

Words in Season

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Think of...

Stepping on shore, and finding it
Heaven.

Of taking hold of a hand, and
finding it God's hand.

Of breathing a new air, and find-
ing it celestial air.

Of feeling invigorated, and find-
ing it immortality.

Of passing from storm and tem-
pest to an unbroken calm.

Of waking up, and finding it
Home.

—Anon.

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New Haven, Conn.—R. Cappiello is being encouraged in his work among the Italians in this district; some have been saved. Our brother would value prayer that his efforts may be fruitful.

Springfield, W. Va.—Our brethren Clay Fite and W. Fisher Hunter have their tent pitched in this community, and are much encouraged by the attendance. Some seem concerned, and are attending the meetings regularly.

North Reading, Mass.—J. T. Dickson is preaching the gospel under canvas in this place.

Burholme, Pa.—Bren. Bousfield and Paul Plubell are operating a tent here. Interest in the week-night meetings increases, with a growing interest in the children's meetings. They will value the prayers of the Lord's people in this effort.

Albuquerque, N. M.—Bro. C. G. Davis has commenced meetings, using a large chart on "The Kingdom of God" (1 Cor. 15:28). It is unique, and affords food for saint and sinner. It is Christ-exalting, and prayer is asked for the Lord's blessing.

Iowa.—O. G. Smith has his tent at Central City, south of Manchester; getting a good hearing. Louis Brandt and George Gould had the tent at Wadena.

Wisconsin.—Sam Hamilton and E. Jamison had a tent at Darien but moved it to Zenda.

Illinois.—Wm. Warke and Steve Mick had a tent at Hanover; one woman professed. They are now at Freeport, getting good attendance.

Massachusetts.—John Bernard is seeking, as he finds open doors in New England, to help fellow-believers and to preach the gospel.

Los Angeles, Cal.—The Christians are encouraged by the interest in the meetings being held by Hector Alves and the local brethren of the Jefferson St. assembly in the gospel tent. One has professed to be saved.

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GATHERED GEMS

THAT man may last, but never lives
Who much receives, but nothing gives;
Whom none can love, whom none can thank,—
Creation's blot, creation's blank!

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*H*AS God withdrawn Himself from thee? There is a cause. What is it? If you cannot find it yourself pray the Lord to show you. Never rest satisfied without God's presence, for it is your winter fire and your summer sun; you may live without it, but you cannot be happy without it.

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God cannot act unkindly toward any of His people. No one could ever accuse Him of this; His nature being love, his dispensations must be kind, though they be trying, painful and most mysterious.

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Humility is the sweetest flower in God's garden, the greatest ornament that a Christian can wear, the best disposition that a saint can manifest; no day should pass without fervent prayer for humility.

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The greatest insult that we can offer to God is to prefer earthly things to Him, and yet this is the very thing that the most moral, harmless, amiable worldling is constantly doing; they worship and serve the creature instead of the Creator.

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If we can be ashamed of anything in heaven, it will be that we ever doubted the merit of Christ's blood, the love of His heart, the constancy of His care, or the truth of His Word.

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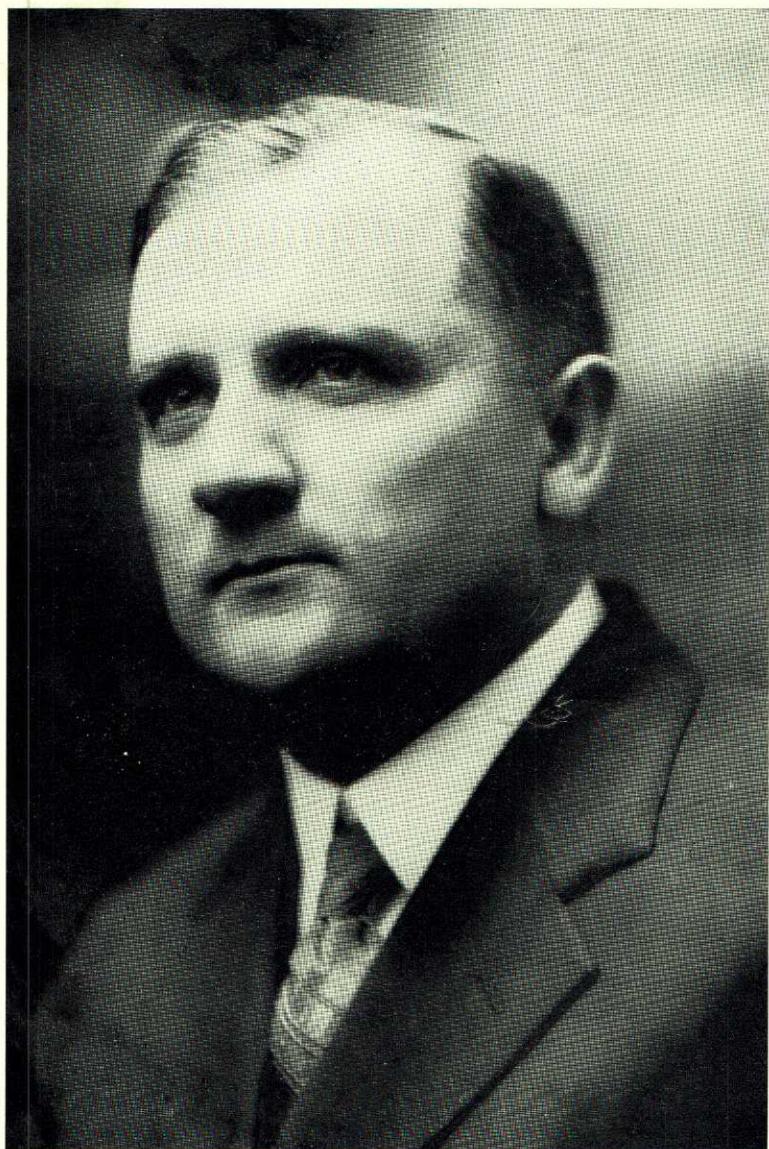
When earthly friends are farthest from us, then Christ is nearest to us. He sends the others away as Joseph did the Egyptians that He might make Himself known unto us.

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What is no temptation today may be a very powerful one tomorrow. Satan knows this, and therefore studies our bodies and minds daily, that He may adapt His temptations to us: he seldom tries an unlikely temptation.

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Our daily rule should be: to praise God for what we have received, to ask Him for what we need, and then trust Him for a supply because He has promised.



CHARLES R. KELLER
1882-1942

“READY FOR THE CALL”

WHEN the home call came to the Editor of Words in Season, Charles R. Keller. “He was ready.” Not only was he saved with a clear title to heaven through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, but he also was obedient to the revealed will of God found in the Bible, and actively engaged in the work of the Lord, endeavoring to spread the Name and the fame of the Saviour he loved. He had a good start in life, as his father and mother had been led to the Saviour a short time before his birth through the faithful preaching of Mr. John Smith, who was having meetings in Harrisburg, Pa., with the help of a younger man, Mr. Charles W. Ross. He was born July 14, 1882, and was named after Mr. Charles Ross; and as his parents were rejoicing in the knowledge of their sins forgiven, and were in possession of eternal life, their prayers, godly life, and testimony had its effect on his life, and character. He attended the Sunday School in the Gospel Hall, and sat under the faithful ministry of Wm. P. Douglas, Wm. Matthews, Dr. E. A. Martin and David Oliver, men of sterling character, who were noted for their devotion to the Lord and zeal for souls.

The seed sown in his heart lay dormant for years, but was sown in good soil, and was to bring forth fruit in later days. As he grew to manhood he drifted away from the Gospel Hall, and moved into the higher circles of worldly society; he lived a clean moral life, and did not fall into the sins of young men known as “Sowing their wild oats.” For some years he seemed to have no concern about his soul’s welfare, and his friends began to wonder if ever he would be saved. The year 1904 was to be a notable one in his life, for the Lord had plans to save his soul, and start him on a life of usefulness.

He made a trip to New York City, and during his visit attended the theater; one scene was the large stage as if afire, and a woman floating across, with only her head visible—which caused the thought to flash into his mind, “If I do not get my soul saved, that is the way I will spend my eternity in the Lake of Fire.” He returned to his home deeply troubled, and on his next social evening he saw the folly of it and said, “I am through with it.” During the week he was invited to a meeting for men only, to be held on the Sunday afternoon. The speaker was Evangelist Fred B. Williams. What was said that afternoon interested Charles so much that he returned to the Gospel meeting that night, and while Mr. Williams was speaking he received the Lord Jesus Christ to be his Saviour, and received the assurance for himself, through Romans 5:1. This took place February 28, 1904. A great change was made in his life; he made a clean cut from his worldly friends, companions, and pleasures, came out boldly for Christ, became a devoted follower of the Lord Jesus, a faithful witness, and an active servant; he obeyed the instructions in the Bible, was baptized by immersion in the river by Mr. Wm. H. Hunter on July 10, 1904, and identified himself with the Christians gathered to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Matt. 18:20.

He was saved at a favorable time, as the Lord had saved some other young men and women who were in the assembly and real active in the Gospel. That same year a tent was operated in Harrisburg by Mr. Wm.

Hunter, with the help of local men. Charles entered heartily into the work with others, visiting homes with tracts and invitations to the meetings. This started him in a work he loved and continued in every summer for 38 years, during which he visited thousands of homes, and gave away millions of Gospel tracts.

He was a diligent reader of the Word of God, a faithful attendant at the meetings, and soon developed a love for souls and a gift for preaching.

On one of his business trips he rented a house on the side of the mountain near Burnham, Penna., and began meetings. The people came in, and God began to save souls. This caused him to send for his brother to come to help. Though they both continued at their daily employment, they came to Lewistown every Sunday until an assembly was formed there which goes on until this day; they own their own hall, and have a Sunday School that fills the hall every Sunday. These two brothers continued to labor together for 20 years, and God blessed their labors. They spent most of their lives doing pioneer work in new fields where none had ever labored before; their meetings were always well attended and fruitful, because they did daily house-to-house visiting with Gospel tracts. Through their united labors more than a dozen new assemblies were formed in eleven states. After this long period of service, the Lord separated them, sending one to the far West to labor in the wide untrdden fields there, and Charles was left to do another work in the East.

Dr. E. A. Martin saw that his days of service on earth were drawing to a close, so persuaded Charles to take over the work of editing Words in Season, the magazine that has been such a help to God's people for so many years. He did his work well, at first assisted by his amiable and helpful wife, whom the Lord called to heaven in November, 1939, after which he was left to go on alone.

Along with this he took up a very necessary work, not much practiced today—training of young men to be useful servants of the Lord. He took a young man with him, taught him the art of soul-winning, showed him by practice the benefits of house-to-house visiting, giving him the benefit of his years of experience. After he had them along as far as he was able, he would take up another one. This took patience and grace on his part, but he loved to help others. All these labors took a heavy toll of his strength, and last year he had a breakdown in health and thought the time of his home call would come, but the Lord spared him another year. Through care and help, he recovered much of his former strength, and as he felt well, he sought to enter into the work with his former zeal, and did not realize he was near the glory.

God was pleased to give him a good end to a godly, useful life. The last three months he attended two conferences, and had some meetings for believers. Word has come from these places telling how refreshing his ministry was. He was at the opening of a hall in Frostburg, Md., and had a month of Gospel meetings with another preacher. The Lord gave them some souls to

Christ. His last address to believers was in 86th and Bishop St. Gospel Hall, Chicago.

Oh, that they were wise!

Deut. 32:29—Wise as to Salvation

Luke 12:42—Wise as a Steward

1 Cor. 3:10—Wise as a Master Builder

Prov. 11:30—Wise as a Soul Winner

The words he spoke were a real inspiration and encouragement to those who heard him.

His last service was to ship the Gospel tent to Philadelphia, planning to operate it there during the summer. The last Lord's day was spent with the assembly of believers in the west Philadelphia Gospel Hall, where his last Gospel address was given, Num. 23:19. Hath He spoken, and shall He not make it good? Ezek. 22:14. I the Lord have spoken it, and will do it, Isa. 49:24. Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered?

Monday morning he rose early, to go to the ground where the tent was to be erected; and while sitting in a chair doing needed things, the call came—his head fell on his shoulder and he was with the Lord. The Lord gave him a triumphant entrance into heaven—not a death bed, with a few to shed tears and hear a few last words, but three months of refreshing ministry to many of the Lord's people, and a few souls won to the Lord in his last days, and then away without a goodbye to anyone. No sickness, no sadness, no dread, and no crying; what could have been more glorious than such an end? And "All is well."

A large company of believers from the Philadelphia and other assemblies, together with sixteen of the Lord's servants, attended the funeral services conducted by brethren William P. Douglas and Joseph T. Pearson. He was laid to rest in the Northwood Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pa., with the body of his wife to await the resurrection of the just.

God has had the glory,
Christ has had the gain;
The servant who loved Him
Was taken without pain.

We too shall go to Him,
Lord hasten that bright day,
When the light of Thy presence
Shall turn night into day.

MEN WHO COULD SAY "NO"

Charles R. Keller

Psalm 1:1-6

PLEASE notice in connection with this Psalm that it first could be applied to our blessed Lord. He was One that walked not in the counsel of the ungodly nor stood in the way of sinners nor sat in the seat of the scornful. But there are also two classes of people spoken of in this Psalm. There are those that are righteous, "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly"; and the other is the ungodly sinner, "The ungodly are not so; but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away." Chaff is good evidence of people being ungodly. The wind can drive it any way, and it can blow them very easily into a dance or picture show, but a child of God is a stone and it is not so easy to blow a stone into a dance or into a picture show.

In connection with this righteous man there are two things that are said about him: He had a positive righteousness and a negative righteousness. Every child of God should have these two kinds of righteousness—positive and negative. In the Scriptures there are things that a child of God can say "yes" to, but there are things in the Word of God that the child of God is supposed to, and should, say "no" to. NO. God wants today in the world men and women of certainty.

We have illustrations in the Scriptures of men and women of certainty. A Christian doesn't amount to very much unless he is a man or woman of certainty, who can say "yes" and who can also say at times, by the grace of God, "no." We have a good many "yes" Christians today, and you hear a great deal about "yes" men and women, and they say "yes" to everything that is put before them. Did you ever see a Christian like that? You know, there are times in the life of every Christian when they should say "no."

I want you to notice a few cases in the Word of God of men that had the courage at some time or other in their lives to say "no." There is the man Daniel, and he said "no," and you know who he said it to? He said it to the people that were in authority in that day, that is, they were men of power. They couldn't get a thing on Daniel. It is nice when Christians live like that in the world. Joseph also was a case like that. The world couldn't get a thing on them as far as their lives were concerned. The world might have thrown mud at them, but when the sun dries mud it drops off and doesn't amount to anything. It is a good thing when a child of God has a clean life and the world cannot point their finger at them. Sometimes a child of God has to suffer. Has there ever been a time in your life when there was a cloud cast over you? And yet you knew that you were absolutely innocent and right? God says to suffer it: "Commit thy way

unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass. And He shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday" (Psalm 34:5-6). The noonday is when the sun shines the brightest, and if there is ever a time when you can see every speck of dirt it is when the sun shines the brightest. There will be a time when thy righteousness shall be brought to light as the noonday sun. We can afford to wait if we are absolutely innocent under a charge. They had nothing against Daniel, and the only way they could get something against him was to pass a law; but did he say "no" to prayer? He was accustomed to praying his petition to the King of kings and Lord of lords. He knew that law was passed, and he as usual opened his windows and prayed to God, and was cast into the den of lions for it, but God delivered him out of it.

Has the devil ever told you to give up prayer? Have you given up prayer? You may have some loved ones and they are not saved; there might be unconverted children, husband or wife; it might be those Sunday School scholars, and perhaps you have reached the point where after having pleaded with God and wept over those souls, your hands were hanging down and you have reached the point where you are about to give up praying for them. Don't do it. God still hears and answers prayer. I know of individuals who were honest in prayer, and those souls never saw their prayers answered and they died and went to be with the Lord Jesus forever, but God did what looked like the impossible—He came in and saved, after they went to heaven, souls they had prayed earnestly for while on earth. The devil comes around and says, "Give up prayer," but you just say "No, I am not going to give up prayer."

There was another man, and he was able to say "no" also; his name was Abraham. He had a great victory. That is when the devil will attack you. Sometimes assemblies see a good work done and they are happy and rejoicing and are off their guard, and that is when the devil comes around and takes advantage of them. Abraham was blessed with victory. What took place? The king of Sodom came around, but Abraham had the courage to say "no" to him. He said, "That I will not take from a thread even to a shoelatchet, and that I will not take any thing that is thine, lest thou say, I have made Abram rich" (Gen. 14:23). Just previous to that God had told Abraham, "Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth" (Gen. 14:19). Abraham was linked up with the One that was possessor of heaven and earth. No wonder he was able to say "no." Dear child of God, everyone of us are linked up with the possessor of heaven and earth. Why should we go down and take from the world? We should have the courage to say "no."

We have another illustration of a man who said "no" and he was Joseph. He said "no" to sin. The shattered lives and ship-

wrecks among us, young men and women and others as well, are those that when that sin came across their path, they didn't have the courage to say "no." We have an instance in the Word of God of three individuals, and they wouldn't bow to gold. They were Shadrach, Meschach, and Abednego.

God is not getting what is coming to him from many Christians. I believe that if we don't give God His portion some way or other, God will take it away from us. The king put up an image of gold, and if the people wouldn't bow to the image of gold, they would suffer for it. But these three men had the courage to say "no" actually to a king. They told the king that their God was able to deliver them, and He did deliver them.

Then there were the 1,000 men in Elijah's day, and they had the courage to say "no" to the world's religion. I wonder if you have that courage? There are two things in the world today—assemblies gathered to the blessed name of the Lord Jesus, and Babylon the Great, and God doesn't want His people to tamper with the latter. He wants His people to say "no." You be very careful what comes over the radio, or you will be captivated by some of these men, and you will be sending them money because, "they give good addresses." Assemblies are altogether different. There is a man in Pennsylvania who said that the reason he was in the assembly was because it was just a little better than the churches. God pity him. We are in the assembly of God because it is in God's holy, precious Word. James Brooks of the Presbyterian church in St. Louis said, when looking into eternity, "I sacrificed the truth of God looking at the failure among the brethren." And there are many like him. Remember, it is God's truth, and we have Scripture for what we do. What put us in the assembly? God's Word. What caused us to be baptized? God's Word. Why is it that our sisters don't take part in the assembly? What put them in that place? God's Word.

Look now—the Word of God can be displaced. I was in the West last winter, and they had their women's meetings. They cannot find it in the Bible! And they take up collections at these women's meetings and they send it out to preachers. They cannot find it in the Word of God. Then at these meetings there is one woman who does the preaching, and they said, "She can preach better than the preachers preach." It wouldn't take much to get ahead of us sometimes, but look, what is she doing? Displacing the Word of God. When people bring in an organ, you don't find it in the Bible; they have to displace the Word of God. When they say that baptism is immaterial, what do they do? Displace the Word of God. Oh, that God's holy, precious Word would be given a place until our blessed Lord Jesus Christ comes to take us home to be with Himself forever.

Moses refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. Here is the negative righteousness. The only thing that is right

in the world is the Bible, and things are not right in the world at the present time. There are a lot of things wrong, and the Word of God contains things that if they were done in the world, the world would be all right. Is Hitler, Roosevelt or Churchill going to make the world all right? No. There is no such a thing as prophecy in this age. It has to do with after the Lord comes. This is the age when the gospel is going forth and souls should be reached and saved and God's people seeking to reach out after souls. The devil is in the wrong place. He is in heaven and should be in hell. The world will never be right until the devil is in his right place. Christ is the King, and the Word of God has said, "I have set my king in the holy hill of Zion." But at present He is out of place:

"Our Lord is now rejected, and by the world disowned,
By the many still neglected, and by the few enthroned;
But soon He'll come in glory! The hour is drawing nigh,
For the crowning day is coming by and by."

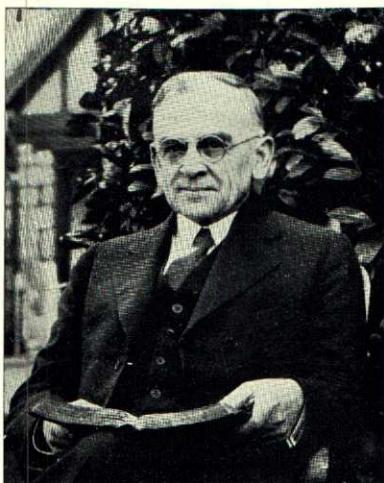
The world will never be right until He is in His right place. The Jews are in the wrong place. Their place is over in Palestine, and the world will never be right until they are there. The Christians are out of place, too. We sometimes sing:

"I'm but a stranger here; heaven is my home!
Earth is a desert drear; heaven is my home!
Danger and sorrow stand round me on every hand;
Heaven is my fatherland, heaven is my home!"

We are pilgrims and strangers passing through this world. It is a bad thing when a Christian gets to the point where he is absolutely at home in the world. Soon we will be with Christ and will be in God's presence, "and fall at His feet and the story repeat, and the lover of sinners adore." The Christian is out of place. Things will never be right until the Christian gets in his true place.

May the Lord bless His Word.

Meditation on the Word of God is the chief means of our growth in grace; without this even prayer itself will be little better than an empty form. Meditation nourishes faith, and faith and prayer are the keys which unlock the hidden treasures of the Word.



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A REAL CONVERSION TO GOD

THE first impression of a lasting and spiritual character that was made on my mind and heart took place at a very early age, when my mother took me with her to the city market. As the crowd of people that were there was large, I held firmly to my mother's dress to keep from being separated from her and lost in the crowd. As we passed from one market house to the other, we came upon a very large man who had an armful of printed bills that he was giving to the people as they passed by, and with a powerful voice warned them that the Lord Jesus was actually and visibly coming back to earth the following year; that he himself was going to Russia to save the people there. This did not seem to alarm the people for they said the man was going to Russia to save his own life, for if the Lord Jesus did not come the people would slay this man; but the seed was sown in my mind that Jesus would come and I was not ready. This impression was deepened some time later as I sat in a Gospel meeting in the Gospel Hall over that same market house. The hall was long and narrow, the platform was small and high, the preacher was tall and thin, with a voice like thunder, but on this day he spoke tenderly and earnestly, for he was telling of the sufferings of the Lord Jesus when He was hanging on the cross between two thieves and dying to make it possible for sinners to be saved; for He put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

It made my heart go out to the Lord Jesus and my desire was to know Him as my Saviour, but the days rolled along until seven years had passed since the time I had seen the man in the market place, when a paper for young people fell into my hands; and as I read it, horror and dismay filled

my mind as it told of a professor in Yale College predicting that the Lord Jesus was sure to come in the month of May in the coming year. This kept me in a state of turmoil until that month had passed and the Lord had not appeared. Two years passed by and the time had now come for me to be saved, as serious thoughts about this important matter filled my mind all day long.

About this time a servant of the Lord came to our city and lived in our home during his visit. He held meetings in the homes of the Christians but I did not attend them. One night, on my way to bed, I paused at his door, raised my hand to knock and ask how it would be possible for me to be saved, when the thought came to me that this would lead to being asked daily if I was saved, so the opportunity passed, but a Bible was carried to my bed room and hid under the mattress, to conceal the interest that was in my heart. The soul trouble increased daily until work, meals and sleep were weariness to me; my heart longed for deliverance and rest.

Coming home from work this night and having my supper, a brief period was spent wandering from one part of the house to the other until the burden became unbearable, and my bed room seemed to be the only place to find some sort of a haven. The door was locked, the Bible was taken from under the mattress, laid upon the bed, opened at John 3:16: "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." This was read slowly and earnestly, and the thought had been in my mind for many years that some change of feelings was the proof of salvation; and my cry was, "I do believe but I do not feel anything," as there was now a real desire to have the matter settled and have salvation. The verse was read again with more earnestness with the same result and the same cry of deep despair. Having been taught that "If at first you do not succeed try, try again," the verse was read the third time with a more blessed ending, for on the former reading of the verse the word "believing" and the thought of feeling occupied my mind; now the words, "Believing in Him," and the thought of the Lord Jesus suffering and dying for me on the cross came clearly to my mind. This led me to say, "Lord, I will not wait for happy feelings, but take the Lord Jesus to be my Saviour," and the matter was settled. So I arose from the bed, knelt by its side and said, "O God, I thank Thee for giving Thy Son to die for me and I thank Thee for saving me." My firm resolve was not to tell any person of what had taken place, but let them see it for themselves and, leaving the home without speaking to anyone, I went down the street saying to myself, "I do not feel any different but I am saved alright." When meeting another person who also was in soul trouble, the words came from my mouth, "I am saved"; then

that verse Romans 10:9 became real to me, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead thou shalt be saved." And with this the joy of God filled my heart and my mouth with singing, for over and over many times I sang:

'I do believe, I now believe, that Jesus died for me
That on the cross He shed His blood
From sin to set me free."

Old things now passed away, all things became new, joy and gladness filled my days as the Lord became very real to me; the light that was within kept shining out to confirm the testimony of the lips and the change was manifest to all.

Many years have passed since that night and Jesus has become more precious as the days go by. May the Lord enable those who read this to cast their all at the feet of the Lord Jesus, trust in His precious blood, and they too will be delivered from the penalty of their sins and the wrath to come.

THE LAND I LOVE

*M*Y heart is bounding onward,
Home to the land I love;
Its distant vales and mountains
My wishful passions move:
Fain would my thirsting spirit
Its living freshness breathe,
And wearied steps find resting
Its hallowed shades beneath.

No soil of nature's evil,
No touch of man's rude hand,
Shall e'er disturb around us
That bright and peaceful land.
The charms that woo our senses
Shall be as pure, as fair
For all, while stealing o'er us,
Shall tell of Jesus there.

What light, when all its beaming
Shall own Him as its Sun!
What music, when its breathing
Shall bear His name along!
No pause, no change, those pleasures
Shall ever seek to know:
The draught that lulls our thirsting
But wakes that thirst anew.

—J. G. Bellett.

THE BELIEVER'S ATTITUDE

towards a Church of God in these last days of difficulties, trials, persecutions from within, etc.

W. J. Driller, Hastings, New Zealand

(Concluded)

TO THE Church is given two and only two visible ordinances (1 Cor. 11:1). Believers' "Baptism" and "Breaking of Bread." An Assembly of God will, in obedience to His Word, keep both and not ONE ONLY. The saints of God in it should seek His grace to give due regard to the observance of the ALL THINGS commanded by the Lord (Matt. 28:20) who declared "IF YE LOVE ME keep My commandments" (John 14:15, 21, 23). The pattern Assembly is described in Acts 2:42. After their salvation and baptism, they *continued steadfastly* in the Apostle's doctrine, the fellowship, the breaking of bread and the prayers. Into this FELLOWSHIP, not to the breaking of bread, the Apostle Paul was received on the testimony of Barnabas in Acts 9 and he was *with them*, coming in and going out and no mention is made whatever of the breaking of bread and why? It is the privilege of those *in* the fellowship of the Assembly.

How many have started well but have failed to *continue*, because in some cases, they have received anything but CHRIST-LIKE treatment, have absented themselves and eventually landed in men's religious systems. The Apostle Paul's exhortation to Timothy was "Take heed to thyself (self first) and to the DOCTRINE; *continue* in them for in so doing thou shalt both *save thyself* (self-preservation) and them that hear thee (i. e. the preservation of others)" 1 Tim. 4:16. Again in Heb. 12—"Make straight paths for thy feet." Then again in Rev. 3:11, "Hold fast that which thou hast (keeping His Word, not denying His Name, and keeping the Word of His patience —His coming again)." Let us not be deceived by the oft-repeated, unscriptural statement that there are no Assemblies of God today because the Church is in ruins. The epistle to Philadelphia in Rev. 3 proves that there will be Assemblies of a Philadelphian character when the Lord comes. They will have only a little strength and may be in numbers down to 2 or 3 (Matt. 18:20). God always has had and always will have a remnant in Corporate or Assembly Testimony when the Lord comes. To such He says, "*Hold fast till I come.*" How necessary, by His grace, in humility and dependence upon Himself, to **CONTINUE** and **HOLD FAST** when there is not only dreadful departure on every hand but also a very decided and often very bitter opposition to and persecution of those who for conscience sake towards God and in obedience to His Word are seeking to **CONTINUE** and to **HOLD FAST** to God's ways for His people. The Lord enable you and me to do so for His glory.

The Devil hates the truth of God that would gather saints in Assembly fellowship (Acts 2:42) unto the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ (Matt. 18:20) and separate them UNTO HIMSELF (our Lord Jesus Christ, Heb. 13:13) from every unequal yoke (2 Cor. 6) and thus from the Devil's Masterpiece, the False Bride, Babylon, the religious systems of men, all around. When these Divine "Truths" are preached or written for the spiritual preservation and welfare of the people of God, the Devil, Satan, soon finds a tool, and *preferably a child of God* to whittle away the truth of God and even to persecute God's messenger with God's message for God's people (Hag. 1:13). How sad then to be a CARNALLY MINDED, a WORLDLY MINDED (perhaps scholarly) or a SPIRITUALLY BLINDED (one whose light has become darkness, Matt. 6:23) BELIEVER who can thus be used by Satan.

It is recorded in Joshua concerning the generation that arose after the death of Joshua and the elders that outlived Joshua that they KNEW NOT the ways of the Lord. A generation HAS arisen in this our day who KNOW NOT the ways of the Lord but they THINK they do. They speak and write as if they do. What is the course in such a day as this? By His grace to CONTINUE in the doctrine and teaching of the Word (1 Tim. 4:16), *Hold fast His Word, don't deny His Name* by associating with any other name (Rev. 3:11) and to *make straight paths* for our feet (Heb. 12:13). May we not be overcome by what is abounding more and more on every hand, and may we not faint in the day of adversity (Prov. 24:10) when some are suffering for righteousness' sake, for obedience to His Word and perhaps even cast out of the Church like those who had GOD'S COMMENDATION for their life and testimony (3 John 10). Diotrephes' disciples, Diotrephes' followers, doing Diotrephes' work are not all dead yet. There may be those who are experiencing what David experienced when he said in 1 Sam. 26:19, "For they have *driven me out* this day from *abiding* (Heb. margin, *cleaving*) in the inheritance of the Lord." It may be some are afraid of speaking the Truth of God because of such action. Jer. 23:28 is God's encouragement to be faithful and how encouraging it is to know that in spite of all that Saul did against David, *God put David on the throne*. The Lord enable us then to CONTINUE and HOLD FAST more tenaciously as the days darken and become more difficult for "the PATH of the JUST is as the shining light that SHINETH MORE and MORE unto the PERFECT DAY" (Prov. 4:18) and the JUST are those who WALK in the WAYS of the Lord (Hos. 14:9). Our responsibility is to WALK and our God will see to the SHINING. Oh, to be thus shining brightly for Him till He come and if so shining it will NOT be, "Being ashamed before Him at His coming" (1 John 2:28).

POINTERS

By the late John Smith

Read Eph. 4:29-32, also 5:1-17

THREE are a few things I would like to point out, which I trust God will bless to our souls. First of all, it would not be out of place to remind ourselves of what we have in the first chapter of Ephesians—perhaps even further back than that, although the first chapter really goes further back than the time of their conversion.

In Acts 18 and 19 we have an account of the work of God, beginning at Ephesus. Paul made one short visit at Ephesus and he left them and then we find that Apollos came along. Apollos was zealous and, as far as he knew, he preached the Word of God. He knew only the baptism of John, but we read that he convinced the Jews that Jesus was the Christ. You remember how Aquila and Priscilla got hold of him and how they instructed him in the way of the Lord more perfectly. Then we find he went to Corinth.

In the beginning of chapter 19, we find that Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus, and finding certain disciples there (the fruit of Apollos' visit) he asked them if they had received the Holy Ghost since they had believed, and they replied, "We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost," or, as we have heard it explained many times, "We have not so much as heard whether the Holy Ghost be come." (Apollos could not have preached the baptism of John without the Holy Ghost.) Remember that word in John 7, "But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive." The Holy Ghost was given when the Lord Jesus was glorified.

Paul asked them to what were they baptized. They said, "Unto John's baptism." Paul said, "John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, etc." (Acts 19:4). "When they heard this, they were baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus" and the Apostle laid his hands on them and doubtless prayed for them. The Holy Ghost came upon them and they prophesied. Paul went into the synagogue and for three months preached the Word of God, that Jesus was Christ. Numbers got saved and they that believed not were hardened and spake evil of the Word of God, so the apostle withdrew from them and got into the school of one Tyrannus where for two years he continued, until all Asia heard the Word of God, and numbers were saved. There were things done in this place, which we do not read of being done in any other place (Acts 19:12). God's mighty power and grace was there, but the devil was not pleased. He is never pleased when God is working, whether amongst saints or sinners, and he will do his best to oppose in some way (see Acts 19:13-16). A little further down we read of many which

used curious arts; who brought their books into the market place and there made a great bonfire, etc., so mightily grew the Word of God and prevailed. Wouldn't we like to see a work of this kind being done, dear brethren and sisters? We have seen it when God came in and saved young men and young women who were very much addicted to novel reading and sporting news reading—that as soon as they were saved, they would take their novels and tie them up and dump them on the grate until all were burned. Some have said, "Is this not a loss? Could they not have been sold?" As Judas,—you remember what he said! But God does not want any dirty money, rest assured. He says, "Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord."

(To be continued, D. V.)

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There is gold in the rocks which fringe the Pass of the Splügen, gold even in the stones which mend the roads, but there is too little of it to be worth extracting. Alas, how like to many books and sermons! Not so the Scriptures: they are much fine gold; their very dust is precious.

When I See Jesus

I SHALL forget how the way oft was long,
Or that the tempest-waves beat high and strong.
All will be lost in one loud-swellung song,
When I see Jesus.



Sin will not then o'er its victim hold sway;
Sorrow must vanish and gloom pass away.
Darkness will melt into glorious day,
When I see Jesus.



Then, in the light of that heavenly place,
Wonderful thought! I shall gaze on His face.
There I shall know all His infinite grace,
When I see Jesus.



O, 'twill be sweet to be ever at rest
In the deep calm of His presence so blest.
Freed from the cares which so often oppress,
When I see Jesus.



"Fulness of joy" in the fair, better land;
"Pleasures for ever" at God's own right hand.
Clothed in the likeness of Christ I shall stand,
When I see Jesus.

WORDS IN SEASON

West Sidney, Me.—Hugh Thorpe writes that there is a small assembly here, with a nice Sunday School, and gospel meeting on the Lord's Day evening. He is having gospel meetings in the various farm houses in the vicinity.

CANADA

Nova Scotia Province.—The conference at Pugwash Junction was very good, although not quite as large as last year. Ten of the Lord's servants were present to minister the Word. One professed to be saved, and three were baptized. W. N. Brennan and J. McCracken have a wooden tent at Scotsburn, a country place about 16 miles from New Glasgow. L. K. McIlwain has his wooden tent at Conquerall Bank, and is encouraged by the attendance at the meetings.

New Brunswick Province.—Archie Stewart and R. McCracken, Jr., have a wooden tent at Salisbury. I. McMullen has his tent up at Williamsburg.

Saskatchewan Province.—The annual conference at Taylorside was not as large as usual, but the Lord was with us. Those who ministered were G. Smith, D. R. Scott, W. Fairfield, C. H. Willoughby and G. Thompson. The Mervin-Louisville conference was a time of blessing. Bren. Scott, Smith, Willoughby and Fairfield ministered the Word. George Thompson had three-weeks meeting at Esk, and the Lord was pleased to add His blessing.

Carbon, Alta.—The little assembly here enjoyed a visit from D. R. Scott, and later from C. H. Willoughby.

Ontario Province.—Bren. Widdifield and Paul have been encouraged by the attendance in the tent at Englehart, and hope to see God's hand in blessing. G. P. Taylor has a tent at Tamworth, and plods on alone. Attendance and interest are good. Bren. Fletcher and Robinson have had a good attendance in their tent in Weston, but have had the tent badly damaged, lights broken, and other damage by the enemy. A. Douglas has had a fairly good attendance at Leaside; one has professed in each tent. F. Watson and A. Joyce had two-weeks meeting in Port Arthur, seeking to preach the gospel as well as minister the Word to God's people. The attendance and interest were good. They also spent a few nights at Duluth. The meetings were appreciated by the Lord's people. G. Gould spent a week-end at Severn Bridge; his visit was a cheer to the saints. Bro. J. B. McMullen had a few nights with the Christians in Kitchener; his ministry was good.

Toronto.—The correspondent for the Highfield Rd. assembly is now Wm. Hamilton, No. 1 Howie Ave., Toronto, Ont. Robert Bruce had a few meetings at Sudbury, and also at French River, where there are a few Christians but no assembly.

FALLEN ASLEEP

Lyndonville, Vermont.—On July 14, Mrs. J. Laing passed into the presence of the Lord. Age 78. Saved 60 years ago in Nova Scotia, through meetings held by Mr. John Knox McEwen, J. White conducted the services.

Bangor, Ireland.—On March 24, Mrs. Letitia Watt (widow of the late Samuel Watt) passed into the presence of the Lord. Saved 50 years ago at meetings conducted by Bren. Watt and Jellie. A lover of hospitality. Four brethren took the funeral services.

Groton, Conn.—Mrs. Wm. Campbell fell asleep in Jesus, at her home in Ledyard, two weeks after her 70th birthday. Saved in Ballymena, Ireland, she knew the Lord for over 50 years, and after the assembly was planted here she was received into happy fellowship. Services were conducted by Mr. W. H. Hunter and Mr. David L. Jones.

Hamilton, Can.—On July 7, Mrs. Catherine Carter went to be with the Lord. Age 87. Born in England, our sister came to Canada, and for over 60 years was in fellowship with the Christians at Mac-Nab Gospel Hall. Bro. Robert McCrory spoke at the funeral, assisted by Bro. A. E. Thomas.

Pine Creek, Man., Can.—On July 16, Mrs. Gordon Stewart passed peacefully into the presence of the Lord whom she loved, age 47. Saved 11 years ago at meetings held by R. McCracken and H. Harris, and came into fellowship 7 years ago. A godly, happy-minded saint who loved to attend all the meetings.

Tarpon Springs, Fla.—On July 5, James Donaldson passed away very suddenly. Born in County Down, Ireland, 77 years ago. Saved at 17, he was in Pawtucket Assembly over 40 years; resided in Florida for the past 4 years. Brethren Bousfield and Dickson conducted the services.

Los Angeles, Cal.—On July 16, Miss Jane Frazer went home to be with the Lord. Age 72. Saved in Ireland at the age of 30 years, and in the assemblies ever since. In later years she was connected with the Jefferson St. Assembly, and bore a good testimony to the saving grace and keeping power of the One whom she loved. Funeral services were conducted by Hector Alves and Archie Muir.

Cleveland, Ohio.—On July 3, Mrs. D. L. Roy was called into the presence of the One she loved and served so long. Saved 47 years ago in Scotland. She was connected with the Addison Rd. Assembly for over 30 years. A good, godly, quiet woman who will be missed.

Barrington, N. J.—On Aug. 7, William Anderson departed to be with Christ. Age 80. Saved 45 years ago in Ireland, and in fellowship in 20th and Dickenson St. Assembly, Philadelphia, for many years. He was also in the Barrington, N. J., Assembly from its beginning. Brethren W. Bousfield and John Rankin took the services.

West Philadelphia, Pa.—On Aug. 10, Mrs. Elizabeth Suiter, widow of the late David Suiter, founder of Words in Season, went home to be with the Lord. Age 83. She was buried on August 13th. Funeral services were conducted by Mr. Benjamin Bradford.

CONFERENCES

New Bedford, Mass.—The assembly here purposes having a day of special meetings on Sept. 20th. Correspondent, David R. Simpson, 35 Plymouth St.

River Hebert East, N. S., Can.—God willing, the Christians expect to have their Annual Conference at the Canadian "Thanksgiving" time. For further information, write William Darling, River Hebert East, Nova Scotia.

Huntsville, Ont., Can.—The Annual Conference will (D. V.) be held in the Gospel Hall Sept. 18th, 19th and 20th, preceded by a prayer meeting on Thursday evening, Sept. 17th, at 7:30. Circulars later.

Omaha, Neb.—The conference will be held if the Lord wills on Oct. 10th and 11th, preceded by a prayer meeting Oct. 9th. Correspondence to J. P. Patterson, 2540 No. 48th Ave., Omaha, Neb.