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God's Men Are To Speak Boldly

By Vance Havner

God give us men in the pulpit who will remember they are not diplomats arranging a truce but prophets declaring an ultimatum!

The popular technique of tactful and diplomatic preaching fails to get results. This art of almost saying something is in vogue these days. It is popular in our capitals and legislative halls where statesmen have become adept at "shading 'yes' to 'no' and burnishing up 'no' until it might pass for a 'yes'." No man can make progress who deals in generalities. Finney had a sermon on "How to Preach so as to Convert No-

body." One rule was: Preach about sin in general, but never mention any of the sins of your present congregation.

The woman at Jacob's well did not come under conviction while Jesus talked about the water of life and where was the best place to worship; but when He said, "Go, call thy husband," things began to happen. She told her townspeople, "Come, see a man which told me all things that ever I did." Jesus did not generalize; He particularized.

This art shows up in prayer meeting, when some dear brother gets no farther than, "We have done many things which we should not have done, and we have left undone many

things which we should have done."

When you hear men and women confess gossiping, covetousness, backbiting, temper, worldliness, and evil habits, naming them unmistakably—that is revival. When God's Spirit convicts and men confess sin, nothing is done half-way; we come clean with it.

What saith the Lord?

The art of almost saying something is clever; it sounds smart, and it will not offend anyone. It will help the speaker to get ahead in this world; but this world is not the right world in which to get ahead. At the end of the road, stands God, and (Continued on page four)

The Marks Of A Spirit-Filled Christian

There is so much confusion and loose thinking concerning the characteristics of a Spirit-filled and Spirit-led Christian. Some think that a pious look, a professed meekness and frequent tears are unquestionable proofs of being filled with and led by the Holy Spirit. But, when we come to the Word of God with inquiring and honest hearts we discover that such are not the identifying marks of God's people who are "walking in the Spirit."

Let us begin our study of this question of "What Are the Marks, or Characteristics, of a Spirit-filled and Spirit-led Christian?" with a look into the second chapter of Acts. This chapter records the beginning of the ministry of the Holy Spirit in His work of indwelling, guiding, empowering and using the Lord's people of this age in which we live.

On this day of Pentecost, the Jewish feast day which came fifty days after the feast of the firstfruits (See Lev. 23rd chapter), the Holy Spirit came upon the assembled disciples who had been waiting since the Lord's ascension. He filled the house where they were sitting and

they were submerged in the very presence of the Spirit. This group, the first New Testament church, was thus baptized in the Holy Spirit before beginning its Christ-commissioned ministry just as the individual Christian is to be baptized in water before he begins his service unto the Lord Jesus Christ.

You will observe that we are using "Spirit" instead of the word "Ghost." There are some who make a difference between "Spirit" and "Ghost." In every place where the term "Holy Ghost" occurs in our English Bible, the word "Ghost" is a translation of the Greek word "pneuma," which is the word for "Spirit." The same term "hagion pneuma" is translated "Holy Ghost" 89 times and "Holy Spirit" 151 times. Thus, it can be easily seen that there is no difference between the expressions "Holy Ghost" and "Holy Spirit," and since the term "ghost" has a meaning in this country of something unreal and mystical, it is much better to always use the word "Spirit" than the word "Ghost" when referring to the Spirit of God.

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HOW BAPTISTS ABUSE THEIR DEMOCRATIC FREEDOM

By Roy Mason
Tampa, Florida

Beyond question the Bible teaches a democratic form of church government. The early churches were not bossed by a pope, by bishops, or by the super powers of a "denomination." Each congregation was free and self governing. An instance of church democracy is shown in the selection of deacons. (See Acts 6:5-6). The term "Church" is not used in the sense of a certain section. Instead we read of "the churches of Galatia, etc."

Through the centuries there have grown up great ecclesiastical organizations such as the Roman Catholic Church in which there is no democracy and in which the individual has no say-so. Also there is the Methodist Church governed by bishops, and the Episcopal Church which limits individual freedom, etc. Baptists have continued a free people until recent years when there has been an effort to render the individual church a mere "cell" of the "denomination." That effort

grows ever stronger and stronger, until many Baptist churches are "captive organizations" under the almost complete domination of the "denomination."

Democracy among churches, as democracy in government of a nation, is a precious thing, but it lends itself to great abuse. Baptists are abusers of democracy. This abuse is manifested in a number of ways. We shall notice a few of them:

IN DISREGARD OF AUTHORITY.

A Baptist church was never meant to be characterized by anarchy. While pastors are not to be bosses, the Lord meant that they should be church leaders. The very term "bishop" by which a Baptist preacher is designated means "overseer." (See Heb. 13:7, 17) The term "pastor" means shepherd, and a shepherd is to lead a flock—not to be led by the flock. Many a Baptist church is characterized by anarchy. Members go on a rampage, with every one wanting to have his own way, and with

no more regard for their pastor than if he were a hired man, and the result is a fight and a quarrel to the disgrace of the cause of Christ in general. Congregations under tight ecclesiastical control don't have these disgraceful bawls. Democracy is fine, but when it is abused a church is actually worse off than the group under strict and inflexible control.

WHERE SHALL I LOOK?

Where shall I look for a song
When my day has been weary
and long?
The thoughts I so painfully need
Should be humble and hopeful
as seed;
So I think, as I curl in my chair,
Of old poetry subtle and fair,
But I drift into heavier chords
Blaring sagas of heroes and
lords—
I grow tired of tales that are
grim
And I turn then to listen to Him.
I reach for the words from afar
Where heart ease and happiness
are,
And my room glows with glory
and gold
As the Bible's warm pages unfold.

—Frank H. Keith

FAILURE TO APPRECIATE THE PRIVILEGES OF DEMOCRACY.

Thousands don't appreciate their privilege to vote in governmental affairs. They are not enough concerned to go to the polls, but they gripe aplenty when things go wrong. Likewise the average Baptist makes no effort to be present at the business conference of his church. Often he will attend prayer meeting, then get up and leave before business meeting, when he doesn't have to. If he were told that voting privilege had been withdrawn from him, he would "blow his top," but the truth is he doesn't value that privilege.

ASSUMPTION OF POWER BY DEACONS.

The office of deacon is a high

office and a useful one, if regarded in the light of the Scriptures, but often the office is perverted. Deacons were originated to look after "business" interests of a church. (See Acts 6:3) They were designed to be helpers of pastors, to lift the burden of material things from their shoulders such that they could give time to "prayer and ministry of the Word." To-day, many "boards" of deacons are hirers and firers of pastors. We think of an instance in which just recently some deacons had a secret meeting and the outcome was a request for the pastor to resign. The church as a whole had nothing to do with it. Things were cooked up and the pastor resigned contrary to the wishes of the church as a whole. That is not either Scriptural or democratic.

DICTATORSHIP OF CHURCHES FROM "HEADQUARTERS."

This we have already mentioned, but it should be enlarged upon. Theoretically, a Baptist church is not to be dominated (Continued on page four)

HARD NUTS FOR CATHOLICS

Bro. A. J. Terry is a Baptist missionary in the state of Piahy, Brazil. He had some discussion awhile back with the Catholic bishop in that state. In that discussion he got out in front form the following questions, which the bishop has never even tried to answer. Hand them to the nearest Catholic priest or neighbor and ask him to answer them. Bro. Terry translated it from Portuguese into English for us.

"Baptists do not follow any man, but Christ and He alone is their Leader and Head. They do not accept any authority except the Holy Scriptures as authoritative over men's conduct." (Continued on page four)

The First Baptist Pulpit

"Plain Prophecies For Plain People"

"To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins." —Acts 10:43.

All the Bible definitely points to the Lord Jesus Christ. If you read in the Old Testament you will find it points forward to the coming of Christ, or if you read in the New Testament, it points backward to the Christ of prophecy and shadow and type as found in the Old Testament. I insist, beloved, there isn't one passage in all the Word

of God that doesn't point either forward or backward to the Son of God Himself. In other words, Jesus Christ is the sum, the center, and the circumference of every verse in the Bible, and Jesus Christ can be found in every verse of the Bible.

I want you to notice tonight a number of prophecies that definitely find their fulfillment in the Lord Jesus Himself.

I

THERE IS THE PROPHECY THAT CHRIST WAS TO BE BORN AS THE SEED OF THE

WOMAN.

"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and HER SEED: it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." —Gen. 3:15.

In this verse God was talking to the serpent, and He said, "I am going to put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed." This is the first prophecy of the Bible and is the fountainhead of all prophecies, since it is the first. In this, the fountain- (Continued on page two)

WORLD CONDITIONS AFFECT TEETH

Dr. Albert Laferrier of Montreal says dentists would have less work if people would stop worrying.

He told the closing session of the annual meeting of Dental Medicine that with the world situation so tense and prices skyrocketing everyone seems to be "grinding their teeth."

"It may be hard to believe, but the state of the nation has a lot to do with the dental mortality rate" he said.

"People who worry do not sleep properly and become run down and this has a direct effect on their general health resulting in teeth disorders and diseases."

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head of all prophecies, we have the statement that somebody is going to be born, who will be the seed of the woman. All others, beloved, who have been born in this world have been born as the result of the combined seed of man and woman. The Word of God tells us that someone is to be born who will be the seed of the woman, and we find that fulfillment in the Lord Jesus. Listen:

"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, MADE OF A WOMAN, made under the law."—Gal. 4:4.

I say then, beloved, in this prophecy which is the first prophecy of the Bible, which is the fountainhead of all prophecy, and out of which all other prophetic utterances flow, we find the fulfillment in the Lord Jesus Christ. As it was thus prophesied that He would be the seed of the woman alone, so Jesus Christ was born the seed of the woman.

II

THE SECOND PROPHECY CONCERNING CHRIST IS THAT HE WAS TO BE BORN OF A VIRGIN.

"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a VIRGIN shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."—Isa. 7:14.

This prophecy is very closely related to the first one of Genesis 3:15. Genesis 3:15 declared that Jesus would be born of a woman. Isaiah 7:14 tells us what kind of a woman was to bear Him. He was to be born of a virgin.

The Word of God tells us concerning the fulfillment of this second prophecy, for we read:

"Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost."—Mt. 1:18.

Matthew says that this was a fulfillment of the Old Testament Scripture, and he writes saying that all of this was done for the purpose of fulfilling the Old Testament prophecy. Listen:

"Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."—Mt. 1:23.

Here then is a prophecy in Isaiah that Jesus is going to be born of a virgin. Matthew 1 tells us that He was born of a virgin.

Some years ago I was talking with an individual who denied the virgin birth of Jesus Christ. He said that Jesus was born of a Jewish maiden and that His father was a Roman soldier who was quartered in the land of Palestine at that time, and that

Jesus was more or less what we would call a "war baby." He said that he did not believe in any wise at all in a virgin birth. I asked him plain out if he were a modernist, and he admitted that he was. I asked him if he believed in evolution, and he said that he did. I asked him that since he believed in evolution, did he believe that the first amoeba got here without having either a father or a mother, and he said that he did. I said, "Do you mean to tell me that the first amoeba got here without having a father or a mother, yet you can't believe that the Lord Jesus Christ got here without a father?"

Now, beloved, that is certainly a strange freak of a man's imagination and mentality that he can believe that the first amoeba that started all civilization got here without having either a father or a mother, but he can't conceive of how the Lord Jesus Christ got here without having a human father.

I tell you, beloved, it was prophesied that He was to be born of a virgin, and He was born of a virgin, just as it was prophesied—He was born of the virgin Mary.

III

THE NEXT PROPHECY WAS THAT HE WAS TO BE BORN IN THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM.

"But thou, Bethlehem Ephraim, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel: whose goings forth have been of old, from everlasting."—Micah 5:2.

It is rather interesting to notice that Micah even names the very place where the Son of God was to come to this earth. He tells us that Jesus Christ was to be born in the city of Bethlehem, and, beloved, the Son of God was born in Bethlehem just like it was prophesied.

"And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was a governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, (because he was of the house and lineage of David) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."—Luke 2:1-7.

Micah 5:2 says that He was to be born in Bethlehem; Luke 2:1-7 tells us that He was born in Bethlehem.

It is rather interesting to notice how his parents happened to be in Bethlehem at that time. They were living in Nazareth, which was quite a good distance away from the city of Bethlehem, and there went out a decree from Augustus Caesar that every individual was to be taxed. A special taxation was to be levied and it was necessary that every individual go to his home city to register, or to be assessed looking forward to a special taxation. Now since Joseph and also his wife Mary were from the city of Bethlehem, it was necessary that they make that hard, laborious trip back to Bethlehem, even at the time when the baby Jesus was soon to be born. So they journeyed to Bethlehem in accord-

ance with edict that had gone out from this worldly man Cyrenius, the governor of that country, and the Word of God tells us that when they arrived there, Jesus Christ was thus born.

Listen, beloved, if it hadn't been that this Roman emperor gave this edict that everybody had to be taxed at that particular time, Jesus Christ would have been born in Nazareth and the Word of God would have been broken. Don't you see how that God ruled and over-ruled in the plans of this worldly monarch in order that His plans might be perfected and that the Scriptures might not be broken, but thus might be perfectly fulfilled.

IV

GOD GIVES US A PROPHECY CONCERNING THE GIFTS THAT WERE TO BE PRESENTED TO THE SON OF GOD.

"The Kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts."—Psa. 72:10.

"The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall show forth the praises of the Lord."—Isa. 60:6.

I haven't the time to enter into a detailed explanation of these verses and the context surrounding them, but we will find in passing that each of these verses are merely prophetic utterances that the Lord Jesus Christ was to have gifts presented to Him when He was born. If you will turn to the book of Matthew, you will find that this was fulfilled to the very letter. Listen:

"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh."—Mt. 2:11.

Those very gifts that were brought to the Son of God right after His birth were prophesied 700 years before, and they were named explicitly as being the gifts that were to be given to Him at the time of His birth.

V

WE HAVE A PROPHECY AS TO THE SINLESS CHARACTER OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

"And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth."—Isa. 53:9.

The only one of whom it can be said was sinless was the Lord Jesus Christ. Here is a prophecy that tells us that He was to be born, and that He was never to do any violence and that there would never be any deceit in His mouth.

We have another statement of like nature:

"I was cast upon thee from the womb: THOU ART MY GOD FROM MY MOTHER'S BELLY."—Psa. 22:10.

This Scripture refers to no one else except the Lord Jesus Christ. You and I have been born depraved. You and I have been born into this world with a depraved nature. We have come from our mother's womb depraved in this life, but the Lord Jesus Christ could say, "Thou art my God even from the time of birth."

It was prophesied that He would have a sinless character, and, beloved, the Word of God tells us that He was the possessor of such, for in I Peter 1:19, He is spoken of "as a lamb

without blemish and without spot." In Hebrews 7:26, we read of Him as "holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens." In II Corinthians 5:21, we read of Him as one "who knew no sin."

I say then, beloved, as it was prophesied in the Old Testament that Jesus Christ would be the possessor of a sinless character, so the Son of God thus came and fulfilled the prophecy that was given of Him in the Old Testament.

VI

IT WAS ALSO PROPHESED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT THAT JESUS CHRIST WOULD BE HATED BY THE JEWS.

"They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, being mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored that which I took not away."—Psa. 69:4.

Can you imagine Jesus speaking 700 years before His birth and saying that He would have more enemies than He had hairs on his head? Scientists tell us that the average individual has approximately 120,000 hairs on his head. Jesus knows exactly how many hairs there are in your head and in mine. He knew exactly how many there were in His head, and He said before He was born, 700 years in advance of His birth, "I will have more enemies to hate me than I will have hairs in my head."

Was this prophecy fulfilled? Listen:

"If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father. But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause."—John 15:24, 25.

In the Old Testament it was said that He would be hated by the Jews. When He was born, He was hated by the Jews, and Jesus said that they hated Him without a cause for doing so.

VII

ANOTHER PROPHECY WAS THAT JESUS CHRIST WAS GOING TO BE SOLD FOR MONEY.

"And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver."—Zech. 11:12.

Zachariah as one of the minor prophets thus told the price that Jesus was to be sold for—thirty pieces of silver. He gave this prophecy in the Old Testament 500 years before the Lord Jesus Christ was to be born. How did he get his information? Where did that information come from? Was it an unusual means whereby that information was given to him? I tell you, beloved, it came to him by inspiration from God and a revelation from the Almighty, and thereby Zachariah knew that Jesus was going to be sold for thirty pieces of silver, or to be exact, \$15.95 in our American coinage.

This prophecy came to pass 500 years after it was thus spoken in prophecy. Listen:

"And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver."—Mt. 26:15.

The Word of God said that He would be sold for thirty pieces of silver, and He was sold for thirty pieces of silver. It was just like the Word of God had said.

VIII

NOTICE ALSO THE PROPHECY THAT JESUS CHRIST

WAS TO BE REJECTED.

"I am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto my mother's children."—Psa. 69:8.

What could be a more forceful statement than this, that Jesus Christ was to be rejected—rejected to such an extent that He will be a stranger to His own brethren, and an alien unto His own mother's children? Was this prophecy fulfilled?

I say beloved, it was perfectly fulfilled, for we read:

"He came unto His own, and His own received Him not."—John 1:11.

The prophecy was that would be rejected by His people and rejected to the extent that He would be cast out as a stranger, and, beloved, the Word of God tells us that when He came, He came to His own and His own people received Him not.

IX

WE HAVE A PROPHECY AS TO THE INTENSITY OF JESUS' SUFFERINGS.

"I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels. My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the depth of death."—Psa. 22:14-15.

Let's see how Jesus Christ perfectly, gloriously, and completely fulfilled this Scripture:

"And being in an agony, he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground."—Luke 22:44.

In the Old Testament He said that He would be dried up like a potsherd—like a broken piece of crockery. Beloved, He was dried up to the extent that when He was in Gethsemane when He prayed, He didn't sweat drops of water like you and I, but rather, drops of blood poured from His forehead. How perfectly the Word of God is fulfilled in this particular.

X

WE HAVE A PROPHECY THAT VINEGAR WAS GOING TO BE GIVEN HIM TO DRINK IN HIS AGONY.

"They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink."—Psa. 69:21.

You know a little bit, I suppose, what it means to be thirsty, yet I doubt if any of us have ever come to the place that we were actually suffering from the standpoint of thirst. No doubt you know what it is, in a slight measure, to be thirsty, but, beloved, can you imagine what it would be like when you are thirsty to have someone pour vinegar down your throat? Instead of slaking your thirst, it would merely intensify and augment the thirst that you had.

Thus, it was prophesied that the Lord Jesus Christ at the time of His sufferings would be given vinegar mingled with gall to drink. Was it fulfilled?

"They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink."—Mt. 27:34.

As it was written in prophecy, so was it fulfilled in history.

XI

IT WAS PROPHESED THAT HIS SUFFERING WAS TO BE FOR OTHERS.

"Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 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

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**We Thank God For
The Progress Being
Made By Bro. Calley**

Dear Bro. Overbey:

I am sending you the financial report this month with this letter. I have paid the workers here and have wired the salaries to the workers in the Acre territory but I have not received confirmation from Miguel yet. I also have on this report 200 cr. that I paid for Laudomiro. Ordinarily I would not have taken this but I have had quiet a few doctor bills this month. Helen has had to have some treatment for an inflammation in her breast and the two youngest of my children are suffering with boils. Mary is covered with them right now. They are breaking out as fast as one heals. The doctor said that he thought that it was from the intense heat we have here. My son is also having his teeth fixed. I took him to the dentist at home but the dentist there said there was nothing that you could do about them. He has been having toothaches here lately and I had to take him to the dentist.

I also have in this report 327.20 cr. charges for the changing of the title to the property here from Billy's name to that of the mission. It is not through yet; there is more to do. I have been going down every day for the past three weeks and they send me from one place to another and every place I go they charge me a little more money. I have just gotten three receipts, one for 90 cr. and one for 15 cr. and one for 21.20 cr. The rest of the charge I have no receipt for. I have tried to get a receipt for the rest but they say they are charging for their services for writing up the papers, etc., and do not have to give me a receipt. There is nothing that I can do about it. They are that way with everything here, in the customs office they did the same thing. It does no good to protest because they are full of graft all the way up to the top. I go down again tomorrow, I (Next page, Column four)

**WORLD'S LARGEST
SIREN TESTED**

Imagine the sound of 2,000 symphony orchestras hitting the peak of a crescendo simultaneously.

That, says the University of California at Los Angeles, would be equivalent to the noise made by the world's largest siren being tested in a remote mountain area near Newhall, California. The 90-foot noise maker is being tested for the Navy. It can permanently damage unprotected ears.

Because of dangers threatening such a mammoth noise maker is a necessity. It will give warning, and rouse unsuspecting (Next page, Column five)



**Here Is A Most Interesting Letter
From Marguerite Telling Of God's
Goodness In Bringing Them Home**

Dear Bro. Overbey:

It is exactly one month today since we left Iquitos. The last two weeks before our departure were very busy ones—packing, disposing of some of our things, etc. The Lewises very kindly offered to turn over the things we had sold to their rightful owners after we had left. In that way we were able to stay in the house up to the time the plane left, and not have too much upheaval to upset father for the journey. Most of the members of the congregation came to tell us goodbye the week previous to our going, so as not to make father nervous at the last minute.

An American friend who has a new Chevrolet Pick-up with canvas cover came to take father to the Airport. His cot fit very nicely in the truck bed. We had arranged previously with the doctor who had been treating him to accompany us on the plane as far as Lima, and he was very helpful in getting our medical papers fixed up.

Crossing the Andes is quite a problem for anyone with a heart ailment, due to the very high altitude which the planes fly and the lack of pressurized cabins on the planes. A certain part of the journey is flown at an altitude of from 18,000 to 22,000 ft. To avoid as much danger as possible we arranged with the airline to fly a longer route over which it would not be necessary to fly so high. Dr. Herbert Money, secretary of the National Evangelical Council of Peru, made these arrangements for us in Lima. Also the doctor in Iquitos suggested that an extra sup-

ply of oxygen be provided in case of need and this was also arranged for by Dr. Money. As the re-routing of the plane involved a longer distance and therefore required more time, we were charged for the operation cost of the plane for the extra time involved. All of these arrangements had to be made well in advance of the day set for leaving. The Dr. had to get a leave of absence; the plane company had to arrange with civil aviation authorities for flying a different route on this particular date. The airline had to be reminded not to forget the extra oxygen tank and mask—Dr. Money told me later that this oxygen mask proved to be more difficult to arrange for than the re-routing of the plane. The Dr. who accompanied us said it was a special kind which made it possible to keep check on the normal or abnormal breathing of the patient without disturbing him. Reservations had to be made for the plane leaving Lima. Up to the night prior to our departure we had not been advised as to best procedure for getting an ambulance to meet the plane in Lima and I had to contact Dr. Money by radio-telephone to find out about this. He told me he would meet the plane with an ambulance.

We left Iquitos about 12:30 P. M. on August 5th. The Lewises and a few other friends saw us to the plane. Father was put directly from the truck on to the plane. The cot was tied down with ropes to keep it from slipping around. The pilot had instructions not to fly any higher than necessary. For the first hour he flew at an altitude of

about 600 ft. below the clouds to avoid bumps. Once we started climbing they adjusted the oxygen mask on him. Our highest flying was at about 11,000 ft. Father made the trip fine with very little difficulty. The doctor checked him from time to time and was very pleased and surprised at the way he stood the trip. Dr. Money met us at the plane with the ambulance along with several employees of the airline who came aboard to see how he made the trip. The Doctor, Mother and I went along with father in the ambulance—an airline employee got our baggage and turned it over to Dr. Money who checked our papers through the proper channels. The doctor stayed at the same Pension that we did.

From the Pension Dr. Money and I went immediately to the Pan American Grace Airways office to confirm our reservations for Aug. 7. They took charge of our passports so as to get exit and re-entry permits. The next two days were busy ones making final arrangements etc. The weather was cold and dreary, quite a change from Iquitos weather.

Our plane was to leave at 7:05 P. M. Aug. 7th. I was told to pick up our passports at 4: P. M. and take the luggage to the airport at 6:00 for customs inspection, checking through immigration authorities, etc. Father and Mother were to come later with the doctor—special permission was obtained for him to go aboard to see father settled—They were to go directly from the ambulance to the plane. When I went to the airline office at four I was told (Next page, Column one)

**Mitchell Lewis, True
To His Work, Keeps
At The Task In Peru**

Iquitos, Peru
Sept. 1, 1952

Dear Friends,

We are all well considering everything in general. Ruby is regaining her strength after her sickness with amebic dysentery. Benny is growing and showing definite signs of being depraved. He is a great comfort to us and we look forward to the day when we can lead him to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus.

We had an average attendance of 55 in Sunday School for the month of August. The members miss the Hallums and their teaching.

The Catholics are planning to build another building in Marona Cocha. They are always planning to do something. The Bishop put an article in the paper about the evangelicals, saying that their churches were full and the people poor, and for the good Catholics not to become upset or worried about the seeming prosperity of the evangelistas in and around Iquitos.

The Catholics are definitely worried about South America and I read in a magazine where 200 new priests were to be distributed through the continent. Iquitos has probably already received its quota as there are some new priests here.

While we are on the subject of distribution I do not believe that the Holy Spirit is content with only the Hallums and Lewises in Iquitos or I should say PERU. The Great Commission is still in effect as well as Romans 12:1.

Last Wednesday night we had to exclude two members from our fellowship. Senora Nomei Vela de Paez for not attending the services and for living a life inconsistent with her profession of faith and our church (Next page, Column one)

**BILLY PARROTT
RESIGNS AGAIN**

On August second, we received a wire from Billy Parrott in Manaos advising that he was resigning. He has since returned to the U. S. Brother Parrott says that his resignation is in no way connected with the Smith case. He also says that he has no intention of returning to the mission field at all. His resignation was no surprise to the officers of Baptist Faith Missions, as we have been expecting it for several months. Since he desires that we consider him as one who has quit his job, we will let it go at that. May the Lord bless him and his family is our prayer.

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.

Lewis Letter

(Preceding page, Column five) covenant. We excluded Senorita Graciela Piizango for the sin of fornication with a Catholic who has a woman but is not married.

These things grieve us deeply but we must have purity in the church of the Lord Jesus Christ if we are to expect the blessings of the Holy Spirit upon our services.

We are enjoying fellowship with Bro. Calley through the mail. We need to be in prayer for him and his family as their burdens are great at this time. His and our warfare is truly against the great enemy of God.

Yours by His amazing grace,



Marguerite's Letter

(Preceding page, Column four) someone had failed to sign the passports but to come back at six and they would be ready. Since it was a long way for me to have to come back, Dr. Money offered to get the passports and come by our Pension and pick up our baggage and go from there to the airport. When he got there he said the passports were supposed to be at the airport by seven. I still did not think about anything having gone wrong, but when we got to the airport about the first thing we heard was: "Are you the people whose passports have been lost?" Needless to say, this was quite a shock. Fortunately it was the airline who had lost them, and not us. They were responsible. It was a man from the American Embassy who first informed me the passports were missing, but he made haste to assure me that I should not worry as they would wire ahead to the immigration authorities in Miami explaining the situation, and Pan American would give me a letter to present on arrival. I remembered having my old cancelled passport in my suitcase, so they asked me to get it out and it was attached to the letter of identification. From that time on that airline couldn't do enough for us—they seemed to be functioning for the Hallums convenience. They asked me if I would like to go aboard ahead of the other passengers. When I said I would they rushed me through the formalities of checking out of the country, allowed Dr. Money to accompany me to the plane, etc. We saw father well fixed in his berth, and a few minutes later they brought the letter of identification to me and again assured me I had nothing to worry about. Everything happened so fast and smoothly, father never knew anything about it.

The night flight was a smooth one. Once the co-pilot came back to see how father was standing it. He said they were trying to make it as smooth as possible and if they saw they might run into rough weather, they would let us know so we could give him a sedative. At times it seemed they were literally going around every cloud.

We arrived in Miami next morning at 6:45. An ambulance was called to keep father in during the scheduled 1 1/4 hr. lay-over. A special agent of Pan American met us at the foot

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR AUGUST 1952

First Baptist Church, Arabia, Ohio	\$ 11.50
Fenton Road Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	5.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	25.53
Fenton Road Baptist Church, Flint, Mich. (B.T.U.)	5.00
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	62.60
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, Ind.	5.40
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	49.82
Hopewell Baptist Church, Arlington, Ky.	21.48
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.	14.75
Harmony Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark.	50.41
Sylvania Hills Baptist Church, New Brighton, Pa.	3.25
Westwood Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	22.50
Fish Springs Baptist Church, Carderfview, Tenn.	45.36
Trinity Baptist Church, Keffton, Okla.	20.00
Good Will Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	95.90
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	23.10
Grace Baptist Church, Ellaville, Ga.	21.00
Park Hill Baptist Church, Pueblo, Colo.	50.00
Friendship Baptist Church, Lincoln Park, Mich.	29.33
East Main Baptist Church, Des Plains, Ill. (B.T.U.)	20.00
Bee Log Baptist Church, Bee Log, N. C.	
(Intermediate Class)	20.00
Kirbyton Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	99.44
Liberty Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	110.25
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	14.50
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Centerline, Mich.	50.00
Detroit River Association (B.T.U.), Detroit, Mich.	49.56
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.	23.01
New Hope, Dearborn, Mich.	38.78
Seven Springs Baptist Church, Dycusburg, Ky.	43.00
Faith Baptist Church, Lawtey, Fla.	12.78
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	7.30
Zoar Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	23.77
Bible Baptist Church, Burnsville, N. C.	67.00
Chattaroy Baptist Church, Chattaroy, W. Va.	15.00
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	15.00
Mount Zion Baptist Church, Buchanan, Ky.	5.25
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	5.71
Mount Hebron Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky.	56.50
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit Mich.	169.93
Central Baptist Church, Lanett, Alabama	4.55
Central Baptist Church, Lanett, Alabama	4.88
Mims Baptist Church, Mims, Fla.	40.00
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, Fla.	35.00
Newby Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	10.21
Faith Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich.	
(Young People)	10.00
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	15.00
South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.	55.00
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	260.57
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (B.T.U.)	2.95
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (L.B.C.)	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich.	300.00
Hampton Baptist Church, Hampton, Fla.	25.00
Mrs. William L. Stephens, Sanford, Fla.	5.50
Mrs. William L. Stephens, Sanford, Fla.	3.25
Miss Edith Mehaffey, Philadelphia, Pa.	12.00
Miss Maude Hunt, Franklin, Ky.	5.00
J. H. Kain, West Cape May, N. J.	10.00
Ralph Prince, McLeansboro, Ill.	44.00
Teresa Prince, McLeansboro, Ill.	44.00
Katie Sparks, Vanceburg, Ky.	1.00
Mike Bailey, Hood River, Oregon	3.00
R. E. Murphey, Hornbeck, La.	7.00
Miss Kittie Bullington, Atwood, Tenn.	2.00
Mrs. A. Handley, Trenton, N. J.	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse L. Willis, Monticello, Ark.	5.00
Elder C. W. Howell, Columbia, Tenn.	2.00
Mrs. Winford Cavanaugh, White Plains, Ky.	1.00
TOTAL	\$2476.62

As the Lord leads you, send all offerings for mission work to the treasurer of this mission. It is best to send by check or money order. It is not safe to send currency in envelope. Place return address on corner of envelope.

Address: Elder Z. E. Clark, Box 648, Paducah, Ky.

of the steps and said he had been told to take care of us. We told him we had reservations for the 8:00 o'clock plane for N. O. He checked on that and found that no arrangement had been made for the extra space occupied by a stretcher, so we had to buy a ticket for another seat. He got our things through Customs without difficulty. The immigration authorities didn't even look at the letter of identification — just asked if we were American citizens. We got on the plane which was to take us to N. O. but one of the motors did not function properly so we had to return to the airport. Later we were told there would be an 8 hr. delay. An employee came aboard and told us they would send for an ambulance to take us to a hotel and that they would try to get us on the next plane out — 12:45 P. M. Father had a good long rest and sleep in bed, then at 12 the ambulance came back

and took us to the plane which left at 12:45. One part of the trip was a little bumpy and the co-pilot came back and apologized, saying they were trying to miss the bumps, but occasionally they were unavoidable. Between 3 and 3:30 P. M. we reached New Orleans where my brother and family met us with one of his father-in-law's ambulances.

When we got to Hammond about 5 P. M. we found the W. M. U. of the church had prepared and left a big dinner for our arrival at my brothers home. Everyone was very happy that father had stood the trip so well.

The house which we had been offered when we thought we would be coming in April, was rented to someone else so we had no idea where we would be living. However, the day after we arrived we were told the house had been vacated the day before. When we moved in we found the pantry well stocked, with most everything imagin-

able—the Sunday school this time.

The doctors give encouraging reports as to fathers condition. Already he is able to sit up for a short while several times a day. Yesterday he took a couple of steps — his first in about 6 months.

We are thankful for His care and protection over us and all His goodness to us.

Yours in His Service,
Marguerite

P. S. About a week after our arrival we received a letter from the airline in Lima, stating our passports were found the day after our departure and had been turned over to the Consul in Lima to be returned to us through official State Dept. channels — as yet we have not received them.



Calley Letter

(Preceding page, Column one) hope that that is the last that I have of this thing. I had it put in the name of the mission because I thought that it would be best that way. It cost a little more money and a lot more trouble but I think it will be better this way in the end.

I took the liberty of calling Walter back from Codajaz when Billy said that he was leaving. He came back but said that he felt that he should go back very soon as the Pentecostals were trying to move in on the work there. They have a pastor that is the worst one that I have ever seen. He stays here in Manaus all the time and never goes to church while he is here. So it was necessary for Walter to go back. I gave him 300.00 cr. and he went back but he no sooner than got there than he took sick and had to come back. He had been here about three weeks when he had a heart attack and had to take it real easy for awhile this week. I gave him some medicine for his heart as he seems to have the same trouble that my dad has. It did him a lot of good.

There were two saved in Codajaz awaiting for baptism and two reconciliations. I have not heard from Cruzeiro Do Sul yet. The work here is progressing nicely, we had one reconciliation here. John Dias seems to be making a good pastor. He does a lot of work such as making calls and other things.

I hope that everything is prospering with you at home and that you had a good vacation and feel more like returning to your work now. Tell me from time to time about the progress you are making on the church building.

I guess the Hallums are home now. I hope that they are comfortably settled by now. Just getting home must have made them feel a lot better.

I'm getting along very well in this language now. My teacher says that I am the best pupil that he has ever had. It seems so good to be able to talk to the people now. I hope to start preaching in the near future. I don't know just when but I hope I get up the courage to start soon. I get along all right when I am talking with someone but it is easier to talk to someone than it is to preach, for when you talk to someone they sort of help you along by telling you what to say. You may not realize it but when you are talking to someone you repeat quite a bit of what they say. Take notice sometime, it will surprise you. For instance when someone asks you how you feel you say, "I feel fine." Actually the other person has in a way told you what to say, although I never realized that until I came here. That is why I

hesitate to start preaching. I'm afraid that I would start and not be able to go on coherently. The people here want me to begin now but I don't think I'm quite ready to yet.

I have not received the medical manual yet. I probably never will. I found out that the person they are sent to is such a pity that there is so much graft here, that it is even a risk to send anything by mail. Actually this doesn't reflect the character of the people here. As a general rule the people here are very nice. We have some people here that steal, etc. but don't we also at home? The wonder to me is not that they do the things they do, the wonder is that they don't do more. If you could see the misery these people live in and how they go constantly in want of many, many times they go hungry, you would think before you would condemn them. What touches my heart is that they have so little and yet when they go over to their house they are willing to share with me what they have. Bro. Overbey, it is like it is at home when these people give you something they have to do without themselves. Yet they give gladly, because they want to. They think that is an honor to serve a missionary because they are servants of God. It hurts when you realize that they think that you are good, and deep down within yourself you know that they have suffered more than you ever have and that they have been persecuted for what they believe more than you ever have and went hungry many times because they could not find work because of what they believed, and you know that one of them is a far better Christian than you are. I know how Brother Brandon felt when he said they made such great Christians here. It is not that they live any holier life than the saints at home, but they have to suffer so much more for bearing the name of Christ than we do at home.

Well, I must close now. I hope that God will bless you in all that you undertake for His sake. I remain your brother in Christ.
Royal H. Calley



Siren Tested

(Preceding page, Column one) friends and alarm destructive foes.

However serious the danger may be which threaten our physical and national well being, those threatening our eternal welfare are extremely more serious. But it is singular that the same public does not appreciate warnings resulting in the saving of their souls.

There would be little, if any, toleration of a 90 ton siren warning them to "flee from the wrath to come". However, the Word of God, which is the best possible siren, says: "Because there is wrath, beware lest He take thee away with His stroke; then great ransom cannot deliver thee." (Job 36:18)

The ransom price paid for our redemption was the sacrifice of Christ on Calvary's cross. All placing personal faith in Him shall be delivered from wrath. They shall not come into condemnation, but pass from death into life. (John 5:24)

— Now

HOW LONG IS IT
SINCE YOU SENT
AN OFFERING
FOR MISSIONS?

"Plain Prophecies For Plain People"

(Continued from page two)

every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." — Isa. 53:4-6. Why did Jesus suffer? Why was there a prophecy that He was going to suffer? Was it because of His sins? Nay, beloved, there is not one thought of sin in His life, but rather it was prophesied that He was going to suffer, not for His own sins, but for your sins and for mine. When Jesus Christ came to this world, He didn't suffer because of any wrong-doing on His part; rather, He suffered for our sins.

We read: "Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." — Mt. 20:28. Why did He suffer? Beloved, He suffered for the elect of God. As it was prophesied that He would suffer for others, so He suffered for the elect of God that they might obtain salvation.

XII

NOTICE ALSO THAT IT WAS PROPHESED THAT THEY WOULD GAMBLE FOR HIS CLOTHES.

"They part my garments among them, and CAST LOTS upon my vesture." — Psa. 22:18. Somebody might think that was an idle statement, but so. Listen to me, beloved, there is no idle statement in the Word of God. Every passage within the Bible has a definite meaning and a definite purpose, and will be definitely fulfilled. It was prophesied that they were going to part His garments among them. It said that they were going to roll the dice for His clothes. Did it come to pass?

"And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots." — Mt. 27:35.

Can you imagine any human being so depraved as to stand down beside the man that they crucified and to roll the dice on the ground to see which man was going to get the seamless coat that belonged to Jesus Christ? Why did they do it? They couldn't have given you a reason why they thus sat there and gambled. They could not have given you one reason for why they rolled the dice for His clothes, but, beloved, there was a reason. It had been prophesied, and they merely fulfilled the prophetic utterance of the Word of God.

XIII

ANOTHER OF THESE PROPHECIES WAS THAT THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WAS GOING TO BE PIERCED.

"And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplication: and they shall look upon him whom they have pierced, and shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn." — Zech. 12:10.

The day that they nailed Jesus to the Cross, they likewise drove a spear through His side into His heart. They pierced the heart of the Son of God with a spear. They didn't treat the thieves that way. The thieves didn't die with a pierced heart. At the same time, beloved, when they came to look at the bodies of the thieves, they broke their legs, but they didn't break the legs of the Lord Jesus Christ. Can you tell me why it was

that they broke the legs of the thieves and didn't break the legs of Jesus, and why it was that they pierced His heart but didn't pierce the hearts of the thieves? I can tell you, beloved. God said that not a bone in His Son's body was to be broken, and He said that the heart of His Son was to be pierced. It came to pass just like it was prophesied in the Word of God.

XIV

IT WAS ALSO PROPHESED THAT JESUS CHRIST WAS GOING TO BE BURIED WITH THE RICH.

"And he made his grave with the wicked, and with rich in his death: because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth." — Isa. 53:9.

Can you imagine Jesus, a peasant, being buried with the rich? Can you imagine the Son of God being allowed a burial in a rich man's grave, yet, beloved, it was thus, and it came to pass just like God said it would in prophecy.

I see that man, Joseph of Arimathea, a wealthy man, come to Pilate and ask for the permission of giving decent burial to the body of the Lord Jesus Christ. When he asked for that body, he took it and wound it about with linen and put the proper anointment upon His body and took it away and buried the body of Jesus in his own tomb. If you will stand outside that tomb in the cemetery, you can read the inscription, "Sacred to the memory of the family of Joseph of Arimathea."

Beloved, why was Jesus buried in a rich man's tomb? Not that He had the wealth to be buried there, but because prophecy said that He would be buried with the rich in His death.

XV

FINALLY, WE HAVE THE PROPHECY THAT JESUS WAS GOING TO BE RAISED FROM THE DEAD.

"For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption." — Psa. 16:10.

God said that Jesus Christ was going to be raised. God said that that body of Jesus was not going to see corruption. God said that that body of His own Son was coming out of the grave, and, beloved, all Hell couldn't have kept the body of Jesus Christ inside that tomb of Joseph of Arimathea.

They stationed soldiers about the tomb and they did everything possible to see to it that there was no deception. They even rolled a stone against the door — a large boulder — so large that when the folk came to anoint His body, they wondered how they were going to get in, and who was going to roll the stone away from the door. There wasn't any chance taken that Jesus' body would be stolen away by the disciples. Though they locked the door of that tomb with a stone, though they put a Roman watch around that grave, and though they took every precaution to see that His body stayed inside that tomb, on the third day, seventy-two hours after He was buried, the Lord Jesus Christ came triumphant from the grave — triumphant and victorious over death.

Beloved, it was thus because God said that it would be thus in prophecy.

CONCLUSION

If God has kept His promise in these fifteen prophecies that I have read to you, then, beloved, God will keep His promise in every place else that He has given it. If God makes promises

fifteen times, and has kept all fifteen of those promises, that to me is plenty of evidence to cause me to believe that He will keep His word everytime He speaks to you and me.

Notice my text again: "To Him gave all the prophets witness, that through His name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins." If God has kept His word concerning these fifteen prophecies that I have read, then He will keep His promise when He says that "whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins."

Listen, sinner friend, do you want to be saved tonight? Would you like to be a child of God? There is one way whereby you can be saved. God says, "Whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins," and the same God that spoke these words is the God that spoke the prophecies that I have read and that have been fulfilled. If He has kept His word in one instance, He will keep His word in every other instance.

Would to God tonight that you might look to the Cross and might see this truth, that Jesus Christ has died on Calvary's Cross, and that He has died just like the prophets said that He would. He has fulfilled everything that the prophets said concerning Him. If He has fulfilled all that the prophets said about Him, then, beloved, He will fulfill everything else that is said within this Book relative to you and me, as to our salvation.

Oh, sinner friend, would you be saved tonight? There is a way. Look up to Calvary, repent of your sins, and believe the Gospel, and thank God for the salvation that is yours in the Lord Jesus Christ.

May God bless you!

I'LL HANG THIS UP... I WON'T NEED IT UNTIL NEXT SUNDAY



"THE HYPOCRITE'S HOPE SHALL PERISH" — JOB 8:13

Spirit Filled

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Now, these disciples, men and women, about one hundred and twenty of them, "were all filled with the Holy Spirit" (v 4) and they all "began to speak." They had a message and they began to tell it out when they were filled with the Spirit. A miracle was wrought in enabling these illiterate Galileans to speak in languages they did not know, for these Jews, who had gathered in Jerusalem from all over the world for the Passover-Pentecost period of worship, heard these Spirit-filled and Spirit-led Christians speak in the languages wherein they (the Jews) were born (v 8).

The message of these Spirit-filled and Spirit-led people, men and women, apostles and others, was not concerning themselves, but "the wonderful works of God," and that message was centered in the most wonderful of all of God's wonderful works—the work of God in saving lost sinners through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus.

Thus, we see that when the Lord's people were filled with and led by the Holy Spirit they went out where the lost people were and bore witness to them concerning what God had done for them. When the multitude (the Jews in and round about Jerusalem) heard this testimony they came together to hear more about this matter, and the Lord laid His hand on Peter to speak to them publicly.

Sometimes people ask, "Why is it that although I know Jesus Christ as my Saviour, I find it a very difficult thing to talk to others about Him?" When a child of God has this difficulty the trouble is that he is not filled with or led by the Spirit

of God. When we are thus filled and led we will be telling out to others the glorious "good news" of Who Jesus is and what He has done to save lost sinners.

We learn from John 16:14 that one of the primary ministries of the Holy Spirit is to "glorify" the Lord Jesus Christ. If a child of God is filled with and led by Him Who glorifies Jesus Christ he will likewise glorify Him. That's one of the best marks of identification of a Spirit-filled and Spirit-led Christian—to be glorifying, giving pre-eminence in every way to the Lord Jesus Christ, and making Him the only and all-sufficient Saviour.

Now, let us turn to Acts 4:8-12. Here we see the apostle Peter, who only a few months before (in Pilate's court hall) had cursed and declared that he did not even know Jesus, "filled with the Holy Spirit" (v 8). Now, he is bold to speak right in the face of the same murderous crowd who had crucified Jesus. He declares that this miracle (the healing of the lame man in the temple) was performed "by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead" (v 10). He boldly proclaims Jesus and the resurrection, and climaxes his message with these words, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (v 12).

Spirit-filled and Spirit-led, this preacher proclaims that Jesus, and Jesus alone, plus (Continued on page four)

World Conditions

(Continued from page one)

All Christians should know the secret of freedom from worry as revealed in the Holy Scriptures.

"Call upon Me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee and thou shalt glorify Me." (Psalm 50:15)

"Cast thy burden upon the Lord and He shall sustain thee." (Psalm 55:22)

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee." (Isaiah 26:3)

"Be careful (or over anxious) for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7)

"Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you." (I Peter 5:7)

If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

— Now



THESE ARE DARK DAYS

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Spirit Filled

(Continued from Page Three) nothing and minus nothing, is the sole means "whereby" (by means of which) lost men are saved. Those who make salvation depend in part, or in whole, on man's works, goodness, etc., reveal by so doing that, whatever else may be true of them, they are not filled with or led by the Holy Spirit.

In this same chapter of Acts (v. 31) we see that the whole company of Christians were "filled with the Holy Spirit." What did they do? "They spake the word of God with boldness." We notice here, as in the other passages noted, that there is not a word said about a lot of things, that so many people today think are marks of the Spirit.

Therefore, whether it be an individual, or a group of Christians, when one is filled with and led by the Holy Spirit he is bold to bear witness to the Lord Jesus Christ as the complete Saviour, and he does it by using the Word of God.

There are those who claim to be filled and led by the Holy Spirit who are noisy and boisterous. They go through all kinds of physical contortions and put on a demonstration which attracts attention to themselves rather than to the Lord they profess to serve. However, when we come to the Scriptures we find that the Holy Spirit leads His people to be quiet, rather than noisy and demonstrative.

It is interesting and informative to study the contest between the prophet of God, Elijah, and the 850 prophets of Baal and of the groves (I Kings 18:17-39). The false prophets spent the whole day in a wild, noisy and fervent demonstration. They really put on an exhibition of "old-fashioned religion." But, all their noise, loud and long praying, and religious

fervor availed nothing. Late in the day, when they had yielded to Elijah, the true prophet of the Lord, he went about in an orderly manner and built an altar according to the Word of the Lord. He made bold to insure that there could be no trickery involved, and, after all things were in readiness, he prayed simply and briefly using only three-score words and taking little more than a half minute of time. But, God's fire fell and consumed the sacrifice.

Again, in the next chapter (I Kings 19:8-12), God told Elijah to stand upon Mount Horeb. Elijah took his stand and the Lord passed by. First, there was a great and strong wind, but the Lord was not in that mighty moving force. Then, there was an earthquake, shaking everything in a terrifying way, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. Following the earthquake there was a fire with its dazzling light and burning flames, but the Lord was not in the fire. Finally, there came a "still small voice," and that was the Lord.

Coming to the New Testament, we hear the Holy Spirit, through the Apostle Paul to the Thessalonians (I Thess. 4:11), declare to those Christians of that day, "Study to be quiet." What He says, in its literal meaning, is, "Make it your ambition to be quiet." It seems that there are some who apparently make it their ambition and aim to be noisy and demonstrative, always attracting attention to themselves, and then claim that it is the Holy Spirit who makes them so.

In I Peter 3:3, 4 we see another expression of God's mind toward quietness on the part of His children, especially of Christian women. He speaks of "a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price." The natural man values that which exalts himself and attracts attention to himself. On the other hand God values that which makes His people quiet and self-effacing.

Still another characteristic of those who are filled with and led by the Holy Spirit is seen in Galatians 5:18: "Now if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under law." God's children, filled with and led by the Holy Spirit, bear testimony to eternal salvation by grace through faith in Christ Jesus without any kind of dependence upon law or law-keeping of any kind. Those who preach and teach that it is necessary to live under, keep, or be governed by the Mosaic law, moral law, religious law, church law, or any other kind of law, as a means of salvation from sin's penalty, thereby proclaim that they are not led by the Spirit of God.

Also, we learn from Romans 8:14-17 that those who are led by the Spirit are the sons of God, and have witness borne to them by the Spirit that they are the children of God. That being true, it is definitely not a mark of being Spirit-filled and Spirit-led to talk about not knowing for sure whether or not one is saved or in talking about being "finally saved in the end." On the contrary, it is an evidence that one is Spirit-filled and Spirit-led to say that one knows that he is a child of God and is free from "bondage again to fear."

Everyone who believes in Jesus Christ as Saviour is forever free from the danger of going to Hell, and the Holy Spirit makes all who listen and yield to Him to know this glorious truth by what He says to them in His Word.

Through Paul's letter to the Ephesians, the Holy Spirit admonishes believers in Jesus

Christ to "Be filled with the Spirit" (Eph. 5:18). If we are so filled and led by Him, we will show forth the same characteristics as manifested in and through God's people in other ages who were similarly filled and led. Some of these are:

1. We will have a message, and that message will be "the wonderful works of God," the most wonderful of all being that set forth in the Gospel of Christ.

2. We will be bold to speak out that message to those about us.

3. We will use the Word of God in giving out this message.

4. We will set Jesus Christ forth as the all-sufficient Saviour — not only necessary for our eternal salvation and security, but completely and unconditionally enough.

5. We will be free from any tint of legalism, or law keeping, as a basis of our salvation, or as the motive for our obedience to the Lord. Ours will be a "faith that worketh by love" (Gal. 5:6).

6. We will be quiet and unassuming in our life and work, and through us will be manifested the fruit of the Spirit as set forth in Galatians 5:22, 23.

7. Through it all and in it all we will be happiest when we are glorifying Jesus Christ, putting Him first and giving Him the pre-eminence in everything.

It is a sad, but undeniable fact that there are so many who make bold and loud professions of being filled with and led by the Holy Spirit, but who actually have none of His marks or characteristics.

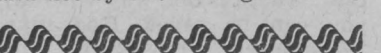
The easiest and quickest way for a child of God to be filled with the Holy Spirit is to fill his heart and mind with the Word of God, the Word of the Spirit, and set himself to the task of knowing, understanding and walking in accordance with His will as it is revealed in His Word. —A. M. Overton.



God's Preacher

(Continued from Page One) God always says something. His Book does not almost state the case.

The man who says something is, of course, dogmatic; and dogmatism is anathema to some of us. Strangely enough, we want dogmatism elsewhere. When we are sick, we want a dogmatic doctor who knows what ails us. When we take medicine, we want the kind that has been put up by a dogmatic pharmacist and not by one who ignored the



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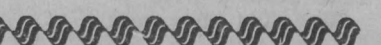
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Hard Nuts

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sciences and lives. They do not follow Luther, Calvin or any other Reformer. They are older than the Reformation and for that reason are not Protestants. Therefore we request that from the Bible, which is the only authority upon spiritual questions, that any of our Catholic friends cite their authority for the following:

1. A Bible text that proves that we should pray to the Virgin Mary.

2. A Bible text that proves that Mary was conceived without sin.

3. A Bible text that proves that the apostle Peter did not have a wife.

4. A Bible text that proves that ministers ought not to marry.

5. A Bible text that proves that Peter was bishop in Rome.

6. A Bible text that proves that the Pope is vicar of Christ and successor of Peter.

7. A Bible text that proves that the priests can forgive sins.

8. A Bible text that proves that the wine in the Lord's Supper ought to be taken only by the priests.

9. A Bible text that proves the existence of the Roman mass.

10. A Bible text that proves that the priests have the power to change the bread and wine into the body, blood, soul and deity of Jesus Christ.

11. A Bible text that proves that there are seven sacraments.

12. A Bible text that proves

formula. When we ride on the train, we want a dogmatic engineer, not one who throws the timetable away and goes by guess. And yet, in the greatest of all fields, the ministry of the Word of God, it has been fashionable to disobey orders from heavenly headquarters and substitute the opinions of men.

We need to be saying something these days about sin, judgment, salvation, godly living, and the future. It is tragic the way some approach such subjects as worldliness, the Lordship of Christ, or the return of our Lord. In our reaction against dogma we dodge the real issue.

Our nation suffers today for lack of leaders who believe something and say it. Political expediency has shut many a mouth and given us sycophants instead of statesmen. The pressure is terrific, and it is far easier to be a time-server than a God-pleaser. God, give us men in the pulpit who will remember that they are not diplomats arranging a truce, but prophets declaring an ultimatum!

Civilization has gone to pieces on tact, diplomacy, and appeasement. It is no time to almost say something. Let us hear from men with a double resolve: "I will hear what God the Lord will speak" (Ps. 85:8); "What the Lord saith unto me that will I speak" (I Kings 22:14).

—Herald of His Coming



Democratic Freedom

(Continued from page one) by any other group anywhere. Practically most Baptist churches are dominated from top to bottom by denominational authority. They carry on an enforced co-operation. Woe unto that pastor or church which does not buy denominational literature, have the various prescribed auxiliaries, and fail to give to "the whole program." Such are regarded as having "departed from the faith—and worse than an infidel."

that the use of images was commended by Christ or apostles.

13. A Bible text that proves the existence of purgatory.

14. A Bible text that proves that there is more than one Mediator.

15. A Bible text that proves that we should pray for the dead.

16. A Bible text that proves that we should fast on Friday.

17. A Bible text that proves the infallibility of the Pope.

18. A Bible text that proves that baptism washes away original sin and transforms one into a Christian, sons of God and heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven.

19. A Bible text that proves that children who die without baptism go to a place called "Limbo," and that proves that such a place exists.

20. A Bible text that proves that Jesus or His apostles baptized children or that approved the baptism of children.

21. A Bible text that proves that the Roman church has the right to change the act of baptism from immersion to sprinkling, or to change any command or teaching of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

22. A Bible text that proves that a man ought to be persecuted and cursed because he has conscientiously abandoned the religion in which he was born and has accepted the religion of Jesus Christ.

—News and Truth

ABIDE WITH ME

Abide with me 'till eventide

It is so restful at Thy side

(Beneath the shadow of Thy

wings,

My spirit soars to heights and

sings;

Just like a bird with notes of

storm

That leave within its wake a

calm.

Abide with me 'till eventide

Again I ask, my Lord, Abide

Abide with me 'till eventide

For me there's safety at Thy

side.

Although this world a prison be

It cannot bind what's bound

to Thee;

Thy banner waves above Thy

own,

To Satan says, "Leave these

alone."

Abide with me 'till eventide

Again I ask, my Lord, Abide

Abide with me 'till eventide

Be Thou my Light and be my

Guide;

May darkness of today's dark

hour

Impart to me its treasures

rare;

And may the riches from Thy

store

Feed my soul and keep me

pure.

Abide with me 'till eventide

Again I ask, my Lord, Abide