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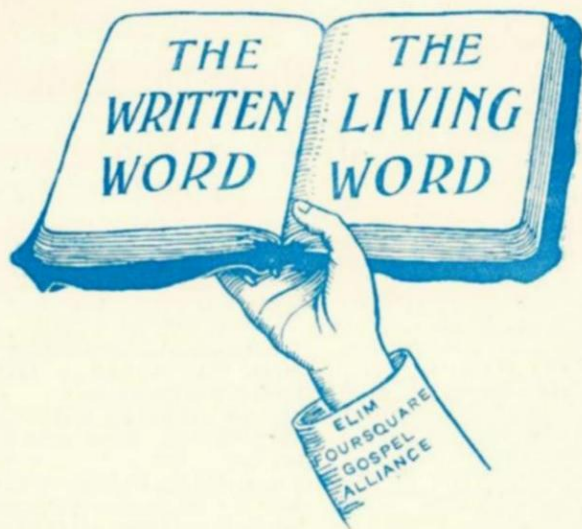
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"I am
come that
they might
have life."

John X.
10.

"I
will
come
again."

John XIV. 3.

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THY WORD

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MY HEART

The Best Purpose

THAT I MAY NOT SIN
AGAINST THEE

Psalms cxix, 11.

BAPTISER

"I will;
be thou
clean."

Mark 1.41.



"I will
send Him
(the Comforter)
unto you."

John XVI. 7.

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The Holy Spirit and the Bible

By the late Dr. F. E. MARSH

PETER on the day of Pentecost refers to the Holy Spirit in His association with the Word of God, saying, "This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel" (Acts ii 16)

"This" refers to the promised Holy Spirit in His personality and power

"That" refers to the Word of God—to the statement made in the prophecy of Joel about the Spirit

This is that, shews the unity there is between

THE SCRIPTURES AND THE SPIRIT

All we know of Him is through the Word, therefore, if we would command His power, we must keep to His precepts

There are four things to which we call attention in speaking of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God. He is the Author, the Interpreter, and the Applier of the Word, and He is also resident in it

1. The Spirit is the Author of the Word

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God" (I Tim iii 16). There are two things stated in this sentence. First, the sacred writings are designated as *Scripture*. The sacred writings referred to are the Old Testament, which according to Christ, cover Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms (Luke xxiv 27, 44). Second, the sacred writings are *God-breathed*, as the words "inspired of God" mean. As God breathed into man the breath of life and he became a living soul, so He has breathed forth the Scriptures, and they have become a living voice

The claim of the New Testament is that the prophets did not speak from themselves as originators, nor did they write as authors, nor did they act in their own power. There was a Divine Originator behind them, a Dictator speaking to them, and a Power outside of themselves moving them, hence we have such expressions as "David in the Spirit" (Matt xxii 43, R.V.), "The Holy Spirit spake by the mouth of David" (Acts i. 16, R.V.), "The Spirit of God spake by me" (II Sam xxiii 2, 3), "Revealed unto His holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit" (Eph iii 5), "The Holy Ghost saith" (Heb iii 7), "Spoken by the Lord through the prophets" (Matt i 22, ii. 15, R.V.).

There are two passages where the authorship of the Spirit is plainly stated, namely, I. Peter i. 10-12 and II Peter i 21. Let us look at these scriptures

"Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the Gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven, which things the angels desire to look into (I Peter i 10-12)

There are three parties spoken of in these verses—the prophets, the Spirit, and the Christ. The prophets prophesied by the Spirit's power of a salvation which was to be secured by the sufferings and glory of Christ, but while they prophesied of this salvation, which was revealed to them, they did not understand the message which was given, hence, they "searched diligently" to find out what the Spirit indicated. These words are superfluous if the prophets understood what the Spirit was pointing to, but as they did not understand they are appropriate to their act and attitude

"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (II Peter i 21)

The "holy men" did not originate the message they delivered. They were entirely passive. They were instruments, not inceptors, amanuenses, not authors. The Holy Spirit is the Author, the Source, and the

ORIGINATOR OF THE SCRIPTURES

Lowell, in writing of an author, says, "An author is evidently mixed with his work, and we have a feeling that the amount of his sterling character is the security for the notes he issues." How true the words are as we apply them to the Scriptures and the Spirit. The Author in this case is "mixed with His work." The Scriptures are holy, because the Spirit is, they are living because He is, and what He is they are

His sterling character throbs through all His issues. The book is the storehouse of heaven's provision because of the Provider who supplies.

2 *The Spirit is the Interpreter of the Word*

The natural man receives not, neither does he understand the things of the Spirit of God. The spiritual Book is for a spiritual people, to be interpreted by the spiritual Teacher. We not only need a revelation to be given to us, but we need a revelation in us. What is the use of the shining sun unless we have eyes to see it?

"But as it is written, Things which eye saw not, and ear heard not, and which entered not into the heart of man, whatsoever things God prepared for them that love Him. But unto us God revealed them through the Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God." (I Cor 11 9, 10, R V)

The association of the word *apokalupto* in its usage in the Word is like a beautiful piece of mosaic work. The meaning of the word is to uncover, to lay open to the view what had been veiled or covered up, to disclose, to make bare, to reveal what was unknown.

It is a well-known fact that there are objects all around us which we could see if we had

GREATER POWERS OF VISION

Take a simple fact. "It is a matter of popular knowledge that the human eye, as an organ of vision, is not commensurate with the whole range of solar radiation, and that it is incapable of receiving visual impressions from all the rays emitted by the sun. Beyond the violet at one end of the spectrum are rays so intense as to be invisible, and beyond the red at the other end of the spectrum are rays whose feeble action renders them equally invisible. Beyond the violet ray and the red there are beams of light which the chemist knows to be of the first consequence." There are colours before our eyes which cannot be seen because of lack of vision.

The same is true of spiritual things. There are things in the spiritual realm which can only be seen by the spiritual eye. The uplifted life, the pure heart, the spiritual mind, the upward gaze, are essentials to see the unseen, and these are only secured from the Spirit, for He alone can unveil to us, by means of His inspired Word, the deep things of God.

3 *The Spirit is the Applier of the Word*

As the Applier of the Word He works in many ways.

He convicts the sinner of his sin by means of it. "It is written" is the death-knell to the sinner's boasting (Rom 11 10), and what "the Spirit speaketh" is the light to reveal the empty and hollow excuses of man's pretensions.

The Spirit communicates life to the believer by the reception of the Word. The incorruptible seed of the Word is the medium to impart and sustain the spiritual life (John 11 5, I Peter 1 23, James 1 18).

The Spirit creates faith in the Saviour through the authority of the Word (Acts x 44, 45, Rom x 17). Faith comes into being by means of the Word, and assures the believer of the Lord's relationship to him, and his relationship to the Lord.

The Spirit comes to indwell the child of God by

means of the Word (Gal 11 2). The Word of the Spirit brings the Spirit of the Word, even as the acorn embodies the oak.

The Spirit conforms to the likeness of the Word by His conforming work. As like produces like, so the Spirit makes us

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by His winsome ministry (II Cor 11 3).

The Spirit consecrates to the Lord through the application of the Word. As the electric current communicates its power to the car by means of the wire, so the Spirit sanctifies and consecrates the believer, as he puts himself in touch with Him, by the infusion of the Divine life (II Thess 11 13).

The Spirit fires the inner being with the love of God through the inspiring fire of the Word. The practical outcome of receiving the words of the Holy Spirit as the words of God in the lives of the saints in Thessalonica, was that they "turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God" (I Thess 1 9, 11 13).

The Spirit makes known the will of God by means of His Word. When the eye of the Spirit-illuminated mind is open to see the Spirit-inspired Word, then the inner consciousness of the saint has happy fellowship with the Spirit. The spiritual mind receives the spiritual Word from the spiritual Teacher, and has spiritual insight (I Cor 11 10-14).

He presses the Word into our hearts, and causes us to be "pressed in spirit," as Paul was at Corinth; then He presses the Word out in our testimony, as He did with Peter on the day of Pentecost, then He presses the Word home to the hearts of the hearers, as He did in the house of Cornelius, then He presses the sins out of the lives of those who receive it, as He did at Ephesus (Acts xviii 8, 11, 14-38, x 44, xiv 20).

4 *The Spirit is resident in the Word*

The castle of truth is where the King of Truth is always found. The following points of consequence are evident as we walk in.

THE CORRIDORS OF THE WORD

The Spirit of Truth is found in the Word of Truth (John xiv 17, xvii 17).

The Spirit of Life is found in the Word of Life (Rom viii 2, James 1 18).

The Spirit of Christ is found in the Word of Christ (Rom viii 9, Col iii 16).

The Spirit of God is found in the Word of God (Rom viii 9, Acts x 44).

The Spirit of Prophecy is found in the Word of Prophecy (Rev xix 10, II Peter 1 19).

The Spirit of Promise is found in the Word of Promise (Eph 1 13, iii 6).

The Spirit of Power is found in the Word of Power (II Tim 1 7, Heb iv 12).

If the tree of the Word of God is taken away, the fire goes out. What the grain is to the wood, and the wood is to the grain, what the scent is to the flower, and the flower is to the scent, what the life is to the seed, and the seed is to the life, what the sun is to the ray, and the ray is to the sun, what the atmosphere is to the earth, and the earth is to the atmosphere, what the heart is to the body, and the body is to the heart, thus the Spirit is to the Word, and the Word is to the Spirit.—Sel

Verbal Inspiration of the Scriptures

By F. A. CONNERS

“ALL Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works” (II Tim iii 16)

“For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man, but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost” (II Peter i 21)

The verbal inspiration of the Scripture is the fortress of the Christian's hope, and with this doctrine Christianity must stand or fall. But if this doctrine can be established, every doctrine of the Bible is established with it. This doctrine forms the very basis of the Christian faith, since all we know about God, and Christ, and Christianity, and the world to come, we derive from this book called the Bible. “It,” therefore, “the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?” (Psalm xi 3)

There is nothing more vitally important to the Christian than this, that he should be

FIRMLY ESTABLISHED

in the fact of the inspiration of the Bible, which is his only source of instruction for life and the only ground for his hope for eternal happiness. It is the only revelation from God to man, and the only reliable guide from man to God.

There are some things in which we are safe to accept the statements of men, but when it comes to a question of our standing before God, and our hope of eternity, we must have “Thus saith the Lord”

“Ye receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater” And here in His Word is that witness. When it comes to a choice between the word of man and the word of God, we will stand with Paul and say, “Let God be true, but every man a liar”

The Bible is the most wonderful book in the world. It contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of the sinners, and the happiness of the believer. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practise it to be holy.

“It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveller's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter.”

The Bible was the first book that fell from the printing press after its invention, and its output today exceeds any other ten books in the world, there being over 16,000,000 copies of the Scriptures circulated by the English-speaking race alone in the year 1913.

There is a copy of the Bible in a Museum in Europe for which there has been offered and refused over £7,000.

The experience of millions of men and women of all nationalities of the universe, furnish abundance of evidence of its Divine origin. The wisest and best men and women on earth are among those who believe

and receive its teachings, and the meanest and vilest of men and women of all nationalities are among those who deny its inspiration and reject its teachings.

Men and women condemn the Bible because it condemns them of lives of sin and shame. The greatest proof of the inspiration of the Bible is its transforming power in the lives of men. Wherever it is received, in whatever nationality it matters not, it lifts men and women from a life of misery and shame to a life of purity and happiness. Proofs of its origin and infallibility are to be found in every phase of life, and its claims can be established by every law of nature, reason, and revelation.

To-day the most noble characters, the most famed scholars, and the greatest orators of the world, are on the side of the Bible, they drink from its fountains, and worship at the shrine of its author.

Two men, Gilbert West and Lord Lyttleton, once agreed to overthrow Christianity by proving that the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the conversion of Paul were only fiction. Mr. West chose the question of the Resurrection, and Lord Lyttleton, the conversion of Paul. The result was, that Mr. West in his effort to disprove

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

was himself raised from a life, dead in sin, to newness of life in Christ. And Lord Lyttleton, in his attempt to prove that the vision of Paul on the road to Damascus was a myth, got a vision of himself as a sinner and Jesus Christ as Saviour that resulted in his own conversion to Christ. And those two men who had so agreed to write against Christ and the Bible, afterwards wrote for the Bible and Christianity.

I am well aware that some scientists and philosophers seek to disprove the inspiration of certain portions of the Bible, and cast discredit on much of its teachings, but of this class we are fairly warned by the great Apostle of the Gentiles, in his epistle to Timothy: “O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called, which some professing have erred concerning the faith” (I Tim vi 20, 21)

True science confirms the Bible! but since the Bible is in advance of science, and since everything that is true in science is derived from the Bible, or based on it, hence we must turn to the Bible itself, which is the one source of all true knowledge, and which is its own best interpreter.

We cannot receive salvation without receiving Christ, and we cannot receive Christ without believing the Bible by which we know of Him who is the Sun and centre of its teaching (see Rom x 8-14)

THE BIBLE IS INSPIRED,

because it inspires men and women to leave home and loved ones to go to distant mission fields on all parts of the globe, and endure hardships and privations, that those who sit in darkness and superstition and in the shadow of death might hear its messages, receive its truths, and be transformed by its dynamic influence,

to worship at the shrine of its Author and Head, Christ.

Now to prove the plenary verbal inspiration of the Bible, let us turn to the words of those whose history it records, and who have been used of God as instruments in its composition, beginning with patriarchs, and follow down the line through prophets, apostles, and Christ Himself, whose law and testament it claims to be, and after hearing all the witnesses sum up the evidence for our verdict

I Patriarchs 1. Moses, who is the accredited author of the first Five Books of the Old Testament

In these passages please notice that not only is the inspiration of the Bible in the general sense of the term taught, but that nothing short of verbal inspiration answers to the plain teaching of the Word on this question "And thou shalt speak unto him and put words in his mouth, and I will be with thy mouth and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do" (Exodus iv 15) "And Aaron spake all the words which the Lord had spoken unto Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people" (verse 30)

"And God spake all these words, saying" (Exodus xx 1) "And Moses gathered all the congregation of the children of Israel together, and said unto them, These are the words which the Lord hath commanded, that ye should do them" (Exod xxxv 1)

2. David "The Spirit of the Lord spake by me, and His word was in my tongue," etc (II Samuel xxiii 2)

II. Prophets. Isaiah, "Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth for the Lord hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me" (Isaiah 1 2)

2 Jeremiah "But the Lord said unto me, Say not, I am a child. for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak" (Jer. 1 7) "Then the Lord put forth His hand, and touched my mouth And the Lord said unto me, Behold, I have put My words in thy mouth" (Jer. 1 9)

3 Ezekiel "The word of the Lord came expressly unto Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the River Chebar, and the hand of the Lord was there upon him" (Ezek 1 3)

4 Amos "Thus saith the Lord," etc. (Amos 1 1 to ix 21).

SIXTEEN TIMES

this phrase is used with many like phrases in this prophecy of nine brief chapters

III Apostles 1 Paul "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God, that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth, comparing spiritual things with spiritual" (I Cor 11 12, 13)

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God," etc (II Tim. iii. 16).

2 Peter "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man, but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost," etc. (II Peter 1 21)

3 John "For I testify to every man that

heareth the words of the prophecy of this book," etc (Rev xxii 18, 19)

IV. The testimony of Jesus Christ

"For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass away one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law till all be fulfilled" (Matt. v. 18) "Who art thou that repliest against God?"

Whence but from heaven, could men unskilled in arts, In several ages born, in several parts, Weave such agreeing truths? or now or why Should all conspire to cheat us with a lie? Unmasked their pains, ungrateful their advice, Starving their gains, and martyrdom their price.

V The testimony of some of the true scholars of modern times

Dr A A Hodge, at one time professor of systematic theology in Princeton Theological Seminary, said "Inspiration secures the perfect infallibility of the Scriptures in every part, as a record of fact and doctrine, both in thought and verbal expression, so that, although they come to us through the instrumentality of the minds hearts, imaginations, consciences, and wills of men, they are nevertheless in the strictest sense the Word of God"

THOMAS BOSTON

said "The inspiration of the Scriptures, as the very Word of God, is manifest by their majesty, their purity, the consent of all their parts, by their light and power to convince and convert sinners, to edify and comfort believers, and to build them up in the character that prepares for full salvation"

Daniel Webster said "I believe that the Bible is to be understood and received in the plain and obvious meaning of its passages, for I cannot persuade myself that a book intended for the instruction and conversion of the whole world, should cover its true meaning in any such mystery and doubt, that none but critics and philosophers can discover it"

Professor Gaussen, a noted Swiss scholar, said "The Scriptures are given and guaranteed by God, even in their very language."

Dr Lee, a noted scholar and writer, said. "In matters of science and geographical details mentioned in the Bible, they are stated with infallible accuracy"

The Dean of Westminster, in an address delivered in Westminster Abbey, December 3rd, 1914, said

"If the Bible was inspired by the Divine Spirit, how could He record what did not take place? If an element of human misconception and mistake was to be recognised in the Bible, how could we regard it any longer as the inspired Book, or use it as the infallible Guide of life?" And then, he added, "Behind and beneath the Bible above, and beyond the Bible, was the God of the Bible"

This is the only consistent position, and the man who denies the authority for the inspiration of "all Scripture," has no authority for the inspiration of any scripture "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works"

One scholar of reputation has said, "This passage stands like a guarding angel with drawn sword in the

path of every mad prophet, who would seek to deny the plenary inspiration, infallibility, and supreme authority of God's Word, in order to make room for his criticisms "

To deny the plenary verbal inspiration of the Scriptures is to contradict the plain statement of patriarchs, prophets and apostles, and to charge with falsehood the Son of God Himself who has thus testified, that "one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled."

CONCLUSION

The alleged errors and contradictions of the Bible are due to misapprehensions of its teaching, and the false standards by which such critics test its accuracy and authority

These critics tell us that the thoughts, not the words of the Book were inspired, and that the writers were left to clothe them in their own words, but, as we have already seen by the many scriptures cited, from patriarchs, prophets and apostles, and by Christ Himself, such was not the case. Now let us make a few brief tests, that will shew further the folly of such arguments. The remarkable thing about it all is that these writers did not know exactly what they wrote, in testimony of this fact we will call three witnesses from the Old and New Testaments

Daniel xii 8, 9. "I heard, but I understood not. Then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things? and He said, Go thy way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end "

I Peter i 10, 11 "Of which salvation the prophets have inquired, and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace which should come unto you, searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when He testi-

fied beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow "

Hebrews v 11: "Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing " Compare also II Peter iii 16. We have also in Psalm xxii some statements in detail concerning the crucifixion of Christ of which David could have known nothing, it being centuries before they took place.

We are told that there are 333 prophecies concerning the person and life of Jesus Christ, all of which have been fulfilled in the most minute detail. Tell me if anything short of

VERBAL INSPIRATION

answers to these facts? False theories of God and the Bible come not from what men read in the Bible, but what they read into the Bible

Everything depends on the motive with which we study the Bible

HOW READEST THOU?

'Tis one thing, friend, to read the Bible through,
Another thing to read, to learn, and do,
'Tis one thing too to read it with delight
And quite another thing to read it right
Some read it with design to learn to read,
But to the subject pay but little heed,
While others read it with uncommon care,
But a' to find some contradictions there
Some read with father's specs upon their head,
And see the thing just as their father did,
While others read through Campbell or through Scott,
And thinks it means exactly what they thought
Some read it as their duty once a week,
But no instruction from the Bible seek,
While others read because their neighbours do,
To see how long 'twill take to read it through
Some read the Bible, they don't know why,
It somehow happens in the way to lie,
Some read the b'essed book, as I have often thought,
To teach the Bible instead of being taught —Sel

Pointed Paragraphs about the Bible

FAVOURITE TEXTS.

Someone asked the late Robert Burdette for his favourite text. He replied, "When I think of a favourite text half-a-dozen dear ones leap to my lips. For stormy days I want a cloak, for cold days I want the sunny side of the wall; for hot days I want a shady path, now I want a shower of manna, now I want a drink of cold living water, now I want an arbour to rest in now I want a pilgrim staff, now I want a sword, a right Jerusalem blade. I might as well try to tell which is my favourite eye. The one I might lose is the one I might want. 'I esteem all Thy precepts' (Psalm cxix 128) "

KING GEORGE AND THE BIBLE

Mr F C Brading, Secretary of the Scripture Gift Mission, wrote to Lord Knollys, His Majesty's private secretary, asking if the reports concerning the King's daily Bible reading were true. He received the following reply

Windsor Castle, 1912

"Dear Sir,—I have had the honour of submitting your letter of the 15th instant to the King, and I am directed to inform you in reply that it is quite true that he promised Queen Alexandra as long ago as

1881 that he would read a chapter of the Bible daily, and that he has ever since adhered to this promise. Yours very truly, Knollys "

SOME NOTABLE TESTIMONIES.

Charles M Alexander, the world-famous singing evangelist, said

"Before retiring at night, place your Bible under your pillow, or close beside your bed, and when your eyes open upon each new day, reach for it and learn a verse the first thing

"Before Satan can place a wrong thought in your mind, let His Word bring you a thought of God

"When one starts the day right the battle is half won "

Fanny Crosby said

"My love for the Holy Bible and its sacred truth is stronger and more precious to me at ninety than at nineteen. I have no time to cavil over the sacred Volume, or raise questions of no value about the Word. I go to the Book to find God, and man's relation to Him. There I see Christ as representing God's Spirit in human flesh. The Book to me is God's treasure house, and there is nothing I love better than to have my friends read to me from the sacred page.

It is my bread of life, the anchor of my hope, my pillar of fire by night, my pillar of cloud by day. It is the lantern that lights my pathway to my Paradise Home.

"The Book must be read by the father in the home. A Scotsman once told me that his country was greatly enriched from the use of the Scripture around the fireside. No Christian nation can be great which ignores the sacred Book."

WHY BIBLE STUDY DECLINES

"I personally believe that the reason why many people have lost their love for the Bible is that they have failed to recognise the necessity for obedience to its moral claims. The first conviction that possesses the soul of the truth of some Bible teaching, clamours within the conscience for the yielding of obedience thereto, and if we fail to obey, the light will fail. Knowledge unmingled with obedient faith is not only profitless, it is harmful. The student must approach the study of this Book in that attitude of mind which says, 'If it speaks to me, I will obey'."

—Dr Campbell Morgan

Children's Bible Educator

We are giving a prize every month for the best answers.

All children under fifteen years of age may compete. Write the solution on a postcard, put your name and address on the same side, and address the card to Puzzle Editor, Elim Publishing Co., Ltd., Park Crescent, Clapham Park, S W 4

BIBLE ACROSTIC Here is an easy acrostic, which I hope you will all do. Small x's are in the original words and chapter numbers and are not to be changed. Each capital X however, represents a hidden vowel. The four initials at the head of the respective lines will yield the name of an important Old Testament character, and the lines will speak of his life and work. The initials of the name are in their right order. Write out the solution line for line, including the Scripture references.

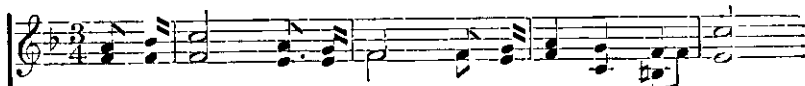
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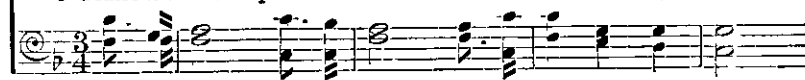
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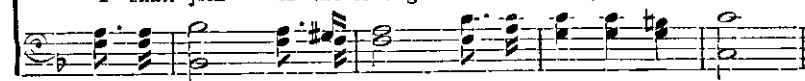
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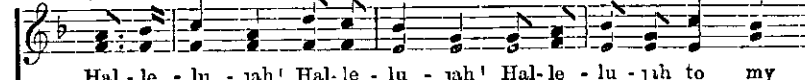
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 3. Wondrous love! wondrous love! Now the gift I re - ceive,
 4. I was weak, I am strong, In the pow'r of His might,
 5. Praise the Lord! praise the Lord! Ye His saints ev - 'ry - where,



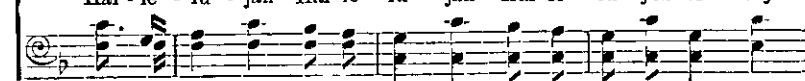
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 I have rest in His word, I be - lieve, I be - lieve.
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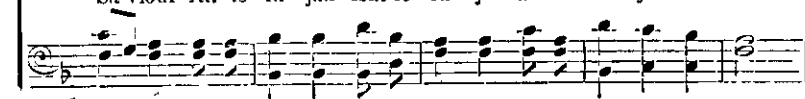
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Sa - viour! Ha - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! A - men.



Bible Study Helps

THE WISE SON
(Luke xv 11-32).

Introduction The term "prodigal son" is not found in Scripture, but was coined in the mind of man. There is a younger son in the Bible, whose character was overshadowed by his reputation as a prodigal. His father calls him "my son," and in speaking to the elder brother he says, "thy brother." The early Church called him the Wise Son, but the Church of the third century nicknamed him the Prodigal Son.

I His Retreat from God (vv. 11-16)

- 1 His position—"In a far country"
- 2 His condition—"Began to be in want"
- 3 His association—"Joined to a citizen"

II His Retribution before God (vv. 17-19)

- 1 His discovery—"Came to himself"
- 2 His desire—"I will return to my father"
- 3 His determination—"I will say, Father, I have sinned"

III His Return to God (vv. 20-32)

- 1 His confession—"I have sinned"
- 2 Father's compassion—"I have seen him, and had compassion"
- 3 Son's contentment—"Began to make merry"

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Prov. ix 10)

THE SHORTNESS OF TIME

(I Corinthians viii 29).

- 1 A reminder of mortality
- 2 A reproof to worldliness
- 3 A stimulus to service
- 4 A comfort to sufferers
- 5 An admonition to sinners,

FAMILY ALTAR



The Scripture Union Daily Portions

Sunday, Nov 6th I Sam xvii 17-30
 "And David rose up early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper" (verse 20)

The spirit of these words can well be applied to every Lord's day. It is good on Sunday morning to rise up early. It is unpleasant to rise up so late on Sunday morning that one has a restless feeling of rush. Sunday morning is frequently marred by rising late. Consequently the day starts with a feeling of strain. Early and regular habits are even more important on Sunday than any other day. David not only rose up early, but he arranged to be away from his usual duties for a time. This again is a principle to govern Sunday. By a little careful and prayerful arrangement we can arrange to be free for the morning worship. Even a cold dinner on Sunday is better than a cold heart because one hasn't been able to get out to the meeting. If the whole family turn themselves into Marthas for two hours early on Sunday then the whole family can turn themselves into Marys for the next two hours, and together, in the house of God, sit at the Master's feet.

Monday, Nov 7th I Sam xvii 31-44
 "The Lord that delivered me will deliver me" (verse 37)

It is those who know God who are strong and do exploits. God's first method with us is to settle our faith. No man can do exploits for God whose faith is unsettled. A firm faith is the first essential. Our heavenly Father spends long years in training our faith. Then when we are absolutely sure of God we are in a position to be used by Him. The Lord Jesus was absolutely sure of His Father. He knew that the Father could never fail. He knew that to Him all things were possible, and therefore He moved forward in complete assurance. David was fearless in the face of Goliath because God had previously been on his side when faced with the lion and the bear. We have not had to fight lions and bears, but our enemies have been even stranger and more subtle. But, praise God, we have overcome them, and through His grace we shall overcome every Goliath that arises. We too are able to say, "The Lord that delivered me will deliver me."

Tuesday, Nov 8th I Sam xvii 45-58
 "I come to thee in the Name of the Lord" (verse 45)

Every problem should be faced in the Name of the Lord. Hudson Taylor was faced with a rigidly closed inland China, but he faced it in the Name of the Lord, and inland China opened before him. Carey was faced with the iron-bound caste system of India, but he faced it in the Name of the Lord, and the doors of

Meditations by PERCY G PARKER.

India began to open to the entrance of Christ. Parents have vast problems concerning their children, but if they face those problems in the Name of the Lord the perplexities will be solved. There is victory over any difficulty if it is approached in the Name of the Lord. The victory may not always be won in just the way we had thought, neither in the easy way we had expected, but in some way or other the victory will come. If we approach obstacles in our own name we shall have many sad disillusionments, but if we approach them in the Name of the Lord the hallelujahs of victory will surely be ours.

Wed, Nov 9th I Sam xviii 1-16

"Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with him" (verse 12)

Let us first of all put ourselves in the place of Saul. Do we know anybody to whom we are opposed, and yet inwardly know that the Lord is with that person? Of course we have no right to be opposed to anyone if the Lord is not opposed. Yet the spirit of jealousy may be allowed to creep in. Even Christian people sometimes have very strong dislikes toward other Christians. Deep down they know they are wrong and the other, right, yet jealously girds them on. One student may be jealous of another student, one minister may be jealous of another minister, one Sunday school teacher may be jealous of another teacher. Jealousy hates to see another forwarded. If such a Saul-like spirit aggravates us, then we should immediately repent. We ought not to fear another because the Lord is with him—we ought to rejoice that the Lord is blessing his life.

Thursday, Nov 10th I Sam xix 1-11

"And Jonathan spoke good of David" (verse 4)

Jonathan's influence, under God, saved David. Frequently promotion and safety come to us through the influence of another. A few sentences spoken by another on our behalf may entirely change the future of ourselves and our families. Someone speaks a good word for us to our employer, and wages are increased. Someone suggests to the pastor that we are gifted for a certain form of service in the church, and a bigger opportunity of Christian service becomes ours. On the other hand the influence of another may be for evil. Position may be lost because of the report of another concerning us. Links of progress are sometimes very small, and doors of entrance sometimes very narrow. How essential it is then that by faith we depend upon God to control the words of others when they are speaking about us. God has many influential Jonathans for those who trust Him.

Friday, Nov. 11th I Sam xix 12-24

"Wherefore they say, Is Saul also among the prophets?" (verse 24)

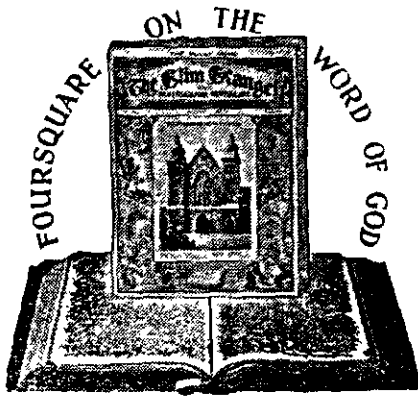
This passage needs careful understanding. In the first place the word "naked" in verse 24 in the Hebrew is used for either partial or complete disrobing. Here in this case it would seem to be partial. One commentator says "Saul was divested of his armour and outer robes, as the prophets seem to have stripped themselves of their upper clothing in seasons of extraordinary devotion." Saul in full armour had pursued after David. But Saul had reckoned without God. Saul himself came under the power of God and was forced to prophesy. So great was the influence of God upon him that all signs of war were stripped off him. Saul under the unction of God probably himself pulled them off. Thus God worked for the protection of David. Also remember that the men who came to capture the Lord Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane fell backwards for a brief space (John xviii 6) proving that complete protection could have been given if it had been in the purpose of God at that moment. The lesson for all is, "God is able to defend us."

Saturday, Nov 12th I Sam xx 1-15

"There is but a step between me and death" (verse 3)

David's position was indeed one of exceptional danger. Yet the same is constantly true of any of us—there is but a step between us and death. The slightest mistake in the rushing traffic, the slightest forgetfulness on our part, and death would result. Those who live in busy towns and cities realise this more so than those who live in the quiet country. Accident and disease threaten us in every direction. A signalman's mistake, a coach driver's error of judgment, a skid with our motor car, the frightening of a horse, are only a few of hundreds of dangers that surround us. But God can protect us even as He protected David. There can safely be a step between us and death if God is guarding the step.

H. M. Stanley said "In 1871 I went to Livingstone in Africa, as prejudiced as the biggest atheist in London. To a reporter and correspondent such as I, who had only to deal with wars, mass meetings and political gatherings, sentimental matters were entirely out of my province. But there came for me a long time for reflection. I was out there away from a worldly world. I saw this solitary old man there, and asked myself 'How on earth does he stop here—is he cracked, or what? What is it that inspires him?' For months after we met I found myself listening to him, wondering at the old man carrying out all that was said in the Bible, 'Love all things and follow Me.' But little by little his sympathy for others became contagious, my sympathy was aroused, seeing his pity, his gentleness, his zeal, his earnestness, and how he went quietly about his business, I was converted by him, although he had not tried to do it."



EDITORIAL

Our Bible Number.

THIS is our special Bible number. The Bible is the greatest book in the world. It is the book which reveals to us the greatest story that has ever been heard. It tells us the story of the greatest Giver who gave the greatest Gift in order that we may have the greatest life. Words cannot describe our debt to the Bible. Not only has it the greatest circulation of any book in the world, but it calls forth the greatest gratitude. We praise God for the Bible, and rejoice at this opportunity of issuing this special Bible number. The Bible is the one book of the Elim Foursquare Gospel Alliance. We preach it, teach it, and by God's grace, seek to live it.

We trust that this issue will bring about a revival in Bible study. We especially draw attention to the Elim Bible College Correspondence School. It is our outstanding method whereby the whole Elim family may unite together in the prayerful and persistent study of the Word of God.

Bible and Critic.

WE were once much amused at seeing a huge mastiff walking along the pathway and a diminutive terrier yelping around his legs vainly trying to "draw out" the giant beast. The persistent barking and capering of the small dog failed to provoke even a look from the big dog, which disdainfully walked on with its head erect, as though to

EDINBURGH REVIVAL

Owing to this being a special number the reports, just to hand, of the Edinburgh revival have been unavoidably held over to a later issue. The revival is at white heat; the crowds are being moved with Holy Ghost fervour and enthusiasm. God's power is being made manifest and souls are continually coming in; Christ's hand is being stretched forth to heal, bodies are being thrilled by the touch of the Divine Physician and there is great joy in the city.

say, "You are beneath my notice." That is just the figure of the critic who with his yelping and capering seeks to cast discredit upon the Word of God. But the Word of God towers disdainfully above all its critics, unmoved from its lofty pinnacle by their antics.

Some years ago a visitor to the British Museum asked the old curator who was there at the time to shew him some curio or other evidence in the Museum proving the Bible to be not true. "Sir," answered the old man, "I can shew you ten thousand curios that demonstrate the Bible as true beyond the peradventure of a doubt, but there is not a thing in this Museum that contradicts that truth."

Standing Ground.

WHAT a joy it is in these days of "isms" and "ists," of scepticism and criticism of everything supernatural and spiritual to find that there is sure standing ground to be found in the Word of God. The worshipper in the pew, the pupil in the classroom, the student in the college whose heart cries out for the reality of things, instead of being helped often finds doubt and uncertainty created by the utterances of those who should be gatherers and not scatterers. Thank God when we turn aside from the heady and highminded opinions of these hirelings—for such they are—we shall find certainty and security in the words of the Book of God.

In this special number, we have endeavoured to bring the reality of the Word and the value of thoughtful and prayerful study of the Word before our readers. Now that the winter evenings are upon us let us take every opportunity of getting a closer acquaintanceship with the

preciousness of its Divine revelation. Let us apply ourselves more closely to a perusal of its pages. Let us make it, more than ever before, the standard of our lives, the sustenance of our spiritual life, the solace of our lonely hours, the stabilising power of our most rapturous joy. All around us is the morass of men's opinion—but here, and here alone, can we find standing ground.

THE BIBLE.

By Charles Talbot.

Clasped in my hand I firmly hold
The Book of books for me
Here mines of sacred wealth I find,
And records rich I see

To read this Bible more and more,
Be my supreme delight,
Live by its dictates day by day,
And think thereon at night

Here God Himself draws very near,
His is the voice I hear,
Tis my Redeemer speaks to me,
In words my life to cheer

To study, learn and ever live
Upon the truths here given,
This be my purpose and my joy
Till earth is changed for heaven

A STATESMAN'S ESTIMATE

William E. Gladstone, one of the really great English statesmen of the nineteenth century, formed the habit of Bible study between the ages of twelve and eighteen. One constant entry in his diary is, "Read Bible." He carried this into his university life at Oxford, where he studied the New Testament in the Greek.

Later, when one of his sons was a student in Oxford, he wrote to him:

"As to duties directly religious, such as daily prayer in the morning and evening and daily reading of some portion of the Holy Scripture, or as to the holy ordinances of the Gospel, there is little need, I am confident, to advise you."

There was little need to advise him, because his father, who was the intellectual giant of his time as well as a great statesman, had insisted that the Bible was fundamental to any boy's education,

The Supreme Importance of Bible Study

By PERCY G. PARKER

WITHOUT any introduction whatever we will give seven reasons why the study of the Bible is of supreme importance

1 *The first reason why the study of the Bible is of supreme importance is because the Lord Jesus Christ Himself proved it to be so*

The Bible must be as valuable to us as it was to the Lord Jesus. What the Scriptures were to Christ our Master, they also should be to us His disciples. If Jesus attached supreme importance to the study of the Scriptures we should do the same. If He lightly esteemed such study, we may do likewise. We ask therefore, Did the Lord Jesus attach supreme value to Bible study? No one can study the Gospels without being overwhelmingly impressed with the fact that *He did*. It would be possible to spend hours demonstrating this

PROOF AFTER PROOF

could be advanced. But we will content ourselves with one. It is this—

The first aim of our Lord after His resurrection, as far as His disciples were concerned, was to form a BIBLE SCHOOL or a BIBLE CLASS. That may seem a remarkable statement to make, but it will bear investigation.

When you Sunday school teachers wish to teach the Bible to your class, what do you do? You first seek to obtain *quietness*. That is not always an easy thing—but you aim at it. But even then you are not ready to teach. The young folks may be quiet, and even their eyes fixed upon you, yet you know that probably their thoughts are wandering here, there, and everywhere. They are thinking of whips, tops, skipping ropes, cricket, football, fireworks, etc. So you aim at something more. You seek to draw in their wandering thoughts; to get them entirely fixed upon you. Then, having obtained *quietness* and *eager attention*, you teach.

The Lord adopted a similar method after His crucifixion. His lonely disciples were gathered together for fear of the Jews. They were certainly not in a condition to be taught—they were far too strained and anxious. So the Lord sought to quieten them. His first words were, "Peace be unto you." In effect He said, "Let your fear depart, be peaceful, be quiet in your minds and spirits." But they were the more afraid! They thought He was a ghost. They were therefore not in a teachable mood. Then the Lord shewed to them

HIS WOUNDED HANDS AND FEET,

and invited them to handle Him. But even then they were not fully convinced. So He asked them for something to eat. They gave Him a piece of broiled fish and a honeycomb, and He ate before them. They had seen Him eat before. There was some special reverence and dignity about His eating that no other could imitate. As they saw Him eating in this won-

derful way of His, every doubt vanished—they were convinced. This indeed was the Lord. All fear passed away. Their spirits became quite quiet, and they gathered round their Master in a worshipful, receptive manner. They were now quite teachable. What did Christ do then? "*Then opened He their understanding that they might understand the Scriptures*" See what happened! The Scriptures immediately came into prominence. The Lord held a Bible class with His disciples. Thus His first aim after His resurrection, toward His disciples, was one of Bible teaching. The moments were very precious in those days. Jesus would not long be seen by them. The day of ascension into the glory was very near—no time could be wasted. Yet the central teaching of that post-resurrection and pre-ascension period was Bible teaching. You may follow the whole incident in Luke xxiv 36-45.

I repeat again the supreme importance the Master placed upon Bible study, we also must place

2 *The second reason why Bible study is of supreme importance is because only by personal study can we obtain the rarest riches*

We can never obtain the best secondhand. Preachers, teachers, parents and friends can convey much, but they cannot convey the best. The best we must obtain for ourselves. It is not the diamond that is given us that is most precious, but the diamond that we discover ourselves.

I recall a story of a boy born blind. In the days of boyhood an operation was successfully performed. The day came when the bandage was to be removed. His mother tremblingly uncovered his eyes. For the first time he saw the blazing sunshine, the feathery clouds, the rolling hills, the fragrant flowers, and the green grass. He gazed at it all in

STUNNED AMAZEMENT

for a time. Then he clutched hold of his mother's hand and cried out, "Oh mother, why did you not tell me it was so beautiful?" The mother burst into tears and said, "I tried to tell you, my boy, but you could not understand." That is just how every Bible teacher feels. We try to tell the beauties of God's Word, but others cannot fully understand. We know that after we have done our best "the half has never yet been told." People must see for themselves. If we would obtain the riches of the Scriptures we must search, dig, study for ourselves. Dr Campbell Morgan says, "We must 'sweat' over it." The miner sweats to obtain coal, then how much more should we sweat to obtain gold from God's unfathomable mine!

The Abbé Winckelmann, was a classical writer on the fine arts. After speaking with great zeal on the perfection of sculpture as exhibited in the Apollo Belvidere, he says to young artists, "Go and study it, and if you see no great beauty in it to captivate you, go again, and if you still discover none, go again

and again. *Go until you feel it*, for be assured it is there." So we say concerning the Bible, if you find at first no riches in it, go again and again and again, for be assured the riches are there. Other people

have found them. You also, under the guidance of God's Holy Spirit, may find them. It is only thus that you will obtain the rarest riches.
(*To be concluded*)

THE BIBLE

By P. H. SAAYMAN

Thy testimonies are wonderful, therefore doth my soul keep them—Psalm cxix 129

A CHRISTIAN traveller was packing his suitcase preparatory to proceeding on a journey, when he remarked to a friend "There is still a little corner left open in which I desire to pack a guidebook, a lamp, a mirror, a telescope, a book of poems, a number of biographies, a bundle of old letters, a hymn-book, a sharp sword, and a small library of thirty volumes, and all these articles must occupy a space of three by two inches." "How are you going to manage that?" queried his friend, and the reply was "Very easily, for the Bible contains all these things."

The most wonderful, the most marvellous book in all the literature of the world is the Bible, because it is

GOD'S OWN BOOK!

God's creatures are we, proceeding through this world of sin on our short pilgrim journey, and it is therefore necessary to know one thing, or at least enquire for it, and that is *The Way to Heaven!* God Himself has clearly shewn us the way even unto eternal life, and these directions are to be found in the Bible! This Book of God therefore, is absolutely necessary on the pilgrim's journey as the Guide which reveals unto fallen man the profoundest, the highest of all revelations, namely, the love, grace, and mercy of the true God.

At a certain place in America, so I am told, there is a brass slab upon which is engraved the American Constitution, but if this slab is viewed from a distance it reveals an image of George Washington. So it is with the Bible, which contains God's Constitution for man, but also reveals through its pages an image of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Could anyone else but God have been the author of this wonderful book? It certainly could not have been man for the Bible declares his fallen state, his consequent sins and shortcomings and his judgment. Neither could it have been Satan, for the Bible exposes and denounces him in unqualified terms as a liar, murderer, and the great enemy of all righteousness—yes, the Bible is the great inveterate opponent of the powers of evil. The Bible is

INSPIRED OF GOD!

Holy men wrote the Book as they were directed by the Spirit of God, and to this fact must be attributed the preservation of the Bible through all the ages in spite of the violence of its enemies determined to destroy it altogether. To us it came through rivers of blood, every page is stained by the blood of martyrs. How many fools have tried to undermine its authority and to belittle its teachings. But with such it was as with the Irishman's wall, which was three feet high and five feet wide. When somebody asked him

why he was building such a funny wall, he remarked, "If someone should come and push my wall over, he would find it higher than before."

So it is with the Bible. When the forces of Satan's Higher Criticism try to push over the Bible, its power is renewed and its influence greater than before. The great French infidel, Voltaire, ventured to prophesy, that in a hundred years from his time the Bible would not be read any more, and to-day we find that the Bible is still the best seller.

Besides, a hundred years afterwards the very same machinery which had printed the infidel's books was being used for printing Bibles. The Lord laughs its enemies to scorn.

Another violent opponent of the Bible, Tom Paine, did his best to destroy the authority of the Book of books, but failed miserably. No book in the world has attracted the human mind more than has the Bible.

The manner in which the Bible was written is another

PROOF OF ITS INSPIRATION

It is a well-known fact that a translation of a book always proves disappointing, and hardly ever reaches the level of the original. The Bible proves to be the only exception, for it has been translated into hundreds of foreign languages without losing its power and its interest, and gives satisfaction to the reader all over the world.

In this Book the sinner finds words of light, of comfort and of encouragement, for through the pages of this heavenly Book the Father speaks to His children.

The Bible contains sixty-six books written by forty different writers at different times and different places. Here we have Moses the law-giver, Joshua the soldier, Samuel the judge, Ezra the builder, Job the poet, David the shepherd, Daniel the prime minister, Amos the cattle-herd, Matthew the publican, Paul the scholarly divine, and John the exile, and it is most marvellous how their writings harmonise—there is not one discordant note. This could never have been if these writers had not been moved to write as the Spirit directed them.

This Book was written not only for the Hebrews, or for this or that nation, but for every nation under the sun. A Chinese was once assisting a missionary in the translation of the Bible into Chinese. When the task was finished, the Chinese exclaimed, "Whoever made this book made me." "Why?" said his co-worker in surprise. "Because this Book tells me what I am," was the rejoinder.

On another occasion Dr. Chambers was reading to a number of Hindus in India the first chapter of

Paul's Epistle to the Romans, when one of them rose and said "This was surely written for us, because

IT DESCRIBES US

exactly" Again, at a certain place a man named McCall was reading the same chapter to some people gathered together, when one of them remarked "This refers to me, because my conscience tells me so"

This brings to mind the woman of Samaria, who exclaimed "Come, see a Man who told me all things that ever I did—is not this the Christ?" Similarly we can say "Come, see a Book which describes my being and my life—is not this in truth the Book of God?"

No wonder that Webster, the great statesman, said "The Bible is the Book of faith, of doctrine, of religion, and of God's special revelation"—yes, dying he quoted from its pages these words "Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me"

OF THE MAN CHRIST JESUS,

we read in the Bible Who was born of a woman—very God of very God He walked this earth sinless and blameless—no stain for two thousand years having been found on that spotless reputation, He, indeed, led to the highest heaven and shewed the way His earthly life is described by four witnesses who tell us of the miracles He performed, of His forgiveness of sins, and His preaching of the sublime Gospel

Likewise He taught that He came as a fulfilment of the Law and of the Old Testament, and that the prophets were only the mouthpieces of God Those who read His words will be forcibly struck with the fact, as were those who were sent by the chief priests and scribes to capture Him, that He taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes (Mark 1:22)

So many people contend that the Bible is not sufficiently attractive, but in no book in the world do we find a historian like Moses, a poet like Job, a sweet singer like David, a logical thinker and orator like Paul, and the Divine character of our Lord Jesus Christ Himself We do not find such in the annals of history, or in all the range of literature How many writers in the past, and some of them the master thinkers of the human race, have made use of the Bible directly or indirectly in their books Take Milton's "Paradise Lost," and Tasso's book of "Jerusalem Delivered" Shakespeare's works teem with scriptural quotations and scriptural thought We can almost say that these great writers considered the Bible as the

FOUNT OF ALL INSPIRATION

When Stanley the great explorer made his famous tour through Africa, he started off with seventy-three books, all but one of which he eventually threw away The one retained was the Bible We return to it in youth and in age, so perfect is the art of the historian, so elevating the thoughts of the writers, so comforting the assurances for time and eternity—yea, the sweetest pillow on which the dying head can rest

Of Stanley, too, it was said that he read the Bible through no less than three times, thoughtfully and prayerfully

This Book lives through all the ages of time, and withstands the sharpest test of ages of the best human judgment for all time Daniel Webster declared, that if we hold on to the directions of this Book, our land and people will be prosperous, but should its counsels be ignored, nameless miseries and distress will be our portion To this fact, perhaps, is attributable the world-wide depression and terrible suffering at the present time Is it not because the tendency of the moderns is to despise the Word of God and to mock at its injunctions? Yea, its teachings are rejected and neglected as of little or no account

In Jamaica is found a very singular plant, called the life plant, whose leaves, instead of fading or dying off when hung up, straightway begin to develop fresh roots and leaves So the Bible is the life plant of the spiritual and moral life of the world Whether in the Arctic regions or in the tropics of Africa, the Word of God grows continually in the hearts of the people

Did you ever consider when reading one chapter after another in the Bible, such can be compared to travelling on

THE KING'S HIGH ROAD,

and that there are saints in heaven to-day, more than tongue can tell, who travelled the same road to their eternal Home Every verse of the Bible is like the maternal breast to the babe in Christ Jesus

As a result of following the directions, guidance and teaching of this wonderful Book, there will stand before the throne of God ten thousand times ten thousand Blood-washed souls, clad in sparkling white robes, and singing the songs of redemption unto eternity It all depends upon our attitude towards the truths of the Bible, whether we shall inherit the kingdom of God or shall be cast into the lake of fire with the Devil and his angels The Bible, therefore, contains God's height, the breadth of heaven, the destination of the soul, and the revelation of our dear Saviour and Lord

In conclusion I desire to add, that the Bible contains the revelation of God Himself, consolation for those that mourn, destruction to superstition, and light for the wise, it is the enemy of oppression, the strength of those that are weak, the promise of the future, the light-bearer in the darkness, the advance guard of civilisation, and the food for the hungry human soul Often we hear people say "There is no food for my soul in the Bible" But I think it should be rendered thus "There are not sufficient souls for the food in the Bible" Back to the Bible! "Whosoever shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to Thy Word"

The grand old Book! the grand old Book!
You'll find a word of comfort wherever you may look
In sorrow or in pain, its promises are plain,
So keep on believing in the grand old Book

A BRAHMIN'S DISCOVERY

A Brahmin is said to have written to a missionary "We are finding you out You are not as good as your Book If your people were only as good as your Book you would conquer India for Christ in five years"

Read these Testimonies

And then join the Elim Bible College Correspondence School

(For particulars see cover ii.)

THE following typical testimonies have been selected at random from letters received *during the past few months*

"The studies have been especially helpful to me, as I have not been able to attend all the meetings. The Old Testament was always a puzzle, but praise Him, I find the Lord in every book now"—McB, Croydon.

"I find the Bible studies very helpful and interesting, and I have received much blessing through them"—E G, Lytham, St Annes

"I would like to take this opportunity of saying what real blessing I receive in studying the Bible with the aid of the Handbooks and Inset Studies. Certainly the Word of God is becoming increasingly precious to me. The 'Elim Talks for Bible Students' are also of very great help and inspiration, and I always look forward very much indeed to reading them"—F I L, Clapham

"I very much appreciate these studies, which are a considerable help in opening the Book"—W. A. F.

"I want to express my deep appreciation of your Bible Correspondence School. Surely the help of God has been largely given to those who prepared it, for the religious instruction of those wanting to master the Bible in view of becoming better servants of the Master.

"With joy I am renewing as a student of the Elim Bible College Correspondence School"—F C, Liège, Belgium

"I thank God for the wonderful blessings I am receiving through the study of the Bible. Thank God I now know my Saviour better than I ever knew Him before"—N P., Cardiff

"I must also say that I appreciate the studies in the way which they are put. I have learned much from them, and find them very, very helpful. I shall recommend them to anybody who requires a real deep study of the Word of God"—W J S, Barnes

"The Bible studies are a great blessing to me. I pass them on to two friends. One was baptised with the Holy Ghost on Friday; that's what I am praying for"—H R M, Sheffield

"Words are inadequate to describe the pleasure and edification I have derived from it"—N T., Upper Tooting

"I find the studies a wonderful blessing. I look forward to each set coming, and find a real delight in the study of them"—D, C, Erdington.

"I thank Him for the existence of such wonderful studies, which throw such a beautiful light on the Word, and give to the mind new, large, and luminous horizons. The Bible is more than ever to me 'the wonderful treasure, given by God without measure,' since I began to study with the aid of the precious Handbooks of the Elim Bible College"—E H, Brighton

"I was so happy when studying with you before, and am looking forward to a blessed time. I have

a better knowledge of the Scriptures now as I am reading through for the seventh time"—O P H, Belfast

"I still wish to carry on the Correspondence Questions and Answers, as I find them very helpful and inspiring, and praise the Lord, my husband also is interested in same. Praise the Lord for leading me ever to start taking up these Bible Courses"—A J, Smarden.

"Doing them has been a great blessing to me, and I feel stronger spiritually"—H M, Golders Green

"I find the studies a great source of spiritual blessing from the Handbooks and Insets"—F C P, Hull

"Once again, I must say how these studies are helping me. Praise the Lord"—A P, Ealing Green

"Have received the first two Handbooks of the Correspondence Course, and I certainly find them a great benefit and help"—E R. S., Kelowna, B.C.

"I have found the course so helpful. It enables me to understand the Word much better"—J G S, Birmingham

"Please find enclosed Postal Order for 5/- being my payment for the next five months of the Elim Bible College Correspondence School from which I have derived much spiritual blessing"—F H W, South Norwood

THE FREE FUND

There are those who for various reasons are not able to take the Correspondence Courses, yet would like to help those who wish to study, but are financially prevented. 12/- will provide studies for another for twelve months, and 6/- for six months. If you would like to help, kindly send your gift to the E B C C S Secretary, marked, "Free Bible Correspondence School Fund"

Read what Principal George Jeffreys wrote in the *Evangel* when the Correspondence School commenced :

In the quietude of home, after business hours are over, a student can, by joining the Elim Bible Correspondence School, begin with Genesis and continue a course of studies which will eventually bring him to the last verse in Revelation. Like a great panorama, the dealings of God with mankind in the course of time, will open up before the view of the student.

In the very first verse he scans the beautiful and perfect Creation of God, and hears the sons of God shout for joy. Then the scene is changed, and the earth without form and void, a state resulting from some catastrophe, is thrown upon the screen. Immediately the creative Word of God is uttered—chaos becomes order, and there emerges the beautiful Garden of Eden. The man created after the image of God, accompanied by the woman who is the mother of all living steps into the picture. The temptation, the fall, the beginning of sin, the great

separation, and the long trail of the serpent commences. While the blush of shame colours the cheeks of the first sinning pair, a Saviour and Redeemer is proclaimed, and in quick succession types and shadows of a coming Christ are flashed upon the ever-moving scenery.

Time passes on with its various dispensations of Providence. The onward march of humanity is followed through a world of sin and suffering, until the birth, death, resurrection and ascension of Christ are reached, and the type becomes antitype, the shadow a substance, and the Old Testament pictures a reality. The glorious dispensation of the Holy Ghost commences, the Church is formed and promises are fulfilled, while the latter days pass on and the New Testament is studied. The Second Advent of Christ takes place and the true Church is raptured. The short day of trouble on earth ends, the transcendent reign of Christ begins, and at last the student reaches the new heaven and the new earth that appear.

Needless to say, as the student looks into the

Biblical panorama and meditates upon its glowing themes, he will experience the burning heart like a disciple of old.

The Elm Bible College Correspondence School, with its Alliterated Bible Course, its many Summarised Charts, and its Fundamental and Doctrinal Studies, is considered to be one of the best that has ever been put at the service of those who are anxious to know the Word of God. The perfect inspiration and complete authority of the Bible, as given originally by God to men, is absolutely accepted. The so-called Higher Criticism is altogether repudiated.

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Concise Comments & Interesting Items

What will happen? is a question upon the world's lips. Facts and rumours are bringing intense disquiet throughout the world. Japan's attitude toward the League of Nations in connection with Manchuria is causing grave concern. But perhaps even more disturbing than this is the fact of the very strong reports that Germany is planning a return to a monarchy. That would mean either a recall of the ex-Kaiser, or the enthronement of some member of the Hohenzollern family.

Two utterances are suggestive. The first is by a former Postmaster-General, Mr. H. B. Lees Smith. He says that within the last twelve months war has come much nearer. Referring to Japan and the League of Nations he describes Japan's attitude as one of bluff and refers to the whole situation as probably the beginning of the end.

The second is by Mussolini. In addressing 25,000 Fascists in Rome he is reported to have said: "All those who believe that they can solve the present crisis by miraculous remedies are on the wrong track. Either this is a cyclic crisis in the system, in which case it will solve itself, or it is a crisis of the system, in which case we are facing a transition from one epoch of civilisation to another."

The Italian Premier suggests that we are probably in the transition stage from one form of civilisation to another. Yet he does not believe in a solution by miraculous remedies. But Mussolini is leaving God out of his thought. Especially is he leaving out the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. That is the one miraculous remedy which will transform us from the present chaotic civilisation into the glorious civilisation of the Millennium.

A coming and a going are announced on the same day. Multitudes will welcome with pleasure the announcement that Dr. Campbell Morgan is returning

to this country in order to be associated with the Rev. Hubert L. Simpson at the Westminster Congregational Church. Dr. Morgan is thus returning to the church where he held a wonderfully blessed pastorate for thirteen years. During that period his world-famous Bible School was conducted.

The departure is that of the Rev. Samuel Chadwick of Cliff College at the age of seventy-two years. For a number of years Mr. Chadwick has been in failing health. But amidst it all he has still carried on his principalship of Cliff College and the editing of "The Joyful News." No less than 2,000 evangelists have come under his training at Cliff College. He will be greatly missed. The Elm Foursquare Gospel Alliance rejoices to have counted him amongst its friends.

While world affairs are taking their unsteady course the work of God is steadily progressing. Many will remember the amazing revival under William Wade Harris on the Ivory Coast, a French colony in West Africa. During his ministry over 100,000 conversions took place among the natives, and hundreds of churches were built. Prophet Harris, as he was called, died about two years ago. But now Paul Nyeecka Revere is going back to the same district to superintend the Christian work among the native churches. He is a native of Liberia, but in a remarkable manner was led to America and trained there for Christian service. Now he is going back to his own people. This item is especially interesting. "Paul knew William Harris intimately, and worked with him in a great revival. At one time in Liberia, before Harris died, he put his hands on Paul's head, blessed him, prayed for him, and said, 'Paul, God has shewn me that after I am gone, you are the one who has been anointed to carry on my work.'"

The Rev. Oswald J. Smith, the American prophetic writer, has been

visiting Palestine. That Palestine is still largely a desolation is made clear by an extract from his letter. He says:

"I visited a large number of Jewish colonies, for many Jews have returned and are now settled in Palestine. But already some are repenting and going back. The Jew is a man of the city and not of the country. Hence, he does not make a good pioneer. He is not naturally a farmer. That being the case, the success of the Zionist Movement is, to say the least, doubtful. Certainly no Jew with a comfortable home in Canada should ever think of leaving it for such a land as Palestine. One has to visit this country to really appreciate Ontario. Here water, or rather the lack of it, is a great problem. Not a drop of rain falls for months at a time. Hotels have to appeal for sufficient water to make tea. It reminds one of California during the dry months. Not the California the tourist companies talk about, but the California of parched, bare, burnt-up and barren hills when there is no rainfall. Only Palestine is a hundred times worse. Childhood visions are rudely shattered. Aside from Arizona, Palestine is the most barren, God-forsaken country I have ever visited. Nothing but rock and stone, great rugged hills as far as the eye can see. Not a tree in sight for miles. Dirty pools. Desert sands. Filthy mud huts. Narrow, vile-smelling streets. The sanitary conditions are absolutely deplorable. As the chaplain of the British forces and the Rector of the Anglican Church at Jerusalem exclaimed: 'The Holy Land is neither "holy" nor is it a "land".'"

"In the Pool of Siloam of which we sing,

'By cool Siloam's shady rills
How sweet the lilies grow!'

women were washing their dirty clothes, while others were filling their petrol cans with the water for drinking purposes. Neither lilies nor shade could I find. I think the poet must have been dreaming, or else he never saw Palestine."

Studies in The Acts

By P. N. CONRY

ACTS XXIV—TWO TRIALS

The First Trial (verses 1-22)

Paul was a captive in Cæsarea, lodged in Herod's judgment hall awaiting trial. This took place five days after his arrival under escort, so while the witnesses are journeying from Jerusalem, let us try and find out something regarding the character of Governor Felix.

Felix and his brother Pallas had been slaves, but through the influence of his brother upon the Emperor Claudius Felix had risen to great heights, and at this time had been Governor for six years with both civil and military power. He put down the robber bands that at this time were infesting Palestine with a very firm hand, especially was this the case with the Egyptian mentioned in Acts xxi: 38. At the same time he was not above making use of these same bandits to further his own ends, and used them to bring about the murder of the high priest Jonathan. Roman history says that he combined the powers of a king with the disposition of a slave, and that "he deemed that he could perpetrate any ill deeds with impunity. There is ample testimony in both Jewish and Pagan history to prove that this man was savage, treacherous, and unjust, and that his own object was to make as much money as possible during his term of office. Robertson says he had a cynical disregard for justice, an open contempt for morality, a greed for money, and a love of bribes.

This being the case, the speech of Tertullus will at once be seen to be a wonderful piece of flattery. The "great quickness," said to be enjoyed under Felix, was plainly non-existent, as then the guard of 400 horse and foot would not have been required, and the bloodshed which was soon to manifest itself in Cæsarea would never have occurred. The man sitting on the Roman judgment seat knew well that of all nations the Jews were the least thankful, and that his deeds were looked upon with exasperation by the very witnesses in the court. The charges were that Paul was (1) a pest, (2) a mover of sedition, (3) a ring-leader of the sect of the Nazarenes, and (4) a profaner of the Temple (vv 5, 6). Paul's answer is a refutation of all charges, but the third, and this he confesses to be the truth, but explains that in worship he is sincere, in faith sound in hope buoyant, and in conscience void of offence toward God and men (verses 12-16). What a contrast this must have been to the conscience of the man who was his judge. Paul then appeals to the utter absence of witnesses, charges without proof not being sufficient when the man being tried is a freeborn Roman, and the judge an elevated slave. It was a skilful answer to the charge, and must have proved to Felix that there was not the slightest ground to hold Paul a prisoner. Why was he not liberated? Felix

had more knowledge of the situation than he cared to say, and though he put the trial back on the pretext of waiting for the chief captain Lysias to arrive, he had an ulterior motive, and kept Paul a prisoner to please the Jews. Paul was to be held not as a hostage for the good behaviour of Felix, but as a means of conciliating the anger of the Jews when required. When the worst came to the worst he hoped to win favour from them by his harsh treatment of Paul, and that by so doing they would not press their charges against the Governor. Two long years of unjust imprisonment followed for the Apostle, but because Felix knew it to be against all Roman justice he allows Paul to have liberty (in the prætorium) and to receive his friends. They were not wasted years by any means, and it is most probable that during this imprisonment Luke set about to gather the material for the book we now know as the Gospel according to Luke, and which he says he received from those who from the beginning had been eye-witnesses and ministers of the Word (see Luke 1: 1-4).

The work was Luke's, but I am sure that the one who inspired him to set about it, and who constantly kept the fire of inspiration alight, was Paul, the prisoner in Cæsarea. Once again the prison became the place, the man in a cage the one to produce living music.

The Second Trial (Acts xxiv 24-27)

Druscilla was a Jewess, the third "queen" or mistress of Felix, the youngest daughter of Herod Agrippa I, famous as well as infamous, the flower of the Court as well as a courtesan. Formerly the wife of Aziz, a prince who had loved her, she had left him to become an adulteress with a man who had been nothing better than a slave. Probably to satisfy her curiosity Felix sent for Paul, not to undergo a trial, but to preach. The result was rather painful for both of them for as Paul reasoned of righteousness, temperance or self-control, and judgment, the arrows of conviction pierced the hardened heart of this Roman libertine and his profligate Jewish mistress, so that Felix trembled. The Governor and his wife were on trial now with conscience as the judge, but instead of obeying the truth he allowed his love of bribes to silence the movings of the Holy Spirit. "He hoped also that money should have been given him of Paul, therefore he sent for him the oftener and communed with him" (verse 26). It was the desire for silver, not salvation, that prompted his eagerness. Money was his master passion, and he stilled his uneasy conscience by the hope of cartily bribes instead of heavenly reward. He never trembled again. Fear of the Jews made him leave Paul in chains, and love of money made him sacrifice his soul.

At the close of these two years a tremendous riot broke out between the Jews

and the Gentiles of Cæsarea, and Felix taking the side of the Gentiles, let his troops loose upon the Jews. Houses were plundered, the streets ran with blood, and many Jews were slain. It was the last and crowning act of injustice. Claudius his Imperial friend was dead, Pallas was losing power at Rome, and when Felix was recalled to give an answer for his conduct, though his brother was able to save him from death and banishment he was not able to save him from the loss that to him was more than life. Felix had to disgorge to Nero the greater portion of his ill-gotten gains, and died in obscurity and shame.

In this special number of the "Evangel" it is good to remind ourselves of this fourfold code of the Apostle for there is no room in the Foursquare Gospel for anything less than a squaring-up to this pattern of life.

In worship we again remind ourselves that it must be in spirit and in truth. In faith we believe all that is written in the law and the prophets. We stand for the Word of God in an age when to do so is to court ridicule, but, bless the Lord the old Book still stands as the one sure ground of truth. In hope we are looking for the resurrection and the glory that shall follow the coming of our Lord and in conscience it is our desire to remain void of offence toward God and toward man. This is not as easy as it sounds, it is an exercise, says Paul, but by the power of the indwelling Spirit of God weak consciences become strong and imperfect ones may become perfect.

HOW TO USE THE BIBLE

When in sorrow, read John xiv
When men fail you, Psalm xxvii
When you have sinned, Psalm li
When you worry, Matthew vi 19-34
Before church service, Psalm lxxxiv
When you are in danger, Psalm xcii
When you have the blues, Psalm xxxiv
When God seems far away, Psalm cxxxix
When you are discouraged, Isaiah xl
If you desire to be fruitful, John xv
When doubt comes upon you, John viii 17
When you are lonely or fearful, Psalm xxxiii
When you forget your blessings, Psalm ciii
For Jesus' idea of a Christian, Matt v
For James' idea of religion, James 1: 19-27
For stirring of faith, Hebrews xi
When you feel down and out, Rom viii 31-39
When you lack courage for your task, Joshua
When the world seems bigger than God, Psalm xc
When you want Christian assurance, Romans viii 1-30
When you leave home for labour or travel, Psalm cxxi
When you grow bitter or critical, I Corinthians xiii
For Paul's idea of Christianity, II Cor v 15-19
For Paul's rules on how to get along with men, Romans xii—Set

ELIM CRUSADER PAGE

MOTTO. GOD'S BEST FOR US — OUR BEST FOR GOD



Forest Hill The Crusaders have recently been divided into several bands, and these go out before the Gospel service and endeavour to invite individuals into the meeting. God has set His seal to this work, and a number have been brought in each week. Recently one young woman in who was thus brought in, found the Lord Jesus as her Saviour. To Him be the glory.

Halifax. The Bradford Crusaders visited this assembly on a recent Wednesday, and 700 people were present. We were delighted to have them with us, and we were encouraged as the messages in song and word went forth.

The messages by the Pastor are listened to with rapt attention, and one is impressed with the eagerness and earnestness of those desiring to understand the deeper teaching of the Scriptures. How lovely it is to know that we are building on a sure foundation and not on sinking sand.

We praise God for the blessings He is bestowing upon us and we are praying that glory will be brought to His great Name.—H. N. 10/6

Istington There has been much blessing of late in the Crusader meetings here. Several special evenings have contributed to this end. Recently the Bermondsey Crusaders, along with Pastor and Mrs. South, paid a visit and conducted the meeting. It was a very profitable evening, and from the testimonies given in word and song there was abundant evidence that Jesus satisfies. Later a reunion fellowship meeting was arranged, when all Crusaders past and present were invited. Tea was provided, and a happy evening was spent in the presence of the Lord.

Wrenthorpe. We are glad to learn of the progress being made at this branch. Prayers are being answered, and as a result souls are being won for Christ.

Dowlais Recently at Dowlais we experienced a wonderful time of blessing, when the Cardiff Crusaders joined us in a refreshing Crusader Rally in Jesus' precious Name.

Of that gathering we could truly say, "God is here, and that to bless us." The Word was expounded with power, our souls being drawn nearer to the Master whom we love and serve, while the singing items rendered were most uplifting. To God be the glory!

We are indeed progressing steadily under the able ministry and supervision of

our president Pastor S. J. Cooper many young converts having been joined to our ranks. At each Crusader evening, the Crusaders take complete charge of the programme, much hidden talent thereby being discovered.—E. C. L.

"Keep Moving"

By E. ADAMS

Keep moving,
If you stop you are in danger,
And a danger to those flying
These words appeared on a notice board at the side of a road running



through a Royal Air Force flying field near Ramsgate.

The modern world almost worships speed, whether on land, on the sea, or in the air. But the highest kind of movement is not movement of body, but movement of soul towards the Lord. We were saved when our souls moved out to the Saviour in our desire to have Him. We obeyed His "Come" and we went to Him.

Worship also is movement of the highest kind for in worship our spirits go out to God in holy desire, adoration and praise. Martha was more full of outward activity than her younger sister, but in Mary there was more movement of soul. She was commended, not for sitting still, but for sitting at the Master's feet and drinking in His Word. True prayer is soul-movement. So is pure, righteous, and all growth in the knowledge of the Lord means movement, activity, progress in things spiritual.

Now unless we make progress in our Christian life we are in danger—in danger of becoming slack, of going to sleep, or of losing our joy. And we are liable to be easily side-tracked by the world, and to become prey to the error-germs that abound in the mental atmosphere. And we may even lose the assurance of our salvation. "He who ceases to be better will soon cease to be good."

And the young believer who is not making progress in the Christian life

becomes a danger to others. His example is discouraging, and as a mere camp-follower he is a source of weakness in the Lord's army.

Hurry-worry is not the same as progress. Livingstone's manner of walking was characteristic of the man. It was neither slow nor fast, neither hurry nor dawdle, but a steady, determined going on, which clearly meant "getting there."

We have no time to rest on our oars, nor to stand about with our hands in our pockets. If we do not go forward we shall go back. We are to be both steadfast and progressive. We are to keep on the lines, but we are to keep moving along those lines. "Go forward," is the command in the Old Testament. "Let us go on," is the exhortation in the New. And Paul, the great apostle of spiritual progress, cries, "I press on. May more of his spirit and ambition move us, both for our sake and that of others."

IF I COULD KNOW

By Gwen Clark (Bath Crusader)

If I could know that word or deed
Of mine had helped a soul in need—
Had given comfort, eased the smart,
Of some poor tortured, aching heart,
With what rare joy my heart
would glow,

If I could know—if I could know

If one should whisper in my ear,
Your words have made me stronger,
dear,

To fight this evil thing within
That leads me often into sin—
My darkest path would lighter
grow,

If I could know—if I could know

Each day I ask the Lord to bless
Some act of mine to fruitfulness
And though I know not how, or
where,

He sends the answer to my prayer,
When I into His presence go,
Then I shall know—then I shall
know

Dear Lord, I close with sweet
refrain,

For Thou I know wilt come again,
Bless'd be Thy Name for evermore,
The Lord is mine, I want no more
When up to heaven I shall go
Then I shall know—then I shall
know

A CRUSHING REPLY.

A Christian chief in the New Hebrides Islands, who before his conversion had been a cannibal, was reading his Bible when a French trader came up to him, and exclaimed: "What is that you are reading?" "The Bible." "Oh, that's played out. I don't believe it ever did anyone any good. Don't you?" Then let me tell you, sir, it was not for the Bible, you would be in my oven!"



THE WORD OF GOD GREW AND MULTIPLIED



Blessings at Home and Abroad—Power of the Living Word

MISSIONARY TESTIMONY.

Coulsdon (Mr Shadlock) "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" The ministry of God's Word at Elim Tabernacle, Chipstead Valley Road, is being richly blessed and the saints are uplifted and inspired. Each Lord's Day morning as the saints gather round the Lord's table His Divine presence is felt and realised more and more.

The Gospel services are steadily increasing in attendances, and we praise the Lord for two souls who recently have surrendered themselves to Christ.

Mr and Mrs Thomas visited Coulsdon one Sunday evening, and left in all hearts a deeper longing to do their part for those in other lands who know not Christ. The Crusaders also are moving onward and doing their part to win Coulsdon for Christ.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Ledbury (Pastor L N Knipe) In the picturesque district of Herefordshire, with its lovely hills, valleys, and rivers, the saints meeting at Elim Mission Hall, Bye Street, during a recent week-end were reminded of the goodness of their Lord as they gathered to the harvest thanksgiving services at which Pastor Tweed (Birmingham) was the special speaker.

"Exceeding abundant" was the portion of God's people here, as each time we gathered, before us the tokens of a loving God and Father, the Giver of all good gifts.

A remarkable feature of the success and blessing of the meetings was that the saints expected and received great things.

The people crowded themselves in and packed the hall before the time to com-

mence the meetings, chairs down the aisles and at the back of the hall, all floor and platform space filled, and God's blessing upon us. At the close of this season of refreshing and Gospel story, hands were raised in token of submission to the Master, the Lord of the harvest, and sheaves were garnered in.

CHRIST v LENIN

Woolwich (Mr and Mrs Heath)

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Salvation is a blessing of which all stand in need. Having sinned against God, all were in danger of coming wrath.

But whilst it is the need of all, the solemn fact has to be faced that no mere man can provide it, either for himself or for anyone else.

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Thus the soul seeking to save itself lives in doubt as to what will satisfy God. But the one that accepts the salvation which is of God, has no fear, or concern, because it knows that God has given that which is entirely pleasing to Himself.

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