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## Scottish Revival Centre

Cinema Converted into Tabernacle.

**A**MAZING scenes continue in the Scottish capital where Principal George Jeffreys and party have unfurled the Foursquare Gospel banner. Souls are being saved and miraculous healings of an astounding character are being witnessed amongst people in all stations of life—rich and poor, young and old. Last week the Principal transferred the revival meetings from the great Usher Hall to the Dean Street Cinema and concluded his campaign on Sunday with the place packed from floor to roof, aisles, ground floor, gallery, platform steps, and standing in every available space, with over sixty conversions in one meeting. The Principal has taken over the large cinema as a permanent Elin Tabernacle. People were astonished at the place being packed for a communion service. Outside the cinema on Sunday the sound of the Shepherd Psalm rose from the vast crowd as the Principal moved away in the revival car. The crowds had been inside witnessing moving pictures of a real and more startling character than had ever been witnessed within those walls—miracles produced by the vital force of Holy Ghost power. They had seen the result of the risen Saviour's touch. No wonder there were bared heads and wet cheeks amongst them. The youth of the city are flocking to the Foursquare banner. This week the Revival Party are carrying on the services while the Principal enjoys a well-deserved rest.

"I am come that they might have life."

John X. 10.

HEALER

COMING KING

"I will come again."

John XIV. 3.

BAPTISER

"I will; be thou clean."

Mark 1.41.



"I will send Him (the Comforter) unto you."

John XVI. 7.

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# The Elim Evangel

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*The Elim Foursquare Gospel Alliance was founded by Principal George Jeffreys, its present leader, in Ireland, in the year 1915. The Principal's campaigns have filled to overflowing the largest halls in the British Isles, and have resulted in many thousands of converts to Christ, and notable miracles of healing. The movement consists of Elim Revival and Healing Campaigns, Elim Foursquare Gospel Churches and Ministers, Elim Bible College, Elim*

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## Types of the Holy Spirit

I.—Fire.

By Pastor E. C. W. BOULTON

**T**HERE are three elements that are continually used throughout the Bible as types of the Holy Spirit—fire, dew and wind, each of which does a work in our natural world that has a strong and striking analogy to the work of the Holy Ghost in the hearts of God's people.

Moreover, there are characters in the Bible who shew, in their ministry and message, very strong affinities to one or other of these methods of spiritual action and reaction. It is interesting and instructive to trace, for instance, how fire finds a place in the life of the prophet Elijah, both actually and typically.

We can scarcely find in the Word of God any figure more typical of fire than that of

### ELIJAH

His fierce and fearless denunciation of the sins of Ahab and Jezebel made his ministry truly terrible. Four times in the life of this remarkable man we are told he had to do with supernatural fire, and these experiences teach us much in their symbolism of the work of God the Holy Spirit. It is a study that brings blessing, as we trace the character of the man behind his work.

Fire is perhaps the most powerful element, man's greatest fear and his most useful servant. One is hardly surprised at primitive nations being sun-worshippers, nor at the mysterious legends as to the origin of that cult. Many were the stories of great heroes who brought this valuable yet dangerous element for the benefit of mankind. The great orb which radiates light and heat became the centre of man's wonder and his worship. Akhenaton, the great Pharaoh who would turn his people from idols to worship one God, the sole Creator, thought of Him as typified by the radiant heat and energy of the sun, because it was the source of warmth and light, he saw in it a picture of the Creator.

Fire is a great cleansing agent. What must we owe, from a hygienic point of view, to the destruction by fire of things that would putrefy? We use fire for light, for warmth, and for the preparation of food, as well as for the destruction of rubbish.

It dispels our darkness, comforts and refreshes on the bitterest day, and is absolutely necessary for the preparation of our daily bread. It is the great refiner, and is used in countless ways for purifying metals, etc. It is an agent of energy, being the first element in the driving forces of most machinery. Fire makes the steam to drive the engine. It is the spark in the motor car that sets the whole complicated mechanism in motion. Perhaps the most wonderful work of fire, the most intense heat man can make, is to change black carbon into diamonds.

If we take the study of fire typically, we shall see that the work it does in the material world gives us a vivid picture of its work in the spiritual life.

Elijah's story brings out in a thrilling way every use of fire as we see it working in his life and ministry.

### FIRE CLEANSSES

"Everything that may abide the fire ye shall make it go through the fire" (Num. xxxi. 23)

"When He hath tried me I shall come forth as gold" (Job xxiii. 10)

In the Mosaic economy, cleansing, which seemed at times ceremonial, was at the same time hygienic. All that could stand the fire must pass through it. How true this is of the vessels of the new creation. How often we meet those who cannot stand the fire. They shrink from the fiery ordeal, choosing to walk a path untouched by the flame of suffering and sacrifice. The challenge of the Cross provokes no response, arouses no splendid and holy heroism.

Though we know so little of Elijah's early life, yet we know his preparation for such a ministry was no slight thing. One has said of him, "The prophet of fire that shone like a torch was originally but a piece of smoking flax." Lest anyone should think that he was naturally extraordinarily brave, loving to do daring deeds, and defy the wrath of a cruel king and a vindictive queen, we are expressly told that he was a "man of like passions" as we are. Neither was he a natural hermit. His life of awful loneliness, with its sudden publicity demanding super-human moral strength, was the result, not of natural gift, but of God's long training, of His cleansing, chastening, and refining fires.

### ELIJAH'S NAME

means "God Himself," and in his nature God so reigned that the sovereignty of self was overthrown. The word *prophet* in its origin means "bubbling or boiling over"—the work of fire upon a full vessel! He was a man who learnt the meaning of fire long before he was privileged to shew a rebellious nation that God answers by fire.

God can never give an outward manifestation through His children that does not hold an inward reality in their lives. Let no one think that God ever blesses outward ministry that He has not first wrought. There must be a background of experience—experience both disciplinary and educative—the hand of God passing upon the passive clay until it becomes rich in Divine design, expressing the beauty of the Great Sculptor, whose thought has thus found embodiment. Ministry is God exhibiting what He can do with a vessel He has made and trained and prepared. Like Job, the time came for Elijah too, when after the bitter hours in the Great Refiner's hands, he came forth as gold, and realised that pain was worth while. The Husbandman had been at work, and all branches that did not bear fruit had been thrown into the fire. There might seem little left, pruning seems heartless work till the fruit is ripe, and then there is no doubt about the wisdom and the kindness of the One who held the knife. Like the Three Children, Elijah had been through a fire that had burnt his bonds, and left him one Companion. No one could have faced Ahab as he did, unless all bondage to fear and to man had been swept away by God's fire.

### FIRE AN ENERGY.

"I would thou wert . . . hot" (Rev. iii. 15)

Within the prophet fire became a resistless energy. He longed to bring his people back to God. They needed a vivid lesson. He remembered Moses' words that drought was to be the punishment of idolatry, he dared to pray earnestly that it might not rain. In the power of the Holy Spirit he stands before Ahab with the fiat of the Almighty, and speaks with the burning zeal and fearlessness of an oracle of God.

We think too of that mighty promise given to the disciples, of a baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire, a baptism which was to send its genial warmth throughout the whole body of believers, finding expression in burning zeal, glowing enthusiasm, dauntless courage, and utmost sacrifice. With the advent of the Holy Spirit that handful of Pentecostal believers became surcharged with such a sufficiency of heavenly energy as to make them unconquerable in their service for God. The fire of the Spirit fell in quenchless flame upon them, around their natural weakness and human resourcelessness was wrapped the mantle of the Most High, from their lips poured the message of molten fervour. They became possessed of an inward urge to achievement—fired with a vision of the conquest of the world for Christ.

### FIRES OF SUFFERING AND LONELINESS

"When thou walkest through the fire thou shalt not be burned" (Isaiah xlii. 2)

We are not told what mental agony his visit to Ahab cost him, but we see a few glimpses of his subsequent life hiding from an angry king. Some may not think that Cherith with its loneliness and its entire dependence on the unseen meant suffering to Elijah. The fabled Salamander, they said, fed on fire, it is true of faith, faith grows stronger in the fire. We cannot doubt that Elijah was sensitive and very human, his dependence upon a poor widow must have meant suffering. Zarephath means "smelting furnace," and it probably meant all that to him. He knew of the sufferings of his people, he was not heartless, he was waiting the moment of manifestation, and waiting is always a strain, how much more when surging within him was the longing for the termination of his people's sufferings. He had to learn to share the patience, the long patience of God.

### THE BURNT OFFERING.

"I delight to do Thy will, O my God" (Psalm xl. 8)

Humbly hidden, no home of his own, with little human comfort, Elijah was learning the meaning of the burnt offering that he was so soon to shew to Israel. How much depended on his truly living its meaning before Jehovah could reveal Himself to His backsliding people! No less hangs on every preacher of the Gospel to-day.

In Leviticus i. the burnt offering gives us a picture of complete atonement. From the way some people speak of their experiences of the new birth and consecration one would think that there were degrees of both, that one can be a little saved or more saved, a little surrendered or more so. So much depends on entire surrender. Light received is in proportion to the yielding. If this is faulty, light is dim. But the whole burnt offering gives us a picture of Jesus Christ's complete giving of Himself. The fire fell upon the whole. This should always bring love's full response, the complete giving of man to God. Love demands no lesser answer. Our feeble response and our niggardly bestowal of ourselves account for the common dwarf variety of Christian.

Few dare envy Elijah, for they know they do not pay the price which he paid. He was just an ordinary weak human, but he gave all, and the fire consumed the whole. Let us not forget that *wholly* means *holy*!

(To be concluded).

### Dwell Deep

Dwell deep! The little things that chafe and fret,  
Oh, waste not golden hours to give them heed!  
The slight, the thoughtless wrong, do thou forget,  
Be self-forgetful, serving others' need.  
Thou faith in God through love for man shalt keep  
Dwell deep, my soul, dwell deep!

Dwell deep! Forgo the pleasure if it bring  
Neglect of duty Consecrate each thought  
Believe thou in the good of everything,  
And trust that all unto the wisest end is wrought  
Bring thou this comfort unto all who weep  
Dwell deep, my soul, dwell deep!

—Publisher Unknown

# The Need of the Hour

By FLEM VAN METERS

**S**OME time ago, while talking with some Christian workers, I asked the question "What is the need of the hour?" After their reply the thought came to me "What is the hour?" and the Spirit of the Lord seemed to witness to my heart that this is the last hour of this age, an hour that is characterised by all that God said should come to pass in the last days. And as every age and every hour has had its special need, we believe that there is a need in this hour, and the need is revival.

In Psalm lxxxv 6 we read "Wilt Thou not revive us again, that Thy people may rejoice in Thee?" This was

## THE HEART-CRY OF DAVID

in the time of spiritual declension in Israel, and we believe it is the heart-cry of that company of saints that is close to the heart of Jesus in this, the last hour of this age.

A revival is the manifestation of Divine life, a manifestation of the supernatural, a revelation of the wondrous grace and power of the living God, a mighty moving of the Holy Ghost.

In looking at the conditions existing in this hour—a time of falling away, of compromise, of worldliness, of lethargy, of unbelief, and of lawlessness among God's people—I believe there are seven things the Lord desires to revive, namely, vision, consecration, first love, faith, intercessory prayer, power, and holiness.

God has declared "Where there is no vision the people perish" (Prov xxix 18). The things we have mentioned as existing in this hour shut out the vision of Jesus, thereby depreciating spiritual life and its possibilities. This fact seems to be illustrated in a statement giving a report of four prominent denominations for 1927, shewing that 13,235 churches failed to report a single convert for the year. In making comment on this sad condition one noted man says "Our church activities have outrun our spiritual experience." Could not that be truly said of this great Pentecostal movement? As we look back to the beginning of this mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit, what wonderful vision characterised it, and men were moved by the mighty power of God! Because of the lack of spirituality, and the capitalisation of personality and natural acquisitions many of our dear people have lost the vision of a deeper life. O Lord, send

## A REVIVAL OF VISION.

It was a vision of the glory of the Lord that enabled Isaiah to say "Here am I, send me." It was the joy set before our Lord that enabled Him to endure the cross and despise the shame.

In speaking of consecration we speak of devotion, separation, dedication. "I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world [age], but be ye transformed by the

renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God" (Rom xii 1, 2). The yielding or giving over of our bodies as a living sacrifice brings us into affiliation and identification with the Cross. Consecration and sacrifice go hand in hand, involving suffering and death, bringing us into the experience, "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me, and the life which I now live, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me", and, "I die daily."

This sacrifice is to be holy, sanctified, set apart, acceptable unto God! This is the body that bears the marks of the Lord Jesus, standing out separate and distinct from the world, and not conformed to this age or to its characteristics, but is changed so that the light of the love and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ flows out through it, giving testimony to the truth of a new creation filled with the Spirit of God, proving the will of God. "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification."

## A REVIVAL OF FIRST LOVE.

That there is a first love is clearly set forth in the Scriptures, and that it is Divine love—the love that is in the heart of God, and which is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit. Characteristics of that love are that it is tender, that it suffereth long and yet is kind, that it envieth not, that it vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, thinketh no evil, and loves the unlovely. Oh, this mighty love that gives us a passion for souls, that loves the brethren, that puts a longing in our hearts, not only to be ready ourselves, but to see the Church ready for the coming of our Lord. That we need a revival of this love is very evident, for the Lord Himself said, in speaking of the signs of the last days, "And because iniquity shall abound the love of many shall wax cold" and in writing to the Church at Ephesus, He said, "Nevertheless, I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love."

In this dark hour of division, strife, heartache, and heartbreak, let us cry to our Lord, and repent, and do the first works, so that He may give us a revival of first love.

"And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God" (or, as it is in the margin of the Scofield Bible, "Have the faith of God"—i.e., the faith which God gives) (Mark xi 22).

Faith is a spiritual gift (I Cor xii 9), and is "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Heb xi 1). It is the gift of God (Eph ii 8), cometh by hearing the Word of God (Rom x 17), is not what we see (II Cor v 7); gives life (Gal ii 20), was once delivered to the saints, and is to be contended for (Jude 3).

Faith takes God at His word, lays hold of His promise, touches His heart, moves His hand, brings into action spiritual phenomena. Faith will bring the revival that we long to see—an outpouring of the Holy Ghost. It will also bring the manifestation and

operation of the gifts of the Spirit in the assembly—  
a great need in this dark hour

#### A REVIVAL OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER

In the early days of this great movement one of the outstanding features was the ministry of intercessory prayer—the prayer of the Holy Ghost—when lives were given over to this ministry, when the Lord Himself laid upon those who were faithful in this service burdens that must be lifted by prayer, burdens that seemed to crush the very life until there was a mighty travail in Spirit—a groaning which could not be uttered until the answer came and much was accomplished. As a result of such prayer, souls are saved, believers are filled with the Holy Ghost, the sick are healed and miracles performed by the mighty power of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Oh, for a revival of this hidden ministry that takes one to the closet alone with God and makes real the sweetness of the fellowship of His sufferings in real intercession for others!

Our Lord, in His resurrection ministry to His disciples (that company that was to wait in the upper room for the promise of the Father, and who were to form a part of the foundation of His Church), as He knew their hearts and the things that were before them, and the need of Divine equipment for the service they were to render, said unto them, "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto Me," etc (Acts 1:8). This power was manifested by signs and wonders, and brought about suffering and martyrdom. This same power brought conviction, until multitudes cried out, "What shall I do to be saved?" It brought death to those who lied to the Holy Ghost—it made them forceful witnesses to the resurrection of

the Lord Jesus; it caused great grace to be upon the disciples.

We have seen a repetition of this power manifested in the Pentecostal movement, confirming the Word of God. I remember belonging to a small assembly, years ago, where the power of God was so manifest that sinners were unable "to stand in the congregation of the righteous." I have seen them fall down before the Lord, and be saved in the back of the mission. Others fell under the power of God in their seats, and the Spirit was poured out like rain.

And shall we not look up and ask God for a revival of power that shall be experienced by this entire movement?

#### A REVIVAL OF HOLINESS.

"Follow peace with all men and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord" (Heb. xii. 14). Holiness is one of the attributes of God, and His desire that His people should be holy is clearly revealed in His Word. "Let us, therefore, cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." "That He may stablish our hearts unblameable, in holiness before God." "For He has said, Be ye holy as I am holy."

Therefore, knowing the desire of our Lord, and in view of the need of the hour, let us pray "Will Thou not revive us again that Thy people may rejoice in Thee!"

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# THE ONE THING GOD HONOURS

By FRANK BURR

**T**HERE is just one thing on this earth, among men, that God will honour, and only one. He regards not kings nor princes for their power, nor does He despise the poor for their poverty. He is no respecter of persons, neither can any call His attention because of their superior wisdom. He will often pass by those who are rich, and esteem them not, but there is one thing which always arrests His attention wherever it is found, and which always enlists His power. That one thing is faith.

The Almighty may constantly ignore the power, the wealth, the wisdom of mankind, but He never ignores their faith wherever it is found. Rulers and scholars may be passed by unnoticed, but a single faithful, trusting heart cannot be overlooked by our heavenly Father.

Think of this, ye trembling ones! The Father is constantly watching the world, to seek out the faithful ones, and to minister unto them. He does not seek for great men, for wise men, for perfect men, but for hearts that have faith, hearts that will wholly trust Him and accept His grace.

God will always honour faith. "Thou wilt keep

him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee." Why? "Because he trusteth in Thee." How often Jesus said to the healed ones, "Thy faith hath saved thee." It is a faithful heart that God wishes, so that He may, in that heart, implant the seed of His own Divine nature, and cause it to increase with all the "increase of God." "Without faith it is impossible to please God." For this reason the notice of God, the care of God is offered to all. All men can exercise faith, and give their hearts to God if they will. They may not understand all things, but they can submit themselves to God in faith, if they choose. And if they come believing, God will in no wise overlook or reject them.

How precious the thought that faith is that which God will honour. He may use the king, but He only dwells with "him that is of a humble and contrite heart." Let the weak ones take courage, and strengthen their faith. Let the despised ones look up and say, "Lord, I believe, help Thou mine unbelief." Let the weary, tried, waiting ones continue in the faith, that all may be crowned when Jesus comes.

## Concise Comments & Interesting Items

**Bishop Barnes** of Birmingham has been speaking out once more. Sometimes his utterances please us, as when he denounces the futilities of many practices in the Roman Church, but at other times we are not pleased, as when he reveals a liking for uncertain scientific opinion in preference to Bible revelation.

He has recently been speaking on healing. With the following paragraph we entirely agree.

"It is the duty of Christian teachers who wish to retain the respect of boys and girls trained in scientific method to assert that no well or shrine can convey a supernatural grace of healing. Wherever we may be, we can reach God in prayer. There are no places or things, sacred shrines or saints' bones, that have supernatural curative properties."

But what does the following mean?—

"Take another example. We can, as I believe, rightly pray that God will relieve us in sickness or pain. Sometimes, as we think, a favourable answer is given.

"But then we have no reason to assume that God has acted otherwise than by natural channels. Divine answers to prayer do not belong to a fabulous region or the supernatural."

In this last statement he implies that God's answers to prayer are always along natural channels. We agree that sometimes God's answers to prayer are along natural channels, but we entirely disagree when it is said that God always works

in such a way. The Bible is full of the miraculous—supernatural miracles and healings frequently took place. We believe they still take place—we are sure they still take place. And we are glad to have another opportunity of declaring that we believe—emphatically believe—that God frequently works along supernatural channels. In seeking to avoid credulity we must not deny the miraculous.

**A baptismal service** was prevented through persecution in Czortkow, Poland. A missionary writes:

"After a time of prayer in the morning, we proceeded to the Dniester River. When we reached the waterside, we found about a hundred villagers already gathered, who began to throw stones at us and beat the believers with sticks, injuring some of them.

"We were forced to postpone the service and to return to the meeting hall, but our hearts were filled with praises to God for permitting us to suffer for His Name, and prayer brought deep joy. The faith of the candidates was strengthened through this incident, and many unbelievers who had witnessed the persecution and who saw our devotion to God came to us and said, "Really God is with you, and you were persecuted for true faith!"

**Mr. and Mrs. Mullan**, the African missionaries, are well-known to Elim friends. It is interesting to know that their baby

Sheila has already been the means of helping her parents in their appeal to souls. If the precious little life is spared, no doubt in the after years she will be told the following pleasing incident.

"On our arrival at the village of Kashi Kulu, the people remained at a distance, looking at us from the safety of their huts, but as soon as I took little Sheila into my arms, and Mr. Mullan stood smiling from the verandah of the large, clean rest-house, about twenty women came forward, full of Oh's and Ah's of delight, at seeing a real white baby.

"By the time we had finished our meal, about 300 or more people had gathered. Afterwards our hearts rejoiced to find that quite a number of them were Christians. This fine crowd listened intently to Mr. Mullan as he sought to tell them of the love of God.

**Evangeline Booth** says:

"Drink has drained more blood, hung more crêpe, sold more homes, plunged more people into bankruptcy, armed more villains, slain more children, snapped more wedding rings, defiled more innocence, blinded more eyes, twisted more limbs, dethroned more reason, wrecked more manhood, dishonoured more womanhood, broken more hearts, blasted more lives, driven more to suicide, and dug more graves, than any other poisoned scourge that ever swept its death-dealing waves across the world."



## Striking Conversions

# By a Strange Path

**T**HAT a Mohammedan should lead an Englishman to Christ is indeed a strange fact. Yet this was the case in connection with Mr Vidler of Thornton Heath.

We will let Mr Vidler tell his own story, for he has written it out in a vivid and interesting manner.

"Early one August morning last year, while returning home from service in the Far East, our ship entered Singapore harbour. Despite the early hour, the port was very busy, ships of every nationality entering and departing; tugs and smaller native craft fussing around, all contributing to the din and confusion associated with such a scene. As we slowly steamed to our berth in King's Dock, we passed a merchant vessel on the bridge of which

### A MOHAMMEDAN WAS KNEELING

in prayer—no doubt a common enough sight in the East. Yet, as he prostrated himself time and time again in devout worship of His Maker, heedless of the din and bustle of his immediate surroundings, the scene there enacted drew my attention to the exclusion of all else. It stirred me far more than I would willingly have admitted at the time, and set me thinking rather anxiously about my own spiritual welfare. I shall never forget the scene, for I felt it to be God's personal call to me, and thereafter I sought Him.

"Eleven years before, as a child, I had been converted during a revival campaign held in Thornton Heath, but leaving home in later years, I had fallen deeply into sin and worldliness. On my return home I went often to church, but could not find the satisfaction and childlike faith I had known as a child. On Saturday evenings I invariably went on shopping expeditions, returning by a spot where the Thornton Heath branch of the Foursquare Gospel Alliance held their open-air meetings. I felt led to inquire about these people, with the result that on August 9th, a year after I felt the call, I attended evening service at the Elim Tabernacle here. I felt convicted from the moment I entered the place, and when the pastor

addressed the meeting I knew it was to me he spoke primarily. I know I felt it was to me alone, for he laid bare my very thoughts, did he not say exactly what I should have done had I stood up and confessed my sins for all to hear? I dreaded that this congregation should know how deeply I had fallen into sin, and had not the courage to put up my hand when the call to repentance came. But, praise God, a brother arranged an interview with the pastor after the service, with the very happy result that I confessed my unworthiness to Christ Himself, and, more wonderful still, He heard me, forgave, and

### CALLED ME TO HIS SERVICE

"Realising all that Christ has done for me, my greatest regret is the thought of years I have wasted in sinfulness when I might have devoted them to His service. But my greatest happiness is in the knowledge that I am not called too late. By His grace I trust to become a faithful disciple, to confess before all men His saving grace, what He has done for me. He can do for them, has already done for them. God grant He may so use me that I might bring the knowledge of His light to those that walk in darkness, even as I was wont to do a short time ago. This is my earnest prayer to-day."

## He Knew What to Ask for

*For every one that asketh receiveth*—Luke xi 10

For nearly fifty years Dan Walker was the coloured sexton of a church in U.S.A. Many pastors had come and gone, but Dr. Wharton was a great favourite with Dan. When he was called to a larger work, and another preacher came to the charge, someone asked Dan what he thought of the new preacher. "Well," said Dan, "I like him pretty well, but when it comes to praying, Dr. Wharton he axes de Lord for things our new preacher don't eber know de Lord's got."

## Let Others see Jesus in You

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Let o-thers see Je sus in you, (in you), Let o-thers see Je sus in you, in you,

Keep telling the sto ry, be faith ful, let true, Let o thes see Je sus in you

## Bible Study Helps

### THE SUPREME LIFE

(John x. 10b)

- 1 Its Source "I"
- 2 Its Manifestation "I am come"
- 3 Its Impiration "I am come that they might have life"
- 4 Its Luxuberance "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly"

### FULNESS OF POWER

- 1 Creating power (John i 3)
- 2 Controlling power (Heb i 3)
- 3 Forgiving power (Matt ix 6)
- 4 Sustaining power (II Tim iv 17)
- 5 Preserving power (John x 28)
- 6 Reigning power (I Peter iii 22)
- 7 Coming power (Rev i 7)

# FAMILY ALTAR



## The Scripture Union Daily Portions

## Meditations by PERCY G PARKER

**Sunday, Oct 30th** I Sam xiv 17-35  
"And the people did eat with the blood" (verse 32)

But the blood was forbidden to Israel! God has reserved the blood unto Himself. God has always safeguarded the preciousness of blood. Life is in the blood. The blood of animals shed in the Tabernacle and Temple service was always a reminder to God of the precious blood of Christ. The shedding of blood—Christ's blood—has reconciled God and man. Without shedding of blood is no remission of sins. When we sing hymns about the blood of Christ we should not sing them lightly. To gaze around, smile, and nod the head over some trivial matter, when we are singing hymns about Calvary, is altogether out of place. Those who lightly esteem the blood of Christ lightly esteem sin, and fail to realise the mighty redemption that has come to us through blood. Don't let us lose the truth in the tune. We have heard the hymn, "Nothing but the blood of Jesus," sung in such an irreverent way that we have been repelled. On the other hand we can put the full gratitude of our hearts into such singing, and God will know that we are seeking to do what He does—protect the value of the Blood.

of the sheep exposes the backslider. Sometimes to-day the bleat of the sheep can be heard in our talk, in the places we visit, in the friends we make, in the songs we sing, in the money we spend, in the letters we write, in the concerts we listen to, in the criticisms we make in the books we read, in the plans we pursue, in the pleasures we indulge. The Shepherd's smile is worth more than a million sheep. Property is not necessarily prosperity. Our only true prosperity is the will of God.

**Wednesday, Nov. 2nd** I Sam xv 16-31

"Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice" (verse 22)

Nothing can take the place of obedience to God. We may give our money, and give our time to what we call the Lord's service, and yet be displeasing God. A man may preach the Gospel to one thousand people, and yet be displeasing God. Spurgeon was once urged to visit America for a series of lectures. One of the enticing arguments was that he would be able to preach to 10,000 people. He replied, "I have no desire to preach to 10,000 people, my only desire is to do the will of God." A great work according to man may be a very little work according to God, and a very little work according to man may be a very great work according to God. Obedience is the test of our lives. It is not, Are we giving? but, Are we obeying? A gentle soul who obeys is better than a bustling soul who disobeys.

**Thursday, Nov 3rd** I Sam xvi 1-13

"Here remaineth yet the youngest and behold, he keepeth the sheep" (verse 11)

We do not know all the reasons why God chose David. But this one we know—David was a receptive youth. He was one who had opened his heart to God. As he kept his sheep, his young heart gladly opened to the great Shepherd who kept him. In God's selections to-day we cannot always trace the reasons why. Yet this reason is always obvious—God selects those who are receptive. There may be lack of education, lack of a striking appearance, lack of special talent—yet if a man is receptive, then God can select and bless. Are we truly receptive? Are we willing to lose all our own natural fulness and be filled with all the fulness of God? God has got a throne of influence for us all—a throne in some ways far more to be desired than that of King David. But we must be receptive. Create within me a receptive heart, O God.

**Friday, Nov. 4th** I Sam xv: 14-23

"An evil spirit from God troubleth thee" (verse 15)

God did not create evil—He did not

create evil spirits. But since disobedience to God has brought evil into existence, He will sometimes use the evil for His purposes. Thunder and lightning, the earthquake and the volcano, were not in God's ideal plan, but now they exist. God uses them at times to carry out His purposes. So with evil spirits. God did not create evil spirits, but now they exist. He will sometimes use them. God will expose us unto temptation in order that we may more vigorously call upon Him to lead us not into temptation. Music stirs up a man's will-power. It brings him largely to himself, and enables him to resist the Devil and his helpers. So it was with Saul. David's playing aroused Saul to exert himself. Evil spirits attack and possess those who through depression yield to passivity. Music lifted Saul from a condition of passivity to a state of activity—thus he was for a period delivered from the spirits of evil.

**Saturday, Nov 5th** I Sam xvii 1-16

"When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistines, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid" (verse 11)

When dismay and fear arise, God has a hidden David somewhere. Dismay and fear have arisen again and again in the history of the Church of Christ. It has seemed that defeat was certain. But God has brought forth a David. That which is true in Church life is also true in our individual life. God's hidden helpers are not far away. Amidst our bewilderment there stands One who is not bewildered. There are multitudes who stand with God and into the life of the bewildered, God can bring one or more out of these multitudes in order that deliverance may come. Expect some God-sent helper to turn up in the nick of time, and you will not be disappointed.

## The Elm and the Mistletoe

Several years ago, on the banks of a certain stream stood a magnificent oak, tall, with widespread branches, vigorous, luxuriant, graceful. Among the foliage on one of the higher branches appeared a sprig of mistletoe nodding cheerfully in the breeze. To-day that tree is a gnarled, broken and dying thing with masses of mistletoe clinging to its remaining branches, and drawing away the remnant of vitality yet in that once beautiful tree.

Men's lives are often like that tree. They burgeon and spread with rich personality and promise. Some parasitical vice of thought or speech or conduct fastens upon them, small at first and hardly worth notice. Give it time and at last it will strip them of their beauty, devitalize them and break them.

**Monday, Oct. 31st.** I Sam xiv 36-46

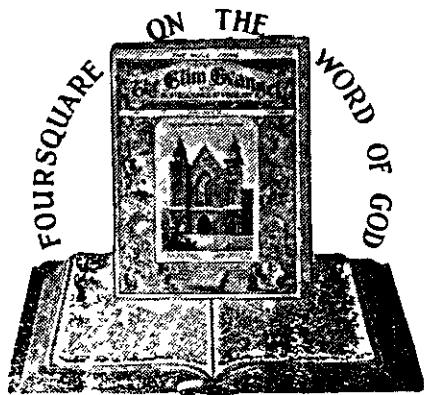
"Then said the priest, Let us draw near hither unto God" (verse 36)

The King quickly made his plans. But Samuel said in effect, Do not be in a hurry, let us draw near to God and see what He has to say. We should welcome voices which in the rush of our lives call us back to the hush of God. Naturally most of us are impetuous. A thing is no sooner thought than done. We quickly adopt plans, quickly speak words, quickly write letters, quickly say "No," quickly say "Yes," quickly spend money, quickly make friends. It is good for us when some godly voice quietly says, "Let us draw near hither unto God." Many a disaster has been averted, many a friend has been preserved, many a pound has been saved by first drawing near unto God. A decision of a moment may wreck our lives for fifty years—yet, even for eternity. How careful we should be therefore to draw near unto God. Life-long prayer is necessary to safeguard our life-long path.

**Tuesday, Nov 1st** I Sam xv 1-15

"What meaneth then this bleating of sheep in mine ears?" (verse 14)

Saul had been commanded to destroy all that belonged to the Amalekites. He partially obeyed. Everything that was vile and waste he destroyed utterly. But the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and the lambs, and all that was good, he refused to destroy. Yet he pretended that he had obeyed the Lord. But the sheep bleated and Saul was exposed. The bleat



## EDITORIAL

### The Methodist Church.

MUCH has been said for and against the unity recently attained in the ranks of Methodists in this country. Some have decried it as another step toward the day when the religious world will come under the sway of the Antichrist. But that is not the only way to look at it. The unity achieved is in direct obedience to the command and prayer of Christ, "That they may be one." When brethren come to an understanding to sink their differences and forget past strife, and concentrate on the essential things which they have in common—then we cannot but feel that God is pleased and not angry.

The vital factor is not the uniting of the three sections of the Methodist Church, but what that unity will bring. If it brings the submersion of the old evangelicals, of men like Dr. Dinsdale Young and many others of like mind and heart, then it will be a sorry day for Methodism. If on the other hand the spirit of unity brings with it a revival of the spirit of the early Methodists, a renewal of their faith and zeal for Christ—and judging by the utterances of the spokesmen and the spirit of the gathering at the Uniting Conference in the Royal Albert Hall, this is the end in view—then it will be a glad day for Methodism and the Church in general.

### Annie Johnson Flint.

On Thursday night, September 8th, Miss Flint passed home. Her

## A South African Missionary writes :

*My heart is full of gratitude to you for being so kind as to send me the "Elim Evangel." Oh, how many a time it has brought words of help and encouragement. You can hardly imagine what it means to be visited by such a friend on a lonely mission station. At New Year's time I was rather anxious, and thought, Maybe the "Elim Evangel" will not come this year. But, praise God, it has come.*

beautiful poetry has graced the world. Her helpful and inspiring words have been reproduced in thousands of papers. No less than 123 of her poems were published in the *American Sunday School Times*. In our own paper we have occasionally passed on some of her messages. She held communion with God, and understood the needs of man. For thirty years she has been a complete invalid through arthritis. It did not please the Lord to heal her, but it pleased Him to use her. For years she has been scarcely able to move, yet she has moved the world for God. She is now at rest, but her work will go on. The poems of Annie Johnson Flint will be reproduced more than ever.

We give below one of her expressive poems, which seems to have been born out of her own experience.

### Special Number.

OUR next issue, dated November 4th, will take the form of a Special Bible Number. The whole of the magazine, except such regular features as Family Altar and Concise Comments, etc., will be devoted to the subject of the Bible and Bible Study. The cover will be in two colours. We would remind readers to make a special point of obtaining extra copies to distribute to friends. It will be an excellent opportunity of getting them interested in the Book of books, and incidentally shewing them where we stand in regard to the Word of God. You will enjoy this Special Number.

## God Alone Can Save

Men will never find salvation until they give up all efforts to save themselves. Someone asked an Indian how he got converted. He built a fire in a circle around a worm, and then, after the worm had crawled around every way and then lay down to die, he reached over and took him out. That is the way in which God saves us—  
D. L. Moody

## Nevertheless, Afterward

"Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness." (Heb. xii. 11)

I was so happy in my lot,  
I was so glad of work or play,  
I only asked that I might walk  
With others on life's common way,  
My Father let the sorrows come  
That blotted out the sunlit skies,  
That stopped the toil of busy hands,  
And turned my laughter into sighs.

I was so sorrowful, so spent,  
I only asked to dwell apart,  
And in the silence and the dark  
To nurse my bruised and broken heart.  
My Father came and took my hand,  
And led me forth in paths unknown.  
He filled my days with crowding cares,  
He would not let me weep alone.

But, looking backward now, I know  
How wise and kind He was to me,  
The clouds all gone, the shadows fled,  
His glorious afterward I see,  
If He had left me to myself  
I know the joys I should have lost,  
The good that I had lacked or missed,  
How much I gained, how small the cost.

And shall I doubt His love to-day  
Because once more the mists arise  
Because His hand, though leading still,  
Is hidden from my blinded eyes?  
Nay, help me to remember, Lord,  
As 'neath the chastening rod I bow,  
Thy wondrous dealings past, and trust  
Thine "afterward" for this dark "now."

—Annie Johnson Flint

# A Blind Woman's Prayers

By WILLIAM BARROW

**B**Y the wayside of one of the principal thoroughfares of London, there has sat, for the last eighteen years until recently, an old motherly-looking lady, whose eyes have been eaten away by disease. Hence she is totally blind.

As she sits with her boxes of matches, studs, etc., her head and face are always turned slightly upwards towards heaven, and there rests upon her face a permanent smile, that speaks of an inward peace and contentment that governs and controls her life.

This face has attracted many a passer-by and caused them to stop and wonder. In one case it caused a young woman who was passing to stop. She had a mother who was permanently bedridden, and she said to herself, "I wish my mother could see this old blind woman's face, with its empty sockets that once were eyes, and to be able to see the happy and contented look and expression she carries." The young lady was able to obtain a photograph of the old blind lady, and took it home to her mother who placed it in a little frame on the table beside her bed. I had the pleasure of reading and then answering for this old blind lady a letter that the bedridden lady had sent to her from the country, in which she said that at times when she got weary and sad and depressed, lying there in her bed from which she was unable to



The Blind Match-seller.

rise, "I just take a look at your photograph with that sweet smile upon your face. It makes me so happy to see that look of peace, for it tells me of an inner joy you must have in your life."

The bedridden lady wanted to know more about the old blind woman, and I was able to write and tell her about the wonderful faith and confidence she has in God, and how the Saviour was so real to her, and give her that inner joy which He gives to all who will put their trust in Him.

A few years ago a Christian woman, a visitor to this country from Canada, was passing along this thoroughfare, and her eyes lighted upon the face of this old blind lady, causing her to stop and consider what that delightful expression meant. She said to herself, "I'm certain I know the secret of that happy and peaceful look that is upon that dear old blind woman's face. It must be Jesus."

In conversation with the old lady she soon found out that she was correct in what she was thinking. Yes! it was Jesus. Jesus was the great Reality of this blind woman's life, for He was her joy, her

peace, her comfort and her ever-present Friend, reminding one of that beautiful hymn, "What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear. What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer."

She told of one occasion when she sat in the highway, thinking about a very poor woman, a lodger in the tenement house where she herself was living, and who was slowly going blind, and so was very sad and depressed. She told me that on this particular day she had an intense longing to take home some flowers to her. "As I sat there by the wayside," she said, "I just told my heavenly Father of my need and desire, and asked Him to undertake for me in this matter," and thus she left it in God's hands to fulfil His promise, that if we ask anything in His Name, He will do it.

During the afternoon of the same day someone unknown to her, passing by, placed a most lovely bunch of beautiful flowers upon her lap and passed on without a word, and she told me that she was then able to go home at her usual time that day with the flowers she wanted for this poor woman, and this was another proof of God's many answers to her prayers, as she sat there by the wayside.

Trusting God at all times, and believing His promise to be true makes life's day more beautiful for all of us, and to listen to this poor blind woman speak of Jesus is to make you want to know more about Him, Jesus, who is the Saviour of the world—Jesus who died for us all upon the Cross and who rose again from the dead. Hallelujah! Christ rose! and best of all, He has told us He is coming back again.

It may be at morn when the day is awaking,  
When sunlight through darkness and shadow is breaking,  
That Jesus will come in the fulness of glory,  
To receive from the world His own.

One day as I was passing on business bent, I stopped, as was my custom, to have a word with the old lady, who immediately, as she always does,

## RECOGNISED MY VOICE

I said to her, "Mother, tell me, don't the hours, the days, and the weeks seem long and weary, sitting out here in all sorts of weather, seeing nothing of the passing traffic or of the people going by?"

She just replied, "Oh no, Mr Barrow. When I come here of a morning I just sit down on my stool, and I have a talk with my heavenly Father. This gives me a good start for my day here, for He fills my heart with His joy and His peace. Jesus is very very real to me, and I love Him more than tongue can tell."

She has realised that great truth of God's holy Word which tells us that "the joy of the Lord shall be your strength."

I told her how very glad I was to hear her speak thus of the value and beauty of prayer. For has not God said in His Word that He is no respecter of persons, and that at any time, anywhere, and under

all conditions and circumstances, His ear is open to the cry of any of His creatures who call upon Him in sincerity and in truth

"Mother, what else do you do to pass the time away?" I asked. To my surprise, she replied, "Oh, I begin to pray for the passers-by that God will bless this one and that one, as I hear the tread of their passing feet, for I'm sure that there are many who go by that need the blessing of our gracious God."

I said, "Mother, wouldn't you like to have your eyesight back again," and she with a smile, answered, "Oh no. I've seen enough of this world and its ways to want my eyesight back again. You know, I have such beautiful visions and such a glorious light come upon and around me. One morning as I went by, at about her usual time to arrive, I found she was absent. The next time I saw her I asked her why, and she told me that as she was getting ready to come away from her little room, her room was filled with a most wonderful and glorious light, so entrancing and beautiful beyond description that she felt there was nothing else to do but to go

#### DOWN UPON HER KNEES

in adoration. She said, "I knew the Saviour was there at my side bending over me, and that was what made me late that particular morning," and thus she explained the reason why she had no desire to see the things of this world again. No wonder the Psalmist cried, "Trust Him at all times, ye people."

In the days before she went blind, she had neglected to read God's Word, as often as she ought to have done, and now when she is blind and cannot read—not even by the Braille method for the blind—she has a great longing to know more about God's holy Word, and what it has to say to such as she, as she sits and prays for those passing by. Now our gracious God had put it into the heart of a young Christian girl, a typist working in the neighbourhood, who passed daily, to forgo part of her dinner hour, and stand and help the old blind woman to memorise some of the wonderful texts of the Bible, and often as I have passed in the course of business, I have stopped for a moment to speak to her, and have been greeted by, "Do listen to this, Mr. Barrow."

Thus such texts as "The Eternal God is thy Refuge, and underneath are the Everlasting Arms. He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty," and many others has she learned through this young servant of the Master repeating over and over again, and reading with patience to her the wonderful words from God's Book.

She has told me of many wonderful answers to prayer, that God had given her as she sat there

#### BY THE WAYSIDE, PRAYING

for those who were passing by during those many long years of blindness.

On one occasion, it was nearing winter time, and she told me that certain of her garments were getting worn out, and she was wondering about underclothes, etc., for winter. She told me that as she sat there she began to pray to God (or to talk to her heavenly Father, as she put it). She told Him of her needs

and wants in that direction, and she said to me, "How wonderfully good God is", for shortly after a lady passing by spoke to her and said, "Grannie, I am making some garments for you for the coming winter, and by next week I shall have them finished, and I will bring them along to you when I come up to town."

This lady, a stranger, duly brought them along and (I had personally to thank our heavenly Father when she told me), for she said, "Mr. Barrow, believe me, they were just the right garments that I was needing, and had prayed for. Jesus is so wonderful to me," she said, and I replied, "So He is to me" and I felt compelled to use the words of the psalmist and say, "Praise ye the Lord, all ye His people. He keepeth His promise for ever."

Carrying on a conversation with her, which to me is always an inspiration, I then said to her, "Mother, you told me just now that you prayed for the passers-by. You, a poor blind woman

#### SELLING MATCHES

by the wayside, troubling to pray for people passing by, people you neither see nor know. Now what interests me most of all, Mother, is this, Has God heard and answered your prayers for these passers-by?" Having proved in my own life's experience that God does hear and answer real and sincere prayer, I felt a *very great confidence* in asking such a question of this poor old blind Christian woman.

"Oh, yes," she said, "I can tell you of one that comes to my mind just now. A gentleman in business near by here, used to come and buy boxes of matches from me, and often he spoke of the weather, and passed the time of day, etc." She told me that she was sure by the tone of his voice and by his way of speaking, that he was in great trouble, so she started praying that the Lord Jesus would guide her, next time he came to buy his matches, as to what she should say to him.

Shortly after, he came as usual, and in conversation with him she said, "You will excuse me sir, but by the tone of your voice I feel sure that you must be in trouble."

"Yes," he said, he was in very great trouble. A disaster had happened to him in business life, and he was in such a state of mind that he was practically cursing God and everything for what had happened. So the old blind lady said to him, "Excuse me, sir, you really need what I have got!"

#### CURIOSITY PROMPTED HIM

to say, "Well, and what is that?" and the old blind woman replied, "Why, sir, it is the 'peace of God', that is what you need, it passeth all understanding." He listened—"The peace of God"—and then passed on.

From time to time he came to buy his matches, and then began to speak of spiritual things. She told him of the God of all comfort, who was so precious to her, and thus, by the help of God, she was able to lead him into the light of the glorious Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, he was led to put his trust in God and to place the whole of his future life in God's hands, and he found that real and lasting joy that comes of trust and confidence in

God. For he proved for himself what the Bible proclaims to all people, that "God is our Refuge and Strength—a very present help in trouble"

Time passed, and one day the old lady expressed intense joy when she heard my voice, as I said, "Good morning, Mother" She said, "I'm so glad to see you I've got something very interesting to tell you Yesterday a motor car stopped here in front of the pavement where I am sitting, and a lady and gentleman got out and came and spoke to me They asked permission to pin some orange blossom upon my breast, and then they said they had stopped on their way across London to ask me, a poor blind woman, to pray for them They told me that they were on their way to the west of England"

#### ON THEIR HONEYMOON,

and in remembrance of the words spoken to him about the peace of God in those very sad days of his trouble, now when days of joy and of real happiness had come (for both of them were trusting in God and in the joy of His salvation) they thought it would be very nice to stop and see the old blind lady and tell her about it, and then ask her to pray for them as they were starting their new life together With what joy did this dear old blind saint seek the rich blessing of Almighty God to rest upon them both, and in turn to make them a blessing to others

As I was saying goodbye to her one day, she said to me, "Turn your eyes upon Jesus; look full in His wonderful face and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace"—wonderful words from one blind

Some fifteen years ago, when I first came to know this old blind woman, I was impressed by her confidence in God, for she has said to me that God always provided for her in some way or other, so for many years I have about every three months asked her this question, "Is God as good as His Word, and still providing for you?" and year after year have come those words, "Yes, He has God is good"

Yes, God's Word is reliable, and as the years go by those of us who have trusted in Him can say, "He never faileth" If we honour Him He will honour us

And now, old age and weakness and distance prevent this venerable intercessor coming out to the highway as usual On a recent Saturday night I prayed that God would make me a blessing to someone in the coming week.

On the Sunday morning, as I had not seen her for some months, there came upon me a great desire to do so Force of circumstances had

#### COMPELLED HER TO MOVE

away from the district where she was known, to a district where she was unknown After business on the Monday, I set out to find her, and came across her in a large tenement house, in a small room sitting all alone, as she does most of the day and evening, the woman she rents the room from, and who gets her food, going out to work for long hours As I entered the room and said, "Mother, I am glad to see you," a wonderful look came over her features I must call it a holy smile It was more than an ordinary smile, and she just said, "Oh, Mr Barrow,

how good God is to me." I said, "Yes, God is good He has led me to come and see you to-day"

"The last few weeks," she said, "I have been sitting here alone, not being able to go out, and have had no one to speak to, and not being able to read, I was getting a little bit sad, and I could not sleep on Sunday night So as I lay in bed in the early morning, I just began to pray and I said, "Oh, dear Lord Jesus, will you be so kind to me as to send me a friend to-day, someone to speak to, and you have come to-day in answer to my prayer" And there, in that little room, we two, equal children in God's family, together prayed to Him, who hears the prayer of the blind, the lame, the rich, and the poor, the black and the white, the sinner, and the saint

Yes, prayer is a great reality of the Christian's most glorious life and faith, for it sets the joybells ringing in our hearts, and it causes us to render unto God the glory that is due to His most holy Name The Christlikeness of this dear old saint is an inspiration to all who know her

The heart of Christ will not be fully satisfied until everyone who loves Him is by His side

When all that is called great and grand amongst men has gone to nothing, Christ will remain

"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John x 10)

Historians can write about a man when he is dead The Scriptures were full of Christ before He came

The world can add nothing to the person who is watching and waiting for the Lord Jesus Christ

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**A NEW JUMBLE.** Below will be found two jumbled verses of Scripture taken from our Lord's sermon on the mount which fills three chapters of Matthew (v, vi, and vii) All the words in the two verses are given, and are all out of order

Write out the two verses as they stand in your Bible (Authorised Version), giving numbers of chapter and verses

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# FOURSQUARE ENTHUSIASM EVERYWHERE

## Power Sources Proved in Prayer—Deepening Blessing

### INCREASING INTEREST

**Kingston-on-Thames** (Pastor J Smith) The saints at Elm Tabernacle, St James Road, are not asleep, but pushing on towards the mark, and the fruit of faithful labour is being manifested. The last fortnight has indeed been a time of revival here, and God is graciously answering our prayers.

Evangelist C Cooper has been ministering for the last six weeks, and God is greatly blessing his ministry, the precious Word going forth in real power, resulting in increased attendances at all services, with the weekly prayer meetings being all records. Hallelujah! After-meetings were arranged for prayers for the sick, and for those seeking the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, the power of the Spirit being greatly manifest.

Open-air meetings, unfolding God's plan of salvation are being conducted with great fervour. Praise be to God for His blessings, and for the revival fire which has started here. His mighty power has rested upon the meetings.

### OPEN-AIR ENDEAVOUR

**Eastbourne** (Pastor S Gorman) God is still blessing at the Elm Tabernacle, Hartfield Road. Open-air meetings have continued throughout the summer months, loyal workers visiting the outlying districts and proclaiming the glorious Gospel. One meeting in particular ought to be mentioned. Sixteen of the most resolute open-air workers met at a little village. It was dark and raining, and the street apparently deserted, but in the houses near by, one could discern open windows and enquiring faces. And what a mighty realisation of God's blessing rested on that meeting, as, for over an hour, God's Word was faithfully ministered in preaching and in song. Hallelujah! Praise God for such a testimony!

During Pastor and Mrs Gorman's absence on holiday the saints were privileged to have Pastor Boulton for the first week, and Pastor J Smith for the second, and under their genial and happy ministry the saints were edified and built up afresh. Also Pastor Hathaway preached the Word here on a recent Sunday, so that altogether Eastbourne has been feasting of late on varied and much appreciated spiritual fare.

They are waiting now with eager anticipation for a baptismal service, as there are some desirous of following our Lord through the waters. This it is hoped will soon be arranged.

### MANY CONVERSIONS

**Brighton** (Pastor W Barton) The saints worshipping at Elm Tabernacle,

Union Street, are still enjoying great blessing. Prayer has been answered, there being increased numbers at all meetings, and the preaching of the Word at the Sunday evening Gospel service resulting in many conversions.



Pastor W Barton

Hardly a Sunday passes without the reaping of souls into the kingdom of God and at one recent service alone, eight conversions took place. Soul-saving is not being confined to the Sunday Gospel services, decisions have been made for the Lord Jesus Christ at the week-day prayer meeting also. The Thursday Bible reading is proving a source of much blessing and is being attended by increasing numbers.

Prayer, too, is being answered in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on those seeking the fulness of God's promise, for many have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit recently. Praise God for an increasingly praying people—the weekly prayer meeting is becoming a powerhouse for successful labour in the Master's service.

### STRIKING HEALING

**Halifax** (Pastor J C Kennedy) The words that Jesus uttered nearly 2,000 years ago, "Ye will not come unto Me that ye might have life," are still true, as we see the multitudes passing by today refusing the invitation of the loving Master, "Come!" What a difference it has made to those who have accepted the invitation, and are to-day glorying in a new life, who have found indeed that at Elm there is refreshment for body, soul and spirit.

The Lord is continuing to manifest His presence with the saints meeting at the Hanover School, Hanover Street, in the saving of souls, healing of bodies and baptising in the Holy Ghost, upwards of 100 having received the baptism in the Holy Ghost since May. During the past four weeks twenty-four have accepted Jesus as their Saviour. Quite recently one brother testified to being healed of double rupture after suffering for twenty years and one elderly lady of sixty received deliverance after being crippled from birth, she wore one boot size five and the other size three, having a crippled ankle, and her toes being doubled under her foot, with the bones locked. To use her own words she now has a perfect ankle, and her foot loosened and straightened. Surely we have a wonderful God!

### PUTTING THE CLOCK BACK!

**Barking** (Pastor H A Court) A recent Saturday night was one never to be forgotten at the Elm Hall, Ripple Road. The night on which the nation puts the clock back was used by a large company of believers coming and joining for a season of prayer. The arrangements were made to suit all. At each hour during the night a break was made, by singing a hymn, to permit ingress and egress to those participating. Some came for a few hours, while others came for longer periods. All who were able to be present at any time during the night enjoyed a real season of prayer and intercession in the presence of the Lord. The service commenced at ten p.m. on the Saturday night, and there was no cessation of prayer and praise until eleven o'clock on the Sunday morning. These fourteen hours spent in prayer were indeed a time of blessing and refreshing. Upon computation it was found that 153 attended a most significant number in Scripture. The saints at Barking did indeed throw their net of prayer on the right side of the ship. Blessings are bound to follow. Each hour of the night was devoted to a different prayer purpose. The total number of prayers offered was 175, the number of hours spent by all in prayer was 323.

Pastor Court led the service until five o'clock in the morning, after which different brothers of the assembly led until the morning service commenced. At that service a splendid congregation assembled, further to praise the Lord. Pastor Court gave a most convincing and edifying talk on The Baptism of the Holy Ghost. It was a real feast, and enjoyed by those present. The Lord is continuing to bless His work in the various departments of the assembly here. Praise the Lord, we believe that "Prayer changes things."

### PENTECOSTAL EXPERIENCE

**Ealing** (Mr C E Palmer) Truly the Lord is with His people meeting in the Cranmer Hall, Cranmer Avenue, and during the past few weeks has been manifesting His power in a remarkable manner. Mr Palmer's ministry has been used of God for the uplifting of the saints, which has created a great desire to wait upon God and take Him at His word. Several have lately proved that He still pours forth His Holy Spirit, and from their innermost beings streams of living water have flowed forth (God's Holy Spirit). Truly this is His very Pentecost and now often at the Lord's Table manifestations of the Spirit are heard and seen in tongues and interpretations. Others are thus encouraged to wait and obtain the great blessing.

Wonderful testimonies have been given of the working of the Holy Spirit in the homes of the people. In one place during the night a sister recently baptised, but suffering with serious throat trouble, received healing, and the whole family rejoiced in the early hours of the morning. At the healing services recently the Lord

seven years ago as co-pastors of the assembly, who left here to answer the call of God and labour for Him in Mexico. The occasion was the quarterly missionary meeting, and hearts were stirred as they eagerly listened to the very interesting accounts given by both the missionaries of the work and great blessings of God

Recently two more have received the baptism in the Holy Ghost.

Early in August the Sunday School had their first summer outing on this occasion going to Southsea, where a very enjoyable time was spent. Tea was followed by games and races.



Some of the candidates at a recent baptismal service at Ryde.

Jesus has touched some of the saints, one sister testifying that she was instantaneously healed of quinsy.

Recently three more members were received into fellowship at the Lord's Table. Also a Crusader week was held, and the Lord was truly present in the services, which greatly enriched all, concluding on the Friday, with most helpful and encouraging words from the Crusader National Secretary, Pastor Boulton.

**MISSIONARY TESTIMONY**

**Forest Hill** (Evangelist A. Carver) In a very special way God is manifesting His presence and power in the midst of His people at the Elim Tabernacle, Perry Vale, under the faithful and energetic ministry of Mr. A. Carver. He is indeed meeting the need of an expectant people, and one feels at every meeting that the tide is rising higher and higher. During the past six months our numbers have steadily increased. Week by week strangers are seen. Some come seeking pastures green, and praise God, they find them. Others come and hear of the One who is mighty to save and prove it in their own experience by accepting Him.

At the Gospel services on Sunday evenings Mr. Carver has been delivering a series of sermons on Life's Great Problems of the Present Day, and as he expounded the Scriptures it has been proved that every problem can be solved through the Word of God.

On a recent Thursday the saints were privileged to have Pastor and Mrs. Thomas with them. How they rejoiced to see them again. Old memories were revived, for many remembered them about

in Mexico. A duet by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas in Spanish was enjoyed by all. Altogether it was a most profitable and blessed meeting and one that well merited the record attendance.

Another whole day of prayer and fasting was spent one Sunday, and a mighty time of blessing it was too, the power of God being manifested throughout the day.

God is blessing abundantly, but God's people will not be satisfied until real revival has come.

**ANOTHER ELIM TABERNACLE**

**Ryde** (Evangelist E. O. Steward) For months past Nature in her various ways, has been preparing for the winter months which lie ahead.

The saints meeting at the Foresters' Hall (now the Elim Tabernacle), Warwick Street, have likewise been laying in store, but in the spiritual sense.

How we thank God for the services and the veritable feasts they afford. As the Scriptures are unfolded, praise God! the Holy Ghost makes the Word live, and by it souls are nourished, faith built up, and minds so stayed upon Jehovah, that they have peace, and are at rest. Our covering is His righteousness, and others, as they believe the Gospel and accept our Lord are also being thus clothed.

Since the last report from this centre souls have been saved, and others have been baptised, bringing the total to fifty. One candidate testifies to being completely healed of lumbago whilst being immersed.

There is great rejoicing in the assembly at the knowledge that the Foresters' Hall is now by virtue of purchase the Elim Tabernacle. Hallelujah!

**THE BLOOD OF CHRIST**

Pastor Bolt, of Locarno, tells the story of a young man who was brought to prison for some crime committed, and there he attempted suicide. He said he could live no longer with his demon. The pastor who visited him in his cell was greeted with the question, "Can you take my brain out of its skull and wash it?" It's swarming with evil impulses." He was given a Bible, and when visited again by the pastor was found learning passages of Scripture. "That washes me," was his remark. On old gray packing paper he had written certain texts that appealed to him. Among them were "How much more shall the blood of Christ . . . purge your conscience from dead works?" (Heb ix 14), and "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus" (Rom viii 1).



# Studies in The Acts

By P. N. CONYER

## Acts xxiii 12-35

After two exciting days the Apostle must have been in need of a little encouragement, nor was it long in forthcoming, for that night the Lord stood by him with a message of good cheer, and a promise that his desire to proceed to Rome should be fulfilled. A very helpful study may here be suggested to the student. Look up the visions that Paul had, and see what follows.

### 1. The vision on the Damascus road (Acts ix 1-6 and 17)

Conviction, conversion, and consecration follow quickly in this vision, perhaps the greatest process of all being that which changed the madman into a messenger of God (I Cor xv 8).

### 2. The vision in the wilderness (Acts xxii 14-16, Gal i 15-17, Eph iii 1-7)

We do not know the precise spot, the exact date, but we do know from Paul's writings what a mighty change resulted from this vision of the Just One, and from hearing the voice that revealed to Paul the Gospel of the grace of God (Col i 24-27). During this time of preparation the message that was to change an exclusive Jewish sect into the body that should propagate the fulness of Christ for the uncircumcision, was received.

### 3. The vision in the Temple (Acts xxii 17-21)

which was to separate him for work among the nations. Up till this moment his testimony in Damascus and Jerusalem had been given to members of his own race, from now on he could say that his work was to evangelise among the Gentiles with the glad news of the unsearchable riches of Christ (Eph iii 8, 9).

### 4. The vision at Troas (Acts xvi 8-10)

Jerusalem, Antioch, Syria, Cilicia, Cyprus, and Galatia had all in turn received his witness, and now with Europe at his feet the Lord grants his servant the vision of a certain man of Macedonia, in order that he may know assuredly that the Lord had called him to preach in Europe.

### 5. The vision at Corinth (Acts xviii 9-11)

It seems as though when the Jews blasphemed, and Paul had separated himself, that he would soon have moved on as he had done in so many other places (cf Acts xiii 45-52, xiv 5-7, xvii 8-10). The Lord had other plans and stops Paul from moving on, so a vision stays him to work for many more months in Corinth.

### 6. The vision in the Roman prison (Acts xxiii 11)

When all was turmoil and death stalked the streets, then the Lord comes with cheer to point yet another sphere of ser-

vice. Though his own country was about to close its doors and his work in all other places seems to have been accomplished ("No more room," Paul calls it, Rom xv 23), now the Lord appears to point to Rome as the sure place of witness.

### 7. The vision on the ship (Acts xxvii 21-26)

This was not given for himself alone, but to give assurance that no storm could prevent him from witnessing, not only in Rome but to Cæsar. Did Paul receive another vision as he stood before that bloodthirsty tyrant? Anyway we know that when all forsook him he could say,

Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me" (II Tim iv 17).

8. There is another vision mentioned in II Corinthians xii 1-10, which probably took place when Paul lay on the blood-stained stones outside the gate of Lystra (Acts xiv 19, 20). But apart from this we see that the great outstanding characteristic of Paul's visions is that they were all practical. They led him to understand the truth of the Gospel, they pointed to fresh fields of service, or stayed him until he had accomplished the purpose of God in any one place. In these days it is good to remind ourselves of this, for many would have visions that lead them nowhere and teach them nothing. They neither point to truth, nor to the path of duty, but rather require an interpreter of dreams to make them understandable. Beware of such, but if your vision leads to better, fuller service, to an open-air meeting, or to the next unevangelised village, then thank God for it and keep moving forward.

### Paul's nephew

The facts next brought before us reveal hate so full-blooded that forty men could bind themselves with an oath not to eat or drink until they accomplished their fell design, and a religious community ready to forward such a project to the perpetual disgrace of their religion. Nor does the Jerusalem church seem very interested. We read of no prayers by the church, no repetition of the all-night prayer meetings for Paul's deliverance, as was the case with Peter. They may number "many myriads" (Acts xx. 20, margin), but there is no doubt that on this occasion Paul owed his life to a relative, and not to the Christ in community. We do not even know if Paul's nephew was a Christian, if he was, and if Paul's sister was, it is strange that Paul did not lodge with them instead of with Mnason of Cyprus. Yet for all our lack of knowledge (for this is the only glimpse we get of this young man) one's heart goes out to this youth, who would brave the company of Roman soldiers whose presence would defile, and who moreover was plucky enough to risk being betrayed

to the forty who were lying in wait to kill. If he was ever betrayed for this day's work he would receive scant mercy at the hands of such men as this narrative reveals.

### The Escape

I have detailed a few hundred escorts in my Army days, not only for common folk, but for leaders of revolts such as the Kurdistan risings of 1919 under religious leaders such as Sheikh Mahmud, but never have I heard of an escort of the size of that mentioned in this chapter. Paul had four hundred and seventy horse and foot to see him safely off the premises. They conveyed him for the first thirty-five miles of the journey to Antipatris, from whence they returned leaving the cavalry escort to complete the journey to Cæsaræa. When the Lord answers prayer He does so lavishly, and the intercession of Roman Christians (Rom xv 30-32) here brought about a deliverance that could indeed have been said to be "the fulness of blessing."

## Opportunity.

(I Chronicles iv 10)

Let us notice what he wanted. He wanted to be something more for God. "Enlarge my border." No Christian, in view of the world's need, and the judgment seat of Christ, and with any sense of the value of his life, and what the Son of God has put into it, can afford to allow his life to stagnate. We all ought to have a holy ambition to be something more for God, a greater influence and more effective ministry as the days go by. In a little Swiss graveyard on the gravestone of an Alpine guide are these simple words, "He died climbing." The last day should find us on the highest peak of spiritual experience. Of how many, alas! it has to be said, "He died descending." The wisdom of former days faded, the thrill of earlier experience gone, the standard of the best days lowered. Beware of the thing that robs you of the ambition to be something more for God.

## Four Essentials of Enduring Service

I must wait for four things

First, to know whether a work is God's work

Second, to know whether it is my work

Third, to know whether it is God's time

Fourth, to know whether it is God's way —George Muller



# ELIM CRUSADER PAGE

MOTTO: GOD'S BEST FOR US — OUR BEST FOR GOD



## ATTENTION!

The attention of all our London Crusaders is called to a special gathering which is to be held at Elim Woodlands, on Saturday, November 5th, when the London Crusader Choir is to be in attendance, and other interesting items are to be included in a programme which we expect will add to the joy of all who are privileged to be present.

We specially invite all Elim Crusaders to join this happy gathering. The tickets to Crusaders are 1/- each, and can be obtained from the local Crusader Secretary, or at Elim Woodlands on the day of the gathering.

**Horsham** It is with hearts full of praise to God that we write of times of rich blessing in this corner of the vineyard. Truly we are proving Jesus to be our satisfying Portion in these days when all around is unrest and turmoil, we are proving His promise that He will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed upon the Lord. We were recently privileged to have a visit from Miss Chung. It was a time of rich blessing, we have also been able to go to one of the outlying villages and herald forth the Gospel in word and song, and we know the Lord will bless, for He has said, "My Word shall not return unto Me void." We would also praise God for the news received of our late Secretary, Mr J Newman, who is labouring for the Master in Dundee, holding forth the Word of life. Hallelujah! we in Horsham are determined to be all out for the Master — D C

**Ballymoney.** This branch which was formed twelve months ago recently held its anniversary. Since its formation the work of the young people has progressed steadily. Though small in numbers the witness for Christ has been strongly upheld. At the anniversary service the retiring Secretary gave a brief resumé of the first year of the branch, mentioning its failings and successes, and strongly hoped that in the coming year greater work might be done for Christ. Since the new Pastor arrived the Crusaders have once again rallied to the banner of the Cross, and Pastor Hood has welcomed five new members into the branch.

**Hornsey.** "O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth for ever." This is certainly the testimony of the Crusaders at Hornsey. The Lord has indeed been pouring out showers of blessing upon us of late, and the meetings have been real times of uplift. Recently we had a "confessions" night, the experiences of the various brothers and sisters proved to be ex-

trremely helpful, encouraging us onward in this life of faith.

Numbers have increased, and those who had slackened off are again finding an interest in the services. One brother is a convert from our open-air meetings which are well attended by strangers, sometimes sympathetic, sometimes aggressive. We at Hornsey are justly proud of our "boys," who shine brilliantly by God's grace in this sphere of service.

On a recent Sunday the Crusaders took the evening meeting entirely and although there were no public decisions we had a heavenly time. The message of one sister on the 23rd Psalm was greatly appreciated by all, as was the rendering of the Gospel in song by three brothers. We are looking to the Saviour to do greater things in the future that souls may be won, bodies healed, saints baptised in the Holy Spirit, and all be awaiting the near return of the Lord. Unto Him be glory for ever! — H L

**Banbridge** The saints at Banbridge are still progressing in the Word, and He is blessing the young people here. We receive a great feast of fat things every Monday night, as we gather to hear the young people expound the Word. As to the Crusader meetings we can say with the hymn-writer—

Heaven came down our souls to greet,  
And glory crowned the mercy seat.

—W M

**Devonport** The Devonport Crusaders and Cadets are still forging ahead. They recently held a musical evening to aid the Sunday school funds. Musical instruments were played by the Crusaders, and other Crusaders and Cadets sang and recited. The young did their part exceedingly well. The organist gave an organ recital and accompanied the singing and instrument playing. The musical evening was a great success, and was very much appreciated. Praise God! — I A B

**Southport** Praise God for a summer of rich blessing. Both our open-air and indoor meetings have been times of fellowship with the Master. One of our Crusader meetings was particularly interesting, when we had the pleasure of welcoming the friends from the Holiday Home who took charge of the meeting. The wonderful messages given in word and song proved a blessing to many. It was with joy that recently we had the privilege of again hearing Miss Ching tell of the miracles God has performed out in India. Her message made us realise how many there are abroad who need the Gospel of salvation, and how few labourers there are there, and how those few need our urgent prayer and support. Several of our number have received God's precious gift, the baptism of the Holy Ghost, which makes us feel more than ever that we must live up to our motto and go "Onward, ever onward" helping to bring others to know the redeeming love of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. God has wonderfully blessed, and

we look to Him to prepare us during the winter months, for further service in His vineyard — F M

**Halifax** Who dares to say that Jesus Christ cannot satisfy the young people? A visit to the Foursquare assembly on a recent Sunday evening, when the Crusaders conducted the meeting, would have put all the critics and pessimists to shame.

Although only seven months old, the Crusader band, with its 126 members, is proving to many that Jesus Christ can and does revolutionise the lives of those who trust Him as their personal Saviour.

Long before 6.30 the hall was packed, and by the happy, smiling faces, it seemed as though everyone thought, "It is good to be in the house of the Lord." Packing over 100 Crusaders on to a platform that is only suitable for about half that number, was quite a work of skill but praise God! where there is a will there is a way, and before long we were all accommodated, happy to be gathered together as a living witness to the saving and keeping power of the Christ we serve.

Hymns and choruses were sung, with the joy of the Lord in our hearts. A brother and sister led us to the throne of grace, pleading that God would set His seal upon our efforts, and save precious souls, and heal bodies.

The Crusader hymn and chorus, "Onward to victory" (written by one of the Crusaders, and set to music by a member of the orchestra) was sung. Our local motto is, "Onward to victory," and as we sang we felt that we were indeed marching onward. Three sisters each gave a message in song, and as their sweet voices rang out, many hearts were stirred to a deeper consciousness of God's love. Two testimonies, from a brother and sister respectively, went forth with holy boldness, telling how the Saviour brought them to Himself, and how He has filled their lives with joy unspeakable, and a firm determination to follow Him all the way.

Gospel messages were given by two sisters, each one different, yet each alike, in telling the old old story of Jesus and His love.

When the altar call was given, the Lord set His seal upon our ministry and four precious souls were won for the Master, redeemed from the world, washed in the precious Blood, and born of the Spirit of God.

As the meeting closed, we could indeed praise God for His guiding hand in our service, and we pray that much fruit will be brought forth as a result of that service.

Oh, that God will give us a greater vision of the Man of Calvary—a vision that will uplift and inspire us to such an extent, that before long Halifax will know, and by the Christlike lives of the Elim Crusaders, be compelled to believe that Jesus lives — G E L.

# Dawn

By W. H. HEBDIGE

*Comfort ye My people —Isaiah xl 1.*

Stand with me upon this range of hills stretching as far as the eye can see to east and west. Across the valley another range of hills, like to the one we are on, raises many summits to the sky. Below us the valley is dark and misty, but away in the east just a faint glimmer of light can be seen. And if we look closely through the mist and darkness into the valley we shall see a mass of people moving along toward the east. Let us go closer.

As we approach them we see an army of fine up-standing people, but alas, their eyes are dull with despair and their appearance slack and weary. They seem to be struggling against some unseen obstacle, and the road is rough and stony. But now, as they struggle along, see! a young man with flashing eyes steps out from the rest, and going ahead places himself on a small hillock. Turning to the people he utters these words, "Comfort ye My people, saith your God. Speak ye comfort to Jerusalem. Cry

unto her that her warfare is accomplished. She hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins", and as they hear these words I think we can see their heads go back and their muscles become taut, as they step out with more determined mien. The light in the east grows brighter, until its radiance is reflected in the faces of the people.

To-day we are a people in the valley of darkness. Many are the rough places we find along the road, and the light flickers but dimly in the distance. But, praise God, we are turning our faces more and more toward the light in the East which is the dawn of Christ's Kingdom, and with His help we will take comfort. Remembering the words of Isaiah we will step out on the road, and march resolutely toward the dawn of His blessed reign which ever grows brighter and nearer, praying that He will keep us "until the Day break and the shadows flee away."

## Christ Within, the Hope of Glory



**T**HE blessedness pronounced upon those who hunger and thirst after righteousness will never fail. In every instance of true hunger and thirst after His righteousness the filling is sure to follow, yes, the filling to an overflow, for in Him is all abundance unto all who call upon Him.

We give the following experience of Nathan Davis of the National Military Home, Kansas, as it appears in the "Vanguard," as follows:

"I have for a long time enjoyed pardon and purity, but some months ago I began to experience an intense hungering and thirsting for the highest possibilities of grace and a great travail of soul that the Holy Spirit of God might form within my heart and soul the very image of Christ. So after having sought in vain among my Christian friends for some one with experience and knowledge of Divine things sufficient to enable them to direct and assist me, one night I had a remarkable vision full of ecstasy and holy joy, during which there came into my being another Being, giving me a sense of double consciousness

"This Being I recognized as the personal Christ, and I immediately experienced a sense of having within my mortal body an infallible Monitor, for my whole body was now full of light. Whereas my recent experiences had been transitory and fleeting, with occasional intuitions of eternal truth, I now realised in my vision that I no longer had any fellowship with darkness, and that the anointing I was receiving was of that permanent character that gave me knowledge and understanding, and that Jesus was now my Elder Brother, a nearer and dearer relationship than I had ever before experienced.

"His relation to me before had always been of that ex-corporeal nature, and the benign influence of His presence which had so often been as a holy infusion into heart and mind, was now succeeded by the permanent indwelling of the dearest Friend I had ever known. I now had within me a fountain of Divine intuitions and inspirations, with no restraint of utterance, and our fellowship was one of the richest banquets, or soul feasting upon ambrosial food I ever had known in all my life, He supping with me and I with Him. I felt that henceforth I was to be for Him a minister of flaming fire, and that my longings were now fully satisfied, having received the record of God upon my soul, and unto me was ministered an abundant entrance into His everlasting kingdom here and now.

"This vision continued until I was awakened by the morning light, and I found my whole being so filled with holy ecstasy that I was very loth to let it vanish away, but I feel a full assurance that it will soon be made of a permanent character. In these days of apostasy it seems very hard to find those who have received of His fulness and 'grace for grace'.

"The marriage supper of the King's Son is now ready, and only awaiting a suitable preparation of guests to fill the tables. 'Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the Kingdom of God.'"

The invitation still stands, "Come, for all things are now ready." The King invites you to sit with Him at His table, to drink of the living water He provides. For your unrighteousness He will clothe you with the robe of His righteousness.

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