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## **MISSIONARY REVIVALIST SELECTIONS**

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**THE NEED OF THIS HOUR**  
By Elbert Dodd

"If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." II Chronicles 7:13-14

In this scripture the Lord is talking to Solomon and saying, "if I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, if I send pestilence among my people." This will cause sorrow, heartache, and disappointment to the people when it comes, but it is sent because of the wickedness of the people. Now the need of that hour and the need of this hour, which is comparable to that time, is to touch God, to get in contact with God, to get help from God. This rain represents spiritual blessings and this judgment is sent because of the low moral condition of the country. When there is no spiritual power, the morals are low. When the morals are low, then the spiritual tide is low. Then he said, "if I send pestilence among my people." This is the judgment of God because of world pleasure, world sports, and world entertainment. Now God will send His judgments on people when they turn from Him and turn to these things. We are in that condition today. We have the frown of God upon us, and the judgments of God are overhanging our nation today. We've never been in a more critical hour than we are at this hour.

Now I don't think there'll be a worldwide revival; but I do believe that hearts can be touched that touch God, and be blessed from God when they touch God. But He laid down some conditions, and that is the heart of our message today. "If my people which are called by my name." Notice what they must do if they're going to get a blessing from God and if they're going to get help from God. First, they must humble themselves; second, they must pray; and third, they must seek the face of God, and to find the face of God they must turn from their wicked ways. Now friends, if

we're going to touch God and have God to help us and bless us, we must turn from our wicked ways. We cannot continue to keep contact with worldliness, have a TV in our home, and go along with worldly entertainment and worldly sports and expect God to bless us. Many religions call for long fasts and times of prayer that never do say anything about turning from their wicked ways. We can fast one day, two days, three days, one week, two weeks, or two months, but, God will not bless a pile of worldliness.

To think that church leaders will ask people to seek the face of God and not ask them to give up their worldliness and turn from their wickedness, world pleasure, world sports, and world entertainment is wickedness. We look out upon the church world today and see them dressing like the world and going the places of the world, and yet on the other hand asking for a time of fasting and prayer that God may bless in return. Friends, He says in this scripture they must turn from their wicked ways, and if we're going to get a blessing from God we've got to get back to the old-fashioned way of repentance and cutting loose from the world. Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross." Cross with the world and follow Jesus. And then again Paul said, "Come out from among them and be ye separate saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing and I will receive you." And then again John said, "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."

So friends, if we are going to touch God and get the smiles of God and have God to bless us, we must turn from our wicked ways. It is wicked to try to hold onto the world and take part in world sports and entertainment, and to turn our church houses over to world things such as feasting, banquets, etc. Think about the day in which we live when churches have kitchens and eating places and carry on a form of worship, trying to get God to bless an old kitchen in, a church with banquet tables and banqueting. Oh friends, if we're going to touch God, we'll have to turn from our wicked ways. Praying and fasting will not mean anything unless we turn back to God and God's way and put God first. But if we will, thank God, there is a promise! "Then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." Praise God! "Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place." Oh, Christian friend, let us turn today with our face toward God, humble ourselves, pray, and seek God's face. If we've failed Him anywhere or let up on anything or backed up in any way, turn back to God. Get back where we were in His presence, and then look up to Him and trust Him and He will hear from Heaven. I know we are living in dark days, but God is still on the Throne and will hear His people if we'll cry out to Him.

I appeal today to the Bible Missionary Church, let us join hands to not only hold up the standards, but to have the spiritual blessing upon us. Keep the glory on our souls, pray until God moves in a mighty way with mighty revivals among us. God has called us for this hour. We have the doctrine, we have the standards, we have a wonderful people, but we want to call the people to prayer that we'll have the blessing of God. He has been with us, He is with us now, and we want Him to continue to be with us. Will you join me in prayer? Let's pray! Let's call on God and believe God, and I know that God will hear from Heaven and bless us.

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## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

May God grant each of you a blessed Christian Christmas season and a victorious New Year through our Lord Jesus Christ. From Elbert Dodd, J. E. Cook and The General Board of The Bible Missionary Church.

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## A VOICE FROM THE PAST

"My little experience, (He was a Methodist traveling preacher for 53 years.) and observation for many years goes to establish the following fact: Whenever and wherever the ministry and membership of the church live faithful, and keep alive to God, and enjoy the life and power of religion, they can bid an eternal defiance to all opposition, schisms, divisions, ceremonial diversities, and all the false prophets that may arise can never stop to any great extent, the heavenly march and triumphs of true religion; but when we have formal, negligent ministry that wish to substitute education for the power of faith, and our members begin to ape the world, or even other proud and fashionable churches, you may depend upon it that, like Samson, with his eyes put out, we shall make sport for the Philistines. (Autobiography of Peter Cartwright, page 404-405)

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## THE PERSONALITY OF HOLINESS

"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." (John 14:16-17)

The Holy Ghost is more than a name, influence or force: He is a Person. Throughout the Bible the personal pronoun is used in speaking of Him. He is the third person of the adorable Trinity of the God-head; as such the gift of Himself means more than any effects He may produce in us or any gift He may impart to us. The greatest gift promised and provided for the child of God under the atonement of the blood of Christ is the gift of the Holy Ghost. The clear, strong prophetic note of the Old Testament centers in the prediction, "I will put my Spirit within you," and the climax of all New Testament promise as it fell from the lips of Jesus, was, "He shall be in you!"

The experience of holiness is more than an endowment for power. It is the indwelling presence of the Holy Ghost, purifying the heart by faith. It is a personal relationship by which the spiritual presence of the Holy Ghost enters the soul making the believer a habitation of God through the Spirit. Having Him "with you" is one thing and having Him "in you," is another. Jesus very carefully distinguished between the two.

The personality of the Holy Ghost is distinct from endowments of the Spirit. In I Corinthians Chapter twelve, Paul speaks of certain gifts of the Spirit, such as healing, miracles,

tongues, interpretations, etc. -- "sovereign, supernatural bestowments, which the Spirit divideth to every man severally as he will." These gifts, either separately or collectively, do not constitute the gift of the Holy Ghost. One might have the Holy Ghost without having any of these gifts, or these gifts without having the Holy Ghost. Some in the Corinthian church possessed supernatural endowments of the Spirit, but manifestly did not have the indwelling presence of the Holy Ghost. There were selfish rivalries between those who possessed these gifts, causing contentions and variances respecting their relative superiority. Uncalled-for emulations had been excited by the possession of these gifts to the extent that the Apostle was inspired to write them pointing out the purpose, relative importance, and subordinate place' of these things in comparison to the Gift of the Holy Ghost himself. He agreed that these gifts were desirable, and might be coveted, but only in a certain order. He shows them "a more excellent way, declaring that love is the supreme endowment. And then he exhorts, "follow after love and desire spiritual gifts. He further states that love out of a pure heart is the end of the commandment. The gift of the Holy Ghost does not make the Christian a miracle worker or a supernatural marvel. It does transform him into a wonder of grace, destroying carnality in him, enthroning Christ within and empowering him for holy service. These supernatural gifts might co-exist with the gift of the Holy Ghost either occasionally or permanently. Paul had power to heal sometimes and at others he did not. But with the abiding presence of the Holy Ghost in his heart he could say wherever he went, "I am sure that, when I come unto you I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ." (Rom. 15,:29)

The gift of the Spirit Himself is not transient, He is abiding. He is the superior endowment; the supreme gift. "Whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether their be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away." "He shall abide with you forever."

The personality of the Holy Ghost in the believer transforms him into a spiritual force hitherto unpossessed. Two pieces of iron look exactly alike. They are the same size, weight, shape and color. One has a power the other has not. It attracts other pieces of metal and holds them. The one is magnetized, the other not. The difference between one Christian and another is not in sincerity, earnestness or devotion. One has the indwelling person of the Holy Ghost, the other has not. The difference is easily seen in teachers, preachers, missionaries or other Christian workers in their effectiveness for God. The difference is sometimes manifested in the children of God who suffer physical ailments and diseases. The Holy Ghost enables the sanctified one to be resigned, trustful jubilant, while the unsanctified one is filled with doubts, murmurings and impatience.

The person of the Holy Ghost within radiates through the child of God. He illuminates the face, brightens the eye, sweetens the voice, sanctifies the manner. He puts a shine and a glow on him that is completely different from the best looks and airs the world can muster. The possessor of the Holy Ghost may not know that he looks bright but others perceive it. Moses face shone when he came down from the mount. "Moses wist not that his face shone." But the people saw it. I have a precious friend, a beloved brother in the ministry. He has always been a successful preacher, devoted and able, and though he had nothing to be ashamed, of, either in the message or the manner of his preaching, yet for a long time it was difficult for him to look his congregation in the face. He would look at the ceiling or out the window or above their heads, anywhere but in their eyes. But he died out and the Holy Ghost came into his hear.: in mighty sanctifying power and since that time he looks his congregation in the face and he is tremendously effective. The spiritual transfiguration of life, feature and manner which he enjoys is the glory of the Holy Ghost.

The personality of the Holy Ghost within the heart is distinct from the gracious bestowments of the Spirit. As the gift of the Holy Ghost is to be distinguished from His supernatural endowments, so He is not to be confounded with His gracious blessings. Every Christian is the subject of various blessings of the Spirit: Awakening, renewal, light, comfort, guidance, assurance, warmth, strength -- all these are wonderful operations of the Spirit. Such benefits of the Spirit do not constitute nor imply the gift of the Holy Ghost Himself as an indwelling presence. Better than all these, as wonderful as they are, is the conscious presence of the Blesser Himself. To many good people the Holy Ghost is like an absent husband, father, or son, sending home messages of affection and lavishing precious gifts upon them, but himself never coming home to be welcomed, greeted, fellowshipped and enjoyed in his personal presence at the fireside. Mother, wife, and Children have his gifts, but not him.

We read of a man, in the days of the California gold rush, who left his good wife and beautiful children in the east to go west in an effort to better their temporal condition. He struck it rich and sent home money and gifts in abundance. The family was able to live better and have a better home and more comforts than ever before. Several years passed until the wife and children grew heartsick and weary of husband and father's absence. They wrote him a letter saying, "We have enough of your gifts, we want you. Come home, come home. We cannot enjoy anything you have sent us any longer without you. Come, O come!" When he received the letter he started immediately for home. The moment he arrived home there came into that home a light, a cheer, a joy and comfort which all his gifts, however precious, had not brought. He was more to their hearts and home than all the blessings which he had lavished upon them.

So the blessings of the Holy Ghost in forgiveness, adoption, comfort, joy and in a thousand other benefits are all precious to the Christian; but when He gives Himself to the soul it is joy unspeakable and full of glory!

Thank God for the blessed person of the Holy Ghost who abides forever! Do you have the Blesser in your heart? Do you long for His presence? You may have Him. "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled" (Matt. 5:6).

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## THE BIBLE AND THE BIBLE MISSIONARY CHURCH By E. E. Michael

"Forever O Lord, thy word is settled in Heaven." Psalm 119:89

Jesus Christ the Son of God is the King of kings, and Lord of lords. The Bible is the Book of books. It is God's own word, God's own message to man. Over and above all others it stands supreme. It has been for generations, and till is, the world's best seller. Mary Baker Eddy's Science and Health, with Key to the Scriptures, The Book of Mormon, Mohammed's "Code of Ethics," and all others fade into utter oblivion before the penetrating, devastating and captivating Light of God's Holy Truth. God's word is Light. The entrance of thy word giveth Light." (Psalm 119: 130b) "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." (Psalm 119:105) Light

exposes, reveals, manifests. It searches the deep inner recesses of the soul. Hence the writer to the Hebrews exclaims, "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Heb. 4:12. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." It is the preaching of the word of God then by His faithful ministers under the Holy Anointing that brings the heart in direct contact with Divine truth. God chose, by the "foolishness of preaching," to save men. Then preachers and heralds of this holy truth, let us preach it, sing it and shout it from every vantage point possible, "line upon line, line upon line, precept upon precept, precept upon precept," until all within the scope of our years, our ministry, our influence may hear and know.

The Bible is the Holy Book or the Book on Holiness. "Hear ye O Israel, the Lord thy God is one Lord." "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation, (conduct) because it is written, Be ye holy for I am holy." It therefore stands to reason that since God is holy He would make man a holy being. This He did saying, "Let us make man in our image, After our likeness . . ." Genesis 1:26b. "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 then is the divine requirement not only for Heaven, but for our life lived here. "The oath which he sware unto our father Abraham, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our life." Luke 1:73, 74, 75.

The Bible is the inspired word of God, and He has uttered severe warnings to those who would dare to add to or to take away from its intended meaning. We, the Bible Missionary Church, therefore deplore the attempts of the present day Modernists to modify the Holy Scriptures. We reject the Revised Standard Version basically on the grounds that many of its translations are misleading in the extreme; that they are wholly unfounded in the light of Holy Truth. The Virgin Birth is assailed. Isaiah's prophecy, "Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." Isa. 7:14. The Revised Standard Version puts it, "A young woman shall conceive and bear a son ...." This could be either a pure or an impure woman. God said, "Ye shall put a difference between the unclean and the clean ...." Lev. 11:47. This, the NCC Committee refused to do. Also some Scriptures on the Blood Atonement and the Deity of Christ have been altered. In fact, Professor Stevenson, in a debate with evangelist Dan Gilbert, acknowledged that they (the NCC revision committee) meant to humanize Christ so as to make Him acceptable to the Communists. This is diabolical and revolting in the extreme. Many of the men who composed this committee are Ultra-modernists. An Ultra-modernist is nothing short of an Atheist. They deny the Virgin Birth, count the Resurrection a myth, and wholly discount the Blood Atonement, making Christ's death of no effect. Since the Holy Scriptures are spiritually discerned, these men, and any and all others like them are wholly unfit and completely disqualified to translate the Holy Scriptures, or to attempt in any way to interpret them.

"The New English Bible" is another recent translation which takes its place in the Modernist trend. It uses the word Consecration for Sanctification, and uses merely the word girls to replace Virgins in Matthew 25:1. We, the Bible Missionary Church, go on record as being opposed to these modern translations. We are opposed to the National Council of Church of Christ

in the U.S.A., and any or all others who would wrest the Scriptures to the damnation of human souls.

We believe unequivocally and positively in the infallibility of the Word of God. In the plenary inspiration of the Holy Scriptures. That holy men of old were ordained of God and inspired of the Holy Ghost to write the Holy Scriptures. We believe the Word of God to be eternally co-existent with God, and thereby eternal in its duration. "Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in Heaven." The enemies of Divine Truth will have to dethrone God and destroy Heaven before they can destroy the Holy Bible. They will try this; and even now, steps are being taken toward a One World Government and a One World Church. The Antichrist will head the One World Government, while the false prophet will be at the head of the World Church. In the Battle of Armageddon, all the consolidated forces of the nations of the world and all the false religions of the world under the Beast and the False Prophet will rise in one last great organized effort to dethrone God, at which time Jesus will come back to this earth with all His saints and will smite those sin blackened and Hell benighted armies with the Sword of His Mouth. The Beast and the False Prophet will be cast into the Lake of Fire, and the Devil bound with a great chain and locked in the Bottomless Pit, and the Saints will reign on the earth for a thousand years in perfect peace. All glory to God and the Lamb forever. AMEN! Holiness will ultimately win, and the holiness people will shine in the Kingdom as stars of the firmament. The Christian's hope is the return of the Lord. "I will come again"; "Fear not little flock, it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom."

"O God, our Father, we will hold high the standards of holiness, live this good life, and proclaim the redeeming blood of thy Son Jesus, and magnify the blessed Holy Ghost until our little day is done; and then, by thy good grace, be ushered into the full-orbed light of Heaven's eternal day.

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## IS THE YOUNG MAN SAFE?

By Spencer Johnson

"O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee." (2 Sam. 18:33)

Every parent, no doubt, wishes the very best for his or her boy or girl. Unquestionably this was the deep desire of King David in regard to his little son Absalom but sacred history proves that David miserably failed in rearing Absalom and reaped bitter agony and sorrow of soul. Perhaps no day was ever fraught with more dangers to young folk than the terrible delinquent age in which we live. Many young folk from holiness homes get caught in the whirl, go astray and are lost to the church. If the people who profess holiness had all saved their children to the doctrine and experience of holiness the nation would be well on its way toward being evangelized by the end of this generation. Honesty will compel us to place much of the difficulty and much of the blame at the door of the parents of the youth today.

The break down in parents much of the time is in that they fail the children in their very earliest years. Someone has said that the best time to avoid the electric chair is to begin on the child while he is in the high chair. Every child must be taught obedience and his will must be broken so that he will submit to parental authority. A child should have learned obedience by the time he has reached the age of three. If they are permitted to argue and question their parents about the laws of the home then they will have a tendency to argue and question God about His laws and demands.

Children should not be left at home or in the nursery during the church services. They should sit with their parents and learn respect for the house of God. A few trips out for a good warm paddling will do more to teach them to listen and be reverent than all the color books and cookies in creation.

The parent fails if he is impatient or unkind in the process of discipline. Many parents have missed it with their children because they were not sanctified during the formative years of their child's character. Quarreling and bickering between parents always has a hurtful effect upon their children. Parents should not pull different ways. If there are points of disagreement between the parents regarding some policy toward the children the parents should discuss it in private and come to an agreement on what course to pursue and then stick together on the enforcement of it. I well remember one family where I stayed during a meeting in which there was constant disagreement between the father and mother in regard to disciplining the children. As a result they have now lost control of everyone of their children.

When one parent is in the process of disciplining a child the other parent should never interfere. Possibly a few parents are too hard and exacting on their children but far more are too lenient with them. A lack of real victorious family prayer is the basic cause for most family trouble. Children should be taught the Bible so that they may become rooted and grounded in the faith. "And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." (Deut. 6:7)

Many parents are failing to take a proper interest in their children. Too often they permit the children to participate in the worldly sports activities of the public school until the children develop a liking for the frothy popularity of the athlete or a desire for the worldly dramatics of the day while they have little or no relish for spiritual things. Many children could have been saved if the parents would have enforced the rules of holy living prescribed by the Church manual and insisted that the activities of the children be directed along spiritual lines.

We know some good people who today wring their hands and cry over the fact that their boy is not interested in coming to church but we remember a few years ago when they insisted that it was all right for him to play ball on the school's competitive team even though the church manual forbade it. Today he is interested in the ball games but cares nothing for the house of God.

A common mistake among parents these days is the pushing of their children toward maturity' too fast. Many have released all control over their children while they are yet in their early teens. This perhaps accounts for the poor respect that many have in the house of God. Again



and again we have seen a pew full of children in their early teens sitting clear to the back and talking and giggling through the entire service. They get absolutely nothing out of the service for themselves and they make it extremely difficult for the preacher who is trying to bring the message. Some parents who read these lines „will say, "Oh my children do not do that." But you might be surprised and enlightened if you would take the trouble to look around occasionally during the service. The old-fashioned family pew, where all the members of the family sit together would be a good thing to discover again and would solve a multitude of problems among the youth of our day. No young person is old enough to sit away from his or her parents or to sit with other young folk, especially of the opposite sex until they have learned to refrain from talking and to show reverent respect during the worship service.

As a general rule it is a mistake when parents send their children away from home for school or any other purpose before they are old enough to have finished high school. Regardless of how good other people may be or how earnestly they may try, no one can do as good a job for a child as a godly parent could do. There may be rare exceptions but as a rule a child who is sent away from home too soon will become a problem to himself and those who become his or her guardians and will come out maladjusted for life.

The pushing of children toward maturity too fast leads to the practice of dating too young which has its attendant problems and in many cases evils. Some parents are so afraid that they will have some old maid or old bachelor on their hands that they will permit their children to go out with the opposite sex in automobiles when they are so young they should still be supervised in the parlor. Children in their early teens now freely discuss subjects that their grandparents would have thought disgraceful to mention before marriage.

Lack of supervision, loose talk, and early dating naturally leads to early marriage. Many are marrying today who are too young to assume the responsibilities that marriage brings. Some are too unsettled for the responsibilities of parenthood, while others seek to postpone the beginning of their family until school is finished or until cars and furniture are paid for, etc., etc. As a result some will never be able to have children and will regret it in their old age.

Many parents worked hard to earn the few conveniences they have and they don't want their children to have to suffer as they have suffered. As a result they make the mistake of pampering their children. They give them too much. Perhaps this was the trouble with Absalom. He had been denied so little in his early life that he could not stand to be refused the kingdom. He would murder his father rather than be denied.

Children who are pampered do not know the proper value of things. They get the idea that the world owes them a living. To take the time and effort to earn a thing is foreign to their way of thinking. They become softies, physically, morally and spiritually. Parents who provide a car for their teenage boy or girl may be doing them great harm instead of doing them a favor. Children who have never learned to deny themselves anything will find it hard to adjust to what their earning power is able to provide when they are on their own. Possibly this accounts for the reason so many people are not content to live within their means. "The meat of the laboring man is sweet."

To some parents this little message will come too late. You have already missed it with your children. You would give a thousand worlds if you could go back and undo the mistakes of the past but you can't. You can pray and live close to God and do your best to bring good influence to bear on them now. God in His mercy may overrule to some extent your failures of earlier years.

To other parents it is not too late. You can win your children if you will act now with grace and wisdom. The question comes to us: "Is the young man safe?" May God help us all to live consistently and so order the affairs of our families that we may be spared the heart rending grief that David suffered when he cried, "Absalom, Absalom would God I had died for thee."

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## THE POSSIBILITY OF TOTAL APOSTASY

By Rev. A. M. Hills

### Part Three

#### IV. The Scriptures give examples of fatal apostasy.

"Moreover brethren, I would not that" ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; and did all eat the same spiritual meat; and did all drink the same spiritual drink; for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ. But with many of them God was not well pleased; for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. . . . Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day, three' and twenty thousand. Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents. Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer. Now all these things happened unto them for examples: and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" (1 Cor. 10:1-12).

2. The case of King Saul. Samuel said to him, "The Spirit of the Lord will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shall be turned into another man. And let it be, when these signs are come unto thee, that thou do as occasion serve thee; for God is with thee. And it was so . . . God gave him another heart" II Sam. 10:6, 7,9). Four things: (1) "God gave Saul another heart." (2) He was "turned into another man." (3) He possessed "the spirit of prophecy." (4) And "God was with him." But in 1 Samuel 28:15, Saul tells Samuel: "God is departed from me." And in chapter 31:4, we are told "Saul took a sword, and fell upon it." A voluntary suicide! What more need be said?

3. Take the case of Solomon. No one would care to deny that in his youth, he knew God. In David's farewell address, he said, "And thou, Solomon, my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind; for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off" (1 Chron. 28:9). That is exactly what he did do. First Kings

chapter eleven tells us that he "loved many strange women, Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites," which God forbade. He built heathen temples for them to worship in, in sight of the temple of Jehovah. "When Solomon was old his wives turned away his heart after other gods." "For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites." He lived in a pigsty of lust, with seven hundred wives and three hundred concubines! There is no evidence that he ever repented; for he died with murder in his heart for Jeroboam. The spiritual John Wesley well said, "I as much expect to see Judas Iscariot in heaven, as king Solomon!"

4. Judas. The advocates of this horrible doctrine, assume that Judas always had a devil. No indeed! This is to assume that Jesus knowingly chose a very wicked man to be "a familiar friend" (Psalm 41:9) one of His twelve disciples, and commissioned him to preach the gospel, and work miracles and cast out demons! It is unthinkable! No word is said to the discredit of Judas till near the close of Christ's ministry, when he was planning to betray his Master. Up to the last supper, no fellow disciple suspected Judas. "Satan entered into him" (John 13:27). Then, said Peter "This ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place" (Acts 1:25).

V. Consider briefly the warnings, given to Christian believers. "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip" (Heb. 2:1). "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God" (Heb. 3:12). "Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it" (Heb. 4:1). "Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward" (Heb. 10:35). "But the just shall live by faith: but if any man shrink back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him" (Heb. 10:37). "Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness" (2 Peter 3:17).

Now, are these perils real? If so, then God's children, may fall into fatal apostasy! Or, is there no such thing as a child of God ever being lost forever? Then we must believe that God uses lying scares, imaginary dangers to keep us from falling. Who can believe such nonsense of God?...

I heard an Irish Presbyterian boast that he had drunk fifty-four glasses of grog that day; but his heaven was sure for he had been converted once! I have seen men reeling drunk in the streets of Edinburgh, Scotland, argue this darling doctrine of perseverance and the certainty of their salvation.

No doubt this Satanic delusion has drugged millions of Christians into the delusive sleep of false security from which they awoke in hell, doomed and damned forever. Beloved Christians, fear sin! Watch and pray against it, get sanctified and lean hard on Christ for keeping grace. Perseverance and glorification in heaven are conditional. Never forget that a world of sin and a state of probation involve the possibility of apostasy. (Jude 21-25) -- From The Herald of Holiness (Oct. 7, 1931)

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## CHILDREN'S PAGE

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### THE STREET URCHIN'S CHRISTMAS

It was the week of Dec. 20th and Christmas day was only five days away. The two sisters pulled their woolen coats more tightly about their bodies as they braced a strong east wind.

"Br-r-r! It's cold," Betty said as she turned her blonde head toward her auburn haired sister.

"It really is. Let's walk a little faster," Mac suggested through chattering teeth.

The pair hastened their steps and were soon in front of the big dime store in the middle of the block, pausing only a brief minute in front of the gaily decorated window before going inside.

"I saw what I want to get for mother," Mac began as they stepped out of the cold into the big, warm, brightly lighted store. "That bath mat set would surely look pretty in our bathroom. Wouldn't it?"

"Are you sure you have enough money?" asked her sister. "After all you have a lot to buy for and our supply is quite limited -- moneywise, I mean. Let's look around a little bit and price things in different stores then we'll know just where we can buy the best thing at the most reasonable price."

"Suits me fine," Mac said, "but I sure hate to get out in that cold wind again. It seems much colder on the streets than back on the farm."

"You're forgetting that we have a big, beautiful mountain that runs right along the farm which cuts off most of that cold east wind," Betty laughed to her sister.

The two girls rode the escalators up and down the stairs, carefully looking over and pricing each prospective gift. After a long time of womanly handling and feeling of the merchandise they headed for the second dime store.

The wind lashed at their feet and bodies and the sky hung like a heavy leaden gray blanket overhead. A large man passed them, his head so completely tucked down into the upraised lapels of his topcoat until all the girls could see were his eyes and a steady puff of breath emitting through the opening in top. Both giggled and pulled their collars more tightly about them.

"It certainly looks like snow," Betty's voice came, muffled beneath the thick collar of her coat.

"Soon too," Mac answered between "her shivering. "Daddy always says a sky like this one today will produce snow, and lots of it."

Quickly the girls slipped through the swinging doors of the second dime store. Once inside the spacious building they stopped to adjust their collars in place then made their way to the huge basement where were all kinds of house wares and gadgets for bathroom and kitchen.

"I believe I like these things better than the other one," Mac said to her sister as they started up the beautiful, wide marble steps.

They had reached the last few top steps when their attention was diverted by something dropping lightly to the steps. Both looked to the top landing and there, standing where he could get a good view of the many colorful and beautiful things in the basement, shelling peanuts, and eating them hungrily, was a handsome little lad. Handsome, except for the pallor of his face which seemed to accent the enormous blue eyes -- eyes so blue they made the girls think of a warm June sky with apple blossoms spilling all over the place. His hair was gold blond like wheat straw waving under the July sun. It was long and unkempt; unruly locks protruding up through the torn cap he was wearing. His ragged, too large, thin gray jacket was pulled tightly about his chest and pinned securely with an enormous safety pin for the world to see. His worn knee britches hung loosely to his ankles while the oversized shoes upon his feet were worn out and open, exposing ragged socks and cold, blue toes. A look off hunger was written all over his young boyish face. The girls looked at him, then, smiling a big friendly understanding smile they passed by him and out into the cold, heading for their third dime store. Neither spoke. Each was silent and alone in their own chamber of thought. Shoppers passed them by the score; the wind nipped at their nose and bit fiercely at their face, yet they seemed not to notice. After a long period of silence Betty spoke up:

"Sis, I'm going back to that dime store. I can't stand seeing that precious little boy. He looked so hungry and so cold. I'll be back soon," and she turned and began to leave.

"Wait up," Mac began, "I'm going too. I . . . I . . . was just thinking Betty, really . . . we . . . we don't need as much as we think we do. That boy needs food and clothing. Jesus said, 'I was naked and ye clothed me, thirsty, and ye gave me drink; hungry, and ye fed me.' He then finished with 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto, one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. So, for Jesus' sake, and to obey His voice which has been speaking to my own heart, I must do something for that boy.'"

"That's the way I feel too," Betty said. "After all, you and I have a wonderful mother and father and brothers and sisters, and, perhaps we can think of something to make for each of them before next week."

"They'll understand when we tell them," Mac said softly.

The girls retraced their steps to the big marble floored dime store and there, standing at the same spot and place was their boy.

"Are you hungry?" Mac asked softly, tenderly.

A frightened look stole across his sweet young, anemic looking face but vanished almost instantly when he saw the kind smiles showered upon him.

"We're two sisters," Betty began, "and we thought you may be hungry and cold. We're Christians and since Jesus was born nearly two thousand years ago, then suffered and died for our sins, we'd like to do something special for you. We don't have much money but we're going to buy you some food and clothes."

The beautiful blue eyes lighted up from within and a look of eager anticipation flooded his entire being.

"Have you ever heard about Jesus Christ, our wonderful Saviour?" Mac asked. "No," came the soft answer.

"Never?" asked Betty dumbfounded.

"Never knew there was such a person," again came the soft answer.

"We have a wonderful story to tell you," the girls began. "This is a true story -- a story of One who really loves you."

"Loves me?" the boy asked, a puzzled look on his face. "No one loves me," He added sadly.

"Don't you have a mother and father?" questioned Betty.

"Yes, ma'am, but they don't ever love me," the lad said tearfully.

"Are you sure?" Mae asked, "Why you're a sweet and wonderful little boy. They must love you! Just look at your beautiful blue eyes and gold blonde hair; Jesus made you as sweet and as pretty as any little child and He dearly loves you. Where is your mother?"

"I don't know ma'am. She leaves brother and me most of the time. She and papa go out drinkin' together and we don't see them for days. No, she must not love us," and the small head dropped.

"I know Someone who does love you," Betty said brightly. "That's Jesus the Son of God; and my sister and I love you too."

"Jesus -- the Son of God," he said thoughtfully. "Tell me about Him."

Tearfully the girls began relating the precious story which they had heard from their earliest years but which never ceased to thrill their heart, and the eager lad devoured every spiritual morsel, his young soul overjoyed at the thought that someone loved and cared for him --

loved him so much in fact that He chose to die for him! He had never heard such words before and he tearfully accepted all the Holy Word, said as his very own, and for himself.

After a long time of Bible quoting and answering questions the girls gave him money, telling him to buy food for himself and his brother. Before leaving him at the lunch counter where he was told to order whatever he was hungry for, the pair bought warm new socks and gloves, then, giving him a final word of admonition to pray to God through Jesus' name and to grow up to be a good, clean Christian man they started down the long broad aisle, no money for gifts yet feeling like Queens loaded with money.

"Maybe we're broke," Mac said happily, "but I feel good and light all over." And the tears commenced flowing.

"So do I," Betty commented between a nose blow. "Kinda' like all Heaven is rejoicing."

Together they passed through the doors to the outside. The sky was darker than ever and millions of snowflakes were sifting earthward. Some caught in the tear drops and hung like glistening diamonds on the girls' rosy cheeks.

"Oh Sis," Betty cried out in great exuberance, "It's so much more blessed to give than to receive."

Suddenly, in spite of the cold, both felt warm all over.

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P.S. This story, like many others written for the children, was written from an actual experience my sister Betty and I had.

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