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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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PREPARE NOW--ERE THE DOOR BE CLOSED

Sermon by Rev. Glenn Griffith in the Camp Meeting at God's Bible School

Scripture Lesson: Matt. 25:1-13.

I want to talk to you from a positive statement, "The door was shut." It seems peculiar that God would call the opening into His kingdom a door, but it must have been because He wanted to use a common everyday word found in every language. A door stands for at least two things in a building or in the home. In the daytime, when the sun is shining, the door sometimes swings or stands open, saying to friends and neighbors, "Welcome to our home. Come on in." In the evening, when the shadows gather the darkness settles down. that same door stands for something else altogether. It is shut and bolted, and no one gets into the home unless given a special invitation by the host himself.

During this great day of grace the door of God's kingdom is open. The approach of night ought to get every one of us awakened to the fact that the door may soon close. God's Word makes it plain and clear that the present time is a day of grace. He says, "Today is the day of salvation." "Harden not you heart, as in the provocation." He has warned us to flee from the wrath to come. In the language of the kingdom, poor lost humanity should hasten to get in out of the storm, and out of the murky waters of death, while the door is open.

That door is Jesus Christ: there is no other. In the tenth chapter of John, Jesus Himself said, "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find

pasture." "He that entereth not by the door into the sheep fold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber." And in the fourteenth chapter of John, the Master said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me." Peter made the solemn declaration, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." There are a lot of other ways which people choose, but God's Word says, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."

Jesus Christ is the open door. He was depicted by the pen of that mighty orator and writer, Isaiah, when he said, "When we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him: he is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God. and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way: and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." The door was opened when the temple veil was rent from top to the bottom. The riven side of the Son of God made a doorway for every lost soul in the universe, that they might be redeemed by the blood of Christ. There is no other way. Christ is in the foreground. It is Christ or chaos. It is Christ or eternal death. He came to seek and to save that which was lost.

"God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." "Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate." He is "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." He ascended to the right hand of God, and there He offered His blood upon the altar; and He is there now interceding for a lost and dying world, saying to the Father, "Have mercy on this people." Jesus Christ is the open door from the worst place in this world where a sinner can go, to a highway that can lead to the very portals of the city for God.

Brother, you can join the church, and you can join the Mormons, and you can join the Jehovah Witnesses, you can join any group you want to; but a religion without Christ is just a religion: there is no salvation in it. Jesus Christ can break the habits in men that they cannot break. He can take them from the scrap heaps of life, and make them monuments of grace in a world that is steeped in sin. I believe this is a day of grace; it is Christ or chaos for the Gentile race. I believe that we are going to get into the kingdom now or we'll never get in. The cigarette-smoking Jew, and the cursing Jew, will repent now and be redeemed now or he will never repent. This generation pays little attention to the laws of God; they are not afraid of the judgment, and they are not afraid of hell. They are taught in the schools not to worry about it, they don't want to think about the hereafter. Many people are so deeply wrapped up in iniquity that they don't want to think about the settlement time. But all of us are going to meet God -- He stands at the end of the trail, and He is going to ask one question, "What did you do with Jesus which is called the Christ?"

There will be a day when infidels will tremble, there will be a day when every knee shall bow, and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." Oh, if God could awaken this crowd to the fact that the day of grace is about over!

Never has there been such a day of bigotry, never such a day of confusion, never such a day of prayerlessness. Never has there been such a lack of Bible study, never was the Bible such an undiscovered Book as it is right in this evening time. The Holy Ghost is here, and He is calling to men, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat." "The Spirit and the bride say, Come." "Come unto me, all ye that labor, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," said Jesus. You are going to get to the point of no return, one of these days; but if you will seek God with your whole heart, the Holy Ghost will reveal the will of God to you.

God is about ready to take His hands off this generation of lightrejecting people, and an age of undisciplined men and women. Thousands of people in holiness meetings are not moved as they once were. Why? The sun is going down. It is getting late in the day. Away back yonder He said, "I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; but ye have set at nought all my counsel." God wants our hearts--your heart and my heart, but the time has come that a speaker can preach on hell, and men will go to sleep in the pew. You can preach on the judgment, and college graduates laugh and nudge one another and say, "Hum, that's that old thing!" But let me tell you, in perfect honesty, that the same scales that weighed Belshazzar will weigh you one of these days. If you don't have salvation through the Blood, if you don't have the Holy Ghost in your heart, you will be found wanting. What are you going to do about it? The sun is about down.

"Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins . . . Half of them were wise, and half were foolish." Only eight people escaped the Flood. I don't know how many will escape in this time, but this Scripture says that five of the virgins were wise and five were foolish. The half who were wise paid attention to the Bible. lined up with its precepts, got oil in that second vessel. They believed that one must have holiness of heart and life -- not just an ethical holiness, but holiness of heart, a personal experience, and a life above reproach.

I am talking about personal holiness--does everybody understand that? Personal holiness not professional holiness, not theoretical holiness. Full salvation will wash away the pollution of your heart; it will deliver you from the world, from your friends, from your loved ones, and from anything that would get between you and glorious communion with God. Separated holiness, hallelujah! You talk about consistency. There is consistency in the realm of holiness. There are hypocrites in the church, hypocrites in the lodge, hypocrites in business, hypocrites everywhere. But there is a main line that God calls the highway of holiness, and He said, "The unclean shall not pass over it." I have sense enough to know that the Holy Ghost is not going to require of me anything more than it takes to get to Heaven. There are just two crossings into Canaan--the Red Sea where your sins are covered, and the River Jordan where you leave a witness that you crossed over.

I like the attitude of Ruth when she held on to Naomi's hand, and said, "Intreat me not to leave thee . . . Whither thou goest, I will go . . . thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God." God is not going to make a special occasion. or a special dispensation of mealy-mouthed, applesauce holiness to redeem this generation that has had more light than has any other generation. God has not changed. Oh, people would like to make excuses. But, brother, Christ is the door, and everyone who gets into the kingdom is going to enter through that door.

Those virgins took their lamps and went forth to meet the bridegroom, but only five had made proper preparations. Somebody said, "Oh, don't call that preacher; he'll spirit the church." Well, there's already been someone ahead of all this crowd. We read that when Christ shall return for His own, two women will be grinding at the mill. One of them will have already said "Yes" to God, but the other will have failed to get ready for the coming of the Lord. "One shall be taken, and the other left." The Holy Ghost has made the division. In almost every home, there is one who wants the will of God, and one who either does not want it at all or is just playing fast and loose. Two men shall be sleeping in a bed, and one shall be taken. One had listened to God, and the other had not. The two -- there they are.

I could stand in 97 out of 100 pulpits of all the holiness churches, taken as to their general state, and I would see the two crowds--the wise and the foolish. Of course, there may be some who think they are wise, but they may be foolish. They haven't paid the price, they only act like it. I'm not going to shut off that oldfashioned, Blood-washed crowd and try to make them stop shouting just because there are some who do not have the blessing. And I'm not going to encourage the crowd that just sits and looks nice. If they don't mind God, I can't help it. I'm going to love them anyway, but I am trying to tell you that you have to mind God. Simon Peter said. "If the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?" The only way we are going to get into Heaven is through the Blood of Jesus.

We are on our way to the Judgment, and we are getting closer to it all the time. The virgins took their lamps, and started out to meet the bridegroom. They testified in meeting, all of them in the same room. Nobody knew just how the others were, and nobody knows tonight how another is. But you know whether or not you have oil in your own vessel with your lamp. The wise testified that they were saved and sanctified, with oil in their extra vessels. The unwise, the foolish, also testified The sun went over the western slope, and evening shadows began to fall. Folks began to get drowsyGod made us so we can sleep, and there is nothing unnatural about sleep. Those virgins lay down to sleep, but in the midnight hour the bridegroom came.

There is coming another hour when a heavenly being will step out of the vestibule of Heaven, and say, "Behold the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him." I believe that when that voice sounds, the graveyards will open and give up their dead. "The dead in Christ shall rise first; then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them!" I wish I had strength enough, I wish I had vocabulary enough, I'd like to put on a demonstration that would wake up this crowd, would wake up the young people, and let them know that we are very close to the coming of Jesus.

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EDITORIAL
By Spencer Johnson

THE POSSESSION OF HOLINESS

"That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;" (I Thess. 4:4) "For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness." (Heb. 12:10).

In the absolute sense only God is perfect. Yet God has made provision through the atoning work of Christ on the cross whereby man can be made free from sin and sinful propensities. Through the impartation of Divine grace he can be made holy and enabled to love God with all his heart and his neighbor as himself. Though honesty compells us to admit that there are many who profess and but few who actually possess the experience of sanctification, the Bible still teaches that the experience is possible and there are hundreds of humble men and women who do live the holy life day by day. These are the ones who are washed and made white and will be caught up to meet the Lord when He comes to rapture the saints. "Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holv and without blemish." (Eph. 5:25-27).

Jesus loved the Church. The word "church" comes from the Greek word Ecclesia, meaning the called out ones. Some good holiness people of today have been ridiculed and called "Come outers." Though intended otherwise, the term is really a compliment to them because "the New Testament Church was composed of people, who in response to the call of God, had come out from sin." The church does not mean any one denomination. The church comprises the family of God; not a card-playing, theater-going, television-watching, dancing, horse racing, ball game-loving, worldly adorned, tobacco-soaked crowd of sex perverts and whoremongers. Oh, yes, Jesus loved that crowd and died to save them if they will repent, but they are not the church and they are in no condition to be sanctified.

Jesus gave Himself for the church that He might cleanse and sanctify the church. People who indulge in sin are not in the church though they may stand high in denominational circles. Women who cut their hair and who paint their faces and wear clothing so tight that it accentuates every curve of their body and men who put their approval on such practices are not ready to be sanctified. They need to get saved! The church is composed of souls who have come out from sin. No Greek scholar can successfully deny it. May God help us to get the truth that Jesus gave Himself for the church that He might sanctify the church, that the church might be without spot or wrinkle or any such thing. Praise God! He is in the laundry business. He washes out the dirt and smoothes out the wrinkles.

This awful thing called sin slipped into the domain of God and robbed Him of one of His brightest angels -- "Lucifer, the son of the morning." He was a great archangel, but, when he sinned, God put him out, and he took with him one-third of the angels of that beautiful city. You may be sure that God is not going to take you and me there if there is one trace of sin about us. If God cast out the angels who kept not their first estate, we will have to be made holy in order to enter Heaven.

The Bible clearly teaches that we can be holy in this life. We need no longer stand and look and long for the blessing. We can be partakers of His holiness through the blood of Christ applied by the Holy Ghost. Jude addressed his short epistle "to them that are sanctified by God the

Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called:" (Jude 1:1). The writer of Hebrews declares, "For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren," (Heb. 2:11). Peter tells us that there were some women who enjoyed the experience of holiness and tells how they dressed. "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. For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:" (I Peter 3:3-5).

Paul testifies to this experience when he said, "Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe." (I Thess. 2:10). We learn from John the revelator that there will be some who will have this blessing of holiness when Jesus comes. "For the time is at hand. He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still." (Rev. 22:10-11).

I too, would like to add my testimony along with that blood washed through who, through the ages, have by their lips and lives praised the Lord for the beauty of holiness. I want to say to all the world that He sanctifies my heart enabling me to love my enemies as well as my friends and that he keeps me happy in His love as I work and wait for His coming. Bless His Name! I feel like G. D. Watson must have felt when he wrote:

"Oh sweet will of God, Thou has girded me round
Like the deep moving currents that girdle the sea
With Omnipotent love is my poor nature bound
And this bondage of love sets me perfectly free.

For years my will wrestled with vague discontent
That like a sad angel o'er shadowed my way.
God's light in my soul oft with darkness was blent
And my heart ever longed for an unclouded day.

My wild will was captured, yet under the yoke
There was pain and not peace at the press of the load
Until the glorious burden the last fiber broke
And I melted like wax in the furnace of God.

And now I have flung myself recklessly out
Like a chip on the stream of the infinite will
I pass the rough rocks with a song and a shout
And I just let my God His dear purpose fulfill.

I care not for self, all my blisses and pains
I gladly yield up to the Mandate above.
My crosses and triumphs, my losses and gains

I bury them all in the vertex of love

And now my King Jesus has all His own way
I wait but to catch His low whispering word
'Tis bliss to lie low 'neath His scepter's bright sway
For my triumph I see in each step of my Lord.

Forever, I choose the good will of my God
Its holy deep riches to love and to know
The serfdom of love doth so sweeten the rod
That its touch maketh rivers of honey to flow.

Roll on checkered seasons, bring smiles or bring tears
My soul sweetly sails on an infinite calm
I shall soon touch the shores of eternity's years
And near the white throne of my Saviour abide."

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AT ANY COST

Burdened one, for lost loved ones
Have you come to the end of the way?
Have you pleaded and wept and prayed,
By night and by day?

Have you longed so, to spare them,
Sorrow and shame;
Have you done it all humbly,
And in Jesus' name?

Have you lived your life faithfully,
And still they are lost?
Then friend, can you say?
"Lord, God, -- at any cost."

It may be in His wisdom,
In the father's great love
He'll see fit to call you,
To mansions, above.

It may be in mercy,
He would spare you,
Some suffering, needful,
That they must go through.

But after it all,
When we meet with the blest,
I'm sure, we'll all say,--
"God did the best."

-- Mary Kate Jack.

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STEMMING THE TIDE
By Elbert Dodd

Scripture Lesson: Esther 4:10-17.

Text: "I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish." (Esther 4:16).

The story of Esther is one of the most interesting stories in all the Bible. The wicked Haman, because Mordecai had refused to bow to him, had plotted the destruction of all the Jews. Mordecai reported the matter to Esther and requested her to represent their cause before the king. If one went in to the king, without an invitation, it meant death unless the king held out the golden sceptre to them. For more than thirty days the king had not invited Esther to come into his presence.

Some years ago I saw a great billboard which pictured communism coming in like a great ocean tide, and on the board were these words, "Buy bonds and stem the tide." Esther's people faced destruction and she must go in before the king and risk her life to stem the tide of destruction. Today we face spiritual destruction and we must go in before our King and stem the tide.

I. THE PARALLEL BETWEEN THE JEWS CONDITION AND OURS.

The Jews faced the destruction of their homes and lives. We are confronted with the destruction of our homes and our spiritual lives and freedom. Our homes are endangered by the liquor traffick. The liquor industry does not care what it costs in suffering to humanity, they must sell liquor and the government does not care what the awful reaping is, just so long as the revenue from this sinful source comes in. The tobacco companies are doing all in their power to put a cigarette between the lips of every boy and girl and man and woman in the land. The entertainment world is out to destroy the modesty and virtue of our womanhood. The greatest medium they have ever yet discovered to bring havoc in the home and the church is the television. Yet thousands of people are blinded by this great giant evil and are condoning it in their homes.

The devil is also using the modern educational system to wreck many lives and homes. The present educational system is honey combed with an athletic program that is damning the nation.

The enemy of man's soul is using Liberalism to sap the spiritual strength of God's people. The new translation of the Bible has been the agent the devil has used to wreck the faith of thousands. The men who have promoted this translation in our holiness schools and churches will meet this at the judgment and the blood of this generation will drip from their fingers and their poor blind, deluded, ignorant eyes will be opened when it is too late.

Legalism is another force that is being used to wreck the power of God's people. The legalist is led into this delusion by lopsided preaching and by failing to really pray through. When this occurs the devil gets him to take a substitute for the real thing. He accepts, the standards partially, especially where they please him, yet he forgets the golden rule, and the fact that one may line up on the outside and be full of dead men's bones on the inside. He drifts from legalism to Pharisaism, becomes critical, heartless and unmerciful and falls into fanaticism and loses his salvation. This is one of the cunning enemies that faces the church today. These are desperate days of the great falling away, but God is looking for someone to stem the tide.

II. THE ONLY HOPE

For the Jews the one hope they had was Esther. Esther the queen must go in and intercede for the people. For the people of today the one hope is the old fashioned praying, shouting, sacrificing crowd, who count not their lives unto death. To that crowd a hungry bleeding, dizzy, sin-sick world looks for someone to touch God in their behalf.

III. ESTHER MUST GO IN BEFORE THE KING TO INTERCEDE.

We must go in before God with the burden upon our hearts for this poor deluded world. Esther must be determined. She must make up her mind she must go in at any cost. We too must be determined. We must have a revival at any cost. God has been helping us to get some churches started all over the nation, but we must go in now for old fashioned revivals. Let's go in for the unchurched crowd. Let us, as a church group, plan ahead, pray and fast, and then send for a good old fashioned holiness evangelist, (Some of the best are listed in the "Missionary Revivalist.") and go in for a revival at any cost.

Again Esther had to be desperate. She was so desperate that she said, I will go in before the king and if I perish, I perish. We too, must be desperate. We must realize that professing people through and talking them into joining the church and getting them to help us run a great Sunday school is not enough. We must get them in and pray old fashioned conviction down on them and then stay with them at the altar until they confess out, and pray through and get willing to make restitution to the best of their ability.

We know that the law of restitution requires that if one kills his fellow man, he must restore his life, but we know also that such is absolutely impossible to do; God takes over and supplies the needed grace and forgives and forgets when one has gone as far as he can. The law of restitution would require the impossible sometimes but the law of mercy stands between and makes it right with God where we cannot. But we must be sure that we have done everything that we possibly can and have not failed to walk in every bit of light that God has shed upon our path. If we will get desperate then God will do the rest.

Esther also had to be definite. She finally said that Haman is the wicked man that has plotted the destruction of my people. We must be definite if we expect to get anything from God. We must tell God we want a revival, not just a protracted meeting or a warm over. We want an old fashioned revival of old time religion.

When Esther got desperate and definite then God took over and did the rest. If we will be determined, and get desperate and be definite then God will give us the cry of our hearts. God has called us to stand in the gap and make up the hedge. He has called us to stem the tide. We must not, we will not fail Him and His great cause. Whatever the cost we must have a revival in this land and around the world. Let the critics criticize, the liars lie, and the fussers fuss. We are too busy to come down to fuss with the dogs, we must stem the tide. Stemming the tide is our call. It is our business, our duty and our task. We can and we will!

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HOW SHALL WE ESCAPE

By James A. McNab

"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation " (Heb. 2:3). Many salvation messages have been preached on this great awakening and heart-searching scripture, until most professing Christians today may think that message is to sinners only. But here we find that the Apostle Paul was writing to the Hebrew Christians, and to "them also (including us) who shall believe on Christ through their word" (John 17:20.).

Here the Apostle tells us that "we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip" (Heb. 2:1). Then he precedes our text by the warning that "If the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward" (v. 2)" "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation: which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord and was confirmed unto us by them that heard Him" (v. 3).

As Christians we find a two-fold major message in this great imperative text: (1) How shall we escape if we neglect to accept this great experience of full salvation for our own souls, and (2) How shall we escape if we neglect to take this great salvation to those who are in darkness and have never heard the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ which is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth" (Rom. 1:16).

The missionary Apostle declares that "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Rom. 10:13). But he continues to challenge every Christian with the following questions that we cannot escape if we fail to answer them in our individual hearts and lives: "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" (Rom. 10:14).

These questions were spoken to us who may be called to "go tell" those who have not heard the gospel story. However, there is another question which also applies to those who may be called to stand "behind the stuff" at home. This eternal question is and ever shall be: "How shall they preach, except they be sent?" (v. 14). Paul then emphasizes the importance and gloriousness of proclaiming the blessed gospel by his exclamatory statement: "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things !" (v. 14).

Surely, God has called the Bible Missionary Church to the Kingdom for such a time as this, and we shall not escape if we fail to live real heart-holiness lives which will, without one exception, send us out to proclaim Jesus Christ to all the world. This is our only business, therefore, "how shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation."

Of course we realize that we have a tremendous task on our hands, that of awakening a group of people who have been bound all these years by those who have walked behind light and have neglected this Great Salvation. But our people must be awakened, and that right soon, if we are to proclaim this glorious gospel of Bible, blood-bought holiness to all the world! This is imperative, fellow workers for Christ, and we shall not escape the damnation of hell if we fail. This is not something optional, something we can do or leave undone. It is obligatory, mandatory, imperative, and can be neglected only at the cost of our own souls and the souls of those millions who have never heard the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ, which is definitely the power of God unto salvation.

Esther was called to the Kingdom "for such a time" to save her people who were scattered over one-hundred and twenty provinces, from India to Ethiopia. And this good news of the emancipation or deliverance for the Jews was proclaimed to this vast area in less than a year. This had to be done by the posts (messengers) riding on mules and camels, while we have steamships, airplanes and radio to preach the "gospel of peace" or full-salvation through Jesus to all the world.

But notice that the messengers were "being hastened and pressed by the king's commandment" (Esther 8:14). Thus we see that this message concerning the physical deliverance of the Jews, as given by King Ahasuerus, was taken to all these scattered provinces in about nine months. But we have this all powerful gospel of Jesus Christ to proclaim to all the world, and, after almost 2,000 years have elapsed, most of the world still have not heard. This glorious salvation which was purchased with the precious blood of Christ, the second person of the Holy

Trinity, is the only way for these millions to escape the damnation of an eternal hell! Then, in the light of this tremendous and true statement, we must repeat our imperative text: "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?"

The messengers of King Ahasuerus and Queen Esther were hastened and pressed by that earthly king's commandment, while it seems that most Christians today have forgotten that Jesus Christ gave His eternal commandment or imperative commission almost 2,000 years ago! This should be especially pregnant to holiness folk who have had such a glorious heritage. They should and must note that with this great heritage goes a tremendous responsibility. God's Word says, "To whom much is given much will be required." This great responsibility is threefold (1) Our responsibility to our glorious Emancipator, Jesus Christ, (2) Our responsibility to those who have not heard the soultransforming gospel message, and (3) Our responsibility to our own souls.

In the forepart of this article we mentioned a two-fold major message as found in this great text "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation."? We shall consider the first point briefly, which is heart holiness, because without holiness of heart we cannot effectively carry out the second phase that of proclaiming this Great Salvation to all the world.

I. Heart Holiness. This is something that dates much farther back than the early days of the holiness movement that we know today. We find the teaching of heart holiness throughout the entire Bible, and especially emphasized in the entire New Testament. The Apostle Paul declares that "Without holiness no man shall see the Lord" (Heb. 12:14), while Jesus Himself asserts that we must be perfect (in love) even as our Father which is in Heaven is perfect (Matt. 5:48). Paul calls it "The more excellent way" in First Corinthians 12:31, and a "New and living way" in Hebrews 10:21. Then he sums it all up in Heb. 12:14 by declaring that we cannot see God without heart holiness.

Paul calls this great imperative experience "Perfect love" in the great "love chapter," the 13th chapter of First Corinthians, and this perfect love can be implanted in our hearts only when the old carnal nature is eradicated and the Holy Ghost comes to abide in His blessed fulness. In other words, there must be a complete heart surgery, and the old carnal nature must be cut out root and branches. Praise God.

This is a must in every heart and life. It is imperative that we have this holiness of heart. It is holiness or hell, and it is missions or hell. The same inspired Word of God that says "Without holiness no man shall see the Lord," also says "Tarry until ye be endued with power from on high -- Then ye shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the uttermost part of the earth. And even though we thoroughly believe in outward holiness standards, and practice them, we realize that there is a danger of some folk complying with these outward essentials without having true holiness of heart.

When the old carnal nature is eradicated and the Holy Ghost abides in His fulness, we enter into that life of perfect love. This does not mean that our mind will be perfect and we will not make mistakes, but it does mean that our heart will be pure, and there will be no: bitterness, hatred, pride, self-seeking, or any other work of the flesh. There will be perfect love. And then

there shall be a burning desire to take this blessed WAY of HOLINESS to those who have never heard. Missions will be a must if we have holiness of heart.

Remember Jesus came to fulfill the law rather than to destroy it, and He said "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." In other words the old law said "Thou shalt not kill," while the New Testament says "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer" (I John 3:15). So without this holiness of heart, without perfect love in our heart, we shall not live in Heaven with the One who died for us and a lost world. And when our hearts are cleansed and made holy, filled with perfect love, and the Holy Ghost abides in His blessed fullness, we shall definitely live and look like real holiness folk should.

Now this brings us up to second major point, with the missionary emphasis, "How shall we escape if we neglect this great salvation to those who have not heard."

(To be continued next month)

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TESTIMONY

You ask me why I love my Lord?
Well, friend, just let me say,
Life wasn't worth the living
Till the Savior came my way.

You say I miss so much of life?
Yes, friend, praise God, I do!
I miss the sin and sorrow
Which were all I ever knew.

I miss the days spent seeking joy
The long nights full of fears.
I miss the heavy burden
That I carried through the years.

But, friend, I wouldn't have them back
For all that you could pay.
Life wasn't worth the living
Till the Savior came my way.

-- By Ellen Smith

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"DXAR FRIXNDS"

Dxar Frixnds:

Wx do wish you would xxcusx rrrors. Wx had just about finishxd all thx work on this issux whxn onx of thx lxttxrs on thx old typxwritxr just complxtly took out. Many xfforts wxrx madx to gxt this littl mxmbxr of thx working forcx to carry on his part, but hx just could not bx movxd to act, so wx had to ask anohtxr to do his work.

Wx arx making no apology for thx work of this "Pinchhittxr." You sxx, hx is doing his own work and thx work of anohtxr. Wx arx ovxrworking him, but hx doxsn't sxxm to mind. Wx xprxss to him our dxxp apprxciation.

It has just occurxd to this writxr that thx work of thx congrxgation looks about likx this to thx Lord whxn onx of thx mxmbxrs takxs out. Pxrhaps thosx who takx out nxvvr think of how much thxy arx missxd, and how incomplxtx thx work will bx without thxm.

But no onx would havx guxssxd that thx inactivity of just onx littl mxmbxr of this kxyboard would causx us to almost fail to gxt out our work on thx papxr this wxxk. But doxsn't it look txrriblx?

If this writxr is corrxt in fxling that wx look likx this to thx Lord, what can wx say for oursxlvs in thx day of rxckoning? -- Thx Xditor

May your pastor count on seeing you in Sunday school and church this coming Sunday? -- Selected.

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"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me: Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth; Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours: and their works do follow them." -- Rev. 14:13

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UNCERTAIN SOUNDS

By Hal Joiner

"For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle." (I Cor. 14:8).

Here is a perfect scriptural illustration of the fruits and results of compromise and false doctrine and false standards among the holiness ranks of today. Many have become scattered and confused because of uncertain sounds coming from so called holiness pulpits and their leaders. Many souls are marching into battle, blindly following these uncertain sounds, which will eventually lead to their destruction.

To better understand the depth of Paul's warning to us, we must understand the use of the spiritual trumpet. During wars the trumpet was a very important instrument. It had many important uses. It was used for warning, direction, encouragement, heralding events, mobilization, and announcement of victory won. Each of these uses have spiritual application in helping us to understand this scriptural warning to the church.

The Sound of Warning

During the wars of the past the clear trumpet signal of danger from those from their vantage point who could see the trap of the enemy ahead has saved many a warrior's life. Many armies of history would have been destroyed if it had not been that they had provided means of being warned of traps of the enemy while in battle.

How many souls have been snatched from the burning by a holy, anointed messenger of God, who from his vantage point of light could warn souls of the pitfalls of sin and the traps of the devil? God help the double minded, compromising, carnal hearted individual who takes the place of a trumpeter and gives uncertain sounds of warning to a lost and dying world and contributes to their damnation. God is being grieved by this very thing today.

The Sound of Direction

Battles have been directed and victories won through the directions relayed by the sound of the trumpet. But, what about the directions given from the modernistic trumpeters today? They are signaling the directions to the church that there is nothing wrong with T.V., bobbed hair, jewelry, divorce and many other forms of compromise. Many are following these false directions and souls and battles are being lost for the church. Also what a sad sight it is as we see children following the uncertain sounds of direction from parents and pastors which are quickly leading them over the brink of destruction.

The Sound of Mobilization

Battles have been won because the rhythm of encouragement from the trumpeter has stirred the zeal and courage of the fainthearted and battle-weary soldier.

How can the young convert of today receive the sound of encouragement that he needs. When churches who have possession of the trumpets give out with the sound of fussing, spats, and feuds among the church bosses. Neither is he encouraged by the sounds coming out from among the leaves of the "miff tree." It is a very bitter and raucous sound that proceeds forth from the trumpet as Mr. "Church Boss" blows his top. It is also very confusing to the young convert as he is nearly blown over by "Sister Have My Way's" blast of inconsistency.

We are thankful that there are still some saved and sanctified trumpeters, who through their faith and endurance in time of trial have learned to blow the sweet notes of encouragement to the weary pilgrims and young warriors. I believe the Apostle Paul had this thought in mind when he wrote this part of the verse in the Hebrew letter, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses . . . let us run with patience the race that is set before us."

The Sound Ushering in Great Events (or Heralding Great Events)

It will be a trumpet blast that will call forth the dead and usher in the great events of the last days. The trumpet has been used many times in the past to gain attention to great events. Today as in the past, great events of Holy Ghost revivals must be ushered in by the certain sounds of the prayers of many saints and souls A weeping over the altar.

Many are willing to visibly and audibly advertise, but few are willing to faithfully take the trumpet and play the sweet notes of intercession and sacrifice.

The Sound of Mobilization

This is a call of colors. Many will talk about what they would do if they had a chance to do battle but when the call to colors is given they have scattered and are hard to find. The call to mobilize has always been a good way to find out what man was made of.

Today, God has given the "blood washed" this call to mobilize. The devil has entrenched himself for the last battle against the church and God has called every sanctified individual to enlist. If there was ever a day that this call should be answered it is today. We should let a lost world know that we are marching forth to battle, under the banners of holiness. We should stand in readiness, in battle gear, stripped of every garment of sin and worldiness.

Announcement of Victory

The sweetest note of the battle to the soldier is that the battle is over and the victory is won. Think of the joy in the heart of that soldier in the midst of the battle, weary, bleeding, and exhausted, as he hears the sound of the trumpet in the distance announcing the battle is over and his side has won the victory.

His joy will be nothing to compare with the rapturous joy of the Christian soldier when he hears the trumpet announcing the coming of King Jesus to bring defeat to the enemy of souls and bring his rewards with Him when all the weary, battle scarred soldiers of the cross shall hear the sweet notes drifting across the then silent battle field of time, "Well done thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things, enter thou into the joy of the Lord."

We must in these days of apostacy and worldliness, be certain of a conscious witness of God's Spirit in our hearts, that we may be able to give a true, clear, certain sound of our trumpets that lost men and women may, "prepare themselves to battle."

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APOSTATE ACTIVITIES AND INNOVATIONS IN HOLINESS CHURCHES

By W. M. Tidwell

Webster says "To innovate is to introduce new things from the established order." "To substitute." "The making of a change." This is the curse of the day among some holiness bodies. We make no reference to the old-line denominations. They have long since become "Synagogues of Satan." And now some so-called holiness bodies are aping them and are headed for the scrapheap of God-forsaken denominations, which is tragic.

Right now we have a long list of these blasphemous innovations filling some Holiness denominations. No, we are not guessing or surmising. We have seen them over the nation until we have shuddered. Some deny this, but this does not change the "bold facts." The churches are frantically being filled now with the unscriptural abominations, and they are seeking to hallow and sanctify them and claim to be doing the work of the Lord, when in reality the whole show is a carnal abomination to the Lord.

Take just one example: "The kitchen in the church." There was a time when not a single kitchen was in a holiness church anywhere. We lambasted and ridiculed them, but now we boast them. Uncle Bud is quoted as saying "When the kitchen comes in the basement, the amen corner goes out the door." If Jesus should come to some holiness (? ? ? ?) churches now, He would make that scourge of small cords and drive out the whole abominable mess. As His holy soul was stirred and His eyes flashed with holy indignation He would demand the removal of all, saying "Take these hence." "Make not my Father's house a den of thieves! !" All of this now is in the name of holiness and of our holy Lord. If kitchens in churches were once wrong, they are still wrong. It is blind stupidity to deny this, but in Second Thessalonians" 2, God declared that because they did not believe the truth and did not love the truth and loved unrighteousness, that He would send them strong delusions that they might believe a lie and be damned. Maybe this is why many can see "NO HARM." Dr. Godby said, "Many holiness professors have already crossed the deadline." Is this why such deadness, blindness and unbelief are so often the case?

A host of us have preached for many years "If the present holiness movement compromised, God would get another crowd." I just read in the Chattanooga papers that the great Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. has passed a law that no Presbyterian preacher can own a T.V. and look at one and be a minister in the Presbyterian Church, but now many holiness officials have and boost T. V. They condemn the downtown movie and boost and legalize the home movie. "Consistency, thou art a jewel." God save us from hypocrisy. Ezekiel said "The House of Israel committed great abominations and caused the Lord to go far off from His sanctuary. The Lord save us from these abominations.

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BIBLE MISSIONARY INSTITUTE

Brother R. C. Boynton gave a wonderful report of the progress that has been made in the plans for the Bible School. Plans were presented and approved by the General Board. There will be four full time teachers plus a counsellor for men and a counsellor for women. The School will be strictly a Bible School and the curriculum will run closely along the lines of the Ministerial study course plus music and language. Tuition, and board and room prices were discussed. Prices will be very reasonable. For further information write Rev. R. C. Boynton, Box 26, Rock Island,

Illinois. Plans are under way to open classes this fall. Plans were made for Brother Boynton to visit the churches and present the needs of the school. Begin to pray now about what God would have you to do for this wonderful cause.

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LORD GOD OF THE LITTLE THINGS

By Jessie H. Kennedy

Lord God of the little things -- insects and flowers
Enlivening desert wastes or cherished bowers;
Lord God of the little things -- Sparrow and dove
Thou art watching over them in tender love.

Lord God of the little things -- remember me,
I'm Thy little child leaning heavy on Thee:
One day or a hundred years -- child still I be
Facing life's elements, too strong for me.

Lord God of the Universe -- Power Supreme--
The better I know Thee, the smaller I seem;
But kind are Thy loving words, "Little ones come,
Let no one forbid them a place in my Home."

Lord God of the little child -- blest my estate--
Thou freely dost offer me gifts with the great:
Thy perfect Salvation, Thy Mercy and Love,
Thy grace for each trial and mansions above.

Lord God of the little things -- what have I more
Than allegiance and love for Thee out of my store?
Thy smile of acceptance -- Thy favor doth prove.
I grow even smaller -- lost deep in Thy Love.

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A LETTER FROM A MOTHER

By Mrs. Norene Zink

Dear Holiness Mothers,

Proverbs 20:11 says, "Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right." So it's not enough to raise the children to look like holiness but their attitudes and actions must be holiness also. I've told my children that it is very disgusting and revolting to out-siders to observe children who look like holiness children should but don't act it. Honesty,

truthfulness, kindness, obedience, respect, and thoughtfulness are characteristics that the world has a right to expect when they observe a holiness family.

We have made it a rule in our home to punish severely for lying. Perhaps the act of misbehavior was not so bad and could possibly go unpunished but if it has been misrepresented, and deceit and lying are involved then that must be punished. We have never believed that it pleased God for us to treat lying lightly even in our small children. As soon as it appears we do not disregard it as "smart" or "cute" or something to laugh about, but rather as something that should be corrected. Our second child's besetting sin was misrepresenting and lying and we felt before God that our obligation was to deal severely with it. Not long ago in a family visit, she said she remembered when she finally got sanctified that before she got the victory God showed her that it was a burning hell for her if she didn't get rid of that awful thing in her that caused her to be so deceitful. Sometimes I wonder if our children's light attitude towards sin cannot be traced to our unconcerned attitude towards it. Children raised in holiness homes around holiness altars should early see their need of saving grace also a genuine experience of heart cleansing. It should not be the unusual for children two and three years old to be at the altar weeping bitterly over their sins. And we older ones should not smile over their "small sins"; they 'are just as damning to a child as bigger sins are to bigger people.

It is appalling the lack of reverence and respect shown by children raised in holiness homes for prayer! Big children, in their teens visiting and talking and laughing, and chewing their gum during prayer! Younger ones throwing bits of paper at each other! Dear mothers, the family altar is a good place to teach the children reverence during prayer. Too many times the children are left to play and run or do as they please. If this is the case, you can't expect them to know how to close their eyes and be reverent during prayer at church. Perhaps our example during prayer has not been all that it should be? Do we use the call to prayer as a time to get up and take one of the smaller ones out or go out ourselves? It should be the exception not the rule that prayer time is used that way. How are we going to teach our children respect, and reverence and attention to prayer and the message when we have been guilty of bringing toys and gum to church to entertain them? I can understand having a bottle for the baby and perhaps a rubber ring for it to chew on during the teething period; but sooner or later they must learn that the house of God and family altar is a time of worship, and quietness and reverence are to be observed. And don't you think it should be sooner than later?

Before I was married I told the Lord that I didn't want a home at all if it couldn't be a place where love reigned. A holiness home of all places, should be a place where love and kindness, and thoughtfulness are found. My heart has always rebelled at children raised in holiness homes fighting and quarreling and snarling at each other. The two just don't go together. The home is the testing ground for genuine holiness. "Be ye kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another" is one of the first scriptures our little ones learn; but I do confess learning to say it comes easier than learning to practice it. There are several methods of learning to practice it. If the cause of bickering and quarreling is some toy; it is taken away and put up with the explanation that "if we are going to quarrel over this then no one can have it. We must learn to share our toys and play together." If someone has been scratched or slapped or ill-treated then punishment is administered. Sometimes both, or all, are guilty; some for teasing and the other for fighting back. But we don't leave it with the paddle-board; there is a time of saying, "I'm sorry. Forgive me for (whatever it

was)." Sometimes this is more effective than the paddle. And sometimes the paddle must be used again to enforce this part. But physical punishment that has left the child redfaced and screaming and kicking because he had a paddling is not worth much. The principle involved should be kept in mind. If it's obedience that you are after just stay with it until you have accomplished your purpose.

Consistency is another important factor. To laugh at something today and punish for it tomorrow only makes for confusion in the child's mind. Or to punish for something today and completely over-look it tomorrow is also confusing. May the Lord help us holiness mothers! We surely need wisdom, for we are not only feeding mouths, we're forming lives. And the value of these first five or six years we have them cannot be over-estimated.

How is your child "known," mother? Do people know him as being a big "bully," a "smartAleck," or a rowdy? Is she known as being sweet and kind or is she "snooty" and peevish? Remember "Even a child is known by his doings." And he not only reflects on the home he comes from and the church he attends, but also on the Christ he professes to know.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. Norene Zink

Editor's note: Amen!

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The general board has approved a group insurance policy for all our preachers, members of the general board, and employees of the general church. You will be receiving further information as to the price etc. by letter.

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WATCHMAN WHAT OF THE NIGHT?

By The Late Jimmie Aaron

When we hear one speaking of a watchman we immediately think of one who stands at the gate of a big factory and warns of dangers which may come in the night. This is true in one sense, but I want us to look into God's word for a more forceful meaning, for us, as preachers and even Christians. Before I begin I want to say that this message is based purely on God's word and is God inspired.

Throughout God's word, "His watchmen," means Israel's spiritual leaders or we might say God's prophet or preacher. Let us look at a number of scriptures:

Isaiah 62:6: "I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace by day nor by night; ye that make mention of the Lord, keep silence." (Could this mean preachers should never fail to cry out against sin?)

Ezekiel 13:17: "Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel. Therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me." (In other words, call worldliness, worldliness; sin, sin; and black, black. Regardless of the ear ticklers etc.)

Isaiah 52:8: "Thy watchman shall lift up the voice." (Unafraid and desiring to see souls saved from the burning.)

Jeremiah 6:17 "Also I set a watchman over you, saying Harken to the sound of the trumpet." (Admonish people to hear the wooing voice of the Holy Ghost. God said my spirit shall not always strive with man.)

One could write at length concerning the former scriptures, but God's great prophet, Isaiah brought everything to a point concerning the watchmen. I am afraid many so-called preachers of yester-years and today fall into this same category. Let's hear the words of Isaiah speak from his writings:

Isaiah 56:10-11: "His watchmen are blind, they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yes they are greedy dogs which never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot own ways."

Let us look into this scripture a little further. If preachers would turn from these things mentioned in the scripture, there would be no ear ticklers and false prophets. Isaiah gave us an outline in these two verses, which paint a picture of the prophets of today. We will follow this outline closely.

I. His watchmen are blind. Imagine God's man supposedly blind! You say, how are they blind and in what way?

A. They are blind as guides. Matthew 23:16, "Woe unto you ye blind guides!" I can see in my mind's eye the preachers by the groves who will stand at the judgment bar of God, guilty of blindness -- failing to lead their flock into holiness. And brother, when I speak of holiness I mean made pure, clean, spotless, on the outside as well as on the inside. I take no stock, whatsoever, in the eternal security holiness group.

You say, "What do you mean by a statement such as this; holiness folk don't believe in eternal security." You are right friend, the true old-time death route holiness folk do not. But I speak of these smart fellows who can run off to the ball games, join their secret orders, go to the rodeos, build their church kitchens, have their big home movies (Television) in their parlors. They will tell you, "We shouldn't be too radical, don't give too much light from the pulpit; preach on love and nice things. Don't shake the bush too much. You might stir up too many snakes. Don't stir up the devil, you might run off people."

God help us! Beloved reader, when one is filled with the Holy Ghost all this takes flight. One just cannot hang on to the world and profess holiness of heart without bordering on the doctrine of eternal security.

B. Then the watchmen are blind unto perfection. Matthew 5:48: "Be ye therefore perfect even as your father in Heaven is perfect."

Man was created a perfect and holy being by a perfect and holy God. Man, through his unwillingness to obey and failing to recognize sin, fell from this state. (I believe with all my heart that this is one of the greatest causes of backsliding today.)

But because of this God sent His own son to make a way of escape. We are not to continue in sin but to be born again, sanctified whol]g and then go on to perfection. This perfection we are speaking of is not a definite 'crisis experience or it is not a growth into holiness. It is this perfection which a sanctified man or woman strives after continually. It should be the desire of every sanctified person to be more like Christ. This is what we mean by going on into perfection.

Hebrews 6:11: "Therefore leaving the doctrine of Jesus Christ, let us go on into perfection."

Few preachers really have the Holy Ghost in their hearts, much less the power of leading their flock on into this perfection. Do not get me wrong, one man can't lead any group into perfection, but if any man should be so close to being perfect or Christlike, it is God's watchman or preacher.

Can you see the true picture of Jesus' words found in Matthew 5:14, "How can the blind lead the blind?" It is utterly impossible and yet thousands upon thousands are following blind guides; trying to find something to satisfy their hearts. Why IS this? God's watchmen are blind afraid to cry out against sin -- afraid of the people. God help me and help every holiness preacher never to be blind guides.

C. His watchmen are not only blind guides but they are blind as fire brands. This may seem to be an incorrect way to use the words, "fire brand," but I don't know of a better term to use. God knows we need more old-time, fire-fillecl, Holy Ghost anointed preachers.

Zeeh. 3:2: "A brand plucked out of the fire." (We are useless without it.)

What happened to Peter on the day of Pentecost to change him so? The Holy Ghost came and filled him to overflowing. How did the Holy Ghost come?" As tongues of fire." Peter had the holy fire burning in his soul until after preaching he saw three thousand men converted at one time.

John, the Baptist, said, "And He (Jesus) shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire."

What was it that drew the crowds in the brush-arbor days? I'll tell you, they, including the preachers, had the Holy Ghost fire burning in their hearts. Why is it hard to have a revival of any kind today? I'll tell you why. We, including the preachers, don't have the glory down anymore. This brings me to my next point. Preachers need the fire to stir people from luke-warmness; the disease which the devil has turned loose on the church world today. The flags of indifference and spiritual

cowardice are flying freely above the once-spiritual church. Where once the shouts of victory rang, the sport program has taken over; where once the songs of Zion were lifted up, the formal robed choirs have taken their place; where once the Wednesday night prayer meeting was a feast of God's blessing, the church kitchen has turned it into a dining social.

Why all of this? No fire. No glory. We are living in the Laodicean age where luke-warmness is prevailing. And beloved, I believe God is grieved in His loving heart and is crying out,

Ezekiel 33:11: "Oh, why will ye die (eternal death), O House of Israel."

Rev. 3:14-16: "Ye are neither hot nor cold, but lukewarm and I will spue you out of my mouth."

It has been said that one could tell the moral conditions of any nation by the way the women dress. I believe it also could be said that one could tell the conditions of any church by the way the preacher preaches.

II. His watchmen are not only blind guides but dumb dogs, which cannot bark. What use is a shepherd dog that won't bark when the wolf comes upon the flock? They were told to keep not silence, but to cry out and warn against sin. Not just sin, as we think of it as being a transgression against God's law or walking back of light. Either of these will damn a soul and we hear sermons preached quite often along this line. But I am more concerned with the sin we call "unto death." We never hear much preaching about the un-pardonable sin. Nevertheless, just as sure as we are living our lives today there is someone who said no to God his or her last time. This person may never have heard a message along this line even though God's Bible is full of cases where men and women grieved away God's Spirit and are in hell now and will be forever. It is God's watchmen's obligation and duty to preach this truth and to point out the dangers of crossing the dead line. One cannot spit in God's face forever; and one cannot trample the blood stained banner of Jesus Christ forever; for there is a line which is drawn by rejecting God and many are in the state of living a life with no hope, and yet there is very little preaching along this line. Wake up, watchmen!

A. Then God's watchmen are silent in crying out against the pit holes of the world. Has the doctrine of holiness changed? Are the manuals of holiness churches any different? Will it not take the same Christ and way of living to save a soul today as it did back in the days gone by?

If our manuals and doctrines have not changed, and they haven't for the most part; and it takes the same thing to save people today, and we know it does, why is it then there is no mentioning of the theater, the ball room, the ball game, mixed bathing, and other present day evils? I believe I have the answer. They are afraid of the people and the almighty dollar is in their way, until they have become dumb dogs that cannot bark.

It has been said, "The idle mind is the devil's work shop." So it is true that the silent preacher is the enlarger of the devil's kingdom.

B. Then the watchmen cannot warn because they lift not up a standard: Isaiah 62:10:
"Prepare ye the way of the people, cast up the highway, gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people."

We don't hear much about standards today. We are told not to preach them lest we harm or hurt the poor sheep. But tell me this friend, "How did the holiness movement start?" In a rosebed, a flower garden, a tea party affair? No sir. It started in a blaze of fire in old theater buildings, brush arbors, homes, and barns, with preachers preaching the rugged truth, calling sin -- sin, and worldliness -- worldliness. I have heard my grandad tell of the old Methodist preachers risking their lives but never failing to uphold the true gospel and the standards of God's Holy Word. It is the preacher's place to gather out the stones and point out the way for God's people to walk.

Preacher friend, what if you and I preach to others and at the end face our Jesus and hear Him say, "When I was hungry ye gave me no meat, I was athirst and ye gave me no drink; I was a stranger and ye took me not in, naked and ye clothed me not: sick and in prison, and ye visited me not." And we will say, "Lord when did we do these things unto you?" And Christ will say, "Inasmuch as you did it not to one of the least of these ye did it not also unto me."

Watchmen, it is our duty to minister unto people who are in need spiritually and we cannot do it by preaching a smooth, pink lemonade gospel. The gospel has stood the test for years; has always been the old-rugged, sinkilling, death-route religion. This is the kind of gospel the Holy Ghost teaches. Lift up a standard, preachers. It is your place to do so according to God's word.

III. His watchmen are sleeping and seem so unconcerned today.

A. They are inactive, dead, feeling no obligation, lazy, no will power, afraid to cry out against sin. Let the church grow cold and lose its burden. It is just our source of income, we haven't the time for personal work.

No wonder church people have brought in their home movies. It's no wonder they stay at home and watch the gambling programs, murders and nudity instead of coming to church. Their spiritual leader has one and besides all of that he dismisses church early so they can go home and see their favorite programs. The preacher himself has no thought for their soul and if God's man has forgotten, why should we worry?

They (watchmen) are inactive while souls go to hell from their own beloved Zion. Oh, if we only knew the heartaches of people, church members, who have not been fed by their spiritual leader for months, we would all go to our knees. People deceived by the thousands by cold and formal preachers -- I mean holiness preachers. And yet they are unconcerned seemingly, but beloved, there is coming a day when the great Judge shall point His righteous finger in their face and say, "Depart, ye wicked ones into everlasting punishment." God help me not to be numbered with this multitude.

B. Not only are his watchmen sleeping but they are sluggards. It is one thing to be sleepy and lazy and then it is another thing to be a sluggard.

A sluggard is one who can hapoily lie down to sleep while lost humanity streams by his window screaming for help. But he loves to slumber; rather for his associate pastor to make the call on his backslidden church people. But one thing for certain, the associate pastor must admonish them to be faithful with their tithes, because they are still members of the church, even though they wear their rings, short sleeves, low necklines, thin apparel (this includes the men), and my goodness, yes, go on and look at your TV that doesn't hurt you any. Sure you can do all of this and belong to my church, that is as long as you pay your tithes.

You say that does not sound like a holiness preacher. Why friends, the holiness movement is jammed packed with drones. (A drone is one who lives off the labor of others. He is like the drone bee. A male bee without a sting, but yet gets his fill of honey.) In plain spoken words he is a sluggard. And so is the watchman who feeds himself on the labors of his flock.

C. The last verse of my text implies that the watchman here was a greedy dog. That is pretty close preaching, is it not, preacher?

You who clothe yourself in the wool of your flock and partake of its fat for your belly; you who want to get your fill regardless of what happens to your flock. This is the reason God's precious people are scattered abroad across this great country of ours. They have no spiritual leader who loves their soul. Can you see God's people today, preacher friend, as Isaiah saw them: a people which had no shepherd and the wolves came to devour them, and there was no one to protect or even to cry out a warning. Where was the shepherd? He was asleep.

Isaiah 21:11: "Watchman what of the night?" "Watchman what of the night?"

Your for lost souls, Jimmie Aaron

(Bible Missionary Church) 104 Main Street, Duncan, Oklahoma

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ATTENTION ALL DISTRICT HOME MISSION CHAIRMEN

It was voted by the general board that the Chairman of each area be responsible for those who are orgaanizing churches in his area. He must approve each campaign if it is to receive financial assistance f r o m the general church. Also each chairman shall be responsible for the placing of pastors in his territory. If he needs assistance he is to advise with the General Moderator. Also p l e a s e report each church organized, with its location and the name and address of the pastor and Sunday School Superintendent, and secretary, to our General Secretary, Mr. A. L. Crane, Box 392, Nampa, Idaho.

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A FREE PARAPHRASE OF I CORINTHIANS THIRTEEN.

Though in the glamour of the public eye,

I am able to sway the emotions of mankind
By my oratory, or by my singing, or by my praying--

And then go home and gripe because supper is not ready,
Or because my clothes are not made to suit me.
I am become a sounding brass or a tinkling symbol.

And though I am able to impress others
Of my vast knowledge of the deep things of the word of God,
So that I am become famous among men as a remover of mountains
And have not the love that reads the deep longing
Of those hearts around the family circle--
Or removes the barriers that grow up in those shy and tender hearts, I am nothing.

And though in the glamour of public praise,
I bestow all my goods to feed the poor--
And though I win the name and fame of a martyr
By giving my body to be burned,
And yet at home close up like a clam, or behave like a snapping turtle,
Knowing nothing of the glory of giving myself in unstinted,
Self-denying sacrifice to those who are the nearest and dearest--
I am nothing.

Love is never impatient but is kind.
Love knows no jealousy, makes no parade and gives itself no airs.
Love is never rude, seeks not her own nor fights for her own rights,
Is never resentful and never imagines that others are plotting
Against her, never broods over wrong, never exults over the mistakes of others--
But is truly gladdened by goodness. Love suffereth silently,
Is always patient, always thankful, always kind.

Home is the acid test of the truly yielded life.
For in all other phases of Christian service there is a certain amount of glamour,
But in the home we are faced with the facts of life,
exempt of all glamour.
It is in the home that we have this glorious privilege of
Demonstrating that there is truly a faith that worketh by love.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

By vote of the General Board the second general conference of the Bible Missionary Church has been called. The Conference will be held at Duncan, Oklahoma and will begin on

Tuesday night, September 24 and will continue through Sunday night, September 29, 1957. We solicit the prayers of our members and friends everywhere that once again we may be honored by the mighty presence of the Holy Ghost in this conference. It is ofir humble and sincere desire to glorify God The Father, lift up Jesus Christ, The Son of God, and honor the Holv Ghost in this conference. We invite all our members and friends to attend this conference. Address all correspondence concerning the conference to Rev. J. E. Cook, P. O. Box 727, Duncan, Oklahoma.

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THE FOLLOWING BOOKS MAY BE ORDERED FROM
2601 N. Federal Blvd., Denver, Colorado

[As currently irrelevant, I have omitted the prices. -- DVM]

Perfect Love
Old Wine in New Bottles
Holiness & Power
Earthen Vessels
Foxes Book of Martyrs
Reese Howell's Intercessor
Preacher and Prayer
Impressions
Binney's Theological Compend
Plain Account of Christian Perfection
The Making of a Sermon
Tongue of Fire
With Christ in the School of Prayer
Deeper Experiences of Famous Christians
Abiding Love
Rape of America

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OFFICE SECRETARY EMPLOYED

Due to the tremendous amount of mail coming to the General Office at Denver it was decided by the General Board to employ Brother Melvin LeCrone as office secretary. Order all books, manuals, Sunday School literature etc. and address all correspondence regarding the general church to 2601 N. Federal Blvd., Denver, Colorado. Brother LeCrone will be glad to assist you in any way that he can.

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CHURCH NEWS

Brother R. P. Hennigan writes from Miami, Florida:

It has been three months since we obeyed the spirit and went out to preach under the skies. We left a wonderful group of people and a \$16,000 parsonage and an 85 dollar a week salary. But no one knows the joy we have had these three months. God has put His approval upon our move and has given us a wonderful little group to serve. He has been increasing our membership right along and we do praise God. We appreciate our wonderful leaders in the Bible Missionary Church, Brother Glenn Griffith and Brother Elbert Dodd. If you have friends in Miami and want us to contact them write us at 2215 N.W. 86th Street, Miami, Florida. Our phone number is Plaza-10149.

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Alliance, Nebraska -- Word has just come that Brother Johansen and brother Arthur Morgan organized the church at Alliance. May God bless the new church there.

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Brother E. T. Harris has been at Gainesville, Texas and organized a Bible Missionary Church there. We have not heard yet who the pastor is.

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Brother Griffith organized a good church in Pasadena, California. Brother Wayne States is carrying on the work there until they decide on a pastor.

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Shreveport, La.--Had a great service and took pledges on the building fund. Pledged up \$2075.00 to be paid by July 1. Also a lady Dledged her 58 acre farm over in Texas. A wonderful group of people at Shreveport.

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Brother Dodd organized a new Church at Snover, Michigan.

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Brother and Sister George Harvey, pastors of our church at Enterprise near Titusville, Penna. have a baby boy, George Gary, born October 10th.

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Word has come that they have a new parsonage at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Also a new church building at Boise, Idaho. God bless Brother George Roberts and the wonderful folk there.

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Brother E. J. Wilson has been getting along better according to the last report we had from out that way. Continue to pray for him.

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Pray for Brother and Sister Bob Barker, they were in a serious accident and both badly injured.

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Pray much for Brother G. V. Grubbs, one of our licensed ministers at Muncie, Indiana. Sister Grubbs was killed when a train struck her car. She was a wonderful Christian and was secretary of our Sunday School at Muncie, Indiana. They had a little baby. Brother Paul King, their pastor writes that it was such a shock to all but that she had such wonderful victory and was so happy in the Lord at church just the day before her home going. We extend our heart-felt sympathy to Brother Grubbs. Don't fail to pray for him.

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Remember to pray for Brother Chester Crowell. He has been down with pneumonia. He is our pastor at Arcadia, Indiana.

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Sister Lucille King, our pastor's wife at Muncie, Indiana has also been sick with pneumonia. Remember her in your prayers.

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Brother Dwight Grant writes from Detroit, Michigan. He says they are getting along wonderfully and the Lord is really blessing the work there. He has moved to a new address. If you have friends in and around Detroit that you wish him to contact, write him at 14319 Cruse, Detroit, Michigan. Phone Vermont 60308. He says they are having a great revival with Brother James Corder.

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Kennewick, Wash. -- We recently closed a gracious revival meeting which continued four Sundays with Rev. Lowell Foster as evangelist. The ministry of this man of God was clear, forceful and brought conviction to those who needed God. Brother Foster was faithful in lifting up Christ as the only Saviour and Sanctifier and he also lifted up a standard for the people. There were a number of definite victories, and the fruit of the revival remains. The church was helped and new people were contacted. Since the revival, new people have been in the services and God has blessed with seekers at the altar. Kennewick is the only Bible Missionary Church in

Washington state, but we have reached out to Walla Walla to the east and Yakima and Union Gap to the west. We give God all praise and glory for all that has been accomplished. Pray for us in this needy field. -- Carl J. Kinzler, pastor

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Denver, Colo.---November first, Denver church started in revival with Rev. H. B, Huffman from Onego, W. Va. Bro. Huffman is God's consecrated servant and preaches without fear or favor with much tenderness until anyone who wants to be honest cannot resent his straight preaching. The prayer room was very active every nite before the service, and for 27 nites there was not less than 20 and as many as 40 who came to petition God for a Holy Ghost revival, much fasting was done by our people; many services passed without an invitation being made to seek God. When God's time came the people began to seek God very earnestly and many services went without preaching for the altar voluntarily lined with hungry people who wanted God more than to let the preacher preach. Each Sunday morning at six o'clock we have prayer meeting; the second Sunday morning of the meeting the prayer meeting lasted until 12:00 noon. As the people came in for S. S. they fell at the altar and began seeking with those who were seeking and three S. S. classes were formed to take care of those who were not praying and at about noon the praying subsided and testimonies of those who got through were given and we took the offering and went home.

The Sunday night before there was no place to preach with over 40 at the altar, many services were like this and only on the last Sunday night was there a word of invitation sung to get people to the altar.

Conviction was prayed down, preached on and God did office work. People who had never been saved before prayed clear through to victory. Restitution was made, confessions were made, much "Humble Pie" eaten and God gave us a revival. Finances came easy with no pull at all. A class of nine was received into the church in the "old fashioned" way, with at least fifteen more to come. On the last Sunday morning nearly \$3000.00 was underwritten to help on the indebtedness of the church property. Many new people knelt at the altar and found God. Best of all the revival is still on and in the following two Sundays 45 people have knelt at the altar and found God, many more new ones and the end is not yet praise the Lord. We boast not of ourselves but say that we know Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever, and give Him all the glory.

Pray for us in Denver,
Your humble servant,
L. P. Roberts, pastor

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A WORD OF REPORT FROM BROTHER DODD

In November I was out in Idaho for a revival with the Emmett Bible Missionary Church. Bro. E. J. Wilson is the pastor, and what a wonderful group of holiness people is at Emmett. God met with us in the revival in a wonderful way. The pastor was sick, and not able to attend many of the services, but Bro. Davis carried on in a wonderful way. This group has bought a wonderful

church building, and a nice parsonage but with all this, they have paid in around \$1400.00 for the general cause since the conference at Denver. Bro. Wilson is a wonderful man of God and is doing a great work at Emmett.

While at Emmett, we had a Sunday afternoon holiness rally with the Mother Church at Midway, where Bro. Alva Turner is the pastor. He is God's man for this place, and this hour.

The Midway church is one of the best, most spiritual churches that I have ever ministered to. Although several groups have gone out of this church to start other Bible Missionary Churches, new people are coming, and God is meeting with them, and the crowds are better than they have ever been, also the finances are coming on in a wonderful way.

Several services recently there was no preaching, and when I saw Bro. Turner at the General Board meeting, the 19th of December, he reported 15 at the altar on Sunday night before he came to the board meeting. Surely this is a wonderful group of old fashioned holiness people. They hope to be able to move into their new church building by the time of the holiness convention in February. We praise God for these wonderful people in the great Northwest.

I also had the privilege of visiting with Bro. George Roberts, our pastor at Boise. God is blessing in the work at Boise, and Bro. H. B. Huffman held a good revival for Bro. Roberts, and while in the revival they started the church building, and moved into it before the revival closed. Praise God for this great victory.

I also visited with our pastor, Bro. Turner at Ontario. They are worshipping in the basement of his house, but have a nice lot next door for their new church. Bro. Turner is a good humble man of God, and we enjoy being with him.

Surely God has called us to the kingdom for such a time as this, and has given us a wonderful group of consecrated preachers, and laymen who love the old fashioned way, and are going all out for God.

Surely these are wonderful days, and every preacher that I have talked to tells me they were never happier in their lives. And I can truthfully say, I never felt like I was in the will of God more than I do now.

-- Elbert Dodd, General Moderator

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"A woman's hair is the ornament appointed by God. To cut it off or to cover it is an unnatural practice; and to exchange the hair which God has given for hair of some other colour, is an insult to the creator." -- Adam Clarke, "Clarke's Commentary," vol. VI, p. 857 b.

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EVANGELISTS

S. Ward Adams & Wife (Singers, Musicians, Scene-O-felt) Belsano, Penna.

David Allison, Trevecca Nazarene College, Nashville, Tenn.

T. M. Anderson, Wilmore, Kentucky

Harvey & Joan Best, (Singers & Musicians) Box 249, Madison, Indiana -- Jan. 29-Feb. 10, Indianapolis, Ind. -- Feb. 20-March 3, Terre Haute, Ind.

W. C. Bowman, 265 Bellevue Ave., Marion, Ohio

John R. Bradford, Box 63, Frankfort, Indiana

Addie Butler, Route 5, Box 730, Shreveport, La.

Bud Campbell, 351 Murfreesboro Road, Nashville, Tennessee.

The Christianaires (Singers & Musicians) "Southside" Oneonta, N. Y.

Troy Cook & Wife (Singers & Musicians) Route 2, Ames, Iowa

A. L. Crane & Wife (Singers & Musicians) Box 392, Nampa, Idaho

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Wilson Douglass, Route I, Oak Grove, Louisiana

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G. V. Grubbs, 3100 Hackley St., Muncie, Indiana

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E. T. Harris, 410 Atwater St., Burlington, N. C.

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H. B. Huffman, Onego, West Va.

Tom Jarvis, 5580 Federal Blvd., Denver, Colo.

Kenneth Johansen, Route 2, Kearney, Nebraska

Spencer Johnson, 3613 Ernest St., Lake Charles, La.

Carl Kallsen, 93 Lester Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

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David R. Kinnaman & Wife (Preacher & Singers) Knightstown, Indiana

John Thomas Korb, Burr Oak, Kansas

Ed Kramer, 1634 South Santa Fe, Wichita 11, Kansas -- Feb. 10-24, Cyclone, Penna. -- Feb. 27-March 10, Tyrone, Penna. -- March 12-24, Cincinnati, Ohio -- April 7-21, Tollansbee, W. Va. -- April 23-May 5, Wellsboro, Penna. -- May 8-19, Provenceil, La.

Roy Lewis, Route 1, Albany, Indiana

Leslie F. Laeger, 903 West Willow St., Walla Walla, Wash.

Rickey Lauson, Jr., Trevecca Nazarene College, Nashville, Tenn.

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Eleanor Matthiesson, (Singer) Route 1, Emmett, Idaho

Auxford Meyers, Box 1213, Anniston, Alabama.

Elmer E. Michael, 1406 - 6th Ave., Jasper, Alabama -- Feb. 10-24, Emmet, Idaho -- Feb. 26-March 10, Boise, Idaho -- Open dates after March 10th.

Paul & Janet Miller (Preacher & Singers) 328 Bellefonte Ave., Lock Haven, Penna.

Marlin E. Moore & Wife (Preacher & Singers) Aaronsburg, Penna.

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J. E. Ray, 2004 McCallie Street, Chattanooga, Tenn.

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George V. Young & Wife (Singers & Children's workers) Route 1, Hellertown, Penna.

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HE'S ALL THE WORLD TO ME

(Can be sung to the tune of "That Little Boy of Mine")

He's all the world to me,
From sin He set me free,
To Him I'll always be,
A servant true.

He loved me from the start;
And filled my inmost heart

With a love that will never depart
Forever more.

Because He loved me so,
His Son from Heaven He sent,
To sanctify my soul,
The vale of the temple was rent.

He's all the world to me,
From sin He set me free,
To Him I'll always be,
A servant true.

-- By George A. Kolva

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THE ORPHANAGE

Brother Adams writes that they are getting to a good start at the orphanage. God has been blessing with a good revival under the direction of Brother Paul Finch. There are a few things which would greatly assist in the work of the orphanage. They are in need of musical instruments. If there are people who have musical instruments that you are not using they could be put to good use at the orphanage. They could use cornets, trumpets, alto horns, trombones, baritones, clarinets, saxophones, flutes, three fourths or full size violins, mandolin, rhythm instruments, accordions, and music stands. They could also use some good mechanic tools. Continue to pray for the orphanage.

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