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Holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, for ever. (Psalms 93:5)

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THE CRUCIBLE OF PENTECOST Or Humanity's Melting Pot

By Glenn Griffith

Acts 2:1-12

"What meaneth this?" was the expression of astonishment, that burst from the lips of the gathered multitude as they witnessed the supernatural happenings before their eyes.

Here were men who just a few hours before were recognized as ordinary men, only they followed, after a fashion, Jesus of Nazareth, but had been living in fear of their lives, and had forsaken Him and fled. But now they come rushing out of an upper room without fear or embarrassment, witnessing that this Jesus whom this crowd had crucified was both Lord and Christ, and that this was the experience that was spoken of by Joel the prophet--that God would pour out His Spirit upon all flesh, as Jesus had promised in the 16th chapter of John when He said: "It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you. And when He is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment."

It meant that the hour of greatest importance to humanity had arrived,--That hour when, Jesus was manifested to "Destroy the works of the devil." It was when the hottest fire was kindled in eternity, and was like a blast furnace in a steel mill that would melt the hardest of minerals until all the alloy, and slag, and foreign particles were melted out and only the pure metal was left. This

pure metal was caught in a "crucible" that caught the pure metal after it had gone through the blast fire, and there it was melted, and waiting for molding hands to make it into valuable usages. This metal that was once scattered and mixed with dirt, slag, and impure metal found in the depth of a mountain has now been melted and run together, so it can be used for the good of humanity.

The upper room where Jesus had told his disciples to go, was turned into a divine Furnace, whose fires were so hot, and of such a nature, that they could refine the soul of a human being by burning from his being all the impurities of his nature and disposition. Instead of mineral slag this fire would burn up jealousy, pride, selfishness, anger, envy, strife, fear, and lethargy, and instead of melting minerals to run together--it melted the hardened heart, and caused the entire inner being, free from its mixtures of sin and rebellion, to run together in complete unity of Spirit until the human could love Christ without division or sin, with all of his soul, mind and strength, and his whole being was brought into harmony with the will of God.

Pentecost then became Humanity's "Melting Pot," preparing it for eternity and for the service of Christ and lost humanity. For now God could trust men who were in the "Crucible" and had stood its fires until nothing was left but pure manhood and womanhood, and they would do His will.

There are several things this withering, "Pentecostal Fire," did even besides purifying the individual heart and soul--;

One thing it melts Christians together until they are of one mind and one accord. Here were people from seventeen different nations, with different languages, different customs, different laws, different traditions, different bloods, and while it did not change their nationality, nor identity, it did melt and run them together in this melting pot until they all went out witnessing the same message, they all understood the language of Canaan. They were cleansed of having their own way of doing things back in the old church, and became like "Ruth," when she said, "Intreat me not to leave thee, . . . whither thou goest I will go . . . thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God: where thou diest I will die, and THERE will I be buried."

It seems to me that that is, and should be, the picture of our Bible Missionary Church -- we have come from many denominations, and some from no denomination, and our people have been trained in many schools of theology, and different church polity, but because WE as a people have professed to have been in "Pentecost's Crucible"--this fire must be kindled to such heat that it must melt and mold us into a new vessel "Meet for the Masters use" --FOR THIS GENERATION. We are no longer Midianites, etc. -- we are of the "Scattered" sheep of the house of Christendom, and only Pentecostal Fire can melt us into the unified evangelical, and missionary force to reach this dying, footsore, uncared for, broken generation of lost men and women and young people, and enable us to stand patiently against the withering blasts of smear, politics, and selfishness that will be hurled at us from thoughtless and unkind sources. We must be so blended together until our old identification slogans, and plans etc. are melted completely out, and we stand again as fresh characters from the blast furnace of the Pentecostal Room. No principle sacrificed, only the matter of doing things in a melted unity that is new.

This will be no small task for us all, but if I am willing to be melted, and molded for this final battle against the forces of darkness, and spiritual wickedness in high places, God will mold me so. While I feel that every local group should be as independent so as to plan its own program, and own its own property; Yet we must all be unified in the Spirit, and standards, and vision, and in accepting our obligations to the whole Church. and carry out in unity our responsibility to each other and this great harvest of souls for our Saviour.

Then too, there will be some differences, perhaps slight in the interpretation of some teachings that are more or less controversial; that is, some question on a certain interpretation of a scripture where good holy men--conscientious in their belief, and yet another just as conscientious see it a little different, again this melting fire of Pentecost will blend in harmony our efforts--if all are feeling their interpretation is not infallible--

For instance, take the divorce evil. There are none, but what feels and abhors the fact that it is the outstanding sin of this age. This sensual relationship has been the downfall of nations and people from time immemorial, and has brought the judgments of God upon humanity from the destruction of the Antediluvian Flood, until this present day--"They were eating, and drinking, and marrying and giving in marriage, and never knew until the flood came and took them all away, so shall it be at the coming of the Son of Man" or read Matt. 24:37-39. God's law and His judgments have not been able to stop it. Eccles. 8:11. "Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil."

Now this question and problem has been discussed and diagnosed by councils of great Christians, and leaders who were holy and conscientious, and while in consultation with large committees they have never yet solved it nor agreed on a definite interpretation so as to satisfy all concerned. Some were more or less extreme in their interpretation against divorce and remarriage, while others took a less extreme attitude. Now all these men were leaders and more or less molded the Holiness movements, and while they did not see this problem just eye to eye, yet again this melting quality of old fashioned Pentecostal fire molded them into a God-fearing, sin-killing agency and they struck their generations like a tornado, and while none were asked to compromise their convictions on this vital problem. they set their rules not on the extreme nor the exception to the rule, but steered their course to the radical side of the question with mercy and went all out for a holy ministry and a clean church vitalized by this Pentecostal baptism that made them flames of fire and helped them to generate genuine revivals that changed whole generations from sin to God and salvation.

I have never married a divorced couple and never will. I have never knowingly taken anyone into the church who did not have scriptural grounds for divorce. I feel that my judgment is not infallible, and I can trust in, and work whole-heartedly with men who are just as conscientious in their judgment and interpretation, and who are Godly and consistent along every other line of doctrine, and belief in this old fashioned holiness way.

This awful condition of mix up and moral madness is the reason that I am firmly a believer and a preacher of both a strong NEGATIVE and POSITIVE gospel. I believe the Church has failed in its preaching on the negative here. There must be such strong preaching against this dreadful sin that a real hell scare will come upon young people, and they will be afraid to venture down this

dangerous trail of broken homes. It must be preached with such passion, that husbands and wives who have a little trouble, or deep lying trouble in their home will be convinced that they had better not break up their home and cast the children out in the currents of life with a stigma upon them, but rather suffer and save any embarrassment, or run any risk of losing their souls. Such impassioned preaching, and teaching--precept upon precept and line upon line, will come nearer saving the home and the soul than any set of rules, that can be mis-interpreted, and abused. "We are saved by the foolishness of preaching." So let preaching and teaching be strong against all evils of the day (Negative) and after that present a flowing, melting Calvary (Positive), and it will light the way to a fountain filled with blood, and a glorious Pentecost and peace.

As far as this writer is concerned, I would rather DIE NOW than to knowingly compromise God's eternal Truth, or His Message to this dying generation. But I cannot see why WE should be held accountable to completely solve, and make rules satisfactory to everybody in this age. When no group, no church or committee of faithful leaders has been able to do this in any generation in the past. I believe in the lives of these great leaders of the past who probably did more in a few years than I will ever do, and were Godly and were just as wise and as conscientious as any person today, yet they were not able to satisfy everyone with their interpretation, but God helped them to mold their generation for God and Righteousness.

I believe with all my heart that if this generation of leaders will set their rules on the radical side with MERCY, and realize that the visible Church is not necessarily the DOOR to the Kingdom--for Christ is "that door," and no ONE will slip by HIM into that glorious invisible church without meeting all conditions. That we can work out a PLAN where holy, devoted, burdened and conscientious men can be "MELTED" together in that great "Faith that was once delivered to the saints," and mingle our prayers, sweat, and tears, and our blood if need be, and meet the challenge of this tragic hour to reach souls that are now in the treadmills of death.

No preacher or leader would be asked to compromise their God-given convictions, nor standards, but trust each other, and stand shoulder to shoulder in this final battle.

Then I notice another result that is characteristic of this "melting pot" experience--; These partakers of this fiery baptism were people from all walks of life, some fishermen, tax collectors, scholars, etc., but they were so melted together in the great endeavor of winning souls, that the only thing mentioned in particular was, that, "They had been with Jesus." I am convinced that God will use all kinds of men if they will go into this "fiery crucible" to reach this lost civilization of immortal souls, in fact the modern holiness movement for most part had for its leaders men, strong in faith, who were saved out of the rough, and had to learn the hard way of experience, but through this mighty experience were able to teach men how to find a "fountain filled with blood drawn from Emmanuel's veins." As E. M. Bounds puts it--"While the world looks for methods, and plans--GOD is looking for a man or men who will stand in the gap and make up the hedge for poor humanity." Oh God give us men. God made men. Men without shame. Men on fire. Men whose knees are used to being on the floor. Men with callused knees. Men who will not sell out to the world. Men whose hearts are broken because of a broken sinful generation. OH GOD give us men.

Yes LORD give us men who are not afraid to face the challenge of Pentecost. Men who are not afraid to face the smear campaign and persecution that goes with this ministry in this late day. Men whose only ambition is to please God and give themselves to this vital task.

Oh God. let this fire fall again, and set Thy ministers and people a flame. Knock the scales from the eyes of Thy followers until we shall never see this world again, but only God and His will and plan. Let it melt out all foreign particles that would deflect God's power and intent for this age and our lives.

The DAY OF GRACE is almost over. The Devil is mad because he knows his time is short. The pressure is mightily upon us all. Men are failing that I one time would have staked my life on, that they never would fail. It is time now when MEN WILL STAND UP and BE COUNTED. The ranks of old-fashioned Christians are thinning, and the Cults, and creeds are growing. The creature is being worshipped, more than the Creator. It is easier to drift than to stand against the strong tide of worldliness, and apostasy. It is more popular to be entertained than to give ourselves to this sweaty and dangerous task. But He will not fail us, now or ever. Bless His Name forever!

One of these TIMES we will again hear that cry--"Behold the bridegroom cometh, Go ye out to meet Him" -- and the astonished world that is unprepared will again stand in awe when the bride of blood washed saints have taken their flight -- "What Meaneth This." Let us be true. Let persecution come. Let friends forsake, and misrepresent us. It will all be forgotten and lost in the glory of His presence, when we patiently finish the race that is set before us. "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." I am glad I went to the upper room, and into the "melting pot of the ages." Amen.

Let us lose ourselves in thrusting in the sickle.

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"There is not a church on earth strong enough spiritually, financially or socially to support a church kitchen and an amen corner at the same time. When the kitchen comes in at the door the amens go out the window. They won't work together. Just why they won't work together is not so easy to answer as to ask, but we see there is no affiliation between them. The church kitchen has about the same effect on an amen corner that a snow storm has on a flock of wild geese; when the snow strikes them, they start for a warmer climate and you hear their sad, sweet song as they pass over you, going to a warm south land, and how sad to hear the old saints talk of old days long, long ago. What a sad day for the church when she exchanged her amen corner for a kitchen." -- Bud Robinson (Pitcher Of Cream, Page 61.)

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EDITORIAL
By Spencer Johnson

THE DIVORCE EVIL

No century has suffered such moral devastation from the divorce evil than has this so-called "Christian" twentieth century. The divorce evil has affected every age of man since the days of Noah when "the sons of God saw the daughters of men . . . and they took them wives of all which they chose." (Genesis 6:2) But never has it reached such a destructive crescendo in broken homes, blasted hopes, and blighted lives as in this demonized day in which we live.

This evil has many causes such as, the looseness and "broad-mindedness" of the age; the tendency among women to look and act like men until men, in general, have lost respect for them and have made them the play things of their evil passions; the glamorizing of the hellish husband and wife trading among the idolized and licentious group who make most of the movie and television films that influence multitudes of lives around the world; and selfish, independent, love and lucre which forces many a woman to work instead of becoming a homemaker. These are but a few of the contributing causes of this tragic ruin. Of course sin is the cancer from which all these causes spring as well as the fussing, quarreling, nagging, gnawing indifference and jealousy that makes many a man and woman give up hope and toss their helpless and innocent children into the turbid torrents of the murky waters of a merciless world.

Far too many have the mistaken idea that they can marry and then if they don't get along with their companion they can quit and start over with someone else. They have failed to realize that marriage is a lifetime proposition that should last until "death do us part."

A young woman was at the altar in a meeting in which my wife and I were laboring. We knew something of her background. A few months prior to the meeting she had grown tired of her husband and had left him. She was attending the meeting in company with another young man whom she intended to marry. After she had struggled for sometime, without victory, my wife suggested that perhaps she should plan to go back to her husband and build a Christian home for their children. We were amazed when she told us that she intended to divorce her husband (whom she admitted had been true and faithful to her) and marry this other man and then she and her new companion would both go to the altar, get saved, and have a Christian home! Our efforts to help her were in vain. She married the new husband and now has married a third time and professes to be living a Christian life!

There is absolutely but one ground upon which a person may divorce and remarry and that is when their companion has committed the dark sin of fornication or adultery which is moral infidelity to the marriage vow. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who is the guardian of purity and the champion of sexual virtue, declares, "But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery." (Matt. 5:32) "Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery." (Matt. 19:9)

Adam Clarke, commenting on this question wrote: "Saving for the cause of fornication, . . . on account of whoredom . . . It does not appear that there is any other case in which Jesus Christ admits of divorce. A real Christian ought rather to beg of God the grace to bear patiently and

quietly the imperfections of his wife, than to think of the means of being parted from her." (Clarke's Commentary, Volume V, page 74).

In regard to Matthew 19:9, Matthew Henry states: "He settles the point by an express law; I say unto you. (V. 9); and it agrees with what he said before (Ch. 5: 32) ; there it was said in preaching, here in dispute, but it is the same, for Christ is constant to himself. Now in both these places, (1) He allows divorce in case of adultery; the reason of the law against divorce being this, "They two shall be one flesh." If the wife play the harlot, and make herself one flesh with an adulterer, the reason of the law ceases and so does the law. By the law of Moses adultery was punished with death, Deut. 22:22. Now our Saviour mitigates the rigor of that, and appoints divorce to be the penalty." (Matthew Henry's Commentary, Vol. V.)

J. B. Chapman reconciled the statements of the Saviour given in Luke with the ones in Matthew. The question was asked, "Please tell me why Matthew 19:9 gives one ground upon which divorce may be secured, while Luke 16:18 does not give any grounds, but seems to forbid it. Answer: There is not inconsistency here. Luke stops with statement of general prohibition, while Matthew gives, in addition to the general prohibition, the one exception allowed. One must take all the Bible says on any subject before he can justly say what the Bible actually teaches regarding it." (J. B. Chapman, Ask Doctor Chapman, page 138139.)

W. B. Godbey wrote: "The popular ignorance of the meaning of divorcement is a source of much error, trouble and confusion. The word Jesus uses for divorcement is "apostasia," and simply means apostasy . . . The Lord's people often lose ground to an extent, without forfeiting their place in the kingdom. He bears with them and holds them with his hand, until the auspicious hour when they will see their awful mistake and right-about-face. Therefore the backslider frequently lives an up-and-down life, stumbling, catching his steps and regaining his position inside of the kingdom; whereas the apostate is the poor backslider who has actually been so signally defeated by the adversary, as to get sidetracked, deflected, stranded, ditched and recaptured by the devil, till he is utterly gone over, and his last state is worse than the first.

This is the word used by our Saviour for divorcement, therefore it means the relegation of the parties back into celibacy, where matrimony found them, therefore they have a perfect right to get married, just as they did before they ever entered into matrimony.

There is but one case in which a divorcement is valid, and that is when either of the parties has broken the matrimonial covenant by the sin of adultery or fornication, therefore the innumerable divorcements given by the states are utterly null and void." (W. B. Godbey, Holy Wedlock, pages 1221). "There is absolutely but one justifiable cause of divorce, and that is the dark sin of adultery, which in its very nature destroys the conjugal unity, and thus nullifies the matrimonial covenant, making them twain again, the divorcement being but a recognition of the fact that their matrimonial unity, being destroyed, is now null and void." (W. B. Godbey, Commentary on The New Testament, Vol VII, page 212)

The Manual of the Bible Missionary Church states: "We believe that there is no other ground for divorce except that specified in the Word of God; namely, fornication or adultery; and

that persons otherwise divorced by the civil law, and who subsequently remarry, live in adultery, and are therefore unworthy of membership in the Bible Missionary Church."

A. B. Simpson said, "There is provision for divorce under the law of Christ, but it is only on one condition, a breach of the marriage vows by literal unfaithfulness and immorality. Then the innocent party has the right to divorce the guilty, and that carries with it the right of the innocent to remarry, but the divorced one, the guilty one, has not this right of remarriage, and such remarriage is adultery, not only on the part of the divorcee, but also the partner of the new marriage. Christ makes no provision for minor grounds of divorce, and we should be very careful in upholding the sanctity of marriage and the strictness and righteousness of His holy law." (A. B. Simpson, The Gospel of Matthew, page 185)

The innocent party is that one who lived clean and pure and was faithful and kind and did all in their power to save their home. One certainly is not innocent if they gave way under the pressure and committed the same sin! People who divorce and remarry ;or any other reason than that their: companion sinned against them by committing adultery, are under the condemnation of God as home breakers and adulterers. A trip to the altar and a profession of an experience will not make it right for them to continue to live together in the marital relation. They can no more continue to live together and keep saved than a man who steals a horse can be a Christian and keep the horse. In this kind of a situation the sin of adultery is both an act (The act of getting married) and a state of being.

John the Baptist in preaching to Herod, who was living in adultery with his brother's wife, said, "It is not lawful for thee to have her." (Matt. 14:4) Not only was it wrong for Herod to marry his brother's wife but it was still wrong for him to be living with her. Sin must not only be confessed but it must be forsaken. "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him ;" (Isa. 55:7)

The Bible Missionary Church recognizes that divorce evil is one of the greatest evils among civilized man and it has taken a radical stand against it, yet, with mercy toward that innocent person who has been crushed and sinned against. The first General Conference took steps to protect the ministry of the Church from this evil. On page 36 of the first General Conference Journal it records, "Motion carried unanimously that a minister who is divorced and remarried shall not be ordained except on approval of the General Moderators and the General Board." Furthermore, the Manual states, "A preacher also shall be free to preach his convictions." The statement in the Manual is the minimum. A preacher must be as hard against divorce as the Manual states and he can go as far beyond the statement of the Manual as his conscience and convictions lead.

Personally, I have never recommended that a divorced person remarry, though I have mercy on that innocent person who is already involved in such a sad situation. Moreover, I have never performed a marriage ceremony for a divorced person, even though they were innocent, and I never will.

It is the feeling of our General Moderators that none of our preachers should ever perform marriage ceremonies for any divorced person. It is possible that this feeling may be translated into a regulation and be placed in our Manual at the next General Conference.

I know of no other church that takes a stronger stand against divorce and yet has mercy toward that unfortunate person who is the victim of the sinful circumstances of another's making.

May God help us to stand united against this awful foe of the American home. May we cry aloud and spare not, and lift up Christ as the wonderful panacea for all the vices of this sin benighted world.

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THE CARNAL MIND LEADS TO DEATH
By Rev. Elbert Dodd

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Romans 8:5-9

"For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

"For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

"Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

"So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

"But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His."

TEXT Romans 8:6

"For to be carnally minded is death; . . ."

The word "flesh" that is used here in Romans really means the "carnal mind." So if you will keep that in mind, it will make the scripture more meaningful to you. It really means, "the carnal nature." And to keep this carnal nature will lead to death. First we want to prove by the Bible that carnality is a fact. In Psalms 51:5 David says, "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." As you know, David was inspired by the Holy Ghost to write this scripture. Then if you will turn to Romans 5:12, note the 17th verse, "For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ." Verse 18, "Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; .. ." Then in Ephesians 2:3 we find, ". . . and were by nature the children of wrath .. ." To me this proves beyond a shadow of doubt, that carnality is a fact. If you will notice in the lives of Jesus' disciples, we know that they were born again because they came rejoicing because the devils were subject to them, and Jesus said, "Rejoice not because the devils are subject unto you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven." Yet they showed the evidences of carnality by their desire for one to be on the right hand and the other to be on the left and then another time to want to call fire down out of heaven on people. Then Paul writing in I Cor. 3:3 ". . . for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?" Now to me this proves beyond a shadow of a doubt, that carnality is a fact.

Second, we want to show the evidences of carnality. Paul gives what the fruit of the spirit is and then he gives the evidences or the fruit of the flesh. He said the works of the flesh are manifested and he named some of these things. Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulation, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings. These are found in Galatians 5:19-21. Now some evidences of carnality which we notice are one, they'll wrest the scriptures. Carnality will cause one to wrest the scriptures to their own damnation. They will twist them to suit their own ideas. You find that when people are carnal, they will set up ideas that they will say are conditions and if you cross these conditions they don't show the best spirit. Now if we wrest these scriptures to prove our point when we're knowingly doing this, then this is an evidence of carnality. Then misguided uneducated conscience is an evidence of carnality. Where one refuses to have their conscience educated for fear that they might find out something that wouldn't suit them. This is the crowd that will sit on church boards and will vote against a good straight radical holiness preacher coming and preaching to them. The reason they don't want him to come and preacher to them, ix because he may hit one of their pet sins and they don't want to give it up. Carnality does

not want to give up. Carnality is stubborn and mean and detestable and therefore if a preacher would come and show them some light and show them that they were carnal, the old man of sin doesn't want to die. He doesn't want to get out, therefore he will want to say and not be embarrassed. That is a fruit of carnality.

Carnality will help one to desire to cut words out of the Bible that speak on uprooting or destroying the old man of sin. Now, carnality would rather you talk about filling, and the power; receiving power for service. When one begins to talk about believing the Bible and the terms that Paul used, then the liberal carnal mind will resent that. When preachers preach on the power for service and the filling of the Spirit, more than the killing of the old man and the dying out and the crucifying of the old man, it is not the best sign. The old man doesn't want to die and be crucified, therefore he doesn't want a preacher preaching on this theory of eradication. Now some have talked about changing terms and terms would be better if we could use a different term, but still we would have to say that the old man would have to be eradicated and destroyed and crucified and burned out by the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire to stick to the truth of the Bible.

The liberalists who are of course affected by this carnal mind, would object to a lot of Paul's preaching and really might argue that Paul, if he lived in this day, wouldn't make statements like he did. They would say that we live in a different age, but friends, the Bible wasn't written for an age, but for a condition and Paul's teachings and writings were for a condition and whenever that condition develops, then that truth will fill that condition.

Another evidence of the old man of sin is the legalist view of things Liberalism is all mercy and no law and legalism is all law and no mercy. Jesus said, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy," And then He gave that commandment, "Be ye therefore merciful as your Father also is merciful." Carnality doesn't want to be merciful. We can't compromise with sin with anyone, our relatives or anyone else, but we can be merciful with our enemies and we will be, but a legalist takes the view that his notions or convictions and that if you don't line up with his convictions or his notions, then you're not right though you might try to show him where the Bible teaches he would still call you a compromiser if you didn't agree with him. Now Jesus really cried out against legalism over in Matthew. If you really want to see where legalism has been denounced, then turn over to the 23rd chapter of Matthew and read, "But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves. Woe unto you, ye blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor! Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifieth the gold? And, whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing; but whosoever sweareth by the gift that is upon it, he is guilty."

Jesus goes on to cry out against these who have turned to be legalists. They will pay tithe and wear long robes and yet leave off the weightier matters of the law. And He cries out against them, "For ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of

extortion and excess. Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also." And He goes on to talk about their beautiful outward appearance but within they are full of dead men's bones, and all uncleanness. These were the legalists and of course this was an evidence of carnality.

Pride and jealousy and anger are all evidences of carnality. Some may say Jesus looked around upon them with anger; He did in the temple when He saw them desecrate the temple in buying and selling and carrying on in the House of God. It was a righteous indignation and not a carnal anger and so anger that is carnal anger is backed by carnality.

Carnality is an awful enemy of God and God's law and humanity and carnality will cause you to do things that you can never undo. It will cause you to say things that you can never unsay. Oh friends, what an awful enemy carnality is and we should warn our people against this awful enemy that lurks within their souls after they're converted.

This is an awful black picture and if we had no hope and no God and no salvation we wouldn't know what to do, but thank God :r want to point you to a way of deliverance from this carnal mind. Now since this picture of carnality is such a black picture, certainly God made a way for one to get rid of this enemy of his soul that lives and lurks within his soul. So I want to point you the way of getting rid of this awful carnality.

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IMPOSSIBLE NEUTRALITY

By David Smith

Pastor, Berry, Alabama

Matt. 6:24 No man can serve two Masters.

I Kings 26:20 How long halt ye between two opinions.

Joshua 24:15 Choose you this day whom ye will serve.

Man cannot serve God and the devil at the same time. God and the devil are definitely opposite to each other. God and the devil never agree on any one thing, what I am trying to say is that nothing you do pleases God and the devil both. If you do to please God it displeases, the devil, if you do to please the devil it displeases God. There is no neutral ground between God and the devil. Praise the Lord!

Since it is a definite fact that God's will and the devil's will are opposite each other; let's just ask the devil a few questions, instead of asking God so much. if so and so is all right with Him. Let's just see if it is all right with the devil; they are having an all night singing at our church and I want to know if it will be all right with you if I attend. To be sure it will be, and more than that it is your duty. The church is sponsoring it and you are on the board. For you not to be there would show a bad spirit. They will sing one song then call on the pastor to pray. Then they will sing good Gospel songs, but now let's see why the devil said it would be all right for me to attend.

The singers are a worldly bunch of singers that know nothing about God and His love and grace. The night before they probably played and sang for a dance. Now go with me to the singing, one song and a prayer. (Oh, yes, never leave the prayer out). Then Mr. Song Leader gets up and sings, then calls on somebody else. Then somebody tells a good clean joke and everybody gets a good laugh. The worldly, bobbed-haired, jewelry-bedecked, singers, that are an abomination in the sight of God, are in His house pretending to sing Gospel songs. They sing while everybody claps their hands, but nobody gets under conviction, nobody gets saved. No wonder it is all right, with the devil. But that which pleases the devil grieves our Lord.

Now let me ask the devil another question. We have heard a lot said about television. Let me first ask the devil if it will be all right for me to get one and put it in my house for me and my children and wife to look at. The devil answers yes, there is nothing wrong in a TV. You have good clean educational programs and it will keep you and your children at home nights. "Every home in America needs one," the devil says no harm in the TV. But let's just check and see what about it that causes the devil to say it is all right. Here is why. He has his number one item advertised, strong drink, tobacco, murder, theft, sex, and nudeness, everything that would destroy the character of a good person. Such things seek to tear down the old fashion standards of God's Word. Here is a day's schedule of one of our TV stations as advertised in one of our daily newspapers.

SATURDAY

7:00 Alabama Grandstand, Happy Wilson, Marion Worth
8:00 Hopalong Cassidy Time
9:00 Howdy Doody
9:30 Gumby (Cartoons)
10:00 Fury
10:30 Capt. Gallant
11:00 Cousin Cliff's Party
11:30 Cliff's Talent Roundup
12:00 Buffalo Bill Jr.
12:30 Rainbow Theater (color)
1:15 Renfro Valley
1:30 Major League Baseball, Cincinnati vs. Baltimore
4:00 Wire Service
5:00 Lawrence Welk
6:00 Mr. Twister Time
6:30 People Are Funny
7:00 Perry Como Show (color)
8:00 Salute to Baseball (color), Gene Kelley, Ed Gardner
9:30 Your Hit Parade
10:00 Stage 13
10:30 Live Wrestling
12:00 Sign Off

Now Brother, if the devil is not pleased with this what on earth would it take to please him. It would be further revealing if the sponsors of the above programs could be stated here. If it is all right with the devil for a TV to be in my home, the holy and just God is grieved. It makes no difference who paid for it or where it comes from, I have no need for the thing that the devil is so pleased with. St. Paul said in I Timothy 5:8 "If any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith and is worse than an infidel." The man, according to God's word, is to be the head of his house. If he doesn't provide for the spiritual welfare of his household, Paul said (not me) "he has denied the faith and is worse than an infidel. Now if the devil is pleased with the TV then it is a definite fact that God is not pleased at all, for God hates what the devil is pleased with. If this be true then the TV is against the spiritual welfare of any home.

God pity a man that will allow such things to happen, seeing what happens to the man that does it. The Psalmist David said in Psalms 101:3, "I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes, I hate the works of them that turn aside, it shall not cleave to me." Now there are a lot of people that used to be against the theater, preachers that preached against it, but can now sit down and watch the TV, and say it is no harm in this day, Things are different now and you can tell them it is about the same as the moving picture shows that they preached against in the years gone by, and they will tell you it is not. But will you please notice the day's schedule in this article and see if it isn't about the same, and you may look in any daffy schedule of your home town paper. It speaks for itself. The devil offers many excuses. He doesn't like for me to talk like this because he knows how much good it (TV) is doing his (the devil) business.

Now let me close with this word from the first letter Paul wrote to the church at Thessalonians 5:22 "Abstain from all appearance of evil." God's people must do that in this day.

If the TV has the appearance of evil on it, God is not pleased with it, and it pleases the devil for you to watch it. For you to say the TV is partly good and partly bad, is to say that after all of these years of war between God and the devil they have finally found one thing they could agree on. (God and devil) To say that TV is all right, would be to say, God has finally compromised with old Satan. To say that God agrees with the devil is to say that God has given over and admits He (God) has been wrong all these years and sin is not sin anymore, but it just so happens that God never changes. He has not compromised and never will. Praise His wonderful name! In James 1:17 He said, "With the Father there is no variableness neither shadow or turning." Aren't you glad? God has not compromised and is not going to, and if you do, you will let Him down.

"As for me and my house we will serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve, How long halt ye between two opinions." Nothing is both right and wrong. "A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit." (Matt. 7:18)

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THE QUESTION DEPARTMENT
By Dr. T. M. Anderson

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1. QUESTION: -- Does Rom. 8:28-30 mean that some are predestinated to be saved, and some are predestinated to be lost?

ANSWER: -- The Greek word translated predestinate means to design definitely before hand, or to plan beforehand. This Scripture shows that God predetermined man's character before He saved him. God made us in His image at the beginning. We lost the image in the fall, and God predetermined to restore the image by the sacrifice of His Son. The currently accepted doctrine of a limited atonement, or predestination has no support in God's Word. God has a plan of free and full salvation for all mankind. Whosoever will, may come.

2. QUESTION: -- Could Judas have been saved if he had repented?

ANSWER: -- Yes. His sin was not more despicable in the sight of God than the sin of betraying Jesus by compromising with the world. The clergy and the church can sell Jesus for pleasures, programs and prominence.

3. QUESTION: -- Some teach that Judas will be the Beast. Rev. 19:20.

ANSWER: -- I find no support for this theory in the Scriptures. The beast is apparently the head of a kingdom. He represents a political power which is obviously opposed to Christ's kingdom. Rev. 16:10.

4. QUESTION: -- Will those who have never heard the Gospel be lost?

ANSWER: -- Yes. God's Word shows us that all men from Adam to this present generation have heard the Gospel. God spake in time past by the holy fathers. These holy fathers began with Adam and continued to the birth of Christ. Luke 3:23-38. It is apparent that Adam, Enoch, Noah, Abraham and all the prophets preached the Gospel. According to Paul, the world rejected the truth. Rom. 1:19-25.

5. QUESTION: -- Does the Bible show that there are grounds for divorce and remarriage?

ANSWER: -- I find no statement in the New Testament either condemning or condoning the innocent party. See Deut. 24:1-3 regarding remarriage.

6. QUESTION: -- Is the sin of adultery the unpardonable sin?

ANSWER: -- No. David was guilty of this sin, but found pardon and purity by repentance, confession and prayer. Psalms 51.

7. QUESTION: -- What will be the position of the Holy Ghost in heaven after the final judgment and all the saints get to their place of eternal abode.

ANSWER: -- I find no direct answer to the question in the Scriptures. It may be that the Spirit will continue to reveal God to us through all eternity. Our entrance into heaven will not give us a complete revelation of God's divine person. Our capacity for revelation will be complete.

8. QUESTION: -- Please explain the difference in foreknowledge and in foreordination.

ANSWER: -- Foreknowledge refers to God's perfect knowledge of past, present and future events. In other words, God knows what He can do for every creature on earth and in heaven. He has foreordained, or planned before the foundation of the world to have a people. See Eph. 1:4-6. Neither His foreknowledge nor foreordained plan effects the free choice of man.

9. QUESTION: -- Please explain Hebrews 6:4-6. "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame." In what sense does this apply to the backslider?

ANSWER: -- This terrifying Scripture shows the results of refusing to go unto perfection. It refers to backsliders who have rejected holiness and incurred the displeasure of God. In other words they forfeited their regeneration by rejecting sanctification. Such cannot be pardoned until they obey the call to perfection, which is sanctification.

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PRECIOUS TEARS

Oh, the tears, precious tears
Shed by oh, so few,
Tears that caused old time conviction,
Change men's hearts and make them new.

Oh, the tears: Where are the tears?
When sown they bring forth seed,
Are we concerned about those souls
Sinsick and in dire need.

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WHAT REV. JOHN B. CULPEPPER SAID ABOUT HOLINESS PEOPLE

1. I like their aim. They aim high. If they miss all, nevertheless they have scored one good point.
2. They are uncompromising.

3. They are against sin and wrong, including Sunday cooking, Sunday trains, tobacco, secular newspapers on Sunday, gossip and all other uncleanness.
4. They are prohibitionists almost to a man.
5. They are agitators.
6. They make, read and distribute tracts.
7. They make and scatter books.
8. They have a catching sort or degree of spirituality.
9. They are in for everything that is good.
10. They say "Amen" out loud.
11. They shout as I feel.
12. They "Scotch" for a fellow while he preaches.
13. If the load is heavy, they will all jump out and push.
14. Whenever you meet one he is always organized and ready to work.
15. If they are scared, they pray and shout and work, and move, so that it can't be detected.
16. They always want to dig deeper, climb higher, and know and do more.
17. They are long-winded in the closet, and on the dot in the testimony meeting.
18. Everyone of them will pray if you call on them, and if the fuse seems damp they will pray, call or no call.
19. They are God's globe-trotters.
20. They don't ask "how many are the enemy, but where are they?"
21. They can shout and say "amen" in the cemetery.
22. They actually use their Bibles in their work.
23. They will go to China or Africa as cheerfully as to the market.
24. It is not a money question with them.

25. They know the Holy Spirit. 26. They love you hard.
27. Their experience throws up a highway I'd like to die on.
28. They've come to stay.
29. They are unpopular with dirt, dignity and the devil.
30. They cry and run as if they had jumped the fox. That makes me spur on in the chase.
31. Whenever I meet or hear one of them, it makes me want to quit something, or do something, or go somewhere or be somebody.
32. They are my kinsfolk.

This is the best recommendation we have ever heard of the holiness people. The only fear we have is that we will not live up to this standard. This is worth your re-reading and preserving.

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NEW GUINEA

Numbers 13:17-20, 13:27, 13:30

"And Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said unto them, Get you up this way southward, and go up into the mountain:

"And see the land, what it is; and the people that dwelleth therein whether they be strong or weak, few or many;

"And what the land is that they dwell in whether it be good or bad; and what cities they be that they dwell in, whether in tents or in strong holds ;

"And what the land is, whether it be fat or lean, whether there be wood therein, or not. And be of good courage, and bring of the fruit of the land. Now the time was the time of the first-ripe grapes."

"And they told him and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it."

"And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it."

On July 23, after months., even years, of earnest praying, we at last were able to cross over the turbulent Kaugel River. Our hearts were thrilled beyond measure.

Because of the large untouched multitudes this was to us like the promised land. They too are many and fierce. As yet they are children of the devil and we know that he is a most formidable foe. But, praise God! One greater than a Moses leadeth us.

We left Pobarabuls at 7:18 under a clouded sky. One hour and 32 minutes later we were crossing over. It took us only 14 minutes to come out of the deep ravine and as we reached the top the old sun came bursting through. Much rich ground was spotted and the natives were willing to part with it.

At 10:52 the party reached its destination for the day. Here two of our boys had come six weeks earlier and staked out about 60 acres of good ground. The building area was crowded with curious children. The name of this area is Kaua'pena.

Early next morning we took a walk to the near by timber. Here we found some excellent trees which could be pit-sawn for good building material. On the way to camp we came through an area which the Catholics are endeavoring to enter. On returning to camp we found over 800 natives gathered to hear the Gospel story, of this group over 300 were children of school age.

Wednesday the 25th was spent directing the work on a home for a missionary whom we are praying God will supply.

The following day we spent 7 hours and 45 minutes on the road. In a drizzle of rain we reached our station at Ialibu. Once again we were warmly greeted by two of our boys who are holding the fort until workers come forth. That evening 169 natives came in a down pour of rain to the prayer meeting. The opportunities here are not as great as some places but this is a most strategic position as it is on the roadway between the Ialibu and the Widi Valley.

On Friday just over 300 natives gathered in. Many of them. were from our Widi Valley.

Quite early on Saturday we left Ialibu and headed in a northwest direction towards the mighty Gilueve. This morning its barren rugged peaks thrust forth into a deep blue cloudless sky. Truly "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament sheweth His handiwork." Again, "For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the fields shall clap their hands."

As we walked along the various natives kept telling us that other missions had been in this vicinity the previous two days and secured much ground. After many hot hours of fast traveling we approached our destination, Piam'bilth.

As we came into sight, a native dressed up in a high chieftains garb came running forth. All at once he let out a cry of pure joy, fell down and hugged the leader of the party. Large tears came tumbling down his cheeks. "Oh masta, my heart is made happy by your arrival. Other missions have been here and tried by force and bribery to buy my ground. But I said no, that I couldn't as over two years ago I had promised you. Masta, customs are now mine. You are now here, this ground I am giving to you, the near by bush m yours, my children and my tribe are yours, please never leave us."

Because of the long walk we retired early and without thinking we didn't stress the fact that they should send forth the call for Sunday worship. Next day over 500 gathered for service but the chieftain assured us that this was a drop in the bucket as most of his people had gone to the bush to harvest their biennial crop of Pandanus nuts.

These few short days ended our trip into the promised land. We feel by God's help we are well able and must possess this land. These are the people, as well as ourselves, that Christ died for. These two stations and Ialibu were marked by faith. We need workers. We need you. Christ commands you to go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Dare you disobey His command?

Your brother,
Bud Ward

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BURDENED
By Mrs. Paul King

When hot, scalding tears flow down my cheeks,
And my heart seems crushed in two;
When friends around know nothing of
The sorrow I go through;
There's One, who kindly looks on me,
And with Compassionate heart, He knows
His Hand in greatest love comes down
And dries each tear that flows.

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CHANDLER, OKLAHOMA CHURCH LIQUIDATES DEBT

[To view a picture of the Chandler, Oklahoma Church building that appeared here in the printed text, open the Graphics\Chandler.jpg file on this CD.]

Sunday April 7 was a high day for the Bible Missionary Church of Chandler, Okla. The property was completely cleared of debt and Rev. Elbert Dodd was with us and dedicated our church. We shall not soon forget the messages of Bro. Dodd as he inspired us to stand by the old

fashioned truths of the Bible which Liberalism is trying so hard to stamp out. The afternoon service was climaxed amid the shouts and tears of the people with the burning of the mortgage.

This church was organized four years ago as an independent holiness work. God has blessed their faith with a good property and souls praying thru at the altar from time to time.

We have had two good revivals the past 8 months with Rev. J. E. Ray and Rev. W. E. Carlton. The Lord has given us 13 good members which has more than doubled our membership for which we praise His wonderful name. We believe there are good days ahead for us as we labor with the good people of Chandler. -- Rev. Wilbur S. Brown Pastor

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HOUSTON, TEXAS

Brother Thomas Huff has been in a good meeting in the city of Houston, Texas. God has been blessing them in a wonderful way and has greatly used Brother and Sister Huff there in starting the work in that great city. Brother Dodd was with them on May 19th and they organized a good strong church and the charter was to be held open unto June 2. They have purchased a church building and parsonage on an acre of ground. The church is located at 7817 Mr. Houston Road. Brother Huff's phone number is Oxford 44302. If you have friends in Houston that you would like for him to call on you may write Rev. Thomas Huff, Route 11, Box 241, Houston, Texas.

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LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA

Trinity Bible Missionary Church has purchased a nice lot and have their building well under way. They should be in it long before this July issue reaches you. If you have friends in or around Lake Charles that you wish contacted write Rev. B. M. Loftin, 3717 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles, La. His phone number is Greenfield 7-5602.

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Bro. Griffith and Bro. Carlton met with a group in Dexter, Mo., and organized a mission there and Bro. Duffie will be in charge of it and they plan to have a meeting soon and complete the charter and organize it into a full fledged church. The prospects look good.

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On Thursday night May 9th, Bro. Griffith and Bro. W. E. Carlton met with a group in St. Louis, Mo., and they organized a mission there and Rev. and Mrs. Noble Hunt were placed in charge. They're making plans to have an extended meeting and will then complete the charter and organize into the First Bible Missionary Church in St. Louis. The prospect looks good of having a strong church and maybe two or three churches by this fall. We praise God for these victories.

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NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y.

Also Bro. L. S. Boardman and his group at Niagara Falls, N. Y. have voted to come with the Bible Missionary Church and at this time Rev. Alvin Cottle is in a meeting with them and at the close of the meeting they will complete the organization of the church into a Bible Missionary Church. This will be our first church in the state of N.Y. Praise God for this wonderful group and may God bless Bro. Boardman and this fine group up in the state of New York.

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On May 3rd, the first district conference, the Southeastern Conference, was organized including churches in Tenn, Alabama, and Florida. Rev. Elbert Dodd, moderator presided and a wonderful spirit of glory and victory prevailed. Shouting and praising the Lord was the order of the day. The preachers and the delegates from the different churches elected Rev. Auxford Myers of Jasper, Ala., as District Moderator. The future looks bright in Alabama for the Bible Missionary Church. Praise God for the wonderful victories.

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REPORT FROM PORTLAND, OREGON CHURCH

[To view a picture of the Portland Oregon Church building under construction, open the Graphics\Portland.jpg file on this CD.]

As we look back over the past year that the church services have been held in Portland and see what has been done we are amazed. Services have been held in various halls but plans were soon started for a church building. One of the ladies had felt for years that the Lord wanted, some of her property given for a holiness church but the doors had closed for it until our church came. Then she said "This is it!" The lots alone are worth about \$8000. It was a fight to get the church started, as Catholics in the community did not want it, but under the leadership of t, he pastor at that time, Bro. Virgil Seward, God undertook and the building is being erected almost debt free.

We held the first services in the 40' x 60' block edifice Easter Sunday. God has been blessing, new people are looking our way. A whole new group of hungry people are interested.

We are praying and believing for an old fashioned revival and believe with all our hearts that it is on its way. There is a goad spirit in the services and among the people. We are happy in His service, and in the 2 1/2 months here have felt that we are in the center of God's will. We are determined to see God's work go ahead in this great harvest field. -- Ray Cox, pastor

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REPORT OF THE HOLINESS CONVENTION HELD AT GOD'S BIBLE SCHOOL

The holiness convention at God's Bible School was owned and blessed of God and the glory was on and there were people from twenty-seven different denominations and from twenty-four States. God blessed the workers as they preached and the glory was on in their meeting. There was an overflow crowd at the convention and at the last night of the convention, there was no preaching but the glory of God came down and the folks ran the aisles and shouted and God came in mighty power and they closed out with a great altar service and many victories won. God used Rev. Glenn Griffith, Rev. Elbert Dodd, Rev. Robb French, Rev. H. E. Schmul, Rev. Leonard Ravenhill and many others in this wonderful convention. Praise God for the wonderful holiness convention and we thank God for these wonderful times of refreshings. May God bless Bro. H. E. Schmul and the brethren who sponsor these great holiness conventions.

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JASPER, ALABAMA

Jasper church reports a wonderful revival with Rev. Elbert Dodd with wonderful crowds and many good victories. We praise God for His blessings upon the work in Jasper. The folks at Jasper have bought a nice property which has facilities for housing the pastor and also a nice church. We praise God for this.

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CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

A wonderful revival meeting is on with Rev. Griffith at the time this goes to press. God is helping and we praise Him for this.

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NASHVILLE, TENN.

Word has come from Nashville that they have bought a nice property. We praise God for helping them.

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MCKINNEY, TEXAS

They report buying a nice property for the church there and a place for the preacher to live and are getting a good start. Praise God for the good people at McKinney, Texas.

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RODESSA, LA.

It was the privilege of the editor to work with Rev. B. M. Loftin in a meeting at Rodessa, La. after Bro. Loftin laid such a wonderful foundation and prepared the way by helping the folks there to secure a nice church property in which to hold the meeting, we came and continued the revival meeting and organized on the last Friday night of the meeting and had a wonderful time of victory. We closed out Sunday and had three services with a great missionary service Sunday afternoon with some young people praying about their calls to the mission field and a good offering taken for foreign missions. The church there at Rodessa, called Rev. Addie Butler as pastor. May God bless this new church and its good pastor.

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Rev. Hubert Bankston has been called to pastor our church in Miami, Florida. He will be taking Brother Paul Hennigan's place who is entering the evangelistic field. Brother Bankston began his duties as pastor in Miami the second Sunday in June. May God bless Brother and Sister Bankston in this great field of labor.

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Rev. and Mrs. Harold Buchanan of Salisbury, N. C. have joined the Bible Missionary Church and have been called to pastor our church in Detroit, Michigan. They began their duties there the first week in June. We welcome them to the Bible Missionary Church and pray that God will give them a rich ministry in Detroit.

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Word has just come from Denver, Colo. Brother Roberts writes: "We did not get to preach Sunday night. God broke in on us during the second song. There were 32 at the altar. Praise God! I mean to be true."

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GREENVILLE, TENN.

Brother R. C. Stinnett writes: "We averaged 78 in Sunday School for April. The Lord is truly blessing.

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PARRISH, ALABAMA

We just closed a wonderful revival at the Parrish church, with Rev. Garry Smith from Monroe, Louisiana. God met with us in every service and on the last Saturday night of the meeting Bro. Smith didn't get to preach. People came to the altar in the old fashioned way.

Bro. Sides has resigned as pastor to enter the evangelistic field and Rev. Clindel Harbison, who was pastoring at the orphanage, has been called to pastor the church.

We thank God for His presence with us. Pray for us at Parrish and come to see us. -- Ulys Harbison, Reporter

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ORANGE, TEXAS

The Orange Bible Missionary Church called us as pastors, and we moved there November 3, 1956. We left a newly organized Bible Missionary Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where we had labored ten years. We have moved our church from Orange to Bridge City, Texas, which is half way between Orange and Port Arthur, off highway 87 at 280 Warner Street. This is more centrally located with nine surrounding towns, and is in an industrial area. One of the members of the church donated three lots and we bought from them four acres with thirty by sixty building lots adjoining which we are using for a place of worship.

Our people are contemplating having their day school in the future. We are also planning and praying for a tabernacle large enough for indoor camp meetings and holiness conventions. Interest is growing and God is blessing. We have an old fashion group who keep the glory down. Bless the name of the Lord. Several members have been added to our number, who are really on the job to see the work go forward. They are fasting and praying as well as working, to do what they can while it is day, because night is coming, when no man can work. Praise God for the victory, Amen! Bro. and Sis. H. C. Sutton, pastors

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CLIO, MICHIGAN

We have organized a new Bible Missionary Church at Clio, Michigan. We are worshipping in a school house four and one-half miles north of Clio. We were organized April 27 with ten members and are holding the charter open for a few more who wish to come in later. We have been holding Sunday School and morning and evening services for about two months. Our group is small, but the Lord meets with us and we are having a wonderful time. -- Rev. L. V. Gibson, pastor

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AREA ZONE RALLY

A good holiness zone rally was held in Colorado Springs May 3. All churches were represented including those from as far away as South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas. These rallies are proving a time of real blessing and inspiration. Brother Griffith spoke during the afternoon service and again in the evening to a packed house. God bless men like Brother Griffith that preach under the anointing and that preach a standard. Many sought and found God at the close of the service.

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MIAMISBURG, OHIO

The church here has just closed an old fashioned revival meeting with Rev. C. C. Brown from High Point. North Carolina. This was our first revival meeting in our new church building. Bro. Brown preached with much liberty under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. There were great victories around the altar with souls being saved and sanctified. The good news spread out over the country. People came in from a distance. Praise God for a group of people who are taking their stand for the old fashioned way. -- Rev. Luther Fraley, pastor

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TULSA, OKLA.

Brother Glenn Griffith, Brother Elbert Dodd and Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Cook held a week's holiness convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma. On Sunday May 26th Brother Griffith organized the church in Tulsa with 25 charter members. Rev. M. E. Perkins was called to pastor the church. Brother and Sister Perkins are now on the field at Tulsa. We praise God for this good start in Tulsa and believe that there is more to come.

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HEAVEN'S GAIN -- OUR LOSS

Dale Wesley Beard was a charter member of the Bible Missionary Church in Miami, Florida. He was promoted to glory on February 19th. He left his faithful Christian companion, Nell Beard. Brother Beard was a preacher's friend and did much to help in getting the work started in Miami. His funeral was conducted by his pastor Rev. R. P. Hennigan. The funeral text was "He was called a friend of God." We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Sister Nell Beard. We thank God for the memory of Dale Beard.

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NEW HEADING

The new heading for the front page of "The Missionary Revivalist" was drawn and submitted by Miss Carolyn Yerby of Berry, Alabama. Our thanks to Sister Carolyn.

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BOOK ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. T. M. Anderson's book, "The Truth For The Times" on hand at the General Office for \$1.50.

Rev. W. M. Tidwell's book, "Second Coming of Christ" now available at \$.50 each.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A VETERAN OF THE CROSS

I am happy to recommend Rev. Paul E. Sides, Box 284, Cordova, Alabama to all our readers. Brother Sides has been sick but has improved greatly and feels now that he can go out in some revival meetings. Brother Sides has been preaching the gospel for 46 years. Sister Sides is with him and she plays the piano and they sing as well as preach. Give these good folk a call. They will do any church good for they are a real blessing wherever they go. -- The Editor

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RECOMMENDATIONS

Rev. C. F. Johnson. 1355 Windsor Ave.. Mobile, Ala., recently joined the Bible Missionary Church. Bro. Johnson came to us from an old fashioned holiness group and comes highly recommended by Bro. Mitchell, pastor of our Mobile church and he is a good strong preacher and a wonderful man of God. I hope that our people will keep him in mind when thinking about an evangelist for a revival. I've met with him and been with him in services and Bro. Mitchell knows him well and we praise God to have Bro. Johnson with us. -- Elbert Dodd

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Recommending Miss Evelyn M. Groves. Rt. 3 Box 279. Fairmont, West Virginia. Sister Groves is an evangelist and she sings, plays piano, leads singing and is a special singer as well as preaching. She is a graduate of God's Bible School and will do any church good. -- Rev. Elbert Dodd

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Second General Conference of the Bible Missionary Church will be held at Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 24th thru 29th. The entertainment committee will be getting out announcements soon. Those who wish information concerning the Conference, may address all mail to Rev. Lewis Lively at 82 Nance Lane, Nashville, Tenn. Also pastors you will be receiving a letter before long from the General Secretary giving you some instructions about electing delegates and also asking information which will be needed to prepare and make plans for the Conference.

We wish to request prayer that our people would pray every week for the General Conference between now and time for Conference, that God will make it the time of greatest

victory of any conference that has ever been held. We do ask the prayers of God's people everywhere, that it shall be owned and blessed of the Holy Ghost.

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A WORD ABOUT THE PAPER

There are many good holiness papers in circulation today. We could mention many of them. However, the only paper that officially represents the BIBLE MISSIONARY CHURCH IS THE MISSIONARY REVIVALIST. We wish every paper well that is doctrinally sound and scripturally safe. But THE MISSIONARY REVIVALIST is the only paper that is published by The Bible Missionary Church.

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SPECIAL OFFER

We appreciate the response that was given to our special offer in the month of June. We are extending the offer through the month of July. We will send ten sample copies of the Missionary Revivalist to ten of your friends for only \$1.00. A note will be enclosed in each paper telling them that it was sent to them by a friend but your name will not be on the note. This will help others to get acquainted with the Missionary Revivalist and with the Bible Missionary Church. Sit down now and write the names and addresses of ten friends and enclose one dollar and mail it to Mr. A. L. Crane, Box 392, Nampa, Idaho. Send as many as you wish at ten for \$1.00.

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ATTENTION PREACHERS

We call your attention to the following statement in our Manual on page 36, paragraph 54, section 4, "Ministers received from other organizations or denominations will retain the same rank of service as they held in their former connection. In the interim of the District Conference they shall be received upon approval of the District Advisory Board--Subject to the final approval of the next District Conference." Since the District Conferences have not all been organized and in most cases those that were have not had a regular session with Orders and Relations Committee functioning to pass on credentials, it will be necessary for the Credentials Committee of the General Conference to give final approval or disapproval to all Ordained and Licensed Ministers who have been received upon the recommendation of the Advisory Board since the last General Conference. This does not apply to you if you were at the last General Conference and were passed upon and recommended to the last General Conference by the Credentials Committee in session during the last General Conference. It does mean that if you have joined the Bible Missionary Church since September 9, 1956, your credentials will not be permanent until you have been approved by the General Conference to be held September 24-29, 1957 at Nashville, Tennessee. It will be to your advantage to be at the General Conference and be available, in case the Credentials Committee should want to have an interview with you.

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BOOK STORE

We now have a book store at our headquarters office in Denver. We call it the Bible Missionary Book Store. There is someone in the book store at all times and we keep Sunday School literature and supplies etc. and books. You may order any book you care to order through our store. If we do not have the book in stock, we will try to get it for you. If it is a book which we do not carry in our regular stock then there will be a small extra charge made to take care of the extra expense in securing it for you. Please remember the Bible Missionary Book Store when you need books and good reading material.

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COURSE OF STUDY

[I have omitted the prices listed below as irrelevant today. -- DVM]

FIRST YEAR

STUDY:

Binney's Theological Compend -- Binney
Short History of the Christian Church -- J. F. Hurst
Handbook of English -- MacMillan

READ:

Impressions -- M. W. Knapp
Preacher and Prayer -- E. M. Bounds
Plain Account of Christian Perfection -- Wesley
Life of Christ -- Stalker
The Preacher His life and Work -- H. W. Jowett

SECOND YEAR

STUDY:

Elements of Divinity (Part I & II) -- Ralston
Roberts' Rules of Order -- H. W. Roberts
Holiness and Power -- A. M. Hills

READ:

Preaching Ministry -- Chapman
Perfect Love -- Wood
Progress of World Wide Missions -- Glover
Entire Sanctification -- Ruth
Tongue of Fire -- Arthur
Fox's Book of Martyrs -- Forbush

THIRD YEAR

STUDY:

Elements of Divinity (Part I & II) -- Ralston
Making of a Sermon -- Patisson

READ:

With Christ in the School of Prayer -- Murry
Revival Lectures -- Finney
Homiletics & Pastoral Theology -- Hogue
Deeper Experiences of Famous Christians -- J. G. Lawson
Thirty Three Years a Live Wire -- John T. Hatfield
The Ministry of Healing -- A. J. Gordon

OTHER BOOKS AVAILABLE

Abounding Love -- J. M. Hames
Earthen Vessels -- J. R. Church
The Loophole -- A. L. Vess
Old Wine in New Bottles
Rape of America -- Robb French
Reese Howells, Intercessor -- N. Grubb
Revival Messages -- Paul Finch
Thoughts from a Farmer's Son -- Spencer Johnson
The World's Greatest Need -- Paul Finch

Write for special prices in quantities.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE

Have you ordered your Sunday School literature? You should have ordered it last month to have had it for this quarter. The study this quarter is on the general subject of "The Work of The Holy Spirit." It was written by H. A. Erdmann and is one of the finest quarterlies yet. You can still benefit by using it, for there are two months left in the quarter. So order today from the Book Store 2601 N. Federal Blvd.. Denver, Colorado. Price 20c each.

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DELAWARE COUNTY CAMP MEETING

Muncie, Indiana August 1-11
Rev. Elbert Dodd, Evangelist
Rev. Victor Glenn, Missionary Speaker
"The Edwards" -- Song Evangelists.

For further information write: Rev. Roy Lewis, Route 1, Albany, Indiana.

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GOD CAME TO MEETING TODAY

By Spencer Johnson

The dew lay heavy on the grass and the crisp coolness from the night air still lingered in the hollows and among the trees. High above the eastern hills the lavender and rose tinted clouds herald the dawn of another day. All was quiet and still except for the chirping of the birds as they sang reveille in the near by bushes.

In the calmness of that hour, before the rush of daily duties, I offered my supplication and praise to the Saviour. He came and talked with me just as surely as He came to Mary in the freshness of that resurrection morning. He was not visible, but He was there just the same. I besought Him to be the honored guest in our week day morning service.

At ten o'clock, when the service began, He came! By the time we were well into that first song everyone was aware of His wonderful presence. The day services were well attended in this rural area. The little store building church situated on a wooded knoll near the outskirts of the little country town was about two-thirds full.

How God did move upon that service! Such singing in the spirit and such freedom and liberty-the glory was on! Wave after wave of glory swept that service like the billows from the ocean tide as it sweeps across a sloping beach. How those saints did demonstrate in the Spirit! Their faces shone while tears of holy joy coursed down their cheeks. They took to the aisles; they shouted; they testified; they exhorted. The high praises of the Saviour rang out across the valley and resounded in the wooded hills. Such a service beggars all description. It is better felt than told. Such holy fellowship, such love of the brethren! Strong men wept and hugged each other! How our hearts were warmed and melted as the blessed Jesus walked in our midst.

I had come through a difficult assignment and I needed just such a service. It was meat and drink to my soul. Praise God for such a time of refreshing! I took new courage and determined to keep true and push the battle for King Emmanuel. I thank God for the privilege of worshipping and serving with this unsophisticated, plain, old fashioned crowd of holiness folk. I am glad I'm one of them. God honors them with His presence. Yes, God came to meeting today. Hallelujah! -- The Editor

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HAVE YOU BEEN WITH HIM?

By Mrs. Paul King

Have you been alone with Jesus
In some hour of this day,
Alone with Christ your Saviour

Alone to weep and pray;

Does He know about your loved ones
Who are lost and steeped in sin,
Were you in your secret closet
Begging God to bring them in.

Oh, those hours with the Saviour!
Sweet contentment floods the soul,
Peace that's deeper than the ocean
O'er the soul doth sweep and roll.

Go alone with Christ, the Saviour,
Hasten quickly into prayer;
Even now the Master's waiting--
Sweetly wants to meet you there.

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EVANGELISTS

Rev. E. E. Michael, Directory Correspondent

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

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PLEADING HANDS

By Roy L. Marler

Pleading hands, don't you see them?
Pleading voices, don't you hear them?
Pleading, begging for some ray of light.

Bound by superstition, doubt and fear,
But, yet, to Christ, their souls are dear.
For these, too, the Lamb was slain:
If not, then Jesus died in vain.
Must these die in darkness of heathen night?
No! There's hope, if we will pray,
And send those who will light the way.
If we fail to pay the cost,
And these hungry, dying souls are lost;
When before our Maker we shall stand,
Their blood He will require at our hand.

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