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## **THE MISSIONARY REVIVALIST -- AUGUST 1957**

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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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### **GIBEONITES**

By Spencer Johnson

"And when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done unto Jericho and to Ai,  
They did work wilily, and went and made as if they had been ambassadors, and took old sacks  
upon their asses, and wine bottles, old, and rent, and bound up; And old shoes and clouted upon  
their feet, and old garments upon them; and all the bread of their provision was dry and mouldy.  
And they went to Joshua unto the camp at Gilgal, . . . And they said unto him, from a very far  
country thy servants come because of the name of the Lord thy God: for we have heard the fame of  
him, and all that he did in Egypt . . . And the men took of their victuals and asked not counsel at the  
mouth of the Lord." (Joshua 9:3-6, 9, 14).

The Gibeonites, known also as Hivites, were descendants of Ham (Gen. 10:6-17) who was  
cursed for looking upon his father's nakedness. They were among the inhabitants of Canaan whose  
cup of iniquity was full and consequently were under the curse of God. God had promised to drive  
them out from before the children of Israel (Exodus 23:28) and the Israelites were to give them no  
quarter. "Thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor with their gods. They shall not dwell in thy  
land, lest they make thee sin against me: for if thou serve their gods, it will surely be a snare unto  
thee." (Exodus 23:32-33).

The Gibeonites were deceivers. They worked wilily and pretended to be friendly  
ambassadors from a far country when actually they were enemies within the land. They appeared  
to be religious for they falsely claimed to be coming to Joshua and Israel because of the name of

the Lord. The facts were that they had no religious scruples or principles whatever but were acting from a motive of temporal self preservation.

They were not joining Israel because of any high, noble, sacrificial intention of worshipping God but because they had heard what had happened to Jericho and Ai and they were too lazy to run and too cowardly to fight. Had they been real friends to Joshua and his holy cause, they would have met him at the Jordan and offered their assistance. Really, they were enemies to the righteous cause of God and were joining their forces now only because they saw that they could not defeat it. There are many today who are living by the same unworthy practices.

The children of Israel made a tremendous blunder by taking them in without asking counsel at the mouth of the Lord. As a result of their colossal mistake they and their posterity had a perpetual liability upon their hands. They had not gone far in their conquest of Canaan until they had to take out time to fight and defend that worthless crowd of Gibeonites who lacked the moral fortitude to stand on their own. Worst of all, they were constantly confronted with the temptation on one hand to worship their little gods or on the other hand to grow bitter and kill a Gibeonite and thus come under the condemnation of God for breaking their hasty vow of peace with them. The Gibeonites occasioned much contention and grief to Israel.

The Bible Missionary Church, in its march toward heaven, is faced with the threat of being engulfed by modern Gibeonites. No doubt, great numbers of them will arrive at the General Conference in September and will expect to be received with open arms.

They will have all the appearance of friendly ambassadors from a far country. They will claim that they are coming because of the glory of God in our midst. The truth is, that many of them have lived next door to us and have actually opposed us as bitter enemies. When we needed them most they would not even lend their influence by attending the meetings and when some of their members wanted to come with us and help push the cause of old fashion holiness they persistently persuaded them not to join. (We could give illustrations but we forbear here). They were conspicuously absent when we needed them at the Jordan crossing but now that Jericho and Ai are fallen they will be our friends at the General Conference.

When the way was rugged and the persecution was fierce they could never feel quite clear about coming. When we were but few in number and had to worship here and there in old store and theater buildings and there was little or no salary, this band of modern Gibeonites stayed in their comfortable parsonages and drew their good salaries while someone else pioneered the way. (Of course they all have reasons that seem legitimate to themselves why they did not come !)

Others wanted out of the pressure themselves but left their poor sheep to suffer. They didn't have the courage to bring a group out themselves or to go somewhere and start a work for they flinched, and drew back from being talked about, accused, and persecuted but they would be glad to accept a group someone else has dug out, though they were not willing to pay the price themselves.

And now that we have a little more to offer and some of them have gotten themselves in such a condition that, like the Gibeonites, they must do something, they will come to the conference and pose as friends of the Bible Missionary Church.

Many of these latter day Gibeonites were never very radical against sin. From their stand in the past it is plain that they were quite liberal. Their wives could trim their hair or keep it short with home permanents so they wouldn't have to do it up like holiness people do and could thus conform to the world. Some made no apology for the short hair and worldly attire of their daughters. Some would never frown on the old church recreation program and would receive about anybody into the church that would walk down the aisle while others were afraid to oppose the Sunday work of their members. But now, they have suddenly become old fashion radicals and want to embrace our manual! (We wonder how they feel in their hearts. We suspect that if we would take them in they would want to make the standard more liberal as soon as they thought they were strong enough to change it. Why do they want to join? Could it be opportunity for exploitation that they seek?)

This modern brand of Gibeonites, driven by necessity, or perhaps by spite toward their former church, will come to the conference, and profess that they have been for us all the time.

They will tell us that they have traveled far, that for many months they have planned to come to us, while all the time they were trying to make their D. S. or superior officer in their church think that they were loyal or had never been clear as to what the Lord would lead them to do.

Such people will not help us. Like the Gibeonites of old, they will be a liability and a detriment to the progress of our church. We dare not be gullible as was Joshua and the elders of Israel. We must take time to ask counsel of the Lord. He alone can discern between the true and the false. If Joshua and the children of Israel had been less sentimental and more patient and inquisitive the Lord would have given them a revelation that would have saved them much future sorrow. God would have been pleased if they had destroyed them as He had directed.

We must not let our sentiments make us over merciful in dealing with these modern Gibeonites. We should not be hasty. We are commanded to "lay hands suddenly on no man." We dare not let personal friendships influence our decisions when such vital principles are at stake. We must consider the future as well as the present. We should think of the welfare of the whole church rather than how any decisions will affect any one individual.

Perhaps, a few Gibeonites, with their old wine bottles (about to blow up) and mouldy bread, have already sneaked in since the last General Conference but the Manual contains a safety clause which requires them to be passed on by this next Conference. If such be the case, we pray earnestly that God will give the men on the credentials committee the courage to slay utterly and spare not. We have no unkind feelings toward anyone or any group but our church faces grave danger at this point if we do not stand by some principles regardless of personalities.

No one should ever be considered worthy of a place in the ministry or membership of the Bible Missionary Church who comes for any other reason than that his sincere, God-given,

convictions demand him to seek a higher and more genuine spirituality. We have no hatred in our hearts toward the modern Gibeonites who seek admittance to our church because of ulterior motives. Rather, we love, pity, and pray for them, but we are an army and we have no place for "hewers of wood and drawers of water." We only have need of brave, expendable, soldiers and they must be volunteers. May God grant us the grace and sense to send every Gibeonite back to the place from whence he came!

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EDITORIAL  
By Spencer Johnson

### THE PROSPECT OF HOLINESS

The purpose and plan of redemption in restoring the image of God to man has for its ultimate aim the preparation of the human heart and soul to become the bride of Christ. The work of the Holy Ghost in the world is to prepare a people for His name. The prospect of the sanctified is the return of Jesus Christ to rapture his bride from this world.

Two themes characterized all preaching and teaching of the early Church. These themes were "holiness" and "the literal, bodily, premillennial, second coming Christ." Much of the time these themes run parallel in the New Testament. The Christians of that first century watched daily and hourly for the return of the Lord. And because they looked for His coming they preached that they must constantly live holy to be prepared for His appearing. This being true of the early Church, how much more should it be practiced by the church today when His coming is more eminent than in all the history of the past. "Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless." (II Peter 3:14).

The relationship between holiness and the second coming of Christ is easily seen. Just as surely as the eye must be trained to appreciate the fine qualities of art and the ear must be trained to enjoy the classics in music so ones heart must be holy if he is to enjoy the eternal presence of the Saviour. "But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fuller's soap: And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver." (Mal. 3:2)

Any honest observer of the scriptures can readily see that there will be two appearings of Jesus Christ. There will be the rapture, when He comes for His saints. (I Thess. 4:14-18) And there will be the appearing of Judgment when He comes with His saints. (Jude 1:14; II Thess. 2:711) At His first appearing when He comes for His saints only the pure in heart will see Him. When He comes in judgment "every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him." (Rev. 1:7) His appearing in the rapture will be as the morning star. He is coming for them that look for Him. Most people do not see the morning star because they are sleeping. After the tribulation He will appear as the "Sun of righteousness" and everyone will see Him.

If we expect to see God in the rapture then our hearts must be holy. "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." (Matt. 5:8) The distinction of a pure heart here proves that he is teaching that only the holy shall see Him in the rapture. "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:" (Heb. 12:14) The carnal heart will no more respond to the coming of Christ than brass or lead tacks will respond to the drawing of a steel magnet. There must be something in the nature of the tack that corresponds to the nature of the magnet. So it will be at the coming of Jesus Christ. "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his spirit that dwelleth in you." (Rom. 8:11) Glory to God! When He comes I expect to quit this old earth of sorrows and mount up higher!

Christ is coming for His bride. Only the sanctified are prepared to be the bride of Christ. "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 holy and without blemish." (Eph. 5:25-27) "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years." (Rev. 20: 6) Blessed means "happy" and "holy" means "sanctified." It will take more than an old dead, dry, profession of holiness to see the Lord in the rapture. It will take a glorious, happy, victorious, present experience of holiness. Holiness is the wedding garment which will be required for entrance into the marriage supper of the Lamb.

The parable of the five wise and five foolish virgins Drove that one must be sanctified, while oil is a symbol of the Holy Spirit. In the Old Testament the anointing with oil was used in the consecration rites for priests and kings, signifying the approval of the Spirit. In the New Testament we are told to pray for the sick "anointing them with oil," thus declaring our utter dependence upon the power of the Holy Spirit. All the virgins had lamps and lights. They all had the experience of salvation. The wise virgins had oil in their vessels with their lamps. They had the abundant blessing of holiness. While the bridegroom tarried they all slumbered and slept. This indicates the sleepiness and the deadness of the modern church. At midnight someone awoke and began to cry "Behold, the bridegroom cometh." Surely the midnight hour is upon us now. We thank God He has awakened some and their voices of alarm are heard in the land. The foolish virgins discovered that their lamps had gone out. They asked the wise for oil "But the wise answered, saying, No so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage; and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not." (Matt. 25) They missed the rapture because they did not have the oil of the Holy Ghost. They were not sanctified.

Reader, are you now in possession of this experience of heart holiness? Is it a present victorious blessing or is it merely a memory of the past? Is the one bright prospect of your whole being the coming of the Lord? Has your light gone out in this crucial hour when the dark clouds of the tribulation are already rising on the horizon of time? Let God sanctify your heart so that you can rejoice at the marriage supper in the skies while the tribulation rages across this old world.

"Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger." (Zeph. 2:3) "And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and a half time, from the face of the serpent." "Because thou has kept the word of my patience, I will keep thee from the hour of temptation which is to come upon all the world." (Rev. 3:10) "Come my people, enter thou into thy chambers and shut thy door about thee and hide thyself, as it were for a little moment 'till the indignation be overpast." (Isa. 26:20) "And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, everyone that shall be found written in the book." (Dan. 12:1) "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." (Luke 21:36) Thank God! There is a way of escape from the tribulation and a way into the marriage supper. It is the way of holiness. What a glorious prospect of holiness. He went away blessing His own. He will return in like manner! "The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout."

"This old world begins to rock,  
Infidels and skeptics mock,  
There's a time of awful anguish coming on;  
O what groans of bitter pain,  
When the Anti-Christ shall reign!  
When the Tribulation enter I'll be gone.

In the twinkling of an eye,  
You will hear the midnight cry,  
All the dead who sleep in Jesus then shall rise;  
We who live and here remain,  
Shall be caught up just the same,  
Christ and all the loved ones, meet up in the sky.

Then the Anti-Christ shall reign.  
All must have his mark or name,  
For without it you can neither sell nor buy;  
Signs and wonders he shall do,  
Call down fire from heaven too  
It is either worship him or you shall die.

Chrous:

I'll be gone, I'll be gone,  
When the Tribulation enters I'll be gone,  
Soon the trumpet loud shall sound,  
With a shout I'll leave the ground,  
When the tribulation enters  
I'll be gone."

Hallelujah '

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#### BRIEF REPORT OF GENERAL BOARD MEETING

The General Board meeting held July 16-17 at Springfield, Missouri, was a time of blessing. There were many things accomplished that will help us in forwarding the cause of God in our Church. A wonderful spirit of love and unity of purpose prevailed throughout the meeting.

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#### NO TURNING BACK

By Mrs. T. L. Linam

One day the Devil came to me,  
To fill me with alarm  
He said, "Since you have made this move,  
You've only done great harm.  
You see the Lord won't hear your prayer;  
His face from you He's turned.  
You've sinned away your day of grace,  
His love you now have spurned."



Just then another voice I heard,  
So sweet and tender say;  
"Child fear thou not for here I am,  
I still hear you when you pray.  
I'll never leave thee all alone;  
Close to thee I will stay,  
For bread I'll never give a stone;  
Child press on the narrow way."

So joy you see is in my soul,  
And peace is in my mind.  
Another friend so faithful now;  
I'm sure I'll never find.  
I mean to serve Him all my life,  
The devil I will fight;  
For Jesus Christ the Holy One  
Has given me new sight.

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"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." (Psalms 46:1).

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## THE CARNAL MIND LEADS TO DEATH

By Elbert Dodd

(Continued from last Issue)

"For to be carnally minded is death."

I want to point you to the way to get rid of this awful carnality.

First of all, we must be convicted of the Holy Ghost and shown by the blessed sweet Spirit of God that we stand condemned before God and that we're sinners. John said, "We have all sinned and come short of the glory of God" and we know we have by the light of His Word and the revelation of God's divine love shed toward our heart by the Holy Ghost. So first we must be convicted.

Second, "IF we confess our sins, He is just to forgive us of our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." All of God's promises are on condition. To get rid, to get unrighteousness cleansed out and to get the sins we've committed under the Blood, we must confess them. But if we will confess them, thank God He is just to forgive them and to blot them out by His own precious Blood. The Holy Ghost is the agent that comes to blot out our transgressions and He'll take our sins and carry them as far as the east is from the west and carry them over to the back of God, wherever

that is, and drop them in the bottom of the sea, and remember them against us no more forever! Praise God! This is the second step toward getting rid of this carnal mind. Of course we know that in our confession, repentance covers confession to those we have wronged, confession to God. Repentance covers restitution. You know, Peter told Simon the sorcerer in Acts 8, "Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God--." So repentance covers restitution. If we have taken anything wrongfully, we will to the best of our ability restore it. Now if it is impossible to restore it, then mercy will take over. You know God is merciful and long suffering. For instance if you had killed an individual, you could not restore his life, but you could confess and with bitter tears, beg forgiveness.

There are people who have back in their sinful lives, have been party to the destruction of life and they feel condemned before God, but thank God if you will confess it out and do everything God tells you to do, you can find peace and forgiveness.

The third step, after we have been born into the kingdom of God, we must walk. "If we walk in the light " then we will consecrate all to God. Turn over to Romans 12:1, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service, And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." Now if we will present ourselves to God, and when we present ourselves that means everything we are and everything we have and we trust everything in His hands, the past, present, and the future. We put on the altar, the known bundles and the unknown bundles. Thank God. This consecration will bring us on up the road as we walk in the light and will bring us to the place of complete surrender to the Lord. When we come to this place and have completely surrendered to Him, then the Holy Ghost applies the Blood of Jesus to our hearts and we come to be cleansed from all sin.

Acts 15:8 we find Peter telling about what happened to Cornelius' household and he said, "And God which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as He did unto us; And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith." Now when ones heart is purified, he is sanctified holy as a second definite work of grace, wrought in the heart by the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire.

Now when the Holy Ghost comes, He comes as a purifier. He cleanses out carnality. He destroys the old man of sin, because the Holy Ghost will not divide our affections and when we have surrendered all to Him, He comes to take over and He moves in and when He moves in, He casts out the old man of sin and He takes full control and He guards the door of our soul with His divine love. He fills our heart with perfect love, thank God for this love perfected. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, will be our song. A grace that delivered us from sin committed and cut the tree down and then grace through the baptism of the Holy Ghost that blew the stump and the old roots out of the tree. We're through cutting down sprouts. We're now sanctified and have the roots of carnality destroyed, thank God and this brings us deliverance.

We look back and thank God, there is a fountain filled with blood and it a double cure. Oh praise be to God. In Isaiah 6:6, "Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the alter: And he laid it upon my mouth, and said,

Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged." The old way to get rid of carnality is to have it burned out. Purged by the mighty baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire.

Friends don't be afraid of that statement. Don't be afraid of that doctrine, for it is the doctrine of God's Word. Wherefore Jesus also that He might sanctify, or cleanse or purge or purify, with His own blood, suffered without the gate. Oh, praise God for the power in Jesus' blood. What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the Blood of Jesus. What can make me whole, perfectly whole again? Nothing but the Blood of Jesus. It's the Blood, the Blood is all my plea. It is the Blood that cleanses me. The cleansing stream, I see I see, I plunge and oh it cleanseth me. Thank God for the cleansing of the heart from all sin and the sanctifying of the soul. And a man can be delivered from this old carnal mind that causes him all of this trouble. He can be delivered from the man of sin and then thank God, he doesn't have an enemy on the inside to help fight him when he has to fight the enemy on the outside, but all his enemies are on the outside. That personality on the inside is the blessed Holy Ghost. He'll be there to guide you into all truth and He'll be there to comfort you and He'll be there to stand by you and He'll be there to help you. Thank God! "And when He is come," Jesus said, "He will guide you into all truth, and He will speak what He hears." Praise God for the experience of Holiness. Praise God for the experience of entire sanctification. Praise God for the indwelling of the Holy Ghost.

Friends this is the only cure for the carnal mind. "The carnal mind is enmity against God and is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." Praise God, we're not in the flesh, we are not carnal, but we have the Spirit of Christ when we have been delivered from this carnal mind through the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire. Praise God!

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## SERMON SEED

By Dr. T. M. Anderson

Subject: Praying earnestly for purity.

TEXT: "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." Psa. 51:10.

### 1. The Conviction for sin,

"Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight. Ver. 4.

(a) The disobedience of sin. -- "Against thee, thee only."

(b) The deformity of sin. "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." Ver. 6.

(c) The dominion of sin. "My sin is ever before me."

2. The Confession of Sin. "I acknowledge my transgressions." Ver. 2.

(a) The plea for pardon. "Blot out my transgressions."

(b) The Plea for purging. "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean." Ver. 7.

(c) The Plea for pity. "Have mercy upon me, O God." Ver. 1.

3. The Crisis of the sinner. "Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me."

(a) A sinner can forfeit the pleasure of the Saviour.

(b) A sinner can frustrate the power of the Spirit.

(c) A sinner can fail to possess the salvation.

4. The Cleansing of the seeker. "Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow." Ver. 7.

(a) The contrite heart. "A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise." Ver. 17.

(b) The clean heart. "Create in me a clean heart." Ver. 10. "Cleanse me from my sin." Ver. 2. "I shall be clean." Ver. 7.

(c) The comforted heart. "Make me to hear joy and gladness. Ver. 8.

(d) The contented heart. "My tongue shall sing aloud of thy salvation." Ver. 14

(e) The compassionate heart. "Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee." Ver. 13.

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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

By Ken Harper

We were returning from Tulsa and my first Bible Missionary Church service. We all felt like the two disciples that had walked with Jesus, "Did not our heart burn within us?" (Luke 24:32). Without warning our eleven-year-old asked, "Daddy, will the Bible Missionary Church cool off too so that another new church will have to be started?" Now there is food for thought for minister and laymen alike.

Church history reveals that after every reformation, national revival, or new holiness denomination lukewarmness has quenched the fire--usually within two generations. Even the changes wrought through the leadership of Luther, Knox, and the Wesley's suffered the same end.

The ministry of Jesus Himself was partly a church reform and His reception by leaders of "THE CHURCH" was typical, including the fact that many of His opponents actually thought they were doing God service by fighting against Jesus. Even this Christ inspired reformation followed the pattern of others. Before the life of John was finished the Holy Spirit revealed that most churches had already slipped.

All this has been written leading up this question--What can be done to save the Bible Missionary Church from falling into this same trap?--and to enlist each member to help find the way to avoid it. The following discussion is intended to help stimulate this search :

## PERSONAL STATUS

Every church consists of individuals. My first job (and yours) must be to make sure of keeping the victory and a vision personally.

## HOLINESS

Of course holiness must be continually emphasized. Each member that has not died out and received the blessing is a potential starting point for a lukewarm trend. Maybe it would be better to make the second blessing a requirement for membership in the Bible Missionary Church. This is a drastic step but then no halfhearted measures will accomplish the goal. There will be some that are mistaken about their experience and no solution is apparent to that part of the problem. There is considerable difference between promising to get sanctified and dying out till it comes.

When discussing this possibility, one mentioned a well-known and beloved saint that preached for ten years before being sanctified. Well, should anyone preach before he is sanctified. John Wesley was a near failure before he was sanctified. No doubt making holiness a requirement for members will help emphasize that holiness is essential.

## NEW MEMBERS

People should not be urged to join a church. Being a church member should be some encouragement to walk in the light. On the other hand fruit picked too green often spoils rather than ripening and thus may contaminate the whole box.

## MINISTERS

Probably the real key to the situation is in the ministry. Never does a local church rise above the spiritual level of its pastor. Seldom if ever does a local church maintain a spiritual level already attained if a new pastor is lukewarm. "Where there is no vision the people perish" (Prov. 29:18). This is a tough problem and will require care on the part of all of us. However maintaining a spirit-filled ministry probably rests more with the moderators than with laymen.

May God lead us to a solution of this problem that we may never slip into the ditch of complacency.

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## THE QUESTION DEPARTMENT

By Dr. T. M. Anderson

QUESTION: -- What are the things of the world?

ANSWER: -- Things of the world and worldliness are not the same. Things of the world may include the necessities of life such as home, food, clothing. No harm will come to the children of God if they keep material things in a secondary place. Spiritual things are always first. Worldliness is a devotion to the evil things, or sinful pursuits in the present evil world. Such people desire cheap entertainment, jewelry, unbecoming fashion in dress. They have little or no interest in deep spiritual life, and no pleasure in vital Gospel truth.

QUESTION: -- Does the election of Matthias prove the doctrine of Apostolic succession?

ANSWER: -- No. His place as an Apostle was never mentioned again. The doctrine of Apostolic succession has the same place in God's plan as popery and priestcraft. Holy Writ never makes mention of more than twelve Apostles. Paul was God's choice.

QUESTION: -- Why are not the children of entirely sanctified parents born without any bent toward sin?

ANSWER: -- Hereditary depravity is radical sin. Adam transmitted the evil of his fallen nature to the human race. He alienated his descendants from God from birth. "The wicked are estranged from the womb; they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies." Psa. 58:3. Children are born innocent but not holy. If the children of holy people were born holy it would preclude the necessity for atonement for all men. Spiritual parents cannot transmit spiritual life to their children.

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"The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry." -- Psa. 34:15.

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## WHAT WE WANT IN THE BIBLE MISSIONARY CHURCH

By Elbert Dodd

First We want our people to have a definite experience with God. We want our best work around the altar. It will take longer, and more prayer, but let us all insist on our people praying clear through to victory. For people to live Holy they must be Holy. We want all of our people to never stop until they are sanctified as a second definite work of grace.

Second We want our people to be free from the world. We will not tolerate worldliness among our people. We want our people to dress modest, and simple. We do not believe in uniformity of dress, neither do we feel one must wear a certain color, but we do want a modest dressed people that will live up to our General Rules. We feel the law of dress applies to the men also. We must live separate from the world, not only in dress, but we must remember the sabbath day to keep it holy. Our rules are made to be kept, not to be ignored. We want our people to avoid worldly entertainment in the show, and we do not want the show in our homes. If you do not like our rules, and do not mean to keep them then do not join us.

Third--We want our preachers to be careful who they take into our churches. We do not want worldlings, neither do we want people who are living in adultery. We take the stand that the BIBLE takes on worldliness, adultery, and all other sin. God will not bless any people or church that does not take the BIBLE stand on these things. If we go further than God's word, God will not bless us, and if we do not go as far as God's word, God will not bless us.

Brother Preacher, if you do not intend to ask people to line up with the rules of our Church, then withdraw from us, and let us alone. We are not going to back up on any question or stand.

Fourth--We want a Holy Ghost visitation. We want God above all other things. We want an old fashion revival. We must have revivals at any cost, and we want to be ready to accept the visitation of God in all of His manifestations. We believe in the gifts of the Spirit and we want God to visit us, and give us the gift that will make us a blessing to this poor old lost world. We want to be an old fashion holiness crowd. We mean to avoid Liberalism, and do not want Legalism in any of its forms. Liberalism produces infidelity, and legalism produces fanaticism. We want neither, we just want God. Liberalism flatters -- Legalism finds fault, picks and criticizes. A sanctified soul is neither a Liberalist or a Legalist. He is holy, pure, merciful and sweet spirited. That is what we want. We want a people who will live clean and holy, who will be sweet spirited and will agonize in prayer, and will fast and hold on until God comes. The whole world lies in wickedness. The world is afire with sin in every form. We want to get the message to this poor old sick world at this time. God has called us out, and has put his approval on the church, with his blessings everywhere and that is what we want.

Fifth--We want a people who are liberal with their means. We want to support missions, home and foreign, and we want to pay our preachers a good living.

Last--We want our church law, our Manual, but we do not want law without mercy and grace. The reason God has blessed us as he has is because He is with us. Dear ones, if we are to have what we want in the Bible Missionary Church, then we must have more of God. God is our only hope. God is our only way. We want above everything else in the Bible Missionary Church, God in all His holiness and power. Come thou blessed God, visit us, bless us, and we pledge you as a church called out to obey thee at any cost.

If you want this then come with us, we will do thee good, and you will be a blessing to us, but if you do not want an old fashion, world-defying, God-fearing, strict church, then do not join us. You will not feel at home among us. Our preachers mean to preach against all sin, and for full

salvation, and that is what you will hear in a Bible Missionary Church. Do you want what the Bible Missionary Church wants? If so join us in prevailing prayer.

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## JESUS CHRIST THE MISSIONARY IMPERATIVE

By James McNab

II. The Feeding of the Multitude. This great teaching and example of Christ is one of the most outstanding missionary messages of all time. It is one of those, however, that is difficult to separate because it is a teaching as well as an example. It is outstanding because it is mentioned by everyone of the four gospel writers; it is outstanding because it is a perfect example of the missionary imperative of feeding the gospel to all the world; and it is also outstanding because it is to appropriate for this day in which the church is so local-minded, visionless, selfish, material-minded, and seems to have forgotten that Christ died for ALL THE WORLD!

It is a Biblical fact that the disciples did not feed the front rows of that multitude over and over again, while forgetting the back rows and letting them go hungry. A second helping was not given to the front rows until every person in that great multitude had had a first helping. How unlike the present-day situation when those in the FRONT ROWS are being fed over and over again, while thousands in the BACK ROWS of the uttermost part are DYING WITHOUT HEARING THE BLESSED GOSPEL STORY. Jesus Christ meant this to be an example not only for His disciples who distributed the loaves and fishes to that hungry multitude, but also for every follower of His in this present generation who has heard the Gospel message of salvation through His precious blood.

This is indeed the most outstanding miracle performed by the Master. No other miracle has been assigned so much importance by the Holy Spirit, who inspired the writing of the Scriptures. It is more than simply one of the many miracles performed by Jesus Christ. It is a parable as well: A parable of mission." It must be noticed here that Jesus not only saw the need of the multitude and felt a great compassion for them, but He acted and did something about it.

After Jesus Christ arose triumphantly from the grave, this missionary parable became a spiritual reality. The risen Lord placed in the disciples' hands the "loaves," "the Bread of Life," for the perishing 'multitude' of mankind. "He transferred to them responsibility that had rested until then upon Him." This responsibility to tell ALL THE WORLD about the SAVIOR has been passed on to every generation of Christians, and today it is the personal obligation and PRIVILEGE of every follower of Jesus Christ. "We stand," avers Glover: "As those disciples of old, between the loaves and the multitude, and that in one of two ways : either as obstructionists, withholding the loaves from the multitude by our indifference, selfishness, and sloth; or else as Christ's loyal helpers, passing out the loaves from His hands to the multitude.

"Most of the trouble in this generation comes from the front rows. These front rows are over fed and have developed a spiritual indigestion, while the BACK ROWS in the FORGOTTEN UTTERMOST PART are starving for the Bread of Life. These almost Gospel-hardened FRONT ROWS tell their minister how much to feed them and how long to feed them. Because of unconcern



and lack of vision for the need of those in the BACK ROWS, they inform their leader as to the kind of food they desire him to feed them, and if he does not cater to their wishes and selfish desires, they complain and find fault."

Jesus Christ had a WORLD VISION, and His aching heart was and is full of compassion for those BACK ROWS who are STILL hungry for the heavenly manna that only He can supply through those, His followers, whom He has sent forth to minister in His place. But He promised never to forsake them and to go with them every step of the way. He would desire everyone of His followers to have a firsthand vision of those out there in the BACK ROWS famishing for the Bread of Life.

Thus those in the FRONT RANKS are definitely indebted to those in the BACKS RANKS of this sin-darkened and hungry world. Like Paul, the Apostle, they "Are debtors to the Greeks and to the Barbarians, both to the wise and the unwise" (Rom. 1:4). Surely the "Time is Now." Those of the FRONT ROWS, who have heard the Gospel over and over again while millions in the BACK ROWS have never heard, need to fight against the GATHERING DARKNESS of their day.

As Jesus commanded the disciples to give food to the hungry multitude, and to continue until the last row was fed, even so He charges every Christian today to feed those on the far-flung harvest fields. "Give ye them to eat," Jesus said to the disciples, and the loaves and fishes multiplied as they distributed them to the multitude. Later, as they gave the glorious Gospel to the then known world, they remembered this outstanding example of their Lord and Master. Thus it is the responsibility of every disciple of Jesus Christ today to follow this example and give the Gospel to all those who have never heard, those in the BACK ROWS who are hungry for the Bread of Life.

Surely and naturally the great missionary heart of the compassionate Christ is broken as He peers down on the vast multitudes of this generation who are starving for the spiritual food that only He can give through His disciples. Today, the Great Redeemer sees two-thirds of the world who have never heard about His dying on Calvary's Cross for this salvation. With all of these millions yet to hear the "Good News" of redemption, along with the gigantic "task of making those who are counted as Christians really Christians in ideals, spirit and life, how deep must be His compassion for these multitudes today"?

It is appealing how few of the Bible commentators and missionary writers have seen the missionary imperative as world-wide in this thrilling miracle and example of Jesus Christ. Even the great commentator, Adam Clarke, seemed to see only the local situation or the feeding of the "many hungry souls as attend Thy Word," instead of the boundless multitudes in the UTTERMOST PART who have NEVER heard and who have NO MISSIONARY to tell them.

Jesus bids all Christians today "Give ye them to eat," and we must obey Him. This miracle or example, alone, is sufficient to send every true Christian into all the world to proclaim Christ as LOST HUMANITY'S ONLY HOPE.

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## HEAVEN

By Oscar Hudson

Most everyone believes in heaven. Not so many believe in hell but they believe in heaven and hope, sometimes, in some way to get there. A concrete, well defined idea of what heaven is and where, is not so universal. With many it is a sort of mythological something in the misty, distant future: something to ponder. Some say that heaven is just a state, and there is some support for the Scriptures, for this position. "I shall be satisfied when I awake in Thy likeness." Psa. 17:15. "Satisfied," is a state. Another said that heaven is a condition; and we read: "In Thy presence is fulness of joy; at Thy right hand are pleasures for evermore." Psa. 16:11 "Fulness of joy," and "pleasures" are conditions.

Heaven is all of this and infinitely more. It is a definite place with tangible arrangements. "And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant and to thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward this PLACE: and hear thou in heaven thy dwelling PLACE." I Kings 8:20. "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven." Acts 1:11. A place one can look into. "Who shall ascend into heaven," Rom. 10:6. A place one can ascend into. "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a PLACE for you." John 14:2.

Then where is it? We can locate places. As we consider the matter, we locate it first in the heart. "The kingdom of God is within you." Luke 17:1. If it is within the human heart, someone objected, it must be a small place for it does not have much room. Well, it did not say that all of heaven was in the heart. I walked down the beach as the waves from the Pacific ocean came rolling in, and dipped up a cup of the salty liquid. I had the Pacific ocean in my cup: not all of it, but brim full of all of the elements of the Pacific ocean. And if we enjoy the bliss of heaven after this life, we must have all of its elements--peace, love, justice, righteousness, unselfishness, etc., filling our hearts to overflowing, while here.

Again we find that the space about this earth is called heaven. "God called the firmament heaven." Gen. 1:8. "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth His handiwork." Psa. 19: 1. I do not know that this is the place where Jesus was to meet the thief the day He died on the cross--the place where disembodied spirits await the consummation of time--but there are Scriptures that indicate it. The eleventh chapter of Hebrews is a catalogue of the faithful who have achieved through faith, in all ages. The beginning of the next chapter reads: "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." That sounds to me like they are all about us. And it strengthens my determination to press on, sometimes, to think that. When I see a fiery trial approaching, it helps me to think that the Hebrew children may be about, wondering if I am going to remember how God helped them dance in a fiery furnace until Jesus came down to keep them company. And when clouds of discouragement have shut out the sun, and the devil suggests that I am getting no where and had about as well quit, it stiffens my will to think that my sainted mother, that prayed me out of sin, may be standing near wondering if her preacher boy is going to fight on and meet her in heaven.

The final heaven, at least its center, as far as you and I are concerned, is this earth on which we dwell. "But," says one. "That cannot be. Heaven is a place of rest and peace, the absence of tension, fear and burdens. Ferocious beasts, poisonous snakes, scorpions, etc., keep us upset and dodging." But in that day: "The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the young lion and the falling together... and the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp and the weaned child shall put his hand in the cockatrice's den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters that cover the sea." Isa. 11:6. War and fighting among animals, including man, is the result of sin and will cease when sin is no more.

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." Matt. 5: 5. "The righteous shall inherit the land and dwell therein forever" Psa. 37:29. We may appear to be in poverty now; but we have not come into possession of our inheritance. If you should visit us now, I might have difficulty setting before you the diet your palate craved, and if you remained with us long the entertainment might become embarrassing to both of us. But I am not entertaining now. For more than a half century, we have lived on the battle line. But this earth belongs to my heavenly Father. (Psa. 24: 1) and some happy day, He is going to divide it up among His children. When I have received my inheritance, come to see me and spend about a million years. I will place you in a guest chamber made of transparent gold (Rev. 21:17) with gates of pearl (Rev. 21:21) and will feed you on ambrosia from the tree of life bearing twelve manner of fruits and yielding a crop every month (Rev. 22:2) will be growing in my back yard.

Objections are raised to this position because of the physical disorders of this planet. Tornadoes, earthquakes, shipwrecks, snow-slides, earth-slides, etc., makes it impractical for heaven to be here. But in that day, "There will be no more sea," Rev. 21:1--hence no shipwrecks. "Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low." Isa. 40:4. That will end snow-slides and landslides. Before the fall of man, there were no storms. "There went up a mist from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground." Gen. 2:6. There were no thorns and thistles and man was not forced to "earn his bread by the sweat of his brow." God will redeem this earth as well as man, and a condition like there was in Eden, will cover the earth.

Some might wonder if conditions would not be somewhat congested if heaven was confined to this planet. The devil may have gotten the most of the people born into this world, but God has always had faithful souls. While on the Isle of Patmos, John saw a company that "no man can number," and all who have died in infancy will be there. While I was pondering this, my mind was directed to the twenty-first chapter of Revelation, where John saw the "Holy City, the New Jerusalem," a sort of headquarters or office building; and he took a reed and measured it. He found it to be a perfect cube, measuring twelve thousand furlongs, its sides and height being equal. Twelve thousand furlongs is fifteen hundred miles. What a building! It is so large that one corner could set on the state of Maine, one on North Dakota, one on Texas and one on Florida, and is as high as it is wide. Its cubic contents is 3,375,000,000 cubic miles. This would make 2,942,846,000,000 mansions 100 feet square and leave room for a street 100 feet wide around every one. These streets would extend four times the distance to the sun. It would take a train, running 60 miles an hour around the clock 1, 629, 259 years to run through the streets one time; and at one-cent a mile, cost \$87,420,000 to ride through the streets one time. This building has capacity

for a room ten feet square with ten foot ceiling for every one who has been born in the world even though it had existed ten thousand years, and leave out half of it for angels.

Yes, there is abundant room for everyone. "To and inheritance... RESERVED in heaven for you." I Peter 1:4. Some things in this world are reserved for the classes: the masses can never enjoy them. There is not enough to go around. But everyone has a reservation in heaven. There is but one thing that will prevent our enjoying it forever--sin. "There shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination or maketh a lie." Rev. 21:27.

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## WHAT THIS COUNTRY NEEDS

By Glenn Stout

Like countless other Americans I am traveling down the western slope of life to an eternal sunset. While at work, when at rest and at prayer, all through the day and night these four words haunt me for an honest useful answer.

On many occasions I have met the church tramp, Mr. Parasite. He is one who wants all the denominations to honor his little "popgun." I have listened closely to hear what he had to say on the subject. His cry was for a mighty stirring and the need was a gully washer. Since a parasite is a blood sucker by nature, he never offers a sacrifice or real intercessory prayer to help the world situation. A church tramp can be traced by the false doctrine he appeases and the way he shirks responsibility.

You may ask the Catholic priest for an answer to these four words. He will steer you to the confession room to become a Catholic with all the Pope's laws of force, but this will not solve the sin problem in the heart of the American people.

You ask the Mormons the need of this country and they by deed will say, "Just believe what the founder of our church wrote of the last saint's revelation. Then join our church, attend the church dances and recreational activities." Perchance, you live a double life, you will have a chance to develop out of your sin after death. I judge this thought is one reason they pray for the dead. The need of this country is not in this doctrine.

The ministers of the modern churches of America would state, "What this country needs is to turn over a new leaf or make a new resolution and accept Christ." But never say anything about the sins a man or woman must confess and quit so Christ will accept them.

Then a very deceptive blight has crept into the most of the modern holiness preachers of America. They would answer the question at hand, "What this country needs is holiness in heart." This could be a great answer if the ministry had it and did more than to give a mental accent to the form of the doctrine and not leave off the operation that takes place in the person's heart when the

death route to sin is taken to receive the fruit and the supernatural experience wrought by the Holy Ghost.

The radio can be dialed to hear the program produced by a great evangelistic association. You will hear the great world-wide evangelist state, "This country needs to make a decision for Christ. It needs revival, the churches united." He according to many religious judges preaches a great sermon and at the end of the meeting he will preach on the White House steps. It was stated that senators and men in great numbers went to the inquiry room to accept Christ. But did you know that they were not gripped by the Holy Ghost with a conviction that will be the death blow to sin in their heart. They did not bow before the Lord, repent of the past and pray through to a definite experience of knowing that Christ had accepted them. Just a form of getting religion, but not a real revival of getting Bible salvation, where Christ blots out the past by His atoning blood and fills the heart with His spirit.

Ask the politician and he will state we need more money and new laws; to legalize this and outlaw that whatever that and this is. Ask the educator and he will say this country needs greater school buildings, more teachers and more entertainment, while within the walls of the school room Bible truths are taught as a falsehood or old fables.

You may watch the parochial school for a solution to the four words in question. There the president will feed the school on recreational activities, seasoned with a religious emphasis week. The result of all good will be smothered with appraised ego and then buried in the heart of its product is a sacrilegious profession veneered with the name of holiness.

The scientist will come out with his solution to the question by stating, "We need more scientific research." But where is the victory in research? When they get one thing analyzed they start analyzing their analysis.

Ask the big club judge or the ruling law-maker of this day what the need of this country and the home is. He will inform you by reading unsound laws which lead to more entertainment, less discipline and a rehabilitation officer to advocate understanding in the home. This theory is as sound as sending a Minnesota fisherman to the Sahara Desert to fish in a rain-barrel.

Sometime ago some very impressive truths caught my attention as I passed and looked at a man in the mirror. History quoted these facts to me. "Back in 1776 Thomas Jefferson and his friends were saying, 'What this country needs is a Declaration of Independence, freedom from the binding ties.' Abraham Lincoln in his day stated, 'What this country needs is. freedom for one and all.' History records that this came to pass, but it took blood to produce it.

"In the field of invention, it was Henry Ford who said, 'What this country needs is an automobile, a horseless carriage.' Before long we were in the machine age.

"The imaginative birds, the honorable Orville and Wilbur Wright said, 'What this country needs is an airplane.' Soon we were in the air age. For every significant advancement in good old America, at least one person has said in his heart what he thought this country needed and then gone all out to give his life blood to bring it to pass.

"If you are an honest American you must agree that the people of this country have a need of more than natural resources and propaganda encouragements. The freedom of the home is gone; the freedom at the street corner has vanished, the right for righteous education is denied by parasites and pressure groups. The press is censored and the door to the Highest Hall of Justice is in the process of being closed. Soon wrath will be poured out and who will remember mercy."

As I stood there astonished that man in the mirror was staring me right in the face and saying, "What this country needs, Glenn Stout, is qualified men and women to weather the storm, to sail the sea, to stem the tide, and to stand in the gap, to enlighten the broken-hearted, to heal the soul and to give birth by intercessory prayer to the salvation from sin provided by Jesus Christ."

The qualifications to participate in this country's need is two definite works of grace. The first work is started by a supernatural dose of conviction for sins committed and is concluded when that individual has repented and has prayed through that he knows he is justified before God by faith, thereby he is born into the kingdom of God. The second work of grace is conceived as he walks with God day by day and the spirit of God reveals to the child of God his inward foe. At this point of the second experience comes to the child of God a constant hunger for the removing of his foe. As he obeys God, the hunger will deepen day by day until he prays definitely through and the Holy Spirit comes and eradicates this inward foe performing the second definite work of grace in the human heart, thereby baptizing him with the Holy Ghost and fire. Then and only then can one be God's qualified person. The qualified men and women are the need of this country. They are the ones that can pray the intercessory prayer to stem the tide of sin being committed in this country.

The evangelistic associations and many preachers of this country are beating the air with revival stories of old, creating a great storm of propaganda, which loads the psychological nature with just a mere shock. An old dead battery will give a small shock now and then, but will it start the motor of revivals that has real power in its compression chambers?

The qualified men and women are the live batteries of the Christian country and they are the intercessors that feed the mourner's bench with convicted hearts to pray through until they possess clean hands and a pure heart before God and man. So many people today want the results of the mourner's bench while they possess the critical spirit of the route that leads them to the great experience. Many want the benefits of a saint without the experience of living the life of a saint.

This country is not in need of monks or a lot of new programs, but is sadly in need of qualified men and women to use the old plan of intercessory prayer. A man said in Scotland, "Give me Scotland or I die." One said in America, "Give me liberty or give me death," these men got an answer.

If this generation in this country ever experiences the power of the atoning blood of Jesus Christ, the qualified intercessors must first go through their Garden of Gethsemane. The qualified persons are scarce. Yet they are the need of this day and the soul need of this country. "The Master has come and calleth for thee." So what will your answer be?

Is it nothing, oh, nothing to you

That the prayer warriors for revival are so few;  
That people of all races are going astray?  
The aged as well as youth are dying without God each day.  
Because someone failed to pray.  
Will you, Oh, will you by deed say this is nothing to you?  
And yet, is it nothing, yes nothing to you?  
While men drift and sink, you exclaim,  
"There is nothing I can do."  
For those people who have had no Christian care  
And are now seemingly out of reach--on the verge of despair;  
Can you, as a Christian be true and feel it is nothing to you?

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Editor's Note: Amen!

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#### CHURCH NEWS

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#### EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO

Sunday June 16th, Rev. H. B. Huffman, District Moderator in the Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia District Conference organized a church on the East side of East Liverpool. Then Brother Dodd, General Moderator organized a church in the LaCroft section of East Liverpool. We praise God for these wonderful victories.

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#### MICHIGAN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

St. Louis, Michigan

June the 18th, Brother Elbert Dodd organized a Michigan District Conference and Rev. Paul Drummond was elected District Moderator. God met with us in a wonderful way and there was much victory and glory in our midst. Praise God for this wonderful start up in the great Michigan country.

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#### ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Sunday June 16th, Rev. W. E. Carlton organized a Bible Missionary Church in St. Louis, Missouri. Rev. Noble Hunt was called as pastor. They organized with a good strong group, and are paying their pastor eighty dollars a week, parsonage and bills. Praise God for this good start in this good city.

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#### OKLAHOMA, TEXAS AND ARKANSAS Conference Organized

Rev. Glenn Griffith organized the Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas District Conference at the close of the Camp Meeting at Duncan, Oklahoma. Rev. J. E. Cook was elected the District Moderator, Rev. Tony Ross was elected District Secretary.

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#### AKRON, OHIO

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Pumpelly have been in a meeting at Akron, Ohio and organized a church there and Rev. W. E. Whited from Tennessee was called to pastor the church at Akron, Ohio. May God bless this new group there in Ohio.

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#### PONEA CITY, OKLAHOMA

Rev. J. E. Cook organized a church at Ponca City, Oklahoma and Rev. Leon Jackson was called to pastor the church there. They just closed a wonderful revival with Rev. and Mrs. Paul Pumpelly. Praise God for this wonderful victory there.

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#### FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Rev. Paul Hennigan just organized a new church at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. We have not heard just yet who is the pastor, but we praise God for this wonderful victory in Florida.

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#### CAMP MEETING AT DUNCAN, OKLA.

Duncan, Oklahoma, reports a great and wonderful spiritual time in the Camp Meeting at Duncan, Oklahoma. With people represented from many states. Rev. Glenn Griffith, Rev. H. Robb French and Rev. Elbert Dodd were at their best in the camp and Melvin and Corrine LeCrone were used of God in the singing and music. Praise God for this wonderful camp.



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#### CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

Brother W. M. Tidwell reports a good revival with Brother Glenn Griffith as evangelist. Also they enjoyed Sister Reiff's visit to their church. God is blessing at Chattanooga Bible Missionary Church. This church is a strong church for missions, and they raised a good offering for Sister Reiff and are doing a great work in supporting home and foreign missions.

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#### ABOUT OUR MISSIONARIES

Mrs. Dennis Reiff, one of our Missionaries in Guatemala was called home on the account of the death of her father. While home she visited several Bible Missionary Churches and our people appreciated her visit, and her messages so very much. A jeep was donated by a good man in South Dakota and they are taking it back to the field with them. Brother and Sister Reiff's son graduated from God's Bible School and will drive the jeep back to Guatemala. As you know Rev. and Mrs. Dennis Reiff are our Missionaries in Guatemala. If you desire to contact them you may write them at Jalapa, Guatemala, Central America. They are wonderful spirit filled Missionaries and we praise God for them.

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#### NEW BABY

Rev. and Mrs. Spencer Johnson have a new baby girl. She was born on June 9th and weighed 8 lbs. 4 ozs. and her name is Esther Annette.

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#### CAMP MEETING AT MT. PLEASANT, IA.

Camp Meeting at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa was a great blessing and they report a great camp with Brother Glenn Griffith doing the preaching and Bro. and Sister A. L. Crane doing the singing. They had wonderful attendance and God blessed with many, many wonderful victories. We praise God for this wonderful victory in the state of Iowa.

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#### CAMP MEETING AT NAMPA, IDAHO

As this goes to press, word has just come that they are having the greatest Camp Meeting ever out at Nampa, Idaho, at Midway. Brother Glenn Griffith doing wonderful preaching and God the Holy Ghost is honoring and blessing in a wonderful marvelous way. Greatest crowds ever to

attend the services there and many, many wonderful victories won. Praise God for this victory. Perhaps we will have a more detailed report next month.

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#### MT. JOY HOLINESS CAMP AT ENTRIKEN, PENN.

Entriken, Penn. reports a wonderful Camp Meeting with Rev. Elbert Dodd and Rev. Lillian Wilson as the Evangelists and Rev. and Mrs. Charles Dodd, Jr. as Song Evangelists. Praise God for this wonderful camp.

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#### CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

As this goes to the press, Rev. H. B. Huffman and Melvin and Corrine LeCrone are in a tent meeting in a Home Mission campaign in Charleston. It looks good there at Charleston. Will have more report about Charleston later on. We trust they get a good work there.

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#### SAXAPHAHOE, NORTH CAROLINA

Rev. E. T. Harris organized a Bible Missionary Church at Saxaphahoe, North Carolina and Rev. and Mrs. Gary Smith from Louisiana have been called to pastor the church there.

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[To view a picture of the Hurricane-destroyed, Lake Charles, Louisiana Church building that appeared here in the text, open the Graphics\Lcharles.jpg file on this CD.]

#### LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA

We wish to request prayer for our good people at Lake Charles, Louisiana. They had their church building almost ready to occupy when Hurricane Audrey came along and blew it flat down to the ground. Do pray for these precious people. They have had to be out so much expense and now have to start all over again. We do wish you would pray that God will bless them and supply their needs. Pray for them and drop them a line. You may write a line to encourage the pastor and tell him that you are praying for them. Rev. B. M. Loftin is pastor, his address is, 3717 Louisiana Avenue, Lake Charles, Louisiana. God bless these wonderful people, they are not the least bit discouraged, but are patiently starting over again. May God bless them and hasten the day when they will get their building completed. They will be able to salvage some of the material but they had no insurance.

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## LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

As this issue of the paper goes to the press, the Editor is in a revival campaign, a tent meeting, at Little Rock, Arkansas. Rev. Royal Shultz is to be the pastor here. Brother and Sister Shultz are wonderful folks and it looks like we are going to get a good old fashioned church here in Little Rock. Brother Elbert Dodd is due here next week to help us in the meeting and will have much more to report we think a few days after the smoke of the battle clears away. Will give you more details in the next issue of the paper. It looks good in Arkansas. Looks like the Bible Missionary Churches may break out over old Arkansas like the measles. Praise God forever.

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## A CORRECTION

In an earlier issue of the Missionary Revivalist, we mentioned that Mrs. Mora B. Fields had a wonderful book of poems which you can order from her, but we failed to give the price. The price is fifty-five cents each. You may order them directly from Sister Fields at, 3300 Isleta Blvd., South West, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." Proverbs 25:11.

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## ATTENTION PREACHERS

We call your attention to the following statement in our Manual on page 36, paragraph 54, section 4, "Minister's 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 Conference have not all been organized and 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, 1957, your credentials will not be permanent until you have been approved by the General Conference to be held September 24-29, 1957. 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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## SPECIAL OFFER

We appreciate the good response that has come from a special offer to send sample copies of the Missionary Revivalist to the friends of our people and we wish to continue this offer at least this one more month. We will send ten copies of the Missionary Revivalist to ten different friends for one dollar. List the names and addresses of the friends you wish it to be sent to and encloses one dollar and mail it to Mr. A. L. Crane, Box 392, Nampa, Idaho. A note will be enclosed in the paper saying it was sent to them by a friend, and your name will not be on the note. Send as many as you wish at ten copies for one dollar.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE

We have appreciated the wonderful response that our people have given to our Sunday School Literature and again it is time for you to order your Sunday School Literature for the fourth quarter. You may order it from the Bible Missionary Book Store, 2601 North Federal Blvd., Denver, Colorado. Order as many as you like of the Adult quarterlies, and also the Youth quarterlies at twenty cents each. You will need to get your order in now in order to have your material in time for use in the quarter. You may also order books and supplies from our Book Store at reasonable prices and Brother LeCrone in the office will give you prompt service.

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## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Since many of our people in the far Northwest would not have been able to attend the General Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, the General Board thought it would be wise to change the place of the General Conference from Nashville to Denver, Colorado. The Board appreciated the kind invitation from the people in Nashville and it has made plans for a great Holiness Convention in Nashville soon after the General Conference. The board felt that the church could be more generally represented by having the Conference nearer the central part of the nation.

**THE DATE OF THE CONFERENCE REMAINS THE SAME.** The Second General Conference of The Bible Missionary Church will convene at Denver, Colorado, September 24-29, 1957.

We are asking our people to begin now to pray and fast and ask God to give us a mighty visitation of the Holy Ghost. We desire above all else to glorify God, lift up Christ, and honor the blessed Holy Ghost in this Conference. To this end we solicit the prayers of all of God's people. We invite our friends everywhere to attend this Conference. Address all correspondence regarding the General Conference to the General Office of the Bible Missionary Church, 2601 North Federal Blvd., Denver, Colorado.

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## WHAT IS TRUE HOLINESS?

By Paul W. Finch

In the maize of today's religion, many of our theologies are overlapping and include teachings that are not scripturally founded. The emphasis is placed on the external and spectacular phases of Christianity, but so little thought and preaching is given to the "core" of the sin question. Man, in his sinful state, is inclined to shift away from the responsibility on his part to obtain salvation. From the extreme of eternal predestination, to its close relative of "once saved always saved," we find people who go along with the teaching of "once a Son always a Son." This logic breaks down at once for, so far, all acknowledge that man is born, not a child of God but a child of the Devil. So, if "once a son of Satan," there is not one chance of becoming a "Son of God." "This teaching eventually lead back to the doctrine of eternal predestination, that, we are born to be saved, or born to be lost, and thus have no moral obligation.

This is not the Bible teaching. Sin is the number one world problem, which the Bible treats, and also includes the divine plan of salvation. In Wesley's day when there were fewer religious notions, God specially directed John and Charles to a simple and direct teaching on "Original Sin." "Justification by faith" and "Holiness consequent therefrom." This they taught in sermon and song, until a great host of living witnesses testified to deliverance from ALL SIN, and God raised up a great holiness fellowship, which was known as Methodist. This was carried on into the present century by the holiness churches, such as the Church of the Nazarene, the Free Methodist, the Wesleyan Methodist and the Pilgrim Holiness Church and a great number of smaller bodies of holiness believers. The "Tongues Movement" are often classed with the holiness people by the uninformed, but this should not be, for very little of their teaching has ever dealt with the sin question, such as the eradication of carnality.

Are we, of the Wesleyan interpretation, however, losing this fundamental doctrine of salvation from ALL SIN. Our age tends to run out shallow on moral issues, and with all of Hollywood glamour and entertainment around us, those who give time to the radio and television, will become like the play-boys, and they too will be caught in playhouse religion. The fun and frolic, with pleasing gimmicks and gadgets, will keep us so busy that we will not focus on God's plan of deliverance from heart corruption, and thus never fully know the old time Shekinah glory.

John Wesley in his "Plain Account of Christian Perfection" stated simply what we believe is the Bible teaching on heart holiness. He deals with the sin question and the way of full salvation. Following we submit a condensation of his sermon which we believe speaks clearly.

"I. What Christian perfection is not--and what it is.

1. It is not perfection of knowledge; nor is it freedom from mistakes, infirmities and temptations: nor is it a perfection that is incapable of further increase. It is not a state in which the atonement is no longer needed; nor is it an experience which, once professed, can never be lost.

2. It is more than freedom from the commission of actual sin. Even babes in Christ are perfect in this sense. It is freedom from evil desires and tempers, from pride, fear, self-will and

anger. It involves the renewal of the soul in the image of God and the purification of the heart by faith. The Bible expressions descriptive of it are such as these, "walking in the light; .... abiding in Christ," "rejoicing evermore," "loving God with all the heart, mind, soul, and strength" and "perfect love."

II. Do the scriptures teach that this is an experience designed for all the children of God?

Yes:

1. By promises. Psa. 130:8. Ezek. 36:25, 29; Duet. 30:6; II Cor. 7:1; I John 3:8; Eph. 5:15-27; Roman 8:3-4.

2. By prayer. John 17:20-23; Eph. 3:14-19; I Thess 5:23.

3. By Commands. Matt. 5:48 ; 22:37; I Pet. 1:15, 16.

4. By example. I John 4:17.

III. When and how many we obtain the blessing of Christian perfection?

1. Not so early as justification (Heb. 6:1) but not necessarily so late as at death. (Phil. 3:15). This follows too, from the nature of commands which are given not to the dead but to the living. Compare also these passages: Titus 2:11-14; Luke 1:69-75; I John 1:7, 9; 4:17. These passages teach complete deliverance from sin in this world and in this life. Sanctification begins at justification. It proceeds by a gradual work of mortification of sin in the members, which is often of long duration; but this may be cut short in an instantaneous death to sin.

2. Not by careless indifference nor indolent inactivity; but by universal, zealous watchful, self-denial and obedience; more especially by prayer, fasting and the constant use of all the means of grace; finally the blessing is received instantaneously and by simple faith.

IV. How may one know that he has obtained the blessing?

1. When he has a deep and clear conviction of inbred sin, followed by a consciousness of total death to sin and of renewal in the Divine image.

2. By the direct witness of the Spirit to his sanctification. I John 3:24; 5:19; 1 Cor. 2:12; Romans 8:16. By the fruits of the spirit, --love, joy, peace, patience, fidelity, temperance, etc.

V. Is it the duty of a possessor of the experience to be a professor of it?

At first he could hardly refrain. Later he could refrain.

1. It is advisable not to speak of it to them who know not God, nor to others without special reason.

2. It should be professed cautiously, reverently, and with the deepest humility, lest one appear to boast.

3. By entire silence, crosses might be avoided, but this could not be done with a good conscience.

VI. May one, in the enjoyment of Christian Perfection, enjoy also the pleasures of sense?

1. Yes, but he needs them not to make him happy.
2. While he uses them he does not seek them.
3. He is sparing in their use, and never for the sake of pleasure itself.

VII. Can we recognize this grace in another? Not infallibly; but reasonable proofs must satisfy, e. g. a previous exemplary life and truthful character, a straight forward account of the experience, and a holy and unblameable life.

VIII. How should the preacher treat professors of Christian Perfection?

1. He should talk with them freely and examine them carefully about their experience, avoiding all harshness, sternness and contempt. He must not make himself an inquisitor-general or peremptory judge of the deep things of God.
2. He must labor to prevent the unjust or unkind treatment of those who profess it.
3. He must exhort them to pray fervently that God would show them all that is in their heart.

IX. What advice may be given professors of Christian Perfection?

1. Watch against spiritual pride.
2. Beware of enthusiasm, fanaticism and schism.
3. Beware of making void the law through faith.
4. Beware of bigotry, self-indulgence and of the sins of omission.
5. Be exemplary in all things, especially the little things, for in these lie both dangers and blessings."

Beloved, let us leave off the fan fare of human religion, and stand by the old paths. The desperate need of the hour is a God-consciousness, that brings to the heart the great standards of the "Book." The cry for such a holiness revival is deeper and broader than can be realized. Are we not on the verge of a genuine revival of Salvation from sins, yea, from all sin? May we live and preach TRUE HOLINESS!!

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## DEVIL-VISION

By John C. Woodward

The Devil once said to his Demons below,  
"Our work is advancing entirely too slow;  
The Holiness people stand in our way  
Since they don't believe in the show or the play.

They teach that the carnival, circus and dance,  
The tavern and honky-tonk with games of chance,  
Drinking and smoking, these things are all wrong  
That Christians don't mix with this ungodly throng.

They're quick to condemn everything that we do  
To cause unbelievers to be not a few.  
They claim that these are all of the Devil,  
That Christian folks live on a much higher level.

Now fellows, their theory, while perfectly true  
Is blocking the work we are trying to do;  
We'll have to get busy and figure a plan  
That will change their standards, as quick as we can.

Now I have a vision of what we can do,  
Hearken! I'll tell this deception to you,  
Then find me a wise, but degenerate man  
Whom I can use to help work out this plan.

There's nothing as real as the thing you can see!  
The eyes and the mind and the heart will agree;  
So what could be better than an object to view?  
I say it will work, and convince not a few.

The home is the place for this sinful device,  
The people deceived, will think it is nice;  
The world will possess it, most Christians can't tell  
That it's of the Devil and was plotted in Hell.

We'll sell them with pictures of the latest of news,  
And while their still looking we'll advertise booze,  
At the soul-damning cigarette also they'll look,  
Until they forget what God says in His Book.

At first, it will shock them, they'll seem in a haze;  
But soon they'll be hardened and continue to gaze.



We'll give them some Gospel that isn't too strong  
And a few sacred songs to string them along.

They'll take in the ads with the latest of fashions  
And soon watch the shows that stir evil passions;  
Murder and love-making scenes they'll behold,  
Until in their souls, they'll be literally cold.

The "old family altar" which once held much charm  
Will soon lose its place without much alarm;  
Praying in secret will also be lost  
As they look on the screen without counting the cost.

The compromise preachers who don't take their stand  
Will embrace this new vision and think it is grand.  
They'll help fool the people and cause them to sin  
By seeking the evil and taking it in.

Influence is great, and this you can see,  
Just look at my fall and you'll have to agree;  
It won't be too long, my Demons, to tell  
That visions of Satan will populate Hell.

Divorce will increase, sex-crimes will abound,  
Much innocent blood will be spilled on the ground,  
The home will be damned in short order, I say,  
When this vision of mine comes in to stay.

Get busy, my Cohorts! and put this thing out;  
We'll see if the church can continue to shout,  
The Holiness people who stand in our way  
Will soon hush their crying against show and play.

We'll cover the earth with this "Devil Vision",  
Though we'll camouflage it with the name, "Television"  
The people will think they are getting a treat  
Till the anti-Christ comes and takes over his seat.

He'll then rule the world while the viewers behold  
The face of the beast to whom they were sold,  
We'll win through deception, this can not fail  
Though some Holiness preachers against it will rail."

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#### CAMP MEETING

Camp Meeting at Beulah Heights, Ky., August 14-25.

Evangelist: Rev. Elmer E. Michael; Jasper, Alabama.

Brother Elbert Dodd will be here Aug. 22-25 to close out camp with a great Holiness Convention.

Location: 7 miles North of Whitley City, Ky., on route 1045; 30 miles south of Somerset, Ky., 3 miles from High 27.

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