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"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." (Heb. 12:14)

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THE SAVIOUR'S SURETYSHIP

By Dr. T. M. Anderson

"By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better covenant." Heb. 7:22.

The Greek word, which is here translated surety, means a pledge put into one's hand. We may interpret the Greek term to mean a bondsman. We think of a bondsman as one who pledges his name, property and influence to guarantee that a certain thing shall be done.

The inspired Author enhanced our understanding of the divine plan of salvation when he called attention to the suretyship of Jesus, our great Bondsman. The certified covenant of grace, legally based on the better promises, is secured against any failure to accomplish all the provisions, plans and purposes for which it was established. This sacred covenant, confirmed by an oath, contains the assuring pledge of moral and spiritual perfection provided for God's believing people in the supreme sacrifice of Jesus.

Jesus Christ has pledged His more excellent Name, His eternal possessions, His holy influence and infinite power as a guarantee that every promise, prayer and prophecy relating to our complete emancipation from hereditary depravity shall be fulfilled.

Our great Redeemer does not pledge Himself to save us without holiness of character and conduct. The Savior's surety for man's salvation must be consistent with the holiness of God and perfectly compatible with His Divine Nature. No man can rely on Christ for an uttermost salvation

unless he complies with the terms of the Gospel. Paul disclosed the terms of the Gospel in understandable language when he said, "God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth." II Thess. 2:13.

The suretyship of Jesus is not in any sense a guarantee that any man will be saved in his sins, or that he shall enter heaven no matter what manner of life he lives in this present world. Christ will not enter into a suretyship so utterly inharmonious with God's will for any man beneath the shining sun.

Let no man deceive himself by thinking he shall escape the punishment of the second death unless he continues to walk with Jesus in the way of true holiness. We must prove ourselves worthy of the crown of everlasting life by overcoming life's trials and temptations through unwavering faith in the Son of God.

The boundless benefits and blessings of an uttermost salvation are confirmed in our hearts by the suretyship of the indwelling Christ. God's infallible Word declares that Christ in us is the hope of glory. It requires the conscious sense of His abiding presence to give us the consoling witness of entire sanctification. When He comes into our waiting, willing and worshipping hearts in all His divine fulness, He imparts the realness promised in the heavenly experience of Christian perfection.

It is written, "The law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by which we draw nigh unto God." Heb. 7:19. This clear statement of divine truth reveals the weakness of the Mosaic economy. Jesus Christ is a surety of a better covenant by which we approach God for perfection of conscience.

It is through the efficacious sacrifice of Jesus and the suretyship of His eternal Priesthood that the perfection revealed in the better hope becomes the perfection realized in the believer's heart.

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EDITORIAL
By Spencer Johnson

CONSISTENCIES OF HOLINESS

Holiness is consistent with the nature of God. The scriptures abound with references that prove that God is holy. "For I am the Lord your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy:" (Lev. 11:44) "Be ye holy for I am holy." (I Pet. 1:16) "But thou art holy" (Psalms 12:3) "The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works." (Psalms 145:17) "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts:" (Isa. 6:3) "Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among

the gods? Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?" (Ex. 15:11)
"That we might be partakers of His holiness." (Heb. 12:10).

Only the sanctified heart can feel comfortable and at ease in His holy presence. "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:" (Eph. 1:4).

Holiness is consistent with righteous living. There are many today who claim to be holiness people whose lives actually are below the norm of a regenerated experience. One cannot willfully live below the standards of God's word and be a Christian. To profess holiness and yet dress and adorn oneself like the world, or to be indiscreet in ones conduct toward the opposite sex or to indulge in the so-called innocent amusements of the world, such as the show, the television, the ball games, etc. is to bring reproach upon the cause of Christ and holiness. It is to the glory of God that one can live without sin or blame and can have a conscience void of offence toward God or man in this world. "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world." {Titus 2:11-12}

Furthermore, holiness is consistent with right attitudes. Often one's attitude is as revealing of his inner heart life as his outward conduct. One may live an honest moral life and hold high standards and yet be enslaved by selfish carnal attitudes that actually do harm to the cause of God. No one can be stingy and selfish and sanctified at the same time. Holiness makes one like the Christ who literally gave His all. The sanctified man has his pocket book and bank account all on the altar for God.

The attitude of the sanctified is always one of humble submission to the will of God. He does not tell God what to do with him or for him. He leaves all to the infinite wisdom of the Holy One, for he has found that "God always gives the best to those who leave the choice with Him." He seeks not his own promotion but rather seeks first the kingdom of God. The sanctified man is for everything that God is for and he is against everything that God is against. There are some in the Liberalist camp who will accuse anybody who says anything against the modern sins of the day of having a "critical and bad Spirit." But righteous indignation against sin and sinful practices is certainly consistent with the experience of holiness. God has always disapproved of the sinner and his sin. Man must therefore be displeased with the evil doer and his evil deeds or he cannot be God-like. No one who is born again and sanctified wholly can please God and keep his experience and not be displeased with the sinner and his sin.

There is a difference in carnal anger and in righteous indignation. Carnal anger asserts itself in vindication of ourselves. It makes us take vengeance in our own hands and seeks to retaliate against the one who has done us a personal injury. It is accompanied with bitterness of spirit toward people and carries with it malice and hatred. It is revengeful and passionate. It is not consistent with holiness. But there is a righteous anger which arises because of the displeasure of sin. If there were no such thing as righteous anger then how could God Himself be angry? "How could He who was separate from sinners and sin, have looked around upon men with anger?" "When anger, hatred, wrath are ascribed to God, they denote His holy and just displeasure with sin and the sinner. In Him they are principles arising out of His holy and just nature, and are more

terrible than mere emotions and passions." This is the kind of anger that was manifested by Moses the meekest of men when he was angered at Pharaoh when he refused to let God's people go. It waxed hot when he beheld the idolatry of the children of Israel and he broke the tables of stone. Moses was never blamed for this act. (Duet. 11:17) This should characterize every true minister of the gospel. No doubt this is the attitude Paul was speaking of when he said, "Be ye angry and sin not." (Eph. 4:26) Adam Clarke says, "If we consider anger as implying simple displeasure, then there are multitudes of cases in which a man may be innocently, yea laudably, angry; for he should be displeased with everything that is not for the glory of God and the good of mankind, but in any other sense I do not see how the word could be taken." This of course, is consistent with holiness.

"Fiery indignation against sin springing as it does from a jealousy for God's honor, is an emotion which is not too common among men, and is one which God's word does not discourage." Every truly sanctified man has back bone and can keep sweet and yet stand four-square for the right and in opposition to the wrong. But he has the attitude of forbearance under personal injuries and provocations. This is true meekness. He humbles himself and rejoices in the persecution that comes to him for the "word's sake." Nor does he fret because of the promotion of evil doers, knowing that his reward is great in heaven.

Holiness is consistent with a holy church. It is well to remember that there could be a difference in a "holiness" church and a "holy" church. "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) The prayer and aim of every true shepherd should be a holy church in the midst of this weary, heart-sick, perverted world.

Holiness is also consistent with heaven. Heaven is a holy place. Everything about heaven must be holy. Heaven, where the gates are pearl and the streets are pure transparent gold; where the walls are jasper; is a holy place. No tears shall ever bedim the eyes in heaven, for God Himself shall wipe away all tears. No one will ever grow weary or tired in that wonderful country. Heaven, where the leaves never fall, the flowers never fade, and the extremes of heat and cold are unknown, will be a sinless place. Heaven, where no one is ever hungry or thirsty, but where the tree of life yields her fruit every month and where the living waters in crystal fountains flow from the throne of God, will be a clean place. One must be holy to enter that place where the hair never grays, eyes never fade, and where sickness, disease, suffering, pain and death are unknown. Heaven, where the good of all ages have gone and where wrong cannot come, for right and truth hold eternal sway, is the home of the holy. There the day never dies and storm clouds never rise. There they need no candle neither light of the sun for the Lamb is the light thereof. Hallelujah! There the thrice holy God, whose name is holy, dwells in the high and holy place and inhabiteth eternity. He sits upon His great white throne renders just, holy, and righteous judgments. The New Jerusalem is the holy city that has been prepared for His holy people. "There shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: But they which are written in the Lamb's book of life." (Rev. 21:27)

Heaven is consistent with holiness. Holiness makes one consistent with heaven. Oh, reader friend, are you holy this moment? You must be holy if you ever expect to go to heaven. If you are not holy, you can be! "Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered

without the gate." (Heb. 13:12) If you have been born again then flee to His cross and ask Him to crucify the old man of sin within you and make you pure.

"Heaven is a holy place,
Filled with glory and with grace,
Sin can never enter there.

If at the Judgment bar,
Sinful stains your life shall mar,
You can never enter there."

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THE PATTERN ON THE MOUNT
By C. A. Thompson
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God showed me a pattern on Sinai's Mount,
Of the Temple, so holy and pure,
I quaked and feared at the marvelous sight,
It was more than my eyes could endure.

The thrice holy God spake out of the fire,
And said "Ye holy must be"
I trembled and feared, and thought I should die,
As the LIGHT shone brightly on me.

How could I ever, this pattern fulfill,
And meet the requirements Divine?
So I trembled and feared at the sentence I saw,
The sentence of death that was mine.

I must live unto God and die unto sin,
And be holy in word and in deed,
I trembled and feared as I looked at God's Law
And saw how great was my need.

But the Spirit was faithful and led me away,
To the Garden of Gethsemene,
There I struggled and prayed, and struggled and prayed,
From the BODY OF SIN, to be free.

At last my will yielded, O glorious DAY!
To the praises of men there I died,
Then I went to the hall of Pilate the judge,
Who condemned me to be crucified.

My sentence was passed (I was worthy to die),
And my crown, of thorns it should be,
Then I went to the cross and suffered and died,
And the Spirit then sanctified me.

I was dead, yet I lived, how strange it may seem!
I was dead indeed unto sin,
My life I had lost, and yet I had saved
And the Spirit was dwelling within.

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STRONG DELUSION
By Elbert Dodd

SCRIPTURE: II Thessalonians 2:10-12

"And with all the deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

"And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

"That they all might be damned who believe not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."

Really the main thought here is, that God shall send them strong delusion. This great truth gripped my heart when I realized that it was God who was sending this delusion.

In Isaiah 29:10 you read, "For the Lord hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath He covered. And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it is sealed:"

In I Kings 22:22 we find these words, "And the Lord said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And He said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so. Now therefore, behold, the Lord hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the Lord hath spoken evil concerning thee."

Now you notice the Scriptures have plainly taught us that God did this, God closed their eyes, God put them to sleep, God sent the lying prophet.

Notice in the words of Jesus in John 12:40, "He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them."

When this great truth dawned upon me and I saw that it was God that sent the strong delusion, then I began to wonder why did God send this strong delusion. Then I saw that the truth was plainly taught in II Thessalonians, "They received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved." One must love the truth before they can be saved and when one refuses to love the truth and cultivate this truth by loving it, then he comes to the place where he won't believe the truth.

Note that 12th verse, "... who believed not the truth." The first step now was not to love the truth. Friends, do we sincerely love the blessed truth, whether it fits us or doesn't, or whatever it may be, do we love it? If we don't love it, then we'll come to the place that we won't believe it and then we will begin to explain it away and say that God didn't mean what He said. "Surely if the apostle Paul and others lived in this day, they would take a different view point of things and they would write differently, so we need us a new translation of the Bible." "This translation gets a little too close to us, so we'd like to have a new translation." Or "we don't know what to believe about it, therefore we don't believe it." This is the second step.

Then third he says, ". . . but had pleasure in unrighteousness." Now friends, people who do not love the truth and who do not believe the truth, soon come to the place where they love unrighteousness. They love the things of the world, they love to sit around their TV and watch worldly programs and they love to go to ball games, they love to go down to the bowling alley, they love to be out with worldly crowds, they love the ungodly jokes, and all the glamour of the world. Why? Because they ". . . received not the love of the truth, and did not believe the truth" so it came to the place where they were lovers of pleasure.

God said in Romans 1:26, "For this cause God gave them up . . ." Now friends, God will give you up and let you believe a lie and be damned. Now if you insist in believing that you can accept Jesus without repenting, God will let you believe it. The truth is, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." This is truth. Repentance is godly sorrow for sin and turning from sin and confessing sin and making restitution for sin. But if you do not love this truth and do not believe this truth, then God will let you accept the doctrine of accepting Christ without repenting and giving up sin. He will let you believe a lie and be damned.

Second, if you insist that you do not love the truth and do not believe the truth, He will let you believe that you can sin and be a Christian. Now the Scripture plainly teaches that, "he that is born of God doth not commit sin, for His seed remaineth in Him and he cannot sin" and "he that committeth sin is of the devil." But if you insist and you don't love this truth of sinless religion, this truth of Christian perfection before God, this truth that God has given us: you don't love it and don't believe it, God will let you believe that you can be a Christian and sin every day.

Then God will let you believe that you can love the world and be a Christian. The truth is, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." I John 2:15. Then note James 4:4, "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be the friend of the world is the enemy of God." Now this is the truth. You can't be a friend of the world. You can't flirt with the world. You cannot do these things and be true to God. This is the truth, but if you insist and do not love this truth and will not accept this truth and believe this truth, then God will let you believe that you can love the world and love God and that you can go on and finally He'll send you this arrow so deep into your heart that you'll believe a lie and be damned.

Then there is the truth of sowing and reaping. The truth is, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." This is the truth. "For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." This is God's truth. But if you insist in not believing this and do not love this great truth, He'll let us come to the place where we don't even believe it and go on sowing our wild oats and expecting to reap good oats. We'll go on defying God and turning on God and God will let us do it if we refuse to love the truth and receive the truth and believe it, He'll even let us believe a lie and be damned.

Next, God will let us believe we can get to heaven without holiness. Now the truth is, "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." "Be ye perfect therefore as your Father in heaven is perfect." And, "Follow peace with all men and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." Now if we insist and do not love this truth of Bible holiness and believe this doctrine that leaves out the "killing" and "dying out" and want to believe all that and don't love the truth of real dying out and getting sanctified holy, then God will let us believe that we can live on this earth in a regenerated spirit and never be sanctified and then get to heaven in the end.

He said, "Because they received not the love of the truth, God shall send them strong delusion, that they might believe a lie: and all be damned." Friends, the truth is that if you do not love the truth and do not believe the truth and do not receive the truth, you'll come to the place

where you'll have pleasure in unrighteousness and God will send you strong delusion that you'll believe a lie. You can sit in a church and support a church and may keep the rules of the church and you may have fellowship with the people but come down to die and to face God believing you're saved and will make it into heaven and wake up to the fact too late, that you're lost forever. You'll not wake up until you wake up in eternity.

So I warn you this very day, love the truth and believe ALL of God's truth and walk in the light. If we fail to do this, then God will send strong delusion, that we should believe a lie and be damned. (Editor's Note: Amen!)

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TELEVISION

By Bob Schuler

Television is doing something to us. That something is very disastrous and might easily be fatal. Something like 100 television stations now belt the nation and millions of television sets are in the American homes. Much of the commercialization is dishonest. At present, cigarette companies, breweries, distillers, automobile manufacturers and distributors and so-called patent medicines command the advertising field. All empty their jazz music advertising into the American home relentlessly.

It is needless to argue that every American family is free to use this medium of commercialization and propaganda or let it alone. Few Americans will let it alone. Those that do will soon have family strife and possibly disruption of the home. The result of the ever-present television is that America's most destructive vices are being introduced into and popularized in American life. For instance, alcoholism has almost doubled in the United States since the television began to bring liquor ads direct to the American family. The use of cigarettes has doubled.

Crime, especially robbery and crimes committed with the aid of fire arms, is increasing by leaps and bounds, thanks to the daily and nightly education in gangsterism and banditry, received through television.

Other publicity agents have assisted television in the havoc being wrought. At present, almost every child carries a gun and many of them are made to actually shoot. The real heroes of America today are the shooting men of yesterday. Quite a few school children might not be able to tell you who the President of the United States is, but practically all could give glowing accounts of Davy Crockett. The whole viewpoint of American life is being modified. The things that adult Americans were taught to shun are now made popular by every new program. Our ideals and estimate of values have been and are being completely reconstructed.

The American brain, or what's left of it, is being thoroughly washed with television. What we conscientiously shunned a few years ago, we now embrace. What our fathers would have sicked the bulldog on at the front gate, two generations ago, now is the chief attraction of the drawing room. Many homes must have a television set for each member of the family, since

individual tastes are not the same. The television "artist" is paid more than the President of the bank. We have indeed broadened or possibly thinned or both, until in multitudes of instances the television is exercising a greater influence than the church and shaping the coming generation more certainly than the school.

Most of us can remember when among sound Americans, the Sabbath was "the Lord's Day" and folks who deliberately "broke the Sabbath" were looked down upon in the community. The television has had much to do with adjusting the Sabbath to a very different viewpoint. During the first fifteen years of my pastorate in Los Angeles, the evening preaching hour in the church saw the building packed. The radio made itself felt. But the television finished the job. Today that church is less than one third filled on Sunday night. Most down town churches are empty and dark. Many community churches have closed their doors. In the mean time the choice television programs occupy the church hour. Thousands of leading church people are now television "fans" and would not think of passing up their television programs.

While the pastor stands before empty benches and pleads for the Christianity that has made and preserved America thus far, the members of the church sit snugly in their homes watching liquor drinking scenes, beer and cigarette advertisements, doubtful comedy and crooked wrestling matches that, a few years ago, we would not have watched in the barn loft. We may call what has happened to us "broadening our view-point," but really we are being corrupted and our civilization muddled with the dregs of the underworld of yesterday. It is a brainwashing that is leaving us dirty and filthy and stained.

It costs ten times as much to produce television as it does to produce a Christian program in the churches. Yet no basket is passed, that can be seen and recognized. Then who supports the television? The answer is, the tax payers support the television. Most television programs are made possible today by a government approved evasion of income tax. This process unloads the burden of the enormous income tax from the shoulders of large corporations and places it upon the shoulders of the common, ordinary people, whom we call "consumers." They are really absorbers. They absorb everything. They pay the income tax, including that which is evaded.

Thousands of dollars are given away every week. People sit in front of their television sets and enthuse over the benevolence of the big enterprises that hand out this bounty with such a free hand. They do not realize that they themselves are giving their own money away in prodigal fashion. The only thing the big corporations are doing is profiting in advertising their wares at public expense. If Americans should ever awaken to what is being done to them, no man knows just what would happen.

The best commentary I know on the actual contribution of television lies in the fact that the programs making the best "attendance" record consist of buffoonery, clowning and slap-stick. Second most popular is possibly gunplay and contributing "thrills." The music most popular by far is jazz. The theme of television might be proclaimed as sex. Just how we are to build and preserve a civilization on these ingredients, I do not know. Nor do you! -- From the Methodist Challenge, Feb., 1956.

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"Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come." (Matt. 24:42)

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IS THERE NOT A CAUSE?

By W. M. Tidwell

In 1st Sam. 17:29 we read, "What have I now done? Is there not a cause?" These words were spoken by David when criticized by his Brother Eliab for coming to the battle. Let us look at some thoughts in this connection:

I. The sad situation that confronted Israel. Yes, there was a cause for the inquiry David made. Really there were four causes. 1. There was one cause. A defiant giant almost ten feet high, whose threatenings chilled the very souls of Saul and his army. 2. The giant defied Israel and Israel's God. 3. The boastful giant had done this each evening and morning for forty days. Twice each day. 4. In the fourth place the case was hopeless unless some one was found to accept the challenge. So David not only had one cause but four for his inquiry.

II. David accepts the challenge. He was not presumptuous. He had faith. He said to Saul, "Thy servant kept his father's sheep and a bear and a lion attacked and thy servant slew both the bear and the lion and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God." So he convinced Saul and Saul said, "Go and the Lord be with thee." Pitiful how Saul dressed David up in his armour. But David had sense enough to know he could not fight with that on. Sad how some little dude or dudeen will equip themselves in the armour of some big shot or shotess and go out to fight. But David put it off.

III. Criticism from his big Brother Eliab. Eliab said, "With whom has thou left those few sheep in the wilderness." "I know the naughtiness of thine heart, thou hast come down to see the battle." Likely Eliab was selfish. He felt David could not do the job and that would reflect on him. Maybe that is why some of our so-called friends are so bitterly opposed to our taking a certain step now. But David said, "What have I now done, is there not a cause?"

But notice how David treated his big, critical Brother. "And he turned from him *eo* another." So when your big, cowardly, critical brethren seek to discourage you and pour cold water on you, just forget them and, by the help of the Lord, go and decapitate the opposing giants.

IV. The victory won. David secured five smooth stones and went forth to meet Goliath. But why five stones. Well David would take no chance. He knew the head of the old giant was pretty hard and one might not do the job. So when the Giant saw David, he disdained him and said, "Am I a dog that you come to me with staves and he cursed David by his gods." He also said, "Come to me and I will give thy flesh to the fowls of the air and to the beasts of the field." But his boasting was premature. "Let not him that girdeth on the harness boast himself as him that taketh it off." I King 20:2. David said, "you come to me with sword, spear and shield, but I come in the name of the God of Israel whom thou has defied." "The Lord will deliver thee into mine hand, and I will

take off thine head that all may know that the Lord sayeth not with swords and spears, for the battle is the Lords."

Thus saying he gave his sling a turn or two and let the smooth stone fly which struck the giant in the forehead and brought him to the ground. Then David took the sword of Goliath and cut off his head. When Saul and his army saw that his head was well off the.? became very brave and chased the Philistines. Doubtless Bro. Eliab got on the band wagon then and joined the pursuit. No David had not done one thing and he had a cause.

V. But history repeats itself. From time immemorial there has been a need and a cause. Let us notice a few examples: 1. First when Jesus left Heaven and came to earth. "Out of the ivory palaces into a world of woe." Sin must be punished in the sinner or in a substitute. The heavens were searched but none found worthy save the Lamb of God. He died for our sins. There was a cause. 2. The Reformation. When Knox, Luther and others could not go along with the program and defied. the Pope and the whole Roman hierarchy there was a cause. Luther said, "If a fight between the Pope and his horde and Luther it is all up with Luther, but if a fight between the Pope and God it is all up with the Pope." 3. In the next place when Wesley and his co-workers could not accept the cold, dead formalism and there was a cause. 4. When Bresee, Walker, Bud Robinson, McClurkan and a host of immortals launched the modern holiness movement, there was a cause. 5. And right now there is a cause for action, not imaginary but real, for the launching of a new holiness movement. There was a cause for Glenn Griffith, Spencer Johnson, Elbert Dodd, Joe Cook, and a host of others to take the step they did. We know many say there is no cause but we know better. They say "no change" in the holiness movement, but this untrue. We have traveled over much of the U. S. and have been made to shudder as we have beheld the apostate abominations in holiness churches. We could name a long list of these but we forbear. But a few years ago not one of them had it. Now in holiness churches going full blast. In light of the coming Judgment I declare this is true. "All liars shall be cast into the lake of fire."

A good friend of mine sent me a very substantial check for the work here stating that they are now installing a big kitchen in his church and that he can no longer support it with his presence or means. "Consistency thou art a Jewel." "Be not partakers of other men's sins." But what have we done, is there not a cause? Yes, there are at least three causes. 1. First to provide a place where those who can't go on with the new program can have a church home. 2. In the second place the Lord will have a people who will hold up the Bible standard which has been so ruthlessly destroyed by modern landmark removers. "Remove not the landmark which thy fathers have set." Bad business. Dangerous, 3. Third cause to provide a witness, which we believe is the last call, just before Jesus comes to rapture His saints and take them to the Marriage Supper, just before the awful Tribulation judgments fall upon a wicked world. "What have we done, is there not a cause?"

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THE QUESTION DEPARTMENT

By Dr. T. M. Anderson

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QUESTION: -- Does II Pet. 3:3-12 refer to the Coming of Jesus in the rapture, or to the Judgment?

ANSWER: -- I have always considered it to refer to the final Judgment. The time included is such a momentous event it may include the rapture and the resurrection. The rapture is an act of Judgment in that it reveals those who are looking for His appearing.

QUESTION: -- In II Pet. 3:10 it says that the earth shall be burned up. In Eccles. 1:4 it says the earth shall abide for ever. Please explain how we can reconcile the two Scriptures.

ANSWER: -- In Eccles. the passing of man's generations are compared with the abiding earth. In other words we live and die, but the earth remains. The present earth will evidently continue forever. Its evil works and diseases will be purged with fire. "Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for a new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness." When all things lost in Adam's fall have been restored by the Saviour, the earth will be as it was before sin erupted in the garden of Eden. What place it shall occupy in the new economy of God is not revealed. Some think it will be an abiding place for holy nations as Eden; and that the redeemed saints will live in the New Jerusalem. See Rev. 21:24-26.

QUESTION: -- Did Paul disobey the Holy Spirit by going to Jerusalem against the warning of the people and the Prophet Agabus? Acts 21:10-14.

ANSWER: -- Paul did not disobey the Spirit. Agabus told of Paul's suffering, but did not say that Paul should not go. All said, "The will of the Lord be done." Sacred history shows that Paul was led of the Spirit. Much good resulted from his sufferings. Certain of the Epistles were written from Rome. Paul was in the perfect will of God at all times.

QUESTION: -- When and by whom was the Sabbath changed to the first day of the week?

ANSWER: -- The Apostolic Church evidently made the change. Much has been written on this matter. I cannot settle the issue involved. Luke speaks of the second Sabbath after the first. Luke 6:1. We find a pattern of the Sabbath being on the first of the week. "On the first day shall be a Sabbath, and on the eighth day shall be a Sabbath." Lev. 23:39. This age of the Gospel places God FIRST in all things. Therefore it is reasonable that we should worship at the first of the week and not at the last.

QUESTION: -- What was the baptism Christ spoke of in Mark 10:38?

ANSWER: -- Some scholars think He referred to His sufferings. His people do share in Christ's intense sufferings. See Luke 12: 50-53.

QUESTION: -- Why are the first three Gospels called "Synoptic?"

ANSWER: -- The word "synoptic" means to present the principle parts in brief or under one view. When applied to the first three Gospels it means that they are virtually identical when considered side by side.

QUESTION: -- At what age do children become accountable to God?

ANSWER: -- I know of no fixed age for children to be saved. I have known of some being converted and sanctified at four years of age.

QUESTION: -- What is the relation of faith to prayer?

ANSWER: -- Faith is essential in every matter pertaining to spiritual life. In fact it is necessary to have faith for all material blessings. See Luke 12:28-30. It is written "The just shall live by faith." Rom. 1:17. This statement of Holy Writ extends to every matter of life.

QUESTION: -- In Luke 5:34 Jesus justified His disciples in the sight of the Pharisees for not fasting, then shortly after rebukes His powerless disciples saying, "This kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting. Matt. 7:21. Why His rebuke for something they admittedly cannot do?

ANSWER: -- The Pharisees made fasting a ritual. We do not fast in order to merit salvation. It is not a ritual, but a way of self-denial and worship. Let us not overlook the fact that power had been given to the disciples to heal the sick. Luke 10:9. Perhaps their failure was due to the lack of fasting and prayer. There is obviously a level of spiritual life one must have to achieve victory over disease and devils. Jesus lived on this level and did not need to go on a prolonged season of fasting and prayer in order to have power to heal the sick. If we live on such a level of life perhaps we will not fail to achieve victory over the enemy.

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GLORIOUSLY RECKLESS

By C. T. Studd

I would sooner have a few daredevil, care-for-nothing and nobody soldiers, aflame with love for Christ and desire for death for Christ, than a million workers just 10 per cent below this standard. When will His people take the War of God seriously? Every Christian who is a "man" and not a "sham," ought to be in it with a gloriously reckless disregard of the cost and consequences, determined to win or die in the attempt; and if over-aged or crippled, ought to be wrestling and slaying, saying and giving to supply the sinews of war.

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CHURCH NEWS

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BLYTHEVILLE, ARKANSAS

At the close of a two weeks meeting conducted by Rev. Royal Schultz and Rev. Sterling Acton, Rev. Royal Schultz organized a Bible Missionary Church in Blytheville. Rev. Sterling

Acton was called as pastor. He has moved to Blytheville and they are having a great time in the Lord.

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CONWAY, ARKANSAS

Rev. L. G. Milburn found an empty church and rented it. Our General Moderator Brother Elbert Dodd had the opening service of the revival in Conway. God gave a wonderful service the first night. Rev. and Mrs. Royal Schultz are continuing the meeting and Brother and Sister Jones of our Little Rock church are doing the singing. More news from Conway later.

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WICHITA, KANSAS

As this goes to press our General Moderator Brother Glenn Griffith is in a campaign in Wichita, Kansas. We believe God will give us a good work there. More about Wichita when the smoke of the battle clears away.

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HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS

Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Huff have been in a meeting at Hot Springs. God gave some wonderful victories and some new members were added to the Church.

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LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

Brother and Sister Schultz and the folk at Little Rock are having a shouting time. Have around sixty out for prayer meeting. Glory!

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DEXTER, MISSOURI

Brother John De Arman and Brother Gerald McElrath put their faith and courage together. They purchased a lot and started to build a building to worship in. When they got their building far enough along to get in it they called Brother Elbert Dodd for a meeting. God gave a good meeting and a church was organized with some of the finest people in the nation. They called Brother Murrel Duffie as pastor. He has accepted and will move in the nice apartment built to house the pastor. Praise God for this wonderful people at Dexter.

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INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

As this goes to press word comes that the churches in Indianapolis are having a good camp with Brother Paul Pumpelly doing the preaching. A more complete report later.

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RODESSA, LOUISIANA

Thomas Huff evangelist, closed a meeting at the Bible Missionary Church in Rodessa with eight new members added to the membership in the midst of shouts of victory, giving a total of 18 members. The devil was stirred when conviction seized the hearts of the people. The attendance was the best with an average of 53 during the meeting. Adie Butler is the good pastor and the church is taking good care of him paying him 50 dollars a week and more with parsonage and bills paid. Greater days ahead for the Rodessa Church! Praise the Lord!

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PEORIA, ILL.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Pumpelly and Rev. and Mrs. Lyle Moyer were mightily used of God in the meeting at Peoria with Brother Wolfe and his people. God came in a great way. People came and sought and found the Lord. A number of new people reached for the Lord. People got under conviction like they did back in Cartwright's day. They jerked and shook and trembled and then stumbled to the altar and fell beating the altar and screaming, weeping and praying and finally shouting. A Catholic man was converted and called to preach. Many took the old fashion route of restitution. Praise God for these wonderful victories!

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CLINTON CAMP

Clinton Camp reports the best camp in several years. The crowds came--God came and the people sought and found Him. Money came easy and the people were blessed. Rev. Glenn Griffith, Rev. Harold Schmul, Rev. Elbert Dodd were the preachers. The Christianaires were the singers. Brother and Sister Walter Hobbs and Sister Lillian Wilson were the young people's workers. Rev. Victor Glenn the Missionary Speaker. Rev. Bennie Durr of Robeline, La., preached at one of the young people's services. God helped him to preach. He is a young man but full of the Holy Ghost and is a fearless preacher.

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PLEASANT DISTRICT HOLINESS ASSOCIATION CAMP

Bruceton Mills, West Va. Pleasant District Camp reports the greatest camp in its history. God gave some wonderful victories. Rev. Glenn Griffith was the evangelist. The Christianaires were the singers. Ruth Awman the Young People's worker.

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LOUISIANA-SOUTH TEXAS HOLINESS CONVENTION

A great crowd met at Lake Charles, La., for a holiness convention August 30-31. The crowd consisted mainly of young people who, because of school, will not be able to attend the General Conference but wanted a time of inspiration and blessing. God surely put His seal upon the meeting. Preaching, singing, praying and testifying was the only program and it was often interrupted by shouts of victory as the Holy Ghost moved in our midst. Brother Jack Hoof, Brother Silas Sanchez, and Brother Earl Wheeler did some wonderful holiness God gave some wonderful altar services with many victories won. District Moderator B. M. Loftin and the good people of Lake Charles made rooms available for all of us who came from a distance. It was refreshing to sense the spirit of determination in that wonderful crowd of young people. It was a blessing to my heart to see this great crowd of holy young people who live by the standards of our Manual. They dressed and looked like saints, and they shouted and prayed like them too! Glory! -- Editor.

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KANNAPOLIS, N. C.

Brother Hemric has resigned as pastor of our Church at Kannapolis and the Church has called Brother Kiser. Brother Kiser lives there at Kannapolis and will begin his duties as pastor immediately. May God bless the wonderful folk over in North Carolina.

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NYSSA, OREGON

Nyssa, Oregon reports that they have bought a wonderful corner lot on which to build their church. A lot 153 feet deep and 150 feet wide, and on the pavement. Praise God for this wonderful victory. Will be expecting to hear that they have a church building on it soon. May God bless the folks at Nyssa, Oregon.

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CROSSVILLE, TENNESSEE

Brother W. M. Tidwell organized a church at Crossville, Tennessee, a good strong church there and Brother A. R. Cameron is the pastor. We praise God for this wonderful victory in Tennessee, and may God bless this new church. They have bought three fine lots in the best part of the city. A house is located on these lots which can be used for a parsonage. Also Brother Stinnett is in a building program in Greenville, Tennessee.

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HOLINESS CONVENTION

Fifteen holiness conventions are planned this fall. The workers will be Rev. Glenn Griffith, Rev. Elbert Dodd, Rev. Victor Glenn, Rev. Harold Schmul, Rev. Spencer Johnson. The singers will be Troy and Margaret Cook. All of the preachers will not be at every convention but they will all be used in the conventions across the nation. Conventions will be held at the following dates and places:

1. NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE -- 7:30 P. M., October 25 - October 27th
2. KERRVILLE, TEXAS -- 7:30 P. M., October 29 - October 30th
3. PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- 7:30 P. M., Nov. 1 - Nov. 3rd.
4. PASADENA, CALIF. -- 7:30 P. M., Nov. 5th - Nov. 7th
5. PORTLAND, OREGON -- 7:30 P. M., Nov. 8 - 10th
6. MIDWAY, NAMPA, IDAHO -- 7:30 P.M., Nov. 11 - 13th
7. DENVER, COLORADO -- 7:30 P.M., Nov. 15 - 17th
8. INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA -- 7:30 P. M., Nov. 19 - 20th
9. CHICAGO, ILL. -- 7:30 P. M., Nov. 21st
10. DETROIT, MICH. -- 7:30 P.M., Nov. 22 - Nov. 24th
11. CORRAPOLIS, PENNA. -- 7:30 P. M., Nov. 26 - Nov. 28th
12. JASPER, ALABAMA -- 7:30 P. M., Dec. 1 - Dec. 2nd
13. LAKE CHARLES, LA. -- 7:30 P. M., Dec. 4 - Dec. 5th
14. FORT WORTH, TEXAS -- 7:30 P. M., Dec. 6 - Dec. 8th
15. TULSA, OKLAHOMA -- 7:30 P. M., Dec. 10 - Dec. 11th

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OUR SUPREME HERITAGE

By Rev. Morris Gill

I therefore run -- not as UNCERTAINLY -- So fight I NOT as one that beateth the AIR. I Corinthians 9:26.

This is one of the apostle Paul's SUPREME statements--he is saying, "I'm RUNNING--but I know what I am running from, and also know what I am running to. I know what the goal is." He also is saying, "I'm fighting, but I know who my opponent is, and what I am fighting for. What a statement! He adds also this statement--"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ--shall tribulation, distress, persecution or famine or peril or the Sword?"

He has the answer, "Nay, in all things we ARE MORE than Conquerors through Him that loved US."

Paul who was called Saul formerly -- had the greatest military rating of his day. He was dedicated to the ROMAN REGIME -- with ALL its demands.

It was under this regime that the early Church suffered terrible persecution -- many were put to death. Stephen, the first martyr of that day, was stoned to death. Saul of Tarsus stood by, saw the shine on Stephen's face, heard that wonderful closing prayer that Stephen prayed for those who were stoning him, then heard Stephen's last testimony when he said, "I see Jesus standing yonder by the throne of God." Amen!" Someone has said that Jesus arose and stood to welcome the first New Testament martyr in the CITY ETERNAL.

That scene did something to this great military leader, and soon after that he met himself down on the Damascus road. He also met THE SON OF GOD there, and was never the same man again. As a result of that day and all that entered into it, Saul, who is now called Paul, took off his Roman uniform and decorations--surrendered all his military credentials and became a mighty soldier of THE CROSS.

In my text, he is saying this -- "I'm running, but I KNOW what I'm running from, and I know what I'm running to." He also was saying, "I am fighting a tremendous battle. Many odds are against me from the stand point of the world and things." BUT he knew what he was fighting for and what he was fighting against. Oh, YES, HE KNEW--

Listen, soldiers of the cross: we too will fight and run and win, or we will compromise and turn coward and lose -- TRAGICALLY.

His was a life of the deepest devotion -- yet terrible persecution--the enemies of the Cross dogged his every foot-step. He was beaten, put behind the bars, lined up before ROMAN COURTS and enemy rulers -- BUT HE SAID, "NONE of these things will stop me," and when he was making his LAST STATEMENT in this world at the chop-block he said, "... I see a crown, not for me only, but for ALL who will dare to go all out for the CAUSE of Christ and refuse to surrender." What a martyr! What a victor! But that kind of VICTORY is for ALL of God's people who will dare to RUN and to FIGHT, YES, for every TRUE SOLDIER of the Cross.

His was not an imaginary enemy. He knew the power of his enemies as well as the power of Satan. He knew that the power of the OLD APOSTATE Jewish church and Roman military

power was against him. The text of this message is one of the greatest declared statements Paul made. I know what I am running from -- a doomed world -- and a dead formal Pharisee church. But I also know what I am running to when the finals are all in--a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth RIGHTEOUSNESS and HOLINESS. Amen. There is a great crowd that NO MAN can number that have moved across the ages--took all that the enemy could hurl at them and have moved on to final and eternal victory.

Back in the Ante-Deluvian Day, sin and wicked humanity got to such a stage God stepped in and said, "We will make a change here." There was only one man of that DAY with his family that listened to God and believed God. God's decree was a flood to wipe wicked humanity off the face of the earth. No one was interested in this decree except Noah -- a preacher of righteousness. He and his family moved under God, built that crude looking hulk--calling it THE ARK. But it was God's plan. Here was a man that knew what he was running from and what he was fighting for. Amen. That queer looking hulk did not look like the Queen Mary of our day. But it moved under God's direction--out-sailed the storm --made the landing with the ONE FAMILY -- safely anchored at the highest point. He out-sailed that wild storm--made the landing--and immortalized himself and family for time and eternity. He knew what he was running from and running to. He knew what he was fighting against as well as fighting for. Amen.

There was Daniel, God's hero of his day, a captive in Babylon, a heathen land where no one was to pray, only to the heathen god. But Daniel pushed up his window toward the Holy City, Jerusalem, and prayed on to the living God. The king ordered his window closed, and him to stop praying; but this brave soldier pushed his window up and prayed on. He was ordered to be cast into the lion's den. He said, "I am prepared to take it." His holy presence in that den tamed every lion there. Daniel knew what he was fighting for as well as what he was fighting against. There was nothing UNCERTAIN about it. He was saying, "I am running, but I am certain of my course. I know what will be mine at the end of this race."

There were the three Hebrew boys who were told to bow to the golden image at the sound of music. These boys stood straight up knowing of the threat of a fiery furnace they testified thus, "O king, we have the answer for you; the God we serve will deliver us from the fiery furnace." They were cast in the furnace. The king looked in and saw FOUR walking around in the hot furnace -- the 4th, the Son of God. The king acknowledged they were the servants of the MOST HIGH. Say, they came out of that fiery furnace without a hair singed or their garments even scorched -not even the smell of fire upon them.

Oh, yes, these boys were not in Babylon on a sight-seeing tour. They could say in the language of my text, "We move here in Babylon not uncertainly. The battle we are in is more than just beating the AIR. We have purposed in our hearts that we will not be defiled while in Babylon -- and they could NOT burn. Amen. Neither could the lions open their mouths while Daniel slept well and awoke next morning with a fine salute to the king--with, "O, King, live forever." God is able to keep to the uttermost and the very outposts of life.

My text again -- I therefore SO RUN--NOT as uncertainly. So fight I NOT as one that beateth the air. This text is an all coverage; it has a certainty and a purpose in it that defies the powers of darkness and hell. Oh, that we will be conscious at all times of this ALL coverage in

our hearts and lives, and join the victors of the ages just across on the other side, and sing redemption's story as we have never sung it before. I say "on with this Holy War to final victories."

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JESUS CHRIST THE MISSIONARY IMPERATIVE

By James McNab

We should like to repeat and underline the above title which is being used to portray the MISSIONARY IMPERATIVE in the life, teachings and example of Christ. Already three of our Lord's examples, which definitely set forth the MISSIONARY IMPERATIVE, have been printed in the pages of this wonderful paper. But we wonder what kind of impression these imperative lessons have made on our readers. Do we yet realize the MAGNITUDE of our GREAT RESPONSIBILITY to the Lord Jesus Christ, and also to those who have NEVER HEARD the GLORIOUS GOSPEL STORY? We feel constrained to remind every Christian of his terrific responsibility of giving the Gospel to the untold multitudes in the FORSAKEN BACK ROWS of this SIN-CURSED and HEART-BROKEN world. We are definitely and eternally OUR BROTHER'S KEEPER, and our own eternal destiny will be decided, at least in part, by what we do about JESUS CHRIST THE MISSIONARY IMPERATIVE. Let us remind every reader that, even if there were no GREAT COMMISSION as we know it from the pages of Sacred Writ, there is sufficient MISSIONARY IMPERATIVE in either the life, or teachings, or example of Jesus Christ, to send us all posthaste (disregarding all cost) to proclaim this glorious "GOOD NEWS" to those who have never heard.

4. The Gentile Centurion (Matt. 8:5-13; Luke 7:2-10). Here is another splendid example of our blessed Redeemer which definitely portrays the MISSIONARY IMPERATIVE. Christ was indeed happy to give His salvation and healing to this Gentile officer, and He found in this FOREIGNER (so-called by moderns today) a faith that He had not found in all of Israel. Surely this was the beginning of good old Simeon's word that He should be "A light to the Gentiles as well as the glory of his people Israel" (Luke 2:32)

In this Scripture Christ declares that a great many of the Gentiles should be saved (Matt. 8:11). Matthew Henry also reiterates that "The faith of this Centurion was but a specimen of the conversion of the Gentiles, and a preface of their adoption into the Church." The Master asserts that "Many will come from the east and from the west and take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, in the Kingdom of Heaven" (Matt. 8:11-12 -- Godspeed).

Thus again is seen the MISSIONARY IMPERATIVE in this picture of the UNIVERSAL SAVIOR as He gives eternal life to a Gentile. His VISION was EVER to INCLUDE the WHOLE WORLD, and it was FOR THIS REASON that HE CAME INTO THE WORLD. In the Gentiles Christ was MORE MAGNIFIED, and His MISSIONARY HEART encircled ALL their cities, towns and villages. He could not spare the time to go in person, so He made it possible for them to come to Him.

Now this immense task belongs to His followers today, and we dare not forsake Him Who was EVER an EXAMPLE of the MISSIONARY IMPERATIVE. Christians are not able within themselves to accomplish this, but He has promised to go with us to the very end. Thus this wonderful promise of the Master brings us into glorious partnership of being "Workers together with Him."

Millions are waiting for someone to come and give them the Gospel before they sink into Christless graves. As Christ found more fertile ground and more believing faith among the Gentiles of His day, even so it is in this modern twentieth century among the neglected heathen who have NEVER HEARD of His great salvation. But, unlike Christ, those who are called by His name are more taken up with their small group about them here in the homeland, while they are neglecting to take the "Good News" to those who are HUNGRY and would accept Christ when He is presented to them. As Christ was then more magnified among the Gentiles, even so it is now as His wonderful love is presented to the DOWN-TRODDEN MILLIONS in the UTTERMOST PART.

The Savior's plan for His followers is to proclaim His glorious Gospel to ALL those who have NEVER heard. He did His part on Calvary's cruel cross and finished His work, now it is the DUTY and PRIVILEGE of every Christian to finish his part of this GREAT WORK and make Christ known among ALL NATIONS, TRIBES and TONGUES. The majority of professed followers of Christ today need an enlarged vision of the actual conditions abroad. A missionary couple to Formosa caught this vision in a new way, and they voiced it as follows: "We walk down the streets of Formosa and this is what we see--the need. This is what we hear -- Christ's call. This is what we feel -- the burden of His heart for them -the burning fire of His passion that they might be saved! His love for them and His longing."

There is absolutely nothing narrow about the missionary vision of Christ in this timely example in which is found the MISSIONARY IMPERATIVE. This is just one of the many examples or teachings found in the Gospels which portray the MISSIONARY IMPERATIVE. This was and is a CONCRETE MISSIONARY EXAMPLE: it was an example for the early disciples that they might realize that the Gospel was for the Gentiles as well as the Jews; it is also an example for Christians today that we might see our GREAT RESPONSIBILITY in regards to the MISSIONARY IMPERATIVE. Every follower of Jesus Christ is sent into ALL THE WORLD in the SAME MANNER that our Redeemer, Himself, was sent from the Father to make possible the salvation of a LOST WORLD. WE ARE RESPONSIBLE!

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NOTICE

The best remedy for a sick church is a missionary diet. -- Times of Refreshing.

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MEMORIES OF THE OLD PROTRACTED MEETING HOUSE

By H. C. Sutton

I heard my father say to my mother, "Now, Fannie, I have made up my mind. There is no use bringing it up any more. The children can go to any church of their choice. We are licked. Our church is no good any more. God is gone. This new college preacher is not sent of God. Things are not what they used to be. I just can't get any good out of our church any more and don't mention us driving our team ten miles to Holden. We just can't make it. It is nonsense to even think of such a thing. We must keep our team in shape to till the land. We have a large family and we just can't neglect their welfare. A new school is going up near us and we will just devote our time to giving them an education. I will do what I can in the Farmers Union. They want me to help organize unions over the State and encourage the farmers to help in building warehouses to store their cotton. Also we can buy our goods wholesale through the warehouse. This way we can get more for our products."

"Yes, Steven, but what about our twelve children's spiritual welfare. I am afraid they won't even make it to heaven. Maybe if we will trust God He will help us to drive ten miles to Holden at least once or twice a month to the new denomination where people are shouting and praying through. They tell me that they all can't get into the church house and the altars are lined. God comes in every service."

"No, we are not going. I have made up my mind."

So they didn't continue in the second blessing holiness way. Years passed. The mother had gone to be with Jesus long past. Dad, old and stooped, sat in my living-room. His thoughts seemed to be troubled. I spoke to him and said, "Dad, are you sure everything is fixed up with God? Are you troubled about something?"

"No, not about myself. I settled it with God after I was left alone on the old farm. I did lose God out of my life but I went up on the old hill back of the old home-place and settled everything. God forgave me and I have peace in my soul."

"Yes, Dad, but you look troubled yet."

"Well, I do have a regret of a mistake I made back there when you children were very small."

"What is it, Dad? Is it that you wish you had carried us children to church at Holden?"

"Yes, son, that was my great mistake and my regret for you children's sake. I am glad you found the same peace in second-blessing holiness but I am afraid the other children will be lost because I did not drive the ten miles. I believe I could have made it if I had trusted God. Now my life is spent. I will soon go to my reward."

So it was in just a few days my father went to be with Jesus. My mind runs back to the age of light when God definitely called me to preach out there in the thick wooded lands of north Louisiana while sitting on a log alone. God came and talked with me about my future life and my ministry. He asked me if I would preach. I said, "I will, Lord." But the presiding elder came one day and took our Holy Ghost filled pastor away from our church where the people in the

community would lay aside everything just before harvest time every year and go in for a protracted meeting. I don't recall one time that God failed to come in those good old meetings where a revival was prayed down until almost every family's spiritual need was supplied.

I can well remember that such revivals were in every community surrounding the Parish seat. The revival spirit would last almost a year. There were very few crimes committed in that area. The sheriff had very little to do except see about the taxes.

The new pastor who was sent to our church took the altar bench out and fixed an altar rail instead. He also changed the Sunday School Superintendent, song leader and church board. He said that there was no use for the loud praying anymore and the loud shouts were not necessary. He said, "Let us come quietly when we come to be prayed for." And it did get very quiet.

The old church building was occupied with bats and goats until it was decided by the old holiness descendants the thing that was wrong was that they just needed a new church building. Everyone seemed to agree and chipped in and built the building across the road so as to give more room for the cemetery adjoining the church ground. The building is there today still with no pastor and no church services. They clean it out for funerals and home-comings on Memorial Day.

The writer was invited there two years ago to preach on homecoming day. I tried to tell the old story as it happened back there but only two out of a house full recognized and remembered it to be true. The rest thought I was a mad-man or crazy.

These two remembered the grove prayer services where hearts would be melted because God heard and answered prayer in such a great way the preacher would not get to preach, altars would be lined for several weeks -- until not a man would be found in jail for months. But the presiding elder and the unsaved professional preacher will meet many souls in hell because they had a form instead of having God in their hearts. So it will be with many false preachers in the last time. Rev. 20:10.

The writer spent twenty-four years in a denomination akin to the former and has witnessed the same tragedy. He is happy now in another new denomination that is on fire for God and the lost. I want to say here and now I have never seen anything like it in my lifetime. The same fire, the same glory, the same shouts of victory in every service.

I say, "Praise ye the Lord all ye saints! Hallelujah!" They lived clean back there in those good old days. They just would not compromise in the least. So must we today stand up against the mighty forces of evil of every kind. Mark 13:5.

Many good families who now are weighed in the balances over this nation that read this had better stop and consider. Listen, can't you hear the angel of God speaking to you as they spoke to Lot and his family. "Hurry, hurry, escape for your life and .your children. Escape for your life. Don't stop in all the plains. Don't look back. Burn every bridge." This generation of children are depending upon your decision whether you go with the old-fashioned crowd. You had better consider before your lamps go out forever.

When I saw how things were going in our holiness movement several years ago and after much meditation and prayer the Lord carried me back to what took place in my childhood days. Then, for the first time I could see it plainly, just what was taking place in our denomination. It seemed to me the same tragedy that took place back there was already upon us. I thought of going independent and just stay true and make the best of it all. But thanks be to God forever something took place in or near Nampa, Idaho, that seemed to just fit my need. My wife and I attended the first conference of the new group of holiness folk without invitation. There we found many other hungry, tired, weary soldiers of the cross and found our crowd, shouting the victory with praises to our Lord and on-coming King of kings.

God has helped us to gather together some of the scattered sheep and we are happy in Canaan with greatest of joy in our souls.

I never before appreciated God's holy saints as I do at this writing. I feel that this new group is of God and I hope we, with God's help, can keep it clean by preaching rugged and tender as Christ did.

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"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." -- Matthew 5:8

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SPARKS FROM GOD'S ANVIL

By H. Calhoun

I desire to write an article on this subject, Sound Doctrine. Paul said of the Corinthians, that when you come together everyone of you hath a doctrine. If that was true in Paul's day, it is doubly true now. We are living in the days of which Paul has spoken--the days when the people will not endure sound doctrine. They will prefer teachers having itching ears. And they shall turn away their ears from the truth and shall be turned unto fables.

Paul speaks of the doctrine of devils. Paul tells us, those who have become teachers of the doctrine of devils were at one time believers in the doctrine of Christ. Here are his words, "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." I Tim. 4:1. If you were to visit the city square on some warm Saturday afternoon and could interview everyone assembled there, and ask them their opinion on the fundamental doctrines as taught in the Word of God you would get about as many different answers as there were people in the park. Is it possible for you and me to distinguish the difference between the false and the true doctrines? It is. And John tells us how. Here are his words, "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God or whether I speak of myself." John 7:17. Now before we can do his will we will need to know what the will of God is. How can we know the will of God? By reading and studying the Word of God. In His inspired Word He has given to us a revelation of His will for the human race. Jesus said to the first man who came to Him inquiring the way of life, "Ye must be born again." That is the first step in the will of God. Being born again makes us a child of God. Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Except a

man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3. The new birth puts him into the kingdom. In I Thess. 4:3 we read, "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification."

There are many theories advanced as to what constitutes sanctification. I think it is a good practice to study our Bible and the dictionary together. Let us get Webster's definition for the word sanctify. Here it is. Sanctify-to make holy; cleanse from impurity, pollution or sin." Let us consider some of the different theories advocated by different religious groups. One group says, to sanctify means to set apart for some special religious or Christian service. Another group says, we grow into sanctification. Another group says, we get sanctified at death. Another group says, we get sanctified by an act of consecration and faith subsequent to our regeneration. I believe the last group to be right both Scripturally and experimentally. Will you follow me with an unbiased mind as I seek to give my interpretation of the scripture bearing upon this very important doctrine as revealed in the Word of God? I know the weight of the old adage "Convince a person against his will and he will be of the same opinion still." Here is another old adage I hope the readers of this article will apply to my interpretation of the scripture bearing upon this glorious Christian experience. Here is that adage, "The proof of the pudding is in the eating." If this experience does what the Bible claims for it, then it is worth your careful and prayerful consideration. Early in the teaching of the Gospels this doctrine is very clearly and convincingly taught. John the Baptist, in the third chapter of Matthew's gospel gives to us the doctrine of the two baptisms. These two baptisms stand for, or represent two different Christian experiences. Water baptism, or John's baptism is preceded by repentance on the part of the sinner and produces what we call regeneration, or the new birth. Here are John's words concerning the two baptisms, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear; he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." Matt. 3:11. John's baptism stood for repentance. He would not baptize an unrepentant sinner. When the wicked unrepentant Pharisees and Sadducees came to be baptized of him he said to them, "O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance." Matt. 3:7, 8.

I see I will not be able to properly cover my subject in one article so I will continue the study of the most controversial, and the most important part of my subject, for another article.

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"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." -- Romans 12:1

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TWENTY THIRD PSALM
By Katie Joiner

The Lord is my Shepherd,
No want shall I know,
My every need He has provided
Because He loved me so.

His pastures, alway green,
Wherein He bids me lie
Are the source of my Soul's nurture,
That shall fit me for on high.

His leading beside still waters,
His restoring of my soul,
Makes following in paths of righteousness,
For His namesake, my joy and goal.

Walking through the valley of the shadow of death,
Is something I may know,
Yet there'll be no fear of evil
For Thy presence shall make it so.

Thy rod, e'en for my chastening,
And Thy staff both comfort me,
For Thy mercy, Oh so tender
Reaches far beyond our power to see.

Thy table, prepared for me,
Though enemies linger near,
Is a taste of heaven's blessings
We may know on Thy footstool here.

My head with oil anointed,
My cup filled to the brim,
My earthly tongue searches diligently
For words in praise to Him.

Surely Thy goodness and mercy
Shall follow me all my days,
And the House of Thy dwelling
Shall be my choice always.

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GOD --
Back! Back! Back!
Beyond the beginning,
Beyond the sweep of measureless years,
Beyond the circle of things that are,
Before creative germs dropped on beingless soil
Where sat Old Night on formless and void Nothingness,--
Dark, dense, dismal, universal, solemn,

Silent soundless, supreme Nihilism!
Before the birth of hoary Night or the dawn of Creative Day,
Before the orbits were marked, or orbs began their endless rounds,
Beyond all depths, before all heights,
Beyond the Probable, before the Possible,
Before the First-born of Wisdom Creative pressed the bosom of Creative Power,
Before the Eternal Void was filled with essential Nothingness,
Before Being dreamed of Form, Beauty or Power,
Above, around, beneath, and through all God was, is, and shall ever be--
Absolute, limitless, sovereign, independent, uncaused, eternal,
Self-existent, transcendent, perfection of perfectness.
Harmonious infinite complexity,
Sum and solution of all paradoxes, Origin and end of all mystery,
Reason and explanation of all enigmas,
Uncaused cause of all causes, antecedent of all consequents.

GOD --
Triune, One, Two Three; One--
In essence One, in purpose One,
One in glorious majesty, might, and power--
Father God, Son God, Spirit God, Indivisibly, essentially, eternally One.

GOD--
Name of the Immutable Essence
Whose sinews bind to Himself and to each other
All created substances, beings and things;
Name of the original, controlling, directing, subordinating Power
Over all that is or can be.

GOD--
Embodiment of the Supreme Intelligence,
Before, behind, and with all being, Measuring its power, ordaining its functions,
Prescribing its duties and fixing its destiny.

God --
The effulgent Beam scattering all darkness,
And swathing all creation in the radiance of His glorious perfections,
Whose impress are the sure, unmistakable seals of His Godhead
And proofs of His existence. Who is the Invisible All.

GOD--
The Origin and Supply of all Life,
The boundless, mysterious, beauteous spring-head of Being
Whose limpid waters pervade, nourish, and adorn
All animate creation, and roll back on their ceaseless tide
To the foot of His throne, perfect duplicates of Himself.

GOD--

The Essential Flame, Eternal Embodiment Universal Expression, Infinite Upholder
And Administrator of Justice.

GOD--

Thrice Holy, the spotless moral Son, Antipode of sin,
The speckless, all-Seeing Eye,
Whose glance finds every mote of sin and pursues it down to deepest Hell,
And wraps it in flames of vindictive fire.

GOD--

Truth in essence as in Name-- Truth's habitat,
The center, hub, root, trunk, branches, bud, bloom, fruit--
"The Truth," all truth, truth unmixed, without alloy, pure,
Simple, supreme, beautiful, loving, lovely and beloved,
Sweet, transforming, nourishing, regenerative, ennobling, enriching,
Satisfying, cleansing, enlightening, Inexhaustible, inexpressible, incomprehensible --
Eternal Source and Supply of All Truth, wherever found,
Of whatever sort.

GOD--

Name and Fact of boundless Love,
The dominant and conquering power! "God is Love"--
Love and God are one. Love, the revealed soul of Deity,
Love, the property composing the Divine Nature,
The dynamics in the heart of God, diffusing His goodness Throughout all being;
Love, the forge of His gracious and eternal designs;
Love, the definition of the undefined and indefinable;
Love, pregnant with divine mystery, and the synonym
For all things divine;
Love, the universal ether and circumambient breath of God's Spirit;
God and love, the same and exchangeable words,
Both symbols of infinite sweetness and boundless power.
"God" -- Eternal, Immutable, Omnipotent Love!

God --

Another name for the Original Beautifier.
Behold the stream as it flows from the eternal
And overflowing Fountain!
Myriads, myriads of forms crowd and cluster
On the infinite canvas!
How fertile the Infinite Mind in ideals of bewitching beauty!
Ideals of beauty adorning foundation, walls, and dome
Of creation's stupendous temple --
Beauty inimitable in variety, proportion,

Profusion and perfection,

Copies of the Primal Beauty, proofs of the
Unfailing Source, portraits of Deity, Pictures from Beauty's camera,
Paradigms of the Infinite Imagination--
The glow of Life on the Cheek of Being.

GOD--

Father of all, from whose loins Myriads of angels who never knew babyhood,
Swift, bright, joyous, strong of wing, and terrible,
Stand before Him in numbers countless:
Father of the Cherubic Legions guarding the portals
Of Heaven, Father of the Seraphim, six-winged,
Gazing upon their Sublime Original through their upper wings,
With feet covered by other two, and Poised with two, their burning frames,
Stand ready quite to speed to utmost limit
Of Creation's bound, and for vengeance Or for mercy serve;
Father of the chirping sparrow
Whose hunger-born twitters fit and unlock
The doors of His granaries, and He feedeth them --
Both their names and numbers are written In His family register,
And not one falleth without His notice;
Father of the old lion and her young -- both
Wait upon His provident hand--
He forgets not nor forsakes what He has fashioned;
Father of the spirit clothed in flesh, and unclothed;
Father of all our mercies --
All colors, all conditions, all nations, all natures
Are stamped with His creative hand; "Of one blood He made all;"
"Our Father Who art in Heaven!"
Amen.

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RESPONSIBILITY

I have a clean soft bed on which to sleep.
I have a table set with gracious things.
How can I pray the Lord, "my soul to keep,"
How can my heart lift up on joyous wings,
While there are those about me in the night
Who toss on filthy rags and cannot rest,
Who have no food or raiment, and no light?
How can I sleep unless I do my best

To ease and comfort them, and how can I
Be deemed a follower of the Christ until
I heed humanity's heartbroken cry,
And move to feed the hungry, heal the ill?
God help me keep remembering--help me see
How grave is my responsibility.

-- Grace Noll Crowell

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CANDY CIGARETTES

When the inquiry was made recently in a chain store, "Do you sell many of these candy cigarettes?"--the reply was "Oh sure, the kids like to imitate Daddy!"

Many imitate "Mommie" too! And, in imitating, they can choose between bubble gum and candy, but the candy cigarettes are more popular and manufactured in greater quantity.

All brands are represented with slight changes in package wording, and no change in color or design from the wrapping of the regular cigarettes.

Thus, by procuring candy cigarettes, are children not only more easily preparing themselves for the real ones, but are likely anticipating the use of the real ones at an early age.

Parents who buy cigarette candy for their children are certainly doing the child a great wrong and are in a measure giving them your consent to use the real thing when they are a little older. A terrible blow to any child's future health and happiness.

In many stores small bottles of make-believe gin and whiskey can be bought for children. Some parents get a "big kick" out of buying these substitutes for their children. This "kick" later becomes "blows" that they can't laugh at.

Tricks of tobacco makers: Imitation cigarettes in candy form are sold in most stores. If they can get children to play they are smoking they know it will lead to real cigarette smoking soon. This is the most diabolical low blow that has been struck against children.

Children who breathe smoke acquire the same craving for it they would if they were doing the smoking. See book "Tobaccoism" by Dr. J. H. Kellogg.

Radio & TV Programs make children think smoking is fine. Children should have it explained to them that these programs are all lies and frauds for the purpose of fooling young and old and getting new smokers to take the place of those being killed off by tobacco poisons.

Beyond any doubt: Dr. Alton Ochsner, famous surgeon and cancer expert, of Tulane University, New Orleans, says: "The study of Dr. Graham and Wynder (reported in Cancer

Research, November, 1953) has proven beyond any doubt that in tobacco tar there is an agent which produces cancer."

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CAN WE AFFORD TO NEGLECT OUR PRAYER LIFE?

A great musician said of himself:

"If I neglect my practice one day, I feel it.

"If I neglect my practice two days, my family detects it.

"If I neglect my practice a week, the world knows it."

In like manner, I say of myself:

"If I neglect my prayer life a day, I feel it.

"If I neglect my prayer life two days my family suffers loss.

"If I neglect my prayer life a week, the world suffers, however small my talent."

-- Mary Kate Jack

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THE SAME MASTER

The Master who said "come"
Is the Master who says "go;"
The truth He teaches us
He wants all the world to know.
The gospel that saved us
Is the gospel that saves still;
And others will find joy
In the knowledge of His will.

-- Women's Missionary Magazine

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"If I had ten lives, I would gladly lay them down for Christ in the white man's grave, to gain, by the grace of God, the black man's resurrection." -- Canon Taylor Smith

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