the Elim Publishing Co., from time to time.

**Saturday, January 16th.** Josh. ix. 16-27.

"The Lord thy God commanded His servant Moses to give you all the land" (verse 24).

As it was the will of God that Israel should possess all the land promised them by God, so it is the will of our God that we should possess all the land promised us by Jesus Christ. Here is the promise and the land: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto My Father." In the last clause He refers to His going away that the Comforter might come. The Holy Spirit poured out was the Promise of the Father realised. What a wondrously rich land the Holy Ghost has brought us into. Alas, that we see so few possessing it. In this land there are the nine gifts of the Holy Spirit, the fruit of the Spirit, the glory of God, the power of God, yea, and the fulness of God. If you examine the nine gifts of the Spirit, you will find that the entire ministry of Jesus is included in them.

PRAYER TOPIC:

That God's hand of power may rest upon all our Elim Local Preachers in their efforts to extend the Kingdom of God.

The splendid picture of Anne Hathaway's Cottage which appears on the cover of this issue of the "Elim Evangel" was taken by Pastor P. N. Corry.

# The Approaching Tribulation

THE prophet Isaiah, speaking by the Holy Spirit, makes this declaration—

“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me : because the Lord hath anointed Me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent Me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn.”

This prediction is threefold. The Holy Spirit lays down the lines which bound three great periods of time.

These are the proclamation of (1) the Acceptable Year of the Lord corresponding to the Age known as the Dispensation of the Grace which has about run its course; (2) the Day of Vengeance of our God, corresponding to the Tribulation period, which is still future; and (3) to comfort all who mourn, corresponding to the millennial age, or dispensation which follows the awful Tribulation.

We call attention to the words of Christ relative to this present dispensation which still continues. Luke iv. 16 to 21 reads: “And He [Christ] came to Nazareth where He had been brought up and as His custom was, He went

## into the Synagogue

on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. And there was delivered unto Him the book (the synagogue scroll) of the prophet (Isaiah). And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written,—

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor: He hath sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord. And He closed the book, and He gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on Him. And He began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.”

It is to be observed that Christ paused abruptly in the midst of reading from the prediction by the prophet Isaiah. Scholars tell us that according to the original text, He stopped reading at a comma. We know that commas are never used for closing sentences but for setting off phrases, clauses and breaking up sentences generally. In this connection

there is something that follows the comma—the day of vengeance of our God.

God has had a definite purpose throughout this Age of Grace which is specifically mentioned in the fifteenth chapter of the book of The Acts. That purpose is the taking of a people for His name out of all the nations.

As surely as the prophecy of Isaiah came to pass regarding the opening of the period of time known as the Acceptable Year of the Lord, which still continues, just so surely will the remainder of the prophecy come to pass—the Day of Vengeance of our God. Yes, tribulation for this world is certain, and we may be nearer the day when it will officially begin than many now realise.

Let us look for a moment to a few of the many scriptures which have to do with the

## I.—FACT OF TRIBULATION.

The Spirit of God, through Daniel the prophet, makes this statement—

“And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time, and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.”

Jesus Christ repeated this statement in these words: “For then shall be

### Great Tribulation,

such as was not since the beginning of the world, to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.”

The book of the Revelation, chapters vi. to xix., offers a detailed unfolding of this awful tribulation. It is that period of time when Israel as a nation passes under the rod; that period of time spoken of as “Jacob's Trouble”; the time when Israel is cast into the melting pot to be refined as gold is refined.

In the second place let us observe how this period of

## II.—TRIBULATION COMES UPON THE WORLD —SLOWLY OR SUDDENLY?

Scripture compares the Tribulation to the travail, or birth pains, coming upon a woman with

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child shortly before she brings the new life to birth. There is the "first" or "distant" pain which is a signal to her that the anticipated event is about to take place. Then everything seemingly quiets down and she goes on about her work with no unusual distress.

In many cases considerable time elapses, frequently hours and in some cases a few days. But one thing is certain with her—she knows there will be no permanent quieting down, until after she has brought to birth that precious little life. She later forgets the awful struggle through which she has passed, as she loses herself in the joy of holding to her bosom her own offspring.

So with this coming period of tribulation which is breaking upon the world. A new age is soon

## By Rev. Clyde F. Stark

to be born. The human family is to pass through birth pangs.

I have a deep conviction that the "first pain" or "distant pain" hit the nations twenty years ago at the beginning of the world war. My other conviction is that another great pain is now gripping the world. It will be even more severe than the one twenty years ago.

The last war will seem as but child's play when compared to the coming struggle which is now breaking upon the nations. From this time forward we will find the pains becoming more frequent and severe. And so will they continue even to that time when a nation is born in one day and a new age is ushered in.

We observe that this Tribulation period advances upon the world

### Slowly but Surely

and yet there is coming a moment when it will have an official beginning, a moment when suddenly it breaks in its final fury. Coincident with this sudden breaking, will be the sudden intervention on the part of Almighty God in raising all the "dead in Christ" and catching away all those in Christ who are living on earth.

The resurrection and rapture will be followed immediately with the manifestation of the "Man of Sin," the Antichrist, who will officially take his place and rule the nations through flattery, intrigue, cunning and military power. He may, because of his supernatural ability, be able to bring about a short period of relief for the nations, setting up a kind of "mock millennium" which indeed would bring the whole world to his feet!

It would be only a short lull and then another

great pain would hit the world, in that, Antichrist would tear aside the mask of deception and his true character would stand forth. The last three and one-half years of his despotic, tyrannical rule, when the earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, would break upon the world.

This period will close in the last and final pain, the awful

### Battle of Armageddon,

which is to be fought by the Christ and His armies from heaven, and the Antichrist and his armies of the earth. In a moment the great Millennial Age will be born and the true Christ will take His place as the King of kings and the Lord of lords.

"For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety: then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober."

Those in Christ are children of the light and they see the tribulation approaching. Those who are out of Christ, or the children of the night, will be taken unawares. Not many believed in the coming storm which was predicted for the world in the days of Noah. But these words are recorded in the eleventh of Hebrews:

"By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he

### Condemned the World

and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith."

And we are told that as it was in the days of Noah so shall it be at the time of the coming of the Son of man. Is the period of

### III.—TRIBULATION SOON TO BREAK UPON THE WORLD?

Members of the true Church everywhere answer in the affirmative. The spiritual scholars, all over the world, are

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The Elim Foursquare Gospel Alliance does not necessarily endorse every view expressed by contributors. The articles in this magazine represent our teaching on fundamental matters, but on minor matters we allow liberty.

### TO OUR READERS

Our readers will be glad to learn that shortly we hope to introduce several new and interesting features in the *Elim Evangel*; these we believe will make a wide appeal and should increase the spiritual and practical value of the magazine.

Under the heading "What our readers say" we are opening our columns to the publication of readers' correspondence. The Editor will welcome correspondence calculated to prove edifying, and hopes in this way to get into closer contact with some of our readers. Opportunity will thus be afforded for helpful discussion of subjects that are of vital interest to so many.

Correspondents should endeavour to be as concise as possible, thus avoiding needless waste of valuable space in the magazine. All letters for this section should be addressed to "The *Elim Evangel*," 20, Clarence Road, Clapham, London, S.W.4, marked "Correspondence Columns," and should give the writer's name and address.

### The Primate's Recent Broadcast.

WE were happy to find such a note of urgent appeal in the Archbishop's message to the nation. Never was a message from such a source more timely. The national need is great and we are glad that it is realised by one who holds such an important and responsible position in the religious life of this country. Referring to the Coronation year, Dr. Lang said: "Would God that it might mark not only the beginning of a new reign, but the beginning of a new return of the nation to God, a new loyalty . . . to the King of kings."

There is no section of the Christian Church in the British Isles that more heartily endorses this aspiration of the Archbishop's or is prepared to give itself more earnestly and enthusiastically to its realisation, than the Foursquare Gospel Fellowship. We realise that nothing less than real Holy Ghost revival can possibly arrest the appalling drift from religion which has set in, and to this glorious end the Foursquare Gospel Movement is pledged. Let us as a people devote ourselves more desperately than ever to the work of revival. We can render our nation no greater service than this. First as Christians and then as citizens of

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## Safe in the Storm

THERE was a storm on the Sea of Galilee, and the disciples were very distressed. But there was One in the boat who was so restful that He could go to sleep. He knew that His Father had His eye on Him; and Jehovah neither slumbers nor sleeps. He hath promised to preserve His own from all evil, to preserve their going out and their coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore. He trusted His Father implicitly. Despite the very billows that came over the ship, He was trustful; and like a babe in its mother's arms, He rested in the bosom of the El Shaddai.

But the disciples were very disturbed. Surely the boat would be wrecked! They fretted and fumed, and at last they awoke the Sleeper and rebuked Him, "Carest Thou not that we perish?" A statement like that is an insult to God! Yet men are continually expressing their unbelief in the form of rebuke towards God. "Does not He care?" He cares for us! He loves us! He gave heaven's best; His own Son, to die because He cared for His creation. Yes, He cares! He arose, and before the trembling disciples He said a word to the sea and it was calm!

Earth is in tumult and turmoil, but He that stilled the storm is not disturbed. He is not upset by world conditions. The wicked are like a troubled sea that cannot rest; but He, this restful One, will rise and speak peace to this war-oppressed world. Men shall make over their swords into pruning hooks. They shall learn war no more when the Prince of Peace arises to speak His peace.

He says to His own to-day, "Peace I give unto you." Receive His peace, His quietness, His calm within. Let not your heart be troubled. He has gone to prepare a place for thee and will come again to take His own to that place. The place prepared is beyond all human comprehension. The beautiful on earth does not satisfy Him. He will bring in a new heaven and a new earth more wonderful, more glorious, more beautiful. He says to His Bride, "Thou art all fair, My love. There is no spot in thee." Be trustful, be peaceful, have faith in thy Lord. Remember always He loves thee. Render to Him thy love. Say to Him often, "I love Thee, Lord." Thy voice is sweet to Him. He says, "Let Me see thy countenance. Let Me hear thy voice, for sweet is thy voice." Render unto Him praise, worship, and glory. Thus shalt thou compensate Him for all the bloody agonies that He went through at Calvary for thee.

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this land we must give ourselves in wholehearted response to the challenge which the pressing need of the hour brings. It is a responsibility from which we dare not turn; larger and grander than any merely denominational interest, it should command all our spiritual and physical resources. God will honour that faith which is coupled with consecrated effort. Let us believe for revival, work for revival, and live for revival.

# Training the Godly Mind

## I.—The Happiness of Godliness

By E. ADAMS

**A**S human beings we desire happiness. As Christians we desire godliness. Every one who has received the new life from Christ wishes to live for God. As a saved man or woman you want to be holy.

At the same time you want to be happy. And you often feel that the two desires clash. We feel the clash more when we are young, for youth is the most sensitive period of life, when we are given to introspection and inner conflict. And we have high hopes of future happiness through self-control, liberty and success. But many find life rather disappointing.

The fact is that we are constitutionally unfitted for a life of uninterrupted pleasure. As we get older the outlook widens; interests multiply; the bent of the mind is objective rather than subjective; and for good or for ill the life becomes less intensive and more extensive. And we find that life is neither so good nor so bad as we imagine in our varying moods. We discover, too, that we miss happiness if we make it an end in itself. It comes as the accompaniment of living for higher things. For man has been made for God, and so his truest happiness must lie in God.

All this may sound rather elementary, but we are constantly apt to forget it. We need a lifetime to learn the lesson, and even then we seldom learn it fully.

When Paul urges Timothy to exercise himself in godliness, he tells him that godliness means great gain, possessing the promise of the present and the future life. In fact holiness is the truest wealth. For it

never injures its possessor; it never disappoints; it never impoverishes anyone else; it is bound up with our truest life, that is, our inner life; and we shall take it with us into the unseen and eternal world. Our truest possession is God, and the capacity to enjoy Him.

The truly wise have always realised this, and we have it put in the well-known words, "The chief end of man is to glorify God, and enjoy Him for ever." Be sure of God, dear Christian reader. That means far more than just knowing Him as Saviour from the guilt and penalty of sin. God is our Home, here and now, as well as in eternity.

Everyone finds happiness in health, congenial work, home ties, achievement; and the Christian has joy in these things. But his highest joy is in work and achievement associated with the will of his divine Redeemer; in moral victory; in seeking and finding spiritual treasure; and above all in God Himself. This is what the hymn writer felt when, in an exalted mood, he exclaimed, "Jesus, our only joy be Thou!"

And so when the man and woman of Christian intelligence are pursuing godliness they are really, though indirectly, seeking their own highest interests. To win Christ is the greatest gain. Godliness is the highest happiness. Godliness is the way of life, and it works. It works in all circumstances here, and it will work in any part of God's universe, and for ever.

May you and I, my reader, learn this great lesson better and better as we get older. Our Teacher is the Divine Spirit who is constantly acting upon our souls.

## THE APPROACHING TRIBULATION (Continued from page 25)

declaring it. The moving of many Jews to Palestine indicates it. The world-wide reign of dictators heralds it. The rising of the Roman Empire anticipates it. The expectancy of some Superman, coming to handle world affairs, tells us it is near. God's Word declares that in the days of the rising of these kings or dictators, the God of heaven is to set up His kingdom (Dan. ii. 44, 45).

Never have there been so many wars and rumours of wars as since the armistice was signed. Never has the world oscillated from grave anxiety, to stupid complacency so often, as since the establishment of the League of Nations. Never has Europe been so heavily armed. Who can even guess what the horrible outcome will yet be as a result of Italy's conquest of Ethiopia? The best commentators declare that both Africa and Europe will soon explode.

To the north hovers Russia, watchful, insistent, stirring the soil of world revolution.

The question now uppermost in the minds of world diplomats is: Where will these destructive agencies lead? The world, right now, is on the verge of seeing the formation of a gigantic eastern combination of nations a great Russo-Teutonic-Mongolian alliance which will be officially declared. This combination will have Russia as its head, and will find its allies in Persia, Ethiopia, Libya, Germany, Armenia and Asia Minor, with possibly China and Japan. This kind of alliance will give Mussolini something to be alarmed

about so far as his rising Roman Empire is concerned.

Moscow's one reiterated hope is that the innumerable millions of coloured races will arise and massacre the white man. We are sufficiently acquainted with the white man to know that he is not going to relinquish his determination to hold dominion over the coloured races. The inevitable will come; it is now at the door, a desperate world struggle for supremacy. There is nothing but rivers of blood ahead of us.

Are you safely closeted in the Ark, Christ Jesus? As the ark which Noah built carried him and seven others with all the species of animal life, safely through the judgment flood of water, so will the Ark, Christ Jesus, carry those in Him, through the terrific judgments which will fall upon the world during the tribulation period.

I close with this statement from the pen of an outstanding prophetic student:

"The Word says that there shall be great pain in Ethiopia when the slain shall fall in Egypt. We venture to make this interpretation of prophecy, that the outcome of the Ethiopian-Italian war will have much to do with the selection of the Antichrist who will rule during the Tribulation. Out of the coming turmoil, Satan's man, the 'Man of Sin,' will step forth as the world's counterfeit Christ."

The true Church is waiting for its "take off" into the air and Antichrist is waiting to take his seat and authority on this earth.

### A VOICE FROM THE PEW (continued)

7-10 is worthy also of consideration: "And there they preached the gospel. And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who had never walked: the same heard Paul speak: who steadfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed, said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked." Paul's preaching inspired faith for healing in this crippled man and may the preacher pray that his words be such that needy souls be

#### INSPIRED TO BELIEVE

and made realise the all-sufficiency of the Christ to meet their every need.

We said be personal. Yes, but that does not mean you are to strut about like a proud preening peacock, saying, "I did this! I did that!" Tell us what the Lord has done for you and through you, but do give Him all the glory. Do not boast in what you have done. Again do not give us mock modesty. "I am

so humble, I am so weak, etc., etc." We know whether you are or not. Some forms of humility are nothing short of self bravado.

Have our words hurt? Do they prick? Remember we speak in love. We desire that Christ alone shall be magnified. The heavenly throng around the throne have one theme. "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing" (Rev. v. 12). We expect our preachers to have one story, one theme, one song, "Jesus only!"

More, more about Jesus,  
Tell us more about Jesus!

Before we close we remind you of a preacher who received great praise from Jesus Himself. "He was a burning and a shining light." Beloved servant of God, we ask you to consider prayerfully in your heart what is written of this commended one: "He saith, Behold the Lamb of God! and the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus" (John i. 36, 37).

## Great Missionary Sayings

I die for Beganda, and purchase the road to Uganda with my life.—*Bishop Hannington.*

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I have seen in the morning sun the smoke of a thousand villages where no missionary has ever been.—*Robert Moffat.*

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I will go down, but remember that you must hold the ropes.—*William Carey.*

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Oh, that I could dedicate my all to God. This is all the return I can make Him.—*David Brainerd.*

Let us advance on our knees.—*Joseph Hardy Neesima.*

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The prospects are bright as the promises of God.—*Adoniram Judson.*

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Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God.—*William Carey.*

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Keep at work; if cut off from one thing take the next.—*Cyrus Hamlin.*

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Now let me burn out for God.—*Henry Martyn, upon landing in India.*

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# The Elim Evangel



## NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

Blessed Proofs of the Present-day Power of the Gospel

### REVIVAL AT THORNTON HEATH One Sows, Another Reaps, God Giveth the Increase

The month of November, considered by most the worst of the year, proved to those who sought God for this hardened district of Thornton Heath a month of rejoicing. Many have been the efforts of God's children to reach the unsaved of this district, and many the prayers breathed for the salvation of the people.



Evangelist  
Gowan Bishop

Early in November a goodly company gathered for the commencement of a campaign by Evangelist Gowan Bishop and Miss Munday. The latter, giving her marvelous testimony, told

how she was miraculously healed after being a helpless invalid for fourteen years. Night after night the Word of God was faithfully given forth.

Later in the campaign the Baths Hall was taken for ten days, and God honoured this venture of faith. Over forty conversions were registered as His Word was given forth in the power of the Holy Ghost. A most memorable meeting was held on a Wednesday evening when, after hearing the testimony of God's handmaiden, seventeen decided to let Jesus take up His abode in their lives. The final meeting of the campaign ended in a most unconventional family gathering, the Lord Himself being in the midst. Chorus after chorus was sung with much joyous enthusiasm by those redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus.

### WHAT GOD IS DOING AT WORCESTER

The following reports are gathered from the local newspapers, and show how God is moving in power and blessing where the Word is being faithfully proclaimed:

#### WORCESTER REVIVAL CAMPAIGN MIRACLE CURES CLAIMED Testimony by "Witnesses"

Before an audience of hundreds at the Gaumont Cinema, Worcester, on Sunday night, several people claimed to have been miraculously healed of disease or deformity by Jesus Christ.

The meeting was the first in a "Foursquare revival and healing campaign," under the auspices of Principal George

Jeffreys, to be continued every night in the new Elim Tabernacle, Lowesmoor.

The first to give witness, a Birmingham woman, said that for 18 years she suffered agony from a mastoid abscess in the head. "The pain was so intense that if I banged my head I did not notice it, and I was so deaf in one ear that I could not hear a watch tick," she said. "One operation was of no avail and a second, in which tubes were to be inserted in my head, was postponed. I went to hear Pastor Jeffreys and in ten weeks God healed me. I have had no repetition of the trouble."

A second lady witness said that for 14 years she suffered from curvature of the spine and a dislocated shoulder, and one of her legs was six inches shorter than the other. She underwent 15 operations, and had been given up to die. "God has completely and instantly healed me," she said, "and I have no trace of tuberculosis to-day. I have proved that Jesus Christ is still the same healer to-day as when He performed miracles on earth."

#### Declined an Ambulance

The third witness, a local man, said that Christ healed him of double ruptures, and had kept him in regular work. When his back was seriously twisted in an accident, he declined to be taken by ambulance to the Royal Infirmary, but in great agony went in the evening to an Elim meeting to be prayed for. After the first meeting the pain was relieved; after the second his back was straightened and healed.

Pastor P. S. Brewster, who conducted the meeting, emphasised that no one could expect to benefit unless prepared to surrender their whole life to Christ. "We have no power ourselves, but are simply the instruments of God," he said. Any minister could practise healing who obeyed Christ's commands. They thanked God for medical men and nurses, but the teaching of Jesus Christ was of higher standard than medical, psychological or faith healing. "I have had sickness and illness in my own life," he admitted, "but whenever they have come, I have found in prayer deliverance."

When Pastor Brewster asked people who would surrender their lives to Christ to put up a hand, 24 hands were counted. —"Evening Times."

#### FOURSQUARE REVIVAL CAMPAIGN New Chapel Opened

Scenes of enthusiasm were witnessed at the opening of a Foursquare revival and healing campaign at the New Elim Tabernacle, Lowesmoor, on Monday.

The chapel, which had been closed for over 12 months, had been redecorated for the occasion, and will be the future head-

quarters of the Foursquare party in the city.

Pastor P. S. Brewster welcomed the large congregation, and gave an eloquent discourse upon the need for repentance, remorse and restitution in everyday life.

He said that this was an age of intellectualism, when knowledge was kept in the forefront of men's minds.

Repentance, he said, was not a matter of being found out and feeling sorry for sin committed, but a turning back to God.

"We need to be 100 per cent. on fire for God and His message of healing," he continued.

Healing is a prominent part of every Foursquare revival meeting, and four people who asked for healing were anointed with oil by Pastor Brewster, who prayed for their complete recovery.

Among the congregation were people from Malvern and Ledbury, and 24 converts made at the inaugural meeting at the Gaumont Cinema on Sunday.

Elim campaign hymns and choruses were sung with a will, and Pastor Petersen and Pastor C. A. C. Hadler sang duets.—"Evening News."

#### PROVING GOD Edifying Ministry

##### Leigh-on-Sea (Pastor A. Wright).

God's people are rejoicing in continuous blessing on every part of the work here. During the past few weeks several have found Christ the Saviour. Old-fashioned tarrying meetings on Monday evenings increase in number and in power. In the regular divine healing services Christ's Healing power is known. Crusader meetings, led by Pastor Wright, are a constant source of interest to the young.

For several weeks on Tuesday evenings Pastor P. N. Corry has ministered the Word on "The Trial of the Lord Jesus Christ." What teaching! What revelation! The snow whiteness of the Saviour's purity! The blackness of man's cruelty and spite!

Mention must be made of the real fellowship of prayer and love which exists among the saints here. To Him be all the glory!

#### PROGRESS AND POWER Signs Following

Birmingham (Erdington). The prayers of God's children in Erdington have been rewarded by the successful opening of a new church. The first Sunday night proved a memorable occasion, the church being full, and God honouring the ministry of His Word by saving five precious souls. Hallelujah! The thrill that passed through the hearts of each saint as these souls surrendered found expression in



joyous praise. This was just a beginning: since that time five more souls have accepted the salvation of the Lord.

God is also healing bodies. Many are the testimonies to the power of the Lord to deliver from disease. The Spirit of God is being poured out in mighty power; two sisters have received the baptism in the Holy Ghost.

The gifts of the Holy Ghost manifested at the Lord's Table are most edifying, and prove to be a real blessing. The exposition of the Word given by Evangelist Biddle have proved a source of spiritual light.

### INSPIRING CAMPAIGN

#### Readiness for the Lord's Coming

Reading (Pastor C. W. Slemming).

The church at Reading recently had a campaign conducted by Pastor and Mrs. Fielding. The special topic was "The Second Coming of Christ," and although there were no visible signs of sinners coming to God for salvation, yet the hearts of the saints were stirred as the Pastor urged his hearers to redeem the time in view of the nearness of the Lord's return. The devotional talks, the gospel in song, and the chorus "Oh, Jesus draw me," were much blessed, and tended to draw God's children into a closer walk with God.

On the last Sunday morning, Mrs. Fielding gave the message, and in the evening both Pastor and Mrs. Fielding took the meeting, each giving their testimony to the saving, healing, and baptising power of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The saints praise God for what He can do with those yielded to Him, and the cry goes out from eager hearts:

Oh, Jesus draw me,  
Dear Lord, just draw me;  
Into a closer walk with Thee;  
Oh let me feel Thee,  
For ever near me;  
I want to know Thee, more,  
And more, and more.

### UNFOLDING THE WORD

#### The Divine Response to Faith

Leyton (Pastor C. E. Palmer). "There's a shout in the camp—Hallelujah; Glory to God!" expresses the joy and fervour in the hearts of the Lord's people at Leyton, at the remembrance of His Presence as they gather in His house from time to time, and as blessings are outpoured upon them. The Sunday morning services continue to be times of praise and worship, and the ministry of the gifts of the Spirit. Much blessing is experienced at the weekly prayer meetings, and the glorious, infallible Word is still faithfully proclaimed by the Pastor who has recently started a series of Thursday evening Bible studies on "The plan and purpose of God through the various dispensations." As prophecy with its fulfilment is gradually unfolded, with the aid of a simple but comprehensive chart, a deeper understanding of the Divine character and attributes results, explaining points not previously so clearly understood, and filling hearts with more "wonder, love, and praise," and trust in such a gracious and almighty God,

and a desire to be more and more in harmony with His perfect will.

Many testimonies are given to the preciousness of the Lord's undertaking in daily difficulties, providing employment and healing the sick, among them a sister with extremely weak eyesight, healed last November, and the miracle still in evidence; rheumatism, gastric troubles, partial paralysis and other ailments.

"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable Gift" and His matchless grace!

### INSPIRING SERVICES

Hove (Pastor H. W. Fielding). During Pastor Fielding's absence the church had a visit from Pastor C. W. Slemming. From the very commencement the word was richly blessed to God's people. As the meetings went on the numbers increased, and souls were saved. Whilst preaching Pastor Slemming wore the robes of the High Priest, and brought with him a model of the Tabernacle. The saints at Hove will always remember this visit as one of the most inspiring experiences. Recently the church had a visit from Pastor Hathaway; though his stay was only for one day, yet the visit will not be forgotten.

### CONVERTED ACTRESS AT WRENTHORPE

#### Helpful Campaign

After a very encouraging campaign lasting three weeks at Leeds, Peggy Ames, the converted American Cinema actress, visited Wrenthorpe for a week's special services. The weather was disastrous from the point of view of meetings. Owing to dense fog the preacher was unable to get through for the opening meeting, and stormy weather obtained almost the whole of the week. But in spite of opposition from the enemy in this direction, the meetings were well attended, the novelty of an actress turned preacher certainly being an attraction.

Two of the services will long be remembered. At one of these services Sister Ames told how she had been wonderfully healed of cancer in answer to prayer. It was remarkable to hear that while sister Ames was being anointed with oil while dying in a hospital in Western Canada, prayer for her was being made in Scotland at one of Principal George Jeffreys' meetings. The synchronism was wonderful. Another remarkable message told us "Why she left the stage." Having been right at the heart of filmdom, Sister Ames was able to take us right behind the scenes. Whatever the Cinema fans present thought, there was no room left for doubt in the heart of the child of God as to the attitude they ought to adopt to the question so often raised, "Is it wrong to go to the pictures?"

Every message given by Peggy Ames was fundamentally sound and true to the

Foursquare Gospel. Calvary was ever before us in every address she gave, and one word rang clear as a bell through every message, "Without shedding of blood there is no remission." The preacher had no room or patience for modernism, and dealt with the present menace in language that was scathing and strong.

### BACKSLIDERS RESTORED

#### Showers of Blessing Falling

Christchurch. The work in this church has been making progress of late. Recently a band of Crusaders paid a visit to Wimborne and a very profitable and enjoyable evening was spent, each of the company taking part in the service in word and song.

The Lord has richly blessed the work here through the campaign conducted by Pastor and Mrs. Hillman. God set His seal to the effort. The preaching of the truth broke opposition, those who came with scepticism had to admit that the Word of God was preached in its purity and entirety. The Lord's people have been knit together in love as never before, whilst quite a number of backsliders have been restored.

The Wimborne friends recently paid a visit to Christchurch; Evangelist Green accompanied them on this visit.

The local young people are very keen on open air work and much good is being done in this direction. The church has been much strengthened as a result of the campaign, and a real shout of victory is now in the camp.



Miss  
Peggy Ames

### THE PERFECT ONE

A preacher announced a men's meeting in his church, proposing to give the men a chance to air their objections to Christianity. Over twelve hundred were present. The first objector said, "Church members are no better than others." "The ministers are no good," said another. And so the objections were mentioned one after another, and the pastor wrote them down on paper: "Hypocrites in the church," "The church is a rich man's club," "Christians don't believe the Bible any more," etc.—twenty-seven in all. When they were through the pastor read off the whole list, then tossed it aside, saying: "Boys, you have objected to us pastors, to church members, to the Bible, and other things, but you have not said a word against my Master!" And in a few simple words he preached Christ to them as the Faultless One, and invited them to come to Him, and believe on Him. Forty-nine men responded!



(Conducted by Pastor DOUGLAS B. GRAY)

### Winton Choir at Winchester Prison

On a recent Sunday afternoon, the Winton Choir, conducted by Mr. D. Stuart House, and accompanied by Evangelist F. C. Packer, paid its first visit to Winchester Prison. The visit had been hurriedly arranged, but because we believe that God arranged it, we prayed and expected it to be one of blessing, and so it proved to be. The concert party for that afternoon had written to cancel the concert, and we "stop-gapped." From the remarks of the chaplain and of the Governor we gathered that we were to "stop-gap" no more, but were to attend the prison regularly in future.

Prayer in the waiting room meant power in the prison, and God blessed our efforts. Every item brought home some phase of the gospel, and the Governor assured the Choir afterwards that the strongest evidence of the appreciation of the large audience was the tense stillness, and the attentiveness given to each item.

The privilege of thus ministering is given us. It is denied many.

Reader, whilst we sow the seed, will you please water it with your prayers?

### Dundee Crusader Choir active in the City

A steady and consolidating work has been wrought in the ranks of the Elim Crusaders in Dundee under the joint ministry of Pastor and Mrs. Miller Barton. Interesting and helpful Bible studies have been given at the Crusader meetings on Wednesdays, and the blessing of God has dwelt richly in the midst.

The Crusader Choir, under the fine leadership of Brother Anderson, have spent busy and profitable weeks of practice for a front line attack in the Revival and Healing Campaign held in the Y.M.C.A. Hall in this city, during two weeks in November. At these great soul-stirring and heart-captivating meetings the Crusaders rendered musical items each night, and the Lord added His blessing to this ministry.

Novel and effective advertising for this campaign was carried out by the Crusaders, who under the lead of Pastor Barton walked with sandwich-boards through the busy thoroughfares of the city, while a motor car patrolled the streets with boards advertising the meetings.

Feeling that victory has been the portion for the past months, the Dundee Crusaders are still looking up for greater and grander things in the service of their Lord of Victory.

## The Hull City Temple Crusader Branch

It is not possible to measure enthusiasm and state its intensity in terms, therefore it is impossible to give a satisfying description of the Hull City Temple Crusader Week because enthusiasm was its dominating characteristic.

To obtain a really accurate idea of the main quality of this campaign it should first be remembered, on the part of the reader, that the Crusaders live in every far corner of a city which spreads itself over many square miles, and then, on the writer's part, that he should possess a Dickensian ability to describe the fogs, icy coldness and the incessant rains which prevented the most regular church-goers from attending, and yet withal had no effect upon either the Crusaders' spirits, or their attendance. Then only, would this report begin to convey the depth of zeal displayed by 75 to 80 young men and women who took part. (The photograph on this page was taken during an odd night of the campaign.) This effect cannot be hoped for, however, so that in addition to the above remarks it will be necessary to mention a few items of the week's services.

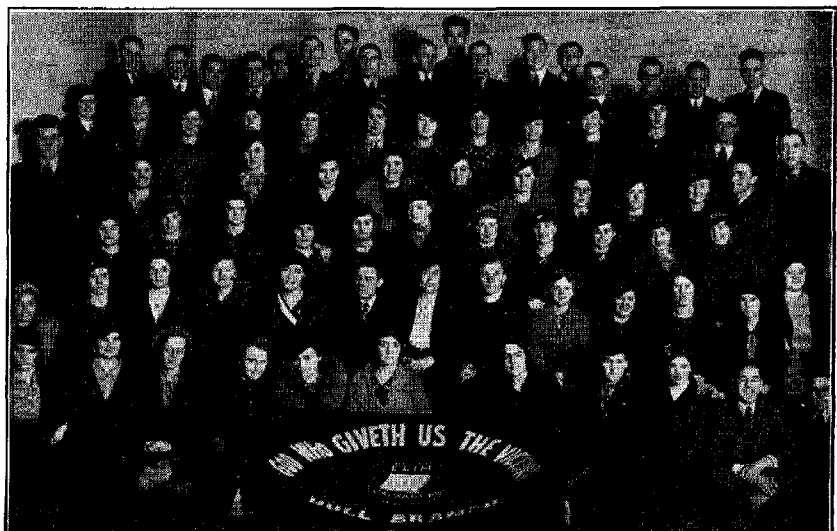
While every service was unique, every one is not mentioned here. The first one was Sunday evening, when "The Challenge of the Gospel" was issued by three speakers out of the Crusader ranks, and the challenge is known to have received at least one response.

Monday evening should have special mention, leaving us as it did with encouraged hearts. Then, a professional musician, a dress-maker, a sailor, an engineer, two factory girls, a fish bobber, a fish cleaner, a hospital ward-maid, a bank clerk, a housekeeper, a window cleaner, and a shop assistant, each dressed in their working clothes, told what Christ meant to them during business hours—yes, and out of business hours, too. Exhilarating and fresh, they pronounced the death sentence of doubt by telling that Christ really does do things for them.

The first rainless day was Thursday, and a large congregation listened while Crusaders in the roles of plaintiff, defendant, barristers, witnesses, jurymen, etc., conducted the "Trial of a Pacifist."

Knottingley, Lincoln and Mason Street, Hull Crusaders contributed to make Saturday evening a memorable and happy occasion. It was thrilling to realise that so many would travel so long and so far to attend a place of worship for the purpose of extolling the gospel of Jesus Christ. Speakers were drawn from the various branches and singing items rendered similarly. If those who had come long distances from other towns were blessed as were the local congregation, they would feel they had a balance in hand of joy, after deducting all expenses!

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The Hull City Temple Crusader Branch with Pastor and Mrs. H. W. Greenway and Mr. G. Canty (Crusader Secretary)

Pastor R. D. Bradley (Lincoln) addressed the last service on Sunday evening.

Other points of interest includes the Crusaders' united singing. This was their first attempt at four-part harmony, and the results exceeded all expectations, and was an unprecedented success. Every musical item of the week was voted for by the congregation for the "request" night.

Publicity was given to the meetings by various methods, one of which was the carrying of sandwich boards through the city streets by Crusaders.

Persistent enthusiasm is powerful, but when backed by the power of God, it is true, as demonstrated this week that the Church of Christ shall prevail against the very gates of hell.

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Mary's mother was ever praying for the home-coming of her wandering girl. Oh, the rest of hearts that are stayed on God! Although poor and in feeble health, Mrs. James was happier than she had ever been before. The wash-tub and the ironing board lost their weariness, as she did all to Him, whom she loved and served.

Twelve long years passed before Mary's next letter came. It was written in a faint and scrawling hand and blotted by tears. It told of sorrow and shame, of sickness and approaching death, and pleaded for a line (in a stamped envelope enclosed) by return of post to say she was forgiven.

"I want," wrote poor Mary, "to be quite sure that I have your forgiveness. How can I hope for God's until I have sought to get yours! Alas! how I have wronged you! Self-will lay at the bottom of it all. Oh, that my life might be a warning to other girls! Mother, pray for me. I shall never see you again. I am two hundred miles from you, so I have given up all thought of it and will be content with a line—just one—to say that you quite forgive."

"Your poor, lost and erring daughter.—Mary."

Mrs. James read the letter with a beating heart, then spread it before the Lord. To think of going seemed hopeless, but could He not open up a way? While she prayed a friend called, and as often before, they prayed together for Mary.

"You must go, and at once," said Mrs. Hartland. "That is why I am sent to you this morning," she added, smiling, and emptied her purse on the table. "Enough and to spare," she said joyfully. "Now I must help you off. Only forty minutes till the train, and you will reach your dear girl this evening!"

At length the mother was off. Her face was bathed in tears as she leaned back in the train and thought how soon she would meet her long-lost Mary.

In a garret in a house none too respectable, Mary James lay on the poorest of beds, her hacking cough the only sound to break the silence of the room. The fire was out, and the room looked utterly desolate. Mary had tried at times to read a few verses from an old and well-worn Testament (bought at a second-hand shop the last day she was out). It was opened at the third of

John, and she had been weeping over the sixteenth verse: "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Again and again she repeated to herself, "'Whosoever'—that means me," and then the terrible nature of her sin rose before her, and she would say, "No, impossible—too sinful! too wicked! too far lost!" and for a moment her despair brought to her soul the blackness of night. Then would come hope as she pondered the meaning of "Whosoever," and she prayed, "Oh, God! if it is true for one so lost as me, do, do, let me know it is true!"

She heard a rap at the street door. It might be the postman, and she thought: "Mother would write—if still alive, she would be sure to send a line." The thought of mother brought a fresh rush of tears. A step was on the stairs, the door opened, and—

Folded to her mother's bosom, sobbing, mutely accepting the kisses she had no strength to give back, Mary whispered hoarsely: "Do you forgive me, mother, darling?" The answer strangely calmed and rested her: "Polly, child, the forgiveness has been yours this many a year, and it was only waiting for you to claim!"

"Mother," asked Mary an hour later, when made a little comfortable, the fire relighted, and some fresh tea made, "do you think God's forgiveness is waiting for me—waiting to be claimed?"

"Yes, my child, forgiveness of our every sin when we come to the Cross of Christ to claim it, because it was there Christ died for the ungodly, and it is when standing there and pleading, 'He died for me' that the gracious God accepts us."

"Is no one **too bad** to be saved?" Mary said softly.

"The Bible says not so, and the Lord Himself said: 'Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out.' And then, you know, He said, too, 'God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that—'"

"**Whosoever** believeth," interrupted Mary, excitedly, "Oh, mother, that means me—I see it—I feel it—I'm sure of it!"

Vile, I to the Fountain fly;  
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.

Mary fell back with a strange, restful look on her face, and her mother praised God aloud for His mercy.

Mrs. James never to-day reads that verse (John iii. 16) without a heartbeat of joy, remembering "her Mary's" peaceful end (after a prolonged illness in which she was privileged to nurse her). Often Mary would say, sometimes aloud, and again as if to herself, "'Whosoever'—that means me!"

Reader, have you ever felt that that "Whosoever" meant you?—Selected.

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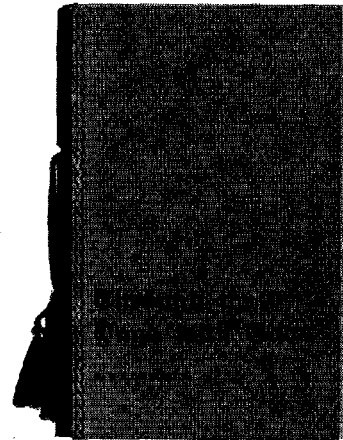
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