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“And they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.”

(Mark xvi. 20).

“I am come that they might have life.”

John X. 10.

“I will come again.”

John XIV. 3.

HEALER

BAPTISER

“I will, be thou clean.”

Mark 1.41.



“I will send Him (the Comforter) unto you.”

John XVI. 7.

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Civilisation before the Flood

Summing up Archæological Evidence of Antediluvian Life

By MELVIN GROVE KYLE, D.D., LL.D.

FOR a long time evidence, or sometimes no more than suggestions, of antediluvian civilisation have been appearing from different parts of the world and from very different stages of human history.

Let us glance back that we may get the force of all this evidence and then briefly parallel it with the Scripture account of antediluvian civilisation.

THE SURPRISING ORDER OF POTTERY FINDS

To begin with what is fresh in our minds, the last piece of evidence that has appeared is that report of the Oxford and Pennsylvania Universities working at Ur of Chaldees. They found the *finest* pottery in the *earliest* period, followed by a great decline in quality. In other words, the nearer they got to the antediluvian epoch in pottery, the better was the workmanship displayed. This is the very reverse of the evolutionary theory of the development of history and civilisation, and exactly what we should expect to find, if there was a highly developed civilisation before the Flood.

SICILY'S REMARKABLE CAVERNS.

Then we may recall the remarkable discoveries in the Island of Sicily before the war. The substratum of Sicily almost everywhere is tufa, a volcanic rock. Evidently the displays of volcanic violence that sometimes fill us with horror are, after all, but the last flaring up of the volcanic fires, and are trifling compared with the action of the volcanoes of that region at a much earlier time. These great beds of tufa then were spread over most of the island, and now form the substratum of the land.

Before the Great War some remarkable caverns were discovered in this underlying bed of tufa, remarkable not so much in size as in the utter dissimilarity to any other artificial caverns. They are massive and without adornment, and displaying a quaint, rude, yet artistic architecture with a quality all its own, like the Navaho architecture of America.

It was impossible to connect the work in these caverns with anything historical. Moreover, there were found, as you will remember, ruts of cart wheels or perhaps we may say, giving them a little more

dignity, chariot wheels. These were worn in the rather soft tufa and yet kept intact during uncounted centuries, as the soil alone would not have retained them. They led down to the edge of the water, which here came into the land in a little bay, and disappeared under the water, and *appeared again on the opposite side of the bay*.

Manifestly there has been a change of land-levels since those ruts were made. No such change of land-levels is recorded by history in that region, but it is a common view of geologists that the Mediterranean Sea was formed, as we now know it, at the last great change of land-levels. Now the Flood was certainly the last great change of land-levels, and the only one of which we have any historical knowledge. It is most likely that these caverns were places of public assembly, probably for worship, or maybe for other conclave, in the antediluvian times.

GREAT STONES EAST OF JORDAN.

In 1912, when I was in Palestine, I visited Dr Duncan Mackenzie at his work at Beth-shemesh. A short time afterward he went to the region east of the Jordan for exploratory work. He found there a number of megalithic monuments, big-stone cairns and dolmens, names that do not denote anything very illuminating for the simple reason that no one clearly understands the character or purpose of these monuments, and still less their builders. They are unlike anything of which the history is known, entirely without inscription or any other markings, and for these very reasons, for lack of better, are thought to have been very possibly antediluvian.

CAN WE NAME THE ANTEDILUVIAN CITIES?

Some may remember, also, that a good many years ago, Professor Arno Poebel found mention of some Babylonian cities by name, with the distinct claim in the inscription that these names were also names of cities before the Flood. Whether or not the cities were a rebuilding of antediluvian cities was not stated, but in any case, if the claim be correct, and there seems no good reason to doubt it, here are preserved

names of antediluvian cities of sufficient importance that their names were handed on for many centuries by tradition until population grew and civilisations extended to a point where those antediluvian cities might be commemorated by re-using their names

These very definite pieces of suggestive material seem to put flesh and blood upon the bones of ancient tradition, concerning the ten antediluvian patriarchs in Babylonian traditions who are given a fabulous history, and yet do parallel the ten antediluvian patriarchs of Genesis, "great men of renown" They even give some semblance of reality to the preposterous myths of all races concerning the monstrous history of the world before the Flood of which all these myths tell By themselves these myths hardly signify anything real to us, but, when associated with these more definite and semi-historical hints from Babylon and other ancient places which I have recited, do become invested with an air of reality

BABYLON'S REDEMPTION STORY.

In this review, the astounding information recovered from the ancient Shushan Palace during the Great War must not be forgotten It was that given by what is probably the sixth tablet of the creation story, so long missing, and which so strikingly parallels the story of redemption as revealed in the Bible Every one of the eleven items of that creation story, from the creation of man in the image of a god to the resurrection and ascension of a redeemer, is given and all in exact order

The only reasonable explanation of this parallel is that it is a reflection of an antediluvian revelation, that, in fact, the proto-evangel was unfolded in that ancient world; that Enoch was one of a company of devout worshippers of the Lord, that Noah was not the only preacher of righteousness, but only the last one in that age, and that we do not have to read John iii 16 as "God so loved the world [after Abraham] that He gave His only begotten Son," but that the whole plan of redemption was revealed and preached to the antediluvian world Then when the world was destroyed and men went out to rebuild it, the truth went out along all lines of migration, but, as it went, became gradually corrupted by sin until, at last, it was practically lost to the world and God began revelation again with Abraham

THE GENESIS RECORD OF CIVILISATION.

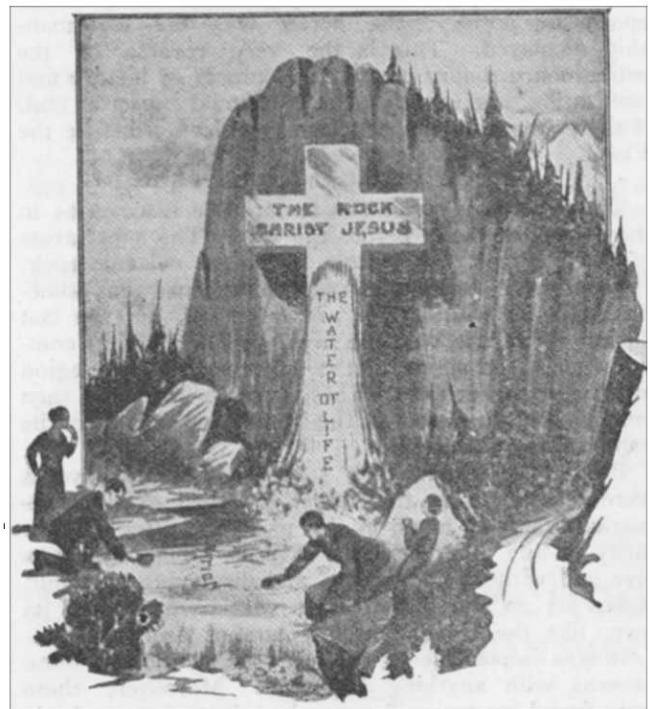
Now having this collection of things so familiar to us immediately before us, we may turn to the account that the Bible gives of antediluvian civilisation in Genesis iv, and recall briefly what we see pointed out in that simple narrative For it is in the first instance, and on the surface, a very simple narrative of the story of Cain and the murder of Abel, with only a brief appendix concerning Jubal and Tubal that, at first sight, does not seem to have anything to do with the narrative. But, when we discern all that is in the narrative, this seeming appendix stands out as the explanation of the whole story

The account is simply given, almost to scantiness of information, but a sharp scrutiny brings to light some hidden things Some are amazed at the so-called Baconian cipher in Shakespeare, but here is something, not a mysterious cipher, but far more real

than anything of the occult kind to be found in Shakespeare Here in this narrative are mentioned, in regular order, every step in the progress of civilisation, as it is understood by the scientific study of to-day, the domestication of animals, the mention of agriculture, the beginnings of public worship, the genesis of civil government (mentioning in exact order, the authority from God, the monitor in conscience, and the administration through men), migration arising out of unsatisfactory conditions, the rise of urban life when the different settlements made a meeting-place or market necessary, the beginning of nomadic life, when the occupation of the land and the building of towns made it necessary to move about to find pasture, and last of all the rise of the arts and crafts In this last, we see why the appendix to the story of Cain and Abel was added It was necessary to complete the list of the items of the development of civilisation in the antediluvian world

WILL THERE SOON BE MORE LIGHT?

I have long believed that there was a great civilisation before the Flood, perhaps as great (though probably much different) as since that event Some time, it may come very soon, we shall get historical information of undoubted character concerning that old world I have not called to view again here all the evidence, but enough to enable those interested to see the trend of the information already available The Oxford and Pennsylvania excavations at Ur, the examination of the earliest remains of Egypt by Sir William Flinders Petrie, and now his proposed exploration of the prehistoric remains in the south of Palestine may very soon cast a flood of light over the ancient world



"WHOSOEVER DRINKETH OF THE WATER THAT I SHALL GIVE HIM SHALL NEVER THIRST"

The Gifts of Ministers to the Church

III—PROPHETS

By Pastor LEN JONES

WE find this person very prominent in the early Church. In Acts xi 27 we read, "And in these days came prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch." "Now there were in the Church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers" (Acts xiii. 1) "And Judas and Silas, being prophets also themselves" (Acts xv 32) "And as we tarried there many days, there came down from Judæa a certain prophet, named Agabus" (Acts xxi 10).

Besides these scriptures with regard to the minister, there are other scriptures regarding this ministry.

"And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy" (Acts ii 17). When

THE EPHESIANS

received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost they "spoke with tongues and prophesied" (Acts xix 6). Philip the evangelist had four daughters, which did prophesy (Acts xxi 9).

The prophet should be considered alongside the gift manifested through him. A study of the gift will give a good deal of information regarding the person. We may well suppose, too, that the gifts of tongues and interpretation are manifested through the prophet. It has been mentioned elsewhere that not everybody that speaks in tongues and interprets is necessarily a prophet, but we have a right to believe that these gifts are manifested through the prophet.

All that has been written in connection with the control of these gifts can be said of the minister, who will be guided by the Word of God, and whose ministry will be in accordance with the Word of God.

The prophet is a person loved by many for his ministry. Others are afraid of him. There is so much care taken to avoid fanaticism and extravagance that sometimes there is a leaning too strongly in the other direction. A little study in contrast in Church history upon the spiritual and denominational ships that have been wrecked on the rocks of fanaticism compared with those that have been wrecked on the reefs of formalism, might be helpful at this time. We may be a little surprised at what we learn. Not a great deal of difficulty is experienced in finding movements that once had the power of God, but now 'Ichabod' ("the glory hath departed") can be written over the door.

A FORMAL CHURCH

has not much liking for the prophet. To such a church he savours of mysticism and extravagance, and they believe that they can get along much better without him—but "God hath set some in the Church . . . prophets," and it does not speak well if we would rather have this person's ministry kept out.

It is very possible for a person whom God is leading this way to be so discouraged through his gift

being cramped out, as to lose the manifestation altogether. The Holy Spirit is likened to a dove—a dove is very timid. The Holy Spirit is not likely to force this ministry upon a people who would rather not have it. We are asked not to quench the Spirit, or to grieve the Spirit. If we are told not to cast our pearls before swine, is it likely that the Lord, going contrary to His own principle, is going to encourage a person to manifest this gift when there is no appreciation of its manifestation. No, there will be no trouble in ridding ourselves of this manifestation. This is about the first ministry that a cold formal church has no desire for, and crushes out, but it is just the beginning of the end.

What about the person with the gift? He will either keep silent with the gift idle (remember that Timothy was told to stir up the gift that was in him), or else go where there is belief in the supernatural operations of the Spirit. The former is by far the more likely.

Is the order of the Church what it should be, when it has no time for a God-appointed ministry? We leave that question unanswered.

It will be noticed in the Scriptures that a distinction is drawn many times between

PREACHING AND TEACHING

(Matt xi 1, Acts v 42, Acts xv 35). It will be noticed, too, that in the Church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers. Our study under teachers will shew the vast difference between the two offices—at Antioch both prophets and teachers were gathered together.

Only mighty men of God can qualify under more than one heading. There is a danger to endeavour to be a little of everything, instead of waiting on our gift.

There is a danger, too, of ministers failing to recognise the difference in these ministries, and wish every other minister to be made in the same mould as themselves. This is more likely with young workers. A person young in the ministry is often continually comparing himself with other ministers. If he comes into contact with a ministry different to his own, for the fear that his own might be wrong and the other person's right it is possible for him to become critical. His failure to see that God has these different ministries, and thinking that if the other person is right he is wrong, his ministerial pride is a little troubled, and the only way out that he can see is not to agree with the other person's work.

Are all prophets? No!

If you are being led along that way, rejoice, but do not be critical of those who are not. If you are not inclined to a prophetic ministry, do not be critical of those who are, but rather wait on your own ministry. You do not feel any urge in this direction—perhaps the other person does not feel any urge in your direction.

(To be continued).

Jesus is Mine, for ever Mine

J J C

J J CULLEY

1 Walking one day down the broad road of sin, Dark-ness without and fore-
 2 'Lord, Lord' I cried as be - fore Him I feli- Ne- ver the joy of that
 3 Friend, are you treading the broad road to day, Far from the light and from

bod ings with-in, Gent-ly a voice spoke a word in my ear,
 hour can I tell, Up-ward I look'd, and be - held His dear face,
 Hea- ven as - tray? Je - sus is wait-ing your Sa- vour to be,

REFRAIN

Bring-ing me hope that my Sa- vour was near
 Know ing that I had been saved by His grace
 Plead ing 'O wan- der - er come un - to Me' } Je - sus is mine, for

ev - er mine, What-e'er the lot may be, Sor-row or joy, there s

nought can des troy, The love be - tween Je - sus and me.

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The above hymn is by the author of "Blind Bartimæus" and "Jesus first thought in the morning," and was written only during the past few weeks. It makes an excellent solo, and the chorus is particularly sweet.

Bible Study Helps

PLEASING GOD.

The Master's Witness:

I do always those things that please Him (John viii 29)

The Servant's Testimony:

We make it our aim (margin, are ambitious) to be well pleasing unto Him (II Cor v 9, R V)

Not as pleasing men, but God which proveth our hearts (I Thess ii 4)

Whosoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do the things that are pleasing in His sight (I John iii 22)

Christian Liberality:

A sacrifice acceptable, well-pleasing to God (Phil iv 18)

Praise and liberality combined

With such sacrifices God is well pleased (Heb xiii 15, 16)

Obedience to parents.

Well pleasing unto the Lord (Col iii 20)

The Psalmist's Prayer:

Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth Thee (Psalm cxliii 10, R V)

Without faith it is impossible to please God (Heb xi 6)

They that are in the flesh cannot please God (Rom viii 8)

FOUR ELEMENTS OF SALVATION.

In I. Thessalonians i.

I. Faith.

1 Receiving the Gospel message an act of faith

- (a) Received in much affliction
- (b) Received in joy

II Repentance.

1 Turned to God from idols
 Absolute change of life

III. Love

1 Love manifested in service
 Working out our salvation

IV. Hope

1 Awaiting God's Son from heaven
 2 Salvation to be revealed at the appearing of Jesus Christ (cf I Peter i 5-7)

GOD'S PERFECT WORK.

His work is perfect (Deut xxxii 4)

His way is perfect (Psalm xviii 30)

Perfect will of God (Rom xii 2)

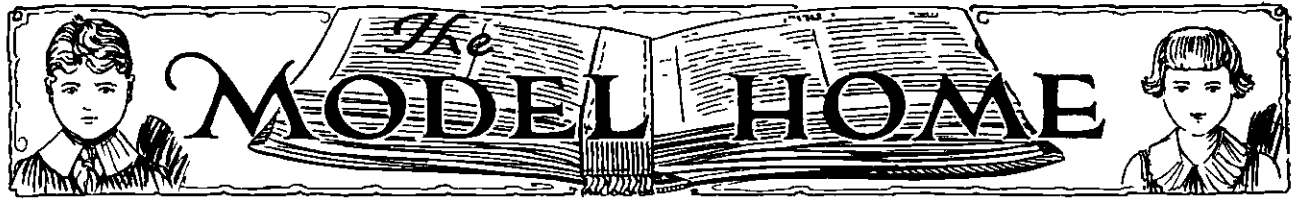
Reconciling to Himself (Col i 20)

Subduing to Himself (Phil iii 21)

Purifying to Himself (Titus ii 14)

Presenting to Himself (Eph iii 7)

Don't Forget September 12th!
 Foursquare Gospel Demonstration at the Crystal Palace



Talk No. IX.—The Grown-up Son or Daughter

By Principal PERCY G. PARKER (of the Christian Workers' Bible Correspondence School)

THE grown-up son or daughter should be as eager to read about the Model Home as mother and father. It should be their delight not only to preserve the beauty of home life but to increase it. For many years the main thought has been, What shall I get? Now, it should decidedly be, What can I give?

What they desire to give will largely depend on what they have been given. If parents have sought to give their growing children the

HIGHEST TRAINING

for body, soul, and spirit, then the average grown-up son and daughter will yearn to give back unselfish love and provision.

Happy are those parents whose lives have been so beautiful and strong that there is left a passion in the heart of the grown-up family to be worthy of them, and to please them in every particular.

Thomas Edison tells us that when he was at school he was frequently at the bottom of the class. One day he heard the teacher say he was "addled," and that it was not worth while keeping him at school. He says

I was so hurt that I burst out crying, and went home and told my mother about it. Then I found out what a good thing a good mother was. She brought me back to the school, and angrily told the teacher that he didn't know what he was talking about, that I had more brains than he had himself and a lot more talk like that. In fact, she was the most enthusiastic champion a boy ever had, and I determined right then that I would be worthy of her, and shew her that her confidence was not misplaced.

This is one of many instances of how mother's love and faithfulness has been the inspiring force of a man's life.

But now let us consider one or two very practical matters that arise.

First, the Money Question

Grown children vary greatly over this. They frequently mirror the habits of their parents—but not always. They are torn between a knowledge that the home needs the money and they need it. Home-building begins to take a very prominent place in their thoughts. They begin to calculate how much a home of their own will cost. They discover it will cost so much that the weekly sum they can put aside seems very little. Then arises a tendency to wish to withdraw that which is right and essential from the

SUPPORT OF THE HOME

Many parents are wonderfully sacrificial along this line toward their children, and yet the grown-up

family should tactfully be led to see their responsibility to home. It is not necessarily a question of parents wanting the money, but it is one of the development of the noblest character in their children. Giving or sending money for the upkeep of the home by young men and women, whether living at home or away from home, should not be looked upon as a duty, but as a delightful privilege.

Second, the Freedom Question

Of course an increased measure of freedom should be given after about eighteen years of age. Parents should gradually pass from strong-willed control to strong and sympathetic advice. "You mustn't," harshly and frequently repeated generally leads the victim to say inwardly, "I will." If friends are made, of either sex, let them feel free to join in the family life. As long as they fit in with the family, all is well. If they bring in habits and outlooks of thought that are foreign to your home life, then the sooner such are allowed to feel that their company is not desired the better it will be. Don't treat your grown-up sons and daughters as little boys and girls. Though they may not outwardly shew it, there will be inner rebellion. There is

AN AMUSING STORY

told of a woman of over ninety years of age who was told that her son of seventy had died. "There," she said, "I always said I should never rear him!" This is an amusing and exceptional case, but it reveals a constant danger of forgetting that the one-time simple and innocent children of the home have become grown-up men and women.

But this leads to the third thought, and qualifies the present one.

Thirdly, the Spiritual Question

Never let the grown children spoil the spiritual atmosphere of your home. Never compromise with evil in order to hold on to the children. Hold on to God. Do what is right in the sight of God, no matter what may be the consequences to you and yours. The thought I have in mind is so finely illustrated by a testimony from Paul Rader, the great American preacher, that I feel it will carry more weight than any words of mine. He said

I shall never forget when the modern tide struck our home. My sister weighed one hundred pounds. She was an artist, nervous and temperamental and all that kind of stuff that we had to watch out for. She was an artist, while we had to make our own living. She got music and some other ideas in her head, and came home from college

the first year That morning after breakfast, when we had prayer, she rose sweetly and excused herself and went upstairs

She "got by" with it that morning, but father "took note of it", and the next morning, when she excused herself, he said, "Sit still"

"But really," she pouted, "I don't care to stay"

"That doesn't make any difference—stay!"

"I think a person should have some liberty in religion," she answered

"You can have all the liberty you please in religion," father told her, "but I run this house I paid for your food, I bought the clothes you have on I paid for your education Sit thou there quietly and listen while a father who loves you reads and prays"

My big brother came home one day He had made money for himself and had a big fat cigar in his mouth He smoked it awhile on the back porch Father came out, reached out his hand, took the cigar and, throwing it into the garden, said, "Don't smoke them around here any more."

"I would like to know what right you have to throw that cigar out," brother complained

"You know my idea," father answered "This is my house I am raising boys and making a speciality of it, and you don't get by with that kind of stuff When you are working for a man he can tell you whether to smoke in his office or in his warehouse I am running this house God gave me the command to do so"

"I will go somewhere else," my brother threatened.

"I am sorry I love you," father replied quietly, "but if you want the cigar worse than you do the home, you can go"

He went away three weeks, and came back and said, "Dad, you are all right I submit and will play the game according to the rules"

Most people say, Well, you have to let children have their way"

Is that so? Then goodbye to home, to government, to everything God will not stand for that

I had a father who stood by the river of life, thank God, an old pile-driver, and smiled while he drove down the jetty He never licked me in his life, but I always knew I had one coming if I needed it He raised ten children and he did it as an undermas'er of God

You never saw a spoiled boy in your life to whom the mother had given everything she had, that would not take that little mother and trample on her heart before he got through

God intended parents and children to live together in the unity He ordained He commands parents thus, and with a covenant attached "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it"

Never let your training for God cease Stand like a rock for God and His truth in your home and your children Better grieve your children than grieve God They may almost break your heart for years, but at the Judgment Day in the future you will be able, on this point, to

STAND UNASHAMED

If the children go wrong let it be because they wilfully reject your counsel If the world treads upon God's love you must not be surprised if for a period at least your children trample upon your love.

Take courage however Prodigal children never really forget the influence of home They may go into a far country, but the tug of home will be there Even Gipsy Smith had a prodigal son, but, to-day that son is preaching the Gospel

Here is a beautiful story told by Dr F B Meyer No doubt it will touch some heart-strings

The other day I heard this story from the lips of Lieut-Colonel Seton-Churchill There was a lad of noble heritage, the son of Christian parents From the day of his birth

his parents regarded him as a sacred charge, and gladly made any sacrifice for the welfare of their son

He chose the Army as his profession, and promised to repay all the care and trouble they had lavished upon him He won a first place after passing successfully the stiff examination, which used to be the supreme condition to be fulfilled by any man who desired front-rank position It seemed to be the climax of all their hopes and prayers, though sometimes a spasm of anxiety crossed their minds lest he should succumb to temptations specially incident to his profession

Three years passed, his letters had become less satisfactory and fewer But those who loved him still hoped against hope, till one day a fateful telegram was placed in his father's hand "Your son has disgraced himself, he must leave the Army" What was to be done? His parents dared not have him home, lest he should contaminate his younger brothers and sisters, and it was decided to send him to one of the colonies

He pleaded to come home to gather up his things and see the familiar place once more, and was permitted to do so on condition that he reached the home before the village was astir in the summer morning He arrived, found the door unlocked, made for the room he had occupied from childhood, looked around it with a heart-break as he contrasted the present with the happy past Last time he had stood there he was full of buoyant expectation Suddenly his eyes seemed to be opened to the secret of his downfall The bed at which he had so often knelt reminded him of the prayers that had been for so long unsaid, and of the religion which had become like a well stopped by rubbish He knelt in an agony of repentance on the spot where so often he had been at the foot of Jacob's ladder, and as he knelt he became aware of his mother's entrance and that she was kneeling beside him That presence, her touch, her tears and prayers reversed his career, and from that hour he arose to the dignity of a new manhood It was the continued influence of old associations, of the mother's love, that, under the Divine Spirit, led him back to God

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Write out the eleven names correctly in the order in which they occur in the chapter

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FAMILY ALTAR



The Scripture Union Daily Portions · Meditations by PERCY G PARKER.

Sunday, June 21st. Num xxi 1-9

"The soul of the people was much discouraged" (verse 4)

Yet God was watching over them! Even His way for them was not a smooth way. When God leads us forward He is not primarily seeking our comfort. He is primarily seeking our faith. God allows us to walk along ways that will not necessarily increase our comfort but will necessarily increase our faith. God has no programme of comfort apart from faith. It is faith that is the essential foundation for a structure of comfort. But Israel had no right to be discouraged. Discouragement simply proved that the main thing He was after was not there. Men of faith are never discouraged. Men of faith know that the apparent way of discouragement is only God's preparation for a greater service. A difficult way does not prove that God has forsaken us—it proves that He is preparing to bless us.

Monday, June 22nd. Num xxi 21-35

"And the Lord said unto Moses, Fear him not" (verse 34)

The man who stands with God has nothing to fear from others. If God be for us no one can triumphantly be against us. We need never fear a lonely life from men if we have a homely walk with God. God foresees every foe that will arise against us. Foes arise in every branch of life. Subtle foes arise in the office, in the shop, and even in the home. Before the foe arises God has His plan ready for his defeat. Take God's plan and the foe will be defeated. Move forward with brute force, and there is need to fear. Move forward trusting God and there is no need to fear. Our enemy has many plans to overthrow us—God always has a better plan to thwart him.

Tuesday June 23rd Num xxi 1-14

"Thou shalt not curse the people for they are blessed" (verse 12)

The Devil tries to put a curse upon us. But if God blesses, the Devil's curse is lifeless. Have you ever considered that every hour of the day the Devil is trying to put a curse upon you, and God is trying to bless you? Resist the curse—take the blessing. Be willing to be blessed with God's blessing, but be unwilling to be cursed with the Devil's curse. Resist the Devil—he will fly from you. Open your heart to God—He will hasten to you. God has handfuls of blessing. Satan has handfuls of curses. Stretch out your hand of faith and take God's handfuls of blessings. Lie down and sleep with God's blessing upon you. Rise up and walk with that blessing still yours.

Wed., June 24th Num xxii 15-31

"I will promote thee unto very great honour" (verse 17)

But of what value is honour if it is not God-given? What value is honour if it is only for time? Honour for time only makes dishonour for eternity the more unendurable. The only promotion worth having is that which God gives. What value is there in a man being called a minister if it is only a college title and not a God-given ordination? It is only right that we should long to do much in this world. Empty hearts need filling with loving deeds. But of what value is prominent service if it is outside the place where God wishes us to serve. When God promotes us to wider spheres of service it is a promotion that will eternally last. Seek God's promotion. What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?

Thursday, June 25th Num xxii 32-41

"The word that God putteth in my mouth, that shall I speak" (verse 38)

Happy are they who wait for the Lord's word—and then speak it. Words can be wasted as puffs of wind on the ocean of time. But words spoken under the anointing of God will fill some sail and hasten the boat of life to the harbour of a blissful eternity. Happy are they who speak God's words—happy are they who receive God's words. Let us be anxious to get the Lord's words into our mouths. Divine blessing always flows from Divine words. God's words never return unto Him void. Let us be receiving centres for the words of God and then broadcast them to waiting hearts. Lives are waiting for words that will lead into light and victory. Speak the words God gives and those words will be a lamp unto somebody's feet, and a light to somebody's path.

Friday, June 26th Num xxiii 1-15

"I took thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast blessed them altogether" (verse 11)

God turned the curse into a blessing. If God can He always will. It is God's will to bless. God wants to bless us this morning. He wants us to go forward in His strength. He wants to quicken us according to His word. He wants to quicken us in righteousness. The day lies before us, with all its threatening clouds. Will the clouds break? Well, if they do break, we can be hidden in our refuge during the time of storm, and after the storm-break the sun will be shining. God does not always keep us out of storms frequently. He takes us through them. Let us lift up our heads and hearts. God is more

powerful than our enemies. To-night we will pillow our heads upon the fulfilled promises of God.

Saturday, June 27th Num xxiii 16-30

"God brought them out of Egypt" (verse 22)

And God who brought the children of Israel out of Egypt can bring His people out from anywhere. It was a miracle that brought Israel out of her tight corner. God can work a miracle to-day and bring us out of our tight corners. You don't like your situation—God can bring you out. You don't like the district in which you have to live—God can bring you out. You don't like the special department where you are working—God can bring you out. You don't like the bondage of ill-health in which you daily exist—God can bring you out. You don't like the weakness of your Christian testimony—God can bring you out by giving you the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. You don't like this and that—well, God can bring you out. But let God do it. If He doesn't, then gladly stay where you are.

A Sermon on Recognition

So then, as we have opportunity, let us work that which is good toward all men, and especially toward them that are of the household of faith.

A few weeks ago a certain minister preached on the recognition of friends in heaven, and during the following week this letter came to him: "Dear Sir,—I should be very much obliged if you could make it convenient to preach to your congregation on the recognition of friends on earth, as I have been coming to your church for nearly six months, and nobody has taken any notice of me yet."

QUESTIONS

Has your salt lost its savour?

Has your shout lost its ring?

Has your prayer lost its burden?

Has your message lost its sting?

Has your heart lost its forgiving,

Or your faith its taking hold?

Is your service just a burden?

Has your love grown cool or cold?

Where's the fervour of your feelings?

What's the wellspring of your soul?

"Where's the blessedness ye spake of,"

Which was there in days of old?

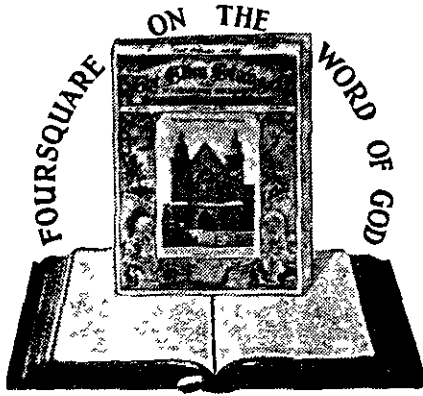
"Where's the Lord God of Elijah?"

Where the Pentecostal power?

Have you sought it? Have you got it?

"Now's" the time and "now's" the hour

—M H



EDITORIAL

Reminders of Revival.

MR A L MORGAN who was in close touch with the Welsh revival has been giving some reminiscences in the *Friend of Missions* He writes

At the mission at Blaenarnerch when Rev Seth Joshua led in prayer, he used the words, "Bend us, Lord" Mr Evan Roberts says "I fell on my knees, and the tears flowed freely I cried, 'Bend me, bend me, bend us!' What bent me was 'God commending His love,' and I seeing nothing in it to commend" The Holy Ghost had come, and melted his whole being by a revelation of the love of Calvary, for God commended His own love to us in that Christ died for us

To Lougher the young student went, in obedience to the voice of God Soon the Spirit began to work, and six came out for Christ The whole community was shaken At six o'clock the people would be awakened by the sounds of the crowds going to the prayer meeting

He would test the meeting 1 All sin must be confessed to God 2 Every doubtful thing put away 3 Prompt obedience to the Holy Spirit 4 Public confession of Christ Forgiveness of others as an essential to the forgiveness by God

On the Sunday Mr Evan Roberts went to Trecynon, Aberystwyth, to preach He took with him a young ladies who took part in a most extraordinary thing Crowds soon gathered the Mission papers were full of the wonders that had taken place in

It soon spread and almost all parts of the Church was sleeping, and if it had only been spiritual we should have had a pure revival

Revival and the Enemy.

MR MORGAN also reminds us that when God works, the Devil also works The following extract should help us to think wisely and pray earnestly

The greatest thing I learnt in the Re-

The Postponed Blackpool Campaign

WE have carefully considered the statement issued by the Bethel Evangelistic Society purporting to be a reply to our explanation in the *Elim Evangel* of 5th June. We did not launch what they have described as "an unwarranted attack" we simply gave facts that were absolutely essential to explain to a disappointed people the sudden postponement of a campaign which had been advertised for three months

The facts are that although there were other available sites in Blackpool, Pastor Edward Jeffreys was aware when he booked the site for his tent that a site in the same field had already been taken by us, and that our tent was to be pitched there in a few days' time, and he admitted to us that the owner was reluctant on that account to let him have the site Let our readers judge the weight of his reason for allowing his tent to go up side by side with our tent, which was as follows He said he thought it was a tent something in the nature of a bell tent that was going up for advertising purposes

We wish to remind our readers that it was announced in the *Elim Evangel* in March that we were to be at Blackpool this summer Pastor Edward Jeffreys did not announce his campaign until two days before our tent was to be pitched, for he had only booked a site in our field two days previous to his announcement

The offer referred to in Pastor Edward Jeffreys' statement was coupled with conditions not mentioned in his statement which it was impossible for us to accept. At the meeting in question we offered to put the matter before leaders of the Assemblies of God, and let them judge and decide who should withdraw from the field, but our offer was refused

We desire to make clear that before issuing our explanation we approached Pastor Edward Jeffreys at Birmingham, but neither he nor his colleagues made any proposal to prevent the calamity of two tents on the same field at the same time It was not until after he saw the explanation of our withdrawal in print that he expressed a desire to meet us

The Bethel letter does not deal with our statement of facts, and this was all we felt called upon to make public We do not consider it is in the interests of the Kingdom of God to enter into an endless controversy over matters that are not relevant to the subject matter of our explanation

Although through grace the Elim Foursquare Gospel Alliance with its ministers and properly organised churches throughout the British Isles has been, and is a great soul-saving movement, and can point to the many miracles of healing with which its ministry has been confirmed during the sixteen years of its existence, we know that its character is not to be judged by the vast number of converts and healings which are tabulated, but by truth and righteousness

Revival was the value of prayer How by prayer, in touch with the Throne, the meeting could be kept under the control of the Holy Spirit

Division soon came Those in sympathy with the Revival could see nothing wrong, those not in sympathy, could see nothing right, one said it was of God, others of the Devil Both were wrong, for when God the Holy Ghost worked, so did the enemy If Revival came our way to-day, is the Church spiritual enough to control? The Apostle Paul says "We wrestle not against flesh and blood"

Rev Seth Joshua, conducting a mission in the Rhondda Valley, found the Christians divided, so asked those who had any bricks to throw to wrap them in a blanket

If anyone was the target of the Enemy, it was Mr Evan Roberts

The work of the Enemy can also be seen in the present-day revival But if we keep true to God He will make even the wrath of the Devil to praise Him, and the remainder of wrath He will restrain

O Lord, Send Rain

By CHARLES E. ROBINSON

IT is time to seek the Lord till He come and rain righteousness upon you" (Hosea x 12)

"Make this valley full of ditches For thus saith the Lord, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain, yet that valley shall be filled with water" (II Kings iii. 16, 17)

"Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain" (Zech x. 1)

In my little book, *Praying to Change Things*, are presented the rules, principles, and warnings which, if conformed to, will bring answers to prayer That God will send rain in time of drought is sure, and in the added chapter entitled "Blazing a Prayer Trail," a detailed account is given of how an Oklahoma assembly in time of

PROTRACTED DROUGHT

got rain in answer to prayer, thirty-one hours after they began to pray If other congregations will pursue the course there described in time of severe drought they will get rain also

Now this is all by way of introducing my subject The thing I have in mind is the long drought our assemblies have been suffering under. As we pass back and forth, back and forth, across the field trying to break the clods, there seems to be such small success Apparently the clods merely roll out of the way of the teeth of the harrow and all we are able to do is to stir up a dust making everyone yet more uncomfortable

Some of us can remember when the Lord sent the rain, dissolving the hard clods Any little sermon would break up the hearts of sinners, softened by the rain Our own hearts were tender and we found ourselves weeping freely with those who wept over their sins Even if we found one not yet softened, his very dryness made us weep in tender compassion for him How different it all is now Sinners are so hard They resist our most strenuous efforts We are so dry Our

HEARTS ARE HARD

—dead, sometimes we almost think Brethren, we are in desperate need of the showers of blessing Oh, God, send us springs of water, even the upper and the nether springs The valley is full of bones, and they are exceeding dry They need the water of life, even rivers of water on the dry and thirsty land

But I am not anything if I am not practical For every need God has a supply I say without fear of contradiction, and in all simplicity and earnestness, just as surely as God would send a physical rain on your community if you were in great need of it, so is He ready to send the spiritual rain upon you But it is not at all unusual for saints to wait for the needed moisture, scanning the sky day after day discouraged, and even peevish perhaps, because the rain is delayed and the crops are cut short With no one full of faith and courage to take the lead they

do not assemble to pray for rain, letting their cattle sometimes even die of thirst and the crops dry up in the field, just as if they had no God, or as if their God was One who would not answer prayer It is even so in the matter of spiritual rain. With no one full of faith and courage to take the lead they wait and look and long for a revival They may even allow themselves to become faultfinders, blaming each other,

BLAMING THE TIMES,

blaming the Devil, blaming possibly even the pastor, and so grieving the gracious Lord with all their murmurings that the needed rain is delayed even longer yet

The children of the community, yes, the children of the saints with the rest, are passing through the years when it is so easy to get them blessedly saved but being daily hardened more and more by sin How foolish it is not to cry for the rain to soften the hard hearts Especially how foolish when in this time of the latter rain there is before us the pleading of the Lord Himself, that we pray for the rain in the time of the latter rain The rain is what we need When the Holy Spirit falls upon the community the saints begin to flourish They confess their former backslidings, their bickerings and strife, and they go on with the Lord, rejoicing in the God of their salvation The sinners feel strange and hitherto unknown urgings toward God and a holy life moving within them They begin to talk about being saved, even among themselves They are easy to lead to Christ Rain makes all the difference in the world in a community

Awake, my brethren! Bestir yourselves! Call for the saints to come together to pray for rain God is gracious He wants to answer such a prayer If you do not know how to proceed get my

BOOK ON PRAYER

and find out There is nothing to keep you from success if you will come together and pray for rain according to the plain directions given It is more certain that you can produce a splendid revival in your community by obeying the laws for prayer success than it would be that you could succeed in raising a good crop if you set out with all proper equipment and appliances to do that Moreover he who would raise a crop must wait till the proper season comes around, but with the harvest of souls, *now* is always God's time

Listen and I will tell you in brief how to do If you follow the directions you will have a revival in your assembly

1 Make sure, from the Word of God that it is the will of God to revive His work This is easy from a hundred texts—from the whole plan of the Bible The Lord wants to see the sinners in your community saved, and He wants to see your saints brightened up and pulsing with life and power Pray-

ing for such things is praying in perfect accord with His revealed will. Hallelujah!

2 Agree with each other and before God that you will meet and pray for a spiritual downpour just as the widow went before the unjust judge, or the man went to his friend for the three loaves of bread, that is just as Jesus told them to tarry for the Baptism in the Holy Ghost—until Let God see

AN UNWAVERING DETERMINATION

in your hearts to wait before Him in concerted prayer, day after day, until He sends the rain

3 Be very definite Concentrate your praying Use rifles rather than shotguns Pray for just one thing The widow wanted to be avenged of her adversary, and that is all she talked about The friend wanted three loaves, he said nothing about other things People who seek the Baptism as they should, concentrate every power of their being upon the single matter of receiving the Holy Ghost Hold on to God with singleness of purpose, watch against double-mindedness and against wandering thoughts Pray for God to send a deluge of rain upon you, upon the members of your families, upon the whole community Do not be chary with your asking, but ask largely You have a big God who wants to be asked for great things It is a small thing with your God to send conviction upon your community to such an intolerable extent that men will not care whether they attend to business or not They will want so badly to be saved

4 Cleanse your hands You are appearing before a king—before the King eternal You need to be spotlessly arrayed The blood of Jesus must completely envelop you Get everything under the Blood This means deep, deep self-humiliation, it means heart-rending confessions of faults before your brethren, it means searching diligently by the

ASSISTANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

for everything in your life that is unbecoming of holiness and getting rid of it When everything is under the Blood the Father will smile upon you graciously, and you will have an assurance anew that you are accepted in the Beloved

Will God send a revival to an assembly who will do thus? He will Do not be one bit afraid to tell Him you will meet day after day and pray until He sends the rain Do not be afraid He will delay so long that your power to continue will be worn out Such a thought is a slander upon the loving kindness of your God He will not suffer you to be tried beyond your ability to endure

How many days will it take? I don't know The Oklahoma congregation praying for physical rain set out to pray until the rain came Probably no one thought it would come so quickly as it did The second time we met, God gave the assurance of rain to the whole group so plainly that no one could ask for rain, but the high praises of God were shouted aloud, because the rain was coming It is a very important part of the instructions about praying for a revival, that you let God see that you are absolutely fixed in your purpose to gather and pray for rain daily until the rain comes So do not let it be anywhere in the back of your minds that your vows to God mean, really, that you will come together a couple of days or so

"It is time to seek the Lord till He come and rain righteousness upon you" Do not wait actually to see signs of revival before you begin digging your ditches God told them to dig the ditches when there was not a sign anywhere that the water would fill them Get yourselves ready for a revival Remember those who, when they went to the church to pray for rain, took their raincoats along

"Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain"—*Pentecostal Evangel*

No Room in the Inn

THIS true and intensely inspiring incident is taken from a sermon on "The Virgin Birth".

Many years ago, down in the city of Atlanta, a penniless, ragged, vagabond boy walked to the front door of a fashionable, magnificent church, and he stood there a moment and nobody said, "Come in" At last he stole in and stood against the wall, under the stairway After the service was over he waited until the crowd left, and then all by himself, he went down to the pastor and said, "Sir, I come not asking for money, but can I have an interview with you?" And the pastor said, "Yes, come to see me tomorrow," and the next day the boy came and the pastor opened the door and saw him and said, "I am busy to-day Would you mind coming to-morrow?" He came back, the pastor wasn't there He went to another church and stood and knocked at the door, and the pastor said to him, "You go to the relief association, we can't do anything for you" And the boy said, "Sir, you misunderstand me I ask not for bread or clothes, I want to talk to you

about something else," and the pastor said, "I am too busy," and the boy turned and walked on down the street, and after a while, going down a dingy street, out from a little dark door of a hole in the wall he heard a girl singing, as somebody was playing the violin

And he turned into the little Salvation Army mission, and when they gave the call and said, "Is there not one here to-night that is lost and undone, without hope and without friends, come down to the altar?" And the boy said, "I am the boy they are asking for," and he went down to the altar and fell on his face and gave God his heart Oh my friends, I say, come on, all you Modernists, come on all you Rationalists, come on all you Evolutionists, and when you can take a man out of his sin and rags like that, make him a man like the man that sat before me that morning and told me that story, then I will believe your wild theories That is what I have got to say about it

The Miracle of My Healing

By C. H. GOOTEE

I OWE my release from years of suffering, and pain so intense that it almost drove me insane, to obedience to the words of James v 14, 15, for the sake of Christ and the mighty atonement He made at Calvary for me and all men. My father was a consumptive, and I inherited the germs of that dreadful disease, which took away a lovely sister shortly after her return from college. I had aggravated my sufferings by a life of sin and drunkenness until I had well-nigh destroyed myself.

Let me relate how the glorious

GOSPEL OF HEALING

came to me. My dear father, an educated Christian gentleman, lived and died without ever having heard it preached or explained. It came to me in the following way:

We lived in a little brown frame house in the village of P, where mother was forced to take boarders, and Mary to teach school to keep the wolf from the door. Back of this little house was a garden with peach trees in it. Walking there one day, I saw on the ground a scrap of paper, which I picked up. It contained the simple account, given by some reporter of the healing of a man by the Lord in Pittsburgh, Pa., after prayer had been offered for him. My mind, as well as my body, was being wrecked by intense, unabated suffering that I was enduring all the time. I could scarcely arrange one thought along with another. I mailed a request to these people and asked prayer for myself. I withheld from them, however, any description of my desperate and deplorable condition, fearing that if I should relate it to them they would despair of praying for me.

One day after mailing the request for prayer, I took a seat in a chair in the front yard, and there I sat, the

EMBODIMENT OF MISERY

and wretchedness, tempted to end all by self-destruction, and as I sat there something came over me as softly as the summer mists over the meadows, and while that something covered me I saw the wooden Cross and Jesus the crucified Lord upon it. It appeared as if it had been thrown upon canvas by a magic lantern. Then a fear, no doubt suggested by Satan, came to me, and I yielded, and that something, that inexplorable covering, vanished for the time being. That mysterious, soft covering which came over me was the Holy Ghost, shewing me what Christ wrought for me on the Cross. I have learned since that "Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses" (Matt viii 17). "Who bare our sins in His own body on the tree . . . by whose stripes ye were healed" (I Peter ii 24).

When I became fearful and doubted, He, the Holy Ghost, withdrew, for doubts and fears are not of His making, but come from man, suggested and aggravated by the Devil. Then for several months these words would come to me: "Fear not." It was

THE LORD SPEAKING

to me. The Lord was in that place, and I knew it not. The Methodist minister in the village at that time was indeed a God-fearing man, and I believe a godly man. In conversation with him one day I spoke to him about being anointed with oil as in James v 14, 15, but he informed me—and that without any Bible authority—that the days of miracles were over and that they belonged to apostolic times. The Word of God states that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, to-day and for ever (Heb xiii 8). He discouraged any hope of being healed that way. The question arose in my suffering mind: "Now which will you believe, the minister or the minister's God, and God's Word for ever fixed in heaven? Heaven and earth may pass away, but My words shall not pass away. Now, which will you believe—"

THE MINISTER OR GOD—WHICH?

Grace was given me to determine with what little strength I had to take sides with God, who cannot lie, deceive or prove untrue.

The Devil was extremely busy at this time, filling me with doubts and fears, and suggesting that I had committed the unpardonable sin, which I confess I believed for a long time. The Devil also tempted me to end it all by suicide.

About this time I heard of the healing of Carrie Judd Montgomery. I learned the name of the old coloured saint who prayed for her, and wrote to her requesting her prayers for me. The text was in my mind, "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father which is in heaven" (Matt xviii 19). There are no words to describe what my mental, physical and spiritual sufferings were at this time. These words would, however, force themselves upon my mind, "Be anointed with oil in the Name of the Lord."

REV A B SIMPSON

and Rev. Henry Wilson were holding meetings in New York City for healing at this time, and the Lord arranged it for me to go to New York and attend one of these meetings. The day came when I started alone to get anointed. The uppermost thought in my mind was, if I can only live to get there and not die on the way, I shall surely be healed. When I reached the city the meeting was in progress. After a little while the call was given to those who desired healing to come to the front chairs. I was one of the fourteen persons who knelt. Rev. Henry Wilson came along with a bottle of oil, dipped his finger in and touched my forehead and prayed.

And just as the sap in a maple pushes up through the boughs and branches, creating new leaves on the tree in springtime, then and there came into my body, bones and lungs, a new life from the risen Christ on high (John x 10, II Cor iv 10, 11).

After the meeting was over, I walked down Broadway and stopped over night in a hotel, sleeping sweetly for the first time in several months. When I arose next morning, that new life was abounding in my soul and body! The

HOT, SCORCHING PAINS

down my back and spine had gone: the sciatic rheumatism in my right thigh, which had caused me such intense suffering, had ceased. The pains in my head and lungs had disappeared. Better still, my mind was clear and easy, and I knew I was clothed and in my right mind. For months I had been unable to eat anything without great suffering, followed by spells of vomiting until blood came from my stomach. I sat up, ate heartily, and have seldom missed a good meal since. God's Word came to me. "Ye shall eat in plenty and be satisfied and praise the Name of the Lord thy God, who hath dealt bountifully with you, and My people shall never be ashamed." I believed what God said, went on eating and have kept it up ever since.

Since Jesus healed me thirty years ago, I have known the Lord's life for spirit, soul and body, only suffering at intervals here and there, because of some sin or disobedience to the Lord. When this was confessed and forsaken and the lesson duly learned, the sweet manifestation of the permanent life of the Lord came back. I have preached the Gospel of

healing, regeneration, sanctification, fortification, and the gift of the Holy Ghost for thirty years, have prayed for thousands and seen healings of almost every disease—consumption, insanity, etc. I have never taken a salary or made any charges for services. In all things I have proved our Lord a present help, verily "the same yesterday, and to-day, and for ever."

I have travelled thousands of miles in America and foreign lands, have spent £5,000 in Richmond mostly in mission rescue work and spreading the printed Gospel. I am now

IN MY SIXTY-FIRST YEAR,

and with the life of Christ in soul and body. I feel as fit and fine, as young and nimble, as when I was eighteen, and expect to preach thirty years more or until Jesus comes. For all this, to Father, Son and Holy Ghost I give all the glory and praise.

Rebellion against the Lord does not pay. My sickness and sufferings came to me (except that inherited) because of sin and disobedience. One great sin was after the Lord called me to preach. I refused, and went on in business making money, and I went to pieces, for there is no healing, happiness, victory or peace of mind outside His known will. But in His will, in Divine order, are all the riches of His grace and gifts, His loving care and providence.

Concise Comments & Interesting Items

Professor Piccard in his wonderfully constructed gondola and balloon has successfully ascended practically ten miles into space. At first it was feared that his life and that of his companion were lost, for the balloon remained in the air much longer than was anticipated. It seemed that this professor who had previously tried to ascend and could not, was now in the position of trying to descend and could not. But while there was anxiety on the Wednesday, those fears were set at rest on the Thursday. The fearless two had safely descended on a glacier in the Oetz Alps at ten p.m. on the Wednesday, slept soundly throughout the night, and walked in triumph in the morning into the village of Gurgl. Gurgl is 6,322 feet up, and is the highest permanently inhabited village in the Eastern Alps. The professor claims to have made important discoveries. Ten miles high seems a great height to us at present but in the future it will be nothing. When the Church meets her Lord in the air then every air record will be broken, and discoveries will be made that as yet have never entered into our most vivid imagination.

The sweepstake fever seems to be spreading wildly throughout Great Britain. Under the guise of making money for hospitals the public are indulging in widespread gambling. Millions of money have been subscribed to

the Irish sweepstakes. £5,000,000 sterling has been subscribed to the Irish Free State's three sweepstakes in the past year. Only £1,200,000 has gone to hospitals.

We are glad to notice that the Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, is against this gamble. On learning that £2,700,000 had been subscribed to the Derby sweepstake he said "I consider that it is a most deplorable reflection on the strength of mind of most of the people in this country. It makes one almost despair and gives the feeling that surely civilisation must be crumbling."

For ourselves we are not surprised that lives which have not crowned Christ enjoy this gambling fever. We must be occupied with something. If we are not occupied with Christ we shall be glad to find anything to give a feeling of passing excitement. But when we are satisfied with Christ then the life of faith and not the life of luck brings us entire satisfaction.

Dr. Barnardo's Homes have a big place in our sympathy. At the annual meeting Lord Cushendun gave information which many of us will be glad to have. He said

"There could be nothing more touching than the story of how it came about that the slogan of Dr. Barnardo's Homes—'No destitute child ever refused admission'—came to be adopted. In the early days of this great work, Dr. Bar-

nardo had promised 'the next vacancy' to one particular needy urchin. Unfortunately, before the vacancy became available, hunger and destitution had carried off the child. With his great Christian spirit and large heart, Dr. Barnardo then and there determined that such a thing should never occur again—that never again should any destitute child be refused admission. That policy had been scrupulously carried out ever since. As illustrating the magnitude of the work the speaker mentioned that no fewer than 110,000 children had already passed through the doors of these Homes. 8,200 are at the moment being supported and trained, while 30,400 have been migrated to Canada and Australia, where they are proving themselves useful citizens of the Empire."

Mr. J. A. Kensit has set out from London for a tour through Spain. This Protestant campaigner has been quick to take advantage of the changed order of things in Spain. Religious freedom has given him an opportunity to go forth and without hindrance declare the Gospel of Christ. Spain needs the steady message of the pure Gospel. Our prayers follow Mr. Kensit.

The **Crystal Palace** has been visited by over 11,000,000 people in eleven years. This gives an average of 20,000 a week. How many will visit it on September 12th this year? Will you?

If Filled with the Spirit

IF filled with the Spirit, you will be useful. You cannot help being useful. Even if you were sick, and unable to go out of your room or to converse, and saw nobody, you would be ten times more useful than a hundred of those common sorts of Christians who have no spirituality.

To give you an idea of this, I will relate an anecdote. A pious man was sick for years. At length he determined that the best thing he could do would be to pray. He began to pray, and his soul kindled, and he got hold of God. The fire kindled all over the place, and a powerful revival followed, and multitudes were converted. This poor man lingered in this way for several years, and died. After his death I visited the place, and his widow put into my hands his diary. Among other things, he says in his diary, "I am acquainted with

about thirty ministers and churches." He then goes on to

SET APART CERTAIN HOURS

in the day and week to pray for each of these ministers and churches, and also certain seasons for praying for the missionary stations.

Then followed, under different dates, such facts as these: "Today," naming the date, "I have been enabled to offer what I call the prayer of faith for the outpouring of the Spirit on — Church, and trust in God there will soon be a revival there." Thus he had gone over a great number of churches, recording the fact that he had prayed for them in faith that a revival might soon prevail among them. Of the missionary stations, if I recollect aright, he mentions in particular the mission in Ceylon. I believe the last place men-

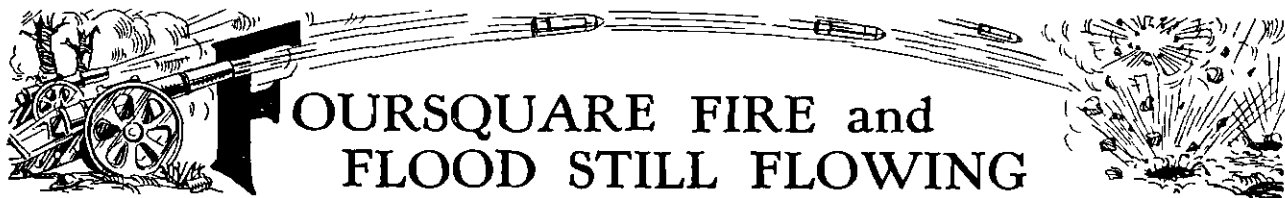
tioned in his diary, for which he offered the prayer of faith, was the place in which he lived.

Not long after I noticed these facts in his diary, the revival commenced, and went over the regions of country, nearly, I believe, if not quite, in the order in which they had been mentioned in his diary, and in due time news came from Ceylon that there was a revival of religion there.—From *The Revival Lectures of Charles G. Finney*

Love has a hem to its garment
That touches the very dust,
It can reach the stains
Of the streets and the lanes,
And because it can, it must

It dares not rest on the mountain,
It is bound to come to the vale,
For it cannot find
Its fulness of mud

Till it kindles the lives that fail
—George Matheson



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REJOICING YOUTH

Belfast Ravenhill Road (Pastor J. Smith) "A great Children's Day, Special Singing by Trained Children's Choir, Orchestra, and an Illustrated Address by Pastor W. J. Hilliard." Such was the announcement on the church notice-board.

We were expecting a great day indeed. Why? We knew that Mr. John Bell had been working hard in training the scholars for the special singing, and Mr. William Brown had been giving his very best to the orchestral practice, and above all, much prayer had ascended to the throne of grace that God might bless the meetings.

The day arrived—May 24th—and our expectations were not cut off. The beautiful display of flowers, the arrangement of the children, their melodious singing blending together to the sweet strains of music from the orchestra, caused every heart to rejoice in our blessed Redeemer. One special piece rendered by five of the scholars was a rare treat. Then the illustrated address on "The Celestial Railroad" gripped both teacher and scholar, child and parent.

News soon spreads, for in the evening a great crowd turned out for the closing service of the day, the scholars and

the quintette again rendering special pieces. Pastor J. Smith ministered the word, choosing for his text, Isaiah lviii. 11, "And thou shalt be like a watered garden." Then through the flowers we saw Him who is the Lily of the Valley and the Rose of Sharon.

The service closed with the scholars singing, "The Lord's my Shepherd," the beautiful flowers were collected and sent to the hospitals.

Revival blessings are still continuing with us since the campaign of Principal George Jeffreys held here a few months ago, for Thursday, May 28th, notwithstanding heavy rain, witnessed a great turn-out for a special baptismal service at the Elm Tabernacle, Ravenhill Road, when forty-five candidates passed through the waters. They were mostly converts from recent meetings in Ravenhill Road, Melbourne Street, and Saunders Street, and also from a mission in Ballysitan, which has just closed.

What rejoicing among the children of God to know that in these days of adverse circumstances so many are prepared to obey the word of the Lord, and to follow Him through the waters of baptism. "If ye love Me, keep My commandments." Yes, they do love Him, and this command they are keeping. Each candidate gave testimony to

the fact that they had passed from death unto life. They all seemed so happy, and why not, when they had received the more abundant life. Whilst the candidates were passing through the water the congregation sang sweetly "Where He leads me, I will follow." How the people rejoiced when the Pastor's voice interrupted the singing by announcing, "A mother and son passing through together." Then more singing, and again, "Two sisters together," then, "A husband and wife being baptised together," then four boys, young and bright, who certainly did not doubt their salvation, this being evident by the way they testified.

FAITHFUL WORK BLESSED.

Grimsby (Pastor H. W. Greenway) The hearts of God's people at Elm Hall, Innard Street, are lifted up in praise to Him, for blessings received during the month of May, under Pastor Greenway's ministry.

The meetings are well attended, and the people are held spellbound as they listen to the messages given from the Word of God. In every meeting the presence of the Lord is felt, and all appreciate the solos and duets sung by Pastor and Mrs. Greenway.

During a time of worship at Sunday

morning communion service, the Lord healed a sister, who had been weak and ill for three weeks

The study of the Word on Thursday evenings is a great help and encouragement to all who attend

We praise God that souls have been saved every Sunday since Pastor Greenway commenced his ministry here. On Whit-Sunday evening, after a powerful message on "The Great White Throne" (Rev. xx 11), three precious souls yielded to the Saviour, this making a total of nine souls saved during the first three weeks in May

After a rather wet week the Lord in His love gave us a glorious day. The saints met in the morning for the breaking of bread. At three p.m. the children occupied the platform, decorated with lovely flowers and sang heartily the special hymns. Also many boys and girls gave recitations, dialogues, and solos, which were enjoyed greatly. The delightfully simple way in which the children did their parts brought to mind our Lord's own words, "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." Evangelist Gordon of Devon-

nounced that God had wondrously blessed them spiritually and financially, the money so much needed having been exceeded by a considerable sum. It was with hearts full of gratitude that the meeting closed with the Doxology.

The orchestra which has recently been formed rendered much assistance during the three services.

A FELLOWSHIP RENEWED.

Hull (Pastor H. A. Court) Evidenced by the size of the congregations, considerable interest was evoked by Pastor E. C. W. Boulton's recent visit for the week-end.

Pleasure is usually derived from a meeting with a friend or acquaintance after a time of absence, and when such a meeting results in a fresh meeting with the Lord Jesus, how greatly is that pleasure intensified. These circumstances prevailed at Pastor Boulton's visit. Holy ecstasy, stimulating growth, fresh incentive, and renewed power were received through this meeting in the presence of the Lord.

At the Sunday morning service, Pastor Boulton delivered an exhortation on the text, "Lnoch walked with God." On Sunday evening he gave a Gospel address on "The Woman at the Well of Samaria," and at that service a young man drank of the living water unto eternal life. A further message was given on Monday evening.

Pastor Court's ministry is being blessed. People are being won for God by his Gospel addresses, and those who are present to hear his messages to believers are being deeply led into the knowledge of the Scriptures.

Fivemiletown, Co. Tyrone. Great blessing has followed Pastor W. J. Martin's faithful ministry around here. Many souls have been brought to know the Lord as their own personal Saviour.

Two portable halls are being used for



The Elm Orchestra at Plymouth.

A SPECIAL EFFORT.

Ballysillan A great time of blessing has been experienced during a special mission conducted by Miss Martha Linton. The attendance at all the meetings has been very encouraging, the hall has been filled every night, people from the surrounding district have been attracted and, praise the Lord, sixty precious souls have accepted Jesus as their own personal Saviour, while seven backsliders have been restored. Thirty-six of the saints have experienced the promised Baptism of the Holy Ghost according to Acts ii 4, and many have received a touch of healing, twenty-two deciding to obey their Lord by following Him through the waters of baptism.

Our sister's labours will long be remembered by the people of Ballysillan, for the messages delivered in the power of the Holy Ghost, and the untiring efforts to bring in the people by house-to-house visitation.

During the mission we celebrated our fifth Sunday school anniversary, at which Miss Linton delivered a very interesting and inspiring address on "Messengers." The children also rendered several hymns which were enjoyed by one and all. We do praise God for the way He is working amongst the children.

Plymouth (Pastor J. Lees) Sunday, May 17th, was a very happy day for all who attended the services at the Elm Tabernacle, Rendle Street, it being the fourth anniversary of the Sunday school

port also gave a much appreciated address which will live long in our hearts.

The hall was filled in the evening when the children again took part. The Pastor gave an appropriate and helpful message at the close of which two adults



Pastor W. J. Martin and His Gospel Tent

and several scholars signified their desire to accept Christ Jesus as their Saviour. On the Monday evening a good congregation gathered to hear the children once more. Several items were repeated by request. At the close of the meeting the Superintendent an-

God's glory, one during week-nights and Sunday afternoons, and one at Clabby on Sunday evenings, where the converts of the different missions come together. A crowd of humble, earnest people come to hear the Gospel preached in the power of the Spirit. Great in-

terest is taken at the open-air meetings in Fivemiletown. Only eternity will reveal the results of Pastor Martin's work in this needy field, where there is much discouragement and opposition. Yet, "if God be for us who can be against us" Christian friends, pray

CRUSADERS ADVANCING.

Guernsey (Mr A F Rash) Praise the Lord. God is still blessing in our midst at the Vazon Mission Hall, Guernsey. Several souls have been saved, proving again that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation.

The last Sunday of Pastor Gaunt's ministry among us closed with a Gospel meeting conducted entirely by the Crusaders, and the Spirit of God was in the midst.

Bright hymns and anthems were sung by the Crusaders, and two Gospel messages given by a sister and a brother. The hall again was filled. We were rejoiced to see so many people come to find what Jesus meant to the young, and there was no doubt about their answer to the question, "Does Christ satisfy us?"

Mr A F Rash is now with us. God is still continuing to bless us through the preaching and exposition of the Word.

The Bible studies on the Thursday evening are now following up a series upon Dispensational Truth.

Last Sunday evening's message on, "Was Calvary's Cross a Failure?" was the means of the salvation of two sisters. Praise the Lord.

FOURSQUARE SIGNS.

Birmingham (Pastor and Mrs Tweed) Since Pastor and Mrs Tweed have been with us at Graham Street Tabernacle, God has honoured their ministry so that souls are being saved at every meeting, also saints are testifying to Divine healing, and signs and wonders follow the preaching of God's Word. Tuesday evening Bible study is looked forward to by God's people as the Pastor has taken up a series of studies on the fruit of the Spirit, which all are desirous of attaining. Each Sunday after the Gospel service finds the open-air band of Crusaders, and others, wending their way into the highways and byways to shew forth the Saviour's love to a sinful world. As a result the fetters of Satan are broken, and dear ones are cleansed from all sin through the wonder-working power of the blood of Jesus. "To Him be the glory."

WHITSUNTIDE CONVENTION

Swansea (Convener Pastor Henry W Gardell, Speakers Pastors J Moore and A Longley, and Mr J Payne)

Many were the obstacles with which we were confronted when arrangements were being made for our Whitsuntide Convention. However, our God has promised that "Nothing 'gainst that Church shall prevail." He destroys every barrier, and the bigger the barriers the greater the blessings we anticipated.

Every speaker proved himself to be God-sent with a God-given message.

Great crowds gathered in the magnificent Capitol Dance Hall for three ser-

vices on Sunday, and in the famous old Welsh Wesleyan Chapel on the afternoons and evenings during the week.

As other local auracuons were being held simultaneously, the swelled numbers were most encouraging.

Great rejoicing filled all hearts as five souls decided for Jesus Christ at the close of Pastor Moore's message on Immortality, on Whit-Monday night.

People of all denominations are puzzled at our great congregations, which are growing week by week. What is the secret? Why, the theme and sole attraction—Jesus! Praise the Lord!

A BLESSED CAMPAIGN.

Watford (Pastor J Naylor) Sunday last concluded a short but very blessed campaign, conducted by Pastors Hulbert and Fielding in Elm Hill, St Albans Road, leaving the saints rejoicing.

Souls have been saved, and bodies healed, one lady praising the Lord for opening her blind eyes. She saw the electric light for the first time in seven years. The singing of the Gospel by Pastor Fielding, and the unfolding of the Word by Pastor Hulbert will long be remembered.

YEARNING JAPANESE.

Japan: Kobe Our sister, Miss Violet Hoskins writes a welcome account of work in progress as follows:

I had the joy of meeting several other dear missionaries who are labouring in different parts of Japan and we communed together at the Lord's Table. God is truly honouring the labours of His children out here, and many are being brought to the One who saves and satisfies.

At the little welcome meeting given me recently by some of the members of our Mission (which is the Japanese custom) I told them some of the wonderful things God has done for me, and asked them simply to trust Him. Praise the Lord, one man surrendered his life to God with the tears in his eyes, saying, "that if one so young as I had given up all for Jesus and to come and help them, he would trust in Jesus too."

Some of these young men are on fire for God, and spend whole nights in prayer in the mountains, and some others have gone to out-stations, and God is blessing and saving souls, healing the sick, and baptising in God's Spirit their faithful ministry. Surely that is a sufficient testimony of their being truly saved from their idols to serve the living God. It is just wonderful to hear them pray. They just pour out their hearts to God for a mighty revival for their own land. There is no need to tell them to clap their hands for joy—they do it. Another man was saved through the open-air meeting this week. God truly sets

His seal on this, and many have been saved this way—also the Bible class for women is being owned of God. They come along with their Bibles seeking deeper truths to lay up for the time to come. Many are seeking the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and many baptism in water. Others desire to follow this way. Some of these dear ones stand alone in their homes and have unsaved husbands and children. Let us all unite in prayer for the salvation of these husbands. Some of these are a higher class of Japanese and not so easy to reach, though they have come to the men's Bible class sometimes. But God is able, and we believe in Him to do this and more also. Then comes our Sunday school, bless their little hearts! It is an inspiration to go along to the Mission,

Where infant voices do proclaim
Their early blessings on His Name

Oh yes, these will be many dear wee Japanese children gathered in on that great day, when "He cometh to make us His jewels." I feel God sets a special seal upon the work done among the children in this dark land. They are so eager to hear of Jesus and His love. I visited a Children's Home some distance away yesterday, in which we have a great interest in prayer and fellowship, and I was surprised to know now much of the Bible these young ones know—the faithful labours of these dear sisters in charge are not in vain, and they all long and look for the glorious coming of the King.

I have taken a little photograph of our Sunday school, though there were a few absent that day. Now that you know a little more of our work in Kobe, you will be able to pray that God will pour out a mighty blessing upon us.

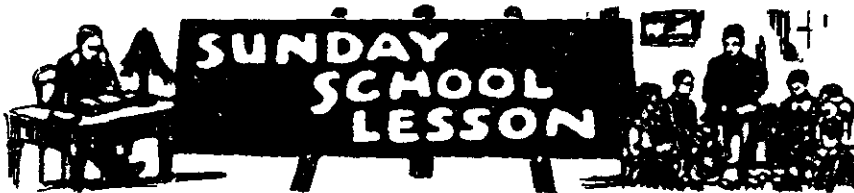


Some of the Sunday School Children, Kobe.

The anvil breaks a host of hammers
by quietly bearing the blows

When God imparts in our surrendered souls
His own Spirit, the new Spirit
excludes the old temper

Though we know not where the road winds,
we know where it ends—Spurgeon



By Pastor P. N. CORRY

Sunday, June 21st, 1931.

READING. Exodus xvii. 1-7

WATER OUT OF THE ROCK

MEMORY TEXT. "They drank of that spiritual rock that followed them and that Rock was Christ" (1 Cor x 4)

TEACHER'S NOTES

Last week our subject took us, in part, to the vital subject of food. This week we are concerned with the even more important subject of drink. A man may live for three weeks or more without solid food, but you cannot possibly live for anything like that length of time without water.

While taking the class it might be as well to send one of the scholars for a glass of water, and when he has brought it point out how easily it is obtained in our land. Turn to such passages as Genesis ii xiii xxiv, and show from the Old Testament how the presence of water in plenty was considered to be a great blessing—so would it be to-day if our water supply failed.

The Rock.

The water we have just read about came from the Rock, and Paul says that that Rock was Christ. What do we get from Christ?—Life. Turn to John iv and John vii 37, and point out that the Lord Jesus came to supply the need of all men. The only condition of blessing is that we are thirsty (John vii 37), and that the waters of this world's pleasures have failed to satisfy (John ii 13, John iv 13, 14)

How was the water obtained from the Rock? By its being

Smitten (Exodus xvii 6)

"Thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come waters [it is in the plural] out of it." So we read in the Old Testament prophets that He was smitten of God and afflicted—not for Himself but for us (Isaiah liii 4, 5 in reading this with the class change the pronoun and put in the first personal pronoun singular instead). Turn to Zechariah xiii 7, and read of the smitten Shepherd—smitten for the flock in order that there might be one fold, and one Shepherd (John x 11-16). Finally, turn to the last chapter of the Book of Revelation, and notice that the river of water of life proceedeth out of the throne of God and of the Lamb (Rev xxii 1, cf Ezek xlvi 1). Life is only obtainable through the Lord Jesus, because He was smitten for us, and eternal life, satisfied life, abundant life flows from Him just as blood and water flowed from His broken heart (John xix 34, cf with Psalm lxi 20)

Smitten Once.

In Numbers xx 1-13 you will read of an occasion thirty-eight years later when there was need of water. God said, "Speak to the rock (verse 8) and it shall give forth water," but Moses smote the rock twice, and though the thirsty people were supplied, the impatient leader was judged (Num xx 12). God only smites once, so we read that

Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many (Heb ix 28), and that He offered one sacrifice for sins (Heb x 12). Peter follows in the same line of witness, and says, "Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God" (1 Peter iii 18). Once, only once, was He smitten—now He reigns and the stream of life flows if we will only speak to the Rock.

Illustration

At a London Police Station some time ago application was made to withdraw the warrant issued against a Captain A. This gentleman wished to come to this country on business, but if he came the police would have no other alternative but to execute the warrant against him and arrest him, even though he had been convicted in Paris of the same offences, and served his sentence. "It was felt that because of the principle of English justice that no person should be dealt with twice for the same offence," ("Times" report) the warrant should be withdrawn. And this was done. Hallelujah! Christ died the just for the unjust, He was smitten that the sinner might have life, and now "He that believeth in Him is not condemned" (John iii 18), for "there is now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, for the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death" (Rom vii 1-2). Instead of judgment we have life, for He has been smitten for us, and we have streams of life instead of the sentence of death (1 John v 11, 12). The penalty is ended.

APPLICATION

Once again point out that this is only for those who receive Christ and come unto Him (John vii 37). He must be the only Giver of this water (John iv 14) because He was the smitten Rock.

Temporal and Everlasting

THY kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Thy dominion endureth throughout all generations" (Psalm cxlv 13)

Nearly everyone looks upon long life with a great deal of satisfaction. Among the objects that go to make up this, some endure longer than others, yet no material object will last for ever, and neither wealth nor fame nor nations will endure for ever. Yet people, even those who profess to be children of God, set their hearts on earthly things. They heap up riches and fret about things of this life, never considering that these are but temporal. All this gives evidence of worldly-mindedness, lack of faith, and unbelief of the Word of God.

China is the longest-lived of nations, though now she is tottering. The Chinese have great respect for their parents, fulfilling the command, "Honour thy father and thy mother." Some believe this to be the secret of China's long continuance as a nation, and it is probable. What would the nation be that fully obeyed all the teaching of God?

We are told, however, of a kingdom that shall stand for ever. It is the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ which, unlike the kingdoms of this world, is based on

justice and love. It is not of this world, and carnal weapons of warfare are not used for its protection, for Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world, else would My servants fight."

To belong to this kingdom one must lay down all earthly ambitions and carnal desires. He must not be deceived by the things he beholds, for "the things which are seen are temporal" (II Cor iv 18). He who would belong to the everlasting kingdom must become a new creature in Christ Jesus, he must be "born again" and receive the life that never dies. He must be cleansed from the pollution of sin and the world. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away, behold, all things are become new."

How wonderful to be able to settle matters eternal right here and now, and enjoy God for ever! We need not wait until we pass from this life before realising our citizenship of that everlasting kingdom. It is important that we become citizens at once lest we should let the opportunity slip. We should choose to-day the kingdom that is everlasting, and which has for its King the Prince of Peace, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.—F R

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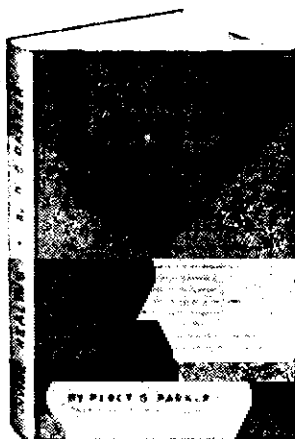
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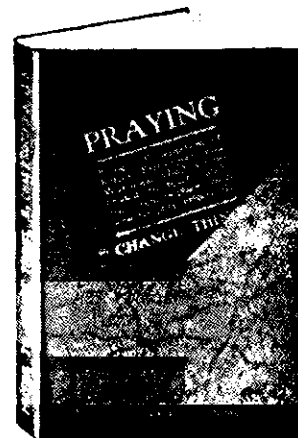
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