When the Japs Invaded Malaya

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The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them.” Psalm 34:7.

“The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth.” Psalm 145:18.

From the time I left the United States—it will soon be five years ago—until now the promises which the Lord gave me have been fulfilled. He was ever present and fulfilled His word in every time of need. In language study, which is very difficult for all missionaries, God helped me through. God was there in the time of trial. He was there in the time of difficulty. He was there in time of sadness, in the hour of sadness and in the lonely hours the promises of God were fulfilled.

On that fatal morning after war had been declared, I went down to visit a Chinese woman who was helping me in the mission. I noticed cars were racing here and there. Motorcycles and bicycles seemed to be on every side and a few planes could be heard overhead. The very air was charged with some kind of excitement. I arrived at the home of the Chinese girl. Her face was very pale as she said, “Have you heard the news?” I could see from her face that it was something very tremendous. I said, “No, what is it?” She said, “The news has just come over the radio that Singapore was bombed last night.”

At that time I was in Kuala Lumpur, which is 250 miles inland from Singapore.

We went from home to home and encouraged the hearts of the children of God, giving them promises from the Word. Later that day we received news over the radio that Penang, 250 miles north of us, was not only being bombed, but that the Japanese army was already invading the shores of Malaya. We knew that unless God undertook there were hard days ahead for the people of Malaya. The promises of God were so real to us at that time, it seemed we could reach out and take hold of them.

God especially brought to my remembrance an incident that had taken place in America. It was when I first left Bible School and was going to the Mountains in Kentucky with two other young ladies. We were traveling by automobile, and when we came to Texas, a terrible storm arose. The rain came down in sheets until a formerly dry river bed before us was a roaring river twenty-five feet deep. We did not know what to do, but as we lifted our hearts to God, He directed us to a home where we found refuge and shelter from the storm. After the storm had ceased and the waters had subsided, we walked over the place, where but a few days before there had been a roaring river sweeping everything in its pathway and leaving destruction behind. Homes had been destroyed, trees uprooted, and eight lives had been lost. In the midst of the river bed was a huge rock, and in the rock I saw a little hole. Curiously I stooped down and looked into the hole, and what do you think I saw? There was a little flower untouched by the storm which had passed over it, hidden away in the crevice of that rock—blooming!

And so, in Malaya God brought to my remembrance this incident which had taken place many years ago, and showed me that we can be just as safe as that little flower in the storm that was raging across the land. Let the storms come, we would be safe in Him who is the Rock of Ages.

As I went around to visit the Chinese people I told them that Jesus was their Rock of Ages, that they could put their trust in Him. He could hide them from the invading army, and give courage of heart. The 91st Psalm was made so real to everyone of us.

Penang was captured and the enemy began to draw nearer and nearer to Kuala Lumpur. People who had been in Penang told us how the planes that came over the island dropped pamphlets saying, “Asia for the Asians; we are not against the Asians, we are against the Europeans.” While these leaflets were being dropped from the planes, people came out from their air-raid shelters. As they stood reading the pamphlets planes swooped down and machine-gunned hundreds of them. It was not the Europeans, it was the Asians who suffered most, and yet the Japanese said they were for the Asians—they were brothers who needed to stand together.

The people suffered during those days, not only by the Japanese but also by the natives themselves, who looted the stores which had been bombed, and were now untended, and drank to their fill of the whiskey, wine, and other (See Page Ten)
The question I want to ask is this: Is our modern revival deep enough? Is the sort of revival which we are accustomed to today having a deep enough effect upon the lives of men and women?

First of all, I do thank God for all we have seen. There is a glorious side to the revival which God is giving us. In many places we have seen that the modern revival is breaking down indifference, and in some places the largest halls have been necessary to accommodate the crowds that gather. We are finding that the gospel in its fulness has a grip upon men and women.

I praise God that the revival we are now having is bringing back a testimony to the supernatural, for I am positive that God wants the church to have such a testimony. I thank God for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and for all it is bringing back of the supernatural in our personal experience. I say to the Pentecostal people, If you let down on the supernatural you are failing God. If you can win the crowd only by letting down on the supernatural, beware of the crowd. May God help us to put Him first. I also want to thank God for all He has been doing on the line of Divine Healing.

The next thing I rejoice over is that this present modern Pentecostal revival has brought a deep satisfaction in the Christian experience of many believers who at one time were unsatisfied. I rejoice in a Christ that satisfies my heart. I am rejoicing in an experience that satisfies the longing of the soul. I do not mean that I have all there is to get, but I am rejoicing in an "unsatisfied satisfaction." The dominant note wherever I go is joy, and the dominant feature of our meetings is singing. Oh, we get the song crowd! We cannot help it, for we have the song in our hearts. May the Lord keep the joy and the song ever with us, for it is attracting to a weary world. But when I get home from meetings I usually do some thinking. And when I settle down before God and think over these things which have stirred my heart deeply, I ask myself this question more and more: Is our modern revival deep enough?

Everywhere I go I find indications of shallowness. The modern revival is very bright and happy, but I fear it is also very shallow, and I am deeply concerned about that because I do not believe that which satisfies the heart of God is shallow. God is working for eternity, and when I find shallowness I am afraid of the consequences.

One of the things which I find in the modern revival is a great tendency to get the congregation happy and get them all singing and smiling and the general slogan of the modern evangelist seems to be, "Are you happy? Everybody happy?" He wants them to say "Amen," and so he drills them in this, and for the first two or three nights everyone shouts, "Amen." If I understand my Bible aright, a real revival begins by making everyone unhappy. Real happiness begins with unhappiness where sinners are concerned. The mighty revivals of our fathers' days used to make congregations weep instead of laugh. Are we right in asking a congregation where there are many sinners, whether everyone is happy? They ought not to be happy.

I feel the same way about our Baptisms in the Holy Spirit. They seem shallow. I have seen young people, almost immediately after they get up from their knees, talk about the most frivolous things. I do not believe, if you have a real infilling of the Holy Spirit, that you will behave like that. The genuine Baptism leaves you for days (if not weeks) as if you were walking in another world, and it takes you some time to get adjusted. The real Baptism makes an indelible impression on your life. Some of us received the real thing in days gone by, and we are anxious to see others getting the same today.

Another thing that convinces me that we are too shallow today is the behavior both before and after our services. One of the things that grieves me in so many places is the buzz of conversation that goes on right up till the song leader announces the first song. I fear we have lost the sense of the presence of God. I always remember what an elder of my church in Edinburgh said to me one time. I found that my church was one buzz of conversation before the meeting began, and it grieved me so that I prayed about it in the service. It was then that this elder said to me, "I agree with you, but I got so tired of the frozen attitude of the Presbyterian Church that when I came into Pentecost I was glad to feel the free spirit." Now I am not advocating a freezing atmosphere; by all means let us keep that family spirit, but let us remember that our great Father is in our midst. I was brought up from childhood to bow my head in a few moments of silent prayer when I first entered the house of God, and I wish we all might have that habit now.

But if the behavior before the service troubles me, the behavior after the service is of still greater concern. The place seems to be one roar of conversation as soon as the meeting is dismissed. In some places where we have had a stream of people at the altar, some seeking salvation and others the Baptism, you could hardly collect your thoughts enough to pray for the seekers because of the buzz of conversation in the audience. It shows a shallowness somewhere. I feel that if we must come back to a sense of awe and wonder when God is working! I think of some glorious times when God has been baptizing in the Holy Spirit when others who were privileged to be present would feel the presence of the Lord so that they wanted to take their shoes off their feet!

Another thing that concerns me is the easy backsliding today. I am afraid it is because they come in so quickly that they go out so quickly. If you get a thing cheaply you don't appreciate it very much, but if you pay a price for it, it is precious. When in California some years ago I was privileged to have dinner with a Japanese brother, a sincere Christian. He opened up his heart to me that night and said, "You know I am seeking the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, but time and time again I have been tempted to have nothing to do with the Pentecostal people because I have been so distressed over the levity which I have seen in their meetings. But while I have seen all that, I realize that God is in the movement." Then he continued, "You know I am a wholesale china merchant and I find that I can buy up the cheap china in great quantities and sell it again as quickly as I buy it, but when I have a very choice piece of china, something that I have taken great trouble to get, it sometimes takes me months to sell that. I feel that is the way with your people. It may take a little longer and go slower and it may take a deeper work, but quality always pays in the long run."

Friends, my Pentecost cost me something, but I find every time that that which takes time is more precious. Let us beware of that which is shallow. O Lord, do a deeper work, and if it is to begin with the preachers (and I believe it is), then, Lord, make it begin with them.

The next thing that puts a question mark in my heart is the lack of holiness which is most deplorable. In the last few months God has been causing me to speak often on the subject of Sanctification, and people are working for God for it, I am rather concerned about this habit we have of always presenting the gospel in a fourfold way. Dr. A. B. Simpson started it, but in his four essentials he left out the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. We have picked up the slogan, have put it in the Baptist, but unfortunately we have left out sanctification. Let me say that I should rather have a five-fold gospel and include sanctification than a fourfold gospel without it. O the tragedy of how we have seen because of the lack of holiness! Mighty men of God right in the forefront of the battle are falling! May the Lord give us an increase of holiness. A revival that does not produce holiness does not go deep enough.

The third question mark in my heart, which is giving me the gravest concern, is the meaning of the supernatural. Although God sent and used revival to get the supernatural, the supernatural is getting less and less. I was in a camp meeting some time ago where God graciously met us in old-time power. A young woman in that meeting who had been in Pentecostal work for eighteen months, said, "That is the first time I have heard a message in tongues with the interpretation." I went to another revival and the Spirit of God came upon a brother minister and myself and we had prophecy with tongues and interpretation and the
pastor of that assembly took me into his office and said, “Brother Gee, we haven’t had that happen in this church for over two years.” I could give other like instances. You can imagine that I was full of praise to God when, in a large Bible School recently I found real Pentecost. May God keep “Pentecost” with us! I believe that we must have a manifestation of the Spirit of God among us. I find everywhere that the meetings are running into a rut; we start with three hymns, then we have requests for prayer, etc., and the whole thing runs according to program, but in a real, live, Pentecostal church we should never know what will take place next! There is order, but there is also life, and that inflection of the Holy Spirit that always marks the work of God. A real Pentecostal meeting is nothing less than the gate of heaven.

If you were to ask me what I believed to be the deepest need among us, I would say that the deepest need of every revival is repentance. If repentance is not in a revival it does not go deep enough. “Then began he to upbraid the cities where most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not.” Matt. 11:20. There must be repentance before there can be a real revival. I am afraid we are missing God’s first word to sinners, and His first word to them is not “believe,” but “repent.” When John the Baptist came to preach, his first word was “Repent!” when the Lord Jesus began His ministry His first word was “Repent!” When He gave that matchless picture of the prodigal son, it becomes blacker and blacker until at last the young man comes to himself and he says, “I will arise and go to my father.” His father never moved a step to meet him until the son took the first step. Repentance came first. On the Day of Pentecost, under the fresh fire of the Spirit of God, Peter’s first word to their inquiry as to what they should do, was, “Repent and be baptized.”

Repentance is the prerequisite of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. I am wondering if that is not why some of our present-day Baptisms are so shallow—lack of repentance.

If we do not repent, what is the alternative? Is the alternative to remain in sin without repentance? If you do away with repentance, which is a change of mind and the heart toward sin, the alternative is, men’s hearts will not be broken; they will not be touched nor moved; hence it will be a superficial work.

The Lord Jesus gave us a picture for all time of a revival without repentance in His Parable of the Sower. There was stony ground. Read that significant picture in Matthew 13:5, and then notice verses 20 and 21, where He gives us an interpretation of His own parable. The man had lost his joy. He had received the seed with joy but when tribulation came along he fell by the wayside. These stony-ground people receive the gospel with joy; they love to sing and clap their hands and they say, “Oh this is wonderful!” They receive it with joy, but the Lord says, “they have no root.” Then He said, by and by, when tribulation and persecution came, then the wind and rain would come, and under it warn you that persecution is coming. Let a real preacher preach the Word and you will soon see a thinning-out process begin. You can always get a crowd when you stoop to methods that touch the emotions, but when you begin giving the strong Word of God you will often see the crowd sitting down. A beautiful thing about people who have repented is that they love the Word. The more the Word searches the more they love it. So often we find people getting offended and then they run off to some other church or mission. If you do that you have never repented as you should.

Our Lord could see what was ahead. He knew that the sunshine wouldn’t always last. He knew that persecution was sure to come and He was anxious that these to whom He was preaching in the sunshine should get established so that they would stand when troubles came. Let us learn to find the way in the light and then we shall know it in the dark. Learn to trust God, while it is yet easy, and when the storm breaks it will be instinctive.

I should like to in a few words to show how we can have a revival of repentance. What methods may we adopt to bring about a deeper work? The thing that distresses me is that under my ministry I do not see more men and women broken down; I want to keep them moving, and I am praying that God will give me a greater anointing of the Spirit. One of the most delightful experiences in Finland took place in one of the midday Bible studies. A roughly-dressed man whose burlly young son had driven in from the farm, was present. The old man was covered with the soil of the country, but he loved to hear the Word. I remember how he came stumbling to the altar. I didn’t understand his language, so was unable to talk to him, but some of the brethren helped him, and after a few moments he got up and there, where he had knelt, was a puddle of tears and the old man’s face was shining with the glory of God. I said, “Oh, God, give me more of that.”

How can we have a revival of repentance? I believe three things are necessary for this. We need more solid preaching of judgment. We need more solid preaching of judgment. Let God tell men and women that there is a place where work will be tested, the wood and the stubble will be burned, but the gold and silver will remain. Oh for more preaching along this line! But our preachers will never preach it until they tremble before the judgment seat themselves.

The second thing is this, if we want repentance, we are absolutely helpless until the Holy Spirit gives it. It is the Spirit of God that moves men to repentance and unless the Lord moves, they will not repent. But I believe that the Spirit of God is ever ready to move men to repentance. If you preach without the Spirit of God you will soon make men hard, so our greatest need is the blessed Holy Spirit. If the ground has to be broken up, you have to have more than a shower; you must have rain from heaven. I remember the old farm in England, and how in the hot, scorching summer the time came when we could not plow the ground; it was not till we had a fresh shower of rain that we could put the plowshare in. Friends, even our plowing with the Word is only superficial, until you get real showers from heaven. Oh, God, send us the showers! “Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain.” Preaching alone will never give the desired result. We need showers of heavenly grace. Pray that God will pour out His Spirit once again.

While we are dependent upon the Spirit of God, I do believe that God will use and bless an anointed ministry. Oh, I am hungry to see an anointed ministry! A ministry that produces repentance because the preachers have seen the King, the Lord of hosts, and they have realized in His spotless, shining presence, what sin is. When a man comes out from that presence he comes out with something resting upon him that brings the grace of the Lord upon the people.

Let us pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the preacher and upon everyone of us until the ground is softened by the ‘latter rain’ and until we have a deeper revival that produces repentance and after it has produced that, will keep us broken, melted and softened before the Lord.

A Priest and Christ

A priest of a French-Canadian Roman Church was reading a New Testament one Saturday night. While on his knees this scripture came to him, “The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” He rose from his knees, saying to himself, “Accept the gift and love the Giver,” and spent all that night in prayer and praise.

Next morning, in the church which he had founded twenty-five years before, he renounced the priesthood before the assembled worshippers. His people rose in different parts of the church, and said, “Father, what is the matter?” He said, “Last night on my knees I accepted Jesus Christ as my all-sufficient Saviour.”

Then the thought came to him, What God has done for me, why can He not do for my dear people? He preached for an hour and three quarters, and then asked all who accepted Christ to rise. A thousand rose. Not more than thirty families clung to Rome. So began Chiniquy’s winning of 20,000 souls from priestly absolution to divine pardon.

Shall we see you at the Interstate Camp Meeting to be held in Springfield, Missouri August 20 to 30, inclusive? T. J. Jones and Watson Argue will be the main speakers. Einar Waermo, Swedish tenor, will minister in gospel song. See the back page of the August 1st Evangel for detailed information.
Walking Before the Lord

The Lord said to Abraham, “Walk before Me, and be thou perfect.” Gen. 17:1.

Men review the life of Abraham and criticize what they call his “lapses of faith” in Egypt, in Gerar, and in the matter of Hagar. But God, who saw the heart attitude of this man, made Abraham His friend, and the Holy Spirit calls him “the Friend of God.” James 2:23.

There was no large audience when Abraham, in obedience to the word of the Lord, went to mount Moriah to offer up Isaac. There were no historians, no reporters, no photographers in that mountain. Even the servants were left behind. But the eyes of the Lord were upon His servant. He appreciated his quiet faith in Himself, his restful assurance that even though he slew his son, He would raise him from the dead. For Abraham had said to his servants before he went up the mountain, “I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.”

Obedience is one of the highest forms of worship. God saw the worshipful attitude of Abraham, the desire to please Him always, and gave him His blessing on that mount, saying, “In blessing will I bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply ... and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.”

The Son of God walked before His Father, and was perfect. He was content to live in a town despised by all, so that it had become a byword in Israel, “Can any good come out of Nazareth?” He led a life of lowly subjection to Joseph and Mary. It is written of Him, “He was despised and rejected of men.” Isa. 53:3. This does not refer only to Calvary. He was despised and rejected all through His life. Even His own brethren did not believe in Him. Joseph and Mary did not understand Him. But His Heavenly Father saw that lowly life of obedience in the days of His obscurity, and gave witness on the day of His manifestation, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” Men might despise Him, and call Him a gluttonous man and a winebibber, but He who always saw the attitude of trustful obedience, was always pleased with the perfect walk of His Son.

And the Son of God says to those who are His own sheep, “Follow Me.” They are to follow closely in the footsteps of Him who walked before the Father, and was perfect. There may be much trial and testing and tribulation in such a walk. If the Son of God was misunderstood, maligned, unappreciated, can His followers expect to be understood and appreciated? They are not to look for the appreciation and the plaudits of men. They too can count on being despised and rejected, but they are to walk before God and seek ever to have a perfect attitude of faith and love toward Him.

The walk of the saint may not always be perfect before other saints. Paul accused Peter and others of dissembling. Peter may have been slow to apprehend the message of grace than Paul; but later, when a fuller revelation had come, he put his full endorsement to the writings of the one whom he lovingly calls “our beloved brother Paul.”

Both Peter and Paul learned to walk before God with a perfect attitude of heart. Paul tasted the cup his Master had drunk, and as he followed in the steps of Him whom the disciples forsook, he could say, “All in Asia have forsaken me.” Peter too knew of the suffering that would be the part of every saint, and says to us, “Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind... Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you ... but rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ’s sufferings; that, when His glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.” 1 Peter 4:1, 12, 13.

He who did not fail to bless Abraham for his walk of faithful obedience will not fail to “bless and multiply” those who faithfully follow the Lamb “whithersoever He goeth” and are obedient to the heavenly vision which He gives.—S. H. F.

Peace Through the Blood of the Cross

The Word is full of the power, of the purpose, of the preciousness of the blood of the Son of God. The power of the blood is exhaustless. The efficacy of the blood is endless. For we are redeemed by the blood of Christ, and kept eternally redeemed by that blood.

The blood of the Lamb of God is the theme of the song of heaven: “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing. For Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation.” Rev. 5:12, 9.

We are saved through the laying down of the life of the Son of God. Life laid down gave life to the lifeless, and the quickened ones are saved eternally through the power of the precious blood of Christ, and brought by the Holy Spirit into unity with Him who through the Eternal Spirit offered Himself unto God. The Holy Spirit quickens, brings in force, and applies the shed blood of the Lamb of God.

John the Baptist saw the Lamb of God, but He did not see the blood. Prophets of old prophesied of the Lamb that was to be slain. Isaiah saw Him as a sheep led to the slaughter. He did not see the blood of Christ, but He was saved by virtue of it. He is singing and praising today in Paradise by virtue of the blood of his Redeemer. They looked forward to the Antitype; we look backward to Calvary. We and they are bound by the same blood which was slain.

The blood is discounted by many today, even by many professing Christians. Why? Because they have not a personal vital interest in it. Who magnify the blood of Christ most today? Those who see its value. The hosts of the redeemed in heaven sing about the blood of the Lamb because of its virtue and power which brought them there.

God will have the blood of the Son of God honored, magnified, exalted, not merely in the remote future but in the present time. How do we know this? Because of the prominence given to it in the Word of God. Peter, John, and Paul set forth the value of the blood of Christ in their Spirit-inspired writings. They knew its power, for they themselves had been redeemed by it.

No Blood—no redemption.
No Blood—no song.
No Blood—no life.

The masterstroke of Satan was Calvary. He saw his mistake after the resurrection, and for 1900 years he has tried to undo his mistake. How? By minimizing, nullifying and explaining away the power, the efficacy, and the potency of the blood that flowed on Calvary.

The children of Israel were commanded to cover with dust the blood spilt in hunting. Ever since Calvary, Satan has been throwing dust into the eyes of those who would be saved. Praise God, there is enough evidence to destroy all the devil’s dust, and enable men to see what God sees in the blood of the begotten Son of God.

You do not need a chemical examination to understand the nature of the component parts of the blood of the Lamb of God in order to be saved, any more than a drowning man needs to know where the hemp was made, or what type of hemp it was. The Spirit of God says that the blood is precious, more precious than gold or silver. Rest on God’s estimate of the blood of Christ, and then you will have the peace of God for the remainder of your life.

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“The Lord is my shepherd”—not war, nor may be, nor will be. “The Lord is my shepherd,” is on Sunday, is on Monday, and is through every day of the week; is in January, is in December, and every month of the year; is at home, and is in China; is in peace, and is in war; in abundance and in penury.—J. Hudson Taylor.
Victory in Lonely Places
Carrie Judd Montgomery

There seems to be a place of separatedness, a being alone with God, to which a soul is called before it can receive great blessing from His hands. To know the secret place of the Most High is to dwell in “the secret of his tabernacle,” most blessed and precious; but the path leading to this place of blessing is a lonely one, where we are cut off from dependence upon those dear friends who have been our support in times past. Not necessarily are we deprived of them, but a separation comes between, so far as mere human relationships are concerned, which drives us deeper into God.

God has many ways of bringing about this separation. Sometimes friends are allowed to blame us, to misunderstand us, to withhold their sympathy; sometimes separation comes in a much more severe way. Let us not chafe at these things, but accept them as a part of God’s plan to drive us into a lonely place where He can be all in all to us. It is into the “wilderness” that He allows His chosen one, that He may speak to her heart, and betroth her unto Himself forever. Hosea 2:14-19. Is not this calling high and grand and exceeding great reward. First he was called his name, but after he has received the desired blessing, he has no doubt as to the personality of the wonderful stranger: “I have seen God face to face.”

It is reserved for us in this dispensation of light and blessing to know the Name hidden from Jacob and hidden also from Manoah, for the Angel said to the latter, “Why askest thou thus after my name, seeing it is secret” (or wonderful)? That secret Name has now been revealed, and through it we find access to the Father. “Then shall he call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins.” Matt. 1:21. Wonderful, blessed thought that the same Jesus who wrestled all night with Jacob is here to wrestle and prevail with us until He changes our name and nature. Only then He appeared in angel form; and now, made like unto His brethren, in human guise, so tender, so touched with the feeling of our infirmities. Dear Lord, help us to cry in faith born from our own defeat and sorrow, “I will not let thee go, except Thou bless me.”

Abraham’s Separated Life

In Isaiah 51:2 we read of Abraham, “I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him.” We know how alone Abraham was in that wonderful walk of faith, and yet all through it the Lord Himself was his exceeding great reward. First he was called apart from country, and kindred, and even from his “father’s house.” Gen. 12:1. Then followed the separation from Lot, who had gone with him: “they separated themselves one from the other.” Gen. 13:11. Later on there was the loneliness of that strange and awful experience; “with the deep sleep” and the “horror of great darkness fell upon him,” and the affliction which would come upon his seed in the land of Egypt was revealed to him.

And who can comprehend the intense loneliness of that terrible journey “into the land of Moriah,” and “the mount of the Lord”? But if the loneliness of that trip was intense, the blessing which followed was correspondingly great, as by faith he saw the day of Christ, and was glad. Who can measure that gladness as he received Isaac back from death, in a figure, and believed the promise: “In thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed,” and realized both by types and by God’s Word that God had indeed proved Himself a Lamb for a burnt offering?

Moses’ Lonely Years

Again we read of Moses fleeing from the face of Pharaoh and dwelling in the land of Midian all those lonely years of training. He had left friends, wealth, privilege; and yet the saddest thought of all must have been that he had made a failure of God’s work, which he had felt called to do—that of delivering his brethren. Self-effort had come in, and it had all proved a dismal failure.

Perhaps some one who reads these lines may be suffering in just this way, but, if so, it is well for you to remember that the failure was necessary, and the years of loneliness and separation were likewise necessary, in order to prepare Moses for the wonderful call to stand alone, to take God’s service which followed. And it was when Moses was alone, in the back side of the desert, removed from all distractions, that God “appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush.” Ex. 3:2. With somewhat of his former impulsiveness Moses exclaims, “I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.” Oh, how often men’s efforts to see why prevent their receiving His wonderful call. Moses hides his face. Following this there is the wonderful commission to do in God’s strength what he had before failed to do in his own, and in the faith of God he could return to Egypt “not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing Him who is invisible.”

The Forsaken Saviour

And what shall we say of the lonely walk of Jesus the God man? He lived a life of loneliness while He walked among men. Even His disciples often failed to understand Him. He went again and again into lonely mountain places to pray. He was alone in His agony in the garden, for the weary disciples fell asleep and could not watch with Him even one hour. He trod the winepress alone, and at last knew the forsaking even of God Himself, who turned away His face from the awful burden of sin He was bearing for us.

Alone, yet never alone, for His testimony was, “For I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me.” John 8:16. Thus shall it be true of Christ’s separated ones; though forced by pressure of circumstances (permitted by God) to stand alone, yet that very loneliness shall press them closer into fellowship with Christ, and they shall realize His love as never before. To His call to take up our cross and follow Him, let us gladly answer, in the language of the hymn:

“I’ll stand for Christ, for Christ alone,
Amid the tempest and the storm;
Where Jesus leads, I’ll follow on,
I’ll stand, I’ll stand for Christ alone.”

A preacher had been preaching against people falling prostrate before God, and later on in the service announced the hymn: “All hail the power of Jesus’ name, let angels prostrate fall.”

Our expectations will be great as we base them on God’s faithfulness.
Treasures of Darkness

Constance Eady, South India

I want you to share our joy in the souls God is giving us among these simple village people—truly treasures of darkness, for we have to go into the darkness to get them; but every tunnel leads but into the sunlight, and with Him there is no darkness at all.

A short time ago the people from surrounding villages gathered for a little convention at Krishnagiri, the center of our village work. Believing in our own work and the need of Hinduism, there were those still in heathen darkness. As the Word went forth in the power of the Holy Spirit, deep conviction fell on the people, and there was confession of sin, accompanied with cries to God for mercy and forgiveness. Altogether eighty-six were saved during the convention. Many were healed of various diseases and in one meeting six received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Mockers Silenced

One of our boys who was saved out of Hinduism entered military service and was sent three days' journey from home. He has received two promotions already because of faithfulness in his work. The Lord also has used him wonderfully among the men in the barracks. One man tried to get him to smoke; but was impressed with Paul's faithfulness in not smoking, and that he is now beginning to believe. Paul started reading the Bible aloud to this man, and at first some of the men in the barracks mocked him, but as he continued to do so, the Bible said, but Jesus, one after another bowed his head. Now a group gathers around each evening while he reads the Word to them. Is that not wonderful?

About two weeks ago as our head evangelist was preaching in a large hall, he had to throw stones at his head. The preacher took no notice but went on preaching, and finally the man stopped throwing stones. The next day he went to the evangelist, weeping, and asking forgiveness for what he had done. That day a soul was born into the kingdom.

His Faithfulness Proved Again

I have just returned from a thrilling time in one of the villages. Our workers have been preaching the gospel there for some time and already thirty have given their hearts to Jesus. We had a little temporary shed where the people gathered together for teaching, but a church was badly needed—so we told the Lord of our need, knowing His promise to supply was certain. Then came mail from home, bringing us a gift to build a church among the онд caste people, with promise of a further gift to come for yet another. You may imagine how our hearts thrilled with praise as again we had proved His faithfulness.

On Monday we set off for the village. Mr. Steedman, our new missionary, of Padu, presented to us our new home and baptism the new converts. The journey was by no means easy. After traveling miles by bus, we were let off by the side of the dusty road, along which we walked a good distance, finally stopping off across many fields. On and on until at last we saw the village. It was good to get there and to find the splendid crowd of workers and villagers awaiting us. First we had a service, then walked to a large tank where Brother Steedman baptized fifteen believers. I wish it were possible to put into words something of my feeling as I saw them file into the water, stand in line, and then each with shining face witness his salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Afterwards there was another precious service when the foundation stone was laid for the new church which was to be built there. The cry went up from our hearts that this might be the birthplace of many souls.

The enemy in very near our gates, but our times are in His dear hand and our eyes are lifted unto Him. We are seeking to strengthen and build up the Indian Christians that they may be strong in the Lord and the power of His might, should trouble come.

INVESTING IN SOULS

This spring Brother and Sister Lewis made some investment in opening up and furnishing a hall at Jubbulpore, North India. "We are not a bit sorry we did so," they write, "for it has more than paid in every way." At the time of writing they were in the midst of a revival which had been in progress for nearly three weeks. The attendance was most encouraging; twenty had been saved and several reclaimed.

One day Brother Lewis was talking to the workers during morning prayers about the faithfulness of Paul to his children, and his longing to do still greater things if we would but fully trust Him. "Sahib ji," spoke up the gardener, "I have no care in the world for what I know God will take care of me and my family. I have such a peace in my heart and am not worrying about what may come because God is on the throne." This man, while not a Christian outwardly, believes in his heart and is awaiting the day when he will be free to take water baptism. As the oldest son of a Hindu family he must perform the funeral rites of his father who according to their belief will otherwise be lost. The father is very old and set in his ways—but prayer changes things. Fray that God will get hold of his heart so that both the father and son may be baptized together.

“The war is drawing nigh our shores here,” says Brother Lewis, “but I must say there is a deep, settled peace in my soul, a peace that only the Lord can give. I present we have no thought of coming home but hope to stay on, trying to do as much as we can for the Master while it is still day, for night cometh when man cannot work. We have all we can do and are kept busy from morning till night trying to help those that come to us. By the help of the Lord we also are endeavoring to establish an Indian Pentecostal church here in Jubbulpore.”

Our Family of Seventy-Five Boys

Mr. and Mrs. Hixenbaugh, Liberia

As our second term of school draws to a close we can testify that the Lord has been with us, helping in a very precious way. We have organized the first group of Christ's Ambassador Boys. The boys go out each week preaching in the towns round about—not easy work, for it brings them from fences, sometimes through drenching rains, crossing swollen rivers, and wading through swamps.

In a recent testimony meeting some of the boys were telling how they were saved. Their testimonies were interesting and we should like to pass one or two on to you.

The Lord Made It Real

One boy whose home is near Monrovia has been saved quite recently. When he came to see last year he could not understand English well enough to get anything from the classes, neither could he understand Barrobo, the language used for the benefit of beginners. At first when he saw the boys praying or on the floor in the hall, the thought was these were they were just playing. He did not understand anything about salvation until the Lord made it real to him one Wednesday afternoon as Mrs. Simmons was preaching. When the time came to call on boys for a testimony, the Lord did not save. Since then he has had a very bright testimony while his life shows evidence of a real born again experience. His tribe has no assurance prayer, so let us pray that this boy will be the one to carry the gospel message to his own people.

Another boy tells that he was very sick. His parents took him to the devil doctor, one of his old family friends, who said he must never eat any fish. "What!" exclaimed the boy, "eat no fish when it be sweet-o!" Someone told him if he would go God's way he could eat and drink anything he wanted except snake meat and fish. After a few days of prayer and fasting the boy decided to try God's way. He is in school now and has found real salvation.

At the beginning of the term when we registered the boys we asked them questions concerning their salvation. Some said they were not sure whether they were saved, but since that time most of these have had a definite experience, and twenty were recently baptized in water.

An Experiment

We are making our first effort at farming. The crop of rice has been planted and is growing nicely. It is more or less an experiment since previous attempts along this line have not proved practical, but with increased prices we thought it might pay this time. There is a great deal of work connected with it, all of which must be done by hand. First, the bush has to be cut off the ground; then comes the planting, done by hand with a little hoe. After this the grass has to be pulled, and every day there must be a number of small boys on watch to keep the birds out of it. Every living thing in this country lives off the rice plant in some way or another. There are so many creatures to eat it while you sleep that one wonders sometimes if there will be a harvest or not. Well, such is life in Africa, any way you look at it.

Your offerings have been received regularly by radio from Springfield, though we have not been able to send back letters of acknowledgment. We appreciate your faithfulness in prayer and giving despite the fact that it has not been possible for us to keep in touch with you.

Group at first meeting in new hall, Jubbulpore. Kathryn Vogler (holding accordion) and the Lewisies are in this picture.
Seven years ago a work was started among the Apache Indians on the San Carlos reservation near Globe, Arizona. This Indian tribe, historically noted for its warlike tendencies, has not been easy to reach with the gospel. Ethel Marshall, our missionary in charge, tells of the long season of patient seed sowing, of the heartaches and disappointments, of the times when it seemed as if the labor of years would be brought to naught.

More than two years passed before they saw the first soul saved—then another long period of waiting until the second was brought into the fold. During the next two years of labor a small number was added to the church. But while some of the seed fell by the wayside, some upon stony places, some among thorns, yet thanks be unto God, other fell into good ground. The faithful sowing brought its reward in due season, and last year revival broke out on the reservation. "Many were saved and destroyed their idols," says Mrs. Marshall, "and the Lord confirmed His Word with miracles of healing. We were forced to close the revival much too soon because our little frame church on the reservation was not large enough to accommodate the crowds. During altar services the piano accordion had to be taken from the building as there was not a vacant spot large enough to place it. All were on their knees crying out to God. He met them there, saving souls and working signs and wonders in their midst. At this time only one received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, but we continued preaching Acts 2:4, claiming the promise that His Word will never fail." 

"After the revival we continued prayer services for about one month, waiting on the Lord from four to six hours daily, and these converts were established in the Lord. There has been a continual reaping ever since."

Last April another revival was held on the reservation under the ministry of Evangelist Thomas. Many were saved, and our workers had cause for rejoicing when 21 were baptized in the Holy Ghost. Since that time others also have received the Baptism.

God is continuing to bless our work among the Apaches, but there is still tremendous handicap, and that is the lack of proper building accommodations. Operations are under way for the construction of a new church which is being built of tufa stone, found on the reservation. It is estimated that about $3,000.00 will be needed to complete the building.

"We are rejoicing, but we pray more."

"We have been feasting on the goodness of God," Arnold Weston writes, from Tamale, Gold Coast. "Last month a number were saved through personal work, and this month the Lord is beginning to work in some of the larger villages.

"Just yesterday the chief, an elderly man, though quite active, confessed his sins before God, knelt and poured out his heart to God. As he knelt and poured out his heart to God in a loud voice, his elders and many of his leading men knelt with him. Judging from the response in the meeting, we estimate that perhaps half or two-thirds of the leading men who were present gave their hearts to God at the same time.

"We rejoice, but we pray more. These precious souls newly born into the kingdom of God are living in a land that is ruled by Satan. They must be kept by the power of God."
GENERAL MACARTHUR'S EXAMPLE

Before he was graduated from West Point, General Douglas MacArthur traveled six times across the Pacific with his old friend Tom Olson in New. Thus America’s toughest general has set a splendid example in systematic Bible reading, an example which all should follow.

WORLD'S BEST SELLER

The Red Cross First Aid textbook is probably the most widely printed book produced by the demands of the war. Over six million copies have already been distributed, and the supply has not even been equal to the demand. However, Religious Digest points out that the Book whose teachings have inspired the Red Cross and every other humanitarian movement, is still the world’s best seller. The output of the various Bible societies and commercial publishers totals approximately twenty-five million copies of the Bible or Bible portions annually.

NORWEGIANs EXECUTED

Five Norwegians were executed by the Nazis recently. Their crime—thieves—told a story of violence had intruded on their lives. Their parents, however, had read the Bible and, in particular, the story of their own home. The Bible was their daily bread. Alli, a thousand miles away in Stockholm, languishes in a concentration camp. They were not killed, but imprisoned and subjected to severe torture. The reason was that they refused to give up their faith. They refused to deny Jesus Christ, their Lord and Saviour. They refused to give up their faith, and so they were executed.

THAT MAN OF SIN

Over the radio an announcer, doubtless entirely unconscious of the prophetic import of his words, recently said: “With the war now literally encircling the globe, with the battles looming up over the Atlantic and the Pacific, and from the Indian Ocean to the Arctic, it is humanly impossible to establish one centralized command over all. The demand is for a superintendent who can take supreme control.” The copperFIELDS are coming. In 2 Thess. 2:3 he is called “that man of sin.” In Dan. 8:23 he is called “a king of fierce countenance.” In Rev. 13:17 he is called “the beast”-and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. Those who will not have the God-man to rule over them will find themselves bowing to this superman—and regretting it bitterly.

PALESTINE'S FUTURE

Dr. Isaac Herzog, Chief Rabbi of Palestine, declared in a recent sermon in Jerusalem that there was no danger of the Germans occupying Palestine. He based his statement upon the Bible. He referred to the present war situation and emphasized that “there is no hint in any of the Holy Scriptures as to a third destruction of the Holy Land.” We wonder how the Chief Rabbi interprets Zechariah 14. That chapter clearly says that Jerusalem “shall be taken, and the houses filled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity” (v. 2), and it goes on to date that even by saying, in the very next verses, that the Lord shall then go forth and fight for Jerusalem and shall arise against the city that goeth upon the mount of Olives—which shall cleave in the midst thereof.” This chapter seems to indicate clearly that the Jews of Palestine will go through great suffering immediately prior to the revelation of the Lord Messiah in glory. What a revelation that will be, when “they shall look upon Me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him.” Zech. 12:10. It will be worth all the sorrow Israel must first endure.

MISSIONARY RETRENCHMENT

At the biennial General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches in June it was announced that the work of 50 missions has dropped 41%, and the average age of their missionaries has risen from 44 to 51.4 years, since 1929. We thank God it has not been so with the Assemblies of God. Through the depression and the following years of world crisis, there has been a steady advance instead of a retrenchment. Our missionaries are not dying off. Young people are continually offering themselves for missionary service and going forth. Even during 1941 our churches sent 17 new missionaries to the field and 21 returned to the field after furlough. Our missionary work has kept growing, and we pray it may continue to grow until Jesus comes, for the loss of visionary work would mean loss of spiritual power.

ISRAEL'S RATIONS

Dr. Robert G. Lee has pointed out that rationing is nothing new, for it was instituted by the Lord as far back as the time of Israel's wilderness wanderings. He also points out that there was a daily ration of manna. They were allowed so much each day, and no more. God's reason for rationing was not because of a shortage of supplies, however; it was, "That I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, as they do in Egypt." God often needs to know whether they would trust Him daily for their daily bread. And though it took the equivalent of 180 freight cars of manna each day to feed these three million Israelites—and the equivalent of 94 freight cars of oil per day—God did not let them lack at any time.

However, not one gallon of wine, not one pint of strong drink, was included in the forty-year provision. They were "a total abstinence people—and not a feeble form among them for forty years!" Is it not significant?

CARRYING ON IN CHINA

Nearly a thousand missionaries of the China Inland Mission are still carrying on in China, according to Frank Houghton, General Director of the C.I.M. in a recent interview he said: "There seems to be an impression that all our workers in occupied China are in concentration camps and completely immobilized. That is completely false. Roughly speaking, 250 of our missionaries were in the area, but as far as we know none of them has up to the present suffered any harm. The great majority are allowed not only to remain in their own homes, but have continued to work in a restricted area; and, generally speaking, they continue to have opportunities of engaging in active missionary work. At the moment our former headquarters in Shanghai, now entirely in the hands of the Japs, is able to keep in touch with all our workers in this occupied region. No funds however can be sent to Shanghai.

In Free China, where we have nearly 700 missionaries, we are completely unimpeded, and find ourselves in the midst of many evangelical opportunities. I would say that this is a day of God in Free China. The Holy Spirit is at work in all the schools, including the official class, and among students, who were relatively inactive before the war. We believe that the religious influence can hardly be overemphasized. I feel strongly that it is in the purpose of God to focus prayer on China, or mobile prayer for China, because she is linked with us as our ally. That Free China and China will become the great power of the Asiatic world, and that such a comparatively large proportion of her Government being Christians, the opportunity for the Christian Church following the war should be upon a very large scale.

BEER AND BIBLES IN HAWAII

One way in which liquor drinking aids America's enemies of war is told by a missionary who was in the Hawaiian Islands in the fall of 1941, as follows:

"Many of the dealers in intoxicants in the Hawaiian Islands have been enemies of our country and are glad to see our men weakened by debauchery. Drunkenness assisted, and still assists, spies in securing information. Drunken seamen and sailors, who are the most frequent of all the occupations and elsewhere are free with information. Nearly all taxi drivers were English-speaking Japanese. They were numb but took in all said by those drunk, or half-drunk, sailors. They could speak English and Japanese. They can be applied to all racial hatreds. There are some who are crying for more hate against our enemies to be shown in our war efforts. Let them be warned that hate is a deadly boomerang, and once its evil fumes are unleashed upon it is like a fire that burns your own hands bringing racial strife, division, and even civil war. Whosoever hates his brother is a murderer." 1 John 3:15.

GIDEON SERVICE TESTAMENTS

Charles Pietch is Federal Housing Administrator for Hawaii and is also an active Gideon. Speaking recently in Chicago, he told of distributing Service Testaments among men of the armed forces, and the work of the Gideon Society. He pointed out that a few hundred thousand New Testaments would be sufficient, but up to this time we have distributed a million and a quarter copies, and at the last executive meeting in Boston it was decided that the Gideon Society shall need from three to five million copies... We have distributed one million copies of the New Testament to the army alone. When in Washington I presented the millionth copy, the late President Roosevelt said the Gideon Society present their Testaments to soldiers, sailors and airmen free, and depend on freewill offerings to defray the cost.

WARNING AGAINST RACIAL HATRED

"Attack the Jews today, and you unleash forces of hatred and persecution that turn against Protestants, Negroes, and Catholics tomorrow. What happened to the Christians in Germany after the Jews were oppressed? The story is too familiar to need repetition. Martin Niemoller (Protestant pastor) languishes in a concentration camp. Pope Pius cries out against what he terms a war of extermination against the Christian faith. Allah has told the people that the Jew is a Christian who co-operates in any manner, even by a studied silence, in the intrigues of the anti-Semitic. The above words are from a Catholic, Prof. F. H. Oesterreich, former Bishop of New York.

And what of our Hebrew brother? He is a Christian, who co-operates in any manner, even by a studied silence, in the intrigues of the anti-Semitic. The above words are from a Catholic, Prof. F. H. Oesterreich, former Bishop of New York.

But the Jews are not alone with the anti-Semites. They are everywhere. The Jews were not alone with the anti-Semites. They are everywhere. To every Jew comes the question: Are you a Jew or are you a Christian? A Christian Jew? A Jew Christian?

The same question is put to every Gentile. Are you a Christian or are you a Jew? A Jewish Christian? A Christian Jew?

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Living Our Religion

Lesson for August 16. Lesson Text: Isaiah 58.

Paul, in writing to Timothy, told that young man that in the "last days," that is, in the days just prior to the coming of the Lord, men would have "a form of godliness" but would deny the power thereof. In other words, the religion of the last days would be characterized by profession without presence, by ritualism without righteousness, by ceremony without sincerity. We see the fulfillment of that prediction very clearly in the day in which we live.

Israel, at the time when Isaiah spoke the words of our lesson text, had the same kind of religion about which Paul spoke. Therefore, the lesson is especially applicable today. And not only to the professing church at large is this lesson applicable. We need it in our Pentecostal circles; for we are in constant danger of substituting "Pentecostal form" for "Pentecostal purity of life." And it is the life that counts!

I. RELIGION THAT DOESN'T COUNT. Isa. 58:1-5.

1. Bold preaching the remedy for both body and soul. Cry out, spare not your voice, raise it loud as a trumpet, and let my people hear their sins! (Moffatt.) Thus did God command Isaiah. Timid, apologetic preaching against sin is worse than useless; for it encourages the sinner in his sins. God's Word is a sword, sharp enough to penetrate man's innermost being (Heb. 4:12); its keen edge is dulled by compromis­ ing. Baldwin, however, does not mean lovelessness. Our example is Jesus who unerringly and firmly dealt with sin on every occasion yet loved the sinner.

2. Useless fasting. "They ask me why I never mark their fasts, nor pay heed to their penceens." (Moffatt.) The Israelites were extremely careful in observing their rituals; they "walked through their motions" in ceremonial worship and took special pride in their occasional fastings. Yet God ignored it all and they wondered why!

Isaiah gave them a plain answer—"fasting like yours today will never hear your prayers on high." In other words, their fasting, and for that matter, all of their worship, was mere form. For while they fasted they quarreled, fretted, and made meretricious demands upon others. Religious acts such as singing, shouting, church attendance, praying, fasting, Bible study, are of no value unless they are accompanied by, and lead to, right living. The Pharisee in the temple was faithful in tithing and fasting but it was of no value, for his heart was full of pride, criticism, and self-love. Luke 18:9-14.

What kind of fasting is acceptable to God? We do not fast in order to merit some favor from God; for everything we receive from God we receive through Christ. We do not turn away to atone for wrong doing; the Blood of Christ alone can take away sin. We do not fast in order merely to "keep under" the body. The true purpose of fasting is in order that we may pray. Thus it was with early Christians. They fasted so that they might pray better; and they prayed for the extension of God's kingdom. Let us also remember that fasting from food is not the only kind of fasting. God would have us fast from words, from selfishness, self-seeking, pride, etc.

3. "Take away... the putting forth of the finger." What does this mean? Fingers are pointed in criticism, gossip, or condemnation. How often we hear such expressions as "Have you heard?" "I heard," "Did you know that she...?" Let us "take away the putting forth of the finger!" Rom. 2:1-3; Matt. 7:1-5.

4. Keep the Sabbath day holy, Verse 13 (first two clauses). While it is true that Christians should live holy every day, it is equally true that God has ordained that one day should be a day of rest and worship. Former President Hoover was a strict observer of Sunday. During his term in office, church attendance in Washington was greatly increased because of the example he set. Once, when he was invited to go on a fishing trip on Sunday, he replied, "The Hoovers do not fish on Sunday!"

5. "Not doing thine own ways," Religion that counts is unselfish religion. "Even Christ pleased not Himself." See John 8:26; Rom. 15:3; Luke 22:42. When out for a holiday, a sour-faced woman said to another, "Are you enjoying yourself? I surely am not!" Her sweet-faced friend replied, "I did not come out here to enjoy myself; but to enjoy other people and bring them enjoyment and I am doing heartily!" The life as in the Spirit is unsatisfactory and happy because it is unsatisfied.

II. RELIGION THAT COUNTS. Isa. 58:6, 7, 9, 10, 13.

After dealing with Israel's sin negatively, Isaiah points out the positive side. True spirituality is always positive. We reckon ourselves to be dead unto sin but alive unto God. Rom. 6:11. We keep from fulfilling the lusts of the flesh by walking in the Spirit. Gal. 5:16. "Deal purely," "Is this the chosen fast... to loosen all that fetters men unfairly, and to relax its grip, to free poor debtors from their bonds, and break what binds them?" (Moffatt.) The Spirit of Christ will lead us to be merciful, kind, and just in our dealings with our fellow men, rather than greedy, cruel, harsh, and demanding.

2. Deal thy bread to the hungry. See 1 John 3:17.

Why not get some of it in your Hands-Brother?

Is not this the fast that I have chosen... to undo the heavy burdens? Isaiah 58:6

III. REWARDS OF LIVING OUR RELIGION.

God is no harsh task master. Those who live in obedience to Him receive not only a reward in eternity, but a wondrous reward in time. As an inducement and incentive to right living Isaiah points out some of its rewards.

1. Light, v. 8. Christ brings light to the heart, soul, and mind. Sin brings darkness. The way out of spiritual darkness and middle is obedience. 2 Cor. 4:6; Matt. 6:23; 1 John 1:5; John 8:12.


3. Righteousness, v. 8. We receive imputed righteousness by faith in Christ; but righteous living ought to follow. Acts 15:8, 10.


5. Guidance. v. 11. A righteous life is a guided life. Acts of disobedience to God make one insensible to the light of God's will. And for this reason many Christians walk in comparative darkness. Psalm 23:2, 3; 1 John 2:11.


7. Spiritual strength and power. v. 11. "The Lord shall make thee fat... and thou shall be like a water garden." Galatian, of the Knight of the Round Table, said, "My strength is the strength of ten because my heart is pure." How unlike Samson who was stripped of his power because of sinful indulgence! Judges 16:4-20.

Isaiah's words are easy to understand. True and false religion have been made clear. But, as Spurgeon said, "One may understand like an angel and yet live like a beast." Compare his statement with ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. Our need in Pentecost today is not new truth but that we shall live more of the truth we already know!—J. Bashford Bishop.

FORGIVENESS

Forever on Christ's burdened heart
A weight of something heavy,
Yet no ungentle, murmuring word
Escaped His silent tongue.
His foes might hate, despise, revile,
His friends unsheathing proveto
Unwaried in forgiveness still,
His heart could only love.
Oh, give us hearts to love like Thee,
Like Thee, O Lord, to grieve
For more for others' sins than all,
The wrongs that we receive.
WHEN THE JAPS INVADED MALAYA

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Intoxicating drinks until they became crazed with it. Then they went to the residential district looting the homes. They even followed the wealthy people to the hills and it was feared that very few had escaped the attacks of the Japs. Befuddled by the liquor the Europeans had brought in.

One of the members of the church in Singapore, who was foremost of one of the largest tin mines in the northern part of Malaya, brought his wife and two children down to Singapore by car, hoping that there the safety of his house, Nothing, they thought, could ever happen to Singapore! When he returned to his home bombs were dropping all around. He had returned hoping to continue with his work. He jumped into his bicycle and made a run for his home. When he got there the machinery was torn to pieces, and there was no one around. He then made his way through the jungle hoping to be able to get behind the Allied lines. How his heart did glow with air-raid alert filtering into that part of the country. He had to abandon his bicycle. As he was going through the jungle he came upon two drunken Malay men armed with knives and guns, who held him up. As he was lifted high into the air and held in a helpless position the man said, "Oh God and said, "Oh God, only you can deliver me from this!" His trust was in God. Just then, a Malay man who had been working at the same mine came around the corner. When the two Malay men saw him armed and ready to attack the tin miner, they said, "All right, you may go on!" After walking through the jungle for a couple of days or so with little food, God brought him through to Singapore. How his heart did glow when we saw him walking up the pathway.

Humble little Japanese gardeners and shopkeepers we had trusted in years past now donned officers' uniforms and were leading Japanese armies through the jungles. After Kuala Lumpur was bomed the tin miner was convinced he would have to evacuate. In this time those who were Christians found that His peace filled their hearts. As we went from home to home, that song kept ringing in their hearts, "Peace, peace, wonderful peace"—and also the words of the song, "There's a deep sea after peace in my soul."

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Two days after Christmas at midnight we were awakened by the scream of the air-raid siren, and had to run to a place of safety. While we heard the drone of enemy planes overhead heard the bombs break our concentration. There was a servant girl living at the back of the church who had often had opportunity to hear the gospel, but heretofore her heart had not been willing to surrender. At this midnight hour God was going to work through her. All the servants went outside to see the damage caused by the bombing. At that time this servant girl came to me, took hold of my arm and said, "Tonight when you hear the bombs, although you said you would not be afraid, "No, I was not afraid." She walked away. Then she returned and said, "Tonight when you heard that awful bombing, were you really not afraid?" I replied, "No, were you afraid?" She replied, "Hardly. I believe it was possible to be not afraid she said, "If I believed in Jesus Christ, could He give me peace in such a time as this?" I told her if she would give her heart to Jesus He would truly give her peace in the midst of confusion. Not many days before, the two of us went into her room, knelt down, and she gave her heart to Jesus Christ. As we left Singapore she said, "I am so glad I accepted Jesus; if I am killed during the bombing, now I know I'll go to heaven."

Up until going to the American Consulate to have our passports validated for travel in neutral countries, we were told there was only one boat to sail upon which we could have passage, and we had to make the decision whether to remain or leave. We felt we should have been glad to; but after prayer we felt it was God's will for us to make preparations for departure. Therefore on December 31st the Christian and Missionary Alliance couple, Brother McKinney and I embarked on an English ship with reservations for only 25 Americans. Be-
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LET'S HIT THEM ALL!

—a very few friends. A new lease on life had been given A Poh and now her one desire was to come to church where Jesus was worshipped. Even until I left, A Poh faithfully and happily told her story slowly each Sunday to the services.

God opened the way for us to find a place for her in a new home that had been opened for the aged and poor Chinese women. When we took her to this place she was rather disappointed because she could no longer have a room to herself; but we said to her, "Grandma, do you know that Jesus has brought you here to be a witness to these other old ladies?" Her face began to beam and with hands lifted to heaven she shouted, "Hallelujah! praise the Lord!" She knew nothing more about the gospel than that Jesus Christ was
The son of God, that her sins had been forgiven through His blood. She knew she was not going to hell, because Jesus had saved her. She knew that some day Jesus was coming back to take her to heaven. She did not know very much about the Bible, in fact she couldn't have quoted one Scripture verse, but she had enough Bible truth in her heart to make her glad and she told that much wherever she went. Because A Poh was living in the Old Ladies' Home we were permitted to hold weekly services there, and through her life and testimony God began to touch hearts until one week prior to declaration of war, five old ladies were baptized in water as the result. Of the twenty-six occupants in the home, seven were not Christians for Christ, but some were too old and feeble, some crippled, and some ill, so that on the Baptismal Day all could not follow the Lord through the waters of Baptism. Even the matron of the old ladies' home, first Chinese woman, converted and proved to be a great blessing to all the old ladies by reading the Bible to them and teaching them songs.

Two of the old ladies who were baptized were eighty-four years old. One of them had heard the gospel as a child; later she had come down to Malaysia to live, and from that time until she went to the Old Ladies' Home she had never had the opportunity of hearing more about Jesus. The other old lady who was eighty-four years of age could not speak the Cantonese dialect, therefore we could not talk to her personally; but as the songs were sung she felt God's presence and convincing power. The night before the baptismal service, unknown services were held to minister to her. She spoke to the matron of the home who had the Bible to them every day, and said, "I want to be baptized. Will you tell that missionary? I want to be baptized tomorrow!" The matron said to her, "First you have to believe in Christ!" The old lady replied, "But I have believed in Jesus and I want to be baptized with the others." The next morning when I went in the baby Austin, the car God had miraculously provided for me, to get the old ladies into the bus in the morning, this old lady came out with her hair neatly combed, a spotlessly clean garment, with her face beaming and the tears running down her cheeks. I knew something had happened to her for she looked so different. The matron told me she wanted to be baptized.

Speaking through an interpreter I asked the old lady why she was going along and she said, "I want to be baptized in order that I may be not Christian yet." She said, "I have accepted Jesus; I won't smoke any more, I won't tell lies, I will get along with all my neighbors, and I'll live for Jesus." We told her she had accepted Christ and told her story to others, and this old lady came out with her hair neatly combed, a spotlessly clean garment, with her face beaming and the tears running down her cheeks. I knew something had happened to her for she looked so different. The matron told me she wanted to be baptized.

When the time came for me to leave Kuala Lumpur, I went out to see them; and I asked them, now that war was upon us, if they feared fill their hearts. The old ladies—but babies in Christ—were truthful and said, "Yes, we are afraid." When A Poh who had been the matron went to tell them to Christ, heard them make that statement she kindly rebuked them and exhorted them by saying, "You don't need to be afraid, for when the bombs begin to fall all you need to do is lift your hands up to Jesus and He will protect you." I felt the old ladies of the Old Ladies' Chinese Home were in good hands with Grandma as their leader.

Mexico City, Mexico—Please pray for me and for the work in Mexico.—Anna Sanders.

REPORTS from the REAPERS

OAKLAND, CALIF.—June 14 to July 12, 1942—Rev. Charles F. Borchelt, Chicago, Illinois, conducted a revival at the Temple Church, 136th and Market Streets. About 30 people of all ages, including kids, assembled in the church. Many new people to the services.—E. Wm. Anderson, Pastor.

(READ) BRISCOE, ARK.—The Upper Hill Assembly was set in order last summer by our Preachers.

Robbins. It was a small country church, but the preacher preached with heart and soul. We thank God that our numbers have increased. Among them we have some real young preachers. All the old ladies of one assembly began to unite their work. It is reported that in Fairview, in the Pottsville area, that God's Spirit is moving. Fifteen were saved, and this created a desire to keep the prayer meeting going. From Bible study to prayer meeting, 12 people were saved and 6 received the Holy Ghost Baptism. July 12, our Sunday School of 148. We are giving God all the glory.—E. F. Parrish, Pastor.

GARY, Ind.—June 30 the Hungarian Assembly of God, a new church, was dedicated to the Lord. Brother Momie, pastor of the Gary Tabernacle, could not be with us because of church business. Twenty-five of the people were in attendance. Brother Wannamacher and his orchestra were present. We also had a good number of填的 teachers. We now have 18 classes in our school. After the two services the Hungarian Assembly of God Things was the name given to the church.

There has been a revival in our church since the first of the year. We have had services every night for three months. Around 100 were saved, 71 received the Holy Ghost Baptism, and 46 attended with the church. We have prayer meetings every day in the week except Saturday.—W. H. Sumail, Pastor.
PINE BLUFFS, Wyo.—Just closed a 4-weeks’ Bible Conference and 3-Ministry Meeting a. d. D. Dean, evangelists from Brea, Calif. Six were saved, one was baptized with the Holy Ghost, and four were confirmed, one received, the saints were drawn closer to the Lord. Prejudice was broken down. The Lord’s help is promised to draw us closer to our church before the revivals fire is burning. —F. A. Nelson, Pastor.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND NORTHERN Nevada and Camp Meeting

The famous two-weeks Camp Meeting and District Council session of 1942 closed July 5. The attendance exceeded the most optimistic expectations, and the blessing of God was present in full. Over 40 were saved, and about 80 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Among the speakers and evangelists, and appreciated, as was also the teaching ministry of the District Superintendent, were: W. V. H. Hines, El Dorado, Ark.; J. B. Smith, El Dorado, Ark.; R. H. Hines, El Dorado, Ark.; R. A. Taylor, El Dorado, Ark.; and O. E. Russey, El Dorado, Ark.

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The camp meeting was a week shorter than the usual, but into these two weeks were crowded enough excitement, edification, and comfort to all. This is the last mention of the matter having to be here, and we are planning in the near future another such blessed time in 1943, providing war conditions will permit. —R. J. Rettorf, District Secretary-Treasurer.

EL DORADO, Ark.—We are relaying the present year’s program, and believe that God in El Dorado, Ark., after five years of unceasing effort, has brought about a great blessing. It has been a glorious time of fellowship with others of the same group of consecrated saints. God has wrenched us out of the camp meeting in the assembly in the past five years. There have been 216 new members added to the church, with 123 of these members making their decision to the Holy Ghost Baptism. The Sunday School has increased 33 percent in average attendance since 1938, and 107 in 1941. The El Dorado Assembly was first in the conference for attendance.

One of the greatest achievements has been the opening of a new school building for the Sunday School and the instituting of the new 4:00 p.m. record system, recommended by the C. A. S. C. S. for the District. This will be a boost to any church and school.

God has blessed the church with its greatest financial success since we have been here. The church has been able to hold its own on both church and parsonage.

At the present time the church is free of debt and has money in the treasury.

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FOUND: A Diamond on the Baseball Diamond!

The above heading is the title of Brother W. E. Long's article on soul-winning. This splendid message, together with articles on soul-winning, will be found in the August issue of Our Sunday School Counsellor, which is now off the press. This issue marks the first anniversary of the Counsellor, and will appear in an attractive new dress.

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