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THE SIN OF DEATH
By Elbert Dodd

"If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death." (I John 5:16) "Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come." (Matt 12:31-32)

God's Word teaches there is a sin unto death. This being the case, then every true minister of God should faithfully warn and tell the people there is a sin unto death. Every Christian should warn and tell all the people that they contact. In the Old Testament we find in Psalms 51:11, "Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me." This was the cry of David. Then in I Samuel 16:14, "But the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord troubled him." And then in I Samuel 28:15, "And Samuel said to Saul, Why hast thou disquieted me to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more." These Scriptures in the Old Testament and the Scriptures in I John 5:16 and Matthew 12:31 plainly teach us that there is a sin unto death. Also we have the testimonies of men who have committed this sin. They testify that they cannot touch God; God will not hear them pray. Even though they wish that they could pray, they cannot pray. But the sin of death is not just an act, it is a condition of the heart. One could not blaspheme unless there was blasphemy in his heart. Jesus said, "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies." (Matthew 15:19). Therefore the sin of death is a heart condition. One must do something that will grieve the Holy Ghost until the Holy Ghost no longer guards the soul and blasphemy grows within. Because in Matthew 12:31 He teaches us that all manner of sin shall be forgiven except the

blasphemy against the Holy Ghost. I firmly believe that the sin of death is a condition of the heart, The heart must be in an awfully bad condition before one could commit this sin.

Now how can one commit this sin? Or what sins lead to this awful condition? Any sin that will grieve the Holy Ghost away from our hearts could lead us to this sin of death. The first one that I would like to call to your attention is lying to the Holy Ghost. Note the fifth chapter of Acts: "But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet. But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost." (Acts 5:1-5a)

In my opinion, as long as a man has not committed this awful sin, then God would not let him die, because he would have an opportunity to repent. But this man, Ananias, lied to the Holy Ghost and sinned away his day of grace; the Holy Ghost left him and Satan filled his heart.

Then again, one could commit this sin by willful disobedience. In I Kings 13:21 we find that a man of God was sent down to deliver a message to a king. God told him exactly what to do. The man of God at first obeyed God, but later on he listened to a lying prophet and disobeyed God and turned aside and a lion slew him willfully disobeying what God told him to do.

Again, one could commit this sin by not giving God the glory. Note in Acts 12:21-23, where the king gave a great oration and the people gave him the glory and he let them do it and went along with them and he was eaten with worms and died.

One could" commit this sin by speaking evil and misusing God's sacred vessels. Belshazzar in the fifth chapter of Daniel was one that did this. The Scripture said, "That night was Belshazzar slain." He had mishandled God's sacred vessels and drank profane wine out of them.

This sin could be committed by making excuses for not obeying the Lord and following and coming to His call. In Luke 14:24 we find that "None of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper." These that had been invited-to a supper which represents, of course, the Gospel made excuses. One had bought land and one had bought oxen and one had married a wife and so on. These excuses led them to the place until they were not allowed to taste of the supper.

We find in Genesis the sixth chapter, when the antediluvian people had sinned against God, resisted Him and would not heed His Word, God said "My Spirit shall not always strive with man." So there are many ways that one could commit this awful sin of death. Whatever sin that you or I would commit that would grieve the blessed Holy Ghost could lead us to the place where we could commit this awful sin. We all must walk carefully before God and take heed to His admonitions and warnings and to His Holy Word and walk softly before Him or He might turn us over to the devil and we would come to the place that we could believe a lie and be damned. The Holy Ghost would be gone and we would have crossed the deadline and gone beyond that place of hope and mercy. May none of us ever come to that awful place and commit that awful sin.

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EDITORIAL

By Spencer Johnson

THE FORBEARANCE OF HOLINESS

"Walk worthy of the vacation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love." (Eph. 4:1-2) The Dictionary defines forbearance as: "Restraint of passions; longsuffering; indulgence toward those who injure us."

In a world of hatred, harshness, turmoil and trouble there is great need for forbearance on the part of the people of God lest the Adversary of the soul bring rift and schism in their hearts. No one ever had more to provoke Him and yet had more forbearance than did Christ, our great example. Perhaps the most convincing thing to the world in regard to the experience of sanctification is the gentle forbearance of a holy heart. The lack of forbearance has defeated many a Christian and turned multitudes away in disgust and disappointment.

Forbearance should be practiced at all times but it shines most in times of pressure. Godly people are often subjected to great mental and spiritual pressure. Pressure may come from the Devil, opposers, distressing circumstances, or sometimes from the imagination, nevertheless, the pressure is on and is real and sometimes difficult to bear. Pressure may even come from overwork or physical depression but the Devil will take advantage of the situation and do all he can to annoy, perplex and insinuate. If one will remember to hold steady when tension and pressure are at the breaking point, victory is near at hand. The fierceness of the conflict means that it cannot last long and right must finally triumph. If we will but stand still, then, we will see the salvation of the Lord. God has grace to help us forbear from the sarcastic or reflecting word; not to talk unbelievably or charge God foolishly; not to make rash statements or become desperate. Too many times God's plan has been defeated by doing these things and good people have become distracted and acted in such a manner as to feel ashamed afterwards.

The holy heart practices forbearance toward people who blunder and make mistakes. Forbearance influences one to look beyond the mistakes of the head to the motive of the heart. How often we have been painfully aware that our hind sights were better than our foresights and how grateful we have felt toward those who were kind enough to practice forbearance toward us in our uncalled-for condition. The most severe test of forbearance comes when one is deliberately attacked and wounded in the house of his friends. The subtle thrust of the enemy from the most unexpected source is the most painful of all. To be able to look beyond and forbear then is evidence of real grace and victory in the heart. Holy forbearance silently leaves all vindication to God's own good time and way.

Forbearance is needful in the home. There are very few homes where there is never a harsh nor unkind word spoken; where there is no scolding, no blaming, no insinuating. Few husbands and wives maintain their honeymoon love for many years. Many children never saw their parents kiss or embrace each other. Many more never heard one of them apologize to the other for a little

inattention or rudeness that would have been thought out of place when courting. Why all this lack of consideration for each other? Why all the unkind words? It is the lack of holy forbearance. "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." (Eph. 4:32)

Forbearance is a bond of unity in the church. When criticism, fault-finding and censorious talk is indulged in there is lack of Divine love. When jealousy underlies the lack of forbearance toward the brethren, the tendency is to criticize others and justify self. When carnality is gone people have magnanimous forbearance that lifts them above petty differences and makes them seek to resolve their misunderstandings. No two people on earth are exactly alike. God has made us all different as the trees of the forest but forbearance brings peace and a working harmony in the midst of a diversity of opinions.

How then does one obtain this forbearance of holiness? It is understood that one must first be clearly in the experience of sanctification as a second work of Divine grace. But after one has a holy heart there are some things that will help him to develop and practice forbearance. Much prayer is essential. No one can remain holy unless he takes time to pray. It was while the man slept that the enemy sowed tares in his field. The prayed up individual will find it much easier to practice forbearance than the one who has become lean in his prayer life. Keeping sensitive to the promptings and checkings of the Holy Ghost is necessary if one is to live a life of holy forbearance. If one will remember his own infirmities and shortcomings it will make forbearance easier toward others. Many times the thing we despise in others is our own chief weakness. We do not see it in ourselves but we pick at it in our brother. "And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God? Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?" (Romans 2:3-4) Would we bear from others what they have borne from us?

Looking at the over all picture; remembering the real worth of our brother; bearing in mind that he is human and subject to error will help us to practice forbearance toward him. "He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him." (Prov. 18:13) Appreciation for the various gifts and callings of our brethren will help us. All do not have the same gifts nor the same abilities but all who are truly Christ's are members of one body. The working success of the church depends upon the ability of its members to practice holy forbearance. The grand objective of forbearing one another in love, says the Apostle, is "to keep the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace." (Eph. 4:8)

When the grace of God subdues and permeates the whole being it makes one incapable of doing little, mean, underhanded things. The forbearing person is one out of a thousand who does not allow himself to be prejudiced in the least by what he hears. He insists on waiting and hearing the other side. The man with holy forbearance is too noble to argue and quarrel over small or large matters. The forbearing man looks ahead and sees the outcome of a debate. If he foresees that it will cause friction or inward severance on either side, he does not permit himself to be drawn into the argument. If he happens to express himself and see that the other side is becoming agitated, he has the ability to give in, rather than hold out at the expense of grieving the Spirit or marring the sweetness of holy fellowship. He contends only when principle is involved. The practice of holy

forbearance makes one a Christian gentleman who walks among men on earth, while holding his citizenship in Heaven and being controlled by the heavenly life.

In the words of Charles Wesley:

"Jesus, plant and root in me,
All the mind that was in Thee,
Settled peace I then shall find,
Jesus' is a quiet mind.

Anger I no more shall feel,
Always even, always still,
Meekly on my God reclined:
Jesus' is a gentle mind.

When 'tis deeply rooted here,
Perfect love shall cast out fear;
Fear doth servile spirits bind,
Jesus' is a noble mind.

Lowly, loving, meek and pure,
I shall to the end endure,
Be no more to sin inclined;
Jesus' is a constant mind.

I shall fully be restored
To the image of my Lord,
Witnessing to all mankind,
Jesus' is a perfect mind."

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DEPARTED GLORY
Melvin Shiery

Heb. 3:12-14. "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end."

We are perhaps in one of the greatest periods of unbelief since the days of the wanderings of the Children of Israel. They had Divine direction; they had Divine protection; they had Divine assurance; they had the Glory of God in their midst, a purpose in their hearts and a goal to be reached, and their instruction was to "Go up and possess the land." THEY FAILED. Unbelief is the forerunner of Modernism, Liberalism, and Skepticism. Heb. 3:19 "So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

Reasons are almost numberless as to why they turned from God, in unbelief refused, and rejected His guidance. Regardless of how many reasons there may have been, the fact remains they sinned, they backed up, they went down, the Glory departed from them, they became a generation of has beens and bleached their bones in the wilderness. The Glory had departed. God took their privileges, their opportunities, handed them to a new generation with the challenge the same, "Go up and possess the land."

No new law was written, they had the original; it was all they needed. Many have been the failures since the downfall of the Children of Israel. Time and again God has passed the Glory from one group to another, only to have them follow a pattern and eventually go down in a heap, spiritually. There are reasons why they have; there are no excuses for it.

Just as surely as it is worse for an individual to have known the way of Holiness and lost it than never to have known, so it is as bad, if not worse, for a church to have had the Glory and lost it, than for one that has never had it, because of her far reaching influence.

A Holiness church whose Glory has departed is one of the devil's greatest assets. By merge and purge he can line them up together with the cults, the false doctrines, mix the world in, pull a scale over their eyes, drug them with lethargy and unconcern, and deceive them so well that little is wrong, unless you think it is wrong; and then be careful you don't tell others if you think it's wrong. Isaiah 5:20 "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!"

It is a wicked thing for a church to presume that the Shekinah Glory is present while they flirt with or commit fornication with the world. It is an abomination and a stench to God when immodestly dressed, painted faced, jewel bedecked, bobbed haired women sing in the choir, sing solos, duets, trios, teach Sunday School classes, testify to Second Blessing Holiness, or make a pretense of being representatives of Jesus Christ and His Holiness, nor is it any better when the men are sports fiends, TV lovers, and make the same pretense. Any preacher who knowingly permits and condones such practices, by failing to declare the whole counsel of God, is an unfaithful watchman, a blind leader of the blind, and an hireling.

Whenever a church must resort to lowering the bars to the beggarly elements of the world by throwing open its doors for the showing of pictures, eating, mixed bathing, bowling and sports madness, in an effort to win souls, she has departed from the True and Living God, and the GLORY HAS DEPARTED from her premises. How sad that so many individuals become so attached to the physical church, the mother church, that they reject the instruction and counsel of God's Word to "Come out from among them," even though they know the condemnation for "GOING ALONG". Rom. 1:32 "Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them," but rebel against the truth, only to have the Glory depart from their own soul. Prov. 28:9 "He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination."

What watchfulness, what prayerfulness, ought the examples and failures of others bring to us as a church and as individuals. May God help us as a church to stand firmly and sweetly, and continue to "Contend for the faith ONCE delivered to the saints."

To be sure, evil men creep in among us unawares. They will attempt to quiet us down, they may even attempt to soften the voice of the pen, in simple truth to generalize sin from the pulpit and from the printed page.

No church or individual is immune to the attacks of satan, but if we as individuals will pray for those who are in authority and have the rule over us, and if we as individuals will pray, obey, and keep the Glory on our own souls, we will keep the Glory down on our Zion, and, by God's grace, the Glory need never depart and leave us among the has beens. "The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry. The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth." Ps. 34:15-16.

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THE FOOLISHNESS OF PREACHING

One Sunday morning, many years ago, in Hartford, Conn., a missionary was invited to preach to a large congregation. Among the listeners was Mark Twain. Twain was deeply impressed. Later he said, "The preacher's voice was beautiful, and he told us about the sufferings of the natives, and he pleaded for help with such moving simplicity that I mentally doubled the fifty cents I had intended to put in the plate. He described the pitiful misery of those savages so vividly that the dollar I had in mind gradually rose to five. Then that preacher continued, and I felt that all the cash I carried would be insufficient and I decided to write a large check.

"Then he went on," added Twain, "he went on about the dreadful state of those natives, and I abandoned the idea of the check. And he went on. And I got back to five dollars. And he went on, and I got back to four, two, one. And still he went on. And when the plate came around . . . I took ten cents out of it."

Apparently, the preacher possessed all the attributes of a persuasive, powerful speaker, except one, and Mark Twain penalized him heavily for that one failing. Rightly, too, for an audience will forgive you almost any other fault if you can only learn when .to be seated. The history of the creation of the world can be told in twenty minutes, it was in Genesis. For a speech to become immortal, it does not have to be everlasting. Lincoln proved that.

It is one of the paradoxes of human nature that men and women will remain unmoved to hear that only twenty out of three million Africans ever heard the name of Jesus Statistics have little power to move an audience to act. But were you to describe the sufferings, hunger, and journey made by one young African who so desire to know the Holy Ghost that he was willing to suffer anything to reach his cherished goat, your listeners will be inspired to act!

Often the only thing remembered when the service is concluded will be the illustrations
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tells. But if they were meaningful, if they truly illustrated the point you wished to make, your message will have made its impact; it will not be forgotten. No matter how carefully you have prepared your material, it will be a failure if you don't deliver it with emotion. No one cares to listen to a voice that drones on and on.

The young man was addressing an alumni gathering of a certain college in Kentucky. After he had finished the chairman of the committee told him there were only three criticisms of his speech. "In the first place you read it," explained the chairman. "In the second place you read it poorly. And in the third place it wasn't worth reading."

One great world leader once said, "The power that has always started the great religious and political avalanches in history rolling has been the magic of the spoken word, that, and that alone.

A greater world leader said, "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." (I Cor. 1:21) -- Selected

OTHERS MAY... YOU CANNOT

If God has called you to be really like Jesus He will draw you into a life of crucifixion and humility, and put upon you such demands ,of obedience, that you will not be able to follow other people, or measure yourself by other Christians, and in many ways He will seem to let other people do things which He will not let you do.

Other Christians and ministers who seem very religious and useful, may push themselves, pull wires, and work schemes to carry out their plans, but you cannot do it, and if you attempt it, you will meet with such failure and rebuke from the Lord as to make you sorely penitent.

Others may boast of themselves, of their work, of their successes, of their writings, but the Holy Spirit will not allow you to do any such thing, and if you begin it, He will lead you into some deep mortification that will make you despise yourself and all your good works.

Others may be allowed to succeed in making money, or may have a legacy left to them, but it is likely God will keep you poor, because He wants you to have something far better than gold, namely, a helpless dependence upon Him, that He may have the privilege of supplying your needs day by day out of an unseen treasury.

The Lord may let others be honored and put forward, and keep you hidden in obscurity, because He wants to produce some choice fragrant fruit for His coming glory, which can only be produced in the shade. He may let others be great, but keep you small. He may let others do a work for Him and get the credit for it, but He will make you work and toil on without knowing how much you are doing; and then to make your work still more precious He may let others get credit for the work which you have done, and thus make your reward ten times greater when Jesus comes.

The Holy Spirit will put a strict watch over you, with a jealous love, and will rebuke you for little words and feelings or for wasting your time, which other Christians never feel distressed

over. So make up your mind that God is an infinite Sovereign, and has a right to do as He pleases with His own. He may not explain to you a thousand things which puzzle your reason in His dealings with you, but if you absolutely sell yourself to be His love slave, He will wrap you up in a jealous love, and bestow upon you many blessings which come only to those who are in the inner circle.

Settle it forever, then,, that you are to deal directly with the Holy Spirit, and that He is to have the privilege of tying your tongue, or chaining your hand, or closing your eyes, in ways that He does not seem to use with others. Now, when you are so possessed with the living God that you are, in your secret heart, pleased and delighted over this peculiar, personal, private, jealous guardianship and management of the Holy Spirit over your life, you will have found the vestibule of Heaven. -- Tract

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THE BIBLE

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The tremendous ignorance of the Bible is revealed in a test reported in Liberty Magazine by Professor T. W. Warsaw of Newton Mass. High School principle to the eleventh and twelfth grades. 112 questions were asked. Among them were the following:

"79 per cent could not supply the last word of the expression, "Many are called but few are CHOSEN" 84 per cent "The truth shall make you FREE" 63 percent "They shall beat their swords into PLOWSHARES" 84 per cent "A soft answer turneth away WRATH". 88 per cent Pride goeth before a FALL". 93 per cent "The love of money is the root of all EVIL". In addition several thought that Gomorrah and Sodom were lovers; that the four horsemen were found in the "ACROPELES". Matt., Mk., Luke and John wrote the Gospels. Eve was created from an apple. Jesus was baptized by Moses. Jezebel was Ahab's donkey and the stories by which Jesus taught was called "Parodies". "To be without the Bible is like a car without a steering wheel, a Plane without a Pilot, a Ship without a rudder. They tell us it is still true that the Bible is the best seller but it looks like it is not the best read.

The Bible is a Supernatural book. It is given by inspiration of God. II Timothy 3:16. It's science is accurate, it's history is correct, it's unity is marvelous, it's prophecies have been and are being fulfilled, it's vitality is wonderful.

"Two hundred and eighty years ago Voltaire the French skeptic, said, "Fifty years from now the world will hear no more from the Bible". Today in the house of Voltaire in Paris where he uttered those words the Geneva Bible Society is doing a thriving business.

"A number of American students were riding on a train through Palestine when one of them looked out of the window at the barren" land, and said loudly to the others, "Look at this country. This is the land which the Bible says is flowing with milk and honey. That shows the Bible is not true. Why, all you can see is brimstone". A gentleman overhearing this remark opened the Bible to Deut. 29:22-23. "And the stranger that shall come from a far land, shall say, when they see the

plagues of that land, and the sicknesses which the Lord has laid upon it -- that the whole land thereof is brimstone."

A. F. Miller, a retired Baptist Minister has said, "The Bible reveals the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, the happiness of believers. It's doctrines are histories true, it's decisions immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, practice it to be holy.

It contains light to direct you, food to support you, comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the Pilgrim's staff, the Soldier's sword, the Christian's charter. Here Paradise is restored, Heaven is opened, hell is disclosed. Christ is it's grand object, our good it's design, the glory of God it's end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be open in Judgment, and remembered forever. It rebukes the slightest sin, woos the greatest sinner, wins the hardest heart. It offers protection for infancy, happiness for childhood, inspiration for youth, strength for maturity, assurance for old age, comfort for death, and salvation and riches, glory and reward, for all eternity."

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CHILDREN'S PAGE

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TALKING MONEY

Jerry took his walking stick and started up the old familiar trail. He hoped today there would be no silly, pesky, religious girls to bother him. Not that there were many girls around just Judy and Joyce, the Johnson twins, who lived on the next farm to the east of the Brokson home; and really, he mused, it was their father's timberland and, in a sort of, kind of way, he was trespassing. Oh, no! The Johnson's didn't mind not in the least. They were good people, but so deeply religious and "gave everything away," as Jerry's father often said.

Jerry found his favorite spot and sprawled the full length of his body beneath the beautiful white-pine tree where the needles made a soft carpet for him. The twins had enlarged their playing quarters beneath the boughs of the whispering old tree and he knew they were sure to be there again sometime today.

Jerry had just dozed off and relaxed lazily when he heard the laughing twins coming up their small narrow pathway. He jumped to his feet and, picking his crooked hickory walking stick up, he disappeared in the thick tangle of underbrush nearby and found the pathway to his own home.

"Judy! Judy, look!" Joyce exclaimed excitedly. "A half dollar and a dime and penny. Right here in our house, too! However did these coins get here?"

"Somebody's been here, naturally!" Judy said, philosophically. "But the Lord saw to it that his pants pockets leaked, for I've been praying for something to give to the missionary offering, and here it is," she said as she picked up a crisp new dollar bill that blew from no telling where and stopped at her small feet.

Isn't this wonderful!" she continued. "Now we shall split it after it's tithed and we'll each have the same to put into the offering," for the girls were sweet and unselfish and always saw that each had an equal amount no matter which one received the larger part of anything. "Here, Joyce, you keep all the money for now. You have a deeper apron pocket than I," and she handed the crisp bill to her identical twin.

Joyce held the money fondly -almost reverently it was sent by God and she must take good care of it. God had entrusted it into their keeping, therefore they must dispense it with great care. Gently she slipped the money down into her pocket as she began playing beneath the lovely old pine.

Now people frequently say money talks, so we would like to listen in on the conversation in the apron pocket. If it could talk, it may go something like this:

"Ah! Those hands!" the dollar bill sighed to the shiny fifty cent piece and the copper penny and thin dime which were all wrapped up in him. "Did you ever feel hands more loving and gentle than those hands that held us so fondly a few minutes ago."

"Never," answered the dime. "These are different hands.

"Different!" exclaimed the shining copper penny. "I guess so! That Jerry Brokson's going to be another penny pincher. He's already as tight as his dad-. Why, honestly, if I were a human being, I'd be all bruised with black and blue marks -- he pinched me so hard! Scared to turn loose of me! The old penny pincher!" and he felt sorry for himself.

"You think you had it rough," the dollar bill exclaimed, "but you should have felt what Jerry's dad did to me before he turned lose of me. First off, he got me in a dirty saloon. Ugh," and he got sick to his stomach. Imagine! He goes there, you know."

"I thought they were church people;" the fifty cent piece said.

"They're church people all right, but that's the extent of it," the dollar bill went on. "Well, Mr. Brokson felt like he should do a little something for Jerry's birthday, so m after he held me so tight I could hardly breathe he handed me over to Jerry. You feel sorry for yourselves because he pinched each of you, but me! he squeezed me until I crackled and crunched -- I am very new, you know, and I crack very easily as I am so crisp yet. Oh, my! I'm glad we're all out of the Brokson hands. They're .worse than tight -- they're misers!" and he went limp, just thinking of his past miserable experiences.

"I almost went to Mentzer's Candy Shop last week," the penny said. "Jerry started out with me, then turned around and came home. I got the blues many times -- always down in his old dark,

drab pocket -- always going to church but never making any financial contribution. I'm just one of Jerry's pennies, but he has lots and lots more of us, and we all had such high hopes of going for foreign missions. Me, I've always wanted to travel, not belong to some old miser!"

"One time," the dime said thinly, "Jerry acted like he was getting liberal and I fully expected him to give me to some poor little orphan girl who would have been so happy to have received me; but, no, he changed his mind just like that," and the dime made a strange clinking noise as he added, "after he handled me and looked at me. I could have made that poor little girl so happy! I may be small and thin but I do possess a bit of power all my own," and he sighed deeply.

"I know what you mean," the fifty cent piece said. "I've been a much handled coin. I've passed through gamblers' hands and drunks' hands at a filthy bar, never because I chose to be there; I had no choice in the matter. Always I have wanted to sail abroad . . . to Africa, India, New Guinea, or, well, just any heathen country to help spread the gospel. Always I have been deprived of this, but today the girls mentioned 'Missionary Offering' and I thought I was dreaming. I have always had a secret longing and desire to be carried down a church aisle in an offering plate and from there sail to some mission field."

"Looks like we're going to have our wishes granted," the dollar bill said. "Listen!" and all became silent down inside the apron pocket.

"Isn't it wonderful, Judy," Joyce was saying as she laughed for joy. "We're going to have money to send to New Guinea to our new mission field! God does answer prayer."

"Wish I knew how it got here," Judy said.

"God sent it," her sister answered.

"Glad she doesn't know," the penny said. "She may be tempted to thank Jerry instead of God, and he's a penny pincher. Ouch! It hurts me to think of him pinching me so!" and he moaned a weak moan and fell back limply into the lap of the crisp new dollar bill.

"Don't bump me too hard," the dollar winced. "After all, I'm still sore myself from the old tightwad."

"To New Guinea!" the dime exclaimed dreamily. "Why, that's where the head hunters are! How exciting!"

"I can scarcely wait to be on our journey," the fifty cent piece said. "And we'll all stick together. One dollar and sixty-one cents may not sound like much but with us all pulling together we'll be able to do a lot over there."

"After our wounds heal," the dollar bill added.

"Mine feel good already -- just knowing I'm going to church and to a mission field," the dime said. "But hark! I hear music."

"Pennies, pennies, hear them dropping, We are small, we know. We are saving coins for Jesus You should see them grow!"

And the twins' voices blended softly with the peaceful whisperings of the pine tree.

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RESIGNATION

By Mrs. Paul King

At last, Oh Lord, my soul reposes, only, even in Thy love!
Whatever comes, whatever goes 'tis Thy sweet will from Heav'n above.
Thou giv'st the bitter with the sweet; with pain and sorrow Thou dost bless,
In humble, tearful resignation I lay my head upon Thy breast.
My way in life, which Thou for me shall choose, I knew will be the best.
Thus, in the confidence I place in Thee, my soul shall find its rest.
Let come for me then, sickness or health, deep sorrow, pain or loss;
My heart's resigned! I'll walk close by Thee, in the shadow of the cross.

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STRONG DELUSION

By W. C. Aman

"Because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved, and for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie. That they all might be damned who believe not the truth."

The sad fact that an enlightened soul could become clouded and lose its way in the darkness is often given as a warning in the Holy scriptures. Men may wrest the scriptures but God's warning still is heard "Walk while ye have the light lest darkness come upon you; for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth."

Self delusion is an easy indulgence for one that lives in the shadows. How oft we see men with apparent knowledge, become deluded because of the careless appropriation of truth. God gave all to bring truth to man. Could we treat it lightly and not suffer'?

In the first chapter of the Epistle to the Romans the apostle warns of becoming apostate. Verse 21 tells of a people that "knew God." These were not heathen, ignorant people. No! They knew God yet they glorified Him not as God. They lost their sight or perspective of a Holy God. They lost sight of God as a God of wrath. His judgments became common to them. They felt into a sinning religion and felt no compunction of conscience; but be, came vain in their imaginations and their foolish hearts were darkened. Their reasoning now tells them that God is as man. They reason around His judgments and His wisdom. They profess to be wise and claim to think as God thinks until His Holy law means nothing to them. They have all the answers in human knowledge but have

not the wisdom which is from above. They indoctrinate and teach that God's laws were made for another day, and demands nothing of our generation. These filthy dreamers change the truth of God into a lie. No wonder these backsliders want a new version of His word and law. If there is no law, there is no sin; no sin: no guilt: no condemnation. Without guilt there is no conviction. Where there is no conviction, no one seeks for help and goes on their way into eternal darkness. Those who glorify God not as God and pervert His word finds a repulsiveness to retain God in their knowledge. For this cause God has given them over to a reprobate mind. For such the light has gone out. There is no hope in this life or the life to come.

Some would say that it could not happen to them, but, Christian friend, with alarm we view it! In love we warn! This writer is fearful of becoming nominal.

Let us notice why God sends strong delusion. "Because they receive not the love of the truth." It isn't stated or even hinted that they have not received the truth. No, this goes into depths beyond the ears or the mind. They failed to receive the "love of the truth." This is that inner hunger to know His laws and statutes, His word, His wisdom, and that fervent desire to know and to do the full will of God. This love of the truth is only given to the soul by the Holy Ghost. In the carnal state one finds a warfare against God's design for us. "The carnal mind is not subject to the law of God neither indeed can be." There is no love of truth in our carnal mind.

In this exceeding dangerous place of darkness we find masses of professors of Christianity. The old truths and standards of the gospel have been taken so lightly, that these have now become nonessential and repulsive to them. They criticize God's people and brand them as fanatics. Conformism has gripped their nature. In apparent honesty they can say "I see no harm in doing that. God would never demand that of me." They change the truth of God's law into a lie. May God, the Holy Ghost, somehow bring light to their darkened minds!

We thank God, that all rebellion, all resistance, all selfish desires are destroyed, when the Blessed Holy Ghost fills us with himself and replaces this enmity with the love of the truth. Praise His wonderful name! Friend, have you received him? Professing Christian does the pangs of hunger for God's laws and truth and for deep knowledge of Him grip you? He is that satisfying portion. Bless His Holy Name!

These poor darkened souls have heard. The invitation was given. They may have at one time even tasted the good things of God, but have failed to seek His whole will. They may still love the church; they find self satisfaction in assembling themselves together. They retain knowledge of the doctrine. They may profess holiness and give to advance a denomination, but be lost in darkness from which there is no return.

God Himself gives them up, and sends them strong delusion. This is not plural. One delusion is enough to send one to everlasting hell. Strong delusion! Strong enough to damn the weakened heart! Too strong for the darkened mind! Stronger force than human reason! We view multitudes in the creeping apostasy being given over to false doctrines and "isms". Strong men defeated. Good people's minds perverted to believe a lie and be damned. We have seen in our short life churches which stood for true holiness lose the Holy Ghost and fall into modernism, now

embracing false doctrine and fellowshiping with the world and sin. History proves they will never rise again.

Let us consider another strong delusion that is quite common, Friend, take warning! The devil is out to damn you. We are concerned lest many good people fall into a snare. If the professing Christian gets careless and the cares of the world, even legitimate things crowds his thinking, he is on very precarious footing. He still testifies of an experience of entire sanctification. Day by day, little by little he loses the love of truth, the legitimate crowds out divinity. His power wanes unknowingly, his influence is crippled. Things, of personality, psychology and human magnetism or past zeal are substituted for the embodiment of perfect love in the heart. The force of a vibrant experience is gone. Because others see and sense this, the devil tells him that he is no longer appreciated. Self fights to uphold the loss. Things are said, half truths told, unintentional words taken for persecution until self can say "I must uphold myself and influence." Persecution complex enters. Strong delusion! This fallen Christian believes he is right, others wrong. He seems so honest in his error of truth. Strong belief! Self pity! Carnal self-love!

May God have mercy! There seems to be no return for this deluded soul. "That they all might be damned!" The line is crossed. The mind is reprobate. Forever apostate. The soul is damned!

O friend, let us find this love of the truth. Let us follow the Holy Ghost. We are in perilous days spiritually. We need the infilling Holy Ghost to guide us in all truth. He will never let us fall into delusion if we seek Him moment by moment. Praise His Name!

"Other refuge have I none,
Hangs my helpless soul on thee.
Leave, oh leave me not alone,
Still support and comfort me.

All my hope on thee is stayed,
All my help from thee I bring.
Cover my defenseless head
With the shadow of thy wing."

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AREN'T YOU GLAD?
By Mrs. Paul E. King

Isn't it wonderful and say, aren't you glad
That the world isn't made up of grumblers?
And I think it's just great that they're folk who walk straight
Instead of them all being stumblers.

My, but it's grand there's a few who still stand
For the old fashioned paths of our fathers!

My heart doth rejoice and I shout with my voice
That they're still some who love like brothers.

Say, aren't you proud there still is a crowd
Whose hearts with a passion still burn?
Who shoulder the cross, weep over the lost,
And watch for the Saviour's return!

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