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THE CHURCH JESUS IS BUILDING

IN MATTHEW 16:18 we read where Jesus said, "Upon this rock I will build my church." Peter was a stone, but he was not the Rock Jesus was referring to; for we read in I Corinthians 10 where Paul was speaking of the children of Israel in the wilderness after Moses had led them out of Egypt, "And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ" (verse 4). So Jesus was speaking of Himself and His teachings.

In this Editorial, I wish to copy some from the writings of Church of God ministers of the past:

"The New Testament sets forth the truth respecting the church as clearly as it does any other subject. ... Over and over again men have affirmed that Christ did not organize a church, but left this part of the work for men to arrange in accordance with their ideas and inclinations. But this text [Matthew 16:18] clearly represents Christ as a church-builder, and, furthermore, shows that it is an exclusive church—"I will build *my* church." Laying aside all the biased opinions of men on the subject, let us appeal directly to the Word of God and see what it teaches concerning the church.

"IT IS THE BODY OF CHRIST: 'And hath put all things under his [Christ's] feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, *which is his body*, the fulness of him that filleth all in all' (Ephesians 1:22, 23). Christ is the head of this body. 'And he is the head of the body, the church ... that in all things he might have the preeminence' (Colossians 1:18). ... Christ is head of but one body. 'There is *one* body' (Ephesians 4:4).

"SALVATION ITS MODE OF MEMBERSHIP: 'For by one Spirit are we all baptized [or inducted] into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit' (I Corinthians 12:13). This text has no reference to the literal rite of water-baptism, but is the work of the 'Spirit' by which we are inducted into Christ and into His body the church. 'God hath set the members every one of them, in the body' (verse 18).

"The church of God, as revealed in the New Testament, is a perfectly organized institution, and no human tinkering is necessary in order to make it right. ... Even its officers were called to their official positions by the Spirit of God—"the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers." They did not enter the ministry as a profession, and seek training in theological seminaries in order to be fitted for the work; but they were saved men, filled with the Holy Ghost, and under the anointing and inspiration of the Spirit of God they governed the church and converted the multitudes.

"In order to show more clearly how perfect was the divine organization of the church, I will enumerate some particular features.

"1. *It was a spiritual organization*, the entire body of believers being bound together by a divine relationship.

"2. *This spiritual body of believers was exhibited to the world in the form of various local congregations of worshipers, geographically distributed.*

"3. *It had conditions of membership.* 'And the Lord added to the church daily such as [were being] saved (Acts 2:47).' [And when saved, their names were added to the "Lamb's book of life"—God's church book.]

"4. *It had a name.* 'Holy Father ... I kept them *in thy name*' (John 17:11, 12). ... 'Unto the church of God' (I Corinthians 1:1; II Corinthians 1:1). 'I persecuted the church of God' (Galatians 1:13). 'Despise ye the church of God?' (I Corinthians 11:22). 'Give none offense ... to the church of God' (I Corinthians 10:32)."—From *What The Bible Teaches*, by F. G. Smith, Copyrighted, 1914.

"UNIVERSALITY: That is, it contains universally all true believers. The great Redeemer declared, 'There shall be one fold and one shepherd.' 'So we, being many, are one body in Christ.' Romans 12:5. That one body is his church; for God, the Father, gave his Son 'to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body.' Ephesians 1:22, 23. In I Corinthians 12:12, this one body is identical with Christ himself. ...

"It is true there is in these last days a large sisterhood of Protestant bodies calling themselves churches, but the Lamb's wife owns no kin to them. They are of an entirely different family. Their mother is 'Mystery, Babylon, the mother of harlots.' ... God's church is exclusive, like himself. And he who is not willing to commit himself exclusively to God and to the church that Jesus purchased with his own blood, but for the friendship of the world and the masses of sectarians, yet endorses the great wicked babel of isms, and by so doing avoids persecution—he is not fit for the kingdom.

"HOLINESS: This is the one all-important, and absolutely essential attribute of the divine church. Before God put forth the first creative act in the formation of this world, he determined that its inhabitants should be holy. 'According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love.' Ephesians 1:4. For this reason he created man in his own image, in his own moral likeness. ...

"Still more strikingly does the holiness of God's church on earth appear when we consider it as the actual dwelling place of God. 'In whom ye also are builded together for a habitation of God through the Spirit.' 'As God hath said, I will dwell in them and walk in them.' Can any person conceive of God dwelling in any other but a holy temple? Nay, 'The temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.' I Corinthians 3:17."—D. S. Warner and H. M. Riggle, *The Cleansing of the Sanctuary*.

"The Church of God and Sects Contrasted:

"First. The church of God was built by Christ. Whereas all sects have been founded

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A sailboat anchored off the shore of Grand Cayman island exudes a picture of tranquility. During the recent Cayman Convention, a spirit of peace and love flowed from heart to heart. This old world is in shambles. Our only hope is the Prince of Peace who proclaimed, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27).

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by man. 'And I say unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.' Matthew 16:18. Three things stand out prominent in this text. First, Christ is the builder, founder, and organizer of his church. 'I will build' shows that the church of God is not man-made, but is of divine origin. ... All sects have been organized by men.

"Second. *The church of God is the body of Christ; no sect composes this body; therefore no sect on earth is the church.*

"Third. *All Christians belong to the church of God. No sect contains all Christians.* Reader, observe this truth. The church of God includes in its membership every saved man and woman in heaven and on earth. It is the whole family of God (Ephesians 3:15). ... Since the church of God includes all Christians, it is not a sect.

"Fourth. *Christ is the head of but one body; sects comprise many separate bodies; hence Christ is not their head.* 'And he is the head of the body, the church.' Colossians 1:18. ... No sect, then, has Christ for its head. They have only human heads. As head of the church, Christ is its lawgiver.

"Fifth. *Salvation makes us members of the church of God, but not of any sect.* This point is worthy of careful consideration. Jesus said, 'I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved.' John 10:9.

"Sixth. *Christ takes the members into his church, whereas the preacher takes members into the sect.* 'But now hath God set the members every one in the body as it hath pleased him.' I Corinthians 12:18. 'The Lord added to the church daily.' Acts 2:47a."—H. M. Riggle, *The Christian Church, Its Rise and Progress.* †

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O PRECIOUS BIBLE!

By Bro. Hoyt Matthews

*O precious Bible! burning words from heaven,
We'll ever cherish thee in our heart:
Sweet is the counsel! by thy pages given;
On life's dark ocean our only chart.*

*O precious volume! only in thy pages
We read the duty of all our race;
Only thy sunbeams, shining thro' the ages,
Reveal the wonders of saving grace.*

*This Book of heaven shall endure forever,
And from its wisdom we'll never turn;
Weighed in its balance, all the creeds that sever
Are only stubble ere long to burn.*

*Dear Book of mercy, on thy sure foundation
We build a dwelling-place for the soul,
Hearing and doing all thy revelation:
It stands unshaken, though billows roll.*

*Blessed Bible! blessed Bible!
Joyful tidings from our home!
Thou art the rock of everlasting ages;
Hope of eternal bliss at heaven's throne.*

—D. S. Warner

THE BIBLE is the receptacle for the compilation of sixty-six books, authored by approximately forty men of God, who spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. The Bible, from cover to cover, is a revelation from God to man. The inspired writer, the Apostle Paul, declared, “All scripture is given by inspiration of God” (II Timothy 3:16a). The only human element in the writing of the Bible were the inspired scribes that God employed to put the Word of God in written form for the benefit of mankind whom He loves so greatly. Is the eternal God, the Creator of all things, unable to leave to us an unflawed Book free from contradictions to unerringly guide us through the journey of time? To arrive at such a conclusion would be the result of unfamiliarity with the Book (Bible) and its Author, or to possess an ego that would attempt to twist the Word of God to reflect our own lifestyle. Seducing spirits love that ego possessing lifestyle where doctrines of devils are well-cultivated.

The Scriptures were written for our admonition to teach us how to lay hold on eternal life. The Apostle Paul further informs us that, “All scripture ... is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”

We are admonished to, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom” (Colossians 3:16a). To paraphrase this, I believe Bro. Paul would say, “Spend much time in the reading of and meditating on the Word of Christ.” Bro. Paul spoke wisely when he said, “Study

to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (II Timothy 2:15).

Jesus said, “Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled” (Matthew 5:6). This must be what motivates our study of the Word. If we are studying the Word merely to satisfy our ego, to prove someone else wrong, to see how many contradictions we can find, or at the urging of a seducing spirit, our study will produce something other than what the Spirit of God intended. Rightly dividing the Word of God never, never produces error or contradictions. To build a doctrine on a single verse of scripture is unwise. Rightly divide the Word by bringing together all scriptures that relate to that subject.

Jesus enjoined us to, “Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me” (John 5:39). Would Jesus have made such a recommendation if the Scriptures were unreliable? Please consider too, that the Word of God was in the mind of God back in eternity, long before the earth was created. This tells us that God's Word is eternal. Jesus said, “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away” (Matthew 24:35).

The writer of the book to the Hebrews presents a very confident view of the Word of God. “For the word of God is quick [alive] and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart” (Hebrews 4:12).

The Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, is part of the Christian armor we find listed in Ephesians, chapter six. Do you think the God of heaven furnished His Christian soldiers with inferior armor?

Let's take a look at King David's confidence in the Word of God as found in Psalm 19:7-11—“The law [Word of God] of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony [Word of God] of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes [Word of God] of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment [Word of God] of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments [Word of God] of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.”

Are we going to declare that Jesus is a contradictory character, that there are flaws in His nature, and that His example for us to follow is not dependable? If this were true, then the very Word of God would likewise be unreliable, for Jesus Himself is the Word. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. ... And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth” (John 1:1, 2, 14).

Jesus was the very epitome of the Word of God. Every part of His character, His nature, His life, and His example to us were the epitome of the Word, and are characterized by absolute perfection. Jesus Christ

was not created. He coexisted with God in eternity before the earth was formed.

The Scriptures enjoin the Christian to walk even as Christ walked (I John 2:6). This means that Jesus was our perfect example in all things pertaining to the Word of God. To be our perfect example, it was necessary that He be tempted in all points as we are.

In preparation for His earthly ministry, Jesus fasted forty days and forty nights in the wilderness. The Scriptures tell us that during His fast there were three occasions where He was tempted by Satan. With each temptation, Jesus resisted the devil by quoting to him the Word of God, which forced the devil to flee. Remember, the Word of God is the Sword of the Spirit, and when properly wielded, it will defeat the enemy every time.

It has been stated that there are approximately thirty thousand promises in the Bible. Thirty thousand promises? How can that many promises be without contradiction? "For with God nothing shall be impossible" (Luke 1:37).

"For all the promises of God in him are yea, ... and in him Amen" (II Corinthians 1:20).

"And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail" (Luke 16:17). God's promises are sure, but they are also conditional. "Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when you pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them" (Mark 11:24). All of God's promises are conditioned on our believing.

"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" (John 15:7). Two conditions for receiving are found in this verse. First, we must be dwelling in God; and secondly, the Word of God must be dwelling in us.

"If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it" (John 14:14). Jesus is at the right hand of the Father interceding for us as we pray. When going to God in prayer, we must present our petitions in Jesus' name.

When the above conditions are met, our desires will be met. In the religious world, the standard of Christian living is not meeting the conditions that will elicit the manifestation of God's almighty power. We must not allow this to question the reality of answered prayer, or to feel that the thirty thousand promises in the Word of God contain contradictions. The contradictions lie at the feet of those who have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof. This brings confusion and discouragement to the young Christian who sincerely desires to walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

God honors His Word above His name. It is a very serious offense to add to, take away from, or to twist God's Word. "For I testify to every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book" (Revelation 22:18, 19). This verse is referring to the book of Revelation, but this principle would apply to the entire Bible.

God has given us His Word to guide us through life's journey, and in the judgment on the last day of time,

it will be by the things that are written in the books (Bible) that we shall be judged. "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works" (Revelation 20:12).

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil" (Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14).

The Bible, from cover to cover, is an expression of God's love. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

The divine Book is designed to bring mankind into harmony with the God of heaven, and His Son, Jesus Christ. God's love joins hand in hand with God's justice, for God hates sin, but loves the sinner.

God's Word is truth, and it is truth that sets us free. †

Bro. Matthews is making his booklet available. "Lifting Up the Standard" has 20 pages and is free to all who ask for it. Postage offering appreciated.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings in the name of the Lord. This ministry means so much to me. To me, it is a help. I hope you all will keep up the good work. I am sending \$— to help get out *The Way of Truth* magazine. God is so very good.

—G. J., California

Dear Saints,

I am so thankful for salvation and the truth. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. He is the Word. It is forever settled in heaven, and God gives us all that pertains to life and godliness.

I am glad to receive *The Way of Truth* magazine, and hear *The Way of Truth Broadcast* over KMTL, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

—M. S., Arkansas

I read your book, *The Way of Truth*. It sounded good to my nerves. It changed my life for the better when I read it at my friend's house. I need your books to make me grow stronger in my life every day.

—F. E., Nigeria

Dear Sir,

Thank you very much for *The Way of Truth* magazines which the Holy Spirit has inspired you to write. They are helping me a lot in my Christian life.

—E. A., Ghana †

The Question Box

Answered by the Editor



QUESTION: How often should we have the Lord's Supper?—B. G., South Carolina

ANSWER: The Apostle Paul quotes the Lord as saying, "As often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come" (I Corinthians 11:26). So Jesus did not tell the disciples how often they were to do it. I understand the Lord's Supper took the place of the Passover meal, which came once each year. So I would think I would be safe in saying it should not be done less than once a year; but there is nothing in the Bible that says it cannot be observed more often. I would think to do it every week there would be danger of it becoming a form and losing its deep meaning.

QUESTION: Should we still have "Feet Washing"? Was it done because of the wearing of sandals and walking on long dusty roads?—B. G., South Carolina

ANSWER: What Jesus did in the upper room in washing the disciples feet had nothing to do with dirty feet! Those who say it does not need be observed today deny the teachings of the Scriptures. Had it been the old eastern custom Peter would have known what Jesus was doing, but Jesus said to him, "What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter" (John 13:7).

Further, if their feet were dirty they should have washed their own feet before they entered the upper room. The old eastern custom was the traveler washed his own feet. Abraham, who invited the "angels"—one he called Lord, set water before them to wash their own feet—see Genesis 18:4. There may have been times when the master of the house had a servant wash his feet; if so, it is said he chose the lowest to do it.

Now as to your question, "Should we still have feet washing?" Let me ask you a question, Should we obey Christ or should we disregard His instructions? "Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done unto you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him" (John 13:13-16). You never find any among the "old eastern custom," where the Master washed the servant's feet.

QUESTION: Please explain what is "One Baptism"? Do we need the second one after going into open sin or backslide?—B. G., South Carolina

ANSWER: Of course the word *one* means, "one." But let us understand what this one baptism is for. When a person is truly saved he dies to sin—"You hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins" (Ephesians 2:1). "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?" (Romans 6:1, 2). So when a person dies to sin he needs to be buried! not in the ground, but in the water by baptism. You do not bury a person three times like some religious people do, but once, which shows that sprinkling is not a burial. Then the person is brought back up out of the water, which is a type of resurrection from the dead state of sin to life in Christ, and he goes forth to walk in newness of life. "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4). Baptism is also a testimony to the world that you have died to sin and made alive in Christ.

Now if a person does return to a life of open sin, if he ever comes back to the Lord, he needs to be baptized for the same reason he was baptized the first time he was saved. This is still one baptism for the newly converted person. I would add, you do not bury a live person! A sinner is alive to sin, and baptism will not save him. He must die to sin before he is a proper candidate for baptism.

QUESTION: How do you understand this verse—Luke 4:6? "And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it."

—H. K., Germany (e-mail)

ANSWER: Satan is called "the prince of the power of the air," but as far as I can understand the Scriptures, Satan's power, as far as man is concerned, comes from the fact that people give themselves over to him by choosing sin. That is what I understand Paul to be saying in Ephesians 2:2, "Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience."

As Jesus told Pilate, "Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above" (John 19:11). Satan has no power over Christ, for Christ has power over him. In fact, Christ said He would give us power over him. I would compare this lie to the lie he told Eve when he told her she would be as the gods if she ate of the fruit of the tree. "The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein" (Psalm 24:1). Where is the scripture that says the earth has been delivered to Satan and he has the power to give it to whom he wills?

QUESTION: How can someone forgive himself for his past life?—S. U. O., Togo, Africa

ANSWER: The same way you forgive someone else who has wronged you. You are truly sorry for your sinful life, you ask God to forgive you, and He does, now forgive yourself. Do not allow Satan to make you feel

guilty and use your past sins to hinder you from being what God would have you to be.

QUESTION: Did any apostle of Jesus Christ have any children? If yes, who?—S. U. O., Togo

ANSWER: The only information I know of found in the Bible about this is that Peter was married, for Jesus healed his mother-in-law. I would assume some, if not all, were married and some fathered children; but again, the Bible does not say.

QUESTION: Can a person who repented remember his past sins before God whenever the person prays? —S. U. O., Togo

ANSWER: He has the mental power to do so, but what is the purpose of doing so? He can thank God for forgiving him of all his sins, but he should not allow Satan to bring them to mind to hinder him in his prayer. If Satan tries to do so, resist him.

QUESTION: Please explain Romans 12.

—S. U. O., Togo

ANSWER: Much of this chapter explains itself and should not need a lot of comments. The first verse exhorts brethren to present their bodies a living sacrifice to God. Through the years, the church of God has taught this is a condition a child of God must do to receive the Holy Spirit. Verse two instructs us not to pattern after the world, but be transformed, and thus by living the truth out in our lives, show what the will of God is. God has a will for everyone.

Verse three teaches us we are to live a humble life. Pride is one of the seven things God hates (Proverbs 6). Verses four and five speaks of the body of Christ pointing out that there are various members, but we are members one of another, yet one body, with different offices. Verses six, seven, and eight points out that there are various gifts in the body of Christ. Verse nine teaches we are to really love one another, not just pretend to; and along with that, we are to hate evil, and to hold to that which is good.

Verses 10, 11, and 12 instructs us to be kind one to another, to honor one another; not to be lazy, but to be fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; patient in trials and tests.

Verse 13 says we are to help those who are in need and are worthy of help. The rest of this chapter gives some plain and simple instructions on Christian living. I might say, verse 20 does not mean you put actual live coals on someone's head, but is a metaphor showing that you are returning good for evil that an enemy may have done to you. †

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A PURE HEART



Radio Message
by the late Earl E. Marquiss

THE LAW and commandments of God are still occupying a place in my thinking; and of course when we speak of the law and commandments of God, they are dealt with in the Bible. I suppose we could for years speak on this subject.

On this broadcast, I want to bring your attention to a scripture that's found in I Timothy 1:5. It reads like this: "Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned." This is indeed a very marvelous and revealing collection of words in a very short perimeter. I trust that I shall be able to bring to your attention some outstanding things, interesting things, as well as some things that are encouraging.

I have always brought to your attention that the law of God is good, and it was not made to bring men into a straightjacket. It was made and given that it might bring happiness and peace. This scripture expresses it perfectly—"The end of the commandment ..." That doesn't mean the ending of the existing of the commandment. This word *end* here should be interpreted as, "purpose, aim, objective, or accomplishment." The purpose of the commandment, the objective of the commandment, the aim of the commandment that God has given is love. Charity can be interpreted as "[love] out of a pure heart." I really thrill when I think about the pure heart that God has designed should be the possession of every man.

Now the opposite of love, of course, is hate. There is so much of it in our world today. On every hand you see every indication of it, and it isn't confined to individuals by any means. It is even found among nations; and nations, of course, go to war because of hate. It has been so through the centuries, but you can see now "the end of the commandment" is, God has planned that peace be in the hearts of men, and that they have pure hearts.

I would refer you to a little reading in which the law of love and the law of hate is manifest. It is a very sad picture that there is so little real, genuine, divine love in the earth though it is available without any limits. So I shall bring your attention to this story, "The Power of Love and the Dangers of Hatred"—

A certain man, whom we will call Harry Jointer, and Bill Moore has had trouble between themselves for years. The last time they met in town, if friends had not separated them, they would have finished the thing right there. A lot of things had made them feel as they did, and everything that happened appeared to make it

worse. After that night in town, Harry figured one of them would get it sooner or later. Harry knew Bill carried a gun. Harry began to do the same thing. Well, that day in June, one of the field hands told Harry that Bill said he wanted to get him. Harry made up his mind to meet him a little more than halfway, and late that afternoon Harry rode toward Bill's house, about three miles from Harry's, intending to have the same over. A man can't live in this kind of suspense.

A mile from his house, Harry saw somebody coming down the road. A man was riding too, and he looked like Bill. Harry turned off the road into big branches where he would be well-hidden. There Harry sat still on his horse with the bushes all around him, with his hand on his gun, and the devil in his heart. Harry put up his left hand to pull aside a little limb, when on it he saw a white flower, a sweet bay flower, and he smelled it, too. His mother used to love that flower; and when he was a boy, she made him bring a bush from the swamp and plant it in the garden for her. She was buried with one of the same white flowers in her hand. You know, Harry forgot all about why he had come down that road. You think perhaps that Harry was a fool, but that flower set him to thinking about his mother, and about the old days, and about the kind of a man she hoped he would be when she was gone.

The first thing Harry knew, the man on horseback was right opposite of him on the road. It was Bill, too. But in the few minutes Bill had taken to come up, something had happened to Harry. He did not want to harm Bill. Now Harry did not feel that he had to look out for himself. Perhaps Harry did a risky thing, but he rode out of the bushes calling to Bill. Something in the way he came up made Bill know everything was all right. They made it up right there and then, and they are better friends now than ever before. To think of it, in a sense, all because of a little flower. How little we know of the many ways God works to promote love in the hearts of men! Supposedly, a very true story; and it has happened, perhaps a number of times after the same fashion. Some little thing happens in order to bring men to their senses. The thought I am trying to bring to you is, the commandments of God do bring about these kind of conditions.

I am thinking particularly about a pure heart. I want you to see what God's plans are in a pure heart. It is a very sad thing today when we think about modern religions that are teaching there is no such thing as a pure heart, but that men have it in their hearts to sin more or less every day. Sin does not proceed from a pure heart. Sin proceeds from a heart that is impure. Now a pure heart is a heart that has been cleansed from evil tendencies by God, and an evil heart is one that is domineered by the powers of darkness. In a few words, the devil; but isn't it strange that people are discounting today the fact that there is even a devil? Ministers themselves are saying that there is no such thing as a devil, and men are saying there is no such thing as devil-possession these days. That is a sad picture. When men think there is no such thing, then there is no move made to have any victory over them.

The words *pure heart* are mentioned or referred to "a new creature," or as "the new man in Christ." The

new man in Christ has a pure heart, a heart from which the evil propensities have been removed by the power and grace of God. I don't know why people want to think it is something strange that we cannot have the same kind of spiritual thinking and living as God Himself. Why is it that in a world like this we cannot love our brothers, and we cannot do good to them that hate us? Why? It is because of the lack of a pure heart. If a man has it in his heart to do good to his neighbor, if it is a part of him, that is exactly what he's going to do; but if his heart is overrun by the powers of evil, and maybe surfeited by the power of alcohol, it is indeed hard to indicate what the result might be.

Out of a pure heart there proceeds nothing but good things. It is referred to as, "A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit." You do not gather grapes from brambles. That is very true, and it will always be that way. If a bramble brought forth grapes, there would have to be a definite change. That is the very same way in the human heart. If a human heart brings forth good fruit, there has to be a change, a natural desire to do that which is right, borne of the new creature in Christ Jesus. If a man is saved and sanctified, he has God's nature. That is biblically sound, well-taught in the Scriptures.

God's Word says, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." Now I would like to know, Who can deny this very fair, straightforward statement of the Scriptures? Why do we want to change it around and say there is no such a thing as that? "He's still an old man, spiritually speaking, he's still prone to evil, he's still certain to do wrong. There just isn't any way about it, and every night when he goes to bed he is to get on his knees and ask God to forgive him of his many sins." I tell you, I want to bring to you a life that is much richer, much freer, and much more beautiful than that—the new creature in Christ. Do you think Christ is going to live in an evil heart? God will not share a heart of man with Satan. It has to be cleansed before He takes up His abode there, and then He gives power to say *no* to sin.

You need to search the Scriptures very earnestly. Ask God to help you, and see if this isn't the real intent of God's Word. "Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart." Love is something that is very desirable, very pleasant, borne of God. Love does not originate with Satan. Its opposite is lust. Satan works tirelessly. He works overtime, if it were possible, endeavoring to get people to fulfill the lust of the flesh, which in the end does not bring faith, satisfaction, and hope. No, it does not produce a good conscience, which this scripture I bring to you purports, "A conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men." Who is it that doesn't want a conscience like this? I know some are so perverted. They're not satisfied unless they're picking, finding fault, or stirring up trouble. As a result, we find many behind bars today. That is so unpleasant, undesirable, and so below the dignity of man.

Man was created with a high purpose in mind, and man obtains the highest purpose of his life when he becomes a companion and a co-worker with God. What

is it that's wrong with God? I suppose many people would mention some things they think are wrong, but they can find nothing but good when they are honest and really look at who He is. Look at the world that God has created, and all of His wonders are marvelous indeed. How can anyone deny that God is not good and great and mighty?

O how necessary it is that we learn to obey the laws of nature! Sure, we need to learn to have the benefits that come from obeying the laws of nature, and nature will work tirelessly for us and bring good results if we obey her laws. You cannot constantly break the laws of nature when it comes to rest for the human body. Many people have ended up in nervous breakdowns because they have broken the laws of nature.

It is likewise the same way in the laws of God. If we break the laws of God—lie, steal, bear false witness, etc., God's laws are going to work against us; but if we tell the truth all the time, it will work in our behalf and will produce a very good conscience. It is a very good conscience that a man has when he does obey the laws of God. God's laws are not grievous. It is because the heart is bent in another direction that man finds the laws of God are grievous; bent on sin, bent on satisfying the lust of the flesh, whether it be in the various means of getting pleasures—alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or a lot of things that can be mentioned in this category. In whatever the pleasures come from, they do not in the end bring a clear conscience. They do not bring love, but they bring great disappointment, shame, and regret. O the sad picture that is in the this world today because men have not kept the commandments of God! They did not obtain a pure heart.

May God bless your hearts as you take these scriptures and study them with a desire to have the benefits that fall therefrom. God will bring you peace and happiness; and I'll guarantee, if you will take the commandments of God, and live them, you will find peace and happiness, regardless of who you are, or what the situations of life may be. †

MISSIONARY PAGE

USING YOUR TALENTS TO THE GLORY OF GOD

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GOD GIVES each of us responsibilities, opportunities, and resources in the form of money, relationships, time, wealth, etc.; however, many fail to utilize these endowments given to them as is expected of them. These endowments are supposed to be used to the glory of God. I Corinthians 10:31 says, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, *do all to the glory of God.*"

What do we mean by talents? These are special natural abilities or aptitudes to do something exceptionally well. Here is an example: The ability to interpret dreams. Read Genesis 40:8-13. Another example: The power to pray efficaciously. I Chronicles 4:9, 10, "And

Jabez was more honourable than his brethren: and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, Because I bare him with sorrow. And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested."

There are reasons why God gives us talents. (a) The Apostle Paul in I Corinthians 12:7 asserted that the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit in all things; hence, God gives us talents so as to use them to affect the lives of others to His glory. (b) God expects us to utilize such talents in faithful service here on earth. We are expected to serve humanity by doing our best with the resources given to us by God.

There are ways in obtaining talents from God. John said in 3:27 that it is only when heaven gives that we receive; therefore to obtain talents from God, the following has to be done:

(a) *By constant prayer.* There is a need for constant prayer for anyone to receive blessings from God. See Luke 18:1-7; Jeremiah 29:11, 12.

(b) *Through the grace of God.* Talents may be gained by having the grace of God. Saul of Tarsus became an apostle by the grace of God. His name was later changed to Paul. I Corinthians 15:10, "By the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me."

(c) *By having the love of God.* Having talents or special abilities is a product of having the love of God in one's heart. This is bestowed on those who love Him faithfully.

(d) *Laboring very hard.* There is a need to put into use the talents given to us by working very hard in God's kingdom. This will cause the talents to grow and multiply. See Luke 19:16, 17; Proverbs 10:4; 21:5; John 9:4.

(e) *Being prudent and economical.* Cultivating the habit of being frugal and economical in managing God-given resources will cause greater increase. Job 8:7, "Though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase."

(f) *Benefits of utilizing talents.* More talents will be gained. See Luke 19:22-26. We will receive heavenly commendation. See Matthew 25:31-40. It helps to prepare for us eternal joy. If we use successfully the talents given to us by God, great will be our reward in heaven. John 14:1, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me." On the other hand, failure to make use of our talents to the glory of God will attract penalties by the Giver, the God of heaven.

There is a need to obtain power from God to enable us to utilize the talents given to us as was accomplished by Joseph, Daniel, Dorcas, and others.

If you are unsaved, you need to confess and forsake your sins. You need to seek full salvation and sanctification, then you too will be given a talent or talents to be used to the glory of God. †

Lift Up a Standard for the People

2011 ICC Message by Bro. Donovan Barnaby



I GREET ALL the dear saints in the wonderful name of Jesus. I am glad that I am a part of this great and wonderful family. I was sitting here meditating. This year has been 20 years since I've been saved, and I am thankful to God for that. I am thankful He has seen me through all those years, and I mean to be true to Him. The road hasn't been easy. It is a journey in which we must have faith and endurance, but I know that the Lord is always there to see us through. I take His Word as the assurance, as He said, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." He will be with us always, even to the end of our journey.

I have surely enjoyed this convention. It has been a Spirit-filled convention from the start. From Sunday before the convention started, we have been blessed. The Lord has been with us, and we prayed that He would have His way in this convention, and we believe the results have shown that the Lord was with us. I want to thank the congregation here in Hagerstown for the kind hospitality that they have shown to us since we've been here. Thanks to those who have taken us into their homes and have tried to show your kindness in every way.

We will be leaving here on Tuesday, and we will be going back to fight. I want to say that from our convention in Jamaica this past March, we can see that the Lord has been working through the ministry. There were some words of encouragement that have inspired us on in this upward way. I want to deliver to you what the Lord has laid upon my heart, but I know I can't do it by myself. Self is a complete failure. I trust the Lord will be with us today in this afternoon service.

I would like to refer to the theme—"Lift Up a Standard for the People." It has been preached upon so many times. Everyone who has preached throughout the course of this week has touched it in various areas in which it ought to be lifted up. If ever a time the standard of God needs to be upheld, it is now. If we are not careful, we will fall just like those who have fallen. Bro. Alvin has shown us the picture of the bride of Christ this morning. We are thankful for the stand and vision we have, for we need to have a vision of God's church.

I will ask you to turn with me to Isaiah, chapter 62. I'd like to read verses 10-12. "Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people. Behold, the LORD hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken." I may not be able to speak as clearly as others have spoken, but I trust by the help of the Lord, you will be able to understand what I have to say.

There are different definitions that have been given pertaining to *standards*. I would like to think for a few moments on some of the things we can look upon as standards—morals, ethics, and habits. These are also standards by which God intended for man to live by. We have heard various speakers speak of different standards in societies, and the various different measures of ways that people have to govern themselves to be able to stay on a job or in offices. We are thankful today that God has a standard for His people. We are employed in God's service. We are called to be servants of the most high God. We are serving a God who is holy, a God who is righteous, a God who is perfect. It is God's desire that those whom He calls should remain in His service. God has a standard for mankind. Whether we may be saved or unsaved, there are standards to govern us. If man is going to walk with God, he has to walk holy.

Enoch walked with God. We are told the years that he walked with God were 300 years. The Bible says, "Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him." We don't know the level of standards that God gave to Enoch in his day, but there was a standard for him to walk in. He followed the footsteps and principles God had given to him, and because of that, it was recorded so we might understand and know that there are people who will walk with God.

From the very beginning man has had some knowledge of right and wrong. God gave man the standards of conduct He required in human relationships, and God will judge him according to those standards. This was so even when man rejected the knowledge of God. God has given every man standards to live by. Every man's conscience tells him what God's standards are. I don't believe God created man and placed him in this world without some knowledge. Every man is placed into this world with the knowledge of God, because we were created by Him. The Bible says, "In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him." So man's conscience tells him who God is and what man should be.

When Moses took the children of Israel across the Red Sea and began their journey in the wilderness, God gave them a standard to govern them. They were not left to themselves. They were not left to make their own decisions and choices. They were to follow the principles that God had laid down for them.

We were told earlier this week by one of our ministers of the condition of man in Romans. "Even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient" (Romans 1:28). Because of the things men committed, God turned them over to a reprobate mind.

I'd like to read Exodus 19:1-6—"In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai. For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come to the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount. And Moses went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel." Three months after the children of Israel left Egypt, God wanted to bring them up-to-date of what He expected of them. God promised them that if they would listen and obey His Word, He would have them as a kingdom of priests. He would have them to be a holy nation. They were the words that were spoken unto the children of Israel. God's people are a holy people.

From those words to the children of Israel spoken by God, Peter brought it to our attention. I Peter 2:9, "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light." It is a marvellous light indeed. It is a light that shows the world the difference between man-made rule and God's rule. Man has made rules that have changed and are corrected, but when God laid down His rules, they were forever settled. Man can change all they want. Man can formulate laws and change them as much as they want, but I say to you this afternoon, God's law will never change for any man. Moses tried to change it one time, and when the children of Israel had sinned against God and He was ready to blot them out of His Book, Moses said, "Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin—; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written. And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book." God will not change to please man. Man must always come in line with God's Word. It is said that the world is changing rapidly. Customs have changed and everything else; but I want to say to us today, our God hasn't changed, and He will not. "I am the LORD, I change not." "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."

Again, God said that He would make of the children of Israel a kingdom of priests. They were looked upon as a people who gave praise to God and did His service, but then they faltered. They didn't keep it. When Moses talked to the people, they said, "We will obey the Lord." Listen, whatever God told Moses, he carefully remembered God's words. When He told Moses to come up to the mount, Moses said, "Lord, You told me that the people shall not come nigh the mount." God said, "Moses, I will talk to you, and you must go back and relate what I said to the people." Moses remembered what God had said to him. Moses saw it as a standard, and he couldn't afford to let the people breach what the Lord had told

him, for he knew God would destroy them. Moses reminded God of what He said, and God said, "I change not." Whatever God says He will do, He will do.

God wants His people to be a holy nation. Our nation in the light of Christianity might be small, but we can still remain a nation unto God. We are from different ethnic backgrounds, but we can come together and form a nation. We can come together and form a holy nation. We can be a force to reckon with. We can be one that the enemy can see and will say, "There go the people of God." Why? Because God's people are different. Wherever the people of God sojourned, every man knew they were the people of God. Many a time they withdrew their troops, because they knew the people of God were coming towards them. Many times we have read in the Scriptures where they said that they have the Lord of heaven, or the Lord of the universe as their Guide. Yes, we are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and a peculiar (separate) people. When we tell people today what we stand for, they say, "You are living in the olden days," but we are still peculiar. We don't accept everything. We don't go everywhere. There isn't everything we see the world doing that we should be involved in, because God still has a peculiar people.

The world needs to see God's church today. Bro. Alvin mentioned this morning that the world needs to see the bride of Christ. They need to admire her. She is entirely different from the world. God is holy. I am glad to know that the standard of God is holiness. He will never call us to do something He knows we're unable to do. God will never give us a command that He knows we cannot keep. It is now our duty to apply ourselves to God's Word. It is our duty to readily submit to the things God has laid down for us.

Israel suffered defeat because they did not stand up for what God told them to stand up for. He took them out of Egypt, out of bondage and darkness, and told them to keep themselves from idols and other things, but yet they found themselves doing the things God told them not to do. No different today. People will tell you that they don't see anything wrong with what they are doing. They will tell you that they have seen others doing things and they're still worshipping God.

Let me say, we need to know God for ourselves. The Apostle Paul said, "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection." If we are a newborn creature, we will know the power of His resurrection. He has translated us out of the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of His dear Son. We are a holy nation. God wants us to serve Him. God wants us to honor Him. God wants us to reverence Him in everything we do. In our speech and in our conduct of life from day to day, we must deal fair with one another. That is a standard. We must be honest. We must speak the truth. O some people roll lies on their tongues like a sweet morsel, but we must not allow the devil to rob us of the joy we have in Christ Jesus.

We must rise above poor models. Not everyone we see are good examples. There are some examples that are very poor, and we can't allow those to influence us. The world is influenced by Satan, and we as God's children cannot allow him to influence us likewise. The

devil has no good in him. He does not like any child of God, and his desire is to trick and rob you, and allow you to go to a devil's hell. God delights in His people who are walking in the holy way. We must seek a better One. Christ is the perfect model. No matter how you were raised, or who has influenced your life, you can move beyond those limitations by taking Christ as your example, and conscientiously try to live as He did. Yes, we can live as Christ has lived. Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Self is one of the greatest problems in the world today. Self is bringing man down. Some try to paint a perfect picture of who they want to be and be seen as, but I say to us, self is destructive. Let us follow Christ's example. He is our Guide. He laid the foundation and opened wide the door.

We have learned of a king by the name of Uzziah. We have read of what his father had done. We are told that Uzziah wanted to please and serve God. The Bible says, "He reigned fifty and two years in Jerusalem." His mother's name was Jeholiah of Jerusalem. "He did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done; Save that the high places were not removed: the people sacrificed and burnt incense still on the high places." Yes, Uzziah came to the throne, but he did what was right according to the leading of his heart. There was more Amaziah could have done. He could have removed the signs out of the temple. He did not remove them, but he allowed them to remain there so the people could go in and bow down and worship these idols. They were breaking the commandments of God. God said, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Uzziah saw what his father had done. His father did not set a perfect example before him, but I say, he could have done better. Uzziah did what was right in the sight of God.

Christ not only laid the foundation, but he walked the walk and talked the talk. He has shown man how he should live. Jesus did not only say, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," but He showed the people that there was a rest for the people of God. We must rise above poor influences. We have to be very careful who is influencing us. Not everyone we may see sitting in the congregation is truly a child of God. It is not everyone's lifestyle that we must pattern ourselves after. Many will lead in a downward way, but Christ has set the foundation for us. Jesus has been our example in laying the foundation.

The devil tried to trap and trick Jesus after His fast had ended. The devil knew Jesus was hungry. He came to Jesus and said, "If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread." Jesus answered, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." The devil was trying to get Jesus to go against His Word. Sometimes we must not listen to what others say, but we need to go to the Bible and follow what it says. Too many times we have listened to what others have said when we should have followed the Bible, our guide. It is our compass and road map. If we will follow it, we will never go astray. If we live by it, we will never lose our way. If we will take it as God has given it to us, we will make it home to heaven.

We need to humble ourselves before God. Bro. Bascoe mentioned that in his message. What doth the Lord require of us? What doth He look for from us? It is humility. "He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" We cannot be proud in God's kingdom. Jesus was not proud. He left His Father's kingdom and came to humble earth. He came and lived a poor life; not for His own benefit, but for you and me. The Bible says, "Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." Yes, He could have stopped those who were ridiculing Him. He could have done something to those who were despising Him, but He suffered it inwardly. He bore it all for us.

Many will not follow our example. Many will not want to walk as how Jesus walked. Many will not want the God we are serving, but we must be like Daniel. Even in the midst of a people who are degrading us, we must be like Daniel. When Daniel was taken captive and carried to Babylon, he could have made himself available in every other capacity of the king's duty, but we are told that he refused to even defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank. Daniel was an example. We must follow good examples. Many of us have seen good examples in our walk with God. Let me say to us, God has given us some workmen to show us the way, and may we be willing to accept what they say and follow their example. We should not give up our standard because others will not follow us.

Many are compromising the gospel and lowering down the standard. They are making the church a social gathering. We are told that many people are saying, "It is now the contemporary church." They accept fashion and style. Let me say, God's church is different. We are not the contemporary church. We are a chosen people; we are a peculiar people. The world is finding themselves plunging lower and lower in sin. Many are following religious leaders and believing they are on their way to heaven. No matter the degrees a person in the religious realm may have, let us realize we have true speakers in our midst. They will not only guide us in the path of life, but will guide us to heaven. We must not give up the standard. There are various standards that the church holds to. They are cardinal doctrines. These have been mentioned in various messages by our ministers, so we must hold to what we have and know. It is good for us as ministers and good for our children; and if it is good for our children, it must be good for the brethren. One cannot preach high and live low. Let us follow good examples.

Jesus is our perfect example. Let me repeat, "He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not." He took the lowly journey, yet He did it all for you and me. A songwriter once said, "He didn't have to do it, but He did it." When Jesus was in the Garden of Gethsemane, He said, "O my Father, if it be possible [a decision he was making there], let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt." If we

are called to live a holy life, remember, it is not us who will have to live it in ourselves, but God will give us the tools in order to live it. Are you prepared to lift up a standard for the people? Are you prepared to lift up a standard in your workplace? Are you prepared to lift up a standard in your community? Are you prepared to lift up a standard in your classroom? Are you prepared to lift up a standard wherever you may roam? God's church must remain unspotted from the world. Yes, we can go into various environments, but we must remain who we are.

As Church of God Christians, we need to be knowledgeable of the Word of God. Be like an Ezra—a ready scribe. The Bible says, “Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments.” I tell you, Ezra got into the Word. He knew the laws of God and what was demanded. When Ezra was given leave to go into Jerusalem to instruct the people, he told the people that there were some things they needed to do. The Levites could not come back and perform their duty because they had intermarried with strange people. They were not to give their sons nor their daughters to these strange people. Ezra told them they could not serve God that way. “Get them out of your way for you to make God your choice.” Ezra not only prepared his heart, but he did what was right. Let us have a knowledge of the Word of God. Let us study it. “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”

The Apostle Paul told Titus that he must be an example of those around him so that others may see his good deeds and imitate him. Yes, if we are going to follow Christ, we must be the right example. We have to live the standard. We have to perform it from day to day.

The songwriter has written—
*Are you adorning the doctrine,
 The glorious doctrine of God,
 Walking so holy before him,
 Following where hath trod,
 So when the world looks upon you
 Nothing but Christ is in view?
 So when the world looks upon you
 Nothing but Christ is in view?*

We must allow the world to see Christ in us; and if the world can see Christ in us, then they will be led to glorify our Father in heaven. We must not drive people away from God, we must bring them to God.

The Apostle Paul said in Titus 2:6-8, “Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded. In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine showing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.” We all need to be good examples. It does not depend upon the ministers only to be examples, it depends upon each and everyone of us. When the people of Israel sinned, it was not just the priest who suffered, it was the entire army of Israel who suffered.

The Apostle Paul exhorted to Timothy, “Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in

faith, in purity.” These are things we all can emulate. If we will follow them, we will never go astray. We will never lose sight of the church; we will never go back on God's Word; we will never give the enemy something to say about us; we will always have a positive outlook on the world. We cannot hang our heads in shame. May God help us not to mislead others in our standard.

What we say, we must live. Since God has said, “Be ye holy,” He expects us to live holy. What we preach, we must live. If we are going to preach holiness, let us live holy. If we live holy, we must preach holiness. This is what God expects of us. Let us raise our banners high with the seal of the cross, “Holiness Unto the Lord.” Let us live the standard. Let us show the world the stand we have; that is, the Lord is holy, and His people are holy. May the Lord bless you all. †

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For Poetry Lovers

OUR SAFE PILOT

B. E. Warren

O anxious one, rest thou in God,
Mark well the steps that Jesus trod;
If you would hear His, "Peace, be still,"
Then trust and rest and do His will.

There is no storm He can't control,
He brooks the mad'ning waves that roll,
He's there where evening zephyrs play,
He's there when storms break o'er our way.

Submit the things you can't control.
Why fret and worry, helpless soul?
In God we trust; faith will increase,
Our toilsome worries soon will cease.

There's hope in God, believing one,
Though dark clouds hide the shining sun.
If things beset we can't control,
Trust God; He'll bless the trusting soul.

That same safe Pilot still is He
Who calmed the stormy Galilee.
He lives to guide us all the way
O'er life's rough sea to endless day.

GOD WILL HELP US

Wm. A. Bixler

God has not given us a promise
That our path would always be
Lined with roses, joy, and gladness,
And with gay prosperity.

But He understands us fully,
Gives us strength for every day,
Gives us grace for every trial,
And undying sympathy.

And He wants us to be ready,
And to help someone to bear
Just a bit of life's true burden
Of the needy everywhere.

FAR GREATER THAN GOLD

Mrs. Clara Lairmore

Far greater than gold is this wonderful peace,
Like rivers of blessing within.
The wealth of this gift to the happy redeemed
Can never be written by pen.

Far greater than gold is this fathomless peace,
Much more than any bosom can hold.
Such billows of love that my God doth release,
Far greater, far greater than gold.

How calm is my day, how blissful within,
Since gloom from my heart has been rolled!
I would not exchange for the follies of men
This peace that's far greater than gold.

Oh, glorious peace, forever to be,
My constant, rich treasure to hold.
I know, yes, I know that my God's wondrous peace
Is greater, far greater than gold.

LIFE'S SECRET

Lolita Kesler

Does life's path seem dark as night
And your load seem hard to bear?
Do you long for understanding?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Is your body wracked with pain,
And do friends seem not to care?
Take it to the Great Physician,
He your pain will surely share.

Yes, our Savior understands us,
And He knows our every need;
His grace is all-sufficient
If in Him we will believe.

JESUS IS CALLING

Pauline Dailey

Jesus is calling
Workmen today.
Friend, from His service
Turn not away.
Look on the harvest,
Workers are few.
Unto God's service,
Christian, be true.

Souls are in darkness
Seeking for light,
Who would serve Jesus
If they knew right.
What are we doing
In this great race?
Are we, my brother,
Filling our place?

Soon Christ will say that
Time is no more;
Work must be ended—
Closed then the door.
Yet while He's pleading
Heed to His call;
Give Him your best now,
Give Him your all. †

WONDERFUL PEACE IS
FAR GREATER THAN GOLD

THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

WATCH!

A Bible Lesson by Sis. Rebecca Bland

"Hurry and get ready!" my mother called from the kitchen. "It will soon be time to walk to the bus stop!"

It was a cold winter morning, and I did not want to hurry. Although I loved second grade, and was excited about learning new things each day, I did not feel like going out into the frosty winter morning and walking down the steep hill to wait for the school bus.

I slowly finished my breakfast and then began to look for my homework. "Have you seen my papers?" I asked my mother.

My mother sighed. "I'm sure they are right where you left them," she answered. "Haven't I told you again and again to put your homework papers into your notebook as soon as they are finished? Then you won't be looking for them at the last minute."

I found my homework papers and put them into my notebook. I looked out the window. Brrrrr! It looked cold out there! The ground was covered with frost.

"Come here right now and let me help you with your stockings," my mother said to my sister and me. My sister was in kindergarten, and she was moving even more slowly than I was this morning.

We went to stand in front of our mother so she could help us put on our heavy stockings. Our stockings were held up with elastic bands that our mother had sewn together. The bands fit over our shoulders and hung down to our legs like long suspenders. She had made them exactly to our sizes.

This morning, she put our stockings on us and fastened them in a rush. Then we hurriedly slipped our dresses on over the suspenders. The bus would soon be at the bottom of the hill.

"Run!" she called from the kitchen door, as we started toward the hill. "You must get to the bus stop on time! I don't have a car to take you to school."

As we ran down the hill, we could hear the bus driver honking the horn. He was just about to pull away when he saw us running toward him. Breathlessly, we climbed the steps into the bus and sank down panting in our seats. We had almost missed the bus!

Our sighs of relief, however, soon turned to groans of misery. Our mother had been in such a rush to help us get ready that she had put the wrong elastic stocking suspenders on us. My stockings were pulled too tightly because I was wearing my little sister's suspenders. I was miserable each time I tried to sit down. My shoulders and my legs hurt. My little sister was miserable, too. Her stockings would not stay up, because she was wearing suspenders that were too large for her.

My sister and I learned a hard lesson that day. We learned that it was important to pay attention to the clock when we were getting ready for school. We learned that we should watch the minutes as they ticked by, and not play around. We did not want to spend another miserable day wearing things that did not fit us!

Jesus told a story about how important it is to watch and be ready.

The story Jesus told was about a man who left his home to attend a wedding feast. In the days when Jesus lived here on earth, weddings were usually held in the evening. Sometimes the feast that followed the wedding did not end until very late at night.

When a man left his house to attend a wedding, he knew he might not return home for many hours. Lots of things could happen while he was gone. Thieves could break into his house and steal his possessions, knowing that he would not be back for a long time, and thinking that the darkness of night would hide what they were doing.

"Guard my house carefully while I am gone," the man said to his servants as he left for the wedding. "I do not know when I will be back. It could be after midnight! Don't go to sleep. Don't stop watching for a single minute!"

"When the master comes back home," said Jesus, "he will knock at the door to see if his servants are still awake. If the servants answer the door immediately, the master will know that they have not fallen asleep. He will know that they have been watching, just as he told them to do."

"The servants who watch faithfully will be praised by their master," Jesus said. "He will make a wonderful meal and serve it to his servants as a reward for their carefulness."

Why do you think Jesus told this story? Why is it important for us to be watchful?

Jesus is our Master. We are His servants. Just as the master in the story told his servants to be watchful, so Jesus has commanded us to watch every day for Him. We do not know when He will return to judge all the people of the earth. We want Him to find us ready when He comes.

How can we make sure we are ready? We can work for Jesus every day. We can obey His commands—not just some of the time, but all of the time.

When I was a little girl, we often sang a chorus about being watchful. Here are the words we sang:

Jesus may come in the morning,

Jesus may come at noon,

Jesus may come in the evening—

So keep your heart in tune.

What does it mean to keep your heart "in tune"? It means to keep your heart open to Jesus at all times. It means to always be ready to do what Jesus asks you to do.

Just as the master of the house was pleased with his servants when he came home from the feast and found them still watching, so Jesus will reward His watchful servants with an eternal home in heaven.

Activity

What two books of the Bible contain a parable about servants who were commanded to watch until their master's return?

Answer to Last Month's Activity

Last month's parable is found in only one book of the Bible. It is found in the book of Luke. †

CAYMAN CONVENTION REPORT

From Notes by Sis. Ganita Myles & Sis. Karen Christian

DURING THE MONTH of November, the annual Cayman Convention is hosted each year by the Church of God congregations in George Town and East End, Grand Cayman, British West Indies. It is always one of the highlights of the year for those who have the privilege to attend. Such was the case again in 2011 as we gathered for six days of spiritual labor and worship on November 22-27, 2011. Saints gathered from Honduras, Jamaica, and the United States. From the U.S. were saints from Louisiana, Florida, Maryland, and California. Louisiana had an especially large contingent from Deville and was a blessing with their singing and participation. There were also a good number from Jamaica and Roatan Island, Honduras. The total number exceeded 80 visitors. That's a lot of people to house and feed three times a day, but the Cayman saints are a very hospitable people, making everyone feel so welcome.

The timely theme of this year's meeting was, "God's Amazing Grace—Sure Hope for Troubled Times." It was based on Psalm 46.

Following is a brief account of the meeting:

Tuesday, November 22

6:00 A.M. Prayer Service—Host Pastor, Bro. James Arch led this opening service. The George Town chapel, which holds more than 400 people, was nearly full at this early hour. Bro. James welcomed everyone and led in the singing of, "Amazing Grace." Nehemiah's building of the wall represents the building of the church. These are times we have to trust and believe and stand on God's promises. Believe in God and what He can do. God saw Nehemiah's thoughts. So if we need perking up, let us get perked up.

10:00 A.M.—The first general preaching service was chaired by Bro. Gary Alwell from Deville, Louisiana. He was chairman quite often during the week and did a splendid job. In addition to singing by local saints, the Evening Light Quartet (from Louisiana) sang, "You're Still God," the local Universal Gospel Singers rendered, "His Grace is Sufficient," and the Way of Truth Singers (Louisiana) sang, "I Don't Want to Miss It, Do You?" The speaker was Bro. James Arch. His opening message is printed in full following this report.

2:30 P.M.—After the singing, Bro. M. H. Trisler, Jr. came forward to bring the message. He is pastor of the Church of God in Jonesville, Louisiana. He spoke from Psalm 46:1-5. This message will be printed in the March issue, Lord willing.

7:15 P.M.—The evangelistic night services were especially well-attended. The singing of choruses starts early. Can the Caymanians make the building ring! The Cayman choir sang, "All Because of God's Amazing Grace." Bro. Alvin Craig, pastor at Hagerstown, Maryland, brought the message. His first visit to Grand Cayman was in 1951 and his visits through the years have been too numerous to count. His message was from Luke 8:1-3, "A Woman Called Mary," which will be printed in a future issue, Lord willing.

Wednesday, November 23

6:00 A.M. Prayer Service—The leader of this prayer meeting was Bro. Gary Alwell. He assists Pastor Terry Deville in Deville, Louisiana. The Lord uses the simple things and simple people to do the work of the Lord. Look at the disciples. They were simple fishermen. In the 27th Psalm, David said, "The LORD is my light and my salvation; He is the strength of my life."

10:00 A.M.—The congregation sang, "The Church's Jubilee." The third verse says, "We reach our hands in fellowship to every blood-washed one," at which point everyone got out of their seats and mingled through the congregation doing just that! The preacher of the hour was Bro. Greg Tyler from Hagerstown, whose first visit to the island was in 1976 and often has returned. His message was, "Ten Mysteries of the Bible."

- (1) Mystery of Christ—Colossians 4:3.
- (2) Mystery of the Kingdom of God—Mark 4:11.
- (3) Mystery of the Gospel—Ephesians 6:19.
- (4) Mystery of Love—Colossians 2:2.
- (5) Mystery of His Will—Ephesians 1:9.
- (6) Mystery of Godliness—1 Timothy 3:16.
- (7) Mystery of the Church of God—Ephesians 5:32.
- (8) Mystery of Babylon—Revelation 17:5.
- (9) Mystery of Iniquity—II Thessalonians 2:7.
- (10) Mystery of Resurrection—I Corinthians 15:51.

2:30 P.M.—The preacher for this service was Bro. David Shaw, pastor of the Church of God at Medina, Jamaica, where a newly built chapel was recently dedicated. His text was Psalms 46:1-4. He spoke on "Amazing Grace." This message will be printed in a future issue, Lord willing.

7:15 P.M.—Bro. Duane Jeffries was chairman for this service. A large Honduran group came forward to sing, "On the Battlefield for My Lord," and in their usual enthusiastic way made the building reverberate. Bro. Alvin Craig was again the evangelist. His text was Hebrews 9:27, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." This was a moving message entitled, "When You Come to Die, What Will be Important to You?" The things which you know will be important to you then, should mean something to you now. It's not money, possessions, or material things, but rather the condition of your soul.

Thursday, November 24

6:00 A.M. Prayer Service—Leader was Bro. Oliver Fisher from Coxen Hole, Honduras. After the singing of, "Your Grace and Mercy Brought Me Through," he used Psalm 28:8 and 29:1. The Lord is our strength, and we are His anointed. "My strength is made perfect in weakness." Prayer meeting is for us to pray. God's ear is not too heavy that He cannot hear. God is here to deliver. Do we believe that?

10:00 A.M.—After the inspired singing, the preacher brought the message. Bro. Terry Deville from Louisiana was God's vessel for this service. He used John 1:14-17, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. And of his fulness have all

we received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ." The title of his thoughts was, "God's Amazing Grace and What It Can Do." This sermon will be printed in a future issue, Lord willing.

2:30 P.M.—A group from the Philippines sang, "The God on the Mountain." There are a number of Filipinos working in Cayman and while here they are part of the congregation in George Town. The speaker was Bro. Martel Watler, pastor in Flowers Bay, Honduras. His topic was, "Correction Unto Righteousness." He used Peter's example in Acts 10:9-16. All scripture is given for correction, which is used to make you right and what action you need to take. The grace of God helps you to do something about correction. Salvation makes a change in our lives.

7:15 P.M.—Bro. Norman Boddien chaired the service. Arriving with his wife on Thursday was Bro. Ralph Craig from Hagerstown. Being Thanksgiving Day in the U.S., he sang, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness." His singing added to the services. The evangelist for this service was Bro. Greg Tyler. His message was, "Repairing Strained Relationships." This will be printed in a future issue, Lord willing.

Friday, November 25

6:00 A.M. Prayer Service—After singing, "Come Closer to Me," Bro. Donovan Barnaby from Jamaica led. God gave us a commission to go into all the world and preach the gospel, and pray for the sick. We are seeing people healed, but we can see more done. O for a closer walk with God—so close that we can reach out and touch Him! We know that God can deliver us. Let us trust in God's promises.

10:00 A.M.—This was the special divine healing service. The Way of Truth Singers sang, "There Is Nothing My God Can't Do." As usual, Bro. Junior Trisler inspired the faith of the saints. He used Isaiah 53:5. There are seven billion people in this world, and God knows each one. What an awesome God. God has empowered our ministry to heal. In the plan of redemption, God made provision for the saving of souls and healing. Over 100 individuals were anointed and prayed for. Testimonies of healing were later proclaimed.

2:30 P.M.—After Bro. O'leary Cranston sang, "Blessed Assurance," the speaker was introduced. It was in the person of Bro. Hezekiah Lamey from Catadupa, Jamaica. His text was Job 14:1, "Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble." Give God your best no matter what. Don't be ashamed to praise Him. Lift up His name. We are in troubled times, but there is hope in these troubled times.

7:15 P.M.—The Universal Gospel Singers from George Town sang, "I've Got No Reason to Quit," and the choir sang, "Wonderful Grace of Jesus." The minister for this service was Bro. Alvin Craig. He brought a powerful message entitled, "Sin Is Costly." He used Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Because of sin, Abel was killed; the world was destroyed by the flood; Sodom and Gomorrah was destroyed; Saul committed suicide; David was punished. Jesus died for all of us. It is not His will that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Saturday, November 26

6:00 A.M. Prayer service—Sis. Amanda Evans from Jamaica led the service. Though barely able to see, she continues to be used by God. They that put their trust in God, He will renew their strength. Keep the unity of the Spirit at all times. Think of one another; pray for one another, then the grace of God will keep us. God will not fail in His promises to us.

10:00 A.M.—The preacher was Bro. Rupert Shippy, pastor of the Church of God at Axe-and-Adze, Jamaica. His outstanding message was entitled, "Thou Shalt Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself." His text was Luke 10:25-35, the parable of the Good Samaritan. He broke down the parable beautifully, making applications as he went along. If you are going to obey the Bible, you will love your neighbor as yourself. We need to do more to lift up people. There is no hatred in the Church of God! The Church will move forward with strength to strength if we live this way. If you have a pastor like the priest in this story, you will have major problems in the church. If you smile and have a good attitude, you are healthy. When you leave this service, I want you to be able to love and greet everyone you meet or pass. Like the compassion of the good Samaritan, we need to follow God. Show Christian attitudes, and help someone who needs hope. Let them feel your love.

2:30 P.M.—The pastor of the congregation at Sandy Bay, Roatan, Honduras, Bro. Garry Jeffries, was the speaker. Bro. Garry is a man of little stature, but a powerful preacher. He used Psalm 46 and spoke on the topic, "Standing Strong—Awaiting the Blessing." Goliath was making fun of David, but what Goliath failed to realize was that David was anointed and God gave David the victory. The same with the three Hebrew boys (Daniel 3:8-20). They didn't bow, bend, or burn. God was with them in the furnace. The devil's aim is to kill, but God came that we may have life, and have it more abundantly.

7:15 P.M.—The evangelist was Bro. Junior Trisler. His text was Ephesians 2:11-14. His title was, "We Have a Hope." Paul was writing to the Gentiles informing them that they didn't have any hope without God. Hope is expectation. Without hope, we are hopeless. We are just passing through, but God made a plan with a hope. There is a great change when you give your heart to God. If you are in sin, you are dead. He will also give you peace. If you are afar off, the blood of Christ will set you free. Jesus left His peace with us.

Sunday, November 27

6:00 A.M. Prayer Service—The prayer chairman was Bro. Leston Mann, pastor at Mud Hole, Roatan, Honduras. This fine, humble young man inspired the saints to the throne of grace.

9:30 A.M.—For Sunday school, the building was packed. The East End children had a special program of songs and the playing of instruments. The George Town children also had some presentations.

10:45 A.M.—Bro. Duane Jeffries conducted the service. To honor Pastor James Arch, Bro. Ralph Craig wrote special words to the song, "Thank You for Giving to the Lord," which was very moving. Bro. James then brought a beautiful message, "Hope and Solution." This was based on Psalm 34:6, "This poor man cried, and

the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.” He emphasized that Christ is the only hope for mankind, and that He is the solution for what plagues mankind. Sis. Eve Flowers’ brother was saved in this service.

2:30 P.M.—This was a special Young People’s service. The theme was, “Lift Up a Standard for the People.” There were songs and three speakers on the theme—Sis. Monique Jeffries, Bro. Ray Hydes and Sis. Latasha Nixon. The chairperson was Sis. Teresa Bowen. See the Young People’s Page on page 21 for her introductory remarks.

7:00 P.M.—The entire Louisiana entourage sang, “I Found a Refuge.” The speaker for this crowning service was Bro. Alvin Craig. His message was, “This is My Beloved Son, Hear Ye Him.” Isaiah 35:8 says that there is a highway of holiness and the unclean shall not pass over it. The unclean are not on that highway, which is the same as the narrow way. Jesus said, “Few there be that find it.” Two builders both heard what Jesus said. One dug deep, and the other just started building on the ground; but when the floods came and the winds blew, the house on the rock stood firm. The house on the sand fell, and great was the fall. If you are not building on the solid Rock, your house will fall and you will be lost. Souls were at the altar.

This concluded the outstanding 2011 Cayman Convention. Thanks to all who prayed for its success and to those who labored so hard for the Lord. May God bless and keep each one. †

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Message by
Bro. James Arch

I AM THANKFUL to be here this morning. We appreciate those of you who are here. You know, twelve months roll around quickly when it is again time for convention, but then it seems so long, too, that we don’t see one another. We’re very thankful for those who put forth an effort to be here, from overseas especially—Jamaica, Bay Islands of Honduras, and the United States. We certainly appreciate you all putting forth an effort to be here.

I would like to say that we’re just simple folk who are trying to work for the Lord, and trying by His grace and help to keep His kingdom going. We appreciate everyone—the local people who work so hard in these conventions. It’s amazing, and it looks like women never get tired; but we’re here for one reason, and that is to help the kingdom of God, the cause of humanity, and to make the world a better place to live in.

I will probably be commenting on the entire 46th Psalm, but I’ll just read verses three, four, and five—“Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.”

I have no idea why the Lord directed me toward this Psalm for this convention, but He always does direct me, and whatever He does is well done. The 46th Psalm has been used for generations in all circumstances of life. It has been used in the home, around the family altar, in the sick room, in the hospital, and when men out at sea are wrecked and the ship is sinking. I am sure that before this convention is over, the Lord will help us somehow to get something out of this Psalm for our souls.

In the world we live in today, it is very, very necessary that the church be constantly alerted and reminded that they should cherish the truth, for Paul said, “The time will come when [men] will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.” Those times are not coming; those times are here.

The church needs to be reminded, too, of the standards that it upholds. The church not only teaches but upholds. That is the difference. A lot of people know the standards but won't uphold them. I am going to tell you the truth. By the help of the Lord, I am not going to tell you something wrong.

The church must always be reminded of its mission. Unfortunately, a lot of people seemed to have lost their vision of the church. I hope that during this week of the convention that we will see ourselves. You know, we're human, and we should be open to learning, and always let God lead and teach us His ways. The Psalmist asked the Lord to teach him—"Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path." We need the Lord. The words of this song say—

*Life is easy, when you're up on the mountain,
And you've got peace of mind, like you've never known.
But then things change, you're down in the valley.
Don't lose faith for, you're never alone.*

*For the God on the mountain is still God in the valley.
When things go wrong, He'll make them right.
And the God of the good times is still God in the bad times.*

The God of the day is still God in the night.

*You talk of faith when you're up on the mountain,
Oh, but the talk comes easy when life's at its best.
But it's down in the valley of trials and temptations,
That's when faith is really put to the test.*

The church needs to be reminded of the things I mentioned; but on the other hand, the times demand motivation and encouragement to all of us, because of the secular and materialistic environment that we're in. Don't let anyone fool you, the times have changed; don't let anyone blind you, the times have changed. It is not going to take any soft back human to be a Christian. It is going to take real men and women with backbone to stand up and tell the world that you're a child of the King. This is no fun thing; this is no make-believe thing. Jesus never entertained pretenders. He gave it straight across the board like it was. He told them plain and straight. He didn't change the message for anyone. So the times have changed.

The theme of this convention, and the Psalm it is taken from is intended to inspire, encourage, edify, and to remind us that God is still on His throne, and that when all else fails and crumbles, He is still there. I hope people won't get tired of me telling them that they have to live on their knees and live close to God if they are going to make it through. A number of us here are older and have lived our lives for the Lord for years, and years, and years; but the young ones coming up are facing a different world than what we did 50 years ago. It's a different world.

These are times we need to get closer to God, not farther away from Him. The old blind hymn writer wrote—

*I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice,
And it told thy love to me;
But I long to rise in the arms of faith,
And be closer drawn to Thee.*

*Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To the cross where thou hast died;
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To thy precious, bleeding side.*

You see, it is down in the valley that makes us better people. If we have it too easy at times, we get too complacent and too composed, and we don't know what it means to fight through. We serve a mighty God. A woman was visiting here sometime ago. She testified and said, "I am on my way to heaven and enjoying the trip." I'd never heard that before, and I remind the congregation of it all the time. I trust we're enjoying the trip in spite of all the hardships and problems that we encounter in life. Enjoy the trip! It's only a one-time trip. We're not coming back here to inherit one thing. Make good of the trip, and be sure when you end the race that you'll end it well. That is the only way we are going to get into the Pearly White City and to hear, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: ... enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

LOOKING ON THE BRIGHT SIDE

As bad and negative as things look in the world, there is a bright side. "There was One who was willing to die in [our] stead, That [our souls] so unworthy might live, And the path to the Cross He was willing to tread, All the sins of [our] life to forgive. They are nail'd to the Cross." Enjoy it. Give God the glory! Thank Him for saving and taking you out of the world. Try to whisper a little word of hope to someone along the way. The world needs God. Cayman needs God. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." The time that people sit down and talk foolishness, and yackety-yak, bicker and fuss, they need to get down on their knees and pray for one another.

The main thought behind this theme here is that there are not only problems and troubles, but there are solutions. Psalm 46 from which the theme is based is a beautiful psalm. Have you ever read it? Individuals, families, churches, countries, and institutions experience troubled times. This is not new. This is common to mankind, but I don't know if we've ever seen times like these before. These are really troubled times. The world has emerged into something that is really troubling if you look at it; but thank God, there is a God. As I speak here this morning, many are suffering from hard economic times, and what we call the economic downturn. All over the world people are struggling and battling. Some have lost their homes where they lived for years; some have lost their jobs; some have lost their hope. These things are real, and they confront the church just like they do others. This is real among us. I don't suppose those who don't know what it is, don't know what it really means to be desperate. There are millions of people in the world who live desperate. They don't know where the next meal or glass of water is coming from. Let me tell you something, Friends, give God the glory for all He does for you.

In marriages and homes, never has the divorce rate been higher. The devil is working to disrupt the human family, and he works to disrupt the Christian. The devil doesn't want a home on earth; the devil doesn't want

marriage to succeed; the devil doesn't want the church to exist in the world. There are those who are working as hard as they can against righteousness to try to bring it down. Let me tell you something, Friends, God is still on the throne. I hope we will be strengthened and encouraged in this convention.

Young people are giving into peer pressure. Parents are brokenhearted. We don't understand and never will. There are things we will never understand. I tell people all the time that if we understood it all, we would be like God. I tell the church here all the time, I have to bear it all alone. I don't have no one to go to. I have to lock up and bear it alone, but I have found in my loneliness that there is a God. Central is never busy. Jesus is always on the line. You can go to Him almost any time. Central is never busy. Keep in contact with Him, Friends. Don't worry about those who don't like you and those who don't wish you well. Don't worry about those who wish you didn't exist and could get you out of the church. Remember, central is never busy. Jesus is always on the line. You can go to Jesus almost any time. Young people are giving into peer pressure. Children and young people who were raised up in the church, in the Sunday school, and in godly homes are rejecting the church. They are rejecting the truth and the Word. This is real. This is a real world, Friends. It has no respecter of persons.

SUFFERING PERSECUTION

The conservative Church of God people are feeling intimidated. Let me tell you something, Friends, you have the best thing this world could ever know. I thank God this morning that I didn't wake up drunk, drugged up, or spaced out that I didn't know where I was. We serve a God. Paul said, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." Don't feel intimidated by no one. No one can cause you to feel inferior without your consent. Dress yourself. Hold up the standard of modesty. Don't let no one scoff at you. You have the best thing there is in the world. The more holy you live, the more they are going to scoff at you. The Bible says, "All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." Don't worry about that. Jesus said to pray for them. He said, "Pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven." So don't let no one intimidate you. The standard of dress today is outright rejected by the average person on the street. Churches have fallen. Congregations have fallen because of giving in to compromise and to attacks of the devil. The devil doesn't care how he attacks us. He just wants to get us. People are overwhelmed with the cares of life. Many do not know how to cope with it. Emotional and other problems are resulting. Suicide has never been higher.

The Bible says, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world." One of the things that Paul said would happen in the last days would be those who are "despisers of those that are good." Have you ever read that? "Despisers of

those that are good." That is raging in the world today as well. Keep your eyes on Jesus, who is the Author and Finisher of our faith.

Psalm 46 is written for a reason. "Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early." If you turn on the news you will hear of earthquakes, landslides washing down through the mountains and drowning people by the hundreds, and even by the thousands in our world. This is not what Psalm 46 is speaking about, Friends. There are mountains that shake and fall all the time. There are mountains and troubled waters in our lives that you won't find a cure for in an aspirin or any other thing. You will only find it in Jesus.

GOD HAS SOLUTIONS

Is there still a God? Is He in all of this? Are there really some solutions? I told the church here on Sunday morning that when people look you in the face and say, "You're so foolish, and you don't have any sense," you need grace. Let me tell you, if it wasn't for the grace of God, some of us would get into trouble. All of us aren't alike. Some people will not take what other people take. That is why you need this grace. I am warning you. You need the grace of God.

Martin Luther reflected on Psalm 46. I didn't know this was in our hymnal. It is on page 25. What a beautiful song! It says—

*A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great,
And, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.*

*Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side,
The Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His Name,
From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.*

*And tho' this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us;
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim—
We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
For lo, his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.*

*That word above all earthly pow'rs—
No thanks to them—abideth:*

*The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Thro' Him Who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.*

God's kingdom shall stand forever, and He is greater than our sins. Psalm 46 is good for saints and sinners alike. His grace is greater than our sins. The blood of Jesus avails for our sins. We sang this morning in prayer meeting—

*Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see. [What a beautiful song!]*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace, my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!*

*Thro' many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace that bro't me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.*

GOD HAD MERCY ON US

Do you know what the Bible says in Psalm 103? "He hath not dealt with us after our sins." If God were like man, some of us wouldn't be here, some of us wouldn't be in the church, but He had mercy on us. When God cleans up a human being, He cleans him up. Let no one intimidate you, Friends. When you are forgiven, you are forgiven. That is why Mr. Horatio Spafford wrote this beautiful hymn—

*When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say,
'It is well, it is well with my soul.'*

*Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed his own blood for my soul.*

Mr. Horatio Spafford had planned to travel to Europe with his family, but sent the family ahead while he was delayed on business. While crossing the Atlantic, the ship sank rapidly after a collision, and all four of Spafford's daughters died. His wife sent a telegram back from Europe, "Saved alone." Talking about grace? Later, Mr. Spafford traveled to meet his grieving wife. Half-way across, the captain said, "This is where your daughters went down." He then went into his cabin and wrote the words to the beautiful song, "It Is Well with My Soul."

We have to be Christians when we're down; we have to be Christians when we're up; we have to be Christians

when we're well; we have to be Christians when we're sick; we have to be Christians in the supermarket; we have to be Christians in the church; we have to be Christians when we go on vacation. Everywhere we go we must be Christians. "And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend; Even so, it is well with my soul." What a day that will be! What a day of surprises! A lot of people others think who might be going to heaven, might not go; a lot of people others think who might not be going to heaven, might go.

The Bible tells us in I John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." That is why the Bible instructs us to keep on going and keep working at it. This is not something you pick up and just let go. You have to keep working at it. "Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." So the 46th Psalm makes us to know that there is Someone we can turn to. Your friends may deceive and let you down, and let out your little secret, but Jesus will not. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

Moses said unto the people when going through the Red Sea, "Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will show to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace." They murmured and talked against Moses. They complained, too—"All of those good things you took us from and brought us into this wilderness to perish?" Let me tell you something, Friends, God knows what He is doing. Christians should fear to do wrong and go against God.

Psalm 91 reminds us that God is still in control, and that we should drop our fears and trust Him. "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler." We never thought it would happen in Cayman, but even here we have to look around and see what's going on. In the night, we're afraid to go to certain places. When we get home, we have to look around to see if anyone is lurking. That is a fact; it is happening right here. All over the world this is happening. Thank God the Bible tells us, "The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them." Trust in this God. "Under His wings I am safely abiding; Tho' the night deepens and tempests are wild, Still I can trust Him; I know He will keep me; He has redeemed me, and I am His child." You see, it is more than just being kept warm when you see chicks under the wings of a hen. They are being protected. If you want to see what I mean, you let an enemy come around that hen with those little chicks. When the hen sees the predator coming around, she will put up a defense. She will fight till death to protect those chicks. She'll fly in your face. It doesn't matter who you are. Don't

play with a hen with young chicks. She'll defend them.

GOD'S GRACE SAVES US

God's grace saves us. The Bible says, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." So we don't inherit this from our grandfathers, our grandmothers or others. We get this from God, My Beloved Friends. God's grace is promised to those who are humble. I am amazed at the pride I see hanging around in the world today. You know, the more you get from God, the more humble you will be. Excuse me for using the word *pride*, but it is a fact, there is a lot of pride in the world. What do we have to boast about? What do we really have to be proud of? We are stewards. Whatever you have, you received from God. We are only stewards over it. Someone else will get it when we're gone; then someone else, then someone else, if the world lasts that long. So we are only stewards. Take care of what you have. Keep your house clean; keep your clothes clean; keep your body clean; keep your car clean. There's nothing wrong with that. Cleanliness is next to godliness, but those things were not made to be proud of. Those things are to be used for a purpose. If you will look into I Peter 5:5 you will see, "Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble."

I mentioned awhile ago that not everyone can take things like other people. I remember visiting an old woman sometime ago. She is dead now, so she won't know what I'm saying. Trust me, what she told me, I just took it and said, "Thank you." I loved her until she died. I didn't hold anything against her. It was just her way, but not everyone will take things like others. That is when I needed to exercise who I was and what I professed to have, because if I had retaliated on her, all two of us would have been alike.

GOD'S GRACE EMPOWERS US

God's grace empowers us to do some things for the Lord. Thank God for His grace. The Apostle Paul was a great man. I preach about him all the time. I like to read and study about Paul. If you would read what Paul went through, I don't think any of us will ever go through what he went through. One of the things he mentioned was false brethren. On top of all of the things he went through—nakedness, peril, hunger, thirst, robbers, etc., he had the care of all the churches; but he said, "None of these things move me." Let me tell you a little secret, "Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them." "O, I'm not going back there. He didn't shake my hand." That kind of person needs salvation. Salvation changes your life. It gives you something to stand and live on. Don't worry if no one wants to shake your hand. Go on about your business. If he doesn't want to shake my hand, I'm going on. I have my life to live. I'm not going to lose any sleep over that. "Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them."

The Apostle Paul said in I Corinthians 3:10, 11, "According to the grace of God which is given unto me,

as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." Anyone these days can blow his mouth, put a Bible under his arm and get a following, and get a big pile of money. That is common. It takes the grace of God to live a life for the Lord that is pleasing to Him. It takes the grace of God to keep us from fornication and adultery, to keep our hands off what belongs to someone else. It takes more than talking.

GOD'S GRACE IS SUFFICIENT

God's grace is sufficient. Paul had an affliction one time. He called it the messenger of Satan to buffet him. He asked the Lord three times to remove it from him, but he heard the Lord say, "My grace is sufficient for thee [O that is easy to say!]: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong." What Paul was saying was, "Lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh [something to teach me some things]." When someone is going to work in the kingdom of God and becomes filled with pride, he is losing the blessing. People who let ability go to their heads are already losing it. It doesn't work that way. What you have you received from God. Give Him glory. Use it to His glory.

The 46th Psalm assures us that we are not alone. Do you remember Sis. Messy? She used to sing, "No, Never Alone," all the time. Some people say they are bored. Bored? Let me tell you, Friends, there is a lot to do. If you get bored, go on your knees and commune with God. Invoke His presence in your room. Lock up from everyone else. "The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge." When God called Moses to lead His people, He said, "My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest." So God is with us, Friends. "The God of Jacob is our refuge." God told Joshua, "As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. ... Only be thou strong and very courageous." God was with the young man Joseph when someone tried to trip him up. He was a young man. The Bible says that God was with Joseph. Do you know why? Because Joseph was with God. We do not live any old kind of life and expect to get what we desire from the Lord. We must live for the Lord according to our ability and knowledge, and the best we know how. The Lord is with us.

CONCLUSION

Finally, "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee [Have you ever been there?]; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee." "Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, ... The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.”

We need to be thankful to the Lord this morning. We want a good convention. We all talk about having a successful convention. Let God come down in our midst. Come and ask God to free you of whatever you have in your heart or mind. Give it to Him. Let it go, and let Him rule and reign in your heart, for He is here. We are going to sing a closing hymn. My Beloved Friends, if you want to get closer to God and do more for Him, let go of whatever you need to let go. †



Dear Young People,

This month our space is short and I have two articles I want to share. The first is from the Young People's service during the Cayman Convention. Next is a chapter from Bro. Orr's book. I trust these will be a blessing to you. Please keep serving the Lord and live for His glory!

Bro. Greg Tyler

During the Church of God convention in November 2011, the young people of the local congregation were in charge of the 2:30 service on Sunday afternoon. Lord willing, we will include the speaker's thoughts in upcoming issues. This month we will like to share the opening remarks by the chairperson, Sis. Teresa Bowen. The subject of the service was, "Lift Up a Standard for the People."

"Imagine living in a society where there are no laws, no rules, no moral codes, no standards; where people are free to do and live as they please. Knowing and understanding nature, what kind of a society would we have today? It would be catastrophic, disastrous, and chaotic. *Standards* are simply a set of guidelines to live by. They are necessary in just about every facet of life—homes, workplaces, schools, etc. Then what of the Church of God, the greatest institution on the face of this earth? Charles W. Naylor wrote, 'Divinely built, divinely ruled, To God she doth submit; His will her law, his truth her guide, Her path is glory-lit.' If there's an institution on earth that should have high standards, it is the Church of the living God. It is our desire this afternoon to inspire each believer to lift up the standards for the people to see—in our homes—at our workplaces—that they may see that God still has a people who are endeavoring to live for truth in this time world.

"The Church doesn't need gimmicks, games, or entertainment to attract people. It needs biblical truth preached and taught and live consistently.

"The great challenge the church faces today is not from without but deep erosion from within. It is not what other religions are doing, but rather, our own who are failing to embrace the truth and the Bible standard of the Church.

"During the time of Jesus' ministry, we read where many became offended at Him and went back because of the gospel He preached. Though Jesus lamented their loss, you'll never find a verse in the Bible where He changed the message to retain them or to gain their number.

"It is unfortunate that many professing Christians only associate the Church's standards with dress. Though it is a vital part of our presentation of Christianity to the world, the standards go much deeper than that. It relates to our conduct, our relationships, the way we treat other people, etc.

"We live in a world of fashion and glitter, but modesty is still God's standard of dress for His people. No matter how many people try to lower it or teach that it is irrelevant, modesty is still the standard of the Church of God." †

Helps for Young Christians

By the late C. E. Orr

VICTORY

When you are forgotten or neglected, or purposely set at naught, and you smile inwardly, glorying in the insult or the oversight, because thereby counted worthy to suffer with Christ—that is victory.

When your good is evil spoken of, when your wishes are crossed, your taste offended, your advice disregarded, your opinions ridiculed, and you take it all in patient, loving silence—that is victory.

When you are content with any food, any raiment, any climate, any society, any solitude, any interruption by the will of God—that is victory.

When you can lovingly and patiently bear with any disorder, any irregularity, any unpunctuality, or any annoyance—that is victory.

When you can stand face to face with waste, folly, extravagance, spiritual insensibility, and endure it all as Jesus endured it—that is victory.

When you never care to refer to yourself in conversation or to record your own good works, or to itch after commendation, when you can truly love to be unknown—that is victory.

When, like Paul, you can throw all your suffering on Jesus, thus converting it into a means of knowing His overcoming grace, and can say from a surrendered heart, "Most gladly therefore do I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake"—that is victory (II Corinthians 12:9, 10).

When death and life are both alike to you through Christ, and to do His perfect will, you delight not more in one than the other—that is victory, for, through him, you may become able to say, "Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life or by death" (Philippians 1:20). "Death is swallowed up in victory" (I Corinthians 15:54).

The perfect victory is to "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" and thus to triumph over one's self (Romans 13:14).

"In all things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us" (Romans 8:37). †

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