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

"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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THE QUESTION OF THE SOCIAL GOSPEL PROGRAM
Glenn Griffith

"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." (Rom. 12:1-2)

In this day there has been much done by many churches to enlarge the recreational program as a means of holding the youth and reaching the lost of this pleasure-seeking, morally mad generation. Consequently there is much confusion in the thinking of Christendom and among the finest group of young people any generation ever produced. As to whether we can lead this generation out by a natural or human social gospel, I want to lift my voice and say, "Let us look at the old fashioned way of the faith of our fathers."

A Christian, in choosing a philosophy of life, should take for his ideal and teachings, the personality and example of The Author and Finisher of our faith, Jesus Christ and perfect in

himself the mind that is in Christ Jesus. Anything short of this will sidetrack the Christian and he will come short of the glory of God.

Christ in meeting His first disciples by the Sea of Galilee revealed His ideal plan and mission to the Christian when He said, "Follow me and I will make you to become fishers of men." And when a Christian in any way or through any influence digresses from this ideal, he misses the thought of God for his life and becomes unfruitful, hence cast off. "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit, He taketh away. And every branch that beareth fruit He purgeth it that it may bring forth more fruit." (John 15:2) God does not look at the outward forms and professions unless holy fruit is born by that life.

In view of the fact that soulwinning is our mission, and that Christ is the dynamic through the agency of the Holy Ghost, to make us fishers of men, then we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we let them slip. (Heb. 2:1.) We should exercise ourselves to become more holy in life and more zealous at our task, that we may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Now as to the responsibility resting upon the youth, I have never read in the Word where they were relieved of this task only in official capacity, (I Tim. 3:6) and believe the idea that seems to be prevalent that you can't put a man's head on a boy's shoulder is unfair to the young people and contrary to the teachings of the Scripture, for God in speaking to the youth in (Ecc. 12:14) said: "For God shall bring every work into judgment with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil." It is not pity, not recreation that the young people want, for either of these would only make them feel embarrassed, for the Scriptures place responsibility upon the sanctified youth when in (Joel 2:28) "And it shall come to pass afterward that I shall pour out of my spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.!! Yes, the strong youth shall look to new frontiers, new horizons of faith and be prayer warriors and conquerors through the Holy Spirit, doing exploits for Jesus. It is not .this passive, formal, play program that youth wants, but a definite challenge, and a chance to prove that even beyond the third generation they can possess new mountain tops of experience and stand in the gap for this careless, confused, suffering, deceived generation.

There are two windows through which to see the place and responsibility of our great group of young people. One is the human; the other, the Divine. The vision of the natural man is earthy, humanistic, and appeals to the lust of the flesh, but the spiritual will appeal to the spiritual, thus leading to the heavenly, and these visions will run true as to results, for the apostle said (Gal. 6:7 and 8th verse) "Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap, for he that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption, but he that soweth to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting." The window through which you are looking will determine the attitude you take, and your vision in life pertaining to Christ, the Scriptures, the Church and the lost world.

With these facts before us, I maintain, that in the conflicting opinions of solving this problem, many have chosen the wrong philosophy of life, and have placed emphasis upon the wrong things, and will give to the Church a burdenless, light, shallow, and powerless posterity,

that will eventually lead to paths that other churches have gone. So while just the trends appear, why not truly diagnose the case, and take the old adage to heart that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, and save the day for the Church and our young people, and raise up sons and daughters who will be stalwart in the mighty truths of the Bible, and can take the places of the men and the women who have, and are giving their lives in this great nation, and establish our Church.

In placing the Church before the world as a social institution, I wish to say that only as it makes one to become a better fisher of men can it be termed as such, for the commission of the Church is to make spiritual, and evangelize the world. (Mark 16:15) "Go ye to all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Therefore it means more than getting young people out to services and group meetings, but to get them equipped with a definite message for a lost world. Hence the so-called social program and gospel does not lead to deep spirituality and is classed with the world for many reasons.

1. This social gospel introduces the Church to the needy world we are trying to reach in the wrong way, and the world gets the wrong impression of our motives, and our place as a Holiness Church, for the altar should be the proper introduction of our Church to the world.

2. This program is always headed and promoted by the less spiritual group and is not good leadership upon which you can build a future superstructure, for it is builded on the sand. Just getting crowds and getting young people into our social group will not get them ready for His coming, nor create a vital Christian worker.

3. The social gospel draws the ones that very seldom come at any other time. They do not appear when the prayer meeting is called, and it throws the more spiritual into the atmosphere that will eventually rob them of their close communion with God, and saps their spiritual power until they become fruitless, and later causes them to yield to the old carnal desires that have been aroused through this contact with the world; even though they were once delivered from these appetites by the baptism of the Holy Ghost, for God said to abstain from all appearance of evil. (1st Thess. 5:22) and if we do not mind God, the blood does not cover and the protection is gone. No, I do not believe we need a recreational program to amuse and entertain our Church, but I do feel that we need a n enlarged prayer-creational program.

4. This social gospel will not hold the young folks as some carelessly maintain, for all we need to do is to read the history of older Churches, and we can see that it not only failed to hold the young, but sapped the entire Church of its spiritual power, until they do not even believe in Evangelism, or have old-fashioned revivals, and have lost their identity as Evangelical denominations. The Church was raised up to spread Scriptural holiness, and when we fail to heed these historical facts we will go the same way, only faster, because we have had more light, and I feel we were raised up for such a time as this. The principles upon which the Church has builded to its present status are safe principles, and will preserve its posterity. And the only way to insure the future of our people is through our young people absorbing these principles, and putting them into practice.

I sometimes doubt whether it is the young people who continually harp on the social-play program, or whether it is the mothers and fathers, and possibly prayerless preachers who are trying to ease off the burden that brings forth spiritually strong young people, and try to replace it with entertainment, so they may be at ease in Zion (woe unto them who are at ease in Zion), and try to settle down to a weak program of human talent and methodical, formal services. I believe that if the older Christians would catch the vision and pray, that they could turn the zeal of the young people into the correct channels of service, and the young people's social question would be solved. If God could only get the older folks to carry the burden, and keep the glory down, when old-time conviction grips hearts, and young folks really pray through in the fire, we can still have coming from our revivals red-blooded, soul-burdened, fire-baptized young people who will give their lives on Christ's altar, and take up His cross and follow as they did when He walked by the Sea of Galilee, and when He baptized those disciples back there with the Holy Ghost and fire. I know it will take soul travail, fasting, stones of persecution, and criticism from our own household of faith, but it will bring to pass the very thing we are crying for, and solve every problem, and will give us, as a Church, a leadership that will be able to lead this morally-mad generation to a fountain filled with blood that can save them from all sin.

I know one pastor who took his young people out to abandoned churches and school houses, and the Lord gave them souls and out from these gospel-team meetings came preachers, singers, and missionaries, who are active soulwinners today. It takes hard work for the pastor and church, but instead of turning out drones with a worldly program, it will give the Church some badly needed trailblazers who will not be looking for a nest already feathered, but will hew out a kingdom from the highways and the hedges. And the rich heritage of our spiritual pioneers will be preserved. After all, it is not by might of personality, human ingenuity, psychology nor philosophy, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord, and when He does not abide in us, and we do not abide in Him in that close relationship of the branch to the true vine, we become withered and fruitless, and the husbandman will cut us off. Paul said, "I must keep my body under, lest while I preach to others I myself become a castaway." There is no inference here of bowling, the good picture shows, mixed bathing, and TV, but a serious consecration to Christ, and a dedication consuming our lives in service for Christ and proving to this world what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

In closing, beloved, it looks to me, after considering these things, that instead of trying to entertain our young people, which they detest, we should pray earnestly for a spiritual awakening in our Church, and with callused knees we can fight together the good fight of faith, and have souls for our hire and a crown of life in the end. Let us keep in the center of the will of God, that the Holy Ghost has led us into, and as Paul said, (Phil. 4:8) "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

Oh, God in Jesus Name, who saved and sanctified us, and whom we feel raised us up for such a time as this; I pray, that in this hour of world confusion, and in a morally mad generation, in a time of false propaganda, that effects every phase of life, that thou wilt keep our Church, through its leadership envisioned, with the true perspective of the awful need of this careening, hell bound world. May we accept our tremendous responsibility in bringing the vital message of holiness, and

evangelizing with a Pentecostal fervency, and lifting high the standards of the early Church and its real experiences of Scriptural sanctification, which satisfies completely the desires of the human heart. Oh, Lord, don't let us bring in substitutes to try to take the place of unctious, impassioned preaching, and intercessory prayer. Oh God, give us preachers fresh from the secret place of prayer. Don't let us be satisfied with a social gospel. Oh Jesus, may we build new churches instead of worthless "recreational centers" where our people can pray instead of play. Please don't let "slides" and "motion pictures" creep into our churches to take the place of God-ordained preaching. Oh Lord, thou who said that thou wouldst raise up a standard against the enemy when he came in like a flood, help us as we go through this trying hour. Please give the faithful preachers and people courage, and faith to hold steady, and be true to God, their conscience, His Word, and a lost world. Give to us a "prayer-creational," instead of a "re-creational" program in Jesus name and for His sake I pray. Amen.

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"Will I be held responsible for the power I might have had, if I had been more prayerful and more fully abandoned to God? And because of the lack of power will souls I might have reached, and hearts I might have won, be lost? I can afford to do without the things of the world; I can afford to be misunderstood and misrepresented; I can afford any heartache and suffering; but I cannot afford to lose God's best and be without the Holy Spirit." -- Hattie Livingstone

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EDITORIAL

By Spencer Johnson

THE CHALLENGE OF HOLINESS

"Where is the Lord God of Elijah?" (II Kings 2:14) "Watchman, what of the night? The watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night: if ye will enquire, enquire ye: return, come." (Isa. 21:11-12)

The year that lies before us may be likened unto a dark night that is fraught with many dangers that threaten the continuation of a true witness to holiness in the world. But the darkness is pierced through with opportunities to serve, sacrifice and win glorious victories for Christ.

The exceeding sinfulness of the day raises its threat and challenges the courage, strength and purity of holiness. The sinfulness of our day parallels that of Israel when Ahaziah was sick and sent messengers to enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron. The messengers were met by Elijah the Tishbite who declared God's message, "Is it not because there is not a God in Israel that ye go to enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron?" (II Kings 1:3) The lack of the true worship of God has brought the world to a state of moral and spiritual chaos. No language can describe the awful threat of sin to this generation. Millions of moral and spiritual wrecks are drifting down the river of death to suffering greater than they have ever known in this life. Thousands more who are blasted by liquor, tobacco and venereal diseases are filling the prisons and insane asylums for a brief stay before they make their fatal plunge into the Lake of Fire. Hundreds of homes are broken

beyond repair. War, murder, and the shedding of blood have become common things. Well might the world be called a vale of tears. Even much of the Church world is so fettered by the worldliness of the age that the average church member is powerless. Scores of lust-crazed teenagers from formerly religious homes go out under the hypnotic spell of television to murder, rape and plunder. No eye but the eye of God can see, no ear but the ear of God can hear, no heart but the heart of God can comprehend the far reaching, demoralizing, effect that sin is having upon the youth of our day.

The National Council of Churches has made freedom of religion on the air-waves almost a thing of the past. Today prevailingly public service time on the radio is granted to the local Council of Churches. Communism and Catholicism threaten religious freedom in the world. Edward John Cornell wrote in September 1, 1958 issue of "Christianity Today," "It should be observed that Roman Apologists never tell us how the Vatican eliminates the threat of disunity. And there is good reason for this concealment, for if Roman strategy were really understood, the Catholic cause would fall into considerable disrepute. The Vatican eliminates the threat of disunity by eliminating religious liberty. Unless a Roman Catholic surrenders his judgment to the Pope, he is excommunicated." The freedom of the press is also in jeopardy. To the candid reader it would seem that most of the leading magazines and larger newspapers are pro Catholic. Never in the history of our nation has the Vatican received such flattering attention from the White House as in recent months. If Jesus tarries some of the brutal scenes of St. Bartholomew's night may be re-enacted.

But sin has never been able to prevail against righteousness and true holiness. Many times the Devil has marshaled his hosts and seemingly almost crushed the cause of God but God has always had a remnant that would not bow nor break nor burn. They can burn the body but they cannot destroy the soul. "The saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever and ever." (Dan. 7:18)

The cause of true holiness is also threatened by the Devil in his efforts to scatter the power of the holy people. "And when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished." (Dan. 12:7) It would seem that it is the consummate will of the great enemy of all good to scatter the power of the holy people, and he will not be satisfied until such a scattering has been accomplished. It is his purpose to bring barriers of misunderstanding that cause ill will among the people of God. One method of putting out a great fire is to scatter it. When other methods fail then fire fighters throw dynamite into the fire and by scattering the combustible portions they quench the fire piece by piece. The Devil can get at each one of us and more effectually quench the fire of the Holy Ghost within us when we are separated one from another in feeling. He cannot accomplish this sad work if we are united to the Lord and our brethren. Injury to the cause of God. results from scattering the power of the holy people. Advantage and blessing is found in unity of heart. Jesus in His high priestly prayer cried to God from the depths of His soul that those who believed in Him might be one. "That the world may believe that Thou hast sent me."

There will always be differences of opinions and interpretations but God through the experience of holiness of heart is able to lift us to a purer altitude and a higher plane than this disposition to scatter and divide; to decry: and not to have faith in others, who are professing and

striving to be all the Lord's. How emphatic are the words of Jesus, "He that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad." Jesus must be the center of attraction and union among all men. We can overcome the threat of the enemy to scatter the power of the holy people if we accept the challenge to go deeper in the realm of intercession and bend all our efforts to seek the lost while we look only to Jesus, the Author and finisher of our faith.

Each new year challenges the validity of the experience of true holiness for every year many young people reach the age of accountability and must choose to go the way of God and righteousness or the way of sin and Satan. Throughout the holiness movement as a whole there are many churches in which the second generation would hardly be recognized as members of the same movement to which their fathers belonged. We have come to a time when a generation has arisen who know not the Lord. John Wesley wrote: "I do not see how it is possible in the nature of things for any revival of religion to continue long. For religion must necessarily produce both industry and frugality, and these cannot but produce riches. But as riches increase so will pride, anger, and love of the world in all its branches." Each generation must prove for itself the reality of the experience of holiness. And because of this revival must be repeated again and again.

What then is our hope as we face this new year with its opportunities to improve or to lose? Through the grace of God there are three mighty thrusts with which we may overcome the threats and meet the challenge of the day. When Elijah was about to be taken up to heaven, Elisha, knowing it, determined to stay close to him until he was blessed. He followed him to Bethel (II Kings 2:2) Bethel is a type of regeneration. A clear cut experience of regeneration will do much for this generation in which we live. We must go out to win the lost. This year should be a reaping time when many people will find the Lord for the first time in their lives. Their experience must be real. It must not be a mere profession at the altar if it is to transform men and women.

Again Elisha followed Elijah to Jordan. Jordan is a type of the experience of sanctification. This is the great need for people who have been born again. "No period of the Christian's life is fraught with more dangers than that period between conversion and sanctification. Every unsanctified heart is potentially a worldly heart." No one can keep the victory very long without pressing on to Jordan and the experience of heart holiness. But Elisha also went to Jericho. Jericho represents the level of the miraculous. There must be that touch with the Supernatural if we are to meet the need of this dark hour. There are multitudes today who have never seen a real manifestation of the power of God. This manifestation of power that is needed is not some wild spectacular something that is so prevalent among many of the fake healers and false deliverers of this day. The needed manifestation is more of the same Divine love that God implants in the soul when He comes in sanctifying power. It is that fresh anointing from on high that brings conviction on the lost. Many times it manifests itself in the shouts of victory and sometimes by physical demonstrations but it is not dependent upon these things at all. Whether one shouts or not the genuineness of the power and presence of the Spirit must be there else it is all as sounding brass or tinkling cymbal.

It was not until Elisha was initiated into the ministry amid the whirlwind of fire that he received the double portion of the Spirit. Elisha's ministry was both a blessing and a rebuke. When he was used of God to heal the waters his was the ministry of blessing. When he cursed the children for their disrespect for holy things (which no doubt was but the result of the attitude of

their parents) he was a rebuke to sin. Through Elijah God performed eight miracles. Through Elisha with the double portion of the Spirit he performed sixteen counting the one where the man came back to life when they threw him in the grave on Elisha's bones. God may answer some of our prayers and do some things for us after we leave this world.

Oh, that we might have a mighty baptism of fire on the ministry of this day that would give us the power, discernment and compassion of the prophets! We too must share the spirit of Christ in His compassion and sacrifice and intercession in accomplishing His work. The soul that has power with God is the soul that has been quickened to see the world's need. We must see something of the suffering and desolation that God sees. We must hear something of the wail of agony that God hears.

Perhaps this year will be the darkest moral and spiritual hour the world has ever known, for evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse. But it is a wonderful time to demonstrate the reality of true holiness. The true Light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world still shines. "The light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not." (John 1:5) One translation puts it: "The light is still shining in darkness for the darkness could not put it out. The darker the world the brighter our hope.

"Watchman, What of the night?" "The morning cometh, and also the night." The morning and the night will come simultaneously. The morning of His glorious appearing cometh for those who are holy and pure and the dark night of the tribulation for those who are not sanctified. In these days of darkness and tumult and trouble there is a calmness in my poor unworthy heart for my heart keeps singing, "The morning cometh." The rapture draws near. The night with its uncertainties, shadows, pain and woe will pass. Thank God! Morning is coming! The night with its sin and death is all about us the darkness may grow more intense but one of these days dawn will come: I refuse to let the Devil drive me into worrying and fretting over the things that may come in the year that is before us. I will walk in the light as He shines it upon my pathway. He does not require more. There are souls today to whom I can witness. I must be busy about my Master's business. There is work to do today. We must occupy until He comes. We must take the light to those who are wrapped in darkness. "I do not ask to choose my way, Lord one step enough for me." "For tomorrow and its needs I do not pray, Teach me, guide me, keep me Lord just for today." Our hearts may be torn and broken by sorrows and disappointments and we may weep while we reap but we must reap on amid the tears for the harvest will soon be past. Weeping may endure for a night but joy cometh in the morning. Hallelujah! We must keep our lamps burning brightly until the day breaks. Oh God, help me to hold out Thy light to a poor sin benighted humanity! Oh God, keep us faithful amid all the pressure until Jesus comes. A few nights ago I took a plane through a stormy night. The clouds were thick, the night dark and the air rough but the pilot and navigator knew their business and they landed the plane safely at its destination. A few minutes after the storm subsided and the sun rose out of the mist and clouds on a beautiful, clear Just now we do not see all that lies ahead of us this year. Storms and darkness may obscure the way but we have a blessed Pilot Who knows every inch of the way. If we keep all committed to Him, He will bring us through to the morning.

Morning is coming! Glory! Glory! I cannot express what I feel in my soul! Oh saints of God keep true! It is worth all it costs. What a day, no more loneliness, no more death, no more night.

The morning cometh! Some golden day break Jesus will come! "We'll shout the victory and break through the blue."

"There, shall no tempests blow,
Nor scorching noontide heat;
There, shall be no more snow,
No weary wandering feet;
So we lift our trusting eyes
From the hills our fathers trod,
To the quiet of the skies,
To the Sabbath of our God."

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WHAT THEN?

When the great plants of our cities
Have turned out their last finished work;
When our merchants have sold their last yard of silk,
And dismissed the last tired clerk;
When our banks have raked in their last dollar
And paid the last dividend;
When the Judge of the earth says, "Close for the night,"
And asks for a balance -- WHAT THEN?

When the actors have played their last drama,
And the mimic has made his last fun,
When the film has flashed its last picture,
And the billboard displayed its last run;
When the crowds seeking pleasure have vanished,
And gone out in the darkness again --
And a world that rejected its Saviour
Is asked for a reason -- WHAT THEN?

When the choir has sung its last anthem,
And the preacher has prayed his last prayer;
When the people have heard their last sermon
And the sound has died out on the air;
When the Bible lies closed on the altar,
And the pews are all empty of men,
And each one stands facing his record --
And the great Book is opened -- WHAT THEN?

When the bugle's call sinks into silence
And the long marching columns stand still,
When the captain repeats his last orders,
And they've captured the last fort and hill,
And the flag has been hauled from the mast head,
And the wounded afield checked in,
When the trumpet of ages is sounded,
And we stand up before Him -- WHAT THEN?

When your life friend, has run to a finish,
And the last thing you can do has been done,
When your work on earth has ended,
And eternity's issues begun,
As you think how long God has pleaded
How Christ on the cross died for sin,

And your soul stands there naked before Him
And He denies you -- WHAT THEN?

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THE LAST HOUR

"It is the last hour" (I John 2:18)

The sunset burns across the sky;
Upon the air its warning cry,
The curfew tolls, from tower to tower,
O children, 'tis the last, last hour!
The work that centuries might have done
Just crowds the hour of setting sun;
And through all lands the saving Name
We must, in fervent haste, proclaim.
The fields are white to harvest. Weep
O tardy workers, as ye reap.
For wasted hours that might have won
Rich harvests ere the set of sun.
We hear His footsteps on the way!
O work, while it is called Today,
Constrained by love, endued with power,
O children, in this last, last hour!

-- Clara Thwaites

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TIME AND ETERNITY

By Eileen Will

Ecclesiastes 3:1 tells us to everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven. The second verse says, there is a time to be born, and a time to die, a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted etc. There is a time to sleep, a time to eat, a time to labor, a time to worship our Lord. Time -- Time -- Time.

There was a time for God to create the world and everything in the world. A time for the Saviour to be born. A time for Him to labor, a time for Him to be crucified.

There was a time for us to be born. There is a time for our fleshly bodies to die. But eternity faces us. Eternity. What is eternity? What does it mean for us? Our Bible tells us about a heaven that is eternal (II Cor. 5:1) (Rev. 4:1-4) It tells us of the throne of God in heaven and we read of the great city, the holy Jerusalem and all of its beauty and splendor. But only they which are written in the Lamb's book of life shall enter there. We also read about a judgment of the dead where every man is to be judged according to their works. (Rev. 20:12-15) "And whosoever was

not found written in the book of Life was cast into the Lake of fire." Who wants to be cast into the lake of fire? No one. But how do we get our names written in the book of life?

We must be born again as in John 3:3-17. This scripture unfolds a great mystery. Jesus is explaining about being born again. The wind blows and we cannot tell where it comes from or where it goes, but still we hear the sound of it. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit. Salvation is just as real to our souls in joy and adoration to our Savior as any degree of pain is real to a person who is ill in their body. The outward expression is joy in abundance. The inward is the assured fact we are born again. John 3:16 informs us that who-so-ever believeth in Him (Jesus) should not perish but have everlasting life.

We forsake our sinning when we are born again. (Rom. 6:23) "For the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. In I John 3:9 we read, "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin."

The time for you to prepare for eternity is today for tomorrow may be too late, Death could over take you sooner than you think. Did you know your neighbor or friend was going to pass away when they did? Did they realize it was their last day or hour, or minute just before death? No! Neither will you know. Don't put it off. Now is the day of Salvation. Now is the time you should repent and turn from your ungodliness to our Saviour Jesus Christ, who came to show us the way of salvation.

Your time will soon be over. Eternity is waiting for you. Prepare for heaven to escape hell. Pray until you know you are a real born again Christian.

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GIVE ME MY OLD PASTOR

By Mrs. Mora B. Fields

How I wish I could hear him preach and cry
I'm so tired of pride and sham that I could die
So much fuss and program to push us about
That the sweet Holy Spirit is crowded out.

He never preached the same sermon twice
But would get on his knees and pay the price
Until the power from Heaven would come down
And victory the mercy seat would crown.

He fed us like fatted calves in the stall
He'd preach and sweat and cry and bawl,
Not a lazy bone in that boy's skin
Oh, how he hated the taint of sin.

If we went to church sick He'd preach us well

Make us homesick for Heaven and afraid of Hell.
Now we go to church hungry, we come away unfed
They're so quiet we fall asleep and go away dead.

Some called him a hillbilly, it may be true
But when the pearly gates open he'll walk right through
For on that day we will all take our place
Not by wire pulling brother, but by saving grace.

So keep on preaching it straight and hot
And remember by your old friends you're not forgot,
For some of us still are praying for you
And planning to meet you beyond the blue.

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POWER OF PATIENCE

Patience is the guardian of faith, the preserver of peace, the cherisher of love, the teacher of humility. She governs the flesh, strengthens the spirits, sweetens the temper, stifles anger, extinguishes envy, subdues pride, bridles the tongue, restrains the hands, tramples on temptation, endures persecution and consummates martyrdom.

Patience produces unity in the church, loyalty in the state, and harmony in families and societies; she comforts the poor, moderates the rich, makes us humble in prosperity, cheerful in adversity, unmoved by calumny and reproach; she teaches us to forgive those who have injured us, and to be first in asking forgiveness of those whom we have injured; she delights in the faithful, and invites the unbelieving; she adorns the woman, and improves the man; is loved in a child, praised in a young man and admired in an old one; she is beautiful in either sex and in every age.

Behold her appearance and attire: Her countenance is calm and serene as the face of heaven, unspotted by the shadow of a cloud, and no wrinkle of grief or anger is seen in her forehead; her eyes are, as it were, the eyes of a dove for meekness, and on her eyelids sit cheerfulness and joy; her mouth is lovely in silence; her complexion is that of innocence and security; while, like the pilgrim, the daughter of Sion, she shakes her head at the adversary, and laughs him to scorn; she is clothed in the robes of the martyrs, and in her hand she holds a scepter in the form of a cross; she rules not in the whirlwind and stormy tempest of passion, but her throne is the humble and contrite heart, and her kingdom is the kingdom of heaven. -- Author Unknown.

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A man who takes his stand for the right may be defeated by the votes of his country, and the man who stands for the wrong may be elected; but the defeated man here will be the successful man when the final race of life is run and God crowns the souls of men with heavenly diadems.

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STEPS TO BACKSLIDING

By Elbert Dodd

Scripture Lesson: II Peter 2:1-21.

Satan is the enemy of God and His children. His only way to strike back at God is to endeavor to defeat God's people and get them to backslide and go down to hell. If he can get good people to take the steps to backsliding he will have achieved his purpose. Note the steps to backsliding as set forth in the Bible.

First, he gets good people to following the wrong crowd. The associates one has and listens to will have a great bearing upon what an individual will eventually believe. "And many shall follow their pernicious ways: by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of." (II Peter 2:2). Many false teachers through their craftiness lead innocent people away from the truth.

Then when one has been following the worldly crowd the next thing that comes on the road to backsliding is the desire to please the flesh. The day in which we live is a day of softness and ease. Thousands would rather stay home and watch the television than to put forth the effort to come to the house of God. Thus they fail to give themselves a chance to come in vital contact with the gospel. Also there are millions in this Godless day, who follow the desires of the flesh, seek to satisfy their lustful desires and avoid the responsibility of children. Their god is the flesh. "But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government." (II Peter 2:10). There are preachers who will compromise and lose their souls because they love the comfort and ease of a good salary too well to jeopardize their position by taking a definite stand against sin and worldliness.

A third downward step is the forsaking of the old-fashioned way of righteousness. "Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness." (I Peter 2:15). The doctrine of Balaam was to get Israel to mix and mingle and to intermarry with the heathen. He knew that Balak could not defeat God's people in open battle but he could weaken them to the point of defeat by infiltrating the worldly crowd into the ranks until their hearts would be turned away from God to the idols and gods of the pagans. Thus they would lose the smile and favor of the true and living God.

Balaam and his crowd are still existent today. There are many who raise the cry to take the world into the church and then convert them, but it always has worked just the opposite. The world defeats the church. When the church becomes filled with lodge members, painted, bobbed haired, jewelry bedecked women and tobacco using men who are more interested in the rodeo and the latest sports report than they are the Holy Bible, then God lifts His favor, presence and power and turns His frown instead of His smile upon it.

A fourth step that brings the soul down is that the mind becomes so befuddled that they receive not the truth. There are many who become spiritually blind and will argue that the Bible does not mean what it says. They substitute human rationalism for Divine revelation.

Second, note some evidences that occur when one has backslidden. First they are against the truth, "The way of truth shall be evil spoken of." "But those, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption." (II Peter 2:12). When anyone will make light of God's revealed truth there is no grace left in the heart. For the same Spirit that inspired the Word is also the Spirit that regenerates and sanctifies the soul. As long as that Spirit is in the heart that individual will love and cherish the truth.

Those in the backslidden state often make merchandise of God's people. "And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you." (II Peter 2:3). They do not believe in rules of God's church and kingdom. "And despise government. Presumptuous are they, self-willed, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities." (II Peter 2:10). They crook and twist the Scriptures to suit their lives instead of bringing their lives up to the teachings of the Bible. "They that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction." (II Peter 3:16). One may be a doctor of philosophy and still be ignorant and unlearned in spiritual things. In this backslidden condition they count it a pleasure to riot. "These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved forever." (II Peter 2:17).

To all who are in this terrible backslidden state God's judgments are sure to come. To some His judgments come in this life and to all who refuse to repent and turn to Him judgment and damnation is sure to come in the eternity ahead. Even now the rumblings of His wrath toward a sinful world can be heard. Soon His restraining hand of mercy will be withdrawn and from the sluice gates of justice will be poured forth the floods of Divine retribution upon a stiff-necked and rebellious people. May God help us to humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God. We must cling closely to Him and watch and pray and be sober lest that day come upon us unawares.

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DELIVERED FROM DEMONS AND TONGUES

Catherine Hamilton

"There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."

I was seeking out a church that would satisfy my soul, as at the age of twelve years I felt the call of God to be saved from my sins. At this age I disobeyed the call of God. Then I moved from Cresson, Pa. to Tyrone, Pa. At the age of 16 I took up with the TONGUES MOVEMENT, and actually thought I had received what my soul longed for. In the month of March 1934, I received, what they called, the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. THE BARKING DEMON entered into me and I spoke in the Unknown Tongues. I went on thinking that I had the real baptism of the Holy Ghost. They preached up the gifts to me, and I prayed for them, receiving the three voice gifts, and the gift of discernment.

After receiving the gifts, the Demons started to talk to me using the Lord's name. They told me I wouldn't live to be forty. On Jan. 26, 1958, I decided to take my own life. If I didn't the Demons told me they would. I was just 10 weeks short of being forty when help came.

I went to another TONGUES MOVEMENT SEEKING MORE LIGHT. I believed in their doctrine of Apostles, Prophets, Pastors and Teachers. Eph. 4:11-13.

I used the Voice gifts in the church for the exhortation of others present. I became a MEDIUM in Disguise. I could tell where the dead were and foretell death for others. On Sept. 20, 1950 I prophesied that a strange event would take place and darkness came over parts of the U. S. from 2 P.M. to 6 P.M. Many people thought the end of the world had come. I prophesied of signs in the skies, a cross appeared and the figures, 1953, also the sun coming up in the East and West at the same time. OTHERS WITNESSED THESE SIGNS ALSO.

I saw the Devil trying to choke me to death. He did this twice. To keep the devil away I keep a light lit. I thought I was very near the Lord but in reality the devil had me. Chains rattled in the house. The Devil would jump on the bed and talk to me. All the time I thought it was the Lord.

One thing that caused me to come out of the TONGUES MOVEMENT and SPIRITUALISM was the death of my mother. She was dying of cancer and sugar diabetes but the LORD HEALED HER and then delivered her from the TONGUES. She had great victory, dying three years later of blood poisoning.

My eyes were opened through these Scriptures; Prov. 16:25, Matt. 7:22-23 and Rev. 2:2. But it took five years after this to convince me that I was wrong. I began to seek the advice of several evangelists and pastors. I wrote to Calif., Pa., Ala. and to Ky. for help. The Lord showed me the UNKNOWN TONGUES WERE DEMONS IN ME. AND I WAS AFRAID. I would see the Devil pass the windows of my home. I was like Paul before his conversion when he thought he was doing the will of the Lord. Acts 22:3-4.

My pastor and wife came to my house on January 26, 1958. I was waiting for someone to come for this was to be my last day on earth. I had a feeling that they would help me. I opened my heart to them and was relieved to a degree. Prayer was made by the pastor and I promised to go to church that night. The Demons were caught off guard that night. Prayer and tears is what moved me to the altar. The word 'Blood' irritated the Demons but the name of 'Jesus' had no effect the first night.

Monday morning they made themselves known to me again. The king of deceivers told me that I was all right and could still use the TONGUES. I knew better and refused to do so. He told me that I could cover up and live like other Christians?

Some of the Demons names were: The Tongue of the Chaldean, Demon Release, We are Satan's Helpers, and the Tongue Demon. The Barking Dog Demon and the King of Deceivers made themselves known to me first. There were a total of six Demons. The remainder of them would have told me, their names if the pastor would have kept on asking. I couldn't utter one word nor could I move for the Demons had me tied up.

Rev. Clyde Flewelling came for a special revival meeting to begin on Wednesday evening, January 29, 1958. I was at the meeting. Earl Sones led the singing and the songs were all about the

'Blood' of Jesus. This pierced me. During the message the Demons were fighting to keep me from the altar., They told me they were going to throw me on the floor if I went to the altar. This they started to do. I just faintly remember going to the altar. At the altar I heard God's people praying. I couldn't speak the names, 'Jesus' and 'Blood.' The demons forbid me to say it. At this time I saw a beautiful light shining above the altar.

During praying the Demons began tearing my stomach as some were coming out. I asked the, praying folks to pray that I wouldn't be torn so much. This was very painful. Thirteen Demons came out of me. I thought they were all gone.

On Tuesday evening February 1, 1958, I told my husband to call my pastor. As they came in I was dying. The pastor placed the Bible on my head and pleaded the Blood. Several more demons came out. Through prayer I was spared from death. More praying warriors were called in. The Demons would talk to me and they took my strength. After more than four hours of praying they ceased to fight further. This was the last battle with the Demons. On Sunday night they just gave up without any resistance. Victory has been won through Jesus Name and His Blood.

Dear Reader, in dealing with demons, don't commend them to be cast into Hell, for they know there is a Hell of punishment. They pleaded with me to have them cast out into the world. Be kind to the ones who are in the TONGUES MOVEMENT AND SPIRITUALISM, for they are deceived, blind and miserable. Luke 6:39. Do not argue for it will do no good... plead the Blood in Jesus Name. I PRAY TO THE LORD JESUS CHRIST THAT THIS TRACT WILL BE USED FOR HIS GLORY, TO LEAD OTHERS OUT OF THE SAME DARKNESS THAT I WAS IN. TO THE TRIUNE GOD BE ALL THE GLORY.

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FOREIGN MISSIONS

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BRITISH GUYANA

Brother and Sister Moyer write that God is blessing them in the work there in the colony. Had nearly 350 present in open air service at Plaisance village. They are sending a native preacher there, to care for the work. Having a good time in prayer and fasting meetings. Also holding cottage prayer meetings. They can use tracts and papers. This is a great need. Also need clothing. Pray that God will supply the need for them to purchase property there.

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GUATEMALA

Miss Leta Keith writes that they are busy planning for children's classes in the different out stations. School is now out and they are going out to evangelize the villages again.

Sister Dennis H. Reiff writes: "It was surely interesting to us when Glenn and Nell got here. We had a telegram from them at the Guatemalan border and were expecting them out here in Jalapa on Tuesday a week ago. Then on Monday night just after we had dismissed there was a large crowd here yet. Just before ten o'clock, a car honked up the street. Somebody shouted, "Glenn's coming!" And that shout went through the chapel and porch of our house. Naturally we all took to the street and there they were in front of the house. It was a beautiful tropical moonlight night. After presenting Nell to all the folks, we took a number of pictures. That was really interesting, and none of us will ever forget it.

All of the events in connection with Glenn and Nell's arrival served very well for a very impressive message on Wednesday night when we had a special welcome service. The father of one of the graduates brought the message. He spoke of the Lord's coming, and told how that just like Monday night, someone shouted, "Glenn's coming!" One day, perhaps not too far away, the trumpet would sound, someone would shout, "The Lord's coming!" and we would all want to go up to meet Him. Then he told what a thrill it must have been to Glenn to come and present his bride to his father, who had never met her before. He told how Jesus was preparing His bride to present her, some day to His heavenly Father, a glorious Church without spot or wrinkle. It was so very appropriate and so precious to us all.

We surely had some nice commencement exercises at the Bible school and the biggest crowds we have ever had for such events. It was very touching on Sunday night at the Baccalaureate service, when at the close of message, the graduates, dressed in navy blue gowns, knelt at the altar, and Dennis and Brother Trotzke consecrated them to the Lord and to His service. We were all in tears, when he prayed for Roberto, a brother of Max, the preacher who was killed by the Catholic mob in Alotenango some years ago.

We surely had a good worker's conference. Definite plans were made for the work and we all feel it is a move forward. The natives seem so well satisfied too. A new field council was elected with two missionaries and three natives as members. A new financial system was decided upon, and one of the missionaries with a native is to visit all the churches right away, and present the plan to the believers in each place.

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WHEN WILL OUR TURN COME

I hear the children crying in the night,
The little children, "God of stars and sun;
We do not like the darkness, send down light
From where there is so much to where there's none.
Fireflies and stars we love and all things bright,
But in our hearts 'tis dark -- Dear God, send light.

A little Child we've heard Thou once did send,
A light to the heart of all the world to be;
And so we think, Dear God, Thou didst intend
Some light for little children such as we.
For what a child can give, a child can take;
So send us light, Dear God, for that Child's sake.

And if it be there is no light to spare,
Dear God, forgive if what we ask is wrong --
We're only heathen children -- is it fair
That others should have all the light so long?
We do not ask that they should have our night,
But when will our turn come to have the light?"

-- Guatemalan Challenge

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WINDS OF OPPOSITION

There are winds of opposition
When we stand against the wrong,
But it's blessed when we meet them
With a prayer and with a song,
Keeping sweet in soul and spirit
Like the saints of other days,
Who revealed the grace of Jesus
Through their love and by their praise.

There are winds of opposition,
If we stand for all that's clean,
And refuse to yield our spirit
To the low, and vile, and mean;
But it's great to go forth happy,
As a victor in the fight,
Knowing that rewards are coming
When we live to do the right.

Strong, the winds of opposition
Blow against our stand for truth,
Whether we be old and feeble,
Or just in the days of youth;
But the God of grace and glory
Is the God of Truth, we know,
So He'll crown us with the faithful,
If we'll stand the test below.

Strong, the winds of opposition
Blow against us on life's way,
But it's sweet to know that Jesus
Hears us when we humbly pray,
And will guide us on our voyage
Till we reach the other shore,
There to dwell with holy angels,
And our loved ones evermore.

-- Walter E. Isenhour

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CHURCH NEWS

PORTLAND, OREGON

Rev. F. M. Bates has accepted the pastorate of our church at Portland and is moving on the field. His address is 4143 S.E. Harrison, Portland, Oregon.

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NYSSA, OREGON

Word comes that Nyssa is in a meeting with Rev. Elbert Dodd and that Rev. & Mrs. Charles Dodd are singing for the meeting. More about this later. \$500.00 pledged for missions. Glory!

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SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA

Word comes from Brother Barker that they have had a good meeting with Rev. E. J. Wilson as evangelist. They are purchasing a nice church building in Scottsbluff.

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TITUSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

Brother and Sister George Harvey have resigned the pastorate of our church at Enterprise. Brother Mark Arnold has been called as pastor. We haven't heard yet where Brother Harvey is going. He possibly would be open for some meetings at least for a while. His old address would reach him. Route 2, Titusville, Penna.

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STAFFORD, KANSAS

Word comes that the Stafford Church has purchased a lot and are moving a school house on to it and will fix it up for a church. They recently pledged \$1115.00 for missions. Brother A. W. Glover is the pastor. May God bless this new church.

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CANADA

Word comes that Brother Buford Harpell, R. R. 1, Calaragui, Ontario and his people have their tabernacle built and are getting to a good start. May God bless them.

[BEULAH HEIGHTS] -- MONTHLY NEWS FOR THE REVIVALIST

We come again to you representing the orphanage at Beulah Heights. We can say as the Children of Israel did when they set up their Ebenezer, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." This past few months have been busy ones for the orphanage workers. There have been furnaces to fix, and coal to haul in, and many other duties to do before the worst of winter comes. Please remember to pray for the workers who are the most responsible for the children.

We needed someone for the girls' matrons, and in answer to prayer, the Lord has sent two godly women to fill this position.

In the recent past we have been blessed and encouraged by the visits of our friends. Different pastors, evangelists, and our District Moderator have been with us in our services.

God has given us some good services in our regular time of worship with the young people finding spiritual help. Our schools are full of worldliness and temptation, but God is able to settle our young people in Him. Praise the Lord.

As we visit in the homes of those in the community here we get a clear picture of what sin and compromise with the devil has done. Many live so far back in the mountains that the only way for them to hear the gospel is for us to take it to them. As we travel by jeep to carry the message of Christ to the unfortunate ones, and minister to those here at the Home remember each of us in prayer. -- Keith Gibson, Pastor

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PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS

It was necessary for Brother Sutton to resign the pastorate at Port Arthur because of his health. He is assisting Sister Sutton at Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Brother Paul Hennigan has accepted the call to pastor the church at Port Arthur and is on the field. May God bless both these brethren in their new fields of labor.

BLYTHEVILLE, ARKANSAS

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Rev. John De Arman has accepted the pastorate of our church at Blytheville. They have purchased a nice lot on West Park Street and are in process of building a beautiful church. The above picture is of the ground breaking service which they had on October 16. Rev. Royal Schultz, pastor at Little Rock, brought the message at the ground breaking service. Brother De Arman reports a wonderful tide of victory with a good number of people praying through to victory in the regular services.

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EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO

Rev. Ken Fay, Oil City evangelist has accepted the call to pastor First Bible Missionary Church, Gladys Ave., Lacroft, East Liverpool. Brother Fay held a three weeks revival for us in Sept. at which time he was appointed temporary pastor. The revival was well attended and several found definite victory.

On October 6 Brother Fay went to Onego, W. Va. and was united in marriage to song evangelist and musician Miss Eleanor Matthiesson, formerly of Emmett, Idaho. District Moderator Rev. H. B. Huffman performed the ceremony.

After a honeymoon and visit with Sister Fay's parents in Emmett, Idaho, they came back to us and were voted in as full time pastor. Sister Fay is a good singer and accomplished musician. They both fast and pray and carry a burden for the lost. Brother Fay preaches a full, straight, rugged gospel. May God raise up more young people like these to carry the message of salvation! -- Mrs. Helen Slanaker, Church Secretary.

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BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

Rev. J. T. Stickney has resigned the pastorate of the church at Rodessa, La., and is now on the field pastoring the church at Birmingham.

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CHANDLER, OKLAHOMA

Rev. Tony Ross has accepted the pastorate at Chandler. They just closed a good meeting with Brother Glenn Griffith. God gave wonderful victory.

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LUBBOCK, TEXAS

Rev. Pat Courtney has accepted the pastorate at Lubbock, Texas. He is on the field and to a good start.

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LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA

Just had a good meeting with Rev. J. E. Ray, business manager and field representative of our Bible school. The church has just about finished their new Sunday School annex. They have outgrown their first building. Will have more about this later when we can have a picture. Rev. B. M. Loftin is doing a wonderful work by the help of the Lord and the people at Lake Charles.

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KIRKSVILLE, MISSOURI

Rev. Jerry Moore has accepted the pastorate of the new church at Kirksville. He is on the job and to a good start.

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ELDON, MISSOURI

Rev. Raymond Cotton has been called as pastor of the church at Eldon.

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"HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD"

Jessie H. Kennedy

I saw "Holiness Unto The Lord" today
Written all over a glowing face,
With never a mark of camouflage,
But only the beauty of saving grace
Shining all over a human face;
"Holiness Unto The Lord."

I saw "Holiness Unto The Lord" today
Written all over a pilgrim dress--
There was not a bauble from Vanity Fair,
Nor a touch of earth's splendor to sparkle there,
But a royal robe of righteousness--
"Holiness Unto The Lord."

I heard "Holiness Unto The Lord" today

In the hymns that were sung to the Saviour of men:
'Twas heav'n-born praise to the dear Lamb of God
Who loved us and saved us with His precious Blood,
To Him be the glory forever, Amen!
"Holiness Unto The Lord."

I felt "Holiness Unto The Lord" today
As I entered the humble meeting place
For God was there, I saw Him there
In the up-turned faces, radiant, fair;
I heard Him singing, I heard His prayer,
I saw Him glowing everywhere!
I felt His power -- oh, sacred hour,
Oh, hallowed place!
Seeing, feeling, hearing, meeting God Face to face--
"Holiness Unto The Lord."
Now and forever! Amen!

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DEQUINCY, LOUISIANA

On October 19 we closed a good revival with Brother Frank Baldwin as evangelist. The Holy Ghost anointed messages plowed deep into the hearts of the people and precious souls sought and found victory at the altar of prayer. The presence of the Holy Ghost came in a special way the last Saturday night and Sunday. Praise the Lord for old fashioned holiness preaching and praying that brings victory. -- Dwight Grant, pastor

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NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

God is blessing the North Central District with some old fashioned revivals. Bro. C. E. Morgan recently closed a good revival and reached some new people with a record attendance in Sunday School of 99. Bro. Victor Gibson is in a revival at his church in Winchester, Ind., had 61 in Sunday School the first Sunday and no preaching in some of the services. Bro. Sallee at Richmond, Ky. wrote this week that God came on their services last Sunday with unusual victory and one man was wonderfully saved. Bro. Freddie Kimberlin writes that he had 44 to preach to last Sunday in a new work at Monroe, Ohio. Bro. Boon at Huntingburg, Ind. writes that God is wonderfully blessing the work there. Five new people who were not attending church anywhere prayed through, got rid of their TV and are lining up in the old fashioned way. Bro. Henry at Loogootee, Ind. just closed a good revival and Bro. Ray at Washington, Ind. Bro. Finch, Dayton, Ohio, held his meeting with Bro. and Sis. Hobbs assisting him with the music, the crowds came, they had people standing around the walls. We preached at Beulah Heights, Ky., last Friday night and God met with us, the altar was lined. We met the Board the next morning and they raised Bro. Keith Gibson's salary \$10.00 per week. I understand they had 71 in Sunday School last Sunday with a number of outsiders coming in. Praise God for this step forward and the old fashioned

crowd that will stand by the man of God. We have seen some wonderful healings in Muncie -- a woman was healed of cancer, another who had varicose veins and the doctor had given her up was healed. We praise the Lord for all of these victories. We have pastors at all of our churches and God has been good to us in the North Central District. -- Yours for the lost, Roy Lewis

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MIDLAND, PENNSYLVANIA

The Bible Missionary Church of Midland, Pa. closed a grand and glorious revival November 9th, under the preaching of Rev. Ellwood Lucas of Lima, Ohio. Truly, words cannot begin to express a proper description of this meeting, as only those who attended can appreciate the depth and spiritual grip of this revival. Night after night folks made round trips of as high as 85 and 90 miles to enjoy the powerful, pungent and pull-no-punches preaching of Brother Lucas. About a week of prayer and also fasting as the Spirit led, was well rewarded while the Lord came down with great spiritual liberty and freedom as 127 seekers lined the altar in just eleven nights.

People shouted and ran the aisles, leaped over the pulpit, over the altar and swung around the poles, some throwing songbooks to and fro as they went, while other stood by in holy awe, tears of joy streaming down over their faces. A rousing and God-honoring street meeting was held in downtown Midland on the main thoroughfare the last Saturday night.

Another great climax of the meeting was the last Sunday afternoon service. At that time Bro. Lucas told his life story, a record of God's miraculously delivering him from seven years of crime and seven years behind bars. Once again God honored with some outstanding victories around the altar. -- Howard F. McConkey, reporter & pastor.

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BERKLEY SPRINGS, WEST VIRGINIA

Rev. A. W. Glover, who served us for seven years felt led of God to take the church at Stafford, Kansas. Rev. Allen Snyder came to us from Baltimore, Maryland. He is a spirit filled man and on fire for God. God is blessing his ministry among us. Many times the Holy Ghost comes and we have altar services without having preaching. Some folk have been coming out of curiosity and have come to the altar and prayed through and found Jesus as their personal Saviour. The Holy Ghost has been around the altar in such convicting power until people were confessing their sins and tearing rings off from their fingers and asking the preacher to throw them in the furnace. They didn't want to take them home for future use but wanted to get rid of them forever. Pray for us that we will keep the fire. Our goal is more victories. -- Sister C., Berkley Springs, W. Va.

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DETROIT, MICHIGAN

We are all fine and going good. Just had a great revival with Brother E. T. Harris and wife. The house was filled every night but two times. Had three folks saved from the outside who had never been in the church before. One or two were sanctified. God came in a wonderful way. After the meeting 10 fine folks joined the church. -- Don Hughes, reporter.

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HOW FAR HAST THOU FALLEN, O, WOMANHOOD?

Mrs. Mary Queen

The issue that I am now bringing before you is to me a very needful thing in the lives of this present generation.

It seems to me that our women have lost their sense of direction. With the youth looking to the mothers for guidance, it seems the mothers are going around in circles, bowing down to the God of unfeminine fashions.

Can you imagine a very young son getting any worthwhile help from a cursing, cigarette smoking, bossy mother with an air of disgust, in place of righteousness, prayer and the word of God, honesty, tenderness and virtue.

So many of our women seem to think they are outmoded. They have gone against the word of God in the wearing of men's clothes. Deuteronomy 22:5 plainly states that it is an abomination unto the Lord for a woman to wear men's clothing or for a man to wear women's clothing.

Their sinful pride has caused them to bring shame upon themselves and upon womanhood by the shortening of their hair for does not God's word, I Corinthians 11:13-16 say that it is a shame for a woman to have short hair or a man long hair?

It seems that so many of our women and girls have lost their instinct for modesty as they go so nude, it makes a good man or woman blush to see them.

So many men are discouraged because they cannot make enough money to satisfy these so-called wives and mothers.

They must have a swell car to drive, money for the hairdresser and the latest styles while the husband gets a cold shoulder and a hot tongue if he mildly protests.

They don't think the husband capable of correcting the children or having anything to say about where the children go or what they wear or mostly don't wear. It seems that the mothers and wives of today are driving their husbands and children to despair for the lack of wise living and counseling.

Television (To-Hell-a-Vision) has taken the center of home life. There is no more real conversation between the members of the family.

With the beer ads, the wild shooting and so many off color scenes, what can we expect our children to learn of the things that are real, that life is made up of.

The home now seems like a rowdy bar. Do we as Americans have anything to offer other nations until we clean up our own doorsteps?

Let us put our own houses in order, back to real womanly women and manly men. Let us return to the family altar, living a godly life in honesty and sincerity then we can lift up our heads and look the world in the face and sing, "God Bless America."

God will not smile on or bless a nation of vulgar, nude women, walking the streets, flaunting their nude bodies in the face of every man they see. What a stench in the nostrils of God it must be to see these modern "Jezebels" parading the streets with their faces and toenails painted like that of a harlot.

Give us women with high ideals, clean in body and mind to lead our poor bewildered children back to the American way of life.

Let us close the grocery stores on the Sabbath day, take our families to church and establish the family altar. There is a way back but it must be the knee route.

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January 4-11, HOUSTON, TEXAS Workers: Rev. Elbert Dodd, Evangelist; Troy and Margaret Cook, Singers, & Musicians. Services at The Bible Missionary Church, 7817 Mr. Houston Road. Beds Free Everyone Welcome. -- Thomas Huff, pastor, Route 11, Box 241 Houston, Texas. Phone GL 8-0189.

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PLEASE PRAY

Remember to pray for Brother and Sister Richard R. Sharp. They have been home for some six weeks. Sister Sharp has not been well. May God bless and supply their needs. These are some of our very best evangelists. Write them. We pray that by the time this reaches you they will be back at work again in the needy white harvest field. May God bless Brother and Sister Sharp. -- The Editor.

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NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT PREACHER'S MEETING

The North Central District Preacher's meeting will be held at Indianapolis, Ind., January 6-7, at the Central Bible Missionary Church, 5100 West Minnesota St. Rev. Glenn Griffith and Rev. Victor Glenn will be the workers. Free lodging will be provided for preachers and wives. For information write: Rev. C. E. Morgan, 462 S. Holt Road, Indianapolis, Ind.

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NOTICE

Brother Glenn Griffith has a new address. It is 1200 South Clay, Denver 19, Colo. Brother Elbert Dodd has a new phone number. It is Alpine 5-1420.

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CORRECTION

In December issue of The Missionary Revivalist we advertised The Missouri-Kansas District Conference. It should have read Missouri-Kansas District Holiness Convention. It is not a conference. It is a Preacher's Meeting and Holiness Convention. The date is the same. January 13-15 -- Dexter, Missouri January 16-18 -- St. Louis, Missouri Workers: Rev. Glenn Griffith, Rev. Elbert Dodd. Singers: Troy and Margaret Cook. For information write: Rev. Murrell Duffie, Dexter, Mo. Rev. Noble V. Hunt, 4179 Lafayette Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

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THE TOBACCO STORY

I heard a preacher say one day
In no uncertain terms,
That some folk steal the only food
Of poor tobacco worms.

They chew the cud or smoke a pipe,
And cigarettes as well.
And all the money they burn up
No one could ever tell.

What makes some folk so foolish as
To think they have the need
To smoke or chew the whole day long
That dirty unclean weed.

The dirty habit grips them tight.
Their health soon now will fail.
And thus tobacco wrecks their health
And sends their soul to hell.

-- Mary E. Owen

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THE JUDGMENT

I dreamed I stood at the judgment,
Stood with the multitude there.
Awaiting an entrance to heaven,
To that city so bright and fair.

As I glanced o'er the vast crowd that waited,
On the faces of some that I knew,
I wondered as I thought of the life they'd lived,
Just how they could make it through.

For some had scolded, some found fault,

And some did things I just couldn't do,
Something was wrong with this one,
Something wrong with that one,
And some were hypocrites I knew.

And so I stood there finding fault,
As each one stood before God,
Picking out only the wrong thing I'd seen
As life's pathway they had trod.

But soon it was my turn to stand before my maker
To be judged by God on high.
Trembling and helpless I stood before Him,
Who created earth and sky.

And quickly I began to tell of the others
Of all the faults I thought they had,
And how these who should have been spotless,
In dirty robes were clad.

But He spoke to me so sweetly
'Tis not so child, in my sight.
For these robes you've judged to be dirty,
Are spotless, and pure, and white.

Then I looked at my own robe so proudly,
Feeling sure I too would enter in.
But lo! My robe was spotted and dirty,
And stained with the marks of sin.

Was it true! Could I have been so busy,
Finding fault because these were not right,
That my own robe had grown dingy and dirty
No more so pure and white?

For my robe had lost all its brightness,
No more did it shine forth as new,
For I had only found fault with others,
Nor tried to help them through.

How could I bear to lift my eyes
To the piercing eyes of God!
For he seemed to search down through my heart,
Seemed to know the path I'd trod.

Dear Lord forgive, I cried, But I awoke just then,

And fell to my knees in prayer,
No more to find fault with others,
But only their burdens share.

That my robe may gain all its brightness,
And once more shine forth as new
Not finding fault with others,
But helping them to make it through.

-- Marjorie Hundley, Indianapolis, Ind.

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HEAVENLY ADORNMENT

E. E. Michael

Titus 2:10, "Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things."

When a child is born, the next step is to clothe it. This is so in the natural. It is also true in the spiritual. When one is born again, born from above, the heavenly attendant, the Holy Ghost at once sees that the new born child is properly clothed. God has provided the finest and best for His children. This clothing, or heavenly adornment begins inwardly and works outward. In other words it affects both the inward and the outward life; spirit, soul and body. It not only affects them but completely revolutionizes them, and brings them under full subordination and subjugation to the standards of the divine will.

There is the clothing of the righteousness, (right living) or holiness. "The garment of praise" (Isa. 61:3), "White Robes," "Robes of Righteousness." This inward clothing consists of all the beautiful graces of the Spirit; love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance." (Gal. 5:22). Say brother, if the tree of holiness has been planted in your soul these fruits will be in evidence. Have you been to the clothing store of the 'skies, and been fitted out in all the full-robed regalia of the Heavenly Adornment?

How different! How vastly different is this heavenly adornment from the BOBBED-HAIR, FRIZZLE HEADED, JEWELRY BEDECKED, BALL GAME LOVING, TELEVISION VIEWING, MIXED BATHING, HOLLYWOOD TYPE OF CHEAPENED, MODERNISTIC. TINTED, WATERED DOWN, HOLINESS MOVEMENT. There are conditions to be met in order to be clothed with the Heavenly Adornment. The old tattered, sin clattered, worldliness bespattered rags must be cast off, as in the case of the prodigal son, and the soul bathed in the cleansing fountain of the blood of Christ, and washed clean in the water of life before the Robe of Righteousness can be donned and fitted by the blessed Holy Ghost. "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper! but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." Prov. 28:13.

The new birth experience of regeneration, soul transformation, not only strips the soul of all the degrading sins of the bottomless pit that have stained and affected the inner life, but it also

delivers one from all the outward sins of life. Drinking, gambling, theaters, television, ball games and every other kind of hell-hatched evils, including gossip, slander, worldly dress or undress and such like. I John 5:4 declares that, "Whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world even our faith." But, someone says, "What is the world?" Let the Scriptures speak: "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever." I John 2:15-17

Can you truthfully and honestly say that you bought your TELEVISION, or that you look at television in the full will of God? Can you say that the Holy Ghost led you in this matter? Can you answer this question in the affirmative clearly in the face of the fact that ninety-five to ninety-eight per cent of the pictures are hell-hatched, devil instigated, demoralizing, crime breeding and character blighting? And again, in view of the fact that wicked people who profess no religion at all of any kind, are frank to declare that there is no difference between television and the movies? They are both one and the same, basically and essentially evil. In consideration of all the other evils of TV to say the least, it will dull one's spiritual sensibilities, and cut the keen edge off your experience. HOLINESS AND TV DO NOT PARALLEL -- THEY CLASH.

It is impossible to be holy in ~ heart, and walk through the same gate, pay your fare on the same level, sit on the bleachers with that cigarette sucking, beer guzzling, shorts wearing crowd of wild, vociferous, vulgar, profanity using, jewel bedecked, ball game lovers. One is a baptized worldling, the others are just plain worldlings. Then one could not be holy and patronize the ball games because of what he has to see: the indecent antics by the stripteasers (Majorettes), the game itself, which in the main is a gambling machine. So any one who patronizes such a place is guilty of helping to perpetrate, precipitate, and propagate this unholy, diabolical institution. And who but a ball game lover can have the audacity to say that this ungodly type of worldly entertainment is co-existent, or even consistent with the blessing of perfect love.

This sickly, anemic, namby-pamby, plea for the wedding RING, BOBBED HAIR, PERMANENT WAVES, etc., can never be consistent with true holiness. It is an established, verified, and undeniable fact that the WEDDING RING originated among the heathen, not the Bible. The Egyptians were the first to use it. Dare we stoop to try to connect holiness with heathenism? RANK ABSURDITY! Is there no better way to show that we are married than with the cold symbolism of a mere piece of metal? God gives a better way: "MULTIPLY AND REPLENISH THE EARTH." The Bible speaks clearly on this subject: READ I Tim. 2:8-10, I Peter 2:1-6, Isa. 3:16-26, Jeremiah 4:30, Exodus 33: 1-6, and I Corinthians 11:14, 15.

Readers, are you clothed with the Heavenly Adornment, the Linen of the Saints, which is the Robe of Righteousness, the Garment of Praise, the Garment of Light, the Wedding Garment? God grant it may be so, that we may be ready for the Marriage Supper of the Skies.

The poor saint on the hill may be worth a thousand in the Valley who are living in nice homes, have plenty of earthly possessions, but are without God and the Christian religion.

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EXCUSES FOR TV IN CHRISTIAN HOMES

By Nancy Nesbitt Jansson, M.A.

"But we can supervise what the children watch!" -- Do they?

One evening, after a Bible study class we had enjoyed together, I delivered a friend to her door and she invited me in for a moment while she hunted up something she had for me to read. The room was in darkness except for the bluish light from the television screen, and as I waited I was treated to a sequence of sordid scenes in the middle of a play.

Curled up in a chair watching the performance was my friend's teen-age daughter, a girl who the summer before had experienced what seemed to be a real change of heart, at a Christian camp for young people. She was so absorbed in the drama of the flickering screen that she scarcely spoke to me, and I shifted my eyes from the unwelcome play to the girl's face. I knew her slightly, and was surprised to see the fascination which such a thing held for her. The contrast between the sublime in our Bible study and the earthly in the TV story was too much for me. The empty eyes of the actress and the low tones of her sensual voice frightened me, and I wondered a great deal why that Christian home allowed such fare.

More Christian Discernment Needed

I knew the television set had been purchased to bring "good things" into that home, principally for the education and entertainment of the three children there. I think the parents believed the children could choose properly, but Father was working in the basement and Mother was out, and the girl had not made a good choice.

Some days later I asked my friend what she thought about having television in her home, and she told me very frankly there was a great deal she did not like, but that it certainly had its good points. Incidentally, I have several times had the same answer from worldly parents, and wonder that Christians are not a bit more discerning than they.

I have yet to see the Christian home where only the "good things" are viewed on television. The tendency is to slip a little more into careless habits of watching whatever is to be seen. Most Christians would not care to patronize the local motion picture theater, and want their children to stay away from the movies. But if they are among those who have television in their homes, something very like the theater is at their fingertips. They may say, "But at home we can supervise what the children watch!" Do they? My observation is that they do not. It seems rather, that the parents fall into the habit of listening to the drivel, too, watching the senseless parade of human inanity that passes for entertainment. Some of the excuses and explanations I hear seem rather flimsy.

"TV is educational," they say. And then they turn on a ridiculous giveaway program, or a frothy comedy, or a television soap opera, or a Western.

In one Christian home I had an experience that might have been ludicrous had it not been rather heart-breaking. My husband and I had seen a newspaper advertisement of some used household furnishings and were in need of one of the advertised articles, so called the given number to learn where we might see it. To our surprise, the phone was answered by one of our fellow church members and we drove over to her home right away. When we rang the doorbell there was no response at first and we could see the lady of the house sitting in a semi-darkened room, her attention fastened on the television screen. She was holding before her a tall metal device that towered over her and her chair. We waited a moment and rang again, and then we could see her rather impatiently set down the contraption she held and hurry to the door. She let us in quickly and went right back to her place, catching up what we now saw was a great outdoor aerial brought indoors. She watched the show with great delight to our amazement, for it was hopelessly slap-dash comedy, full of tossed cream pies and unleashed garden hose, very noisy and hilarious, but not the least bit funny. We stood patiently for some time, because she was much too engrossed to offer us seats. Finally, when the program ended, she led us upstairs to show us the article we had come to see. It took us only a moment to make our decision, and she ushered us downstairs and out rather fast. Another show must have been coming on, for the moment she closed the door we saw her run back, grip the aerial, and settle herself in front of the set. She had taken a moment to explain to us that, since they were moving in a short time, they had taken down the aerial and had brought it indoors to use during the intervening days!

She was a white-haired mother, and grandmother, too, a regular attendant at all the services of the church, and even a member of a special prayer group. I had thought of her as a spiritually minded woman. Can you explain it?

A Christian mother recently told me that her twelve-year-old daughter goes about in a world of imagination, all wrapped up in the television stories she watches. She hastily added: "But of course she watches only good things! She loses herself in television as I used to lose myself in books." I observed the same daughter "losing herself" in movie magazines, one after another, for over an hour in the waiting room of a doctor's office.

I do not presume to judge what the long-range effect of television will be on Christian family life, but some of the immediate effects I observe scare me. I know two parents who are spending a great deal to keep their three children in Christian schools, thinking that this is best for them. These parents are very active in their church and faithful, too, in spiritual matters. But they see nothing amiss in allowing their two daughters and teen-age son free rein with television, and encourage them to invite their young Christian friends to join them as they watch a variety of programs, often without any adult supervision.

There seems to be a blind spot in some Christians' thinking on this subject, and perhaps even a very touchy spot, or I have found it so as I have attempted to discover just why some homes permit a thing, so far from Christian standards, to be in general use.

I like to think of the family who bought a set early in the days of the inception of television, and who took it out of their home and removed the aerial from the roof of their house when they discovered the true nature of what it could bring into the home. I am happy, too, for the homes where it has never made its appearance, because of strong conviction.

Quite aside from the moral consideration and apart from the spiritual aspect of the question, there is the matter of the intellectual development of our Christian children. Are not the leisure hours put to better use in developing the creative and independent talent of our youngsters? Should they be trained by means of sitting and watching someone else speak or perform, or should they not learn by doing themselves? And where is time for reading and music and study when TV takes over? And do we want to clutter their minds -- or ours -- with imagined problems and heavy dramatic scenes, with tensions and hatreds, with lust and crime, or with the extravagant flippancy of the giveaway program? Do we ourselves want to be insulted by the persistent folderol of TV's advertising routine?

Finally, how does the average television program fit in right after or right before family prayer and Bible reading? It must seem an awful incongruity or worse. It would border on sacrilege. I suppose the tendency would be to do away with family worship time.

I make a strong protest against television. -- From Gallon, Ohio, Sunday School Times

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GOD'S WAY

By Mary Owen

God's way is sure though it may lead
O'er pathways rough and steep,
Through valleys where the sun is hid
And o'er the mountains steep.
Each step you take along the way
Is ordered by the Lord.
With light divine He lightens up
The path that's dark and hard.

God's way is sweet though it may be
A way where tears are known,
And friends all fail and turn their backs
To leave you walk alone.
The Lord has said that He'll be near
And He will not forsake.
He dries away the bitter tears
And soothes the heart that aches.

God's way is safe though all around
The enemy may hide,
And throw his darts of doubt and fear,
To turn you to the side.
By faith in God those fiery darts
Can all be quenched away.
No harm can come to those who trust
The Lord from day to day.

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