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Weak men are afraid of the shadow of the cross.

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## A Further Study As To Faith Healing

By JAY GREEN  
Madisonville, Kentucky

What is prayer? How should we pray? The error of the so-called faith healers and for that matter the error of the vast multitude is in their concept of prayer. These have perverted the blessed channel which is prayer (and what the Word of God says about prayer) until they would have you believe God answers all prayer with the exact answer and the precise results that the petitioner desires—with only one condition, that the one who prays have strong enough faith to bring about such a desire. That is a position is absurd is clearly shown by the prayers in Scripture, and in the instructions given regarding prayer in Scripture. We have shown in a

previous article that the so-called faith-healer lacks faith himself, and therefore would not qualify as a healer according to Bible standards. Now let us look at prayer, and see for ourselves through the Word of God that the faith-healer (and all others who follow his philosophy of prayer) are depending upon a false promise regarding prayer.

A definition of prayer by John Bunyan (Pilgrim's Progress) is the best I've seen — "Prayer is a sincere, sensible, affectionate pouring out of the heart or soul to God, through Christ, in the strength and assistance of the Holy Spirit, for such things as God hath promised, or according to the Word, for the good of the Church, with submission (in faith) to the will of God." Be-

fore we take up the Scripture lesson, let us look at this fine exposition of what one must do to pray. At first sight it looks as if he had left out that most important element of prayer which is—we can only expect fulfillment of prayer when we pray that all shall be to the glory of God, in the name of Jesus Christ. A study of His words will show that this element is covered in several ways—"according to the Word," "for the good of the church," with submission (in faith) to the will of God. What saith the petitioner to these things?

What saith the Lord? "And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us: and if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we (Continued on page three)

### BEHOLD! HE COMES!

World chaos reigns! Bold lawlessness runs faster!  
And earth's dark night with deeper darkness grows!  
In many lands unparalleled disaster--  
Wars, famines, earthquakes, floods--  
'mongst many woes.  
The darkness deepens! Yes, but Dawn is nearer!  
The Lord from Heaven may soon be on His way:  
The "Blessed Hope" in these dark days grows dearer--  
Our Saviour Christ will come--Perhaps Today!  
--J. Danson Smith

## The Conversion Of Jerry McCauley, In Spite Of His Murder And Catholicism

I had been in the prison four or five years, when one Sunday morning I went with the rest to service in the chapel. I was moody and miserable. As I took my seat I raised my eyes carelessly to the platform and who should I see there besides the coplain but a man named Orville Gardner, who had been for years a CONFEDERATE IN SIN. "AWFUL GARDNER" was the name by which I had always known him. Since my imprisonment he had been converted and was filled with a desire to come to the prison that he might tell the glad story to the prisoners. I had not heard he was coming and could not have been more surprised if an angel had come down from Heaven.

He said that he did not feel that he belonged on the plat-

form where the ministers of God and good men stood to preach the Gospel to the prisoners, he was not worthy of such a place, so he came down and stood on the floor in front of the desk that he might be among the men. He told them it was only a little while since he had taken off the stripes which they were wearing; and while he was talking, his tears fairly rained down out of his eyes. Then he knelt down and prayed and sobbed and cried till I do not believe there was a dry eye in the whole crowd. Tears filled my eyes and I raised my hand slowly to wipe them off, for I was ashamed to have my companions or the guards see me weep. But how I wished I was alone or that it was dark that I might give way to my feelings unobserved. I knew this man was no hypocrite. I devoured every word that fell from his lips. One (Continued on page four)

### A DASTARDLY ATTACK!

At a meeting once, where both Col. Robert Ingersoll and Henry Ward Beecher were present, the noted agnostic Col. Ingersoll, had spoken at some length and had brilliantly put forth his agnostic views. It was expected by those present Beecher would have replied to these attacks and would have defended Christianity, but not a word did the old man say.

At last Col. Ingersoll remarked:

"Mr. Beecher, have you nothing to say on this question?"

The old man slowly lifted from his attitude and replied:

"Nothing; in fact, if you will excuse me for changing the conversation, I will say that while you gentlemen were talking, my mind was bent on a most deplorable spectacle which (Continued on page four)

### WHAT IT COSTS TO BE A REAL CHRISTIAN

In a very large corporation in the eastern part of the United States there worked a young Christian whose life so radiated Christ that he bore a strong testimony to Him and was an influence for good among all who knew him. The president of the company called this young man to him one day and, addressing him by name, said: "I have been tremendously impressed by your Christian life and your benign influence in our factory. Although I am the head of this corporation, I would give everything in the world if I could emulate you in this respect. Tell me the secret of your life."

"What you would give," the young man replied, "is exactly what it has cost me—the whole world."

The Christian life is Christ living His life in us. The world is at enmity with Him. Therefore, if we would have Him live out His life through us, the world must be given up; we must be crucified to the world (Continued on page four)

## Why God's People Are Not To Have Anything To Do With Heathen Astrology

By ROY MASON  
Tampa, Florida

Where Did Astrology Originate?

A radio listener recently wrote and asked us to deal with the matter of astrology — or rather to have something to say along that line. Also some others have evidenced interest on this subject — hence the present article.

There is widespread interest in astrology today, due to the broadcasts of astrologers from Mexican stations, and to the magazines on astrology that are broadcast on the newsstands of the nation.

### What Is Astrology?

It is defined in an encyclopedia as, "A pseudo-science (false science) which pretends to foretell future events by studying the position of the stars, and ascertaining their alleged influence upon human destiny."

It came out of the very heart of heathenism, and was born in superstition. Many of the heathen races have had a heathen system of religion that was based on the heavenly bodies. Indian peoples like the Aztecs for instance. The sun and the moon have been considered in the light of gods by many heathen races. Ancient Israel had this heathen worship to face. Let us note some Old Testament references:

1. Isa. 47:12-14. God here sets Himself in opposition to the star gazers and astrologers, saying that they cannot deliver these people.

2. In Babylon we find those who trusted in God, exceeding (Continued on page four)

### REVIVAL MEETING AT WHITE PLAINS

Beginning on September 17th, Elder T. P. Simmons of Coal Grove, Ohio is with Pastor Dewey Noffsinger and the First Baptist Church of White Plains, Kentucky, in an evangelistic meeting.

Perhaps many of our readers in west Kentucky will be interested in hearing Brother Simmons while he is at White Plains.

Brother Noffsinger and the White Plains church are wholly committed to the Word of God as their standard of faith and practice and are standing aloof from the usual entanglements with compromising schemes. Their mission money goes regularly to Baptist Faith Missions of Detroit. The editor has been with this good church a number of times in Bible conferences and can bear witness to the fine quality of its membership.

## The First Baptist Pulpit

### "Who Can Forgive Sins?"

"Who can forgive sins but God only?"—Mark 2:7.

A preacher friend wrote me recently of an experience that he had had. After he had finished preaching, a man who was quite liberally tainted with infidelity, came to him and upbraided him for what he called "the preacher's ignorance," and said in substance, "After you have preached about God, you will admit that you don't know much about Him, won't you?"

This preacher friend of mine said, "That is right. Though I preached about Him, I'll admit I don't know much about Him; but what little I do know about Him has certainly changed my life."

Beloved, what little that you and I know about God has changed our lives. The only thing in this world that will ever change your life is an experience of grace with God. I don't care what your sin may be, or how vile you may be in

it, an experience of grace will change your life. There is nothing else that can. You can join a church and be baptized and do anything else that you want to, but it won't change your life. There is only one thing that will change your life, and that is an experimental knowledge of God in Jesus Christ.

This leads me to my text when the enemies of Jesus asked, "Who can forgive sins but God only?"

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## "Who Can Forgive Sins?"

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I

THIS IS AN AGE-OLD QUESTION.

It began in the Garden of Eden and has been a question from that time down to this. Men of all ages have discussed and have wondered about it. Adam was the first man that ever faced it. After he and Eve had sinned, they hid themselves from the presence of God. Even though they had made garments of fig leaves to cover their nakedness, they hid themselves from the presence of God. They were facing the problem of who can forgive sins, and it was the biggest problem that had ever come into their lives.

In the days of our Lord when, in the course of human events, Jesus spoke peace to a paralytic and raised him from a bed of paralysis, the enemies of our Lord, standing around criticizing His ministry, said as they spoke the words of my text, "Who can forgive sins but God only?" Even though they were the enemies of the Lord, they realized that none but God could forgive sin.

When Paul and Silas were incarcerated in the jail at Philippi, as they sang and prayed, God shook that old jail with an earthquake, loosed their bands, and delivered them from the prison. The Philippian jailer cried:

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

I don't know whether that question had ever come into his life previously, but, beloved, the problem that stood out in his mind that night was the problem of the forgiveness of sin.

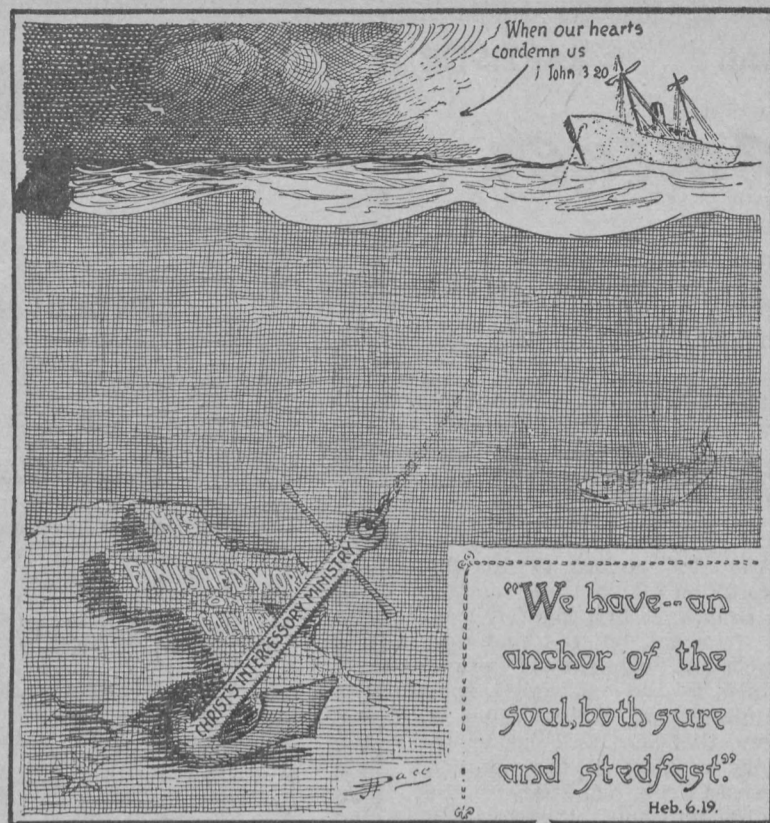
I say to you, you can begin at the book of Genesis and study all the way through the Word of God and you will be amazed at the fact that page after page, chapter after chapter, brings you face to face with this question, who can forgive sin? From the time the first man sinned, the question of forgiveness of sin has been uppermost and paramount in the minds of the fallen descendants of Adam.

II

MANY FALSE ANSWERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THIS QUESTION.

Time would fail me to mention even briefly the false answers that have been given to this question as to who can forgive sins, but I'll mention a few that you might see how many, many false answers have been given.

In the Old Testament we read about the god of Molech. Mighty, few people today would dare to do what many parents did in the Old Testament dispensation, thinking they were pleasing



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God. We read of heathen people who were troubled with this question as to who could forgive sin. Hoping to get forgiveness, they would bring their child and put a helpless infant up into the arms of that metal god, Molech, that had a fire built inside it and around it, and they burned their child as a living sacrifice while the priests would beat loudly upon their drums in order to drown the cry of the burning infant. Thus the priests of Molech offered an answer to this question as to who can forgive sin. They told the parents that their sins were forgiven because they had offered their own offspring as a sacrifice to the god of Molech.

Notice also that mother over in Africa who has gone down into the valley of the shadow of death to produce a life, and who loves her baby the same as you love yours. A heathen priest tells her that the answer to the question as to the forgiveness of sin lies in a sacrifice of her own child. She walks out to the Nile River and throws her babe in the river to the alligators, thinking that by the sacrifice she has made she will find peace and satisfaction with God, and that she will find the answer to the question of who can forgive sin.

Over in India they have an answer to this question. Once a year in the streets of a sacred city of India, they roll a big wheel, heavier than the wheel of a steam roller, along the street. Were it not for the efforts of the English government, multiplied thousands of those heathen would throw themselves underneath that wheel to be crushed, thinking that by such a self-sacrifice they will find the answer as to who can forgive sin. Before the English government saw to it that policemen lined the avenues to keep people from thus self-sacrificing themselves every year in their annual service of worship, thousands of those heathen would destroy themselves, thinking that by their self-destruction they had found the answer to this age-old question.

Again, beloved, there is that individual in many lands of the world today who is lying, with his body nude, upon a bed of spikes, thinking that by self-torture and affliction of his body he will find the answer to the question, who can forgive sin.

I have a preacher friend who is quite wealthy (by inheritance, of course), who, a few years ago, made a trip around

the world to the various mission fields at his own expense and studied the situation as it confronted the missionaries all over the world. After returning to this country, he told me that the most pitiable sight he saw on any mission field was that of the people lying upon a bed of spikes, mutilating their bodies, trying to find the answer as to who can forgive sin.

In the light of our knowledge of the Word of God, to us these answers are far from the truth. Not a person here would dare offer his offspring to the god of Molech. Not a mother would dare to throw her child into the river to the alligators. Not a person would dare throw himself down to be crushed by a heavy wheel. Not one here would dare to lie upon a bed of spikes, hoping to find the answer to the question, who can forgive sin. Though you wouldn't dare do these things, there are lots of other answers that have been given through the ages gone by, that are just as far-fetched.

Take for example the answer of the Catholics. The "Junior Catholic Messenger" of January 12, 1951, published under the seal of the Archbishop Cardus J. Alter of Cincinnati, Ohio, told how sins can be forgiven. Listen:

"Today the priest has this same power of forgiving sins. He has received it from Jesus. He says to us: 'I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.' These are called the words of absolution. The priest speaks them to us when we go to Confession. (To absolve means to forgive, or take away, sins.)

The sins that the priest forgives in the Sacrament of Penance are actual sins. No matter how many our sins are, or how great they are, they can be forgiven by the priest. But we must be sorry for them. We must confess them to the priest. We must be willing to do the penance he gives us. Then the words of absolution will take away all our sins.

WHAT PENANCE DOES FOR US  
First, Penance takes away our sins, if we do our part correctly. It takes away both venial and mortal sins.

Second, the Sacrament gives us grace to keep from sin. Whenever we go to Confession, Jesus tells us what He said to the persons He forgave while He lived on earth: "Go, and sin no more." (He says this to us through the priest.) Then He also gives us grace to sin no more.

Third, this Sacrament increases the super-natural life of our soul. Often we may have no mortal sin when we go to Confession. In that case, we already have sanctifying grace when we receive the Sacrament.

Fourth, the Sacrament of Penance gives us back our merits ("good marks") if we have lost them through mortal sin. Suppose a person has done many good things while he was in the state of sanctifying grace. Each one of these good deeds will give him added merit, or good marks, for heaven. A mortal sin loses all these merits. A good Confession will give them back. It is like the Prodigal Son's getting

back his robe and sandals and ring after he came back to his father's house. So you see Penance does many things for us. Don't you think we should all receive it more often?"

In the light of this editorial, you can see the Catholic position as to the forgiveness of sin—that is, you will be forgiven by the words of the priest when you in turn do certain acts of penance.

I tell you, beloved, no priest, no rabbi, no preacher, nor no human being has any right to forgive sin. That right is the right of God. Even the enemies of our Lord said, in the words of my text, "Who can forgive sins but God only?"

There are other answers that have been given to this question as to who can forgive sin. We have a lot of modern answers in Christendom, some of them even in so-called Baptist churches, that are just as far-fetched. Go in some churches and ask the question as to who can forgive sin, and they will tell you to come to the mourners bench, pray through, mourn for your sins, and the Lord will forgive you thereby.

Over in Ironton, Ohio, a few weeks ago, a man became very contrite because of his sinful condition. He sent for a Baptist preacher to come to his home at two o'clock in the morning. He wanted to be saved. This preacher came, and when he found out what the man wanted, instead of him getting his Bible and showing him the truth that Jesus Christ died for his sins, and that the only way that any man can be saved is by seeing the truth that Jesus Christ died for his sins—instead of this, he told him that the best thing that he could do was to get right down beside his bed and pray. For two hours that preacher prayed with this man. This man told me himself that when those two hours had passed, he was still as much a sinner and as much lost as he was when he sent for that preacher to come to his home. Beloved, that preacher was ignorant as to who can forgive sin.

Just across the river, a man holding a revival meeting, stepped down from the rostrum and took hold of a bench and set it out about three feet. Then he walked around to the other end of the mourner's bench and set it out about three feet. He said, "You know what I have done? I have brought salvation three feet nearer to you."

Beloved, there are multiplied thousands of people who will put a mourner's bench up before people and tell them to pray, and confess their sins, and they will be saved. The most ignorant person in all the world ought to know better than that, even if he had never seen the Word of God. The more I read of God's Word, the more I am convinced that the mourner's bench is an abomination in the sight of God.

I am reminded of the Holiness man who lives nearby, who wanted to know where they got the mourner's bench. He went to a fellow who believed in the use of it, and said to him, "We use the mourner's bench in our church. Now where do we get it?" This fellow told him that he would look it up and let him know. A little later he came back and asked him again where they got the mourner's bench. This fellow said to him, "I tell you, I think we got it from the sawmill."

Listen, beloved, he told the truth, because he couldn't find it in the Bible. It just isn't there.

Of all the false answers that have been given as to the forgiveness of sins, probably the chiefest answer has been to join

the church and be baptized and do the best you can, and when you come down to die, just before you die confess all your sins and everything will be all right. Beloved, it isn't so. God doesn't forgive men because they are sorry that they are sinners and join the church and are baptized and do the best they can. God doesn't forgive any man on that basis.

"Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and NOT BY THE WORKS OF THE LAW: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified."

—Gal. 2:16.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: NOT OF WORKS, lest any man should boast."—Eph. 2:8,9.

"NOT BY THE WORKS of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit."

—Titus 3:5.

In everyone of these false answers that I have enumerated, the element of sacrifice enters in. Take the parent who is offering his child to the god of Molech. That parent is offering a sacrifice. Or that mother who is throwing her child in the river. She is sacrificing her child. That man who throws himself underneath the heavy wheel and his life is crushed out. It is self-sacrifice. Or the man who lies upon a bed of spikes. He is sacrificing his own flesh and his own personal pleasure. Take the Catholic who does penance, who does without meat and eats fish, who does without other things for forty days, trying to get enough religion to permit him to live like the Devil the rest of the year. Mark it down, beloved, that is an old trick of the Devil; it can't be done. You have to have fresh grace every day if you are going to live for the Lord. Yet his attempt is that of self-sacrifice.

The man who comes to the mourner's bench is making a sacrifice in that he kneels and becomes contrite in the presence of God. The man who is trying to be saved on the basis of his own works is making a sacrifice personally. In everyone of these false answers, there is the element of sacrifice.

III

THE BIBLE GIVES THE TRUE ANSWER.

I insist, beloved, that sacrifice is necessary for an individual to be saved, but it isn't self-sacrifice. It is the sacrifice of Jesus Christ at Calvary.

"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

—Isa. 53:5,6.

That is the sacrifice that saves. God doesn't ask you to give up anything by way of things of the world. God asks you to see this truth, that Jesus Christ on the Cross of Calvary died to pay for everyone of your sins, and that your sins have been laid on Him. Beloved, when you see that truth, you are saved. He is the sacrifice.

I'll go further and say that when the Lord Jesus Christ gets into your heart and your life, you will be glad to give up the things of the world—not in or-

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(Spanish Language)

*Encouraging News From Our Missionaries In Peru*



The Lewises studying Spanish in Peru.



Brother Mitchell Lewis putting Peruvian license plates on the Jeep.



The boat "Bautista" with Bro. Hallum, Bro. Lewis and Bro. Don Simon Gaima with the couple who got married, ready to take them home.



Bro. Lewis rigs up a steering wheel for the boat.

I am enclosing some pictures taken recently here in Iquitos and on Polis Creek. Attendance in the services has increased some recently, especially in the Sunday School. Last Sunday, July 22, there were 73 which is the highest on record. There has been an increase each Sunday this month. The Lewises have kept well, so far, which is a blessing of the Lord. It is a joy to have them here to work with us. They are studying the language. The first month was spent in going through formalities of registering with the police, taking test for driver's license, registering the Jeep and finally getting license plates. To get the driver's license a medical examination is required — in their case a chest x-ray and blood test were dispensed with because they "look" healthy. They were finger printed a

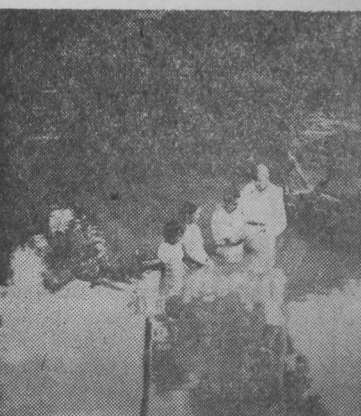
number of times and they had to present 8 or 9 photographs. On June 24th Senora Noemi Vela de Paez was baptized. She is about 19 and has been a believer about a year and a half. Our first contact with her was about four years ago when she attended D.V.B.S. She and her husband made a profession of faith about the same time, but after a few months he got a job as watchman in a circus which came to town and got in the wrong crowd and started drinking again and stopped coming to the church services. Shortly before his wife was baptized he had a serious accident. He slipped and fell in the hold of a boat—about 15 feet. He was knocked unconscious and cut a hole in his leg. He says the minute he became conscious it dawned on him what terrible things he was doing and that the

fall was the judgment of the Lord. Since then he seemed to really have his senses and has asked for baptism and was baptized last Sunday, just a month after his wife. A little over a month ago a couple from Polis Creek, a tributary of the Momon River, which in turn is a tributary of the Nanay River, came down to Iquitos to start proceedings to get married, so that they could be baptized. Father used to make the trip up there but recently Don Simon Gaima has been going there once a month. This couple have nine children living, but have never been married. They had to have birth certificates, chest X-rays, blood tests, vaccination for small pox and inoculation for yellow fever and present a written solicitude on official paper requesting permission to marry. Then

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Don Adolfo Nunez and family. There are nine living children. The two oldest boys were away at work.



Brother Hallum baptizes Don Adolfo Nunez in Polis Creek July 19, 1951.



Brother Hallum baptizes the wife second.



Brother Hallum baptizes the daughter third.

**A Letter From Missionary Parrott**

Manaos, Brazil,  
August 4, 1951.

Dear Bro. Overbey:

We received the salary check No. 635 for August. We are very grateful for it. All of us are in better health now, except Eudora. She has been having it pretty rough, but now that we are straightened up more or less financially, she will receive the medical attention which she has not received until this time. I hope that she will be able to take it a little easier from now until the birth of the baby. As for myself I am in need of dental work and have been having a lot of toothaches recently. I went to a dentist and he tried to pull a tooth but broke it off and the bottom part of the tooth with the roots is still in there. I also have another one that will have to come out. We are glad to hear of the progress of the building at Harmony and think it is wonderful that there has been, and is so much building being done in the Detroit River Association. The

Lord is truly blessing all the churches there. I think that if every Baptist church in the land would show a greater interest in doing the mission work of the Lord, that they would all see greater progress and that in all the land there would be more building programs. Definitely, the church that obeys the Lord in the great commission is in for rich blessings materially as well as spiritually. As to the work, it is going along fine. We have been steadily going on each day preaching the Gospel, doing personal work and in every way possible, serving the Lord. We added two new preaching points this month and by the end of the month lost them both. One because the man decided to move out of town, and the other because we found that the man was bad testimony for us even though a member of the church. One young fellow was saved during the month and a great deal of interest has been shown.

On the night of July 12th one of the boys, Manuel, preached for me, but his message was extremely short and then I preached again after he finished because a number of people arrived just as he was finishing. I preached a short message and then made the invitation as usual. There was no reaction evident so we sang a song to close the service. Ordinarily I never make a second invitation after the song, but the Holy Spirit led me that night to again make an invitation and this young fellow accepted Christ. It is the custom here to ask a new Christian to give public testimony soon after his conversion and the very next day he ask for an opportunity to give his testimony. We gave him the opportunity and he gave a thrilling account of the work of the Lord in his heart. We are having some competition now in one of the services. Last Thursday, when we began the service, the people in the house next door began a service with a group of Catholics. They

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**HALLUM GIVEN POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Brother Hallum sent a cable urgently requesting power of attorney regarding the work in Peru. The papers were drawn up and the proper seal and attachment by the Court Clerk and then the approval and endorsement by the Peruvian Consul and finally they were sent on to Brother Hallum. All this to protect the church property and the work that has been done there for sixteen years. Pray that the Lord will lead and that the church building may be so that it can not be taken away by others.



Don Adolfo Nunez and wife Atilia. This is the couple that had to go through with so much red tape to get married so they could be baptized. Here they are outside the city hall after being married.

**MRS. SMITH IS IMPROVING**

Mrs. Lawrence Smith has responded to the doctor's treatment and is coming along in fine shape. Brother Smith has gotten a job and is applying his mission salary to pay back the mission for the cost to bring them home etc. His plans are to stay in the States until after the baby is born and Mrs. Smith is able to care for the children, then Bro. Smith is to return to Brazil to his work there and then later Mrs. Smith will fly to Belem at the mouth of the Amazon River and Bro. Smith will go down river to meet her. Pray for them and the other missionaries.

## NOTICE

Anyone desiring more information about this mission work write to the Secretary of the Mission. Address your letter to:

H. H. OVERBEY  
1210 E. Grand Blvd.  
Detroit 11, Mich.

## Encouraging News

(Preceding page, Column four) a notice had to be published in the paper stating their intentions and requesting anyone who knew of any reason why they should not marry to present themselves and say so. Finally after making four trips to Iquitos—this requires a day to come down and at least a day for doing what had to be done and a day to go back. After three weeks they were able to get married. Brother Lewis, father and I went back with them. Took them back in the boat with Brother Lewis' motor. The water was down low and we had to walk for about an hour and a half through the woods, crossing about 20 foot logs. Our baggage was transferred to a smaller canoe and paddled up. A child of the brother of Don Adolfo had died the night before and most of the people had spent the night at the wake, drinking and dancing, so few came out to the service that night. The baptism was the next morning at 8:30 and a number came for that. Three were baptized—Don Adolfo Nunez, his wife Otilia and their daughter Lucia, who is 14, who made a profession of faith quite some time ago. She is quite small for her age. She apparently had infantile paralysis years back and both legs were affected, but she is able to walk. Don Adolfo is the Lieutenant Governor of the whole creek region and in exercising his authority should be able to give good testimony for the Lord. The children are already suffering persecution in school. In the service in the evening after the baptizing there were three professions of faith, three children of a sister of Don Adolfo. She is a believer and one of her boys had already made a profession of faith, but his father is a drunkard and no good and forbade the boy to be baptized. The woman cannot be baptized as she is not married. The Momon River and Polis Creek are made up of just one turn after another. Brother Lewis rigged up a steering gear (portable, to be removed each time it is used so it won't be stolen) to attach to the outboard motor to make the steering easier. This is all for now. Yours in His service,

Marguerite Hallum.



Here is the father, mother and daughter after being baptized. Thus you have the story in picture of a man and wife who have nine children getting married so as to receive Scriptural baptism.

## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR AUGUST 1951

Oak Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich. ....	\$ 111.10
Oak Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich. (Ladies Bible Class) .....	10.00
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. ....	15.00
North Side Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky. ....	52.39
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky. ....	50.00
Sylvania Hills Baptist Church, New Brighton, Pa. ....	2.58
Faith Baptist Church, Lawtey, Fla. ....	12.94
Macedonia Baptist Church, Ripley, Tenn. ....	7.29
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky. ....	20.00
Water Valley Baptist Church, Water Valley, Ky. (Junior Class) .....	5.00
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky. ....	59.79
Hopewell Baptist Church, Arlington, Ky. ....	25.00
Danleyton Baptist Church, Flatwoods, Ky. ....	15.00
Danleyton Baptist Church, Flatwoods, Ky. ....	5.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich. ....	10.00
Ocoonita Baptist Church, Ocoonita, Va. ....	13.77
Harmony Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark. ....	61.86
East Main Baptist Church, Des Plains, Ill. ....	12.00
East Main Baptist Church, Des Plains, Ill. (Young People) .....	5.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio ....	31.34
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Centerline, Mich. ....	50.00
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, Ind. ....	19.81
Seven Springs Baptist Church, Dycusburg, Ky. ....	67.05
Shady Grove Baptist Church, Wickliffe, Ky. ....	24.39
South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla. ....	55.00
First Baptist Church, Stilwell, Okla. (By Eddie Lewis) ..	25.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky. ....	37.71
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, North Kenova, Ohio ....	2.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. ....	67.10
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. (Ladies Bible Class) .....	10.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. (For Starlings trip) .....	30.00
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky. ....	19.02
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky. ....	20.00
First Baptist Church, Coal Grove, Ohio ....	20.00
Mims Baptist Church, Mims, Fla. ....	10.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Central City, Fla. ....	10.62
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Boaz, Ky. ....	35.00
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky. ....	15.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky. ....	8.54
Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Buchanan, Ky. ....	8.85
Park Hill Baptist Church, Pueblo, Colo. ....	50.00
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky. ....	17.00
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, Ky. ....	45.00
The Bible Baptist Church, Burnsville, N. C. ....	57.00
Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky. ....	73.84
Elizabeth Jarrell Baptist Church, Louisa, Ky. ....	21.99
Wayne Avenue Baptist Church, Kenova, W. Va. ....	20.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. ....	75.00
Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Rush, Ky. ....	61.88
Dusk Camp Baptist Church, Orma, W. Va. (Mt. Pisgah Association) .....	7.50
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Orma, W. Va. (Mt. Pisgah Association) .....	2.00
Friendship Baptist Church, Lincoln Park, Mich. ....	31.06
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (B. T. U.) .....	6.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (Ladies Bible Class) For Starlings and Calleys .....	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. ....	300.00
Madison Street Baptist Church, Rochester, Pa. ....	2.80
Fenton Road Baptist Church, Flint, Mich. ....	26.65
Fenton Road Baptist Church, Flint, Mich. (Ladies Bible Class, B. T. U.) .....	7.00
Fenton Road Baptist Church, Flint, Mich. (B. Y. P. U.) ..	5.00
Trinity Baptist Church, Keefeton, Okla. ....	10.00
Micanopy Baptist Church, Micanopy, Fla. ....	10.25
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky. ....	181.20
Fish Springs Baptist Church, Carderview, Tenn. ....	21.44
Fish Springs Baptist Church, Carderview, Tenn. ....	10.93
Miss Maude Hunt, Franklin, Ky. ....	5.00
J. H. Kain, West Cape May, N. J. ....	10.00
Ralph Chick, Marion, Ky. ....	50.00
Floyd Williamson, Owensboro, Ky. ....	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bayless, Macedonia, Ill. ....	10.00
J. Broadus Henry, Central City, Ky. (For outboard motor for Miguel Ibernnon) .....	10.00
Jim Blair, Karlstad, Minn. ....	14.87
Jim Blair, Karlstad, Minn. ....	15.11
Eustace Adkins, Ceredo, W. Va. ....	2.50
R. E. Adkinson, Lexington, Ky. ....	10.00
L. W. Page, Lawtey, Fla. ....	27.00
Carl Green, Richmond, Ky. ....	2.00
Carl Green, Richmond, Ky. ....	3.00
Miss Kitty Bullington, Atwood, Tenn. ....	2.00
Elder J. R. Smith, Eminence, Ky. ....	10.00
Mrs. Mona Ingels, Belpre, Kansas ....	25.00
A Friend in Avon Park, Fla. ....	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. David Smith, Derby, Ind. ....	1.00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$2325.97</b>

As the Lord leads you, send all offerings for missions to the treasurer of this mission. It is best to send by check or money order. Address all offerings to:

Z. E. CLARK, Treasurer, P. O. Box 648, Paducah, Kentucky.

## Parrott Letter

(Preceding page, Column four) were singing some Catholic songs and chanting and praying and making all the noise they could trying to drown us out. Finally a woman started trying

to preach and I never heard such an ugly sound. I don't think there is anything so ugly as a woman trying to preach. She wound up by doing nothing but cussing us out, calling us ugly indecent names and sons of the Devil, etc. Finally her

own people got disgusted with her and left her there screaming at us alone. The following is my report for July: Houses visited, 395; Tracts distributed, 103; present in the services, 567; conversions, 1; services held, 14; average attendance, 40.5; sermons preached (myself) 7, (3 in church), Manaoas, 4, Laudomiro, 5, visitors, 2.

Your Brother in the service of the Saviour,

Billy Parrott.

## Bro. Lewis Builds Trailer To Haul Folk To Church

We just about have the trailer finished. It will be ten feet, six inches long and six feet wide. I think we can pick up about 25 or 30 adults and children. This country has some odd laws. A boy grabbed on the back of a truck to steal a ride and fell off and broke his leg. The truck owner had to pay the doctor bill and now the boy's parents are bringing suit against the truck owner. The truck driver did not know the boy was on his truck. The same law applies to us and the trailer, so we will have some one go along with a "club" to keep the children from getting hurt. We find the language difficult as there are so many rules to memorize, etc. The Lord was with those poor ignorant unlearned disciples (Acts 4:13) and the Lord has promised to be with his ignorant unlearned preacher in Iquitos, Peru, so we will keep trying and I am certain the Lord will bless. Mrs. Lewis and Benny are well. Preparing meals here is a large task as everything has to be prepared. You can't step out to the local A&P and buy canned goods, etc. Am sorry to hear that the Smiths had to come home. We do pray for them, especially Mrs. Smith at this time. We pray for Billy that the Lord might keep him and his in good health. I am beginning to understand how much a young missionary needs the prayers of God's people. It is difficult to wage a warfare when one has few friends, the language is difficult and the majority of the people against you. I am thankful that the Hallums are here to help us in time of need.

Your friend,  
Mitchell Lewis.

## Hallum Reports The Work Done In Iquitos, Peru

Iquitos, Peru  
August 13, 1951

Dear Brother in Christ:

All is well as I write these words. We are praying that the Smith's recover from the sickness which has attacked them, that they may continue the work to which the Lord has called them. The checks reached us for August. The power of attorney and constitution under which the mission was incorporated has not arrived as yet. We have asked for these papers in order to put the church property in the name of the Mission. We believe it will be safer than to be in my name. One never knows what our adversaries are going to do next. As yet we don't know why the police department has been required to check up on the evangelicals. I hope that it is not



Bro. Hallum baptizing Noemi Vela de Paez in the baptistry of the First Baptist Church of Iquitos, Peru.



Bro. Hallum steers the boat while Bro. Lewis takes care of the motor in the rear.

the beginning of a movement of persecution. The police department called us to come in the other day. We carried what documents we had relating to the property. They took down data and seemed very nice about it. I hope that is the last of it. As to the time we hope to come to the US on furlough, it seems to our impression, to come about February or March of next year (1952) the Lord willing. I would like to pass by Buenaventura and stop to see Don Tomas and his work. In order to do that we believe it will be more practical to go by ship and stop at Buenaventura on the way to New Orleans (approximately 14 hours depending upon the amount of cargo to be handled.) It is a trip of 8 to 10 days and cost about \$360.00 each. What do you think about this idea? We have baptized two persons since I last wrote to you. One the husband of a woman we baptized several weeks ago. The other, a woman who is a Witoto Indian of the same tribe of Don Simon Gaima. She lives in one of the places where Don Simon goes to preach. Here is a report of the totals of work done by the two workers supported by this church for the month of July. Simon Gaima: visits, 247; Religious Conversations, 63; Tracts distributed, 320; preached, 14 times. Juan Castro: Visits, 89; Religious Conversations, 84; Preached, 9 times, Bibles sold 14; New Testaments sold, 5; Portions sold, 34; tracts distributed, 1602.

R. P. Hallum.

## BRO. AND SISTER STARLING ARE READY TO GO TO BRAZIL

The Starlings are about ready to go to Brazil. If we can get the money to send them, perhaps they can be on their way early in 1952. Get this on your heart and send an offering to help.

## "Who Can Forgive Sins?"

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der to be saved, but because you have been saved and out of love for Him.

There are other Scriptures in the Word of God which give us the answer to this question, who can forgive sins. Listen:

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."—John 14:6.

"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."—II Cor. 5:21.

"For Christ also hath once suffered for our sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit."

—I Pet. 3:18.

I am glad that I have a message from God's Book as to who can forgive sin. The priest can't; you can't; the church can't. Only God can, and He forgives it only on the basis that that sin was paid for in full by the Lord Jesus Christ.

Have your sins been forgiven? The biggest event of your life is to have your sins forgiven.

I was visiting in a hospital in Huntington recently. I asked one of the patients with whom I was visiting how old he was. He said, "Brother Gilpin, I am not certain. I don't know whether I am seventy-eight or seventy-nine. I have no record of when I was born." He said, "I will tell you what I do know. I know that I have been born again." I thought as I stood there beside his bed, it doesn't make much difference in what year we were born, but it makes all the difference in the world whether we have been born again.

In answer to my question, who can forgive sin, you can't forgive your own; I can't forgive you; this church can't forgive you; no priest can forgive you. There is no forgiveness to be had this side of Calvary. But on Calvary's Cross Jesus died to die for your sins, and the man who believes that Jesus Christ has died for his sins, that man is saved. He has found the answer to the question as to who can forgive sin, and that answer is the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Faith Healing

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ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him."—I John 5:14,15.

"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And He that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because He (the Spirit) maketh intercession for the saints ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF GOD." Romans 8:26,27.

See the 119th Psalm and observe how many times David requests the Lord to act according to His Word and His Will. See the model prayer as it starts with "Hallowed be thy name," continues with "Thy will be done," and finishes with "Thine is the glory." In this presumptuous age we need to lay hold of this thought—that we are not dictators to the throne of God. He is not bound nor indebted to fulfill OUR wishes. We are suppliants before the King's throne, desiring to know the King's will, and submissively willing to obey whatsoever He may command to be done. This even though His command may be just the opposite of our petition. Watch the Great Example as He prays—"And he went a little farther, and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: NEVER-THELESS NOT AS I WILL, BUT AS THOU WILT." "He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done."—Matt. 26:39,42,44. The first time Jesus asked that the cup be removed, but agreed to abide by the Father's decision. The second time He shows that He realizes He may have to drink the cup, and He is showing His willingness to do the will of the Father. The third time He prays, He is obviously gathering strength from His communion with, dependence upon, and obedience to the Father. Jesus (and all the praying saints in the Bible) shows us that we may be fully as-

sured that the Father's will is by far the best thing that can happen to us. (Romans 8:28).

"God hath purposed infallibly when and where and upon whom He will bestow His favours, and Christians have no right (and when in their right mind) no desire to ask God to alter any of His determinations respecting either themselves or others."—A. W. Pink. See James 1:17,18.

Suppose the faith-healer had a night when it was the Lord's will that no one be healed; what would happen to the crowds that attend so faithfully the services of that fellow? That, I assure you, will never happen for these fellows are NOT depending upon the will of God, but on their own wisdom, their own selectivity of certain kinds of diseases and ailments which are subject to their hypnotic suggestions or partial healing, and their own contrivance as to the people who appear in their "healing lines." You'll live a long time before you hear any of them say "it was the Lord's will that you remain crippled." No, they say, "You had too little faith."

Since we are to pray according to the Father's will, and according to His Word, then let us look behind these instructions and see why. Does not the Word tell us to do all to the glory of God, yea even that our purpose for existing is to glorify Him? If we ignore His Son, if we ignore His Will, if we ignore His Word, or any one of these, then we certainly are not seeking His glory. Let us then say that no prayer shall ever be answered if it fails to glorify God and Jesus Christ; furthermore no prayer may be answered unless it has the assistance of the Holy Spirit. God will not hear the prayers of the majority of people alive today because they are lost people, and their prayers are not pleasing to God at all—Isa. 64:6; Rom. 8:8; John 9:31. The others must pay close attention to James 4:3, "Ye ask, and receive not, BECAUSE ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts (pleasures in Greek)." To ask for personal help, such as healing, one must desire that help for the glory of God, then it must be according to the purpose and will of God before it can be fulfilled. Take Paul's prayer for deliverance from his "thorn in the flesh." He fulfilled the first condition, desiring freedom from physical ailment so that he could more freely serve the Lord Jesus Christ and glorify Him. But as for the fulfillment, he was told that the grace of God was sufficient. Paul accepted this answer as final and in latter days he gloried in his infirmity—Grace abounded in his weakness.

**PRAYER IS SPIRITUAL!** It is our prayer that you will begin to see this important fact. Prayer is not carnal, not material, not physical, not fleshly, not selfish. One cannot expect to interest God in such things unless they will rebound to His glory. This includes health which is a thing bound to this world. There will be no illness nor affliction in the world to come. Adam's sin brought these into this world and they will ever be in this world. Sin has so permeated human nature until body, mind, and soul are ruined—the understanding is darkened, and man is alienated from God. That is why our Lord must tell us, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God." Keep your mind on things that are above; be concerned with fulfilling your earthly purpose of glorifying God. Remember

that if you persist in your own ways, insisting that God must surely realize that you must have thus and so, or that God cannot possibly be so unfair as to such and such, ye will surely reap a whirlwind of anguish. I know how the saints of God can so forget their spiritual nature as to quarrel with God Almighty, for I have been guilty of the same type of carnality. Thanks to Him though, He led me further into His Word. And it is in that same Word that we find a glaring expose of the so-called faith-healers. Use the yardstick of spirituality on them. Yes, they aim at the appearance of spirituality. They have a preaching service, and

## TRANQUILITY

By Martha Snell Nicholson

The hand which flung the stars through space

Holds fast my hand.

My life is molded by the One Who shaped the land.

The mind which planned the march of suns can understand

The petty trials of my day; And surely He

Who hollowed out the cup which holds

The mighty seat, And keeps the waves in check, can give Tranquility

In my small storms. Shall not the One

Who holds in place

The Milky Way, keep me each day,

And by His grace

Present me perfect, faultless, there

Before His face?

—Moody Monthly.

usually have many "converts" to show for it. But note what is the content of his testimonials, his pictures, his advertisements, etc. You will find that he emphasizes the healing show. Is that not so? Doesn't he very slickly put that healing foot forward in order to draw the crowds? He will tell you that is so he can preach to them. He appeals to the fleshly nature in order to get spiritual results. Show me a place in God's Word where this is recommended, or in any way justified. On the contrary, we are constantly told to mortify the carnal desires of the flesh, and to magnify our spiritual nature. How many people in that healing line are actually sinners in need of the cleansing Blood of Jesus Christ? Is there any care shown to see that no one but saints are in the healing line? No, there won't be! Now how do these wicked, unregenerate people get their healing? Is it by faith? If so, faith in what? Not faith in God or they would be concerned with their souls and not their bodies! Does the healer invite a sinner to pray to God? That is an abominable act and very displeasing to God—Isa. 64:6. You can't exercise faith until you have accepted Jesus Christ. Not that faith is the determining factor, but I want you to see just how sandy is the foundation of these healing shows. The whole affair from advertising, to the letter inquiring for a place in the healing line, to the trip down there, to the half-open mouths of the spectators, I say the whole show MAGNIFIES the material, physical side of this world. Now God does not do that. Look at Job, read that book and see where the em-

phasis is. Ninety-nine per cent of that book about an afflicted man is on the subject of spiritual relationship with God. It would be well for all afflicted people to read the 4 chapters wherein God rebuked Job. "Whatsoever ye do, do ALL to the glory of God."—I Cor. 10:31.

**Don't go! Send!** To send for the elders of your church to pray for you in illness is to follow God's Word. To go to a healer for prayer is to insult the Holy Spirit, and is contrary to the Word of God. Why go? Does that man have more power, more standing, more persuasion with God than you have? (I want to say again the Gift of Healing, Divinely given, ceased with the completion of the Bible. If these fellows had that gift they would heal every single person INSTANTANEOUSLY as did all the Divine healers) I say it is Jesus that is the ground for any answer for prayer. The Spirit forms your prayer, intercedes to cause your prayer to be in acceptable form—according to His Will—but it is Jesus who by His wrought-out righteousness and obedience that makes your prayer obtain results. God is no respecter of persons, but He is a respecter of the Saviour. The Saviour in turn knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit—"For through Him we both have access BY ONE SPIRIT unto the Father." It is the Spirit, I say, that knows what you should pray for; and it is the Spirit that "worketh in you both to will and to do." **THE SPIRIT DOES NOT LEAD YOU TO A SERVICE WHERE THE PHYSICAL IS MAGNIFIED,** and the spiritual minimized. He is not going to be where man is praising man for doing what is claimed to be Divine work. Watch those people that are healed. When they go home, when they go out, when they talk, who is it that gets their praise and their glory. Who is it they give the most time and description to? **THE HEALER, OF COURSE!** Now the Spirit will have no part of such an attitude. If ye would seek by prayer to find out the Will of God as regards your being healed, and if ye would seek this in the desire to glorify God with your renewed body, then **DO NOT** go looking for a healing man. Go to the Spirit of God—"For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God." While prayer is being made, God is searching the heart to see what root and what spirit has caused your prayer to be lifted. You cannot fool the Spirit of God. In that which is according to the Will of God, He heareth us. The Pharisees were far more righteous and eloquent than most people today, but their prayers were rejected. Why? Because man, as man, is full of wickedness—"God is not in all their thoughts," and so they cannot keep a word or a thought, much less a piece of prayer clean. If you are in a close walk with God, the Spirit will show you your infirmity and your need for His intercession to pray for what you ought. It is the Spirit "that searcheth all things, yea the deep things of God." He it is that can bring you before God in the right attitude and the right petition. "He shall (Continued on page four)

THE FEAR OF THE LORD  
IS THE BEGINNING OF  
WISDOM—PROV. 9:10

## Faith Healing

(Continued from page three) take of Mine, and shall show it unto you." It is better to cry out "Father" with the help of the Spirit, than to pray a million humanly-fervent words without the Spirit.

Yes, some will say the Spirit led them to the healer; some will say they went so that they could glorify God; some will claim the service was the most spiritual they were even in — but it was not so. "They draw nigh unto Him with their mouth, and honour Him with their lips, but their hearts are far from Him."—Matt. 15:8. If you want to be healed, I say again, draw near to God, look to the Holy Spirit, determine to spend your waking hours seeking to glorify God and His Son, and whether you have health or not you can do that, then pray for more love and more wisdom and more spirituality from God. ONLY THEN will you receive either healing or grace. Grace is by far the best of the two as Paul will testify so clearly. Remember, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me."—Psa. 66:18, and, "Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, THAT THE FATHER MAY BE GLORIFIED IN THE SON."—John 14:13. Do not ask anything in Christ's name that will not glorify the Father. Do not be fooled by those who claim to have had an answer to their prayers even though they were selfish prayers. The Israelites wanted meat to eat, the Lord sent them quail, but it was in judgment on them. Woe be to those who pray for health, or anything else, when their motive is other than to be better servants of God. Woe be to those who have been granted health or anything else which was asked in the wrong spirit and through the wrong channel. If the heart and soul do not go to God along with the mouth, look for your answer from the Devil and not from God. If you are a believer you are your own priest, and as such you need no other man to help you. There are no men who can raise the voltage of your prayer so as to achieve a result. You are your own priest, and God has given you the Spirit. That's all the equipment you need. If ye quench not the Spirit with sin, ye may come happily before the Throne of Grace, knowing the Lord Jesus Christ sits at the right hand of the Father, TO INTERCEDE FOR YOU in whatsoever ye shall ask IN HIS NAME, that the FATHER MAY BE GLORIFIED IN HIM. God Bless You.

## Astrology

(Continued from page one) the astrologers. See Dan. 1:20. 3. We find the astrologers of Babylon unable to give any information concerning God's dealings. Dan. 2:27-28. 4. We find rebellious Israel refusing to pay attention to God's Word, but declaring that they would worship THE MOON. See Jer. 44:16-19 and 24-28. Astrology was the backbone of this moon worship.

*Were The Heavenly Bodies  
Planned To Influence  
Human Lives?*

Is that the function of the sun, moon, and stars? Most

certainly NOT. What are they for then? Let the Bible answer. Gen. 1:14-18. Here is given the Divine purpose.

### What Then Is Astrology?

1. It is pure, unadulterated, Simon-pure bunk! A grain of sand lying on the beach influences your life just as much as does the planet Venus.

2. It is a relic of ancient pagan ignorance of the true God and His Word. When the astrologers were up against a real problem in the days of Daniel, they would have all perished, had it not been for Daniel who was in touch with God, for they simply couldn't "put out"—that's all.

3. It is a modern scheme to make money out of suckers. "This is Marza" used to be the greeting of one of the astrologers from a Mexican station. Then he would tell what month a questioner would get married, and the color of his hair, etc., —all learned from the stars. Let everybody that believes that stuff stand on his head.

4. It is a denial of God. If God is running things, then we are not swayed by the planet Saturn. Heathens named the days of the week after the supposed gods of the planets. Belief in the bunkum of astrology and belief in the Word of God does not run together — can't be mixed. Astrology is not a science—it is superstition. And almanacs have the "signs of the zodiac" in them. What do those signs amount to? Exactly nothing. Better plant your potatoes in the ground than in the "dark of the moon." Yes, I know that such superstition dies awfully hard, for people want to believe that old fogey stuff that has never had any foundation in actual fact.

Astrology belongs with fairy tales, "hants," bogey men, werewolves, witches, and all of the lore of those who lived in the darkness of the past ages of ignorance of God. It is always opposed and spoken ill of in the Bible, and is never given any credence by the Word of God. A good motto for the Christian is "nothing beyond what is written."



### Jerry McCauley

(Continued from page one) sentence impressed me deeply, which he said was a verse from the Bible. The Bible! I knew there was such a book, that people pretended it was a message from God, but I had never cared for it, or read a word in it.

I went to my cell. How dreary is Sunday in prison! After the morning service in the chapel, the prisoners are marched back into their cells, taking their plate of dinner with them as they pass the dining hall and the rest of the day is spent in solitude. Oh, those long dismal hours! I generally contrived to have a novel on hand but that day I had none. What I had heard was ringing in my ears and the thought possessed me to find the verse which had so struck me. Every prison cell is supplied with a Bible, but since I entered my narrow apartment, mine had never been touched. I laid it away in the ventilator. I took it down, beat the dust from it and opened it. But where to find the verse I wanted, I knew not. There was nothing to do but to begin at the beginning and read till I came to it. On and on I read. How interested I grew! It seemed better than any novel I ever read. I could hardly leave it to go to sleep.

I became so fascinated that from that day on it was my greatest delight. I was glad when released from work at night that I might get hold of my Bible, and night after night when daylight was gone I stood up by my grated door to read by the dim light which came from the corridor. I had supposed it to be a dry, dead thing—a book only fit for priests and saints, but now whenever I could get a chance to communicate with my mates in the workshop, I told them that it was a "splendid thing, that Bible."

I never forgot that verse. I had forgotten it in my new interest in the Book. But I found a good many verses that made me stop and think. At last I came to First Timothy fourth chapter, which begins in this way: "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth." I threw down the book and kicked it about my cell. "The vile heretics," I cried, "there's their lies. I always heard the old book was a pack of lies. That's the way they hold us Catholics up."

### A CATHOLIC BIBLE

Something seemed to whisper to me, "Go get a Catholic Bible and then you can prove this to be false." I couldn't get rid of the thought. I took my first chance to go to the library and ask for a Catholic Bible. They looked at me pretty sharply, as though they would like to know what I was driving at, but gave me what I wanted and I took it to my cell. Eagerly I turned to that chapter. There they were, the very same words, "forbidden to marry" and "commanding to abstain from meats." But there were notes in the margin which boxed it up so that my suspicions were at once aroused. I said, "It surely is the Word of God and they are trying to get out of it." I turned to various parts, to Kings, Isaiah and other books, the meaning was the

same always and I was in despair. Then I read the whole book through again and liked it better the second time than I did the first.

I was resting one night from reading, walking up and down and thinking what a change religion had made in Gardner, when I began to have a burning desire to have the same. I could not get rid of it. But what could I do? Something within me said, "Pray." I couldn't frame a prayer. The voice said, "Don't you remember the prayer of the publican, 'God be merciful to me a sinner?'"

I thought of my own religion, the Roman Catholic faith and I asked, "Why can't I be good in that?" "But that will not save me as Gardner's does him," I thought, "it does not keep me from my sins." There was a struggle in my mind. "If I send for the priest," I said to myself, "he will tell me I must do penance, say so many prayers, and do something for mortification and such as that. If I ask the chaplain, he will tell me to be sorry for my sins and cry to God for forgiveness. Both can't be right." The voice within said, "Go to God. He will tell you what is right."

What a struggle I went through. I knew I ought to pray, but if there had been ten thousand people there I couldn't have been more ashamed to do it than I was there all alone. I felt myself blushing. EVERY SIN STAR-ED ME IN THE FACE. I re-collected the 'WHOSOEVER' in the Bible. "THAT MEANS YOU," said the inward voice. "But I'm so wicked," I urged, "everything but a murderer and that many times in my will." The struggle did not seem at all my own, it was as if God was fighting the devil for me. To every thought that came up there came a verse of Scripture. I fell on my knees again and cried out for help and then ashamed as before I rose again. I put it off for the time and went to bed. The CONFLICT went on for three or four weeks. IT WAS FEARFUL.

I wonder now at the long-suffering mercy of my God. But at last the Lord sent a softness and tenderness into my soul and I shed many tears. Then I cried to God and began to read my Bible on my knees.

### I WAS DESPERATE

The Sunday services seemed to do me no good. They were dry and dead to me. Once in a while a man full of the Holy Ghost preached to us and at such times I got a little help. About that date Miss D— began to visit the prison and I was sent for one day to meet her in the library. This young lady had learned that I wanted to be saved, and had asked for me. She talked with me and then kneeled down to pray. I felt ashamed but I knelt beside her. I looked through my fingers and watched her. I saw her tears fall. An awe I cannot describe fell on me. It seemed dreadful to me, the prayer of that holy woman. It made my sins appear so great and dreadful. What should I do? Oh, what can a poor sinner do when there is nothing between him and God but a life of dark terrible sin.

That night I fell on my knees on the hard stone floor of my cell resolved to stay there, whatever might happen, till I found forgiveness. I was desperate.

I prayed and then I stopped. I prayed again and stopped, but still I continued kneeling. My knees were rooted to those cold

stones, my eyes were closed and my hands tightly clasped, and I was determined I would stay till morning till I was called to my work. "And then," said I to myself, "If I get no relief, I will never, never pray again." I felt that I might die but I did not care for that.

All at once it seemed as if something supernatural was in my room. I was afraid to open my eyes. I was in an agony and sweat rolled off my face in great drops. Oh, how I longed for God's mercy! Just then in the very height of my distress, it seemed as if a hand was laid upon my head and these words came to me: "My son, thy sins which are many, are forgiven." I do not know if I heard a voice yet the words were distinctly spoken to my soul. Oh, the precious Christ! How plainly I saw Him, lifted up on the cross for my sins. What a thrill went through me. I jumped from my knees. I paced up and down my cell. A heavenly light seemed to fill it, a softness and a perfume like the fragrance of sweetest flowers. I did not know if I was living or not. I clasped my hands and shouted.

One of the guards was passing along the corridor and called out, "What is the matter?" "I've found Christ" I answered. "My sins are all forgiven." He took out a paper from his pocket and wrote the number of my cell and threatened to report me in the morning. I didn't care for that. My soul was all taken up with my great joy. But the next morning nothing happened to me and I think the Lord made him forget it. What a night that was! I shall never forget the time the Lord appeared as my gracious Deliverer.

—From Hastings, New Zealand

### What It Costs

(Continued from page one) and all its attractions, and it must be crucified to us in our day by day experience. Gal. 6:14 must be a practical reality to us.

### A Dastardly Attack

(Continued from page one) I witnessed today.

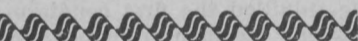
"What was it?" at once inquired Col. Ingersoll, who, notwithstanding his peculiar views of the hereafter, was noted for his kindness of heart.

"Why," said Mr. Beecher, "as I was walking down town today I saw a poor lame man with crutches slowly and carefully picking his way through a cess-pool of mud, in an endeavour to cross the street."

"He had just reached the middle of the filth, when a big burly ruffian, himself all bespattered, rushed up to him, jerked the crutches from under the unfortunate man, and left him sprawling and helpless in the pool of liquid dirt which almost engulfed him."

"What a brute he was," said the Colonel.

"What a brute he was," they all echoed. "Yes," said the old man, rising from his chair and brushing back his long white hair, while his eyes glittered with the old-time fire as he bent them on Ingersoll. "Yes, Col. Ingersoll, and you are the man the human soul is lame, but Christianity gives it crutches to enable it to pass along the highway of life. It is your teaching that knocks these crutches from under it and leaves it a helpless and rudderless wreck in the slough of despond."



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