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## **THE MISSIONARY REVIVALIST -- JUNE 1956**

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"Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and  
may enter in through the gates into the city." (Rev. 22:14)

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**THE BIBLE MISSIONARY UNION**  
By Glenn Griffith

It was in the month of September and the eighth day, that a crowd gathered under a large  
sixty by ninety tent about seven forty-five in the evening. The tent was located about five miles  
west of Nampa, Idaho and four miles east of Caldwell, Idaho on Highway thirty.

This crowd came in response to invitations from a group of God's burdened people, who  
after much prayer had decided to start the meeting. Of course the meeting really started earlier in  
the hearts of many of God's people who felt that something must be done to preserve the rich  
heritage of "old fashioned scriptural holiness" as they knew it in the beginning of the modern  
holiness movement, and that its freedom and liberty of worship would be handed down to this  
generation as they had received it.

For two years previous to the gathering under the tent God had been talking to my heart  
about my responsibility to God and this generation, to preach the rugged gospel, and maintain its  
standards of holiness of heart and life, as I received it from the old fashioned preachers and  
leaders when I came into the movement in 1926. I felt in my own heart, and also from the  
testimonies of many other preachers and people, that I could not go along with the drift that I could  
see in the program of the church of which I was a member. So as the pressure grew both from the  
condition I felt in the church, and also the constant urge from the Holy Spirit to faithfully contend  
for the faith once delivered unto the saints, and make full proof of my ministry to this generation, I  
finally came to the place where I had to make a choice. Three alternatives confronted me. I could

have gone along with the present program or I could stay in the church and fight for the things that marked the identity of the early holiness movement, and run the risk of getting bitter in the fight and lose my soul or I could walk out under the stars and continue to preach as when I started out in the beginning. After weighing these attitudes in my heart I decided while in prayer as I walked the road under this pressure, that I would choose to step out, without rancor, or much thought for the tomorrows, but only that I might please God and finish my course with victory.

It was while I was fighting this battle to know the will of God as to my future ministry, that I received a letter from one, later connected with the band that erected the tent between Caldwell and Nampa, Idaho. Finding this crowd of the same mind I made the decision to come to Idaho and start the meeting and trust God for the future. On September 7th, I mailed in my Elders Orders to the proper authorities, and boarded the train for Idaho arriving about four thirty in the evening. I went out to the tent and at eight o'clock started the meeting with about one hundred and fifty present the first night, and thus beginning our present group. The meeting ran in the tent and in the present tabernacle for five weeks and in the early days of November we organized what is now "The Bible Missionary Union" with about one hundred and twenty-six members. God has so marvelously overshadowed until it reminds one of the way the Lord shielded His people with the cloud by day and the fire by night, and has supplied every need just as it was presented. For weeks and running into months the faithful Holy Spirit has filled the altars time after time and very few altar services have been barren.

Now up to this article, the group has grown locally, and has in the meantime, expanded to the almost unbelievable. In many places God has raised up congregations, who, though having to move out under the stars with no equipment of any kind, have managed to rent or buy property sufficient for the services and have made a place for the pastors and their families. God has given to the Bible Missionary Union a wonderful group of old fashioned preachers who for the most part are Elders and successful in the ministry wherever they have come from. Some have come from leading churches and some from the field of evangelism. They are anointed of God for such a time as this, and the glory of God is continually upon the preaching services as well as the wonderful prayer and praise services. The atmosphere of these services attended by large crowds takes a person back to the holiness meetings of twenty years ago. In these few short months God has blessed the organization until it has spread into thirteen states and there are many cries of "Come over into Macedonia and help us," so many that it is hard to keep up with them and impossible for us to organize with a pre-revival meeting. Rev. Spencer Johnson, Rev. Joe Cook, Rev. H. B. Huffman, and myself are all busy organizing and holding revivals, getting folks together, and the tide of need is rising, and the forces of help are increasing. We are confident that if we can keep "the glory down" and trust only in the God of Israel and the Christ of the New Testament that He will help us to reap some of the harvest that is being wasted in these last days that are marked by signs of apostasy. May God help us not to depend upon human programs, but humbly believe God and follow the cloud by day and the fire by night.

God has opened the mission fields to our work, and we have our first missionary, Miss Norma Kennedy, in preparation for East Africa, under the "Faith Missions" which is superintended by my good friend and a great missionary, Rev. Victor Glenn who has vision and carries a burden as few men carry for the heathen. God is blessing in a marvelous way. Our local group at Nampa and Caldwell raised \$2900.00 for Norma's equipment, and she will be sailing this summer in

answer to her heart cry to the needy harvest fields of Africa. May God bless this our first missionary, and may she thrust in the sickle in these late hours of the day of grace. At the close of a great missionary rally in which Norma gave her experience, and the Lord had helped us to raise this amount of money we made a call for young folks who would dedicate their lives to special service for the Lord and fifteen young men and women stepped out and knelt at the altar and dedicated their lives. To God be all the glory!

The Lord has placed His seal upon the work and answered to the burden of our heart when we felt along with the other reasons for leaving the old church, that the Lord would help us to try to make a way according to the ability that the Lord has given us, for some fine young men whom we felt if they stayed true to the old fashioned faith and convictions which they started out to preach, they would soon be without a place to preach. Some have already felt the urge, and I appreciate the men and women who have refused to bow down to, or take on the likeness of a holiness which does not deliver men from the world and formality. Thank God there are many who are still standing true to their convictions and are putting up a valiant fight, and there are many fine laymen and women who are living faithfully too, although many are under pressure of the atmosphere of cold formality.

We have no rocks to throw, but I will say it is wonderful to be free, and see the Lord work as I have not seen for a good many years in the meetings both large and small. Everybody pulling for the old rugged truth, and shouting on the preacher makes a lot of difference, both to the preacher and to the Lord who is trying to move into the service and convict, convert, and sanctify souls. Thank God for the many tears I can see upon the cheeks of the saints as they rejoice in this old fashioned joyous atmosphere, and sinners and backsliders melt down under old fashioned conviction and make it to the altars and weep their way through to victory. Praise the Lord!

The following little poem has been a source of blessing to me as God has helped our crowds to make a place for the blessed Holy Ghost and lost souls:

An old man, going a lonely way,  
Came at the evening, cold and grey,  
To a chasm vast and deep and wide;  
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,  
The swollen stream had no fear for him;  
But he turned when safe on the other side  
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old Man" said a fellow pilgrim near,  
"You are wasting your strength by building here;  
Your journey will end with ending day,  
You never again will pass this way;  
You've crossed the chasm deep and wide;  
And built a bridge to span the tide."

The builder lifted his old grey head,  
"Good friend, in the path I have come," said he,

"There followeth after me today  
A youth whose feet must pass this way.  
This chasm has been naught for me,  
To the fair haired youth may a pitfall be;  
He too, must cross in the twilight dim;  
Good friend, I am building the bridge for him."

--Author unknown.

Sincerely,  
Glenn Griffith.

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EDITORIAL  
By Spencer Johnson

### IT IS TIME FOR REVIVAL!

The greatest need of this crucial hour, in the holiness movement and in the world, is an old fashioned, Holy Ghost, heaven-sent, prayer-bought, sin-killing, Christ-exalting, revival of religion. In this day when a coldness prevails in the church, when preaching has become professional and mechanical, when the Bible is neglected and the Sabbath desecrated, when sin is openly defiant, when sinners are not being sought after and the churches are half empty, a revival is desperately needed!

I. It is time for a revival because of the deadness of the modern holiness churches. What is there in most churches today that would appeal to a hungry, sin-sick, soul? The coldness of the sermons and the lack of spontaneous praises and singing in the Spirit are glaring evidences of spiritual death. The dead cannot express themselves and there is no real worship without expression.

A spiritual church cannot keep silent. The people must sing and shout, and they will. Someone has ridiculed the people of God for their hilarity by saying that religion is not all in noise; for, if it were, the freight train would have it all. But it would be well for those who ridicule to bear in mind that religion is not all quietness either; for, if it were, then the graveyard would have it all. The Holy Ghost is a Spirit of praise and the Inspirer of songs; and when He is present, He makes Himself known through praises from the voices of the people. Many in defense of their coldness have said that they are of a different temperament or disposition -- as if God would ever give a man a temperament or disposition that would keep him from praising aloud his God and Saviour!

There is very little difference in the general appearance of the people in many holiness churches of today and in the appearance of the people of the world. As a rule, just as people drift from God do they attire themselves with worldly adornment in an effort to call attention to self and make up for a lack of the indwelling presence of Christ. Just as a weedy garden reflects on the

gardener, so the external generally reveals one's spiritual condition. It is well known that sparkling ornaments, striking colors, and general gaudiness distinguish those who are farthest from heaven; while on the street the flashy style characterizes the abandoned woman, and the showy dress the sport and gambler. It is amazing to see and hear painted, jewelry-bedecked, bobbed-haired, bare-armed women stand in the church and claim that they are saved and sanctified. It is equally hard to understand how men who are more interested in the rodeo and the latest sports reports than they are the Bible can show up at prayer meeting and say that they are saved and sanctified. By their attitudes they show that they have no burden nor vital concern in the work of God and His kingdom. It used to be taught that regeneration would separate one from the sinful ways of the world. There are some who tell us that such things are "insignificant incidentals," but I have yet to see a worldly attired man or woman with the glory on, shouting the praises of the Saviour! No wonder there is so little conviction on the sinner in the services. He often feels as religious in his sins as the worldly professors around him.

II. It is time for revival because the modern holiness movement is failing to reach the lost. In spite of all the talk that the so-called modern holiness churches are in a better spiritual condition than they have ever been, that they have the finest schools, the best publishing facilities and the greatest program on earth, etc. etc., the fact remains that they show a very small percentage of gain and in many instances are steadily losing while multitudes of poor lost souls go on to eternity untouched by the gospel of Christ.

When a church must erect gymnasiums, fellowship halls, and have church suppers and ball games to hold its youth, then that church has lost the appeal of the spiritual and needs a revival. All these makeshifts and substitutes -- the concert, the recital, the religious movies, the wiener roasts, and all the other make-believes that a spiritually dead congregation uses for crutches -- are but admissions of failure and are brought forth in an effort to make up for and conceal the vital loss within. But they fail to deceive a lost and dying world.

How can we reach new people? The church was sent out by Christ to be a saving institution; not to amuse, nor to entertain with mongrel features of restaurant and theater and lyceum. She is to win souls and bring the world to Christ. This is her one business, and the when and how were told her long ago by the Saviour Himself. Is it not strange that the church should be sending here and there for men to teach us what every Christian in the land ought to know and be doing all the time? And yet the problem is before us today, and never has the question been raised more often, "How shall we get men saved and sanctified?"

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#### PRAYER REQUEST

Please pray for Sister J. E. Cook, the wife of our pastor at Duncan, Oklahoma. She has been very sick.

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## THE DIABOLICAL RESOURCES OF THE DEVIL

By W. M. Tidwell

Satan was once an angel in heaven. Sin made a devil out of an angel. His glory is described in Ezekiel 28:13-17. Some reference here to Tyrus but not all. Here we read. "Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God . . . thou art that anointed Cherub . . . thou hast walked up and

down in the midst of the stones of fire . . . Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the time that thou wast created 'til iniquity was found in thee . . . thy heart was lifted up because of thy beauty."

Then in Isa. 13:14- 15 we have a minute account of his fall. We read, "For thou hast said in thine heart I will ascend into heaven, (not in heaven when he said that -- so sin did not have its origin in Heaven. I was glad to learn that.) I will exalt my throne above the stars of God . . . I will ascend above the heights of the clouds." In other words he will ascend to heaven and dethrone God. God only is greater than he and since he has fallen he is determined to have first place. But the curse of God fell upon him and he miserably failed in this diabolical attempt. He did not make the entrance into heaven.

Now since sin has transformed him from the angel that he was into the devil that he is now, he no longer has access to God in heaven. (I am afraid of anything that will make a devil out of an angel.) So finally when God creates His holy pair in Eden he seeks to wreak vengeance on God by corrupting and damning God's holy children. From that time 'til now his fiendish mission is to wreck and damn. We will now notice some of his malicious efforts to do this.

I. EDEN FIRST. As suggested Eden was a beautiful place. Fruits, flowers, no thorns or thistles, no ferocious wild beasts, no storms, no biting frosts, but tropical balmy air. A man's Edenic home. Holiness and happiness were the order. Happy because holy, God coming to visit them. Blessed relationship and holy fellowship between God and His holy children.

But sad to say, this blessed state did not long continue. "Then cometh the Devil." Luke 8:12. Adam had just two laws to keep. One a negative and the other a positive, the negative was, "Do not partake of the tree of knowledge of good and evil." Positive. "Dress the garden and keep it." But strange they believed this cunning devil rather than to believe God and fell. Such a tragedy! Then driven from this beautiful paradise to till the soil, suffer and finally die. "Dust thou art and unto dust thou shalt return." "Then cometh the devil." He wrecked Eden.

II. ISRAEL HIS SECOND ATTACK. But God is good. After a time God called out a special nation -- Israel. This government was a Theocracy -- a government of God. God was their King. He said, "I will be to you a wall of fire around about and glory in the midst." Wonderful! But then, as now, they desired a king that they might be like other nations about them. God gave them their desires, "But sent leanness to their souls." They soon became idolaters and put the "Image of jealousy" in the very gate of the temple and drove God from His house and nation. For four hundred years God doesn't even speak to them -- from Malachi to the coming of Jesus. He wrecked Israel. "Then cometh the devil."

III. THE EARLY CHURCH. But finally Jesus came and finished His substitutional work and went back to Heaven and the Holy Ghost came and Pentecostal fires broke forth. We have this glorious New Testament church with its glory, zeal and holy fire -- look at them as three-thousand souls are converted in one day. But you say, "Well, the devil came and wrecked Eden and Israel but he will never touch this fire-baptized crowd." But wait a minute, soon love began to wane. False professors and false doctrine filled even this glorious set-up, till finally the dark ages of a thousand years came on and don't forget this was after Pentecost. This was the time of the fearful Roman Inquisition when tens of thousands of sincere Protestant Christians were tortured and slain

in every conceivable way. Almost the entire church was wiped out. Not a visible congregation could meet and worship God. "Then cometh the devil."

IV. THE EARLY METHODISTS. But again the mercy of God is seen and soon we have the reformer. Knox, Martin Luther and many uncompromising souls who arose and in spite of Rome preached the glorious gospel of justification by faith.

But these reformers with all their truth, did not clearly see the doctrine of holiness and soon the glorious Wesleyan revival broke forth, until England and America were filled with this truth which saved them from catastrophe. Multitudes were saved and sanctified. We think this was the greatest revival since Pentecost. But someone will say, "The devil did wreck Eden, Israel and the early church, but he will never touch this fire-baptized crowd." But just a minute, look at Methodist colleges, churches and a host of modernistic ministers. All kinds of apostate innovations fill their churches until God has been driven away. "Then cometh the devil."

V. THE HOLINESS MOVEMENT. But once again some would declare, "The devil wrecked Eden, Israel, the early church and the early Methodist but will never enter this glorious movement." We think this about the saddest of all. Some think this to be God's last effort before the return of Jesus. But look at us right now. Once the glory and fire filled the churches but now, in many places, coldness, formalism and deadness prevails. We discarded the old apostate, cook-stove abominations but we are now, by leaps and bounds, putting in kitchens, banquets and all kinds of apostate methods of filling the church. Local banquets have been the order in some churches for some time but this has grown into zone banquets. Some may deny this, but I have been pretty well over the United States the last few years and what I have seen, and do see constantly, has made me sick. Some of these modern sacrilegious affairs border on blasphemy. They have become substitutes for the glory. When God departs substitutes must be gotten -- never thought I would live to see this. He wrecked Eden, Israel, the early church, the early Methodist and now, the saddest of all, he is about to accomplish his same fiendish work. "Then cometh the devil." If Jesus tarries will God raise up others?

But you say, "Is there no hope?" Yes, thank God there is hope. God has His people. They may not always be identified with organized holiness bodies. The Holy Ghost is now preparing the Bride for the coming of Jesus. In Acts 15:13-17 we read: "After this I will return." You say "After what?" After the world is converted? No, after the Bride is prepared. The work of the Holy Ghost now is to prepare the Bride for His return. So there is hope. Jesus said: "When you see these things, look up and lift up your heads for your redemption draweth nigh."

Yes, He will come and bind the devil and incarcerate him in the bottomless pit, for a big long thousand years. Rev. 20:1-3. The angel will descend from Heaven and will perform this task of binding the devil. It is a divine act. No, it is no long drawn, postmillennial affair. No, we are not binding the devil now, not binding much of anything, but this is God's work. Christ will come and reign a thousand years -- no devil to tempt. The song says, "Satan will be bound a thousand years, we will have no tempter then, after Jesus shall come back to earth again." At the close of the thousand years he is to be loosed a little season and at the battle of Gog and Magog where his last revoke will take place, he will be cast into the Lake of Fire forever and ever. Rev. 20:7- 10. Then, the devil will never come again. May the Lord hasten this day.

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## GIDEON'S GREAT VICTORY

By J. E. Cook

There have been some notable battles in the past, but none greater than the one fought between Gideon and his 300 braves and the Midianites and Amalekites. Gideon's victory was a spiritual one as well as military. The story of this great battle is recorded in Judges, chapters 6 through 8 and has many parallels to our times and circumstances.

The occasion of their great stand (ch. 7:21) was brought about by Israel's sad plight spiritually. Israel had vacillated and done evil in the sight of the Lord until now they were under bondage and oppression of the Midianites and Amalekites. Their crops and cattle were confiscated and Israel was greatly impoverished. This condition is most significant when we look at just who their captors were. Not just ordinary enemies. The Midianites were descendants of Ishmael (son of flesh) into whose hands Joseph was sold. (Gen. 37:25-28) And Esau (who sold his birthright -- holiness) was the father of the Amalekites (Gen. 36:12). Not only was Israel ruled by these carnal men but they now were worshipping at the altars of their heathen gods. Balaam, a backslidden prophet, was the founder of Baal religion. Read the first few verses of Num. 25 and see what God did to Israel for collaborating with the Moabites. Baal religion, in short, was a mixture of truth and falsehood, Israel and heathen, church and the world. Is that not the popular religion today? The professed church is bowing at the altar of Hollywood. Bobbed hair, scanty clothes, jeweled ears, fingers and attire, painted faces, etc., and with it all bow before their favorite idol -- T.V.

Thank God, there were a few in Israel who cried to God. They felt they couldn't cooperate "with the whole program" any longer. Of course, they had to go to the caves to pray but God heard them and sent a prophet. The task was tremendous and if God is to deliver He must have a man who is full of courage and at the same time very humble. God found that man in Gideon. Read Judges 6:12,15) He did not seek it. He didn't understand it all but God was calling. But remember God did not raise up Gideon until the people felt they could not "go along" any longer and began to seek the Lord and His leadership. Gideon made his consecration (vs. 17-22) and God sanctified him. God purified his heart and filled it with peace, the peace of God. Hence, he built an altar there and named it Jehovah-shalom (marginal, "The Lord send peace). And the Bible says, unto this day it is yet in Ophrah of the Abiezrites. Hallelujah for holiness, the purifying, abiding blessing.

Now all the countryside is astir. An angel had visited Gideon. Over night the altar of Baal was cast down and the groves of beautiful trees surrounding it were also cut down. The heat was on. Even Gideon's own father was opposed to him having fallen right in line with the program. Why did they just jump to the conclusion that Gideon was back of this? It was because they knew him beforehand. We all are known by our fruits. If you are out and out for God and the old fashioned way it has been out on you before now. And strange stories will be credited to your account.

Under all the pressure that came upon Gideon, the human shrank from the undertaking and went before the Lord again to make sure He was leading. God permitted his fleece though he had already told him he was with him and had sent him to deliver Israel. But at least Gideon made the answer supernatural. How easy it is for us to get an answer to our fleece depending on what we want the answer to be. Jonah could have easily felt it was providential that a ship was right there to take him to Joppa. But the difference was God told him to go to Nineveh and he knew he was fleeing from God, or trying to. One preacher said he never would have bought a T.V. but it seemed providential when his church gave him one. The fact that our church, or company or children gives us one, doesn't make right what God has already cursed.

From all the rumors, reports and promises Gideon will have a great army. But one little sermon on the cost, sent 22,000 back home. They were fearful it would get out on them that they were even interested. God knew all the time the ones He could count on. Read ch. 7 verse 4 and then ask yourself if you would be among the crowd that would have gone with him. The Lord made a test of them (vs. 5, 6) and only had 300 left. Can it be that among the professed holiness people of today only 1 out of 1,000 really mean to go through? I heard one holiness pastor say that he was confident that 90% of his own denomination were not sanctified. Rev. Gene Phillips said he believed God was making a test of the T.V. today to see how many would be ready for the rapture.

With only 300 men God would have to give the victory. He wanted it that way so He could have the glory. Moody once heard a preacher say it remained to be seen what God can do with the man who is completely yielded to Him. Moody said I will be that man. You know the rest. Oh, precious reader, are you willing to mind Him? The Word says (ch. 7:21) "they stood every man in his place." It is always miraculous what God can do with just one who will stand in his or her place. These men were willing to serve God even though in the minority. They even dared to shout in the face of battle. Not only after the victory but before the battle. Their faith was born out of complete consecration. It is always so is it not?

They won a marvelous victory that stands out for all time. They blew the trumpets (announcing war on the enemy) and brake the pitchers (vessels of broken and contrite spirit) waved their lamps (had a good testimony) and shouted the sword of the Lord and of Gideon. The enemy was filled with such consternation that they set every man's sword against his fellow and all the host ran and fled and cried. When we obey the Lord fully and the glory falls the enemy is disarmed and defeated. God give us men and women and young people who will stand everyone in their place in this day of compromise and collaboration with the world.

Yours for a holy people,  
J. E. Cook

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#### GENERAL RULES OF THE BIBLE MISSIONARY UNION

To be identified with the visible church is the blessed privilege and sacred duty of all who are saved from their sins, and are seeking completeness in Christ Jesus. It is required of all who

desire to unite with The Bible Missionary Union, and thus to walk in fellowship with us, that they shall show evidence of salvation from their sins by a godly walk and vital piety; that they shall be, or earnestly desire to be, cleansed from all indwelling sin; and they shall evidence this--

I. First -- By avoiding evil of every kind, including:

1. Taking the name of God in vain.
2. Profaning of the Lord's Day, either by unnecessary labor, or business, or by the patronizing or reading of secular papers, or by holiday diversions.
3. Using of intoxicating liquors or alcoholic beverages, or trafficking therein; giving influence to, or voting for, the licensing of places for the sale of the same; using of tobacco in any of its forms, or trafficking therein. (This means it is not to be raised or sold.) Using of habit forming drugs except upon the advice of a physician.
4. Quarreling, returning evil, gossiping, slandering, spreading surmises injurious to the good name of others.
5. Dishonesty, taking advantage in buying and selling, bearing false witness, and like works of darkness. Entering into debt with no reasonable plan to pay.
6. The indulging of pride or immodesty in dress or behavior. Our people are to dress with the Christian simplicity and modesty that becometh holiness. "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shame-facedness and sobriety, not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; but (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works" (I Tim. 2:9-10). "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel, but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price." (I Peter 3:3-4) "As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance." (I Peter 1:14) (Also read Isa. 3:16-25)

Our women are to wear dresses of modest length, with full length or not less than three-quarter length sleeves. The neckline also must be modest. Our women are not to wear slacks, shorts or jeans. They are to abstain from patronizing the beauty parlor or duplicating its work in painting their faces or cutting their hair or that of their little girls. (Jer. 4:30, I Cor. 11:1-16) Our men and boys are not to appear in public dressed in shorts or without shirts. Neither men nor women are to wear transparent apparel or any other immodest attire. Promiscuous and mixed bathing are not to be indulged in. Also both men and women are to leave off wearing of all jewelry including the wedding ring or band. (A plain watch or time piece with plain band shall be accepted.)

7. Songs, literature, and entertainments not to the glory of God; the theater, the show, the ball room, the dance, the race, track, the rodeo, public competitive games, all forms of card playing, all forms of lottery, and places where gambling is indulged in the circus, the carnival, the vaudeville, worldly dramatic exercises, and like places are forbidden; also looseness and

impropriety of conduct. Attendance at skating rinks and bowling alleys are also forbidden. We consider the television equally as dangerous as the movie, therefore, all members are to abstain from its use.

Our people are to refrain from any and all entertainments and socials which are not consistent with Christian principles. Also, membership in or fellowship with oathbound secret orders or fraternities. "Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God" (James 4:4). "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you" (II Cor. 6:14- 17)

II. Second -- By doing that which is enjoined in the Word of God, which is both our rule of faith and practice, including:

1. Being courteous to all men.
2. Faithfully tithing of ones income for the support of the ministry and giving offerings for the work of the church, according to the ability which God giveth (This means storehouse tithing. We believe the storehouse to be the local church where one's membership is held.) (Mal. 3:10)
3. Being helpful to those who are of the household of faith, in love forbearing one another.
4. Seeking constantly, both publicly and privately until the blessing of sanctification is obtained that enables one to love God with all the heart, soul, mind and strength.
5. Attending faithfully all the ordinances of God, and the means of grace, including the public worship of God, the ministry of the Word, the sacrament of the Lord's supper; searching the Scriptures and meditating therein; family and private devotions.
6. Seeking to do good to the bodies and souls of men; feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and ministering to the needy, as opportunity and ability are given.
7. Pressing upon the attention of the unsaved the claims of the gospel, inviting them to the house of the Lord, and trying to compass their salvation.

III. Third -- By abiding in hearty fellowship with the church, not inveighing against its doctrines and usages, but being in full sympathy and conformity therewith.

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## SPECIAL RULES OF THE BIBLE MISSIONARY UNION.

### I. MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.

1. Marriage. We believe that the holy estate of matrimony was ordained and instituted by God in the time of man's innocency, and is, according to apostolic authority, "honorable in all"; that it is the mutual union of one man and one woman for helpfulness, fellowship and the orderly propagation of the race. Our people should cherish this sacred estate as becomes Christians and should enter it only after earnest prayer for divine direction, and when assured that the contemplated union is in accordance with scriptural requirements. Christians should be discouraged in marrying persons who are unconverted. (Gen. 6:1-3; Amos 3:3; II Cor. 6:14; I Cor. 7:39). It is evident that in most cases such have thereby placed obstacles in their own way and it is to be feared that some have been hindered during life serving the Lord. Yea some have even turned back to the world and Satan. The marriage covenant is morally binding so long as both shall live, and, therefore, may not be dissolved at will.

2. Divorce. We believe that there is no other grounds for divorce except that specified in the Word of God, namely, fornication (we believe that the word fornication includes adultery and that the words may be used interchangeably. See Strong's Hebrew and Greek dictionary. Also Smith's Bible dictionary. Most Bible Scholars agree that adultery constitutes the ground of fornication.); that persons otherwise divorced by the civil law, and who subsequently remarry, live in adultery, and are therefore unworthy of membership in The Bible Missionary Union.

3. All ministers of The Bible Missionary Union are positively forbidden to perform the marriage ceremonies of persons not having the Bible right to marry. (Matt. 5:31-32; Matt. 19:7-9).

No minister of The Bible Missionary Union shall perform a wedding ceremony in which a ring is used.

4. Should any member seek divorce on any but scriptural grounds (Matt. 5:32; Matt. 19:7-9), and that well proven, he or she shall be brought to trial, and if proven guilty of such offense, his or her membership in the Bible Missionary Union shall cease.

5. Should any minister of The Bible Missionary Union, knowingly or unknowingly, receive any person who is unscripturally divorced and remarried into membership, such membership shall not be valid.

### II. TEMPERANCE.

The scriptures teach us to be temperate in all things. (I Cor. 9:25)

1. Total abstinence from all intoxicants is the Christian rule for the individual, and total prohibition of the traffic in intoxicants is the duty of civil government.

2. Any indulgence of appetites or passions which are injurious to the person is contrary to morality and should be avoided.

3. Only unfermented wine and unleavened bread should be used in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

(THE REST OF THE SPECIAL RULES WILL BE CONTINUED IN A LATER ISSUE.)

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## CHURCH REPORTS

### The Bible Missionary Union

[I presume that this report was written by J. E. Cook. -- DVM]

Duncan, Okla. -- Feb. 15 is a date long to be remembered among the people who make up the Bible Missionary Union here. For some time prior to this date a number of the saints had been feeling they couldn't continue on with their present church affiliation. The writer was approached on many occasions to know if he would consider pastoring a new work made up of folk who desired greater freedom in serving the Lord.

The decision was not easy. I had been a member of the great church of the Nazarene for 29 years and an ordained Elder for 11. My love and loyalty to its doctrines and standards was second only to my love and loyalty to God. Yet in recent years my heart was so grieved at the departure from much that we once held precious and sacred. I saw most of the preachers place T.V. in the parsonage, organize ball teams among the youth, and permit worldliness to replace about every standard of the church. And still leadership failed to challenge us to return to the old paths. Realizing I couldn't be honest and continue selling something to the people I was no longer sold on myself, I voluntarily turned in my credentials to the Board of General Superintendents. I then revealed my intentions to my good Dist. Supt., Rev. W. T. Johnson with sadness yet with the firm conviction that I was minding the Lord. My resignation to the board and membership of First Church of the Nazarene was the hardest step yet. Our hearts were heavy in that board meeting as we eared for some necessary matters but did rejoice that God had helped us acquire \$200,000 in property, \$150,000 of which was acquired during our 8 years of ministry with them. The reports also showed a balance of \$1,900 in the Treasury with only about \$18,000 indebtedness. The closing service, with the Dist. Supt. and a great crowd present, was conducted in the highest of order with God's presence mightily in our midst.

It yet remained to be seen just what would come of this new venture. But not for long; for in the first prayer meeting service 86 people signed membership cards attended by great rejoicing.

The charter finally closed with 135 people joining this new spiritual movement. The blessings of God have been upon the people since that initial step of faith. Rarely does a service conclude without waves of joy and blessing sweeping upon the people. A second great victory was achieved when \$4,200 cash and \$2,200 in pledges was received toward the erection of a new church home for the growing congregation. The Sunday School has already reached a record attendance of 190 and the mid-week service and Friday night Youth Ambassador Prayer Meeting are both attended by about 125 at each service. Truly these are good days in God's service. Pray for us in the selection of a building site and that we will continue to lift up the standard and win souls for the Master.

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Mr. Pleasant, Iowa. -- On Feb. 12, God led us out into the Bible Missionary Union. After serving the local Church of the Nazarene for the past two and a half years, we felt God was leading, and we resigned, stepped out and 30 members followed. God has supplied our every need. We stepped out without a dime, and no place to go. Within five days God helped us to raise \$3,000. cash, had signed for property, and were in the process of remodeling. We have purchased two large houses on a corner lot 146 feet deep with 85 foot frontage. The larger house has been completely redecorated inside with a living quarters upstairs until the other house is remodeled, which will be the parsonage. Two partitions have been taken out down stairs to make our auditorium. The theater man in town gave us 150 opera seats. All of the property was purchased for \$10,000. God helped us to raise \$4,000 as down payment. The lumber yard canceled a \$500 lien against the property, and gave us the \$500. The bank gave us \$1,000, and loaned us the balance which is \$4,500. To God be the Glory.

Our services have been anointed of God. People have been bowing at the altar. At the present time we are in an "old fashioned" revival with Rev. L. P. Roberts, of Denver, Colo. Last night (April 29) God came on the scene and without any preaching 13 knelt at the altar. Bro. Roberts has been preaching under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and God is blessing. We are trusting God for a mighty manifestation of His Spirit here in Mt. Pleasant. Pray for us. Lyle W. Moyer -- Pastor.

(Editor's Note: Brethren, we are glad to run reports of your Churches as time and space permits. First heard from first printed. Write to us.)

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## GOD IS BLESSING THE BIBLE MISSIONARY UNION

We are getting more calls to come and organize than we can get to. Be patient our friends, we will get to your town just as soon as possible. You can organize prayer bands and pray. Pray that God will help us who are trying to get to you. We are coming, so hold on.

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## A WORD OF THANKS

To our many friends who have made contributions to the support of The Bible Missionary Union in the beginning of its work, we wish to say "Thank You," and may God bless you. For those of you who wish to continue to help the work in a financial way and are not near a congregation of The Bible Missionary Union we give the following information: Rev. Alva Turner, General Treasurer, The Bible Missionary Union, Inc., Route 2, Nampa, Idaho. All contributions will be receipted by Brother Turner and they may be shown as deductions on your income tax report.

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## A BRIEF STATEMENT OF DOCTRINE

We believe in the Holy Trinity, composed of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, equal in every attribute in their natures; one true and living God, Maker and Preserver of all things; Jesus Christ, Eternal God, of one substance with the Father, the Godhood and manhood joined in one Person, never to be divided; the Holy Ghost, who is Eternal God, equal with the Father and the Son; the Holy Scriptures, God's revelation to man containing everything of truth necessary for salvation; the atonement once, forever, and made only by the death of Christ as indicated in Acts 4:12. Regeneration, following repentance, and on the condition of faith only. Sanctification as a definite, instantaneous work of grace wrought by the Holy Ghost subsequent to regeneration; the direct witness of the Holy Ghost; the second pre-millennial coming of Christ; the resurrection of the righteous dead; the resurrection and judgment of the wicked after the millennium; an eternal heaven for the righteous and an eternal hell for the wicked; the evangelization of the world, that all may have a chance to accept the Gospel of Christ; the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead as guarantee for the Christian's hope of eternal salvation and glory.

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