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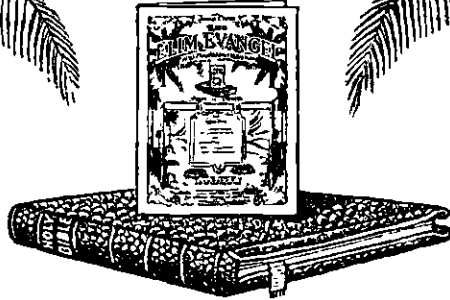
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AND THEY CAME TO ELIM, WHERE WERE TWELVE WELLS OF WATER, AND THRESCORE AND TEN PALM TREES. ~ ~ ~ Ex xv 27

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The Revival in Scotland

Testimonies and Closing Scenes of Principal George Jeffreys' Campaign

The following is the testimony of Thomas Baxter, Esq., J.P., Hon. Sheriff-Substitute of Renfrewshire and Bute, Ex-Provost of Greenock, 1921-1924, and one of Scotland's most respected Christian gentlemen.—

I REGRET that at the closing meeting of the Campaign in the Town Hall of Greenock, we had not arranged to express the gratitude of the people of Greenock for the splendid services rendered to the community by Principal Jeffreys, and the others associated with him. The mission has stirred the whole district. Many hundreds have been saved and healed and wonderful things can be related of the effects in the many homes which have been blessed by the acceptance of Jesus the Saviour. Joy and gladness and real happiness now prevail, where discontent, misery, and drink were the dominant features before conversion. We all pray that the good work so well begun may continue and widen till all come under the spell of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ.

Mr. Jeffreys has a marvellous equipment, both mentally and spiritually, for the work to which God has ordained him.

THE WELSH FIRE

ever and anon bursts forth and is fanned to a white heat under the Divine inflow. In crisp, clear-cut language the Gospel message, always enforced by "Thus saith the Lord," finds a place in every sincere heart and mind. He always manifests an irresistible force and conviction.

The writer has heard all the evangelists who have visited Greenock during the last fifty years—from the advent of Moody and Sankey to the Torrey-Alexander campaign. They all had their own style and methods and much good resulted. but we have not witnessed anything like the present. The Divine healing aspect has been emphasised throughout, the signs which Christ said would follow the preaching of the Gospel have been taught and expected, and God has honoured His servants and glorified Jesus by the number

PERMANENTLY HEALED.

A special feature of the meetings was the large

number of young men and women who attended. More and more they were in evidence as the work progressed. They listened in reverent attitude, eager to know all they could of the deep things pertaining to eternal life. This is a great encouragement to all interested in the uplift of their fellow men.

Acts ii. 17 could be appropriately quoted here—the young men were seeing visions.

Throughout the Foursquare Gospel Campaign the Bible has become to many a new Book. Not another revised version in the literary sense, but in a spiritual sense. God the Father, Jesus Christ the Saviour, and the Holy Spirit have been honoured and glorified in the great work of Redemption. The eyes of many good Christian men and women have been unsealed and they have now a clearer vision of the great plan and purpose of God in the salvation of mankind. Truly, the fruitful ministry of this great mission will deepen faith and inspire hope and courage in all who have been privileged to hear and see the wonderful things God has done by His servants.

AN EDITOR'S IMPRESSIONS

Following are the impressions of MacLean Maxwell, Esq., the well-known Managing Editor of the GREENOCK HERALD AND WEST COAST COURIER:—

IT has been my great privilege, pleasure, and inspiration, frequently to sit quietly and listen to the Gospel message, which Principal George Jeffreys of the Elm Foursquare Gospel Alliance, has so eloquently, earnestly, sincerely, and powerfully preached in our Town Hall, with many manifestations of such healing grace, enthusiasm and revival. With my own eyes I have seen revelations of God's grace and power working in our midst.

Greenock has certainly had a wonderful time during these last few weeks, and hundreds of souls have passed from death unto life, through the preaching of the Word in all its simplicity and native truth.

There is no doubt

THE WORLD IS THIRSTING

for the Gospel. Religion is a vain thing and is ab-

solurely useless of itself. Faith without works is dead, but when we hear the Gospel preached as Principal Jeffreys does with every attribute of a true apostle, including faith, and works, we find the hearts of men and women are stirred in such a manner that they are Christ-compelled to make their peace with God.

I shall never forget the first time I found myself drawn to the Town Hall to hear Mr. Jeffreys. Looking round that vast building I had the feeling that many were there out of idle curiosity. No doubt the heralding of the mission as a "Revival and Healing Campaign" accounted for my inward feeling that there were many sceptics present.

As the truth of the Gospel was laid bare by the preacher, and its shafts penetrated the armour of scepticism in which so many were clothed, one felt that the power of God was entering their inmost heart, soul, and conscience, and dissipating and destroying their unbelief completely. The Spirit took hold of them by the revelations and testimonies of so many converts, who had been

HEALED OF THEIR BODILY AFFLICTIONS,

such as ruptures, septic poisoning, deafness, lameness, skin diseases, cancerous tumours, rheumatism and many other malignant diseases; one lady testifying to the fact that she had been placed on the operating table preparatory to having a serious operation performed, when the doctors held a consultation, and decided, so serious was her case and condition, that they would not take the risk or responsibility of an operation, and so abandoned their purpose, and left her to her fate. She bore testimony to the fact that she went to Principal Jeffreys' meeting, and accepted Christ as her Saviour and Healer of all her diseases. To-day, I can confidently assert, she is the emblem of health and handsome vitality.

There is no possible question, but that "her faith hath made her whole"

Another convert, a young boy of about twelve years, who was practically carried into the mission, a physical wreck with paralysis, gave a visible demonstration of the saving and healing power of Christ, by

RUNNING AT A BRISK SPEED

right across the floor of the hall. These cures were effected fully two years ago, during the Principal's mission in Glasgow, and the revelation of such wonderful grace and healing power banished from the hearts of the sceptics all their unbelief, so that in very truth "those who came to scoff remained to pray"

Greenock is a home of missions, but somehow Principal Jeffreys' campaign has a distinctiveness of its own. The eternal Gospel truths, clothed in rippling language, came pouring out from the preacher's lips with unfaltering, unabated sincerity. So greatly has the Spirit gripped the preacher, that he passes on His magnetic power, and one realises that so far as God is concerned, giving does not impoverish Him, nor withholding enrich Him, for the Spirit, passing through the preacher, refreshes, renews, and sustains him, enriches his hearers, and possesses their souls.

Truly it has been a wonderful revival and healing time, with

A MIGHTY POWER IN THE MIDST.

The cases of healing I have referred to happened in Glasgow two years ago, but here in Greenock we have also had manifestations of the spirit of healing.

It may be interesting to mention that Principal Jeffreys and his band of enthusiastic workers came—or should I not be nearer the truth if I say were Divinely sent—to Greenock complete strangers, but to-day they have not only a host of friends, but there are many souls who thank God for having sent them, and feel that their salvation was the purpose of the mission.

In a town like Greenock, and at such a time, many things had to be overcome. Mr. Jeffreys set out alone; no church heralded his coming, and no church assisted his progress. It has to be remembered that it is summer and summer time, and it takes "something" to get people to enter any building to hear the Gospel in broad daylight. Besides, Greenock is on the Clyde Coast, with a beautiful countryside on the fringe of the town, and these attractions also

HAD TO BE MET AND FACED.

Irrespective of all obstacles, the Gospel in the hands of such a powerful preacher as Principal Jeffreys has triumphed magnificently. To-day the hall is practically packed nightly, and last Sunday evening people were turned away.

I had the privilege of being on the platform on Sunday last, and, looking out over the vast hall and balconies, what a sea of faces did I behold, faces radiant with the spirit of Divine grace.

After the Principal had preached for forty-five minutes on the Second Advent, a sermon full of celestial fire, vigour, plain unvarnished facts, and pregnant with brilliant flashes of amazing truths, rendered more wonderfully astonishing because of their apparent clear simplicity, one and all taken from the Scriptures, the call was made for a response to the pleadings of the Saviour. About sixty confessed their guilt and their belief in the eternal promises. It was certainly a glorious night and there is no question it will live in the memories of all who took part in it, whether preacher or listeners.

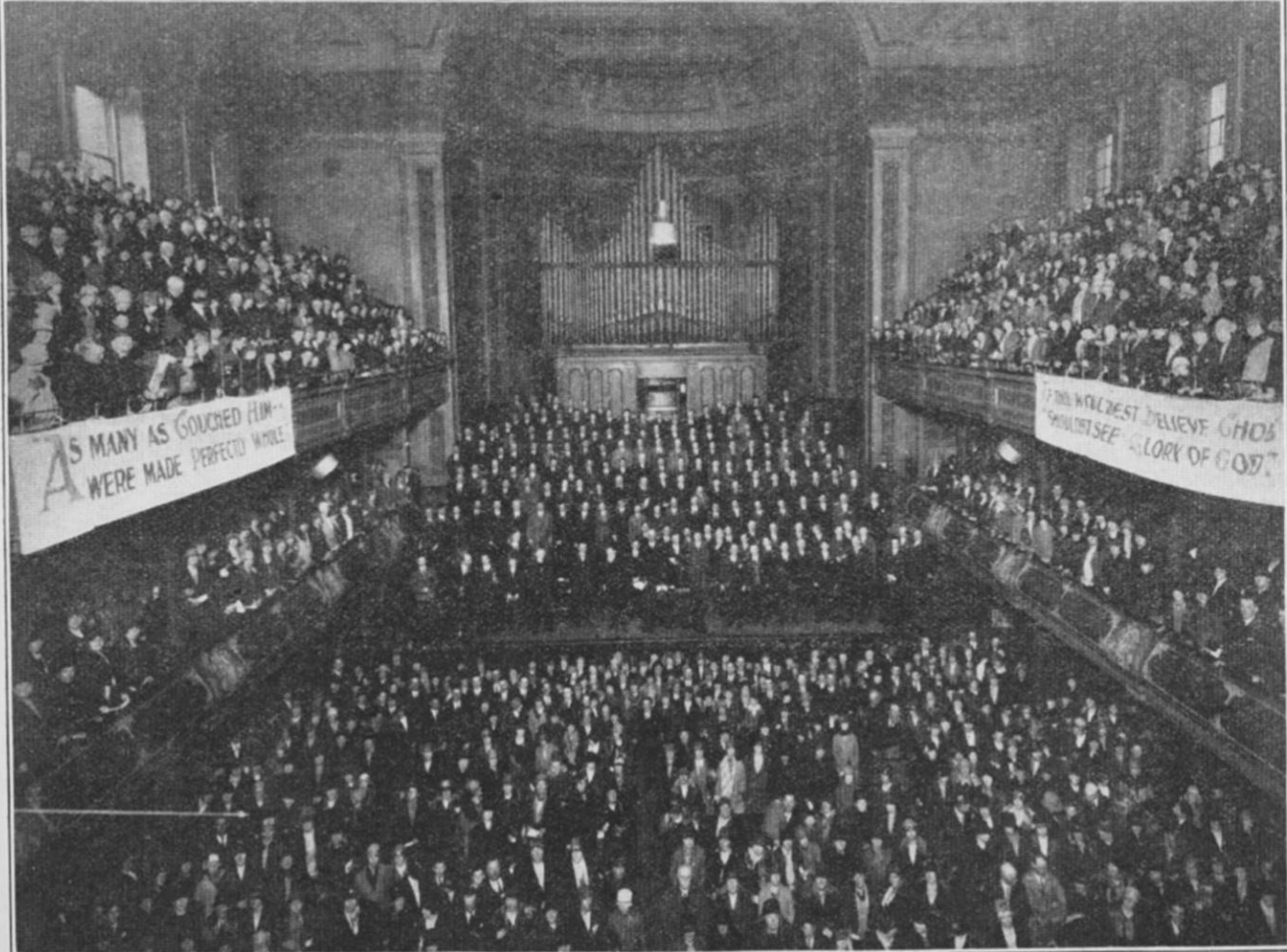
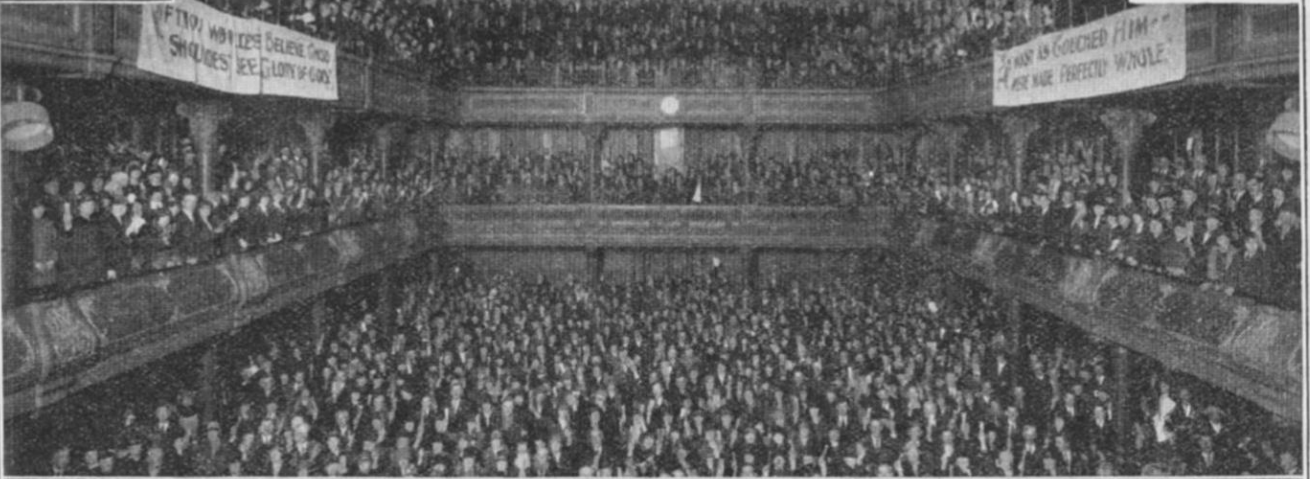
One thing about Principal Jeffreys' Campaign is, that singing plays a great part. I shall never forget the enthusiasm of those who responded when asked if they really meant what they sang, when they said they would meet on the Glory shore. As the words, "I'll be there," were sung by the audience, the waving of the hymn sheets all over the hall just appeared like

SNOWFLAKES FLUTTERING IN THE BREEZE.

One other thing that struck me forcibly was, when Mr. Jeffreys asked those who had received healing benefit from the mission to stand, there were hundreds who responded all over the hall area, and in the galleries.

What more need be said? Truly the Spirit has been working mightily in Greenock, and there is no question that the mission will leave behind it, in this old town of sugar and ships, much good and fruitfulness, which will leave its mark on the community for years to come.

REMARKABLE
REVIVAL SCENES
IN
TOWN HALL



The great crowds at Principal George Jeffreys' Revival Meetings at Greenock.
Top view from platform Bottom view from boxes

Objections have been levelled at this as at all missions, and all who attract the people to hear the Gospel outside the usual way. Many assert that the preachers play on their hearers' emotions. All I can say is, that it is better to have people whose emotions are stirred, than to be in the position in which many ministers find themselves to-day, preaching to empty benches. Church pews have no souls to save—the people have. Save them! Principal Jeffreys has many saved souls to his credit in Greenock.

POLICE JUDGE TESTIFIES

Police Judge G. H. Patterson of the Burgh of Greenock, who from boyhood has proclaimed the old, old Gospel and testified in the streets of his native town of Greenock, writes —

WHEN Principal George Jeffreys came to my native town, being a churchman and associated with mission work since boyhood, I attended the first meeting, to see what would be the outcome of this strange preacher in comparison with the other famous evangelists whom I have heard in our 'beautiful Town Hall,' so described by the late D. L. Moody and Rev. John McNeil.

At the outset let me say that Moody, McNeil, Gipsy Smith, the Marechale (General Booth's daughter), and others, had certain arranged organisations preparing the way for them, but Principal Jeffreys entered the town and began his mission with a few hundred people, who I feel sure found themselves there out of curiosity. Each person present had the pleasure of hearing the pure unvarnished Gospel of salvation, based on the "Good Samaritan," with most telling effect.

"If I be lifted up I will draw all men unto Me," was evident, because each night

THE CROWDS INCREASED

until the hall which seats about 3,000 was packed to its utmost capacity, and on the closing Sunday evenings, when all the church services were going on at the same hour, hundreds were unable to gain admission.

It was stated that about 900 decided for the Master, and about 300 responded to the call for testimonies that they had received help and healing. In front of that vast audience they stood heartily singing, 'There is power, wonder-working power.'

It was a most thrilling and touching scene, and impressed upon my mind the thought that, instead of the various denominations of Christians looking on, and holding themselves aloof as it were, they should welcome such a powerful agency for the uplifting of the lapsed masses, for it is such the Foursquare Gospel Alliance is seeking to save. For instance, when Principal Jeffreys was informed that most evangelists when in Greenock held their meetings on Sundays after church hours to ensure a crowd, he replied that he did not want the church-going population: he wanted

TO REACH THE NON-CHURCHGOER.

And truly this he accomplished during his month's mission in Greenock.

At nine o'clock on Sunday evening crowds gathered in our Public Square, when thousands sang the 23rd Psalm and waved with hats and handkerchiefs; others shouted out Greenock's motto—"God speed to you and come back soon!"

PRESS REPORTS

The following press reports are from the *Greenock Telegraph* of May 6th and 8th.—

REVIVAL AND HEALING CAMPAIGN.

Closing Scenes in Greenock Town Hall.

Over 900 Conversions.

The Foursquare Gospel Revival and Healing Mission was brought to a close last night so far as the Town Hall meetings are concerned. During their time in Greenock some remarkable cures by faith have been reported, and there have been about nine hundred conversions. Principal George Jeffreys and his colleagues have put in a power of work and have had the satisfaction of seeing excellent results.

There was a moving scene in the Town Hall yesterday afternoon towards the close of the service, when hundreds of men and women, some of them being wheeled in in chairs, went down on their knees to receive Divine blessing. While Principal Jeffreys moved around those people hymns were sung, and the whole proceedings were most impressive. Lives and homes had been transformed, said the preacher, and many of the healing cures in that hall had been instantaneous and to God was the glory. Hundreds had thrown off the burden of sin which had crippled them for years, and entered upon a life which brought inward joy and happiness. This great cure for many diseases was to be had by believing Christ was restoring His power to the Church, and that power had been manifested bodily at their meetings. Men and women were being set free from the chains of evil habits which had bound them down and made their lives miserable. They had had a joyous time in Greenock, and he hoped the great work would be carried on when they had gone.

The meetings held in Augustine Church have been equally successful, and on Friday and Saturday evenings the crowd was so large that numbers failed to gain admission. It was estimated that over 800 attended the Communion Service held in Augustine Church yesterday forenoon.

At the closing service last night the Town Hall was again crowded, many late comers having to put up with standing room. The singing was led with enthusiasm. Principal Jeffreys gave a stirring address on the text "Contending for the Faith."

At the close there were scenes of enthusiasm which lasted until the Principal drove away from Cathcart Square in his motor car.

"HEALED BY FAITH."

36, East Hamilton Street,

Greenock, 6th May, 1929

Sir,—I was pleased to see your nice reference to Principal Jeffreys' campaign. I'll give you my own experience. After twenty-nine years of acute suffering, with operation after operation performed on me, both in Glasgow and Greenock, I am healed by faith. More than one doctor in Greenock knows my name, and each in their turn saved my life by operation at one time or another but still for seven years I had no freedom from acute pain. I am now completely cured, symptoms have disappeared, and I am free from pain. I am not the only one who will thank God all their lives that Principal Jeffreys came to Greenock—Yours, etc.,

(MRS) E BOLTON

Our readers will be glad to know that the revival still continues in the St Augustine Parish Church under the faithful ministry of Pastor S. Gorman. A continual stream of salvation and healing is flowing. Pray on!



Queuing up hours before opening time at the Greenock Campaign.

Concise Comments and Interesting Items

A *Foursquare* memory suggestion is given by a correspondent. It consists of four sixteens Saviour (John iii 16), Healer (Acts iii. 16), Baptiser (Luke iii 16), Coming Lord and King (I Thess iv 16)

Canon Carnegie, preaching at Birmingham Cathedral, has spoken wise words concerning giving. Everything here, he said, was held in trust. So property was sacred, because it had a sacred source. This idea of stewardship was not compatible with the fevered rush to attain wealth. A religion which only touched the heart was no true religion. Unless it touched the pocket it was but a passing emotion. Some people he knew sang with enthusiasm, "Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold," and at the same time they were looking to find the smallest coin they could put on the collection plate without sacrificing their dignity.

The phrase, "Christianity at the cross-roads" has been helpfully dealt with as follows.

Christianity is not at the "cross-roads," for Christianity is Christ, and He has never been at the cross-roads. It is not that "Christianity is at the cross-roads," but that some of us are off the Cross-road. All signposts throughout the Scriptures point to the Cross. Let us get on the Cross road, and there will be no more talking about "Christianity at the cross-roads!"

The *Religious Tract Society*, during the past year, is able to report "progress all along the line." 200,000 copies of a sixpenny edition of the "Pilgrim's Progress" have been sold. The circulation of tracts has increased in England by 150,000—bringing the circulation up to 2,300,000. Seven million books and booklets have been distributed in China.

Whitsuntide has brought to light an intensely interesting fact about the hymn we love so well, "O our blest Redeemer, ere He breathed His tender last farewell." It was written by Miss Harriet Auber in her home at Hoddesdon, in Hertfordshire. "After coming home from the service on Whit-Sunday morning, 1829, she was sitting in her bedroom, thinking over the sermon she had heard, when suddenly the lines of a hymn began to form in her mind. Having neither pencil nor paper handy, she took a diamond ring from her finger, and wrote on the window-pane by which she was sitting the whole of that hymn, which has since become so famous. The pane of glass was preserved for many years, but after the death of the authoress it was cut out and stolen."

Cliff College, the well-known evangelical training centre of which Rev Samuel Chadwick is the principal, has issued another encouraging annual report. It is the 25th. During the year there have been eighty-seven students in residence, making a total of 1,614 since 1903. This is a grand record, and we rejoice to know that the Bible and the Christ of the Bible are in the very midst.

Elm Bible College grounds were thronged with visitors at Whitsuntide. In between the tent meetings at Brixton, where Principal Jeffreys is conducting a great Revival and Healing Campaign, many made the acquaintance of the College and its grounds. Under the wise and happy control of Miss Barbour, the Superintendent of the College, the many visitors were splendidly catered for. The workers in the home indeed shone forth the truth that it is more blessed to give than to receive. While others were blessed at the Tent gatherings they were mainly busy preparing physical blessing for healthy appetites.

The *Christian Herald* and the *Christian* have both recently published remarkable cases of healings. One gives a striking article on the subject by Mr. G. T. B. Davis, the well-known Bible-Testament distributor. The other account is of a "Marvellous Movement in Madagascar" of "Faith-healing and Soul-saving," by Rev J. Sibree, D.D. The *Christian* article sums up thus:

"I feel sure that the above particulars will awaken the sympathy and prayers of Christians of all churches for their brethren in Madagascar, and that whatever is mistaken or unwise in these remarkable movements may be overruled for good, and that a very real revival of religion may take place among our Malagasy people."

When will the Christian public and press as a whole realise that these things taking place abroad, are also taking place at home?

LATE NEWS

REVIVAL AT BIG TENT

OUR READERS WILL REJOICE TO HEAR OF BLESSING AT THE GREAT ELIM CANVAS TABERNACLE AT BRIXTON WHERE PRINCIPAL GEORGE JEFFREYS AND REVIVAL PARTY ARE HOLDING FORTH.

CONVERSIONS ARE TAKING PLACE IN EVERY SERVICE AND THE WORD IS BEING CONFIRMED WITH SIGNS FOLLOWING. THE GREAT TENT IS BESIEGED WITH PEOPLE AND AT SOME SERVICES CROWDS HAVE BEEN SEATED OUTSIDE.

The Life of Prayer, Talk No. 12.

When to Pray

By PRINCIPAL PERCY G PARKER (of the *Christian Workers' Bible Correspondence School*)

WE have already considered three great sections of this vital subject of prayer, namely (1) What is Prayer? (2) How to Pray, (3) Hindrances to Prayer. Now our attention shall be occupied with the subject of "When to Pray."

We should have:

(1) A General Time for Prayer,
(2) Particular Times for Prayer,
and we should also pray:

- (3) At Critical Times,
(4) At Backsliding Times.

I. A GENERAL TIME.

There is one crisp statement in Scripture which is astonishing. Yet it rarely astonishes us, because we have either got used to it or contrive to ignore it. It is found in I. Thessalonians v 17:

"Pray without ceasing"

These words challenge our prayer life. Pray without ceasing! Do we do it? I have known Christians who pray once a day—in the morning. I have known others who only pray at night. Others who pray morning and night. And still others who adopt David's rule and pray morning, noon and night. But this is something far more. Pray without ceasing. Pray all the time. Not some times, not at times, but at all times.

S. D. GORDON'S STORY.

I like that story which that prince of story tellers, S. D. Gordon, tells. A man said, "Once I prayed three times a day—now only once." Our first thought is, What a sad case of backsliding. The fine gold has grown dim—three times, now only once! But hear the whole statement: "Once I prayed three times a day, now once a day, for I pray all day." One prayer, a day long—and repeated every day. That is the true way of praying.

We can learn a great lesson from a great Christian soldier, Stonewall Jackson. This is what he said: "I have so fixed the habit of prayer in my mind that I never raise a glass of water to my lips without asking God's blessing, never seal a letter without putting a word of prayer under the seal, never take a letter from the post without a brief sending of my thought heavenward, never change my classes in the lecture room without a minute's petition for the cadets who go out and for those who come in."

Impossible! says one, I cannot pray without ceasing. But God says it is possible. Think of the tree. The tree sways to the wind, bears blossom and fruits, provides lodgment for the birds in which to sing and build their nests, grows wood to furnish homes and make a hundred and one useful articles—yet all the time its roots are buried in the ground. Nourishment is continually drawn from the rich soil. It has unceasing contact with the nourishing soil.

So with us. We can be feeding fires, driving motors, knitting stockings, turning mangles, scrubbing floors, cutting bread, digging in the garden, tapping the typewriter, figuring in ledgers, and yet all the time have the roots of our life in touch with God. Pray without ceasing.

II PARTICULAR TIMES.

Times of particular prayer should be almost invariably *knee praying*. When we pray without ceasing much of our praying will be as we walk, talk, sit, rest. But in addition to this form of prayer there should be special times of prayer, when, on our knees, we pour out our hearts to God. Three times a day should be the minimum for special praying—first thing in the morning, mid-day, night.

JUDSON.

I always remember reading the life of Judson, that wonderful pioneer missionary to Burmah. His life was one of particular severity. Much difficulty, opposition, pressure, was met with on every hand. In order to obtain relief he would draw aside every three hours, at eight—eleven—two—five—eight—eleven o'clock. I can recommend the method. When in Bank life, amidst the difficulties of business life, I followed Judson's method for a period. It brought great blessing.

We are told of James Gilmour, the pioneer missionary to Mongolia, that he never used a blotter. When he came to the end of a page of writing, while the ink dried—he prayed.

Doctors tell us that regularity in diet is an essential to physical health. Similar regularity in spiritual refreshment is a great help.

III. CRITICAL TIMES.

We need to pray *before* critical times, *not* wait until they come.

Study the life of our Lord and you will find four distinct instances of prayer before the crises.

(1) Previous to His public ministry. He was baptised in water—but as He was baptised He prayed. So He prayed before His public ministry (Luke iii 21).

(2) When about to start on an evangelistic tour. He prayed (Mark i. 35).

(3) Before choosing the Twelve. He spent the previous night in prayer (Luke vi. 12, 13).

(4) Approaching the time of unspeakable strain—the Cross—He prayed (Matt xxvi. 39).

Note that He prayed *before* His life work, *before* a great evangelistic journey, along an untrodden path, *before* choosing His special friends, *before* meeting great persecution and pain.

So it should be with us. Before choosing our life work with all its perils and possibilities—let us pray. Before striding along untrodden paths—let us pray.

Before choosing our special friends, especially our life partner—let us pray. Before times of opposition and persecution—let us pray

Pray before—before. So many make the mistake of praying after. A life work is chosen—then God is asked to bless it. A strange path is taken—then God is asked to prosper us. A friend is chosen—then God is asked to bless the friendship. We wait until sorrow and sickness and peril are upon us—then we pray. But all this is bad time-keeping. Very, very bad. Pray before, not simply after and during.

D. L. MOODY.

A fine story is told of D. L. Moody. Once he was crossing the Atlantic, when a tremendous storm arose. The ship was in great danger. A prayer meeting was called. All gathered to it, *except* Moody. The mightiest man of prayer was away. Friends sought him out. They found him calmly upon deck—watching the angry waves. "Why do you not come down and pray?" he was asked in astonishment. He quietly replied, "I don't need to, I'm prayed up already." He was prepared for the storm beforehand. Prayer was finished, faith was operating.

Listen! A loved relative is taken from you. You are plunged into frantic sorrow. Why? Because you were not prayed up. A sudden temptation came. You fell. Why? Because you were not prayed up. A sudden financial loss, and your life became shadowed with fear. Why? Because you were not prayed up.

IV. BACKSLIDING TIMES.

The verse I have in mind is Isaiah lix. 19 :—

So shall they fear the Name of the Lord from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.

When the enemy is flooding our life, then in answer to prayer the Lord will lift up a standard against him and give us victory again.

Don't misunderstand that word *backsliding*. It does not mean sliding backward. It means *sliding back*. Here's a man climbing a stiff mountain. As he climbs he frequently slides backward—but his face is still toward the summit. Soon he overcomes the brief slips and reaches the summit. That is not backsliding. Backsliding is when a man turns right round—instead of facing the summit he faces the bottom, and then deliberately slips down to that bottom. That is backsliding. Backsliding is a sad, terrible fact. One could tell many sad stories. One writes to me:—"A year ago I had great joy in Christ, now I've lost it all." Another who a year ago was a bright Christian now is to be found in prison. Reaction is on every hand. Men and women, young Christians and old Christians, are sliding back. Now is the time to pray. Now is the time to pray for revival. Now is the time to pray that God's standard may be lifted up against the power of the enemy. Let us keep on praying, and individuals, churches, and the Church generally, will be revived out of a backsliding state, and mount up toward the summit of God's glory.

A Thankful Mother's Testimony

The Healing of Joseph Mackie at Principal George Jeffreys' Campaign at Glasgow in February, 1927 (Photograph taken April 1929)

I WOULD like to testify to the goodness of the Lord in healing my son Joseph, at the age of ten

For eight and a half years he suffered from septic poisoning which affected his left side, causing him to be quite crippled, until he walked on the side of his foot.

In February, 1927, a specialist said after a careful examination that he would have to go through an operation, or in a year or two he would be a cripple.

At this time I heard of the Revival and Healing Campaign going on in the St Mungo Hall, Glasgow, and decided to go to the meetings. When the invitation was given for those to come forward for healing, Joseph went out of his own accord and was anointed by Principal George Jeffreys and was prayed for.

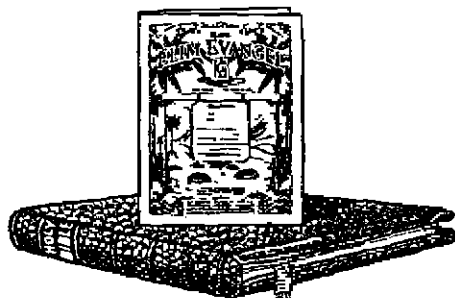
We saw no difference until we were almost home, when he suddenly exclaimed, "Mother! mother! I can walk all right now!" From that moment there has been no trace of the trouble.

To God be all the glory! All things are possible to him that believeth—Mrs Mackie (Glasgow)

As many as touched Him were made perfectly whole (Mark xiv 36)

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever (Heb xiii 8)





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To Our Readers

THIS issue of the *Elim Evangel* is the beginning of its happy, wedded life with the *Foursquare Revivalist*. The reversion of the *Evangel's* issue from fortnightly to monthly at the inception of the *Foursquare Revivalist* never had the approval of its many thousands of world-wide readers. They have insisted that its issue should have been more instead of less frequent. Through importunity they have won! But we are glad it is not at the loss of the *Revivalist*, whose distinctive character as a news paper met a very real need in our work. In order to meet the requirements of the Elim work as a whole, we decided to make both papers one, and publish weekly.

The principal features of both the magazine and the news paper will now appear each week under one cover. We have the great satisfaction in making this change of knowing the desire of our Elim people, and we believe that friends and sympathisers will be gratified with the new arrangement.

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Revive our Faith

WE long for the revival of God's work. But behind and before the revival of God's work must be the revival of our faith. Without faith it is impossible to please God. Those who are to receive answers from God must believe that He is, and is the rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

It was said of one of old that his flesh came again as the flesh of a little child. Oh, that our *faith* may come again as the faith of a little child. Oh that we may so trust God that God will be able to trust us. Faith leads to blessing, and blessing leads to more faith, then more faith leads to more blessing, and more blessing leads to still more faith—and so on—and on.

Lord revive our faith in the midst of these faithless years!

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Revival in Congoland

OUR beloved brother, Mr. W F P Burton, is doing a great work for God in the Congo. He reports that during a recent week-end more souls were won to Christ than during the whole of 1928. "Last year was terribly hard," he says. "Wages went up 100 per cent. The natives got unheard-of prices for their produce, and such a greedy, money-grabbing spirit took hold of them that francs were their god. Now, however, there is a blessed swing of the pendulum. *Even as I sit writing, eight lads have come up quite burdened down with conviction, seeking for Jesus.* We are just back from a week among the out-stations, and there are blessed harvests of precious souls being gathered in everywhere. One whole family was brought into the light when one of the sons, who had been bitten by a snake, was healed in the Name of the Lord."

We praise God for this good news, and would remind faithful workers everywhere that hard years are followed by harvest years. Those who sow in tears, reap in joy. If hard years do not drive us away from the hard work, the time will come when the hard work will yield an abundant harvest. God's vineyard wants stickers.

Book Review

Grace and Truth By Dr W P Mackay. 272 pages, 1/- Published by Pickering and Inglis

In evangelistic Christian circles this book is very well known. The fact that this present edition is the *seventy-second* impression speaks for itself. We have seldom seen a more modest declaration than that upon the cover. It says "This book has helped hundreds. It may help you." We think it would be no exaggeration to say "This book has helped tens of thousands. It will help you." Every Christian should read this book. It companions *The Traveller's Guide* in simplicity and force. Young Christians especially will be spiritually blessed and mentally enlightened as they read. The chapter headings form the key to the book. They are: Our Condemnation. Our Justification. Our Regeneration. Our Assurance. Our Comforter. Our Study. Our State. Our Walk. Our Sanctification. Our Adversary. Our Work. Our Reward. The cover is artistically attractive, the print is clear, and the price is cheap (only 1/- for 272 pages). May be obtained from Elim Book Saloon, 7, Paternoster Row, London, E C 4.

Taking Care of the Babes (I. Cor. iii. 1)

Sermon by JONATHAN E. PERKINS

THE soul of a home is a babe. The most beautiful music in the world is the laughter of an innocent, guileless, unspoiled child. Imagination may be unleashed to riot with speed like the steeds of Ben-Hur, and it will find nothing in a world-wide journey among men more beautiful than an innocent boy or girl dreaming their way out toward adolescence and God. The home that does not care for the plaintive cry of a new-born babe is a home without soul, and God have mercy on the palace or the hut where lisping prattle is unwelcomed and unwanted. Such folks may have a house, but not a home. The skilled fingers of the artist can paint no grander picture than a tired toddler hugged tight to a mother heart by the arms of love at evening time when the shadows fall. Small wonder that in the evening time of life God permits old age to lead us gently by the hand from the rude storm and toss of life to an innocent state of childishness again. A church or a home indifferent to babies is abnormal.

Paul was not out of humour with babyhood when he penned words of warning to the Corinthians. He was truly interested in the children of the Church. He loved and appreciated youth, but his heart was broken because they were content to be babes when God intended them to grow into spiritual manhood and womanhood. We all like to see the new baby, and yet we do not want it to remain small forever. The normal baby is a growing baby.

YEARS ago I was entertained in a splendid western home. The mother was a beautiful, dark-eyed woman, and the father was strong and stalwart; but shadows of sorrow were thick in the place. Several children had come to bless the union. But there was one poor, unfortunate, dwarfish bit of humanity that, because of an accident when less than two years of age, did not grow up and develop with the years. It broke the parents' hearts that their child continued as a helpless babe. The father said to me one day, "I don't care so much for myself, but the condition of this child is literally killing my wife." God's heart must be saddened to see so many of His children deliberately refuse to grow up and remain content with being dwarfs when they could and should be giants in His cause.

Babes are all right if they are growing and developing, but they are all wrong if they are not. To be physically grown in body and remain a pigmy in soul and spirit is a calamity. Many times pastors and churches are to blame for the stunted condition of spiritual children. They need tender care when born again into the kingdom of God. They increase in stature much faster when young than when older. Just counting the spiritual babe and putting its name on a church roll is not sufficient to feed and develop it into a good-sized adult. When babes came to our home we did not put them into a refrigerator and then expect them to grow. Everybody

wanted to take care of the baby, until grandmother, grandfather, uncles, aunts, and cousins got in one another's way offering advice as to the proper manner of taking care of the tiny bit of humanity. It kept us all busy for a while trying to get the baby adjusted to the strange world it was in. I can well remember my first course in floor walking under the tutelage of King Colic. As I remember, I was rather sleepy at times, but there was no escape and I simply had to help take care of the baby. How careless and indifferent we are many times to God's new-born ones.

CHILDREN have no proper sense of value. The average small child would sell a plot of land for a bag of sweets, or a diamond ring for a sixpenny rattle. The new-born babes in the kingdom of God are likewise prone to make poor valuations of the important things of life. Many of them become discouraged too readily and show a willingness to sell a big and deathless eternity with God for the pleasures of sin. Moses refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. Christ was made perfect in the human sense through His suffering. Babes in Christ have to learn that spiritual things are more valuable than material things. But it is only when they catch a full vision of Christ and His tender love that they realise the value of His words, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

The newly-converted are quite likely to overestimate the value of the opinions of men. Real prayerful and careful Bible teaching is the only cure for this failing. Moral ignorance can be crowded out best by the spiritual fulness that is found in the Holy Word of God.

BABIES want a lot of things that are not good for them. Babes are easily disturbed, and you can never tell when they will take a cantankerous fit and disturb the unity of the Spirit. The least little bump brings howls and temper. This is all right for a while; but it gets old quickly, and the more you humour them the worse the trouble will grow. They raise a real disturbance in the household if they do not get their way. They make lots of noise about some little matter that is very unimportant. They do not know that God can answer prayer by saying "No," as well as "Yes." Several years ago I was gone from home for several weeks in evangelistic work, and my oldest baby had almost forgotten me. I gave her special attention for several days that I might make up to the little mite of humanity the affection that had been pent up in my heart during my absence. The fact is I almost overdid the matter. My wife warned me. The baby really developed into a tyrant in three days. The climax came after this fashion. I was shaving my face one day and the process interested the child

very, very much. She lost interest in every plaything that she had, and I could see that the shining blade in my hand had captivated her childish imagination. Into her eyes there crept a look of wonder. The spirit of conquest and a gleam of determination shot through her eyes, and she began to crawl in my direction. Finally she reached my feet. With one childish fist she grasped my trouser leg, and with the other tiny hand on the floor she steadied herself and stood erect. On wobbly legs this determined little soul looked me straight in the eye and made it very plain that she intended to have the shining blade. I tried to talk her out of it, but failed. I threatened and that did not bring the desired result. At that very time I was going through a fearful struggle in my own soul, and I was wondering why God was not answering some of my prayers. As I looked into the eyes of my own child, my question was answered. I knew that the razor blade in the hands of my child would mean mutilation and perhaps death, and that I did not dare give her the thing she desired most of all. Love for my own babe forced me to deny her most earnest request. So the love of God compels Him to keep back from us some of the things we desire most. If God gave us all we want, it would ruin us. I thank God that I did not get some things in life that I wanted very much at times. There are no unanswered prayers if they come from an honest heart. God many times, for our own good, answers with a silent NO. We should praise God devoutly for the things that He refuses to give His children.

CHILDREN are great in imitation. They will imitate the older Christian men and women who are leaders in the flock. If the pastors are cold and indifferent, the same thing will be true of the new converts. If the leaders of the congregation are given to fanaticism and fleshly manifestation, this will predominate in the children, as they follow their parents in the faith. Cursing fathers usually have cursing children. Gossiping mothers are usually the maternal parents of gossiping daughters.

Babes are unconscious of their danger. They want to play with a flickering blaze of fire until once burned. Then they see that some things that are pleasant to the eye, are dangerous to touch. Put them on the rocky edge of a precipice, where, should they go one step too far, they would be instantly dashed to pieces on the rocks below, and they laugh and coo with childish glee altogether unconscious of their danger. They are as happy as though danger was miles and miles away. They will skirt the shores of perdition, and yet be slow to realise the awfulness of the yawning hell that keeps open mouth to engulf them. It takes the enlightening power of the Holy Ghost and the warnings of the words of Divine wisdom to open their eyes fully to the dangers of sin.

BABIES will cry over nothing. One moment the lips are a playground of smiles, and lo, in an instant the scene changes, and frowns cluster about the brow, and shrieks cut through the air like swords. Babes very easily get their feelings hurt if they do not receive the proper recognition. Some do not get the

place on the church board they think they deserve, others do not get as good a preaching place as they are capable of handling; the altar service is not run to suit them; the pastor does not call on them as often as he should; the neighbours do not take proper notice of them; etc.

We have all seen these babies in every assembly of God's people. They stumble over almost nothing, and want to be carried over every hard place, and the more they are petted and humoured the more they grumble. Some babies need petting and encouragement, and some need spanking truth that will waken them up to the duties of full-grown Christianity. But who is going to do the spanking? Let God do it! If we pray hard enough God Almighty will undertake, and do it with heart-breaks and circumstances of various kinds. We must let God do the chastening, for they are His children; and the spanking of other people's children will sooner or later get folks into trouble. If we take matters in our own hand and refuse to let God deal with His children, we stir up endless trouble and grief for ourselves. Some things that we lay at the door of the Devil are really God's instrumentalities at work spanking baby Christians that need correction. In Hebrews xii we have a very pertinent Scripture: "And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of Him: for whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards and not sons. Furthermore, we have had fathers of our flesh, which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live. For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but He for our profit, that we might be partakers of His holiness. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless, afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruits of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby" (Heb xii 5-11).

CHILDREN have a big curiosity. They will run after many things that are not good for them. False doctrine does not make such inroads on the hearts of out-and-out sinners, as it does upon the new babes in Christ. How carefully they should be guarded and loved by their pastors and older members of the flock. One great need in our assemblies is for fathers and mothers in Israel who will take parental care of the new-born babes, seeing that they get plenty of the sincere milk of the Word that they may grow thereby. Paul wrote to the Corinthian Church: "Though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers" (I Cor. iv. 15). There is an important place in the assembly to be filled by "fathers," those who "have known Him who is from the beginning" (I. John ii. 13), to bring up the spiritual babes in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

“But If Not . . .” (Daniel iii. 18)

By Pastor E. C. W. BOULTON

Somewhere, for God is good,
Life's blossoms, unfulfilled
Must spring from dust and gloom
To perfect bloom

WHAT is the root motive underlying our acceptance of the Cross? Is it the hope of reward—the prospect of some princely recognition from the Divine hand? Is it the expectation of deliverance that holds us to the uninspiring and uninviting path? What if there is no promise of reward—no hope of deliverance? Will you still press on and face the frowning future? If God sees fit to keep you in the fire—to prolong the period of painful persecution, of fruitless toil, of misunderstood ministry. What then? Will your faith fail? Can you utter this doughty challenge to all that seek to turn your feet from the Calvary track?

“But if not . . . !” This is the language of irrevocable choice—of unalterable allegiance; the cost has been counted—the Cross embraced because it represents the will of God. Faith staggers not at the furnace-filled future. The thorn-pierced experience leads to a place on the throne; the overwhelmed life is the overcoming life. It indicates uttermost submission to the plan of God. A God-begotten courage and carelessness that defies intimidation and withstands intolerance. “Do thy worst, O haughty tyrant! We prefer to die in obedience to the Divine will rather than live in disobedience to that will. If deliverance comes not, then be it known, O King, that it is not a question of Divine ability, but of Divine sovereignty. Are we not

THE POSSESSION OF JEHOVAH,

and shall He not do with His own as He will? 'Tis not ours to dictate to the Almighty.”

Perhaps 'tis along the line of delayed answer to prayer that the test comes. How desperately you have pleaded the promises and urged your need of the longed-for response to your petition. But though the weeks have developed into months, and, perhaps into years, since first you presented your plea, yet you are still waiting for God's fulfilment of your request. Others have asked and received. Why not you? Beloved, though thy heart thrills at the thought of realisation and possession, yet . . . “If not—”? Can you bravely bare your breast to the keen edge of such a possibility? Will your lips still voice the glad refrain of complete consecration? Like your Master, will you still respond with that victorious “nevertheless”? Remember that although Peter was delivered from his dungeon in response to the cry of his brethren, yet Stephen was permitted to perish amid the hail of murderous missiles which opened for him the gates of glory. Remember also that though it is recorded that some saints “escaped the edge of the sword” by faith, yet others “were tortured, not accepting deliverance.” Satan will always devise some means of escape along the lines of compromise, but it is not ours to invite or evade suffering. To escape the anguish of this present

time might mean irreparable loss. The fire will be God's means of softening, sweetening, and strengthening our Christian character, creating within us that exquisite response to every guiding gesture of the Holy Spirit. A celebrated teacher of singing, speaking of one of his most promising pupils, said: “Her mechanical execution is excellent, indeed almost perfect. She has full control of her voice, and knows all the outside of her art. But she lacks soul, and she will have to suffer before she can get it. If only

SOMETHING WOULD BREAK HER HEART,

she would be the greatest singer in Europe.” It is just equally true of the spiritual life, it flows fullest where some great convulsion of sorrow has made a channel.

Perhaps the way to victory in certain directions seems closed, and though you have sought diligently to move the obstacles which barred your path to your heart's desire, yet the barriers still remain. Do not let a single doubt fasten upon your mind to bring you into unrest and unbelief. Though the mountains still block thy way, and the waters are too deep to permit thee to pass over, give not way to fretful fear. Rest in the Lord—stay thyself upon Him—keep step with the Holy Spirit. Leave this problem to God, it is too hard for you. He will work it out—He holds the solution to it all—a solution that will surprise and gladden you in the day when His “rich purposes” are all unfolded and fulfilled. “But if not . . . !” Then God knows best. Though the north wind blow with icy blast and threaten to nip all thy hopes in the bud, yet faint not.

It may be that you have trusted the Lord with your body and for your body. You have witnessed to many of your confidence in His power to heal. But 'tis now a long season since you first besought Him to work the impossible thing in your body. The hand of affliction still lies heavy upon you—the pressure of pain is as great as ever. Can you triumph in the crucible and the Cross, and still make your glad avowal, “God is able . . . but if not—!” I refuse to turn back or doubt the wisdom of my Lord. Let Him do what seemeth Him good.

Job, the man whose experience made him

SO FAMILIAR WITH THE FIRE,

could say, “Though He slay me yet will I trust Him.” And again, even when his path was veiled, he could sing, “When He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.” Exactly the same spirit possessed and prompted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Perhaps in the eyes of others your position may appear paradoxical, and the question may be hurled at you, “Where is your God?” “What doest thou in such sorry plight?” These and other stinging taunts may be thrown at you by those who wish to wound and seek to dissuade you from this utmost union with the Cross. Let your answer be an unflinching and unflinching attitude of confidence in God. Do not struggle to justify your position be-

before men, but be careful to retain a right relationship Godward

In one of those magnificent passages which we frequently find in the Minor Prophets, Habakkuk mounts up to a glorious altitude of triumph in God. He says, "Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines, the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls. Yet will I rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation." How that victorious "yet" rings out in the midst of the night of adversity, sending its melodious chimes far out into the dark and ominous shadowland in which the prophet dwelt. Here is a joy that is independent of earthly environment—a song that is subject to no hellish force. This is the language of

A SOUL THAT PIERCES THE VEIL

of the visible and discerns God in all things. A

soul who, possessing God, is content with anything and everything that He permits. Such a soul is not subject to loss—possessing nothing it enjoys all. Christ-centred and glued to God it walks scatheless through the fiercest fire. The earthly is interpreted in the light of the eternal throne—there is only one "to-morrow" possible, and that is God's.

It is well to remember that at the back of all calamitous circumstances stands the throne of God. That He is the Great First Cause in the lives of those who acknowledge His Lordship. Nebuchadnezzar's power was limited, he could light the fires of martyrdom, but God could render the flames powerless. Let us not overlook the fact that deliverance in the fire is a greater miracle than deliverance from the fire.

Be still, my soul
When through thy treasure house devouring fire
Leaps hungrily consuming vain desire with scorching breath
Fear not the cleansing flame
Be still, my soul, and call on God's great Name.

Righteousness—Ours or His?

By Pastor P. N. CORRY

SOME people collect furniture, others make a hobby of china, but this gentleman was a connoisseur of rags. I met him soon after my arrival in the north of India, and, while prepared for the cry of poverty, was hardly ready to find rags were a virtue. His highness of the rag-bag was stinking with pride, and when I drew closer to get a better view he informed me that my person was an

SEEN ON HIS BACK:

this piece was from Mecca, this from the tomb of the Prophet, and this from the Throne of Solomon in the fair vale of Kashmir. It seemed impossible to get him to see his need because he was so taken up with his possessions—rags, and to this day I have never met anyone who so fully exemplified that verse of the prophet Isaiah. *We are all as an unclean thing and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags* (Isa. lxiv. 6). We called him "Saint Self-Righteousness," and then because of his love of money he consented to having his photograph taken, and here it is.

"Saint Self-Righteousness" was not the only man to be proud of rags of this kind, for the Apostle Paul testifies of the day when he was proud of

HIS OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS.

You can read it in Philippians ii 4-9. Pride of race, of face, and of place are all to be found there, until it culminated in the fact that as touching the righteousness of the law he was blameless; but it was only "his own," and as such counted as of no account to be thrown away, *that I might win Christ and be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness of God by faith*"

It is strange how rags accumulate, and still more strange how folks still cling to their own righteousness after all these centuries of Gospel preaching.

As a lad, I remembered how proud I was in

MY CASSOCK AND SURPLICE,

my church and my choir; but in the end it was only *my own*, and only sprang from self. It would not stand examination, for not only was it moth-eaten, but it was also filthy and in rags. One day I heard in the market place of new robes that were being given away for nothing, but even then my own seemed perfect, and in my pride I turned away. But now I rejoice in the righteousness of God *which is UNTO*



"SAINT SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS"

offence to one so holy. This rag-bag that walked was covered with sanctity, was hoary with holiness, and my presence was defilement—that was a shock to me!

We talked, from a distance, and found out that he was more than a pilgrim in search of life but was one who had completed them all. The sum and substance of his search—or what was left of it—was to be

all and UPON all them that believe (Rom. iii. 22). No longer my righteousness, but His, no longer in self to boast, but in Him, for He from God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Now all rejoice and sing—

Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress,
'Mid flaming worlds in these arrayed
With joy shall I lift up my head

The robe of Christ is ever new
No age can change its glorious hue—
When ruined nature sinks in years,
This glorious dress the same appears

Thank God at last for a robe that is age-proof, dust-proof, death-proof, and grave-proof. It is Jesus, the Son of God, and the righteousness of God, therefore put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ (Rom. xiii. 14).

Bible Study Helps

FOUR KINDS OF PEACE

- (1) Perfect (Isaiah xxvi 3)
- (2) Abundant (Isaiah xxxvii 11)
- (3) Great (Psalm cxix 165)
- (4) Assured (Jer xiv 13)

GUIDANCE.

- (1) **How?**
 - 1 By His voice (John x 27)
 - 2 With His eye (Psalm xxxii 8)
 - 3 With His counsel (Psalm lxxiii 24)
 - 4 By His presence (John x 4)
- (2) **Where?**
 - 1 Into the paths of peace (Luke i 79)
 - 2 Into all truth (John xvi 13).
- (3) **How Long?**
 - 1 Continually (Isaiah v 8-11)
 - 2 Unto death (Psalm xlviii 11)
- (4) **The Conditions.**
 - 1 Grateful acknowledgment of past and present guidance (Prov. iii 6)
 - 2 Committing the way unto Him (Psalm lxxxvii 5)

AT HIS COMING (I. Thess. iv.)

- (1) Information (verse 13)
- (2) Restoration (verse 14)
- (3) Jubilation (verse 16)
- (4) Revelation (verse 16)
- (5) Resurrection (verse 16)
- (6) Transformation (verse 17)
- (7) Transportation (verse 17)
- (8) Consolation (verse 18)

THE NEW BIRTH.

- The Mystery of it (John iii 8)
- The Reality of it (II Cor v. 17)
- The Power of it (John i 12, 13)
- The Location of it (Rom x 9 10)
- The Process of it (Titus iii 4, 5)

THE THREE LOOKS

(1) The Backward Look.

"Look unto Me and be ye saved all the ends of the earth" (Isaiah xlv 22).

(2) The Upward Look.

"Looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith, who, for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Heb xii 2)

(3) The Onward Look.

"Looking for that blessed hope, and the appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" (Titus ii 13) "For our conversation is in heaven, from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Phil iii 20).

His Face will Outshine Them All

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REFRAIN.

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His face will outshine them all, Glo - ry to the Lamb, Hal - le -

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My Saviour's face

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A Word to Sons

"MY children," said the old doctor, "I have a story to tell you of something that happened many years ago, which I shall never forget."

"One day—a long, hot day it had been—I met my father on the road as I was coming home from the hayfield, tired, dusty, and hungry.

" 'I wish you would take this package to the village for me, Jim,' he said hesitatingly.

"Now I was a boy of twelve, fond of play and not over fond of work, and it was a good mile to town. My first impulse was to say I couldn't, but something stopped me—one of

giving him my rake.

" 'Thank you, Jim,' he said, 'I was going myself, but I don't feel very strong to-day.'

"He walked with me to the road that turned off to the town; and as he left me he put his hand on my arms, saying, 'Thank you, my dear boy. You've always been a good son to me, Jim'

"I hurried to the town and back. When I came near the house I saw a crowd of farm hands at the door. One of them came to me with a pale face.

" 'Your father,' he said, 'fell dead just as he reached the house. The last words he spoke were to you'

"I am an old man now; but I have thanked God many and many a time since that hour that those last words were, 'You've always been a good son to me' "

GOD'S GOOD ANGELS

I think

" 'Of course, father. I'll take it,' I said heartily,

The Family Altar

Being the Scripture Union Daily Portions with Meditations by PASTOR T BURTON CLARKE

Sunday, June 9th, Acts xii 13-25

"The Word of God grew and multiplied" (verse 34)

The Word of God grew, that is, its manifold blessings were multiplied in the hearts of many more. The Word of God grew, that is, its influence became more widespread, transforming countless lives. Like old ground, the Scriptures, watered by the Holy Spirit, will produce abundant crops. It is the Spirit that maketh it to live. The letter would kill. As men everywhere are persuaded to read the Word of God, illumined by the searchlight of the Spirit, it searches them, convicts them, saves them, changing their character and moulding their future. Preceding verses tell of a blasphemous king who sought to take the place of God. In the passing away of things that may be shaken, we learn to glory in those things that remain unshaken. The Word of God abideth for ever, because it is God's Word!

Monday, June 10th, Acts xiii 1-12

"The Holy Ghost said, Separate Me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them" (verse 2)

The Holy Ghost said—May we remember the Holy Spirit is a Person, the third Person in the blessed Trinity. A Person with a voice and a vocation. He speaks may we listen to what He says and be more willing and obedient. The message here is one of Separation—separate me Barnabas and Saul. Separation involves two initial steps—FROM and TO. It sometimes means the breaking up of long and honoured associations, for it is the higher call to a life of sacrificial service. How often the cry goes forth—"I am useful here, I can serve God here." Separate them. for a further work, whereunto I have called them! Have no fear if you are willing and obedient, tremble and be fearful if you have heard and are not willing to respond.

Tuesday, June 11th, Acts xiii 13-25

"Ye men and brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on" (verse 15)

What an opportunity for Paul. Assembled in the synagogue, the accustomed reading of the Law and the Prophets has been observed. It is to be open ministry now. Who has a word of exhortation? Paul soon rises to his feet, not to speak of himself, but to speak the Word of God. Going back he recounts the history of God's dealings with His people. It was not a sermon of smooth sayings, but as they sat and listened, the sword of the Spirit entered their hearts. They surely got more than they had asked for, but the Apostle is to be commended for speaking plain truth. What is the lesson for us?—to be ready at all times with an exhortation if opportunity serves us. Let it ever be God's Word, and not enticing words of man's wisdom. Give it no fanciful interpretation, it needs

no embellishment. If more sermons were modelled on this one in Acts xiii, many shouts of victory would go forth as souls were led into the light of Calvary's love.

Wednesday, June 12th, Acts xiii 26-41

"Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins" (verse 38).

Paul is nearing the end of his sermon, and no sermon is complete without an application. Here begins the application. Who is this man he is proclaiming to have such power? The man Christ Jesus, for He can forgive sins. He speaks of Him in this verse as a man, but in preceding paragraphs he has been careful to proclaim Him to be the Son of God. Here is the most needful blessing for every sinner. Forgiveness of sins and the introduction to every other Atonement blessing. Through forgiveness men are placed where they may receive blessing upon blessing. Jesus our Saviour first and foremost, then Jesus our Healer and Baptiser, finally to be prepared to meet Him when He comes to receive His own.

Thursday, June 13th, Acts xiii 42-52

"And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Ghost" (verse 52)

Paul and Barnabas had been expelled, much persecution had been raised, opposition more than ordinary had been witnessed, yet these humble disciples were filled with joy. How may we account for this great blessing that had come through the unique ministry of two faithful servants, and that would continue to bear fruit long after they had departed? They had become established, and the changing of workers would still find them praising God and going forward. The secret of the bubbling joy in the midst of fiery trial must surely be traced to that experience of being filled with the Holy Ghost. We may have some joy without a deluge of the Holy Spirit, but an abiding, remaining joy is some of the evident fruit of such an effusion. Ring out, ye joybells of the heart, for the Comforter has come to abide.

Friday, June 14th, Acts xiv 1-18

"A long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord" (verse 3)

Great need kept these brethren in Iconium. How difficult to further God's work amidst opposing and dividing forces! This was the problem of Barnabas and Paul in Iconium. They spake boldly in the Lord. They had need to, for the trouble with the opposition bench was, they spoke within the circumscribed limits of the lower ego. We cannot afford to be boastful except in the Lord. Boldness in these days is urgently needed. The enemy is bold, he carries his warfare right into

our midst With what boldness in the Lord we need to meet him! Human bravado is useless God-enviored, nothing can withstand us We read here God granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands We, too, may expect such manifestations as the Lord is truly enthroned.

Saturday, June 15th. Acts xiv 19-28

"And there came thither certain Jews from Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the people, and having stoned Paul, drew him out of the city, supposing he had been dead" (verse 19)

How fickle the crowd, when only yesterday with great difficulty the people were restrained from treating Paul and Bar-

nabas as gods. The crown of yesterday is spiked with thorns to-day Humble servants of the lowly Nazarene, they are but following in His steps Paul appears to have suffered most in this mad outburst Stoned and dragged out of the city he is left for dead. His work was not yet accomplished, for soon we see him rising to his feet, and with his colleagues departing to another city The strife arose out of a religious difference How much blood has been shed through the centuries in so-called religious wars The Jews fought tenaciously for what they considered were conclusive rights God had revealed to His servants wider and wiser purposes How blind are mere religionists! The Lord has emblazoned on His banner, Peace and Love—love to Himself and love to all men

Church and Campaign Converts

"The Lord working with them, and confirming the Word with signs following" (Mark xvi. 20)

SIXTEEN SOULS IN ONE WEEK

Reading (Pastor L C Quest) Signs continue to follow the ministry of the Word at the Elim services at Reading During one week recently sixteen souls surrendered to Christ

ELEVEN CONVERTS AT A FAREWELL

East Ham. At Pastor and Mrs R Tweed's farewell service at East Ham on Sunday, 12th May, eleven souls decided for Christ

Worcester. A fortnight's campaign conducted last month by Evangelist A Brown resulted in twenty-seven souls surrendering to Christ The Evangelist is continuing his ministry at Worcester for a few weeks longer

Wimbledon (Pastor E C W Boulton) A three weeks' mission conducted by Miss W F Buchanan has just been concluded at Elm Hall, Southey Road, where God set His seal on the ministry of His handmaiden

Moneyslane (Evangelists W J Hilliard) A successful fortnight's campaign has recently been held in this country district by Pastor F Farlow

Lytham (Evangelist A S Gaunt) Pastor and Mrs Charles Kingham have conducted a successful fortnight's campaign at Lytham, at which souls were saved, and the Lord stretched forth His hand in healing and baptising in the Holy Ghost These special services were followed by a campaign at Ashbourne in Derbyshire

Hornsey (Pastor R Smith) On May 12th and 13th a Crusader Convention was held at Zion Tabernacle, Hornsey

and the special services were much appreciated by the congregation

Carlisle During the last five weeks of Pastor H A. Court's ministry at Carlisle, fifteen souls were won for Christ, and thirty-nine were baptised in water On May 12th and 13th a very successful Sunday School Anniversary was held, and on May 14th Pastor Court conducted his last service before leaving for East Ham

Hendon (Evangelist H W Fardell) A baptismal service was held at Hendon last month, at which a number of saints from Hendon and Watford were immersed by Mr H W Fardell God's blessing continues to rest on His Word at this centre, and souls are finding salvation and satisfaction in Christ

Battersea. The evangelistic mission conducted by Miss Hawes is now over, but the blessing received continues How the Lord's children rejoiced as the glorious Gospel was proclaimed in the power of the Holy Ghost, resulting in lives being won for the Master and saints testifying to renewed spiritual vigour

Glasgow (Pastor J Smith) Much blessing has recently been experienced by the saints in this district On Sunday, May 19th, thirty-four new members were added to the ever-increasing roll of this Church The members are praying earnestly that a larger place will soon be found for the work The breaking-of-bread services are wonderful seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord As the saints enter into the spirit of worship the marvellous sense of the presence of the Lord which fills the place has been the wonder of many To God be all the glory!

Sunday School Lesson

By PASTOR P N CORRY

June 16th, 1929.

Reading: Joshua x. 1-10, 22-27.

"VICTORY"

MEMORY TEXT: "The victory is ours, thank God! He makes it ours by our Lord Jesus Christ" (1. Cor. xv. 57, Moffatt).

FOR THE TEACHER.

I suppose we have all played at rounders in our day, and will go on doing so, as long as a ball and a stick can be found and Sunday School outings continue Nevertheless, there is science in the game, and we soon learn that it is not wise to get too far from the base, unless we have support from our side, otherwise we stand in danger of being run out, or cut off before we can complete the round

What is true in rounders holds good in war It is never safe for an expeditionary force to march off into the blue without its first consolidating the ground already taken A base of operations is not only necessary but vital, because your advance may cover more ground than you can hold, and your communications may be broken General Townsend found this out at Ctesiphon, and it was in order to cover the retreat of the remainder of the Army that he halted at Kut, and was

captured He had got too far into the land and away from his base of supplies, with the result that when the counter-attack came he had not the strength or the force at his command to hold the ground that had been taken, and the result was disaster

Gilgal.

Those of you who have been studying this grand old Book of Joshua, and the advance of the armies of Israel into Canaan, will have noticed that the Base Headquarters was at Gilgal It was here that the people first encamped after crossing the Jordan (v 19), here that the covenant was renewed after its lapse in the wilderness (v 9), here that the first Passover was kept after their entry into the land (v 10), here that they tasted the old corn instead of manna (v 11), From this centre the various expeditions against the enemies of the Lord were conducted (x 6, 7), and to this place Israel returned victorious after each stage of the conquest of the land (x 15, 43).

After Ai, and the submission of Gibeon, the forces of Israel under Joshua were kept hard at work, the cleaning up of the land of Canaan began in deadly earnest Jerusalem and its confederate kings (chapter x), Libnah (x 29, 30), Lachish

(x. 31, 32), Eglon (x. 34, 35), Hebron (x. 36-38), Debir (x. 38-40)—until that vast stronghold of Hazor (xi. 10, 11) the key of the north, the guardian of the natural gate into the land, fell before the conquering army of Jehovah. Yet constantly during these various campaigns, mention is made of their first encampment, and there is little doubt that Gilgal, in the midst of the plains of the Jordan, served as their base from which they controlled the conquered territory, and through which fresh forces and supplies could be pushed out to the various garrisons stationed in the newly conquered territory.

Calvary.

Thank God, in the Christian experience there is a plain where God has rolled away the reproach of Egypt, and where we are set free to enjoy the Passover and the old corn of the land (Joshua v. 9). The Cross of Christ has set us free from the old life of bondage (Rom. vi), yet whilst it is a landmark in the past, it is a place that we never get away from (Gal. vi. 14). We are always returning there in thought and in speech (I Cor. i. 17), and our glorying and boast is in the victory that is ours through the Cross.

In our reading to-day Joshua had set out from Gugal and by a night march taken the enemy by surprise (x. 6-9), and the Lord made victory all the more sure by the hail storm

that followed (x. 11). These tremendous storms are quite common in the East, and it is quite in keeping with known facts that men should be killed by them. In the same way there are foes in the Christian's conflict that will never be vanquished unless taken by a night march, and while we march through the night, the Lord prepares to do for us more than we can ask or think. Oh! the joy of placing your feet on the necks of conquered foes. All things ARE under the feet of our Leader, our Joshua (I Cor. xv. 25, Heb. ii. 8), and how He calls us to draw near and partake of His triumph.

Victory has been ours through the Cross in the past, for He has slain the enmity by it (Eph. ii. 16). Victory is ours now in the present (I John v. 4), and, thank God, we can look to the future and know with confidence that it will be ours then (Rom. xvi. 20 and I Cor. xv. 54-57). It is not ours by our own efforts or strength. He has made it ours through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Now thanks be unto God which always leadeth us in triumph in Christ, so that life becomes a constant pageant of triumph as He leads us from victory to victory (II Cor. ii. 14).

Keep on marching with Joshua, even if it is a forced march in the night, for joy and victory cometh in the morning, and we shall return to Gilgal once more with shouts of victory (x. 15).

Lost and Found

A CERTAIN man lived on one of the large islands of the west coast of North America, and he was in the habit of going, from time to time, into the woods to fish and to hunt. One day he started very early with a friend. They had guns and fishing-rods with them, and enough food for one day. In the fresh morning air they went quite a distance into the forest. They did not meet even one human being. One could scarcely see the blue sky through the wide branches of the trees. It was just as if they were alone in the world



After they had walked a considerable time, they sat down to rest and to take some food. The younger of the two declared that it was his intention to hunt by a certain large lake, where there was abundance of fish, and to fish there. This was a dangerous undertaking, for in such an extended forest one could easily lose one's way. His friend strongly advised him not to go, but he would not be kept from it.

"I'll find my way," he said with assurance, and after his friend had cautioned him as to certain things

by which he could recognise his way, he went off. Merrily he went on, and soon forgot his friend's warnings. Thinking that he saw the lake in the distance, he hastened to reach the object of his journey, and forgot to take notice of the way he was taking. But the lake was farther away than he imagined. He was continually thinking that it was right in front of him, and was mistaken every time. His heart began to beat faster from uneasiness. Would he never reach the lake? Where was he? Was he lost?

All at once the conviction fell like lead on his heart, that he could not find his way back. An indescribable feeling of misery came over him. He was alone in that immense forest. How dreadful! What must he do? He called out loudly, but what use was that? He heard nothing but the echo of his own words. He fired his gun but there came no reply. He climbed up a high pine tree, hoping to see some human dwelling, or at least to discover a way leading out of this forest, but alas! he could only see the tops of trees which seemed to stretch out on all sides endlessly.

By this time it was late, and the thought that he must spend the night there, all alone, filled him with anxiety and terror. He walked on, not knowing where he was going, his anxiety driving him on, and all at once, after walking for hours, he met his friend. The latter had become uneasy at the younger man's long absence, and set out to look for him. How glad they were! The young man was saved from certain death. After resting and taking some food, they returned, but it took him days to get over the fright and fatigue he had undergone. How terrible to be lost, like this young man, in such a forest!

But dear reader! It is still worse to wander around in this world, a lost sinner, far from Him who alone can save the soul. The young man would not listen to his friend's warnings, and went his own way a way that would have led to destruction, if he had not been saved in time! And if you are not yet converted, you are in much greater danger—the danger of being lost for eternity. Still there is a way of escape. Jesus says "I am the Way." If you believe in Him, then you have eternal life, and shall not come into judgment.

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him." (John iii. 36).

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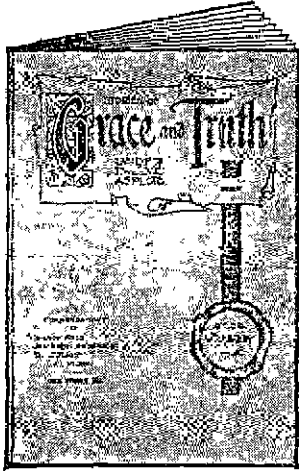
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