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SAVED FROM SIN AND HELL
By Elbert Dodd

Acts 16,:30: " . . . Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

To be saved means to be saved from sin and not in sin. And it means more than making a decision for or accepting Christ. We are not to accept Him, He is to accept us. How can one be saved from his sins? The Bible has given us the wonderful plan of salvation and it is for one and all. Anyone who will accept this plan and follow the directions set forth in God's Word, can be saved.

First of all, we must realize that we are lost, that we are undone without God and without hope in the world. This realization comes through the Holy Ghost speaking to our hearts -- through His Word, either given by one of His messengers or reading it ourselves. In the sixth verse of the fifty-fifth chapter of Isaiah the Lord tells us to "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near." To be really saved, first of all we must realize that we are lost and that we need salvation. And then we must be sorry for our sins. This brings us to a place where we are ready and willing to repent. Sorrow for sin and true repentance always brings us to the place where we realize we have grieved God, broken God's law, neglected and rejected His Son and grieved His Holy Spirit. Sorrow for moments of wasted influence perverted in wrongs committed. All repentance which is destitute of this is false and will not bring salvation. It is only those who mourn over their sins that God promises to bless for their mourning and to comfort for their sins.

Also repentance embraces the actual forsaking of all sin and giving it up. Isaiah 55:7 reads: "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."

True repentance also covers the confession of sin. He said if we confess our sins, He is just to forgive us of our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. But you notice, we must confess. First, we must confess to God. We have sinned against God and His love and His law and His Son. Secondly, we must confess to those whom we have wronged. If we do this in true repentance, we are then to the place where God can save us.

Again, repentance covers genuine restitution. We must make restitution to the extent of our ability. God never can pardon or go into partnership with persons who are, guilty of wrongs that they will not make right. Where you have wronged people by word or act, socially or financially, you must see them or write them, make your confession and do all that lies in your power to rectify your wrongs. God has said in His Word in Ezekiel 33:15, "If the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die." And God has said in I John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

If we will follow the Bible, God's instruction Book, and do exactly as we are told to do, this will, through repentance, bring us to believing ground. Then after we have met these conditions, we must believe unto the saving of the soul. The Scripture tells us that he that cometh to God must believe that He is and that He is rewarder of them who diligently seek Him. Now at the end of this repentance, we can say, "Believe on the Lord and thou shalt be saved." These are the steps to true, heartfelt salvation. It is with the heart man believeth unto repentance and with the mouth confession is made. So any one who will follow these directions can find peace to his soul.

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A VOICE FROM THE PAST

"Monday, June 8, 1741 -- I set out from Enfield Chace for Leicestershire. In the evening we came to Northampton, and the next afternoon to Mr. Ellis's at Markfield, five or six miles beyond Leicester.

For those two days I had made an experiment which I had been so often and earnestly pressed to do -- speaking to none concerning the things of God unless my heart was free to it. And what was the event? Why, 1. that I spoke to none at all for fourscore miles together; no, not even to him that traveled with me in the chaise, unless a few words at first setting out; 2. that I had no cross either to bear or to take up, and commonly, in an hour or two, fell fast asleep; 3. that I had much respect shown me wherever I came, everyone behaving to me as to a civil, good-natured gentleman. Oh, how pleasing is all this to flesh and blood! Need ye "compass sea and land" to make "proselytes to this?" -- John Wesley (From Wesley's Journal)

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HOLINESS PREACHING

Holiness preaching has almost become a lost art. Many professed holiness preachers seldom preach an out and out holiness message. One young man, who attended a so-called holiness

seminary, said that in the Homiletics class there was only one holiness message preached during a whole year.

The laity, as a rule, will rise no higher than the ministry. G. W. Ridout, wrote: "The Christian pulpit is largely to blame for the moral sag that is on us because when the pulpit is vital and preaches a vital gospel, hurls thunderbolts of truth at iniquity; uncovers sin and brings the artillery of Heaven to bear upon the wicked; cries out against wrong no matter by whom perpetrated, it becomes a great and mighty factor for righteousness in the community and in the nation. On the other hand when the pulpit trims to suit the crowd, when the preacher seeks popularity more than righteousness, when the pulpit becomes recreant of its great trust and becomes a castle for moral cowards the nation suffers as a consequence." J. B. Chapman said, "When the pulpit is silent on any issue it isn't long until the people in the pew think it is unimportant."

Where are the men who will take the sword of the spirit and cut through sham, pretense, formality, fashion, pride and worldliness? A real holiness preacher is fearless. He must tear down and build up. John-the-Baptist-like, he must in love tear down the sham and false foundations of carnality and build upon holy principles of righteousness. There is much in the church world and some things in the holiness movement that need to be up-rooted. The greater the preacher's love the more firmly and unflinchingly will he like, Samuel hew Agag to pieces. God told Jeremiah to "Root out, pull down, throw down and destroy," and then to "build up and plant." God used the weeping, tender Jeremiah as His "battle-axe." The false prophets had healed the daughter of His people "slightly." They were too soft and selfish to go to the bottom and offend.

God needs some bold preachers who have backbone and courage to face up to the sin question and prescribe the complete cure for the sin problem. A preacher who loves souls, recognizes the fact that the greatest calamity that can befall a human soul is to be lost in hell forever, and he will make strenuous and persistent effort to warn people of the danger and consequence of sin. Jesus was this kind of preacher. He cared for no man's person or standing or social position or wealth, but rebuked all alike.

Holiness preaching must embrace doctrine. Some preachers today are building their churches on everything but sound doctrine. I have a newspaper clipping which tells of one so-called holiness church having the Mormon Elders to speak to their service. Another clipping from another city paper tells of the first church of the same, once holiness, denomination showing a film strip of a famous Calvinist's latest movie and the ad displays a sexy looking woman in a topless dress. It is a wonder that the founder of that church does not kick off a west coast earthquake by turning over in his grave. "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee." (I Tim. 4:16) Many preachers are too lazy to make the effort to study and pray enough to preach doctrine. Many others are too busy doing other things to have the time and energy that it takes to bring forth a real message from God. Too many ministers give so little time to the study of the Bible that they are strangers to its thought world. "Some people get lost in thought because it's unfamiliar territory." When Saturday comes these "busy" preachers lock themselves in their studies and in desperation frantically get up something that will take up the time between the special song and the benediction.

Not every successful preacher needs to be a professional theologian but he must know where he is doctrinally both in his head and in his heart. A preacher cannot give a congregation something he does not have. If he does not have a vital experience of holiness of heart then all his holiness preaching will be superficial and inevitably result in lowered standards and confusion. A man who has a real experience of holiness and who will take time to study and wait on God can speak with authority. When the man in the pulpit lacks this his sermons will not build up his hearers in the faith.

Holiness preaching must be definite. The true holiness preacher does not spend his time preaching to those who are not present or discoursing on some imaginary character. He employs the second person, "Thou art the man." Jesus Christ used plain terms: lust, adultery, fornication, evil thoughts, covetousness, named out scribes, Pharisees, hypocrites, lawyers, whited sepulchers. He said, "Woe unto thee, Chorazin, Bethsaida, and thou, Capernaum." "O, Jerusalem, which stonest the prophets and killest them that are sent to thee." "Ye are of your father the devil, and his lusts ye will do." Vague, indefinite, smooth sounding, toothless preaching will never bring the agonizing throes of old-fashioned conviction for sin. The greatest hindrance to the Kingdom of God is the euphemistic, man-fearing, compromising, pussy-footing manner with which the modern pulpit deals with the awful fact of sin.

A holy life and ministry, by virtue of their nature will antagonize sin and stir the devil. Jesus offended His hearers. They sought to kill Him. As long as a preacher has the anointed tongue of fire in testimony, prayer and preaching he will offend his hearers. Indeed that is what must be done before they will ever awake to their sinful condition. "Let none suppose he can so wisely present the doctrine of the holy life as to offend none." If so he has learned what Jesus and the Apostles and reformers never learned.

We have the message the world needs in this dark hour. It is the burning message of heart holiness. The good news that men can be cleansed from the carnal mind as well as being forgiven for their transgressions. The root sin or cause can be eradicated. The early church could have toned down their message and compromised their convictions and become less offensive to the world and lived but the cause would have died. They could have conformed to the world and become popular. They were poor, outnumbered, and despised but they were faithful. They would not bow. They refused to adapt themselves to the world. They went all out to publish the gospel of Christ over the then known world. They planted it at the cost of persecution and watered it with their blood but the cause lived on and survived the fall of the Roman empire, and it will out live the decay and defeat of the present civilization.

To all who would be ministers of God, He still, as in days of old, commands, "Hear the word at my mouth and give them warning from me." "All I command thee, thou shalt speak, diminish not a word of it, keep back none of it, declare the whole counsel of God, whether they will hear or whether they will forbear." "Eat the book." "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." The Word is the sword of the Spirit and the hammer to break the stony hearts in pieces. It is the fire that burns conviction home. Shun science, philosophy, vain deceit and the wisdom of this world. Preach the simple

story. It is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." "Hark, how the watchmen cry; Attend the trumpet's sound.

Stand to, your arms, the foe is nigh,
The powders of hell surround.
Who bow to Christ's command,
Your arms and hearts prepare;
The day of battle is at hand--
Go forth to glorious war."

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MARANATHA -- THE LORD COMETH!

By I. Parker Maxey

The entire Church in the days of the Apostles was premillennial to the core. "This precious hope" through the first century of the Church following apostolic days when they passed through that age of persecution was the sure foundation of encouragement and comfort under the pains of martyrdom which sowed in blood the glorious harvest for the church.

"It was the doctrine believed and taught by the most eminent fathers of the age next to the apostles and by none of that age condemned." Chillingworth.

The early church met and parted with MARANATHA (1 Cor. 16:22). They encouraged each other through violent sufferings, imprisonments and martyrdom and with great faith said, "Keep looking up, don't get taken in by earthly cares." The double-headed truth of holiness and the coming of the Lord thundered out in the early church and is the prominent theme of the New Testament.

To the genuine, born-again Christian there is no speculation or question concerning the FACT of Christ's return to this earth. Only sinners scoff at this glorious truth. (2 Peter 3,:3)

The Old Testament's over 300 prophecies pertaining to the first coming of Jesus Christ have already been fulfilled. He came to suffer and to die in order to provide a complete redemption for the sins of the world. The New Testament contains 318 promises in its 260 chapters relative to His second coming. The sad thing, nevertheless, is that millions of professing Christians are not prepared for this great and notable event. Today's church is anemic, shorn, blind, deceived, neither hot nor cold. Instead Of greeting each other with MARANATHA, it is "Hi, neighbor! What's the latest gossip you've heard? What TV program have you been following lately? When are you going to trade cars?" The superficiality, hypocrisy, insincerity, and shallowness of a genuine Christian experience is seen on every hand and revealed in so many different ways these days. It crops out in glaring reality in holiness circles.

It is seen in the absence of that deep desire and anticipation for the coming of the Lord that the true church of all ages has possessed. It is a dangerous thing when this spirit is not present

among God's professed people. It is a sure sign of a deep spiritual need and an unpreparedness to meet that hour. (Titus 2:11-14; 2 Peter 3:3, 4)

It is manifest in worldly attachments and trends of professed Christians. The heart of worldliness is the compromise of a conviction in the interest of self. When "substitutes" for worldliness are sought after (pancake make up, blown-up hairdos, borderlining one's living, etc., that are "deemed acceptable" (?) among holiness travelers) it is not long until full-fledged worldliness appears. Let's be honest. The spirit behind this is the spirit of an unregenerate heart. The word MARANATHA would be foreign to the lips of such.

This spirit is also seen and manifest in a deep seated hatred (many times unexpressed outwardly and under the guise of a professed holiness experience) toward the doctrine and experience of self: crucifixion and toward those who preach it and live it. The Galatians who once loved the Apostle Paul turned to be his enemy. (Gal. 4:16) They turned to "another Gospel of their own choosing" which was not a gospel. (Gal. 1:69) But their turning made them enemies of God's true saint. Some today have turned to "another gospel of their own choosing" but it is not a gospel, for it has separated them from the fellowship of God's holy saints and has taken from them the joy of anticipating His return. Is this the reason why some shun calling certain death route evangelists and preachers who stress self-crucifixion?

Again, this spirit is manifest in a subtle desire to compromise old-fashioned holiness. God's holy people are extremists. Appeasement is not God's program. Death to self is. Denominations go down when they fail to get people through to a genuine experience of entire sanctification.

This spirit is manifest in the lawlessness that is marking this age. Those who possess this are the Balaamites of today. When Balaam was offered the rewards of divination (Numbers 22:8-14) his wicked, deceitful, covetous heart immediately began to devise a way whereby he could have the rewards of a Godless king and God's favor also. When he chose to take the way of earthly rewards his deceitful heart kept on telling him he was all right because in his lawlessness he was still seeking and professing to be doing God's will. Balaam, however, died in battle at the hands of the Israelites. It will take more than a profession of a deceitful heart to be ready when "He cometh."

Nevertheless, in these days God does have His true remnant. Many things should incite these true followers of Christ to a watchfulness for His coming. "And when these things BEGIN to come to pass, THEN look up, and lift up your: heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." Luke 21:28. The word redemption here, "apolutrosis," means "full deliverance." This includes deliverance of the body from frailty and mortality, and deliverance from the hatred and persecution of enemies which is to be accomplished by the return of Christ. Salvation through Christ in this life is glorious but nothing less than complete and full redemption will satisfy, and in every sanctified heart there is that looking forward with anticipation to that glorious event of the Rapture at which moment the pure in heart will experience "full deliverance." This is the redemption Paul meant when he said that in this earthly tabernacle "we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven" 2 Cor. 5:1-4. He spoke this truth to this closing generation who are seeing the fulfilling of prophecy and the distressing things that are taking place in the world

today. In the face of these things He is saying "Look up!" The thing you have been groaning so long over is about to take place. It is true that this is the day for the "spoiler of nations." Communism is plotting for a one-world government free from moral restraint of a militant Christianity. In our own nation, socialistic atheism with all of its attending evils has taken control and is on the increase. There is no earthly power or method now that can check the hellward trend. We have been sold out lock, stock, and barrel as a nation to antichrist forces. These things that ordinarily would be thought discouraging are to be looked upon as a great encouragement. The increase of hellish wickedness we are seeing today, beloved, God wishes to use to wean His "elect" from the things of the earth and to center attention and hopes and holy aspirations on that "full deliverance."

This old world has reached the state of decay that existed before the flood in the days of Noah. (Matt. 24:36-44) The mixing of the races, the corruption of morals, forces of antichrist fully organized, one world church and one world government coming into focus plus the fact that there is nothing in the word of God to indicate there will be a sweeping world revival at the end time, but rather the worsening of conditions, (Timothy 3:1-13) until the saints of God who love His appearing will automatically look for the Rapture as their only hope of refuge from martyrdom. There is such a hatred for Christ and His true followers being built up in the minds of unbelievers that the time will come soon and in many quarters already exists, when they would delight to plunge a bayonet through some Christian.

Now in conclusion -- what will it take to be ready? God has always had His people. There has always been a remnant, Isa. 10: 21; Rom. 9:27; 11:5. They have never been identified with the masses. They are a people that have been freely pardoned. They have brought themselves to judgment over every sin committed. (I Tim. 5:24). They are a people that have the witness that their heart has been purified and that they presently have a full supply of oil (Matt. 25:3). It is a natural thing for this people to deny all "ungodlikeness" and worldly lust. They don't need the "pancake" make up and latest fads. They are not borderlining their living. There is no question as to who God's holy people are. They are a people that live beyond the question mark. They live (not just profess) God-like in this present world. It is this crowd that is looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the Great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ. This crowd is zealous of good works -- they love the prayer meeting and know how to pray. They are quick to exalt Christ and to witness for Him anywhere, anytime. In I John 3:3 we read "And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself even as he is pure." The word "purifieth" in the original is in the present active tense and teaches us that a genuine sanctified Christian presently and continually abstains from all evil, and keeps himself unspotted from the world the lust of the flesh, of the eye, and the pride of life. He lives in the state of holiness and the blood cleanseth him from all sin NOW. 1 John 1,:17.

Jesus never promised that the born-again would finally be saved, but He said "He that endureth to the end shall be saved." Neither did He promise an eternal crown to the one who paid the price to obtain entire sanctification, but He said, "Be thou faithful unto death and I shall give thee the crown of life." The Word does not promise us an abundant entrance into a world of bliss if only we can boldly and definitely point to the time and place we were saved and entirely sanctified, but it does say to the pure in heart "watch and pray . . . lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping." (Mark 14:32-37) Beyond the initial, crisis experiences of grace must be enduring faithfulness, and diligent and constant watchfulness which are the tests of preparedness.

Reader, do you possess a happy expectation and a joyful looking for the sudden coming of Christ? MARANATHA!

(Editor's Note: Amen!)

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CHILDREN'S PAGE

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A HIDING PLACE

Robbie walked rapidly beside Grandfather, holding tightly to the kind old man's hand. Grandpa was old and all silver headed but he surely had a quick easy stride. In fact, so quick and fast that Robbie had to run most of the time to keep pace with Grandfather who never talked too much but whose presence was all any grandchild needed and wanted. Something about dear, sweet Grandfather gave Robbie a good feeling -- a sense of security feeling. Grandpa knew God and one could always feel God very near when he was around Grandpa.

"Goin' too fast for you, Sonny boy?" the dear old man asked as he slowed his pace down to Robbie's. "Sorry, Robbie; I keep fergettin' your legs are shorter than mine," and he squeezed the small hand fondly.

"Oh, that's all right, Grandpa. It's wonderful just being with you, and I don't mind that I have to run most of the time."

"See that big dark cloud covering the sky, Robbie?" and Grandpa stopped and pointed to the north.

"I didn't notice it at all until you mentioned it," Robbie said as he watched the rapidly approaching cloud.

"There's a bad blizzard comin' our way," Grandpa said, "and I was trying to get home before it reached us. Those things can drop a lot of snow and we're still a few miles from home. Maybe I should have waited until the weather cleared up good and proper before I went over to see poor old Josh."

"But, Grandpa," Robbie exclaimed, "he was so glad you came and left him that . . . that . . . money. He said he had been praying for God to send him some help, and . . . and . . . he's all alone."

"I know, dear boy, I know. But it's you I'm concerned about, not myself," and the first snow flakes began to fall as Grandfather led the boy on down the narrow, winding trail through the forest

"The dear Lord Jesus said He'd take care of the sparrows, Grandpa, so I know He's watching us and will protect us," Robbie said confidently. "And Grandpa, God is very near to us. I can feel Him!"

" 'Tis so true, child. But let us travel a little faster if you can take it." And again everything was silent, except for the wonderful sound of softly falling snow and the occasional twitter of some bird as it flitted away from the approaching pair.

The heavens had become increasingly more cloudy and a heavy leaden gray settled over it entirely. The wind whistled through the trees, causing the branches to sway and tremble while the snow kept piling in big drifts everywhere. Twice, Robbie would have fallen had Grandpa not steadied his small body.

"This is too much on you, Sonny boy," Grandpa finally said. "And what's more, we're lost. This makes the second trip back to this same spruce tree. We've just been going in circles."

"But, Grandpa," Robbie said, gasping for breath, "we can't see where we're going so it's not your fault we're lost."

"I know that, Robbie, but we must do something or we'll freeze to death I can't find the trail as it's all full of snow and everything looks alike."

"It's It's . . . beautiful," Robbie said. "The Lord is dressing everything in white and it looks so clean and pure. I like it, Grandpa, and I think it's fun to be lost so long as I'm with you."

"If I only knew about where we were I may enjoy it some too," Grandpa said, looking about him, "but I can't seem to get my bearings."

"But God knows where we are, Grandpa, and that's the main thing."

"Right you are, my dear boy. That's the main thing. Let's talk to Him about our troubles, shall we?" and the pair knelt beneath the snow laden boughs of the drooping spruce tree.

"Come, Sonny boy," Grandpa said reverently and confidently, as he began leading the lad on into the forest.

"Do you know now, Grandpa? Did the Lord show you where to go to get home?"

"We're going by faith, dear boy, and wherever He leads us is perfectly all right with me," Grandpa said sweetly.

"The storm's getting worse," Robbie said, nearly shouting to make his voice heard above the howling blizzard. All he got for an answer was a tight, firm squeeze on his little hand and a reassuring smile from his godly Grandfather.

On and on they plodded, never once stopping for rest or breath. At one time Grandpa almost fell and Robbie noticed his cheeks were pale looking in spite of the bitter cold wind.

"Let's rest, Grandpa. I feel so tired," Robbie finally shouted, but the elderly man kept going on, knowing that to rest meant certain death. On and on they walked, not knowing where to, but confident of Whom was leading; and then, miracle of miracles, a funny looking, crudely built cabin loomed up before them.

"A house! A house, Grandpa!" Robbie shouted in great excitement.

"Thank God!" was all the big strong man could say as he turned the latch on the door and entered the sheltering place.

"It's not like Grandma's big farm house," Robbie said, once inside and after he had carefully surveyed his surroundings. "Only one chair, a rickety wooden table and a funny looking stove and a . . . a . . . bed," and the lad cast his weary body down upon it.

"Let's start a fire," Grandpa said. "Then I shall remove your damp clothes," and he found a few matches, some paper and wood chips and in a short time there was a warm golden fire in the black pot-bellied stove.

"Wonder who lives here," Robbie said, after his feet and hands were warmed.

"Perhaps some trapper or hunter built it for his hunting or trapping expeditions, but God lent it to us for this time. Praise His worthy Name!" and Grandpa fell to his knees and began thanking the Lord for the seclusion and warmth of the rustic cabin.

"Looks like we'll be spending the night here," Grandpa finally said, looking through the one small window to the outdoors where the storm was raging in great fury. "Guess we may as well prepare for the night and get some sleep."

"But what about poor Grandmother! Won't she worry?" the boy asked.

"Grandma knows how to trust the Lord, too, Sonny boy. God has already reassured her heart that we're all right; I've asked Him to do it and I know He has. So have no fears but let us get some rest," and the pair crawled beneath the warm covers. Grandpa's big hand found his grandson's small hand and, taking it fondly between his, he said, "Robbie, isn't this wonderful! This storm reminds me of sin and Satan."

"It... It... does?" Robbie asked. "How?"

"Well," Grandpa began reverently, "the person who has found Jesus in saving grace and sanctifying power has a wonderful peace and rest on the inside of his soul. Outside the devil may batter, beat, hound, harass, and storm that man's soul, but, so long as the individual stays covered by Jesus' precious blood and remains close to His side, the snarls and storms of the devil can never touch nor harm his soul. Oh, it's amazing and wonderful, Robbie. We, who are Christians,

have a refuge from the devil. This is found only by abiding in Christ. Just listen to that wind and blizzard howling! It's on the outside, though, and can't harm us. It's so cozy and warm inside -- just like my soul -- it has a great calm and a secure refuge in Jesus. Blessed be God!" and sleep overtook the pair.

Outside, the blizzard raged and piled the snow in big drifts around the little cabin but all were safe within, sheltered and protected by God. A refuge from the storm!

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A CHOSEN PEOPLE FOR A CRISIS TIME

By Sherrill Stiles

"Who knoweth whether thou art come to the Kingdom for such a time as this" Esther 4:14

God has always had a few redeemed, purified, peculiar, and zealous people in the midst of a wicked, godless world, and He always will. His followers have never been in the majority (never will be); instead they have always been in the minority, but their attitude is the same as that of Woodrow Wilson when he said, "It is better to be identified with a small minority that seems to be losing now, but will ultimately win, than with a gigantic throng that seems to be winning now, but will ultimately lose." God's people, though few in number, are assured of certain victory. Praise God!

History reveals the fact that whenever the light of true Biblical, radical holiness has begun to flicker, grow dim, and seemingly almost going out, God has always raised up individuals and churches to carry the torch of old-fashioned, second blessing holiness to another generation. Really that is the very essence of our being in existence as a church today.

When God calls and raises up any crowd for a particular time there is always a definite purpose. With that purpose is always an obligation on the part of the people to perform also; if they are to continue to keep God's favor, His presence, and the Shekinah glory in their midst. It's only as we endeavor to fulfill our obligation that we continue to reach out, expand, and do exploits for God.

Our attitude in the midst of adversity and discouraging circumstances toward our responsibility should be the same as that of Esther when she said, "If I perish, I perish."

God has called us; we have answered and have accepted the commission that he has thrust upon us in these perilous days. We, as a people and as a church, have now come to the Kingdom for this time and for this crisis hour.

First we are come to the Kingdom for this time to continue to PREACH AN EXPERIMENTAL RELIGION. Today more new churches are being built, church membership is increasing, mental acceptance of Christ is a popular term, but fewer people are really knowing what it is to have a heartfelt, personal experience with God.

The Old-Time religion that we believe and preach gives one deliverance from the habits and bondage of sin, satisfies every longing of the soul, and prepares one for death. A wonderful thing about the experience of regeneration is that we can know when every sin is covered by the blood for "His spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are the sons of God." The chorus of that old song which H. L. Cox wrote expresses the language of the soul when he said, "But it's real, Oh, I know it's real, Praise God the doubts are settled and I know, I know it's real."

The experience of Holiness is just as real as the experience of regeneration. Holiness is more than just a doctrine that we preach or a theory that we believe; it is an experience of grace that we can have with God. It is instantaneously wrought by the Holy Ghost, in which every trait of carnality is eradicated out of the soul, and the heart is purified holy.

It's a heart-felt experience that brings the shouts of victory in our services, makes the testimonies ring, has people running the aisle, and the countenance on one's face shining with a heavenly radiance. We must ever insist that seekers keep praying, seeking until they know beyond any doubt that God has met the need of their hearts.

Another reason that God has called us for this hour is to **COMBAT FALSE DOCTRINE**. There has never been a time in which there is so much spiritual confusion among people as there is today. (That's the reason our people must be so indoctrinated until they know what they believe and why they believe it.) There are so many doctrines being preached, church's are almost without number, until people wonder just which is the right one, for all are seemingly striving for the same objective.

The Bible clearly teaches that there is a true religion and also a false. Any church or preacher that denies the virgin birth of Jesus, takes the atoning efficacy out of the Blood, teaches a sinning religion, and that one has to speak in an unknown tongue before he can know the Blessed Holy Ghost abides, according to the Bible, is preaching or teaching a false doctrine.

Our purpose is not to fight and throw mud at other churches, but we must endeavor to present to the world a religion that is practical, sensible, livable, and Biblical. The Old-Time religion that the Bible teaches and we preach, includes every one of these characteristics. Even in these days God is faithful to lead every honest heart out of the darkness and into His marvelous light.

God has also placed us in this crisis hour to **KEEP A DISTINCT LINE OF DEMARCATION FROM THE WORLD**. The attitude of many people and of the professed Holiness churches in these apostate days is that the standards that used to be essential to having an experience with God are now only a matter of individual conscience instead of being essential to salvation. This attitude has slowly but surely erased the line of demarcation between the church and the world until one now can freely go to the ball games, bowling alleys, watch T. V., bob her hair (even give home permanents), wear short dresses and immodest attire, indulge in mixed bathing, and desecrate the Sabbath by joy riding and buying, yet profess and testify to know that Christ is his Saviour and Sanctifier.

The drift is on to compromise, tolerate sin, and not worry about so many no-harm things and nonessentials. May we never be caught in this drift of compromise. Men may have erased the line of demarcation as far as they're concerned, but God still has His line drawn and always will have. Sin is just as black as it's always been, and His attitude toward sin will never change. He still insists that one must live a Holy life, separate from the world, abstain from every appearance of evil, in order to keep His favor and stay in right relationship with Him.

God help us who are "called" messengers to lift our voice like a trumpet and proclaim the full counsel of God, not thinking about personal gain or popularity, but being true to the souls of men and women.

Last we are come to the Kingdom for this hour to RESCUE THE PERISHING. Our churches are not to be just an admiration society, but a lighthouse, a soul saving station, a refuge for a brokenhearted, lost humanity who are on their way to an endless eternity without God. Unless we are very careful, after we get a nice church building, a new parsonage, a good salary, Sunday School attendance running a good number, we will begin to forget the purpose of all the toil and sacrifice for our being in existence. It's then that we begin to relax, coast, and be satisfied with our present accomplishments. We may even try to hide behind the excuse that this is a harder day to win people to God, when really it could be that we have lost a compassionate heart, the vision, and are just too lazy to call, weep, and pray for souls.

It is told that a church had the scripture found in Proverbs 29:18a "Where there is no vision, the people perish" hanging on the outside of their church. As the years sped by the "W" finally fell off of the "where" and the sign read like this: "Here there is no vision, the people perish." We may never have a sign like this hanging on our church building, but this could be the condition of our church. We must keep the vision like John Wesley when he said, "The world is my parish," and like the Apostle Paul when he spoke the words, "I am DEBTOR both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise."

We can already see the storm clouds gathering in the distant horizon, the thunder is beginning to roar, lightnings are flashing across the sky, and we know that time is running out, the rapture is about to take place and countless souls are lost.

God has placed us in this hour for a purpose and entrusted us with a great responsibility. We must not fail, but endeavor by God's help to stand in the gap, make up the hedge, and be faithful until we hear the words of our Saviour as He says: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of the Lord."

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