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## **MISSIONARY REVIVALIST SELECTIONS**

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## **THE THREEFOLD ASPECTS OF HOLINESS** Elbert Dodd

"But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy." I Peter 1:15-16 "The oath which he swore to our father Abraham, That he would grant unto us, 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 1:73-75 "Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world." Titus 2:12 "That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost." Romans 15:16 "And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ." Romans 15:29

There is a threefold aspect to the subject of Christian Holiness, viz., doctrinal, experimental, and practical; and the doctrine is incomplete unless received, known, and propagated in this threefold form.

The Bible is clear on this doctrine of Holiness. According to the Holy Scriptures this is moral holiness, completeness of divine love. It takes place after justification, and consists in purifying the believer from all impurity and carnality. It is received in a moment by faith and witnessed by the Holy Ghost.

God commands one to be holy. "Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy." I Peter 1:16 God has made the provision through the death of Jesus. "By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." "For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified. Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before." Hebrews 10:10, 14, 15. "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people

with his own blood, suffered without the gate." Hebrews 13:12 And God has stated in His word that one must be holy to get to Heaven. "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." Hebrews 12:14 Throughout the Bible the doctrine of Holiness is clear to all who will read and believe.

Next, there is a clear experience of Holiness set forth in the Holy Scriptures. The experience is for believers, and this experience covers up the mere doctrine with life, feeling, and power. There is a conscious experience of utter all-out yielding one's self to God which brings this experience. With this wonderful experience witnessed to by the Holy Ghost, there is a conscious rest in the perfect will of God, a conscious purity of heart, a feeling of wonderful cleanness in affections and desires, and inward soul light and power which only those who have experienced it can even start to explain.

Paul shouted to the Romans, "when I come, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing." Thank God, there is more than theory, there is an actual experience of Holiness.

Last, there is also a practical form of Holiness. Paul says in Titus 2:12, "Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world." Also in Luke 1:73-75, "That we might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our life."

Living the life of holiness is the outward manifesting in the details of life of the inner fact of holiness in the soul. It is the real testimony. Those who try to live the life without the true experience find it impossible and preach that no man can live the life. The reason is -- they have an enemy on the outside and one on the inside, and the one on the inside sells out to the one on the outside, therefore the soul is defeated. In order to practice holiness one must have the blessing. The practice means reading God's word, praying in secret and in public, standing by God's truth at all times, living up to the principles of God's word and God's truth, practicing the golden rule at all times, "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets," (Matthew 7:12) walking in all the light of all of the Bible, dressing as becometh holiness, laying aside worldly adornment, visiting the sick and doing good to the bodies and souls of men.

One may shout loud and jump high, and this is permissible, if one walks straight when one hits the ground. But preaching a high standard and living a low standard is not practical holiness. If one has it he will live it at home and abroad. If one has it he will not blow up or blow out, will not be jealous of his fellowlaborers and will not walk out if everything does not go to suit him. He will LIVE it every day at every place.

If we have the mere doctrine, we will be formalists; if we hold only to the experimental apart from the doctrinal and practical, we will be fanatics; if we insist on the practical details of life apart from the other two, we will be harsh critics measuring everyone by our own standards and notions of life. But if all three of these are in full proportions in our lives, then we have holiness without formalism, fanaticism, or bitterness of spirit. We who have scriptural Holiness find that it will work in this life and will keep us ready for the coming of our blessed Lord and fit for Heaven. This is true Holiness.

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## THE POSSIBILITY OF BACKSLIDING FROM HOLINESS

"I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not. And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day." (Jude 5-6)

"For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end." (Hebrews 3:14)

"Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;" (Hebrews 12:15)

One will never reach a place in this world where there will not be a possibility of backsliding and missing Heaven; therefore it behooves all who would make sure of their entrance into that City of God to watch and pray lest they enter into temptation and fall. If holy angels grew careless and kept not their first estate, and if Adam and Eve, who were created in the image of God, lost their blessed estate of holiness, how much more are holy men and women in danger today. The question is asked, "If carnality is eradicated and the root of bitterness is gone, how then can carnality enter again into the heart?" The honest answer is that one can grow careless and permit the seed to be sown again in his heart. Jesus infers this possibility in Matthew the 13th chapter when He told of the man who sowed good seed in his field, but while men slept an enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat. A sleeping, indolent professor of holiness will not keep his experience very long.

Then the question arises, "Can one lose holiness and yet retain his justification?" It is well to remember that nothing can separate an individual from God but sin. Only that which has the consent of the will is counted as sin to a person. The moment one gets the consent of his will to desire or do that which he knows is displeasing to God he becomes backslidden in heart, and the moment he yields he becomes so in action. But someone asks, "Cannot a soul settle down gradually and lose holiness unconsciously? Do not people unconsciously neglect certain duties or fail to keep prayed through to victory, and in this way backslide and hardly realize it?" No doubt many are backslidden who do not for the time being realize it, but certainly they did not reach this state unconsciously. To do so unconsciously would make God responsible for their condition. God is too good and fair to withdraw His favor from anyone who is perfectly innocent and walking in all the light. When a person begins to neglect certain duties and fails to stay prayed up there are always the gentle checks of the Spirit which he must ignore to reach his backslidden state. When an individual breaks down and yields to some form of sin, then it is customary to refer back to that point upon which he yielded and say that is where he lost holiness. No, the fact is, he became backslidden in heart the moment he voluntarily desired anything that he knew was not to the glory of God.

If a soul is holy the only thing that can make him unholy is disobedience. All disobedience is sin. Therefore when a sanctified person does enough to forfeit holiness he also forfeits divine favor. Sin alone separates from God. When one sins he becomes a sinner and needs to repent. There are many good people who were once gloriously sanctified, but they drifted and became backslidden in heart. They immediately confessed and sought the approval of God which was freely given, and they imagined that they only lost holiness and still retained saving grace. They no doubt prayed back to a justified experience but they did not go on and get sanctified again, and carnality was so subtle that it entered and perhaps the soul was not fully aware of it until in after months or years it suddenly manifested itself or broke out into open sin. It is true that one can doubt away his experience of holiness, but at the same time he also doubted away his experience of justification. The Bible says, "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin." (Romans 14:23) As a rule when a person falls out of a tree he does not stop until he hits the ground.

If you have lost your experience of holiness, do not despair. Flee to the Cross, confess your sins and repent of your failure and short comings until you know that God has heard and forgiven you. Then do not stop until you are sanctified again. It may not take as long as it did the first time for you now already have light, but carnality will not give up easily. Take the same steps in seeking the blessing of a holy heart as you did the first time. Humble your heart, make a complete consecration to God, give God your all, die out to self, and by faith plunge into the fountain and you will find that it still cleanses from all sin, Hallelujah! The victory will be yours when you can sing with Charles Wesley

"Perform the work thou hast begun,  
My inmost soul to thee convert:  
Love me, forever love thine own,  
And sprinkle with thy blood my heart."

"Thy sanctifying spirit pour,  
To quench my thirst and wash me clean.  
Now, Father, let the gracious shower descend,  
And make me pure from sin."

"Purge me from every sinful blot;  
My idols all be cast aside:  
Cleanse me from every evil thought;  
From all the filth of self and pride."

"Wash out my old original stain:  
Tell me no more it cannot be, demons or men!  
The Lamb was slain,  
His blood was all poured out for me!"

"Give me a new, a perfect heart,  
From doubt, and fear, and sorrow free;  
The Mind which was in Christ impart,  
And let my spirit cleave to thee."

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## THE MODERN CHURCH

Willard Jones

The account of the thirty-second chapter of Exodus gives I think a clear picture of the modern church. The crowd that Moses left to go up into the mountain.

First they were dissatisfied. They wanted to know what had become of Moses, so they did not like the leader. The old preacher who goes to the mountain to pray to get his message and his standards from God and then descends to give them the truth of almighty God does not satisfy this crowd. He is too old-fashioned and out of date. They are not satisfied with the old preacher, the old standards and the glory on his face after he has come from the mountain. They want a compromising preacher, of compromising leaders at the top of the denomination. God awaken and God pity us that we do not get into this condition. They are dissatisfied with the old standards and set about to change them. At the next general conference or the next election or the next board meeting some things will be changed. They want a modern play boy for pastor and different Sunday school officers and a streamlined program without the Holy Ghost.

Second they went about to make the change and they certainly did. Aaron listened to their desires and led them in the compromise way. There is always going to be men who will listen to the wants and desires of the people if promised a good salary and esteem of the people. If given the use of a good parsonage, expenses and handsome salary there will be those men who will go along with bringing the world into the church. Aaron who should have taken his stand, led them in the change to make an idol or graven image of a golden calf. It cost the crowd something and so it does the modern church for beautiful golden candlesticks, fine pews, stained glass, play rooms, supper rooms, recreation rooms and etc. The awful cost will be worship without God, religion without salvation and will result in damnation in the end to those who hold such a false worship. They brought their offerings and then went about their program.

Now they sat down to eat; this is exactly the picture of the modern church world. Feasting in the house of God. Say reader, do you not know the Bible condemns this sort of thing. "What? have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the church of God, and shame them that have not." "And if any man hunger let him eat at home." I Cor. in chapter eleven. Restaurants have a hard time to compete with churches. In one state one restaurant owner complained: for about every week night some church was having a supper. Then they rose up to play. This seems the picture today. Playing billiard, basketball, tennis, ping-pong, softball. Organizing church ball teams and playing even in worldly fashion. Half dressed on the basketball court, girls also in shorts.

They were stiffnecked according to Exodus 32:9. So is the modern church. Proud in heart, rebellious in spirit. Proud of the Pastor ( some not to be proud of), church building, equipment, colleges, hospitals, seminaries, etc. Proud of clothes, dress in the finest and best till poorer feel out of place. Proud in their worship, no longer kneel to prayer afraid of getting their nice clothes soiled. A far cry of the church in other years. The glory gone now formal in their worship. A

program handed you at the door. So proud they no longer like unison in prayer nor loud praying nor singing. Testimonies of deliverance from sin and how God set you in line no longer wanted. Too proud to go down to a humble holiness church where there are hardly any rugs on the floor, plain back benches and plain windows and doors. Pride goeth before destruction as declare the scriptures.

They were naked; so is the modern church crowd before God. For in Revelation concerning the lukewarm church God said they were naked -- naked spiritually and also in body. The modern church woman can wear shorts, bathing suits and even go half naked in the house of God. The preacher not only not condemns it but condones it and enjoys it. He sanctions it and his wife and children follow the same pattern. I was shocked when I went to a certain parsonage of a modern church and the Pastor's wife came to the door in shorts.

Then they danced. The modern church crowd sees nothing wrong in dancing and that somewhat nude. They have no shame and call fundamentalists and holiness people fanatical or ignorant who preach against it. The dance has ruined perhaps more girls than any one thing. It does not matter whether on the lewdest night-spot or a so-called church dance it will ruin.

It provoked God and it will provoke Him today. Idol worship such as bowing down to homes, automobiles, or hour after hour watching the movies of the television set. The old preacher may not keep up with the time by not owning the latest car and having the finest of furniture or owning a T.V., but if he has the glory you had better appreciate him and not go after a compromising preacher because you want a change.

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HE IS NOT HERE!  
Roy Marler

Why look ye for the living among the dead?  
He is not here! He is not here!  
Remember ye not what the Saviour said?  
He is not here! He is not here!

He is risen! He is risen! The angels say,  
Yes, Jesus is risen and He lives today.  
They placed Him in the tomb but He would not stay.  
He is not here! He is not here!

Go tell the others what thine eyes behold.  
He is not here! He is not here!  
The greatest news that has ever been told.  
He is not here! He is not here!

Go tell the world of His power to save.  
Jesus can save! Jesus can save!

For He conquered death, Hell and the grave.  
Jesus can save! Jesus can save!

O, tell the glad tidings to all whom you meet.  
Jesus will save! Jesus will save!  
The gambler, the drunkard, the woman of the street.  
Jesus will save! Jesus will save!

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## A MARK IN HIS HAND

One of the most amazing developments of this war in relation to the fulfillment of Bible prophecy is the following news item, which appeared in the October 22 issue of the Chicago Sun:

"A new and foolproof method of identification has been adopted by numerous war plants in the Chicago area.

"Developed by Sun-Kraft, Inc., 215 West Superior Street, the new method involves an invisible chemical ink that cannot be washed off. Each employee has his hand marked with a secret symbol in this ink. The symbol becomes visible when the employee thrusts his hand through a black curtain, exposing it to ultraviolet rays. The symbol appears with an intense fluorescent glow."

Each employee has his hand marked with a secret symbol! Could anything be nearer than this to the Mark of the Beast, without actually being his particular Mark? We read in Revelation 13:16,17: "And he (the Antichrist, known as the Beast, the Man of Sin, etc.) causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hands, or in their foreheads: and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name."

How easy it will be for the Antichrist to impose his Mark in men's hands or foreheads, and to strictly control all buying and selling after the whole civilized world has grown used to rationing, and workers have even submitted to secret symbols stamped upon their hands! The coming of our Lord and the revelation of the Antichrist- draweth nigh! Let us watch, and be sober-minded in all things, praying and working as men that wait for their Lord! -- The Jewish Hope.

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## WHY IS IT WRONG?

Is it wrong to set and watch adulterous men and women parade around half naked and flaunt their sex-crazed bodies in the faces of your boys and girls?

It is wrong to encourage the drinking of beer, liquor and wine and to teach our children to do so?

Is it wrong to allow someone to bring into our homes the low, vulgar off-color language of the dives of sin and to fill our minds with their actions and words?

Is it wrong to allow ungodly libertines to invade our homes and seduce our wives and daughters?

Is it wrong to allow half-naked harlots to cause our husband to commit mental adultery (which Jesus said was just as bad as the real thing)?

Is it wrong to rob our homes of their personal and God-given sanctity by introducing into them that which will dull our spiritual senses and rob us of real victory in our souls?

Is it wrong to encourage drinking, smoking, petting, sexual promiscuity, vulgarity, murder, robbery, dancing, gambling, rape, and worldliness?

Yes, of course, these things are wrong. Any thinking person, whether a Christian or not, will have to admit that these things are wrong. Then if these things are wrong, Television is wrong -for television is the devil's chief promulgator of all the evil's mentioned above, plus hundreds of others.

If a husband could read his wife's mind as she watches the sexual libertines on television, he would tear the godless instrument to pieces. If a wife could look into the mind of her husband as he watches the "hollywood harlots" and dreams of committing adultery with them (and no normal man can look at naked women and keep a clean mind), she would throw the thing out and never have another one.

If the parents could perceive the thoughts of their teen-age sons and daughters as they dream of dancing, drinking, petting and committing adultery with the reprobates they see on television, they would clean out the rotten thing from their home and never have another.

America is experiencing the worst wave of teen-age sex delinquency ever known in the history of the world, and crime is now increasing four times as fast as the population. The entire cause can be laid at the door of the movies, television and rotten literature.

Every night thousands of precious girls lose their virtue because they are stimulated by the godless allurements of movies and television. When you support television you help to damn the souls of the 200,000 girls who go astray each year.

Television is helping to fill the jails, the hospitals, the insane asylums, the divorce courts, the clinics for venereal disease, the houses of ill-fame and even hell itself..

Television is robbing the churches, not only in attendance, but it is putting out the spiritual fires of many who once loved God. Wherever television goes, real vital spirituality disappears.



The television habit grows, and industrial surveys show that more and more time will be given to it until it becomes almost an unbreakable obsession.

Some say that it is just the same as Radio, (and this is no attempt to excuse the sin on radio) but there is a difference. It is the difference between hearing the voice of a half-naked woman and having her prance around before you. It is the difference between hearing about an adulterous libertine who stole some man's wife and of having him come into your living room to seduce yours. It is the difference between hearing about beer and liquor, and of having them set up a bar in your living room and drink before your children. Yes, there is a vast difference. Psychologists say that up to 90% of our thought life is stimulated by what we see. Thus only 10% of our thoughts are aroused by hearing, smelling, feeling and tasting. Television employs the quickest, surest route to the polluting of the mind and the damning of the soul.

But, what about the preachers and Church leaders who love television? They are lost, in need of salvation, and if they do not repent and come clean with God they will go to hell just like the drunkard, the harlot or the murderer. (I John 2:15-17). Some claim that they will control theirs, but none of them do it for very long. It soon controls the owner.

After only a few years of history, television has already established an all-time record as a promoter of crime and sin of all kinds.

Christian people (regardless of what some profess) do not support either movies or television. They neither buy nor watch television. For if television is not wrong, then nothing is wrong, for television promotes all kinds of sin and wickedness. Those who are seeking to be like Jesus can neither enjoy nor sanction the hellish rot on television. No one can imagine the spotless, pure, clean-minded Son of God supporting such filthy trash.

God's people abstain "from all appearance of evil" or "looks of evil." In talking about evil men, the Bible says that "He that biddeth him God-speed is partaker in his evil deeds" (2 John II), so if you sanction the rot on television and lend your support to buying or watching them, God says that you are as guilty as they.

I would hate to stand at the judgment and have God class me with that "hellywood" crowd, but that is what is going to happen to millions who love the devil on television.

The safe thing to do is to clean house and keep it clean. May God help us to stay clear of this destructive evil and to live separate Christian lives -- for only thus will we ever get to Heaven. -- By D. P. Denton

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NEW MISSIONARY FIELD FOR THE BIBLE MISSIONARY CHURCH

[Open Graphics\hdm1716.jpg to view a picture of Rev. & Mrs. Foy Bullock.]

The Bible Missionary Church has accepted the work of Sister Billie Holstein at Rae Bareli, U.P. India. (We hope to have a picture of Sister Holstein and the work before next issue of the paper goes to press.) Brother Dodd reports that it is a good solid work. The General Board by unanimous vote appointed Rev. and Mrs. Foy Bullock to be missionaries to India. They will be going this fall. Sister Billie Holstein will stay until the Bullocks can get there and get orientated to the field. Then because of her age she feels that she should come home. Let us all pray for the Bullocks as they begin to make preparation to go to the field. Brother and Sister Bullock are native Texans. They are graduates of Bethany-Peniel College. They have served pastorates at Erick, Oklahoma, Lawton, Oklahoma and Bethany, Oklahoma. Brother Bullock is now teaching on the staff of the Bible Missionary Institute at Rock Island, Illinois: He will continue his duties there until the end of this semester. They have three children.

We will be giving you a picture of the children in a later issue. Pray much that God will supply the finance needed to get these folk to the field and that God will make them a great blessing in that needy country.

[BUT THE BULLOCKS DID GO TO INDIA AS MISSIONARIES -- The following text, taken from the December, 1962 Missionary Revivalist tells about the reason of this -- "SPECIAL NOTICE: To our people everywhere: It is with regret that we have to inform you that, since India is at war with China, we are unable to get a visa for the Bullocks and will not be able to send them to India at this time. Our work there is in the hands of Brother Khalig, a fine Christian of the highest order. He will carry on until we can get missionaries on the field. The work will go on and we will continue to support it in every way. Surely we are in troubled times, and need to stand by our workers on every field. Let's all join in prayer that God will soon open the door for us to send missionaries to India. -- Elbert Dodd and J. E. Cook, General Moderators"]

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## THE HARVEST OF SOULS

By Carl A. Dillard

"And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when he saw the multitude, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." (Matthew 9:35-38).

"Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh the harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." (John 4:35).

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." (Jeremiah 8:20).

Someone has said, "The spring of all missionary effort is compassion for men." Jesus Christ was not only missionary minded, but He was, and is, the example of all times as a missionary. He went about all the cities and obscure villages teaching and preaching. His ministry

was for and to all classes. His heart was "moved with compassion," not toward favorites, a few select, refined, cultured, or saintly, but on the multitude. In fact, He was moved by the individual as well as the multitude. All classes and ranks of men met, and do meet, together in Him. All men are the same to Him whether it be some poor harlot, or a rabbi; all the same to Him whether it be Pilate on the judgment-seat, or the penitent thief hanging at His side. Gauds [showy ornaments or ceremonies] and shows mean nothing to Him. His gaze goes deeper than skin-deep; He looks on the heart and sees the soul need. "When He saw . . . He was moved with compassion." What do we see? Are we moved with compassion by what we see? The Christlike emotion when we look on a Christless crowd is pity, not aversion; pity, not anger; pity, not curiosity; pity, not indifference. How many of us walk the streets of our cities and never know one touch of this Christlike compassion for men? Too many of us are like the Priest and the Levite; we pull our skirts about us and pass by on the other side of the road. It is Christlike compassion that goes to him and pours the oil and the wine in the wound, lifts him up, puts him on his beast, takes him to an inn, and doesn't grumble about paying his bill.

When Jesus saw and was moved with compassion:

I. HE SPOKE TO HIS DISCIPLES (the Church). He attempts to impart this compassion to them. He is desirous His followers see and feel what He sees and feels. "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields ...." Look away from self and things to others. They and we are too taken up with the material and the physical, that which is "down." So He says, "Lift up your eyes," look on the needs of others. We never see others until we look up. If we never lift our eyes to see others, it will cost us less effort and money. This is the attitude of many. Many refuse to be stirred; it might cost them something. Missionary services are distasteful. "Why not evangelize the heathen in America?" they say, while they refuse to invite their next door neighbor to church with them, and complain about revivals costing too much. What is wrong with individuals like this? They are looking "down," glued to the material and the earthy. They need God's marvelous grace to come into their hearts.

Jesus said to His disciples, "Stir yourselves, do something to win the lost, get the gospel out, work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work." "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2:5). "For if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his" (Rom. 8:9). "He that gathereth in summer is a wise son, but he that sleepeth in the harvest is a son that causeth shame" (Prov. 10:5). A sleepy, burdenless, tearless, compassionless, and visionless Christian (?) brings shame or reproach on the cause of Christ and the church, resulting in many souls perishing without Christ. "Where there is no vision, the people perish." (Prov. 29:18). O God, open our eyes, that we may see; burden our heart, that we may move as Paul, who said, "I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision," or Isaiah, "Here am I, send me," or Peter, "We ought to obey God rather than men."

II. JESUS THEN REVEALS THE CONDITION OF THE HARVEST FIELDS. He sees the terrible plight of souls, lost, wondering, wounded, fainting, and dying. First, He sees them as flocks of shepherdless sheep. There were plenty of rulers then as now, but Christ saw the rabbis and other rulers or shepherds could not afford adequate guidance. So today, there are many professed shepherds or leaders, but unless Jesus Christ is both Guide and Teacher, we have neither guide nor teacher but are shepherdless without Him. Sheep without a shepherd are

distressed --no creature is more helpless and exposed or has less sense of direction than a lost sheep. They go wandering in any direction, and with no goal; and wherever one jumps, a dozen others will follow after him. So they wander on foolishly and aimlessly and purposely, exposed to beast of prey without any sense of danger.

What a picture of mankind without Christ! Man is like a lost sheep; he needs guidance from above, Spiritual pasturage, and heavenly protection. Man is torn, fainting, and scattered abroad or "lying down," which gives the idea of a poor wearied creature, after all its struggles and wanderings, utterly beaten and dejected, having lost its way, at its wits' end and resourceless, flinging itself down in despair, and panting its timid life out. Is this not a vivid picture of man and his strivings without the true Guide and Shepherd?

What a picture of the world without Christ! The world is disunited irrespective of "Big Four" summit meetings, peace conferences, etc. The true Guide and "Prince of Peace" is shut out, there is no seat for Him; hence we have wars, broken homes, broken lives, houses of correction, penitentiaries full and mental institutions overcrowded. "It is not in man to direct his own way."

Jesus further reveals the condition of the harvest field of souls when He spoke of them as ripened harvest fields all ready for the reapers. He said, "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh the harvest?" In other words, There is plenty of time yet; why get so burdened and anxious? Jesus said, "Are ye not saying there is plenty of time yet?" But the truth is, the fields "are white already to harvest." Jesus saw a ready harvest, a plenteous harvest, covering a vast area -- the whole world. Do you see what our Lord saw? Do you feel what He felt? Picture the anxiety of a farmer who had planted his grain, cultivated it, and anxiously watched over it until it is now ripened and ready for the harvesters; this is the moment he has labored toward and hopefully waited for.

III. "BUT," JESUS SADLY ACKNOWLEDGES, "THE LABORERS ARE FEW." What a pitiful picture, the harvest wide and great, but where are the laborers -- they are so few. The harvest is all ready, the call for laborers is sent out, the farmer searches, and advertises; the harvest time will only be on for a few weeks, he must, he must, find reapers NOW! Next month will be too late. What if a storm comes? He needs many laborers, but he finds only a "few." The best they can do is reap a very small part of the grain; the rest will be LOST, LOST, LOST! Do you hear the call? Do you see the heart-rending need? Do you see what is involved and the results if you don't answer the harvest call? Souls will be lost for whom Christ labored and shed His precious blood, souls you will be responsible for in the judgment. It is laborers that are needed, not loafers, not Play-boys, not Entertainers, not good mixers, not grumblers, not mote hunters, not hitchhikers, not white collared dudes or dudesses. Labor means sweat, exertion, and toil -- giving out of oneself. It is giving a part of your very life. Many wish to be on the receiving end, but few will choose the giving end. "Freely ye have received, freely give." "The liberal soul shall be made fat." We have many church members, but few laborers. The call is for missionaries, preachers, evangelists, and teachers who are willing to sacrifice their all in the interest of souls. There is no place in this great harvest for the worker who is crying about his sacrifices and hardships, complaining about being mistreated or distrusted, or expecting special favors because of their humble service. If winning souls is not at the center of our labors, we have missed the mark. If

compassion for souls is not the driving force in your life, rather than complaining of your lot, you are already defeated. If you are among the "few" laborers in the Master's harvest field, you must keep your eye on the "Author and Finisher" of your faith, you must have a living consciousness of the value of a soul, or else you will lose interest in the harvest. Labor merely for labor's sake is disinteresting and monotonous.

May we see the harvest fields through the eye of our Lord. The day is short, the work is great, the workman idle, the reward abundant, and the Master of the household is urgent. Harvest time is a time of opportunity, which is soon past and cannot be recalled. There is no time to quibble and fuss. There are those who have time for such, but laborers in this harvest are like Nehemiah who said to his opposition, "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come DOWN: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?" Winning souls is our greatest business, God's work.

IV. FINALLY, THE DUTY OF HIS DISCIPLES (THE .CHURCH) IS REVEALED. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." This is the common assigned duty of all Christians. We can all pray, yet the weakness of the church lies in failure at this point. We as Christians are responsible for the harvest; we are the reapers, the laborers. "Pray ye therefore" -- the reason we should pray -harvest ripe and plenteous, few laborers, urgent need; "the Lord of the harvest" -- to whom we should pray -- He alone can commission and equip for the work; "that he will send forth laborers" -- the purpose for which we are to pray -- laborers sent, need supplied.

The deplorable state of precious souls should drive the church to her knees in humble intercession. Pray for more and better laborers to be sent. Pray for a stronger home base to support them. We cannot pray for others to be sent unless we are willing to go ourselves, that is, effectively. If we pray, earnestly, God will reveal our phase of labor in the interest of souls.

For material gain most men are willing to labor, but if it is to save souls, what backwardness, carelessness, and indifference. On the other hand, it is possible to be aroused or stirred over the souls of men through the ministry of another, and yet never move to action. Someone said, "that if you excite emotions which are intended to lead to action, and the action does not follow, the excitation of the emotion without its appropriate action makes the heart a great deal harder than it was before."

Let us beware of sentimental feelings relative to the sad condition of the shepherdless sheep which do not move us to do anything to help them. The disciples of Jesus saw one multitude of 5,000 and said to Jesus, "send them away," but Jesus said to His disciples, "Give ye them to eat." What are we saying? Jesus is still saying "Give ye them to eat."

Prayer will unite the forces of righteousness and pull down the strongholds of Satan. Do we see the condition of the great host of souls, lost, lost, lost? What shall we do? Shall we present a solid and united front in this final summons to the harvest? or will many among us say "There are yet four months" -- plenty of time yet, and hear the heartrending cry, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended and we are not saved" (Jer. 8:20)?

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## COMPROMISING WORLDLY MISSIONARIES ARE TO BLAME

By Elbert Dodd

In our travels we saw the multitudes going to the judgment without God. We saw hungry hearted people. We met many friendly, lovable people. We also saw the awful curse of false religions. The people in heathen lands are bound and especially India is cursed by her many religions and her 335 million gods.

But one of the greatest tragedies that we saw was the place where the gospel had been preached by good holiness missionaries, then the apostate church back home sent out backslidden church leaders and professed missionaries to confuse the poor natives. The missionary women were bobbed-haired and looked like scarecrows, painted like Jezebels. The men were carnal and worldly minded, wanting to live like the wealthy live and with no real love for the poor, judgment bound people. One precious young Christian man told me that the church leader that visited them, hated them.

This has Caused people who were saved to backslide and many to turn away from the Christian religion with disgust. But there are still many people who are hungry for God and the truly spiritual way.

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## CHILDREN'S PAGE

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## RETURN OF THE WRENS

The sun shone brightly and warmly on the earth as the new day dawned; not a cloud in the heaven to frown upon the newly plowed fields and fast growing pansy bed. The frogs in the pond and down by the swampy, marshy places had ceased their loud love calling, giving way to rest and another new day. Elizabeth Ann had just gotten settled beneath the pear tree when Mrs. Bronson's voice reached her.

"Good morning, Bethie," she called through the palings of the picket fence. "A very lovely morning isn't it?" and Elizabeth Ann noticed she was working in the aster bed near the fence.

"Oh, good morning, Mrs. Bronson!" she answered in her soft, sweet voice. "It is a most beautiful morning. I was just noticing the sky. How blue and cloudless it is this morning! Didn't the Lord make everything just beautiful!" She exclaimed joyfully.

"It's very lovely all right, regardless of who made it," the neighbor said tartly. The child noticed, with great perplexity of spirit, that every time she mentioned the Lord and anything pertaining to Him, Mrs. Bronson seemed filled with bitterness and sarcasm.

"I'm so thankful I can be out in mother's garden with the flowers, birds and bees, the sun and . . ."

"Looks like God's unfair, Beth," the woman began, "Crippling you like you are, until you sit all day long in that miserable wheel chair; no romping, playing and jumping about as the other children do!"

"Oh, no, Mrs. Bronson!" the girl said defensively, "God didn't do it: He only allowed it to happen -- for a very special reason, mother has always felt."

"And what could that reason be, may I ask? Other than unjustness and unfairness?" Mrs. Bronson snapped as she continued working.

"We don't know," the child said cheerfully, "But in the book of Romans, the 8th chapter and the 28th verse we read, 'And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God; to those who are the called according to his purpose.' It's for a reason -- a very definite reason Mrs. Bronson," and she looked closely through the palings to her neighbor.

"I just can't see it. I still think God's been most unjust to allow that to happen to you -- a young active child! Why couldn't some old man or woman have had that accident and not you? Why Beth? Answer me! They'd have been nearly ready for the grave anyhow, but your life has merely begun," and Mrs. Bronson threw her trowel on the ground in disgust.

"Maybe God wants to show you something you've been afraid of for a long time," the child said softly and sweetly.

The few words startled the woman whose face turned ashen white. After a few moments of deliberation she came close to the fence and looked longingly into the dark, appealing eyes of the beautiful girl.

"You're so right Bethie," she said affectionately and brokenly. "God has had a reason." Whereupon she broke into loud, lamentable sobbing. "You . . . you . . . remind me . . . so much like our own darling Phyllis Ann. She would have been your age -- lacking one month. She was crippled at the age of two and died when she was four. I loved that girl! How we loved her! But He took her and I've never felt the same toward God since."

"Oh," Elizabeth Ann said softly. "That's wonderful! She's in heaven with Jesus and the angel band and she's so... o... o... o happy! Her pain and suffering are all over and she's free from all care and sorrow. Mrs. Bronson, she's waiting for you. Unless you let Jesus save and sanctify your soul you'll never see her again. Maybe . . . maybe that's why Jesus took her --"to make a road for you to follow; now that you haven't been following and making preparation He may have allowed me to fall off grandpa's big wagon and be crippled to remind you of your little girl again."

Mrs. Bronson said nothing but stared hard at the dark, good smelling earth beneath her then, leaving trowel, garden rake and all, she ran sobbing into her elaborate house. Elizabeth Ann watched as she closed the door behind her, praying all the while for the weeping woman.

She sat watching, listening. The whole realm of nature had suddenly come alive. How glad she was to be able to be a part of it! The trees had burst out with beautiful new spring green dresses, and the pear tree, under whose boughs she had taken shelter, was superfluously adorned: so extravagantly in fact, that it was shedding the myriads of blossoms like snow flakes on her lap, her head and at her feet. The air was permeated with an exotic aroma of blossoming perfumes, all the while enticing swarms of busy, buzzing bees. The child watched as the industrious creatures extracted the sweet nectar and goodness -- always in a rush. They seemed aware that winter was creeping up on them, though, at the time it was far from the girl's mind. As the sun's warm fingers gently reached through the pear limbs and stole warmly over her back her heart and mind were at rest and at peace. The wisteria vine which had climbed all over the big arbor in the back yard, was heavily laden with big, purple clumps of flowers that hung like long bunches of grapes; while the daffodils, jonquils and narcissus stood on tall slender stems, waving their brightly bonneted heads at her.

A soft, warm breeze wafted the fragrance of the opening lilac blossoms to her just as a small, nervous wren burst out in melody above her head. The wrens had returned! Her heart beat loudly and rapidly! What was it she had always felt?

The busy little creature began its arduous task of cleaning out the old nest and making way for the new. Elizabeth's Ann's eyes missed nothing. The little wren house was being prepared for at least two, possibly three, new sets of babies. Big tears coursed down her cheeks as she listened to the sweet tenor and soprano singer in the tree tops; the voice becoming more and more animated and excited.

She didn't notice anyone by her side until she heard a soft "Ps... st! Bethie! Come here!" She couldn't believe her eyes! There stood Mrs. Bronson with a beautiful big doll in front of her tenderly pleading, coaxing for the crippled child to come.

"But... but . . . Mrs. Bronson, I . . . I . . . can't walk," she exclaimed helplessly.

"Let's try. Shall we?" and the woman's voice had a new, challenging tone to it. "Now come Bethie," she coaxed, "As soon as you reach the dolly she's yours."

"I'm . . . scared," the child said feebly as she raised herself off the chair, "but I'll... try. Mother says God helps those who help themselves, so . . . here I come," and she laughed a ripple of laughter that caused the neighbor woman to weep.

"Good enough," Mrs. Bronson said softly as Beth fell softly into a small heap on the satin soft petals. "Did you hurt yourself dear?" and she tenderly picked the child up and placed her gently in the wheel-chair.



"That was kinda' fun," Elizabeth Ann laughed. "Let's try it again. I do believe I took at least one step."

"We'd better wait just a little dear," Mrs. Bronson said softly as she held tightly to the small, fair hand. "But every day we'll try -- together! You're soon going to be walking again."

"How do you know?" Beth asked innocently.

"I prayed Bethie! I just got saved in my house and I've been talking to my Lord about you now. He used you to accomplish the mission your accident was intended for; now I'm going to believe Him to heal your body just as I believed Him to save my soul," and a beautiful light shone on her face.

Day after day the two worked secretly together -- always beginning with prayer; and daily God gave strength to the frail limbs, until one sunny day as Beth was walking ten, twelve and twenty steps, mother came around the blooming forsythia bush, then, seeing her daughter walking she rushed to her and clasped her tightly to her saying loudly, "Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!"

"He saved Mrs. Bronson too, mother," the dark haired girl laughed after every one had stopped talking and praising the Lord. "You said He had a reason for this, and He did?" And she slowly walked over to the radiant looking Mrs. Bronson then, throwing her arms around her she said softly, "I love you, dear Mrs. Bronson, and I'll always be part your girl too." Then very softly she whispered, "Know what? The Lord told me I'd be walking some of these days when the wrens returned, and here I am!" She stood straight and tall just as two small' wrens burst into fervent 'Alleluias' of praise.

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## MY SAVIOUR

By Mrs. Paul E. King

I saw One hanging on a tree  
Upon Golgotha's hill:  
He fixed His tender eyes on me  
As the mob hurled taunts loud and shrill.  
"Forgive them! Oh, Forgive!" He cried;  
With broken heart, and love, He died.  
'Twas not the nails that held Him there  
And bound Him to the tree:  
To love alone He was a slave  
And became sin for me.  
My sins! His love! Ah, what a price  
That He should pay!  
What sacrifice! His hands,  
His feet, His riv'n side  
All seemed to speak to me--

For thee, For thee, it was I died  
And bore such shameful agony.  
My stubborn will succumbed and yielded;  
His ignominious death,  
His tender love and pitying look,  
His dying, whispered breath  
All won my heart that day.

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