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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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MORAL MISTAKES

By Dr. T. M. Anderson

"Who can understand his errors?" -- Psa. 19:12.

The word translated "errors" is a Hebrew word meaning a moral mistake. It is permissible
to read the pointed question, "Who can understand his moral mistakes?" This substance of the
question is, "Who can perceive the final outcome of his sins of ignorance?"

Moral mistakes are much more serious than the errors of the human mind. Moral mistakes
proceed from the depraved heart of man. The evil heart of man is the secret source of all the evils
that have filled this earth with misery and woe. The inspired Prophet testified to this fact when he
said, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jer.
17:9) These startling words reveal God's indictment against the depravity lurking in the heart of
man.

Our Lord revealed thirteen evils which proceed out of the heart of an unholy man. (Mark
7:21-22) "All these evil things come from within, and defile the man." To this sordid list can be
added the seventeen members of the foul brood spawned by human depravity which Paul calls,
"The works of the flesh." (Gal. 5:19-21)

God has never condoned sin in the heart of man. He has never looked on human depravity
with the least degree of tolerance. Every page and passage in the inspired Word reveals God's

hatred for sin in the heart of man. God has compassion for the sinner, but He never offers to compromise with sin. Christ has provided a way whereby the sinner can be reconciled to God, but there is no way provided whereby God can be reconciled to sin.

The compromising preaching, the cunning philosophy, and the clever palaver of these last days can never change God's attitude toward sin. God's eternal Word declares, "Except you repent, ye shall likewise perish."

It is apparent that a man can make a moral mistake that will produce evil results far greater than he can understand. Consider the terrible consequences of Adam's transgression. Ponder the terrifying import of God's question, "What is this that thou hast done?" (Gen. 3:13) One is made to wonder if Adam and Eve have ever realized the final outcome of their moral mistake. Is it possible that they understood their error? Did they see the murder that followed immediately after their evil deed?

Consider the wars which have devastated this earth and drenched it with human blood. Listen to the agonizing groans of diseased humanity. Hear the screams of hopeless lunatics. Meditate on the number of helpless idiots who spend, their miserable lives in institutions for the insane. Think on the terrors of the wicked, and listen to their wails of despair when they hear their sentence of doom pronounced by a just and holy God. After having considered these dire and dreadful results of a man's moral mistake, ask yourself the question, "Who can understand his errors?"

A man with depravity in his heart cannot know what he will do under certain circumstances in life. He does not know what evil passion may incite him to make a decision that he will regret to all eternity. He may kill someone in a fit of anger. He may commit a sin that will break up his home, break his heart, and break his health.

I am reminded of a preacher who made a serious moral mistake that caused him sorrows and regrets that he never could overcome. I recall his terrible anguish of soul when he realized what he had done. His cry was, "What about my ministry?" Perhaps he never found the answer to his disturbing question. His reputation as a Christian and his years of ministry had perished in a moment of time.

I remember the burden I had for a talented young woman a few years ago. I was conducting a revival in a college where she was a senior. I urged her to give her heart to Christ before she graduated and entered her chosen profession. She turned the appeals down with a flippant answer. She said that she was well able to take care of her own life. In little more than a year after she graduated with honors she died in disgrace without hope and without God. If I had told her that she would break the hearts of her Christian parents by her sin, and die in shame in a strange city, she would probably have considered it an insult. She did not understand her error when she refused the appeal of Christ. Her insane answers to all my pleadings proceeded out of her unholy heart.

Several persons were returning from church one night when they were overtaken by a severe storm. One woman in the company was so frightened by the storm that she began to scream. A friend held her hands and talked to her until the storm had ceased. Perhaps the man was sincere

in his purpose to help the frightened woman, but his indiscreet act in holding her hands resulted in two broken homes and a murder.

We may wonder how such a thoughtless deed could lead to such dire consequences. While considering the matter let us not overlook the startling question, "Who can understand his errors?"

The greatest security that one can have against moral mistakes is the security of a holy heart. The Psalmist revealed this fact when he said, "Cleanse thou me from secret faults. Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer." (Verses 12-14.)

When one has obtained the cleansing from the secret faults of the heart it is necessary to watch and pray constantly in order to keep the victory over the enemy. It is necessary to meditate on the things that are pleasing and acceptable to the Lord. A man will backslide in his heart if he allows himself to meditate on evil things.

A man who had spent several years in the ministry poured out his heart to me in anguish and in tears. He told me that he had laid the foundation for his moral defeat in his meditations. He was involved in terrible sin, and had given up his ministry and his hope in God. "Who can understand his errors?" The Word declares, "Fools make a mock at sin."

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EDITORIAL

By Spencer Johnson

IT IS TIME FOR REVIVAL!

(Continued from last issue)

Membership drives have been launched to solve the problem. The emphasis has been so great that often quality has been sacrificed for quantity. By and by the preacher and people become accustomed to and contented with this arrangement. If anyone doubts this, let him listen to the reports made at the annual assemblies and conferences where the number of church members and the amount of money raised is emphasized over and over and scarcely anything is said about the number of souls converted or sanctified. In many instances new offices have been created and new secretaries thrown into the field, but the problem still remains unsolved. The need is not organization or church machinery. The need is fire! Lord God of Heaven, send it down everywhere on the church as it fell on Mount Carmel, and later on the Day of Pentecost!

No man-made program is able to meet the difficulties that exist today. Constant failure through the ages ought to convince the most skeptical. Something else is needed. That something is a revival as set forth in the Gospels and Epistles and as witnessed in the second chapter of Acts. A genuine Holy Ghost revival is the only true solution for every problem in the church. We need the indwelling presence of Christ, the rushing sweep of the Holy Ghost, the overwhelming power of

the Triune God. Let any church pray down such a revival and every question will be answered and every problem solved. When the Holy Ghost has right-of-way, pews will be filled, and power and glory will be in every service; the sermons will be a blessing to the saints and a terror to the wicked; conversions and entire sanctifications will be the usual order instead of the unusual; membership will increase; finances will come with no trouble at all; and the victory and glory of God will be on the church like the fiery, cloudy pillar that covered the tabernacle.

III. It is time for a revival if the children of this generation are to see and feel the mighty movings of the Holy Ghost as our fathers did. Many children who have been brought up in so-called holiness churches have never had opportunity to witness the manifestation of the power and glory of God on a service. The shouting of the saints and the falling of sinners under the convicting power of the Holy Ghost is something that many in this generation have never seen. Is there no one to care? Does not this poor generation of young people, who are seeking everywhere for something to satisfy the craving of their souls, have a right to the same privilege of the gospel that our fathers had? It is no wonder that communism is making such inroads. There are too many who have never really seen that there is reality in the religion of Jesus Christ.

When Zion travails, then sons and daughters are born unto God. Travail is agony. This soul agony is necessary if a church is to bring about the salvation of sinners. There are no true revivals without it. Without soul travail a church may receive members but there will be no conversions.

Look about you and see if this travail of souls is on the churches you know. Notice the faces that you see in pulpit, choir, and pew. Listen to the conversation of the people on their way home from church. Who is it that has any real concern? Search the secret closets for kneeling forms and tear-filled eyes over souls that are dropping into hell. What Nehemiah is there who, with aching heart, surveys at night a desolate Jerusalem? What Moses is there who cries, "Save these people, Lord, or blot my name out of the book?" What Fletcher stains his walls with prayer and what Knox falls upon his face and sobs, "Give me these souls or I die"?

It is easy to see why the altars of most churches are not lined with weeping penitents. Why should they be? What is being done to bring them? What is there in our words and lives and appearance to make men smite their breasts and say, "What must we do to be saved?" Are not all these things evidences of a lost or absent power? Do they not point to the fact that a mighty sweeping revival is needed from on high? Something or rather Someone is lacking. In every place there is much talk about the Lord but He is so seldom present! Samson can shake himself but he cannot defeat the Philistines. Oh, for God's people to humble themselves, fall on their faces, and weep and pray before God! How soon the sound of a going in the mulberry trees would be heard, and salvation would sweep the land like a tidal wave! Alas, there are too many signs of spiritual coldness. "Frost in the pulpit, snow in the choir, and icicles in the pew, tell the sad story that the holy fire burns low or has gone out." It is vain to call the congealed condition of things "decency and order and dignity." God knows better and so does the world. All can see that the Holy Ghost has been quenched. The sun is down, winter has come, a polar night is on, the old ship of Zion is caught among the floes, icebergs are grating all around, and the only hope is a heaven-sent, Holy Ghost revival to melt the coldness and set her free.

Such a revival is gloriously possible if the people of God would go down on their faces with sobs and tears and cries until God comes! Oh for the spirit of intercessory prayer! Who will get down on your knees and pray? Who will hide away in the secret closet and keep praying and believing and expecting while God answers? Oh to intercede like Jesus did. Oh, Son of God, put it on us! Oh blessed Jesus, send the fire upon us! "Revive us again, that thy people may rejoice in thee."

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A MISSIONARY MESSAGE

By Miss Norma Kennedy*

What tender compassion must have burned in the heart of Jesus as He spoke these words, "... The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth laborers into His harvest." (Luke 10:2) And if the harvest was great in Jesus' day, how much greater in our generation with sin increasing on every hand. Centuries have passed since those compassionate words were spoken, and today, finding ourselves so much nearer to eternity and judgment, ought not we to be deeply stirred?

If Christ were on earth today, would He find a burdened church, zealous for missions, earnestly praying that God would send forth laborers? Alas! I am afraid that instead, He would find a visionless, careless, and sleepy church, even among the holiness ranks. I cannot help but think of a missionary convention I attended in a holiness church some time ago. The missionary speaker was deeply spiritual and had given many years of her life for the cause of missions. She spoke with a burning heart about the needs of those whom she loved. Yet I felt that there was a great barrier between the missionary and the people to whom she spoke that evening, for her message seemed unable to penetrate the great indifference and lack of concern.

If Jesus should visit the missionary meetings in the majority of today's holiness churches, would He be made to feel that the people had grasped the true meaning of missions? Could He be pleased with the church suppers -- the feasting in behalf of the poor starving heathen? Would He find young people who are not only willing to go, but who are spiritually equipped to go because they have been taught the Bible standards of Holiness? Or would He find the churches sending out young people who are worldly and burdenless, until even the churches on the mission fields are losing the glory and departing from the old paths?

May the Lord stir us and make us to see that our responsibility is no less than that of the disciples, when He talked to them that day about the great harvest and the few laborers. We are living in a sleepy day, but Paul said, "... knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed." (Romans 13:11).

We are a very new holiness church, but my prayer is that from our earliest beginning, we may be known as a people with a deep love for souls and a genuine burden for missions. May we grasp the vision and then never lose it, for "where there is no vision, the people perish." May we ever keep before us the thought so beautifully expressed by Henry Martyn, "The spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions, and the nearer we get to Him, the more intensely missionary we must become."

*Editor's Note: Miss Norma Kennedy is going out as our first missionary. She is now under appointment to East Africa.)

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REPORT FROM ODESSA, TEXAS

(Writer's Name Not Given)

A little over four years ago a group of sixteen people who loved old fashioned holiness felt led of the Lord to withdraw from their church affiliation. They did this not because of a self seeking spirit but because they felt they could not wholeheartedly support the program of that body.

These people worshipped for two years in their homes all the while praying for God to lead them into the right spiritual fellowship. They would drive hundreds of miles just to hear a good spiritual minister of God's Word.

The Lord led them into fellowship with God's Missionary Church with headquarters in Pennsylvania. Rev. R. B. Grubbs was called to pastor this group. With the tithes and offerings that accumulated over this two year period, a lot and building were purchased and through the labor of the men the building was converted into a nice sanctuary. One of the families of the church donated their trailer house for the pastor and his family to live in until a parsonage could be bought. (This trailer could have been used as a trade in on this family's home.)

Through the fine work of Rev. Grubbs and the continued sacrifice and faithfulness, of this people the work progressed and many souls were won to the Lord. The Lord has seen fit to move some of these new found ones into other regions to testify to full salvation, but He has continued to bless in the work here. The Sunday School now runs around fifty each Sunday with one of the finest groups of boys and girls anywhere.

Several months ago the trailer was traded on a two bedroom house which was furnished and is now a very comfortable parsonage.

In March of this year Rev. Grubbs made known his desire to go into the evangelistic work. The people here loved and appreciated Bro. Grubbs and the God's Missionary Church and still do, but because of the distance between Texas and Pennsylvania they felt that the Lord would have them take this opportunity to unite with the Bible Missionary Union. Bro. Griffith was contacted and Rev. J. E. Cook was sent here to make pastoral arrangements. My wife and I had been praying about joining the B. M. U. We were just waiting for God to lead us in His will. When Bro. Cook asked us to come here it seemed to be an answer to prayer. We feel so unworthy of the Lord's goodness but are happy because we feel this is His will. The people have been wonderfully cooperative.

The freedom of the Spirit and the Lord's presence on the services have been wonderful. We recently started Friday night services for the young people and had sixteen the first night. We believe there is no finer group of young people anywhere.

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NEW CHURCH

Brother Griffith reports a new Church at St. Louis, Mich. with 60 members and 140 in Sunday School. Brother Morgan is the pastor there.

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THE MISSIONARY CHALLENGE

By C. Helen Mooshian

Mark 16:15. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." After 19 centuries of gospel preaching, there are more heathen than ever. This is a sad indictment against the church she has failed miserably. Every day 230,000 souls are born, 170,000 die (100,000 of them without any knowledge of Christ) leaving a population increase of 60,000.

The world's population is 2 1/2 billion living in 282 countries and islands. Communists lead with 800 million, next Catholics 400 million, 310 million are Hindus, 300 million Moslems, 200 million Buddhists and 200 million Protestants . . . who are divided into 7,000 denominations, sects, isms, cults and factions causing endless confusion, perplexity and inevitable damnation. To my grief, I have been asked WHY this is so. My answer is "God is grieved and the devil is pleased." If I had my way there would only be six churches in the world: Heathen, Catholic, Modern, Fundamental, Pentecostal and Holiness. Why can't the holiness people "going the narrow way" be united and thus set the example? With God as their Commander they would make the greatest impact upon the world since the days of the Apostles? I firmly believe it can be done. John 17:11, 21.

The early church began with 120 (Acts 1:20) At Pentecost, 3,000 were added (2:41), then 5,000 (4:4). Later a multitude was added (4:32). In ch. 5:14 we read of multitudes. In 6:1 they were multiplied, 6:7 greatly multiplied. It is estimated that in 6 months, the membership increased to 65,000. Their consuming passion was lost souls. Many became martyrs for their faith as they went abroad to the then known world with the message of hope and deliverance.

Today we are just "playing church" instead of carrying out the great commission of our Lord. However, the challenge is still before us. There are over 1,000 tribes who have never heard of Jesus Christ. Go with me to India where the majority of its 380 million are yet in heathen darkness. Three million beggars roam the streets with no one to love or care for them. Thousands of families sleep on the streets, and hundreds of them die daily, whose only sustenance was garbage, refuse, sand, dung and grass. I have seen them sell their babies for ten rupees (\$2.20) in order to eke out an existence. My heart has been crushed as I've walked over lifeless forms on the streets of Bombay and Calcutta. A wagon carries the bodies to the burning ghats, and that is the end of souls for whom Christ died. In some sections, the living wife is thrown over her husband's dead body and burned at the ghat. Cremation is the Hindu custom, but not so with Parsees in Bombay. They are proud of their five roofless Towers of Silence with accommodations for 1500. The bodies are placed there awaiting the long-necked vultures which consume them.

It is heart rending to watch the Holy Men of India and the yellow robed monks of Burma trek thousands of miles from temple to temple in a fruitless search for God. Altruistic natives leave food and water for them on the highways and by-ways. Their gods of wood and stone fail to satisfy their hunger. The soul is a vacuum which only Christ can fill, but where are the old-fashioned spirit-filled missionaries to tell them? The modern missionary is not the answer. In Indochina, the

teen-age girls are in for a torturing ordeal. She is held on the ground by 3 men, while the 4th stands by her with a coarse saw to saw off her teeth. Very seldom are they able to stand such agonizing suffering, but the fortunate must go through life with ugly gums.

Let us attend a heathen funeral of a man in the South Sea Islands. His living wife and younger children must be strangled to death by the oldest son. As we travel to dark Africa, we notice excitement in a village. A baby has died, and the parents have called the witch doctor to have a "smelling out." He lays the blame on an innocent woman, and according to custom she must climb to the top of the tallest tree, and thence cast herself to the ground. She is killed instantly, and the witch doctor insists that she was guilty, otherwise she would have come out alive.

Need we go further to say that there are yet millions of heathen bound by the shackles of sin, superstition, ignorance and debauchery. They are continually giving out the Macedonian call, but seemingly the church is incesed [sic -- I am unable to discern the writer's meaning here. -- DVM] and indifferent to such calls, as self must come first. In 1955 the churches spent the staggering sum of \$736 million for new cathedral like churches, recreational halls and fellowship centers. Not only individuals but churches live beyond their means and follow the crowd. Not much thought is given to the poor lost souls at home or abroad, due to the fact that they must have the latest model ears, furniture, houses and lands, and wearing apparel. Oh yes, provision must be made for that expensive casket for the worms to feed on. The education of children must be provided for, and a certain amount laid up for the so-called "rainy day." It is difficult on their pride not to own a "TV" set, or not to wear the jewelry and clothes which are fashionable and stylish to the world, so they must indulge regardless of whether it is pleasing to God or not. There is much interest manifested among the followers of Christ as how to please the world, than to please Him who said. "Love not the world" I John 2:15. He also said "This was a way of self-denial and sacrifice" Mark 8:34-36. Matthew 10:37 39. The church is no longer the hospital of the soul, nor a soulwinning station, but a social club house. The missionary society hardly has any service without the usual "pot luck"; refreshments must be served to the visitation groups after an hour or two of calling upon Sunday school scholars. Coffee and do-nuts are served to those attending watch-night services. The lunch stands are open after services at the camp meetings to satisfy the hungry crowd called "spiritual folk," and the Spirit is grieved after the seemingly excellent response at the altar. Feasting is the order of the day; fasting is a forgotten art even though Jesus told the Pharisees that His disciples would fast after He was taken away from them. There is no burden or soul travail. The Prophet Amos thundered woes to those who were at ease in Zion. The modern day prophets are neglecting to "Cry aloud and spare not against the transgressions of the people." Isa. 58:1.

The greatest need of the world is an old-fashioned, Holy Ghost, "back to God" and the "Bible standards" revival that will make folk realize anew the genuine cost of true discipleship, and then go out to carry the "Great Commission as good courageous soldiers of the cross. Hallelujah.

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I WALKED TODAY WITH JESUS
By Mrs. Ina Moyer

I walked today with Jesus
And it was a glorious walk,
He told me many, many things
Of which I dare not talk.

I walked today with Jesus
And I shall never be the same,
For my heart did thrill with rapture
As I heard Him speak my name.

I walked today with Jesus
And my burdens rolled away,
For every care must vanish
When we go alone to pray.

I walked today with Jesus
For I need Him every day,
'Tis with Him I find it easy
To live by faith along the way.

Yes, I walked today with Jesus
'Twas so good to feel Him near,
Just to know that He was leading
Took away all doubt and fear.

So I'll walk each day with Jesus
And I'll bid Him ever stay
Close beside me, just to guide me
For I need Him every day.

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CHURCH REPORTS

Denver, Colo., May 31, 1956

Three months and a half ago at the call of God we came here to take over the work of God and start a Bible Missionary Union Church. God has wonderfully helped in every way. We found a small group, 24 in number including the children, of faithful people who were determined to contend for the faith and have a church that stood for the "Old Paths"; they had rented a former church building and we have been conducting services in that since. At this writing it no longer will accommodate our growing crowd, and we have a large church building in view that we are trying to complete arrangements on to purchase this property. It is well located in the city and will give us plenty of opportunity to grow. We just closed a wonderful revival with Rev. Spencer Johnson as evangelist and Rev. and Mrs. Lyle Moyer, our pastors at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, as song

evangelists. Bro. Johnson preached with liberty and the unction of the Holy Ghost every night and in almost every service the altar was lined with hungry seekers and happy finders. On the last Sunday of the meeting there were over 40 at the altar with wonderful victory. Tonight we will receive into membership at least 17, making our membership now a total of 56. Rev. and Mrs. Moyer won their way into the hearts of our people with their ministry in song and their wonderful Spirit-filled lives. Their work around the altar was inestimable value. The finances came without any effort and on the last Sunday morning the people voted to raise the pastors salary to \$75.00 per week.

God is surely blessing beyond expectations, as He has said that He would, and we are looking for the best days ahead. We request that you pray for us and the work here and if you have friends in or around Denver we would be so happy to try to be of service to them; just write us and we will contact them. -- L. P. Roberts, Pastor, 139 So. Bryant, Denver 19, Colo.

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Woodcock Valley, Penna.

Rev. Fred Thompson reports some wonderful victories in the church there. They have built a new church building which was dedicated on March 18th. Then a revival meeting was conducted by Rev. H. B. Huffman and the church organized on Easter Sunday. At the dedication service the church was packed with people standing. The Sunday School is showing a steady gain. The pastor and people desire your prayers that they may stay old-fashioned, on fire and that God will continue to give them souls.

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Kearney, Nebraska

After serving the Church of the Nazarene for some ten years in three pastorates and three years in the field of evangelism, we felt we could not go on in the present affiliation. Under God's wonderful leadership and with a group of fine spiritual people we held our first service, prayer meeting, in a home February 29, here in Kearney where we had pastored for 3 years and organized the first B. M. U. Church in Nebraska.

God has helped us in securing a nice building, 50 new chairs and 30 used ones. The people have sacrificed and given generously. God has met with us in our services and seemingly poured out his blessings upon us. We had a good revival with Brother Spencer Johnson and wife. Brother Victor Glenn gave us a service during May. Praise God for His wonderful leadership and blessing and the way He has supplied our every need. It is wonderful to serve the Lord in the fullness of the blessing. -- Kenneth Johansen, Pastor

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Portage, Penna.

The church was organized on April 18th. We are at present worshipping in the Miner's Hall but are in process of building a 40 by 70 block church building and a 30 by 36 parsonage. Sunday School averages 70 in attendance. God has blessed us with some wonderful services. The fire is falling and souls are finding God. We have had some services when God came until there was no need for preaching. Our people are liberal and missionary minded. We are supporting a missionary in East Africa, Miss Pauline Keith. We praise God for His wonderful goodness and for the freedom in Him. -- Alvin Cottle, Pastor.

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Coraapolis, Penna.

The Coraapolis church was organized on the Mr. Joy Holiness Camp Ground on June 16th. A group of old-fashioned holiness people couldn't wait until the Bible Missionary Union came to their town so they drove over to the meeting and asked to be organized. Brother Glenn Griffith received them into the Bible Missionary Union and organized the Coraapolis church. There will be possibly 45 members by the time the charter closes. At present they are renting a building and worshipping in near by Alaquippa, Pa. May God bless this new church.

Brother Livingston is serving as pastor.

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WITH ALL THY GETTING GET UNCTION

By Leonard Ravenhill

The Cinderella of the church today is the prayer meeting. This handmaid of the Lord is unloved and unwooed because she is not dripping with the pearls of intellectualism, nor glamorous with the silks of philosophy, neither is she enchanting with the tiara of psychology. She wears the homespun of sincerity and humility and so is not afraid to kneel!

The offense of prayer is that it does not essentially tie in to mental efficiency. That is not to say that prayer is a partner to mental sloth. But in these days efficiency and smartness are at a premium. Prayer is conditioned to one thing alone, and that is to spirituality. One does not need to be spiritual to preach, that is, to make and deliver sermons of homiletical perfection and exegetical exactitude. By a combination of memory, knowledge, ambition, personality, plus well-lined bookshelves, self-confidence and a sense of having arrived -- brother, the pulpit is yours almost anywhere these days. Preaching of the type mentioned affects men; prayer affects God. Preaching affects time; prayer affects eternity. The pulpit can be a shop window to display our talents; the closet speaks death to display.

The tragedy of this last hour is that we have too many dead men in the pulpits giving out too many dead sermons to too many dead people. Oh! the horror of it. There is a strange thing that I have seen under the sun even in the fundamentalist circles; it is preaching without unction. What is unction? I hardly know what it is, but I know what it is not, or at least I know when it is not upon my own soul. Preaching without unction kills instead of giving life. The unctionless preacher is a

savor of death unto death. The Word does not live unless the unction is upon the preacher.
PREACHER, WITH ALL THY GETTING GET UNCTION.

Brethren, we could well manage to be half as intellectual (of the modern pseudo kind) if we were twice as spiritual. Preaching is a spiritual business. A sermon born in the head reaches the head. A sermon born in the heart reaches the heart. A spiritual preacher will under God produce spiritually-minded people. Unction is not a gentle dove beating her wings against the bars outside of the preacher's soul; rather must she be pursued and won. Unction cannot be learned, only earned by prayer. Unction is God's knighthood for the soldier-preacher who has wrestled in prayer and gained the victory. Victory is not won in the pulpit by firing intellectual bullets or wise-cracks, but in the prayer closet. The meeting is won or lost before the preacher's foot enters the pulpit. Unction is like perfume. Unction is like dynamite. Unction comes not by the medium of the bishop's hands, neither does it mildew when the preacher is cast into prison. Unction will pierce and percolate, it will sweeten and soften. When the hammer of logic and the fire of human zeal fails to open the stony heart, unction will succeed.

What a fever of church building there is just now, yet without unctionized preachers these altars will never see anxious penitents. Suppose that we saw fishing boats with the latest in radar equipment and fishing gear launched month after month and put out to sea only to return without a catch -- what excuse would we take for this barrenness? Yet thousands of churches see empty altars week after week and year after year and cover this sterile situation by misapplying the Scripture, "My word . . . shall not return unto me void." Incidentally, this seems to be one of the very few texts that the dispensationalists forgot to tell us was written to the Jews!

The ugly fact is that the altar fires are either out or burning very low. The prayer meeting is dead or dying. By our attitude to prayer we tell God that what was begun in the Spirit we can finish in the flesh. What church ever asks its candidating ministers what time they spend in prayer? Ministers who do not spend two hours a day in prayer are not worth a dime a dozen, degrees or no degrees.

The church today is standing on the sidewalk watching with fever and frustration while the sin-dominated evil geniuses of Moscow strut the middle of the road breathing out threatenings against whatsoever things are lovely and of good report. Behind follows the purple pageantry of papal Rome. The devil substituted reincarnation for regeneration, familiar spirits for the Holy Spirit, Christian Science for divine healing, the Antichrist for the true Christ and the Church of Rome for the true church. Against these twin evils of Communism and Romanism, what has the Church to offer? Where is the supernatural? Both in the pulpit and in the press somnolence seems to have overtaken religious controversy of late. Even Rome does not call us Protestants any more, we have just the juiceless name of non-Catholics! Significant! Hell has no fury like that of the mother of harlots when she is stirred. Who now earnestly contends for the faith once delivered to the saints? Where are our unctionized pulpit crusaders? Preachers who should be fishing for men are now too often fishing for compliments from men. Preachers used to sow seed; now they string intellectual pearls. Imagine a field sown with pearls!

Away with this palsied, powerless preaching which is unmoving because it was born in a tomb instead of a womb and nourished in a fireless, prayerless soul. We may preach and perish but

we cannot pray and perish. If God called us to the ministry then, dear brethren, I contend that we should be unctionized. WITH ALL THY GETTING GET UNCTION, lest barren altars be the badge of our unctionless intellectualism.

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Martin Luther said, "I was born to fight devils and factions. It is my business to remove obstructions, to cut down thorns, to fill up quagmires, and to open and make straight paths; but if I must have failings, let me rather speak the truth with too much severity, than once to act the hypocrite and conceal the truth."

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CALLED UNTO HOLINESS

One that is born with inbred sin is not condemned as being guilty for that, because he is the victim of another's sin. But when the Holy Ghost reveals to him the dark nature within, its deadliness and its enmity, and points to him the way of deliverance, he becomes responsible and must seek and secure the promised cleansing or become a guilty man, condemned before God and man. "For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his Holy Spirit." (I Thess. 4:7-8)

Thank God! There is a "fountain opened for sin and uncleanness." All who will may plunge therein and be made whiter than snow. "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God." May God grant that all who have not entered into this rest, shall arise and enter into the marvelous possibilities of grace. Bless God! It is for us all today!

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The spectacular growth of "The Bible Missionary Union" has been a pleasant surprise to all, and shows plainly that truly God's seal has been upon this timely movement, which had such an inconspicuous beginning, but has grown rapidly reaching into fourteen states, and groups waiting to be organized as soon as our evangelists can get on the field. We praise God for His smile upon the work and the wonderful spreading of our field of labor, and the rich harvest of souls He is helping us gather from the scattered sheep of the house of Israel, and from the highways and hedges.

But with this surprising growth the demand for a General gathering in Conference has become acute, and we must meet sooner than we had anticipated, for the growth really has surprised us all. The many, many detail plans involving personnel, goals and standards, which present themselves in setting up such an organization demands the forming of committees in order to efficiently perfect our Church Polity.

Therefore after much counsel from the scattered leaders and groups it seems wise to call a Conference of all Elders, and a Lay Member from each Local Group elected at a properly

announced meeting for this purpose, and this group of Elders and Lay delegates become the official members of such a Conference with power to form such legislation as the conference deems necessary, and set up officially the Organization known now as the Bible Missionary Union, through whatever committees needed for such business.

This body of delegates is to meet the first week of Sept. 1956, beginning on Sunday, Sept. 2nd through the 9th. The place is tentative, either Nampa or Denver; and will be decided soon and notification will be forthcoming. It would be wonderful for each local group to help with the pastors' and lay delegates' expense to the Conference. Further information in the August Issue of "The Missionary Revivalist." -- Rev. Glenn Griffith General Moderator

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NOTICE TO ALL NEW CHURCHES

The W. M. Robinson Family, 475 Carroll St., Akron 4, Ohio, will furnish any new church that is unable to buy song books with the books "Tabernacle Hymns" No. 3. They are pretty good books and you may obtain them by writing the Robinson family and stating the number you will need. This is certainly a kind gesture by the Robinson family and we say "God Bless Them."

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CAMP ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLINTON CAMP, Clinton, Pa. July 19-29.

Workers: H. Robb French, H. E. Darnell, Roy A. Bettcher, preachers. -- Rev. & Mrs. Max Hamilton, Song Evangelists -- Rev. Lillian Setters Wilson, Young People's Worker.

MOUNT OF BLESSINGS CAMP, Loganton, Pa. July 4-15 -- Workers: Don Scarlet, Evangelist -- Stoops Trio, Singers

PENNS CREEK CAMP, Creek, Pa.

July 24-August 5.

MIDWAY CAMP, On Route 30 Between Nampa and Caldwell, Idaho. July 5-15 -- Rev. Glenn Griffith, President.

PLEASANT DISTRICT HOLINESS ASSOCIATION CAMP -- Located Between Albright & Bruceton, West, Virginia. Aug. 2-12. Workers: Guthrie Hughes, Evangelist -- Stookey Trio, Singers.

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VICTORY

By A. I. Robb, D.D.

Speak, History. Who are life's victors?
Unroll thy long annals and say:
Are they those whom the world calls the victors,
Who won the success of the day?

At Thermopylae's pass in the mountains,
Where the Spartans defended their own,
Were the Persians and Xerxes the victors?
Was it they who won endless renown?

Was the sage overthrown and defeated
By his judges, who said he must die?
Is it on the name Socrates -- wise man--
That the verdict of "conquered" must lie?

Pray tell me, O Muse of the records
Deep writ on the scroll of the past,
Was Nero the victor in slaughter,
Or the martyrs? Who conquered at last?

Did the Roman judge win in the trial
Where a righteous man's doom he pronounced?
When he washed his hands, said "I am guiltless,"
Was Pilate the victor? or Christ?

Ah, 'tis not the success of the moment
That proclaims the true victory won;
Nor the things that men hail with applauding,
Some brilliant deed daringly done:

But to meet disappointment with courage,
To suffer without a complaint,
To see all life's plans in the discard,
Yet to walk and never grow faint:

To rejoice when men think I'd be downcast,
To smile with each buffet of fate,
To acquiesce sweetly in waiting,
When 'tis hardest of all just to wait:

To trust all my life to my Savior,
Let Him mold me, as potter the clay,
To let Him live His life within me,
To rejoice in His love day by day:

With serene hope to face all the future,

To go His whole way unafraid,
To be true in whatever He send me,
This is victory, perfect and glad.

-- In Los Angeles Covenanter Chimes.

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