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"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word it is because there is no light in them."—Isaiah 8:20.

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## Sanctification As Seen In The Bible

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### A COMMON ERROR

It is taught by holiness groups that sanctification is a second work of grace, that one receives

subsequent to conversion. In this, the old Adamic nature is supposed to be eradicated, such that one no longer sins or has any desire to do so. And this sanctification is supposed to be obtained through altar exercises in which one rolls, prays lustily, and is helped by being beaten on the back by anxious friends. This is by no means an exaggeration — we have seen this process demonstrated. All of this is wholly unscriptural and wrong, and is of the flesh.

### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

It says that sanctification is (Continued on Page Four)

It isn't the Bible you hold in your hand,  
With its binding so worn and your hand so old;  
Some leaves have come loose and all faded the gold  
Like an old home subdued by the weather.  
Time there was once, unforgotten by you,  
When your life was all young and your Bible was new;  
Many leaves to be turned, many things to be learned  
Since you started to travel together.

Then your Bible was coming to be part of you;  
It brightened your eyes, transfigured your face;  
It tempered your words, endued you with grace,  
With the image of Christ in you growing.  
Times there were many, well-remembered by you,  
When the going was hard; it was all you could do  
To pack such a load, while forgetting your road  
Led up where the saints are all going.

So it isn't the Bible you hold in your hand,  
With its pages so marred and your hand so old;  
For the things once so charming no longer can hold,  
And it doesn't much matter now, whether,  
Since a time there is coming, long-awaited by you  
When the old is no more; all things are made new;  
Though the leaves fall apart, the Word's deep in your heart  
And you'll finish the journey together.

This Bible may drop from your faltering hand,  
With its leaves so torn and your hand so old;  
You fear not the thief, neither rust nor the mould  
Though the leaves, like your flesh to dust turning.  
When the gates of the Temple swing outward to you  
With the saved of all ages you go swinging through  
When no more is the night, for you dwell in the light  
And its daybreak on Eternity's morning.

## Be Not Cumbered With Much Serving

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"And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard His word. But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to Him and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? Bid her therefore that she help me. And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: but one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her."—Luke 10:39-42.

The main business and chief concern of every Christian should be that of thanking, praising, and adoring the blessed Redeemer who has saved him with an everlasting salvation; and who, in order to secure this glorious future for him, came down to a sin-cursed earth determined to suffer and die the horrible death of the cross, and to work out the righteousness of every single one of His sheep with a life of obedience amidst the most ungodly circumstances. Yes, God Himself has delivered you and me from this present evil world (Gal. 1:4), blessed be His Holy Name. Should not we then be about our Father's business even as He was? Should not those who bear His name also bear His image, and day by day be more conformed to

His image by the transforming of the mind and the renewing of the spirit? Is not "praise comely for the upright?" and ought we not to all be like Mary—sitting at the feet of the Master? Are you then showing your appreciation of His unspeakable sacrifice of Himself by being a Mary, or by being a Martha? Are you finding time to sit often at the feet of Jesus? Do you go to the Fountain of all wisdom to drink of His glorious Truth? Are you feeding on the Hidden Manna which only a close following after Christ can bring to you?

SATAN CANNOT STAND TO SEE YOU SIT AND LISTEN TO JESUS. The Prince of this world will use every art and device to turn aside the happy Christian who occupies himself with thoughts of Christ, and who uses his time in search for the "knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (II Cor. 4:6). Satan becomes furious at such a one and uses the most subtle and crafty methods and means to engross

the believer with some other kind of thoughts and activity. He comes as an "angel of light" telling you that you cannot be the best kind of Christian if you "merely" spend your time "beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord" knowing that you will thereby be "changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." (II Cor. 3:18). The wily Devil is perfectly satisfied though to have you occupy yourself with a long line of perishing sinners for he can perhaps turn your mind away from the Lord of Glory. How is it that he shuts out Christ from the vision of the lost ones? (II Cor. 4:4). Does he not get them occupied with their own doings, their own selves? Yes, and in the same manner he cleverly seeks to get the Christian's eyes off of Christ and unto himself. And if he can use so-

called Christian service to do this, do not think that he hesitates to do so—but rather is this one of his most effective weapons in destroying communion with Christ. The old dragon is a master at stirring up the feverish nature and restless energy of the flesh and gladly supplies his victim some outlet which he assures him is pleasing to God and service to Christ.

WHAT THEN? SHALL WE DO NOTHING BUT WORSHIP AND PRAISE OUR WONDERFUL SAVIOUR? There is such a false view of Christian service prevailing today. No one seems to notice that service is supposed to be inward more than outward. Service for Christ is NOT done with the hands or with the lips, but with the heart. And if the heart is filled with Christ, if He is the Sun which is the center of your orbit, then your life will show forth His praise (I Peter 2:9), and your daily walk will be pleasing and honoring to Him (I Cor. 10:31) much more than if you spent your entire free

time visiting the sick, the sinful, and the surface-saints. Now He tells us that we are to be brought into conformity with His will if we are to be acknowledged by Him before the Father (Romans 8:29) and He also tells us hundreds of times that this can only be done by keeping our eyes on Him, our ears open to His voice (which is in the Word). Too many Christians agree that our lives must show forth Christ without knowing the least thing about what that involves. IT IS A LIFE'S TASK to know the Will of Christ. A constant searching of the Scriptures, with a prayerful, earnest, and yielded spirit of inquiry as to what DOES please Him, what DOES He consider service; yea, a holy and invariable determination to discover the details of His revealed mind is necessary if we are to be told "well done, thou good and faithful servant."

"EXERCISE THYSELF UNTO GODLINESS" (I Tim. 4:7) "Take heed unto THYSELF" (I Tim. 4:16) "Keep THYSELF pure" (I Tim. 5:22) are some of the exhortations of Holy Writ which need to be taken to heart by God's dear people. And why are they not doing it, what is it that Satan strews in their paths to hinder their true service to Christ? Why he tells them that

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## The First Baptist Pulpit

### "An Exposition Of The Book Of Daniel"

(Read Daniel 9).

This is our ninth consecutive study in the book of Daniel, and as you have noticed in these nine weeks, the book of Daniel is primarily a book of prophecy. Of course, you understand that prophecy is nothing more nor less than prewritten history—that is, history that is written before it comes to pass. Much of the Bible was once prophecy. In fact, most of the Bible was one day prophecy, but today the most of the Word of God is history, since the prophecies of the Word of God have been mostly

fulfilled through the days that have passed. However, there are two books, a great part of which are yet unfulfilled, namely, the book of Revelation and a good part of the book of Daniel. These two books are still mostly prophetic so far as you and I are concerned. That is, they are history that shall be fulfilled some day.

Now here is an interesting thing to me, and a peculiarity: People want to know about the future, yet they don't study God's Word. People want to know about the future and they

will go to a fortune teller or to some medium, who is nothing more nor less than an instrument of the Devil, and pay a dollar to five or ten dollars to ask about the future, when all they have to do to learn the future, which is absolutely and positively guaranteed to come to pass, is to read from the book of Revelation and the book of Daniel. They can find history written in advance in the prophetic utterances of the Word of God.

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### SIN LEAVES ITS TRAIL

A Denver motorist faced hit-and-run charges after his car leaked the information which led to his detection. The police followed a trail of water and antifreeze four blocks from the accident scene to the culprit's front door.

Every sin leaves its own trail. It is not going to be the least bit difficult for an all-wise and all-knowing God to confront sinners with their sins. But judgment is His strange work.

### THE WONDER OF THE RESURRECTION

I take a silver coin, and pass it through the jeweller's rollers until I have a strip of silver as thin as paper. Rolling it up loosely, I place it in a glass jar, and pour in a quantity of nitric acid, which, in a short time, dissolves the silver, and so completely has it disappeared from view that a person might take it for clear water. No one can detect the presence of silver.

But stop a little. I take a (Continued on Page Four)

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### "An Exposition Of The Book Of Daniel."

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THIS CHAPTER WHICH I HAVE READ PRESENTS TO US ONE GREAT PROPHECY.

It is very similar to the prophecies which we have been studying the last two Sunday evenings in that it refers to the time when the Anti-Christ is going to reign here within this world. I refer to the prophecy of Daniel 9:24-27. You will notice that it speaks about a prophecy of seventy weeks that are to be determined upon the people of God and upon the Holy City. Let me say that the words "seventy weeks" are actually misleading from the standpoint of translation. What the Hebrew literally says is "seventy sevens of years." In other words, each week is to represent a seven year period of time, so Daniel gives us this prophecy—a prophecy that was to be fulfilled in seventy weeks, or seventy periods of seven years time. In other words, in 490 years it was to be fulfilled.

You will notice that this prophecy is not a prophecy for you and for me as Gentiles, but rather it is a prophecy of the Jews. It relates primarily and entirely to the Jews.

"Seventy weeks are determined upon THY PEOPLE and upon THY HOLY CITY, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy." --Dan. 9:24.

It was the angel Gabriel who was speaking to Daniel, and in substance he declared that the prophecy should extend over a period of 490 years, and that it should relate primarily to the Jews. The Holy City was a reference to the city of Jerusalem. Then he said:

"Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem, unto the Messiah the Prince, shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times." --Dan. 9:25.

To study it carefully, beloved, if you will go back to the book of Nehemiah, you will find the time when the commandment was given for the rebuilding of the city of Jerusalem and the walls thereof. Listen:

"Moreover I said unto the king, if it please the king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the river, that they may convey me over till I come into Judah; And a letter unto Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which appertaineth to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into. And the king granted me, ac-

ording to the good hand of my God upon me." --Neh. 2:7-8.

This was the commandment for the rebuilding of the city of Jerusalem. It is recorded in Nehemiah 2:7-8, and it took place in the year 445 B.C. Now the prophecy that is given to Daniel is that beginning with that point when the commandment was given for the restoration and the rebuilding of the city of Jerusalem, there were to be two periods, one of seven weeks and another of sixty-two weeks, until the Messiah should come.

If you will notice, beloved, he says that from 445 B.C. there is going to be, first of all, a period of seven weeks for the rebuilding of the city of Jerusalem and the walls thereof. Then he says that there is going to be another period of sixty-two weeks, which means 434 years more until the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now, beloved, in the days when the Lord Jesus was born, if the Bible students and the Jews who were studying the Word of God had been careful in their study of the Book, they need not have doubted at all that the Lord Jesus Christ was the Christ that was prophesied in the Bible. They could have come right back to Nehemiah 2:7-8, that was written in 445 B.C., and they could have counted the forty-nine years that it was going to take for the rebuilding and the restoration of the worship of the Jews, and they could have added on to that, 434 years until the coming of the Prince and could have known exactly the year in which the Lord Jesus Christ was going to be born, for it says plainly and positively that from the going forth of the commandment of restoring and rebuilding Jerusalem until the time of the Messiah the Prince, shall be seven weeks and threescore and two weeks. In other words, forty-nine years were to take place for the rebuilding of the city and for the restoration of Jerusalem and 434 years were to elapse, until the Son of God was to come.

I tell you, beloved, the Lord Jesus Christ came just as it was prophesied within this study. This thrills my soul when I read it, to see how God kept His Word. Forty-nine years after the commandment came to restore and to rebuild Jerusalem, the city was completed and the Jews were living in that city; worship was going on and the walls had been built around it to separate them from the heathen nations. Jewish worship was completely restored. 434 years later the Lord Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem just like it was prophesied. Beloved, the God who wrote this part of the prophecy saw to it that it was fulfilled. The same God who wrote all the balance of the Bible will see that the rest of it is fulfilled too.

Now, that takes care of 69 of the 70 weeks that is mentioned in this prophecy.

"And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be CUT OFF, but not for himself; and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined." --Dan. 9:26.

Beloved, Jesus Christ was cut off, but it wasn't for Himself. It wasn't that the Lord Jesus Christ was a sinner. He wasn't killed because of any crimes that He had committed. Here is His statement that the Lord Jesus Christ was going to die, not for His sins, but for somebody else's. Beloved, that somebody else is this preacher, and that somebody else is you. That somebody else is everyone of God Almighty's elect, from the first one that was ever saved,

to the last man that shall ever be saved. Beloved, Jesus Christ was cut off, not for Himself, but to pay the sin debt of everyone of us.

It says further that the people of the prince that is coming shall destroy the city and the sanctuary with a flood. The Word of God doesn't tell us who that people is, but history has. The Romans controlled Palestine at the time of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the year 70 A.D., Titus, a Roman general, marched against the city of Jerusalem, knocked down its walls, killed many people, and cut off Jews until the blood of Jewish men and women ran in the street, just like water runs in the streets of Russell on a rainy day.

Yes, beloved, the people of Rome destroyed the city and the sanctuary, and then Daniel is told by the angel Gabriel that from that time on until the end, wars and desolations are determined, as if to say that there is an intermediate period at the end of that 69 weeks—at the end of the time when the Lord Jesus Christ is cut off—from that time on there is an indefinite period that is not named. The seventieth week does not begin then; the seventieth week is yet prophetic; the seventieth week is still in the future and there is an indefinite time that comes at the end of the sixty-ninth and the beginning of the seventieth week, and in that period of time there are going to be wars and desolations that shall come to pass.

I have been impressed by the fact that H. G. Wells, the infidel historian of England, said some time ago that in the last 6,000 years there were only 226 years when the world hadn't had a war some place. God said it back here that there would be wars and desolation, and they were determined until the end of time. If you ever hear some politician or some statesman say today that it is possible to outlaw war—whenever you hear him talk in terms of a League of Nations or talk in terms of "United Nations,"—when you hear him say that it is possible that war shall come to an end, just know one thing, beloved; he may know much, but he

doesn't know much of the Word of God.

I remember when World War II came to an end that I was traveling that day in my car. I turned the radio on and heard speech after speech that was given. One thing after another was said and it all was summed up like this: There can be a warless world and we will work toward it." Beloved, they hardly got the guns cleaned, they hardly got the smell of the powder out of the barrels until they were getting ready to fight again. God said it back here, and in the book of Matthew He said it again. Listen:

"And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places." --Mt. 24:6-7.

Beloved, listen to me, these things are coming to pass. How do I know it? Because the God who fulfilled the rest of this prophecy is the same God that said it was going to come to pass.

That doesn't tell us about that seventieth week. The next verse does.

"And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate." --Dan. 9:27.

Sixty-nine weeks of seven years if beginning at Nehemiah 2:7-8 in the year 445 B.C., brings us down to the time of the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. That was the Jewish period of this prophecy. The Jews are coming back again into history in another period of seven years at some future date yet unrevealed.

The Anti-Christ is going to arise and he is going to make a covenant with the Jews for one week of seven years. That is the period that the book of Revelation speaks of as the Tribulation period. For seven years'

time he is going to make a covenant with them, and in the middle of the week he is going to cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease. In other words, he is going to come in peacefully. He is going to take possession in a peaceful manner. They are going to have religious worship but in the midst of the seven years, at the end of 3½ years, he is going to show his true colors.

Those of you who have studied with us through the book of Revelation know about the horrors and the horrible suffering that are going to fall upon the Jews when the Anti-Christ reveals himself in his true colors at the end of the first part of the tribulation period. It is going to come to pass. You can read the book of Revelation beginning with the fourth chapter through the nineteenth, and you can read what will take place during that 3½ years when the Anti-Christ shows his true colors. You talk about suffering, you talk about Hell on earth, you talk about people having hardships and heartaches; I tell you, the world will never see it like that shall be in those days when the Anti-Christ reigns in opposition to the Lord Jesus Christ.

But, beloved, the Word of God tells us that this Anti-Christ is going to come to an end. He is going to last seven years, 3½ years which will be peaceful, and 3½ years which will be Hell on earth for the Jews. Thank God, like we have already seen in the last few chapters, the Anti-Christ's reign is coming to an end and Jesus Christ is going to reign and rule some day. Beloved, I know this is, because the same God that has given the rest of this prophecy that has been fulfilled, the God who tells us about the part that is yet unfilled. He kept His Word on the balance. He will keep His word as to the rest.

II

I WANT YOU TO NOTICE WHAT DANIEL WAS DOING WHEN THIS VISION CAME TO HIM THROUGH GABRIEL. In the first part of this chapter it tells us that Daniel was reading his Bible. You saw "Brother Gilpin, I didn't know" (Continued on Page Three)



## Set Your Hand to The Plow!

"And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." --Luke 9:62.

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they had a Bible back there." Well, they didn't have it in quite the style that you and I have it today. They didn't have it in quite the same manner, but they had the Pentateuch -- that is, Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. They had all the historical books. They had the prophetic books of Isaiah, Micah, Joel, Obadiah, Amos and Jeremiah, and they had most of Psalms. That was all they had in Daniel's day.

Well, one day Daniel was reading his Bible. He was reading, so Daniel 9:2 tells us, from the book of Jeremiah, and he finds in that book of Jeremiah that the Jews are to be in Babylon in captivity for seventy years' time. The Word of God tells us that when he read that, he set his face toward God, realizing that the seventy years are fulfilled. He set his face toward God and cried to God in prayer that God deliver them out of the land of Babylon, and God did that very thing.

Now, beloved, here is a revival that I speak of often as a one-man revival. It is very fitting that we study it today in view of the revival we are announcing tonight. It is very fitting that we see that this revival which came in Daniel's day was really a one-man revival that revived a whole nation. Daniel read his Bible and that was the beginning of it.

I tell you, beloved, the beginning of any revival as far as your own soul is concerned is when you pick up the Bible and start to read it. The old negro preacher pretty well expressed it correctly when he was talking about a revival, but in his negro language he spoke of it as a "re-bible," and that is what a revival is--it is a re-bibleing of the people of God.

Daniel read his Bible--how that they were to be in captivity for seventy years and he started to pray that God would deliver them from the land of Babylon. Listen to me, brother, sister, the very element of a revival is to read your Bible. When you go home, get your Bible out and read it, and read it everyday this week, and I challenge you that if you do, when next Sunday comes, there will have been a revival in your soul in these seven days that pass by before Sunday. You just can't read this old Book without being revived in your soul.

II Chronicles 31 tells us of the time when they started to repair the house of God and they found the Bible that had been lost. Imagine God's Bible lost, but it was, and they found it in the house of God midst all the rubbish. When they cleaned out the rubbish they found God's Word. What did they do? They proclaimed a day for the reading of the Bible, and they stood up and read God's Word. What happened? Beloved, God gave a revival.

I remember that woman years ago who read a book one day and laid it aside as the most uninteresting book she ever remembered. It just didn't interest her at all. A few days later she met a man by the same name as that of the author and in conversation with him she made mention of the fact that it was a coincidence that she had just read a book by a man who had the same name as the man she was speaking to. He said, "That is no coincidence at all; I wrote the book." When he had gone that evening she sat up until the wee hours of the morning reading that book again, and this time it was a different book; it was a new book because she knew the author. When she

knew the author, the book took on a new meaning to her.

Listen to me tonight, beloved, if you know the author of this Book, the Lord Jesus Christ, this Book has a meaning so far as your soul is concerned.

Now that is the first thing that Daniel did to get a revival; the second thing logically follows. After he read the Bible, he prayed. Daniel 9:3 tells us how he set his face toward God. If you will notice carefully, time and time again he cried out, "Oh God, Oh God of Israel." He besought God that He would deliver the Jews from Babylon back to Palestine.

Listen, beloved, when you read your Bible you are going to do some praying. Daniel read his Bible and Daniel prayed. You can't read your Bible this week without doing some praying. God wrote the Bible and you can't let God speak to your soul but what you in turn will want to speak to God. That is the second element of a revival. Daniel was a man who believed in prayer.

In the second chapter of Daniel we read where they were getting ready to kill all the wise men, which included Daniel. Daniel said, "Don't be too hasty about it. Let me have a little time with God." He called in his three friends, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and they went on their faces before God and said, "Oh, God, tell us what the king dreamed, and tell us the meaning of that dream." God gave them the very dream that the king had had, and gave them the interpretation thereof. Daniel knew what it was to pray. He knew what it was to get an answer from God.

At another time, beloved, the Word of God tells us how that Daniel knew positively and definitely that the word had gone out that if any man prayed to any god, other than unto the king for thirty days, he would be cast into the den of lions. That didn't stop Daniel one particle. He fell on his knees before God, before an open window facing toward Jerusalem, and prayed three times a day just like he had been praying in the past for Jerusalem and for the Jews and the people of God. Even though they put him in a lion's den because of it, God walked with him in the lion's den.

Listen, beloved, this man Daniel wasn't any novice in praying. When he read the Bible, he immediately began to pray.

If you will read your Bible tonight, tomorrow, and the tomorrows to come of this week, you will be doing some praying too before this week goes by.

Several years ago when I was just a boy preacher, I went to a tent meeting one night and I remember a little chorus that runs through my mind. I never heard it any time before or since, but I remember that chorus to this hour:

**"You can talk about me just as much as you please;**

**I will talk about you down on my knees."**

Listen, beloved, wouldn't it be a glorious thing if you and I would just read our Bible and then go down on our knees and talk to God day by day these next seven days until the next Lord's Day?

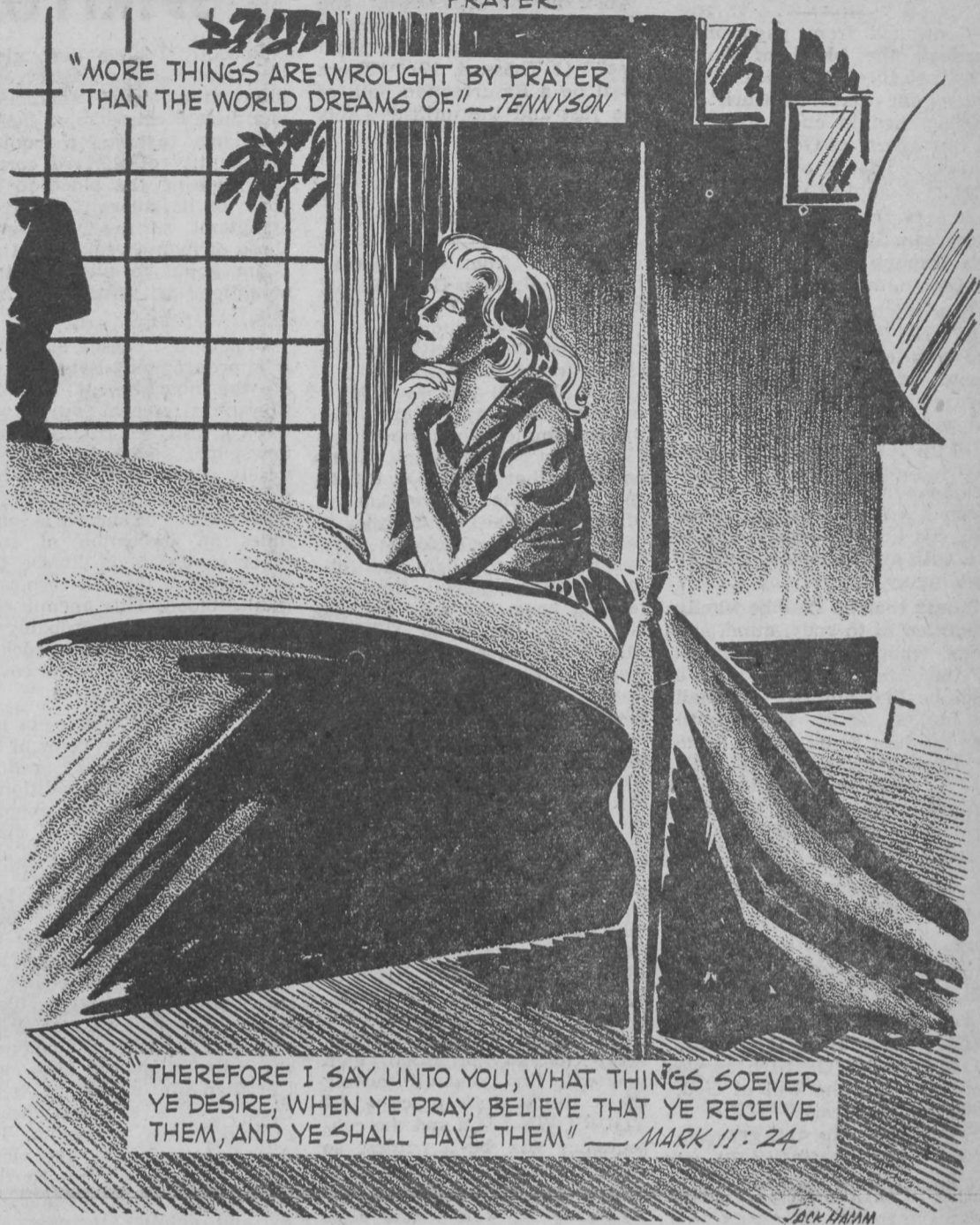
Notice what else Daniel did. He read his Bible, he prayed, and, beloved, he confessed his sins. You say, "Did Daniel have sins to confess?" Yes. "Did the Jews? Yes. That is the reason why they were in captivity because of their sins. The Word of God tells us how he confessed, for we read:

**"And I prayed unto the Lord my God, and MADE MY CONFESSION, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to**

*There is no worldly pleasure without a tincture of bitterness.*

## PRAYER

"MORE THINGS ARE WROUGHT BY PRAYER THAN THE WORLD DREAMS OF" -- TENNYSON



THEREFORE I SAY UNTO YOU, WHAT THINGS SOEVER YE DESIRE, WHEN YE PRAY, BELIEVE THAT YE RECEIVE THEM, AND YE SHALL HAVE THEM" -- MARK 11: 24

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them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments."

--Daniel 9:4.

Daniel was making a confession for himself and for the children of Israel. Beloved, you can't have a revival meeting until you do the same thing. You just can't have a revival meeting with unconfessed sin in your life. I'll read you two passages of Scripture to prove that statement:

**"If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will NOT HEAR me."** --Psa. 66:18.

**"Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that HE WILL NOT HEAR."**

--Isa. 59:1-2.

God has just as much power today as he had in Daniel's day. Daniel's God still lives today. He has just as much power, and he can hear your prayers.

Daniel read his Bible, Daniel prayed, Daniel confessed, but he did something else. Daniel committed the whole thing into the hands of God, for we read:

**"Therefore hath the Lord watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for the Lord our God is righteous in all his works which he doeth: for we obeyed not his voice. And now, O Lord our God, that hast brought thy people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast gotten thee renown, as at this day: we have sinned, we have done wickedly."**

--Dan. 9:14-15.

Literally, Daniel is saying, "We have put it all in your hands." None of us, beloved, are willing to do what Daniel did. Most of us want to have our way. Most of us don't want to commit things into the hand of

God. We would rather go contrary to the will of God.

I have seen so many times since I have been here in Russell, the train going east probably and somebody walking on a box car on top going west -- the train going one direction, the man going the other. I have often looked and thought how like most of us sometime or other -- God's will is one way and we decide to go the other. What God wants of you and me is the same thing that God wanted of Daniel -- the same thing that Daniel did toward the Lord. He committed the whole thing into the hands of God.

## III

WHAT WAS THE RESULT? Heaven wasn't very far away when Daniel did that. We read:

**"And while I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the Lord my God for the holy mountain of my God: Yea, while I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation. And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding."** -- Dan. 9:20-22.

What does it mean? Simply this: When Daniel read his Bible, prayed, confessed his sins, and committed the whole thing into God's hands,--when he did so, Heaven wasn't very far away. The Word of God tells us that while he was yet speaking, God sent His angel Gabriel and gave to him that vision.

I want to tell you tonight, beloved, Heaven isn't very far from Russell. We sometimes think it is. We sometimes think

when the problems of life arise, that Heaven is a long piece away. I tell you tonight, Heaven is mighty close. It is just as close to you as it was to Daniel.

Oh, may it please God when you go home that you might get out the old Book, give it a good dusting, and find some portion within it and begin reading. Beloved, you may have a revival in your soul before you come back to God's house next Sunday. You may have a different spirit, you may have a new message on your lips, you may have a different outlook on life. May God help you to have a one-man revival in your soul this week like Daniel had in his own behalf and in behalf of the Jews when they were in Babylon.

May God bless you!



## Cumbered With Serving

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they must be much concerned with others. He prods you up and out of your own home where you are reading (I Tim. 4:13) for spiritual cleansing from the stains of the world; and he sends you on a round of religious meetings, and numerous church duties which are more often than not social instead of sacred. Even the holy Sabbath has ceased to be the day of Rest that it was ordained to be for God's people; and it is being told them that they must be very busy in visiting, in Sunday School work, in programs and all kinds of directed activities if they are to keep the

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## Sanctification

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through the blood of Christ. (Heb. 10:10) That means that when one receives Christ as having died in one's stead, he is "set apart" as God's property forever. That is our position—that of a child of God forever.

It says that we may become more sanctified in actual practice through knowing the truth of God. (Jno. 17:17).

One might adopt an orphan boy. He is immediately given the position of a son, but he knows little of the wishes of his new parents, and has many things to overcome. As he lives with his new parents, he becomes more like them in habits and behavior. He quits wolfing down his food—quits eating with his fingers—quits going to bed with dirty hands and face—quits many unlovely habits.

It says that we shall be wholly sanctified as to body, mind, and spirit, when we stand one day in the Lord's presence. We shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Never until "we see him as he is" shall we be completely sanctified. So then, complete sanctification awaits our resurrection or transformation at the coming of Christ.

### WE MIGHT STATE IT LIKE THIS

We are saved from THE GUILT AND PENALTY OF SIN, when we believe on Christ.

We are saved progressively FROM THE HABITS AND DOMINION OF SIN, as we learn more of the will of God, and "grow in grace."

WE SHALL BE SAVED from the very PRESENCE of sin, at the appearing of the Lord.

Thus you can see that there are THREE TENSES to the Christian life—past, present, and future. One should be able to say, "I have been saved—I am being saved, and I shall be saved."

The Bible says, "Now is your salvation nearer than when ye believed." That means, salvation in its consummation—salvation in its full completion.

Because sanctification is distorted, and so many fanatical things are taught about it, is no reason for us to reject the Bible doctrine of sanctification. We don't reject good money because there is counterfeit money.



## The Resurrection

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like quantity of clear water, and add fine salt to it until it will dissolve no more; I then pour this into the solution of silver, when, behold! the silver is found falling down in a soapy cloud. I throw my solution of silver and salt into a tub of water, as large as you like; then from this all the pure silver can be recovered, leaving only the alloy that the silver contained.

Now, if I, a man—one who cannot create a particle of it—can do this with my silver coin, is it too hard for Him Who created all things to recover what He has created from the dust of the earth? Man's body may be crushed, dissolved in air, earth, or sea, so that there is not one particle of it visible to human sight; but God has them in

keeping, and one day, at the "Voice of the Archangel," and the sounding of "the trump of God," "the dead in Christ shall rise" (1 Thess. 4:17) "There shall be a Resurrection both of the just and the unjust" (Acts 24:15).



## Serving

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Sabbath holy unto God. WHAT SHALL YOU SAY? when you stand before the judgment seat of Christ to "receive of the things done in the body" (II Cor. 5:10), will you say "THEY made me the keeper of the vineyards; mine own vineyard have I not kept" (S of S 1:6). Note carefully that it was not Christ that made the speaker keeper of other vineyards, but rather it is true that His yoke is easy and His burden is light, and following after Him will find you tending your own vineyard via His Word. No, it is "THEY" that make you neglect your own spiritual growth, it is the Egyptian taskmasters who spur the people of God on to engage in works, works, works, and there by cumber (weigh down) them with so much serving that they are spiritual paupers. If you on the other hand spend your life searching for a greater and fuller knowledge of the Godhead, more time in communing with Christ, then people will take knowledge of you that you have "been with Jesus" (Acts 4:13). If you are more diligent in finding out what God loves, what God has commanded, what God has set for our example, what God has promised, then you will find yourself putting these things into practice IN YOUR OWN LIFE and the consequence will be a witness so beautiful and so satisfying and so pleasing to God that it will pass your own understanding. If you will rejoice in the Lord and seek Him as you should seek out your lover, then you will not be pressing upon all and sundry the precious things of Christ and thereby disobey Him who told His disciples, "Give not that which is holy unto the dogs"; but you will go where He is EVIDENTLY working through the Spirit and then only when you definitely know that you are sent by Him. If you expect any to ask "a reason of the hope" that is in you (I Peter 3:15) then you need to defeat the restlessness of the flesh and the spurrings of the devil which take the time you are supposed to "redeem." Our churches are full of unsaved professors and that is why the church "program" must be made up of so much energy and so little thinking along spiritual lines. It is only a sop to our conscience if we persuade ourselves that though our walk is far from being what it should be, yet we can "do our duty" by warning the wicked, singing in the choir, ushering the collection, cooking for the RA's, addressing the opening assembly, or some other form of "Christian service." Satan will use these piddling activities to convince you that you have been faithful, but instead of your being humbled and chastened before God for being such an "unprofitable servant," for your miserable failure to LIVE Christ, you will find an evil puffing up which can only end in soul disaster.

BE NOT ENGAGED SO MUCH IN SERVICE FOR CHRIST as you are engaged in daily communion WITH Him. Make your calling and election sure not by being concerned with the other's vineyard, but by tenderly caring for your own. If you know not the will of God,

# SPIRITUAL ANEMIA

Recently I have been glean- ing from various sources some information about "anemia." It is a disease caused by a lack or deficiency in either the quality or quantity of the red corpus- cles, causing the blood to lose some of its coloring. Since the symptoms so nearly resemble those of many weak Christians, I am going to diagnose their condition as "Spiritual Ane- mia."

One of the causes of anemia is improper nourishment. About all the nourishment (?) some Christians receive during the week is obtained from the daily newspaper and radio. One has wisely asked: "Why drink a barrel of swill to get a cup of tea?" The presence of anemia is some- times an indication of some other condition or disease that is destroying the red corpuscles in the blood. This anemic con- dition in Christians probably in- dicates some hindrance, such as an unforgiving spirit, or cover- ed sin in their lives.

One symptom of anemia is a pale and unhealthy color of the skin. The onset is very gradual. Bible terms for this condition in Christians are: "lukewarmness," "falling away," "love of many waxing cold." While this dis- ease may affect all ages it oc- curs usually in middle age. Peo- ple who say they have been converted for twenty years but do not manifest good spiritual health, or are "off color" in their church activities, likely have this disease. They may have faithfully overcome the temptations of the early Christian life only to be weak- ened by this insidious disease of middle age— anemia. This disease incapacitates the victim for any strong exertion. He tires easily. His muscles become flab- by and debility increases. He may be able to do strong manual and physical labor for himself, but he has not the spiritual force and vigor to "labor in prayer," or to "endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit," or to do ex- ploits for Him who redeemed him. Another symptom we should like to mention is that

you cannot acceptably serve Him. He says "learn of me," so spend the greater part of your time in learning to know Him. "Hereby do we KNOW that we know Him, if we keep His commandments," and He com- mands: "Be ye holy." Now if you do not learn to worship God in the secret place, medi- tate upon His entire Word, you cannot please Him nor can you truly witness for Christ. If you do not follow close after Christ (John 12:26), walk with Him daily, commune with Him, search His Word, seek His will, you are but a mockery of a Christian and your speaking of Him to others will be despised by them. If we go to help the Marthas get up the program at the churchhouse, we are apt to be guilty of leaving the feet of Jesus, and then we become very busy stumblingblocks instead of effective servants.

"TAKE HEED TO THY- SELF," "LAY ASIDE EVERY WEIGHT" (Heb. 12:1) which hinders you from running the race which GOD has set before us. Take time to be holy and sit at the feet of Jesus who clearly defines service for you:

"The kingdom of God is . . . righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. For He that in THESE things serveth Christ is ACCEPTABLE to God, and approved of men."—Romans 14:17, 18.

the patient may enjoy short pe- riods of apparent good health only to suddenly relapse into the previous condition of almost invalidism. This is much like the Christian that revives at re- vival seasons but who is not a real blessing to the church the rest of the year.

Now we shall consider some results of this ailment. Because of a possible hemorrhage of the retina the vision may become impaired. We all know that many in the church lack vision. Indigestion is a very common result. Many times the preacher gives the most nourishing of sermons from the Bread of Life and does not see his flock nour- ished thereby. He may well wonder at the reason for per- haps his people may have a se- rious case of indigestion. The victim of this unfortunate ill- ness finds it difficult to keep warm; he cools off easily. Like- wise, it is difficult for the ane- mic Christian to be "fervent in spirit," to pray fervently, and to have a fervent charity for the brethren. A cut or wound in- flicted upon a sufferer of this sickness takes a long time to heal. Some Christians are easily offended, feelings are wounded and they are hurt; it takes a long time for the wound to heal. It is a continuous marvel to me how quickly a cut or wound will heal where there is good physical health and life. The same is true where there is good spiritual life. A mother with anemia will not likely be strong enough to bring a child to the birth. Isaiah spoke of a condi- tion that exists in so many churches when he said, "The children are come to the birth and there is not strength to bring forth." One more char- acteristic of this malady is that one may linger on in this con- dition for as much as twenty years.

I suppose the reader, by this time, is anemic conscious and is looking for symptoms. Please remember I am speaking about anemic Christians. If you, as a Christian, have some of these symptoms let me tell you of the remedy. The patient must have sunshine. The Christian who has symptoms of anemia is possibly walking behind light in some respects. He should begin to walk and live in the light and approval of the "Sun of right- eousness." The patient must fol- low a prescribed diet. He should heed Paul's admonition to Tim- othy to "give attendance to reading" and to feed on the Word, good sermons and other supplementary reading.



## MISSIONS

### What Are We Going To Do About It

That if 1,000 missionaries were to land today in India, each one could have a parish all his own of 550 villages?

That apart from a few tiny points of light, an area of 4,000,000 square miles in the heart of Asia, with a population of 34,000,000 still lies in unrelieved spiritual darkness?

That Arabia, with a popula- tion of 7,000,000 has less than 50 openly confessed Christians?

That the latest Conference on Moslem Missions characterized the Moslem advance in Africa as perhaps the largest world missionary problem confronting the whole Church?

That the heart of South Am- erica is "the greatest stretch of unevangelized territory in the world."

## How The Rosay Is Unscriptural

The Rosary is the most po- pular form of devotion among Roman Catholics. It has been strongly recommended by many Popes, and great indulgences have been promised to those who practice it. Devout Roman Catholics go to church every night during May, which is month consecrated to Mary say the Rosary.

The Rosary is an arithmetic guide to Roman Catholic de- votion. It is a string of beads, larger and smaller, designed to aid the worshipper in repeating a definite number of Our Fa- thers and Hail Marys. There are as many as twenty forms of Rosary devotions enumerated by standard authorities. The most ordinary form has five decades (or tens) of smaller beads, making in all fifty, each decade separated by a single large bead, making in all five. The arrangement is that for every one of the fifty smaller beads the Roman Catholic offers up a prayer to Mary (the Hail Mary) and for every one of the large ones he offers up to God (the Lord's Prayer). In other words the Roman Catholic is taught to pray ten times to Mary every once that he prays to God. Thus the prayers to Mary are ten times more numerous than those addressed to God.

The Ave Maria or Hail Mary the favorite prayer to Mary con- sists of three parts, (a) the salu- tation of the angel (b) the word of Elizabeth and (c) a prayer added to these by "the authority of the church."

It is as follows: "Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death." Amen.

"The practice of 'telling beads' in prayer was borrowed from Buddhism, and antedates Chris- tianity. Mohammedans also use rosaries. They were introduced into the church about the year 1090. The practice not only has no sanction in Scripture, but is opposed to the whole spirit of the Gospel, which forbids me- chanical forms in the worship of God. Using beads destroys the true spirit of prayer; it is like the praying by rote of the heathens, using prayer wheels and hand rattles."

The Roman Catholic rosary seems to exalt a human being more than God. Our Lord has uttered a solemn warning against such methods when He spoke of "vain repetitions" and "much speaking" like the heathens (Matt. 6:5-8). (Our Priced Heritage, P. 153).

However, praying to Mary is forbidden in Scripture. Christ Himself says "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and only thou shalt thou serve." (Mat. 4:10).

In the Gospel of St. John 13, 14, we are told to petition Christ directly, "And whatever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." "If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it."

The Bible teaches that true believers should avoid repeti- tions and praying by rote; they should pray humbly, reverently with a thankful and believing heart. They should think of what they are doing and pray mechanically by vain rep- etitions.

"I will pray with the spirit and I will pray with the under- standing." (I Cor. 14:15).