



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.

Blessed ARE they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.
—REV. 22:14

Night Scenes In the Bible Jacob's Night at Bethel

The scripture passage from which our scene is taken is Genesis 28th chapter. It would be well to read this whole chapter as well as the preceding one to learn what is recorded concerning the topic to be discussed.

The journey upon which Jacob went forth from his father's home in Beersheba was both perilous and long. He must go without a guide and he must start without delay. He had provoked his wild brother Esau to anger and his life was no longer safe in his father's tent. He must pass through a country where there was no law for the protection of travelers. Because he did not belong to the occupants of the land, he could not call on any chieftain or clan to protect him. To make the matter worse, Jacob himself was to blame for the quarrel between him and his brother. In the long journey before him he must have had the worst company a defenseless traveler can ever have, a guilty conscience. Bad weather, exposure, and scanty fare are quite enough to remind the weary wanderer of home; but besides all that a secret whisper that says I have brought all this upon myself by my wrong doing. Jacob was naturally a cautious and timid man. He had never, like his brother, sought the wild delight of traversing the mountains and desert with the hunter's tireless step. He had never learned to go hungry through the livelong day

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LOVE

"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." (I John 3:1)

Can any of us fully comprehend the great love of God in that He gave His only begotten Son as a redeemer

TREASURED VERSES

As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

St. John 15:9-14.

so that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have life everlasting; becoming God's sons and daughters and then heirs of eternal happiness.

St. John was deeply impressed, and the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th chapters of this epistle so clearly define the deep

spiritual meaning of Godly love.

St. John who was closely associated with Jesus and traveled with Him for several years witnessed the great love and compassion shown by Jesus to the poor and afflicted for he wrote, "For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another" (I John 3:11). Jesus not only spoke of love but truly showed it by the work performed. We also must prove our love for one another by works and deeds and not by words alone.

St. John further wrote in 4:7 and 8, "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God, and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love."

If this virtue, endowed upon us when we became His children, through repentance and baptism, is allowed to lose its fervor or as a talent is "wrapped up in a napkin and buried in the ground" and not exercised, our close contact with God will become endangered to the point that we will no longer truly know Him, because God is love.

"God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. (4:16)

All the redeemed of God wish to abide in Him, safely, under the protection of His almighty wing so that He will continue to love us, to bless us, to care for us, to watch over us every day of our life and finally to

bring us safely to yonder shore and the eternal realms of light. Oh, that His love will be so great that He will forgive us our failings from day to day, bury them in the sea of forgetfulness, and not remember them on resurrection day.

A true child of God should also be endowed with so much love toward one another that all offences, misunderstandings and failings of each other can be overlooked and forgiven.

"If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" (4:20)

A concerted effort should therefore be made, every day anew, to overcome all prejudices and to let love flow freely from heart to heart so that it can act as healing and refreshing waters soothing and reviving the souls of men.

Verse 21. Chapter 4, John wrote of the commandment that Jesus gave "That he who loveth God love his brother also." Every one should therefore strive to fulfill this commandment of the Lord.—**Al Fisher.**

The Silver Lining Staff wishes to express their deepest sympathy to the Fred Metzger family of Lester, Iowa, and to the Herman Stichling family of Princeville, Illinois. May it be that Heaven will be drawn closer to those that are left behind as we must say good-bye here, but praise the Lord for the blessed hope of a reunion with our dear ones again. Here we must say good-night. But up there, soon we shall say good-morning where parting will never again be known.

NIGHT SCENES IN THE BIBLE

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or to lie upon the bare earth for a bed. He had been nourished from his earliest youth with the tenderness and indulgence of a doting mother's love and grew up a man of plain and peaceful life, preferring the quiet occupation of a herdsman to the hazards that Esau loved.

Human nature is apt to take to its opposites. We are drawn to one who possesses the qualities in which we feel ourselves most deficient. The

quiet and meditative old man, Isaac, was greatly taken with the reckless and self-reliant hardihood of his wild son, Esau. Jacob always appeared to a disadvantage in comparison to the dashing outspoken bearing of the wild man of the desert. His modesty was taken for meanness of spirit, his attention to the wants and feelings of others, as servility and cowardice. Jacob's services were all taken as a matter of course, because they were constant and faithful. Esau's services were received with gratitude and praise, because they were seldom bestowed and never could be relied on.

Strange as it may seem to us, Jacob lived the dependent life of a child with his parents until he was well along in years. He had little opportunity to cultivate the more noble, generous, and self-reliant traits of character. As we study his life and deeds, we see that through this lack he was in danger of becoming timid, cautious, crafty, and distrustful of others and not safe to be trusted himself. The way in which he had provoked his brother Esau shows that he had already gone a great way in the formation of such a character. He knew very well of the Divine promise that the inheritance and fulfillment of the covenant with Abraham should fall on him, and he should have been content to trust that immutable word without resorting to deceitful devices to secure and hasten its fulfillment. The timid supplanter had not faith enough to wait to let the Lord accomplish His end in His own way. Once on a time before when Esau came from his hunting, weary and faint, he said in his usual rash manner that he was at the point of death from hunger and must have food at any cost. Jacob artfully took him at his word and would relieve his hunger at once if he would give up to him his birthright. The reckless Esau cared little for a claim that would tie him down to his old father and so carelessly gave his oath that Jacob might have the birthright, if only he could eat and go back to his hunting. Alas, in our day many, even now with more light and instruction than Esau had, throw away health, character, life, and their souls' salvation

for a moment of gratification. Again we read when Isaac was old and blind, he desired to bestow his final blessing upon his favorite Esau and made arrangement with him to bring venison from the field and make savoury meat for him. This was overheard and cunningly defeated by Jacob and his mother. Taking advantage of the old man's blindness to draw from him the blessing intended for his brother Esau, Jacob by deception and lies sealed all with a kiss, not as a youth but a mature man. He did it to make sure of an inheritance which he knew had been promised him by God. However sacred and venerable became the name of Jacob in subsequent years, this mixture of deceit and devotion was wrong. A man who could do such things would have to have some strong discipline before he could become frank and straight-forward in his dealings with his fellow-men and truthful and upright toward God. It was of the Lord to bring such discipline upon Jacob as a consequence of his distrust and dishonorable actions.

Instead of establishing himself at once as the head of a rich and honorable family, Jacob was obliged to flee for his life with nothing but his staff in his hand. He must go on foot and alone four hundred and fifty miles. Going with such a prospect of danger and suffering before him, he must have left his father's home with a heavy heart. He starts out in the silence of the morning before the day, afraid to be alone and yet more afraid of such company as he is most likely to meet. Passing through the hollow places of the plain, he watches right and left, lest some robber should suddenly rush upon him from the higher ground. He takes the same path that his father traveled many years before when going with Abraham to be offered in sacrifice upon the mountain of Moriah. But he is far from having the peace and strength of Isaac's faith to comfort him on his journey. On the evening of the second or third day he finds himself in a solitary place some fifty miles from his father's home. The path before him leads up a wild rocky

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The Image of Gold in the Plain of Dura

Francesville, Ind.

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"Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was threescore (60) cubits, and the breadth thereof six (6) cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon. . . . To you it is commanded, O people, nations, and languages, that . . . ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up." (Dan. 3:1-5).

Symbolically BABYLON stands for CONFUSION not only in TONGUES, as at the tower of Babel, but for a confusion of the "TRUE and FALSE" in every field of human activity. Human activity may be divided into three (3) basic classes:

- 1) The POLITICAL, which has to do with government;
- 2) The RELIGIOUS, which has to do with worship;
- 3) The ECONOMIC, which has to do with making a living.

It is at least highly significant, if not indeed prophetic of "latter day" developments, as well as truly descriptive of man's ever "falling short" to attain a God approved level in his above mentioned, lawful activities, that the dimensions of this golden image were 60 cubits high and 6 cubits broad; which added gives us the number of 66. We find this number to be short one "6" to be the number of the BEAST of Revelation 13, which is stated to be the "Number of a Man" and his number is 666."

The number six then is symbolic of man's work, efforts, and attainments apart from God and the overruling and corrective influence of the Spirit of God in man's affairs. The number seven (7), on the other hand, is symbolic of God's perfect work and complete attainments and would He be allowed to rule in the affairs of man, the blessings of peace, security, and prosperity would universally abound. Thus six days under the law were man's days, in which he was to do his work, and foreshadowed the six millennial days of approximately 6000 years, in which man may work and

rule the earth in his own way and wisdom, with but an occasional restraining interference by a compassionate God,—lest man destroy the earth (Rev. 11:18) and himself before his six days are up. But the seventh millennial day of approximately 1000 years, is "THE LORD'S DAY" in which He will rule the nations, who could not rule themselves, in righteousness and with "quickness of understanding" (Isa. 11:1-5), and "brake them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." (Psa. 2:9).

The conquest of Jericho is a good example. The Israelites compassed the city daily for *six days* and nothing happened. But on the *seventh day* they compassed it *seven* times and God gave them a great victory. (Josh. 6). That the number seven has a significance of completeness and perfection in God's reckoning, is also evident from the Lord's answer to Peter: "How oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till *seven* times? . . . Until seventy times seven."

But man, left to himself, does not attain to *seven* in what he does, nor to seventy and seven (77), nor to 777; he ever falls short in his every human endeavor and wisdom, and wastes his effort in the defeat of the sixes, instead of obtaining the victory of God's sevens. It should be observed here, however, that whenever numbers are significant, "National Israel" is either in view or at least in the background, and God is dealing with them or in their behalf. At present "National Israel" is set aside, "times or seasons" of impending great events, "are not for us to know" and in this parenthetical, Gentile, boundless grace dispensation, even the basic Israelitish number of 12, so freely recognized by the Lord when sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel, now has no special significance. But not so with Israel. Even their Babylonian captivity, and Daniel was one of the captives,—lasted 70 years. (2 Chron. 36:21, Jer. 25:11-12, Dan. 9:2). In verse 24 Gabriel announced that 70 weeks (70 sevens of years)

are determined upon thy people to finish the transgression. . . . The Beast of Rev. 13 attains its full power and world-wide control in the midst of the last and yet unfulfilled of these 70 week years, for "power was given unto him to continue for 42 months (half of seven years) . . . over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations." (Verses 5 and 7). This last world-wide government will not receive its power and authority from God, as former governments did, (Rom. 13) including Nebuchadnezzar's (Dan. 4:17), but from "the Dragon."

Thus, under the stress and perplexity of continued political crises and economic emergencies, the governments, which are institutions of God, in the end time will be united by fear of the things to come upon the earth into a world government, of which Satan finally will get control. Only the knowledge and obedience of the TRUTH makes men free, but under the unmitigated Satanic directives of LIES, parading as the TRUTH, the ills and efforts of our sin-plighted race in all of its activities will quickly deteriorate into a hopeless CONFUSION, POLITICALLY, RELIGIOUSLY, and ECONOMICALLY. The enforced FALSE remedies everywhere, will bring about the unprecedented, convulsive suffering of the prophesied "GREAT TRIBULATION" and will end forever "Gentile Dominion" on this earth. This is the END, but let us get back to the BEGINNING of Gentile Dominion under King Nebuchadnezzar.

From the preceding chapter two it is evident that Daniel was made chief of the governors and ruler over all of Babylon, and his three Jewish friends Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, he set over the affairs of Babylon. With these men of God, of integrity and faith in the highest places of authority, Gentile Dominion promised a fair beginning. Governments being God's institutions, Satan, the adversary would not have them prosper. And he finds means to "weaken the nations." (Isa. 14:12). He soon stirred up the envious, flat-

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NEWS



Alabama

Bible study for the church out of Hillsboro was held starting Monday, July 5. There was good attendance. There were four classes. Brothers Henry Beer and Melvin Huber had the adults, Brother Robert Weyeneth had large teen-agers, Sister Kathryn Huber (Melvin's wife) the beginners. On Sunday, July 11 Brother Beer gave a good sermon. Each class had a part in a program. Visitors were in church from Fairbury, Illinois; they gave some good songs. Visitors from Fairbury were Mr. and Mrs. Eli Leman, Donald and Howard Leman, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lehman, Andrew Lehman, Jr., Virginia and Joyce Huber, Evelyn Maurer, Eleanor and Willard Walter, Lyman Feldman, Barbara Roth, and Evelyn, Arlene, and Alene Zimmerman.

Bluffton, Indiana

New arrivals in our community are Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Isch's daughter, born July 5, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stucky's son, born July 10.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lantz, widow of Gideon Lantz, passed away at the home of her son, Daniel, on Wednesday night, July 7. Surviving are the son, three grandchildren, and one brother, Joel. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 10, by Elder Sam Aeschliman.

On Sunday, July 11, we had many visitors from various congregations, among whom were Rev. and Mrs. William Furrer and family from Wolcott, Indiana, Rev. and Mrs. Irvin Stoller and family from Latty, Ohio, Rev. and Mrs. Otto Norr from Leo, Indiana, and many others from Milford, Leo, Wolcott, Indiana, Roanoke, Illinois, and Latty, Ohio. We enjoyed their visit very much and welcome them all back.

Announcement was made Sunday, July 18, of the engagement of Max Steffen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Steffen, to Eunice Kipfer, daughter of Mrs. Mary Kipfer.

Elder and Mrs. Sam Aeschliman spent Sunday, July 18, in Bremen and Milford, Indiana.

Mr. Robert Kaehr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kaehr, has left for Chicago, where he has enrolled in a course in interior decorating.

Miss Margaret Meyer, who recently underwent a major operation, has returned to her home from the hospital.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry Dotterer vacationed in Michigan.

Elder Samuel Aeschliman, Joel Maller, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Haab, and Mr. and Mrs. Joel Schaefer spent Sunday, July 25, in Mansfield, Ohio.

Rev. and Mrs. Forrest Ritzman from Akron, Ohio, visited in our community over the week-end of July 25. Evening services were conducted July 26 by Rev. Ritzman.

Mr. and Mrs. Obed Gerber, Mr. and Mrs. David Gerber, and Ben and Howard Habegger are visiting friends and relatives in the East.

Don Gerber, Richard Yergler, Truman Baumgartner, Richard Reineck, Glen and Jim Moser, and Robert Gerber spent Sunday, July 25, in Bremen, Indiana.

Alvin Fiechter and Bernice Frauhiger were united in marriage Sunday, Aug. 1st, by Elder Sam Aeschliman. A dinner and reception for relatives and friends was held after the wedding at the home of the bride's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Sam E. Kaehr.

We had many visitors Sunday, Aug. 1st, from Fairbury, Ill., among whom were Rev. and Mrs. Kaisner, Rev. and Mrs. Wiegand, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Feldman, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Leman, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Leman, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bechtold, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bechtold, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Steffen, and many others. We enjoyed their visit very much and welcome them all back.

Miss Sylvia Meyer from Elgin, Illinois, spent a few weeks in our community visiting her mother, Mrs. Sarah Meyer, and her many other relatives and friends.

Miss Norma Steffen spent several days visiting friends in Bay City, Mich.

Bremen, Indiana

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Klopfenstein, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Schini, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Zeltwanger and sons, Richard and Earl, Miss Carolyn Schumacher, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Germann, and Mrs. Ernest Germann attended the funeral services for Miss Benita Getz at Remington, July 3.

Visitors at church July 4 and 11 were Mary Hile of Monroe, Michigan, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Jenkins and Martha Bauman of Rittman, Ohio.

Many from our congregation were at Cissna Park, Illinois, July 18.

A large group of folks from Bluffton visited with us Sunday, July 25. There was a program given by the Bluffton and Bremen young people, followed by a basket lunch at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Laidig, Jr.

Burlington, Oklahoma

Mr. and Mrs. John Schrock returned home from a vacation in Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. George Miller, Kathryn and Erma, and Mrs. Anna Miller attended the funeral of Mrs. Ed Strom in Sabetha, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brown and daughter are vacationing in Sulphur Spring, Arkansas.

Mr. John Schupbach is spending a few weeks in Mineral Wells, Texas.

Mrs. Rosa Freiden and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Freiden spent a few days in Peoria, Illinois. Mrs. Rosa Freiden is staying with her daughter, Mrs. William Anliker of Peoria.

Mrs. Henry Hodel was in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Kisling are vacationing in Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Schurter and children are spending a few weeks with relatives in Elgin, Illinois.

Mr. George Miller was in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Somerhalder spent Sunday, July 18, in Harper, Kansas. Brother Somerhalder held services for the members in the Harper Church.

California

Elder and Mrs. David Mangold, their daughters, Ruth and Esther, and son, Charles, are spending ten

days at Alpine Villa in Altadena, California.

Impressive and inspiring baptismal services were held by Elder Mangold the past two Sundays at the Maywood church for Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Traub, Barbara Schrock, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Feucht, and Sam Feucht. This was indeed a blessed occasion for our little Maywood Church.

Elder Mangold and family were dinner guests at the John Dapper home in Maywood, Saturday evening. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Klotzle and family, Mr. and Mrs. William Schwartz and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Traub, Barbara and Lydia Schrock, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Feucht, Sam and Lydia Feucht, Vivian Leuthold, and others.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Haas from Elgin, Illinois, and Mr. Henry Baer from San Diego are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schwartz.

The Joseph Klotzle family will move into their new home within the next few weeks. It is nicely located among the mountains. We wish them much happiness in their new location.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kinsinger, who moved here recently from Peoria, Illinois, are building a new home in Alpine Villa, next door to the Joseph Klotzle family.

Mr. and Mrs. Si Bahler served an outdoor luncheon for our visiting elder and family and a group of friends.

Dale Dapper and Bill Witzig conducted a party of young folks, including Charles, Ruth, and Esther Mangold, on a hiking trip to the top of Mt. Lowe.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Feucht, Sr., daughter, Lydia, and Vivian Leuthold from Lester, Iowa, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Carl Feucht.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hild from Tulare, California, are spending the week end here with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. George Zimmer from South Bend, Indiana, and Mr. and Mrs. George Enly from Peoria, Illinois, were recent visitors here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Schlatter and family from Toledo, Ohio, spent several days in Altadena recently.

Mrs. Freda Ruehle, who has been quite sick for some time, was able to attend Sunday services.

Katherine Menold left Sunday evening for her home in Princeville, Illinois; her mother is seriously ill.

Services were held Tuesday evening by Elder Mangold in the new assembly room at Altadena. It was well attended.

Mrs. Joseph Traub just returned from a visit with her parents at Sabetha, Kansas. She attended her sister's wedding while there.

Barbara and Lydia Schrock, who are leaving Monday evening for their home in Elgin, Illinois, entertained 75 friends and visitors for dinner Saturday evening at the Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schwartz home.

Alpine Villa is being developed by Si Bahler and Wm. J. Conrad. They are adding several new small modern homes which will be open for reservations at 3316 N. Lake Ave., Altadena.

Croghan, New York

Visitors were: Elder George Yergler of La Crosse, Indiana; Elder and Mrs. Phil Aschliman, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gudeman of Cissna Park, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bauman of Rittman, Ohio; and Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Luginbuhl, Misses Gladis and Esther Luginbuhl, Margaret and Barbara Flickiger, Margaret Gerber, Helen, Clara, and Carl Lanz of Rockville, Connecticut.

Miss Anna Mathis and Mrs. Fred Snyder are in the Lewis County Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Virkler visited their parents this past week, Mr. and Mrs. William Virkler and Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Farney. Miss Bettie Farney returned home with them to Ithaca, New York.

Mrs. Barbara Farney is some improved at this writing, but is still unable to go out.

Misses Eunice, Louise, Sarah, Mabel and Paul Waibel were guests at Croghan and Castorland a couple days the last week of July.

Fairbury, Illinois

Miss Wilma Wenger from here and Frederick Fisher of Washington, Il-

linois, were married on Sunday, July 11, with Rev. Henry Kilgus officiating. After a trip through the Eastern states, the couple will make their home on a farm near Washington, Illinois.

Three cars of our Sunday School from the Bible Class spent from July 17 to July 21 in Alabama.

Earl, Melvin, and Miss Rozetta Gerber, Wilbur, Leon, and Miss Lavina Schneider, all from Rockville, Connecticut, visited friends and relatives here from July 8 to July 13.

Correction of Fairbury news in July issue: John Meister, who passed away on June 8, was 62 years old.

Fort Scott, Kansas

William Reber was been dismissed from the hospital. His condition is improved at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Sinn are the parents of a son, Thomas Marvin, born July 6.

Twin sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Banwart July 9. They have been named Donald Dean and Lonnie Gene.

Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Banwart, Marie and Pearl, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Banwart and Joan Elayne, Lamar, Missouri, visited relatives here Sunday evening, July 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Frieden, Janice and Timmy, and Mrs. Sarah Braker and Berniece, Lamar, Missouri, visited in Ft. Scott the afternoon of July 19.

Mrs. Alvin Avery has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Reber, for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kraft, Joan and Doris, Burlington, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Bates Meister and children, Girard, Kansas, visited here Saturday, July 24.

Visitors from out-of town Sunday, August 1, were Mr. and Mrs. John Brown and Millicent, Hazelton, Kansas, Mrs. Elias Somerhalder and Shirley, Sylvia Miller, Burlington, Oklahoma, Mrs. Rose Massner, Oakville, Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Banwart and Joan Elayne, and Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Banwart, Pearl Marie, Lamar, Missouri.

Francesville, Indiana

Three more young people have taken the Lord Jesus as their Saviour; they are Gene Getz, and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Wuethrich. Mrs. Wuethrich was formerly Marjean Gudeman.

Any boy or girl who thinks he or she is too young to believe in the Savior would have had these thoughts challenged at our monthly young people's meeting on July 3, on the theme of "Youth."

On June 22, Richard Gutwein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gutwein, underwent an operation.

Mrs. John Gudeman suffered a fracture of the right arm when she fell down the basement steps of her home June 23.

Mrs. Louis Huber attended services on July 11, after an absence of four months recovering from a serious illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Gutwein are the parents of a son, Gordon George, born July 3.

Miss Norman Lou Kahler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kahler, became the bride of Robert Pfladderer, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Pfladderer, June 26.

Mr. Philip Goettl, Sr., and Mr. Pete Urschel of Phoenix, Arizona, spent a few days visiting Gutweins and other friends.

On June 23, visitors were Rev. and Mrs. Al Scheitlan and Mr. and Mrs. Al Schmitgal and daughter, all of Elgin.

Rev. and Mrs. Mike Weyeneth of Peoria were visitors July 3.

On July 18, visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Clemens Wieland and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schlatter, and Miss Josephine Schlatter, all of Latty, Ohio.

Misses Minerva Wuethrich, Lois Leman of here, and Misses Amelia Scharlach and Lucille Knochel of Remington left July 21 on a two weeks motor trip through the Eastern states.

Bob Von Tobel and Bill Gudeman left on a motor trip through the Eastern states.

Lamar, Missouri

Mildred and Mary Ann Souder of West Bend spent two days of their

vacation with relatives here.

Alma Cordill of Chicago and Carol Jean Sinn of Ft. Scott, Kansas, spent two days with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Marti and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Frieden, Janice and Timmy, Mrs. Sarah Braker and Bernice spent the week end of July 18 with relatives and friends in Lamont and Gridley, Kansas. The Freidens attended the Fankhouser reunion at Lamont. Mrs. Freiden is the former Edna Fankhouser.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Banwart and Joan spent Sunday, July 25, in Ft. Scott, Kansas. They became acquainted with Donnie and Lonnie, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Banwart. Sylvia Miller of Burlington, Oklahoma, sister of Mrs. Arthur Banwart, was also there and came back with them to spend a few days.

We are hoping Mrs. Mary Schlupp will soon be able to attend church services again. She has improved enough to now be able to get around quite well on her crutches.

Leo (Grabill, Indiana)

Lena Lou Farney and Robert Reuter of Fort Wayne were united in marriage at the Apostolic Christian church of Wolcott, Indiana, on July 18. Elder George Yergler, of La-Crosse, Indiana, officiated. Quite a number of people from here attended. The newlyweds intend to make their future home in Fort Wayne.

Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Frautschi and daughters, Mary and Emily, Mrs. Philip Stevens and son, Edward, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stevens, Mrs. Thomas Grant and sons, Thomas and Franklin, and Willis Eisenman, all of Toledo, Ohio, attended services at the Leo Church and had dinner at the Herman Conrad home. Laura Conrad accompanied them home to spend several days in Toledo.

Grave side services for Sgt. Eugene Bahr were held at the Leo Cemetery on July 25.

Mr. and Mrs. William Klopfenstein, Jr., are the proud parents of a baby boy, John William.

Rev. and Mrs. Otto Norr, Mrs. Wm. Klopfenstein, Sr., Willis Ehnle, and Henry Souder, Jr., spent several days with the church in Alabama.

Lester, Iowa

Paul Metzger, 35, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Metzger, died July 1 at the Rock Rapids hospital after an illness of three days. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at one o'clock at the house and two o'clock at the Apostolic Christian church south of Lester. Rev. Henry Koehl of Morris, Minnesota, officiated, assisted by Rev. Paul Banwart of West Bend, Iowa.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry Mogler, Phil, Florence, and Marjorie, spent Sunday, July 25, at Morris, Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Leuthold are proud parents of a son, Larry Paul, born July 18.

Contractors are busy laying bricks for our new church. Work was slowed up some because of heavy rains.

Mansfield, Ohio

Miss Ruth Sabo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sabo, and Mr. Steve Domka, son of Mrs. Hazel Domka, were united in marriage Sunday, July 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery, Mrs. Susie Pamer, and Mrs. Stanick of Akron spent Sunday, July 11, visiting friends here.

A shower was given Friday evening, July 23, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beer for Mr. and Mrs. Steve Donka, who were married July 4, and Miss Helen Brumenshenkel and Mr. Richard Riggenback, who were married August 1. A goodly number attended.

Elder Sam Aeschliman and several others from Bluffton, Indiana, and Mr. and Mrs. I. Diehl of Burlington, Oklahoma, visited us on Sunday, July 25. Brother Aeschliman conducted services both morning and afternoon, which were enjoyed very much. In the afternoon we had baptismal services. Miss Anna Engwiler was received into our membership.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Farney of Kansas are spending several days with Mrs. Farney's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Oesch. Mr. and Mrs. Oesch will sail August 6 for Switzerland to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Oesch and Mr. and Mrs. William Sauder spent Sunday, July 18, in Alto, Michigan.

Morton, Illinois

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Kaiser are the parents of a baby boy, Fred Chris, born Thursday, July 15. The mother is the former Mathilda Koehl of Peoria, Illinois.

Harold Witzig, Robert Grimm, Ralph Roecker, and Marvin Getz arrived home July 17 after visiting in the East.

Baptismal services were conducted for Mrs. Mary Alt, Sunday, July 4, by Brother Schubert and Brother Rassi. Mrs. George Strunk was baptized Sunday, July 18.

Mr. H. O. Baier died suddenly July 3 and funeral services were held at the Morton Apostolic Christian Church July 5.

Oakville, Iowa

July 4, Rev. Norr and wife and their daughter Katherine and two of their grandchildren from Leo, Indiana, Mr. and Mrs. William Zeltwanger and two of their children (the twins) from Hancock, Minnesota, were visitors in our congregation. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Eisenmann and family (except David) went to the Remington, Indiana, congregation for the day and attended the Landes reunion the next day at Watseka, Illinois.

July 25, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wagenbach, Albert Wiegand, and Elizabeth Wiegand went to Peoria for the wedding and reception of their cousin. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Eisenmann, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Adams and son went to Peoria to visit relatives at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Rauhhaus. Rev. and Mrs. John Wagenbach, Mr. and Mrs. George Kuntz, and Mr. and Mrs. Orel Steiner went to Pulaski, Iowa, for the day.

August 1, young folks from Gridley, Illinois, Peoria, Illinois, and Princeville were here for the day. We enjoyed their being here and hope they can come again sometime. Rev. and Mrs. Albert Wutrich and Russel and one of their daughters were here for evening services.

Peoria, Illinois

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Unsiker of Portland, Oregon, visited relatives and friends here recently.

A new home is now under construction for Mr. and Mrs. Richard

Binkele on Fondulac Drive, East Peoria.

Rev. Michael Weyeneth, Roy Sauder, and others visited the Congerville Church July 11.

Miss Lydia Feucht of Peoria accompanied by Miss Vivian Leuthold of Princeville returned home July 20, after a four weeks' trip to Portland, Oregon, and Maywood, California.

Home for the week-end of July 25 was Wilbur Hoerr of Chicago, who visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hoerr.

Miss Betty Plattner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Plattner, became the bride of Richard Wiegand, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wiegand, on July 25. Many relatives and friends attended the ceremony which was performed by Elder Emil Schubert. After a short wedding trip, they will make their home on a farm near Peoria.

Princeville, Illinois

Rev. and Mrs. Otto Norr and Katherine of Leo, Indiana, spent the evening of July 4 with our congregation. Rev. Norr conducted evening services.

A number of members from Forrest and Fairbury, Illinois, visited our congregation Sunday, July 18. A blessed day was enjoyed with Rev. Joseph Kaisner and Rev. Alexander Stoller conducting the services.

We have quite a few in our community on the sick list the past few weeks. Mrs. Karl Koehler is slowly improving at her home, following an operation several weeks ago. Mr. Chris Musselmann is still confined to his home following an operation some time ago.

Mrs. Albert Menold was hospitalized a few days the first of the month. We are glad to report that she is improving and was able to attend church services Sunday, July 25. Her son, David, and daughter, Katherine, of California were called home July 4 because of her sudden illness. David has returned home, but Katherine will remain here with relatives for an indefinite visit.

Mrs. George Asal, who underwent an operation on her eye several weeks ago, is able to be out and attended church services again.

Mrs. Marie Martin has been confined to her home several weeks, but is reported improved at this writing.

Alvin Rumbold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Rumbold narrowly escaped serious injury July 2 when the tractor he was driving overturned, pinning him under it for some time. He was hospitalized several days, but is getting along nicely now.

Kenneth Lee Stichling, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Stichling, was accidentally killed July 17 when he fell beneath a disc drag his father was pulling with the tractor. He died immediately from crushing chest injuries. Funeral services were held July 20 with Rev. Frank Woertz of Goodfield officiating. Kenneth is survived by his parents, a brother, his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Stichling and Rev. and Mrs. Silas Leuthold, beside a host of other relatives and friends.

Miss Vivian Leuthold was called home from California because of the death of her nephew, Kenneth Stichling. She and Miss Lydia Feucht of Peoria, Illinois, have been visiting friends and relatives in Oregon and California the past four weeks.

Pulaski, Iowa

Rev. and Mrs. John Wagenbach, Ada, Edith, Dolores, Triesta, Rev. and Mrs. Chris Gerst, and Mr. and Mrs. Orel Steiner and family, Marjora Frank from Oakville, Iowa, spent Sunday, July 25, with us. We had a very blessed day. Supper was served at the Albert Wutrich home.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Unsicker visited in Pulaski at the Jacob and Harry Wagler homes July 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Dannie Endress and Freddie Lee from Princeville, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Moser, Oakville, Iowa, spent Sunday, July 4, with us.

Roanoke, Illinois

Among the proud parents in the month of July are: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hodel, who are the parents of a daughter named Beth Elaine; Mr. and Mrs. Willis Wutrich, who are the parents of a daughter named Lynn Marie; Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bowald, who are the parents of a daughter named Marjory Ann; and Mr. and

Mrs. Jack Sauder, who are the parents of a daughter named Linda Louise.

The wedding of Helen Funk and Ben Fehr, both of Roanoke, was solemnized at Roanoke on July 18, by Rev. Joe A. Getz, of Morton, in the presence of a host of friends and relatives.

The engagement and approaching marriage of Clarence Mangold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Mangold, of Eureka, and Martha Schneider, of Rockville, Connecticut, was made known to their friends on July 25.

Among those on vacation last month were: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sauder, Mr. and Mrs. Don Sauder, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Schumacher and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Schumacher and family, Myra Sauder, Lois Zimmerman, Mardell Leman, Mary Ann Leman, Evelyn Zimmerman, Blanche Fisher, Velma Miller, Marilyn Weyeneth, Verna Martin, Verla Getz, Helen Schumacher, Mary, Verna and Esther Martin, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben P. Martin and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Leman and sons, Paul and John, and daughter, Lydia Lou, visited relatives in and around Elkhart, Bremen, and Grabill, Indiana.

Elder and Mrs. Dave Mangold and children, Ruth, Esther, and Charles, returned home from a 5 weeks tour of the Western states on Saturday, July 24. They spent their first Sunday at Tremonton, Utah. The next Sunday was spent at Portland, Oregon, where Robert Conrad was added to the fold. The remaining Sundays were spent at Maywood, California. While there, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Traub, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Feucht, Sam Feucht, and Barbara Schock were baptized.

Wolcott, Indiana

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hartman and family of Fairbury visited our congregation June 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Maibach and Rev. Amos Hartzler of Rittman, Ohio, were visitors at the Levi Kropf home July 3.

Mrs. Minnie Lehman and daughter, Estella, of Chicago visited with the Edward and Irvin Lehman families July 11.

On Sunday, July 18, Miss Lena Lou Farney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Farney, and Robert Reuter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theo Reuter, were united in marriage by Elder George Yergler. Relatives and friends from various congregations were present. The couple will be at home in Ft. Wayne.

Rev. and Mrs. Otto Norr of Leo were among our visitors July 18.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry Beer and family of Milford visited our congregation Sunday, July 25, and were among the dinner guests at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Will Furrer and family. Others were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stoller and son of Latty, Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Farney and LeRoy of here.

Rev. and Mrs. Alexander Stoller of Fairbury, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Stoller, and Lola, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reiger and Elda Mae, Silas and Mary Nussbaum of Forest, and Misses Pauline and Wilma Nussbaum of Bloomington, Illinois, were also visitors here and were among the supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stoller and family. Others were Rev. and Mrs. Irvin Lehman and family, Mrs. Ida Nussbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Furrer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Winsford Wood, and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Furrer all of here.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Baird of Danville, Indiana, are the parents of a daughter, Chrisa Celia, born July 6. The mother is the former Phyllis Stoller.

West Bend, Iowa

Announcement was made June 27 of the approaching marriage of Ernest Kellenberger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kellenberger, of Lester, Iowa, to Edith Grimm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Grimm.

Sunday, July 11, Elder Noah Schrock of Oakville, Iowa, and Frank Woertz of Goodfield, Illinois, held services here. Three new converts, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Zaugg and Floyd Banwart, were added to the fold. This same day visitors from Morris, Minnesota; Lester, Iowa; Winthrop, Minnesota; Sabetha, Kansas; and Elgin, Iowa, were present.

Clara and Ella Banwart, Elizabeth Traub, Bertha Sauder, and Clara

Bruellman of Elgin, Illinois, spent two weeks vacation with relatives.

Mrs. Mary Banwart and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Banwart and family of Elgin, Illinois, visited relatives here Sunday, July 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kellenberger and Ernest, Elgeva, and Viola of Lester, Iowa, and Elmer and Marian Steffen, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Banwart and Jo Ann of Elgin, Illinois, visited relatives and friends here July 26.

IF I WERE YOU

It is easy to say the quick, sharp word
That will hurt him through and
through—

The friend that you have always held
so dear—

But I wouldn't, if I were you.

It is easy to spread an idle tale
That perhaps may not be true,
And give it wings like the thistle-
down,

But I wouldn't, if I were you.

To words once spoken, if harsh, un-
kind,

You must ever bid adieu,
And though you may speak them if
you will,

Yet I wouldn't, if I were you.

—Florence Jones Hardley
From Mountain Trailways for
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THE NARROW WAY

"Tis such a narrow pathway,
Yet there's room enough for two,
There's room to walk with Jesus
And for Him to walk with you.
You would loose Him on the broad
way,

The crowd would press between,
And only in the narrow path
The heart on Him can lean.

"Tis in the narrow pathway
Your eyes can meet His own,
No need for other counsellors,
Help comes from Him alone;
Oh, blessed, narrow pathway
Where there's but space for two,
Just room to walk with Jesus
And for Him to walk with you.

Beatrice Cleland,
From Mountain Trailways for
Youth by Mrs. Chas. E. Cowman

NIGHT SCENES IN THE BIBLE

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hill. Weary, hungry, homesick, he feels that the God of his fathers has forsaken him and that all these dangers have been brought upon him by his own folly. We read in the sacred narrative, "And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put *them* for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep." Now he feels, as he never had in his father's tent, the need of protection, of an eye that never sleeps and a hand that never grows weary. Oh, how much would it be worth to the lonely fugitive to be assured in this lonely place that God had not forsaken him? How much lighter would be his burden if he did not know his own wrong-doing had driven him forth on this lonely journey. Then there was no written word, no servant of God to turn to for advice and counsel. When man loses confidence in himself, sees his folly and wrong-doing and repents for misdeeds, it is God's time to help.

And so the Almighty Father had compassion on the poor wanderer. In the dreams of the memorable night Jacob received assurance that the God of Abraham and Isaac was with him in his wandering and that the covenant of mercy should be fulfilled on his behalf. In his vision of that night the sleeping exile saw the pathway of communication between earth and heaven on which living messengers were passing up and down and where the ascending heights were lost in the splendor of a throne high and great. The glory of Jehovah appeared and a voice renewed the promise of mercy and everlasting blessing. When the sleeper awoke and thought within himself what the strange vision might mean, he felt and believed that the promise and protection of the Almighty God were his best reliance. He learned that no matter where one is, in whatever loneliness or need, the heart that turns to God finds an open access to God. The pathway is always open and free and angelic messengers of mercy are ever coming and going. To him the bleak and barren hill strewn

with jagged rocks was the most sacred spot he had ever found. It was no other than the house of God and the gate of heaven. And when the wandering Jacob in his sorrow and danger was thus especially assured of God's unfailing love, his heart was won. He determined to make that vision at Bethel the beginning of a new and better life. He made a solemn promise to trust the God of his fathers forevermore. He set up a memorial to that covenant. And in the after years of life, he was, we believe, faithful to that vow. We who are living in our time may well take an example from the change that Jacob made. This sacred story of Jacob's night at Bethel may serve to teach us that in our darkest and most desolate moments God may be using our trouble and despondency as a means of drawing our hearts to

Hymn for the Month
TRUST IN THE SAVIOR

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Music and flowers, sunshine and showers,
Cheer us along on life's rugged way;
Happy we're singing, joy bells are ringing,
O what a blessing each passing day.

When you are sad, down-hearted and weary,
Breathe a true pray'r then all will be well;
He will give comfort when all is dreary,
Tune in on heaven, ring the glad bells.

Life is too short to brood o'er your troubles,
Lift up your voice, pray, trust on and sing;
Cares and sore trials will be as bubbles,
If you will trust in Jesus the King.

Chorus—

Trust in the Savior, follow Him ever,
He is a kind and most loving friend;
He will forgive you, guide you and keep you,
Give you a home where joys never end.

Him. Whoever would grow in Divine knowledge, whoever would find the secret of happiness here and the promised salvation hereafter, must heed the voice with which the Divine Providence speaks in the common events of life. Blessed and glorious is the lot of him who can find Bethel every day in the journey of life, the house of God in every home, the gate of heaven in every hour of need. If we too like Jacob make a vow or promise to the Almighty for blessings bestowed upon us and assurances of His love, let us also strive to keep our promises. May the Lord eternal, everlasting, full of love and mercy be our God forever. May we serve Him with all we are and have, not rendering unto Him only a tenth, but all that we have for all comes from Him and all belongs to Him.

EXCUSES

"I came to your church last Sunday,
I walked up and down the aisles;
I noticed your seat was vacant,"
Said Jesus with a kindly smile.

"Yes, I was at home," I answered,
"Some folks from up Salem way
Drove down for a week-end visit;
So we stayed at home all day."

Or, "I had an awful backache!"
"I had a roast in the pan";
Or, "We overslept that morning;
But I'll go whenever I can."

"I went to the morning service,
Not over two months ago;
I've so much work that must wait
till Sunday,
I've just no time for church, you know."

The Master gazed at me sadly,
As He was about to speak;
"My child," He replied, "are there not
six other days in the week?"

"If all of My other children
Should treat Me the same as you,
My house would be closed—deserted—
Then what would lost sinners do?"

I saw I had grieved my Master,
As slowly He turned away,
And I vowed He'd not find me absent,
Again on His Holy Day.

THE IMAGE OF GOLD IN THE PLAIN OF DURA

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tering, and scheming politicians to suggest to the king to set up the image of gold and bid all to worship it, knowing the favoured Hebrew governors will not worship such idols, and get into trouble over it.

We do not know whether Nebuchadnezzar's image was that of a MAN, but we have every reason to believe that it was. For according to chapter two, he just seen in his dream and vision such a great and terrible image of a MAN with excellent brightness, having an head of fine gold with ever diminishing values for the breast and arms, the belly, the legs and feet. Man is vain and conceited, and when he makes an image to WORSHIP, he makes it preferably of HIMSELF, and to be sure, he makes it ALL OF GOLD. Men professing themselves to be wise, become fools, when they change the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible MAN. Self-deification and worship is BLASPHEMY and more abominable than the IDOLATRY of the ignorant who worships other objects in nature. (Rom. 1:21-23). The idea of men becoming as God by a short-cut, was suggested by Satan in Eden, and it was a primary purpose at Babel when they proceeded to build a tower to reach unto heaven and to make a NAME UNTO THEMSELVES,—rather than UNTO GOD. (Gen. 11:4). The same idea was, no doubt, much alive some 16 centuries later at Babylon, when Nebuchadnezzar made this image of gold and commanded all peoples and nations to worship it. And it will be a dominant idea of the godless world ruler of the near-at-hand "end-time," the beast of Rev. 13, to whom likewise an image will be made and "as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed" (verses 14-15).

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego are types of many tribulation saints and martyrs, who will refuse to worship man's image, but God alone, even though the "tribulation fires be SEVEN TIMES hotter" and the men which "trouble them," themselves are slain by the fires they stoke.

WHY PRAY?

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Few thoughtful Christians can escape the question at some time or other, Why should I pray? Since God knows my needs, and has promised to supply them, why do I need to ask Him for help? If God is sovereign, and accomplishes His ultimate purposes in this world, what can my prayers do? One simple answer to some of these hard questions was given by Luke when He wrote: "And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint" (Luke 18:1). The Apostle Paul wrote: "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men" (I Tim. 2:1); "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God" (Phil. 4:6). There are some helpful words in a recent letter from the founder and president of Dallas Theological Seminary announcing a day of prayer. After setting forth the problem, Dr. Lewis Sperry Chafer said: "Some have sought to answer this question by pointing to the reflex influence of prayer on those who pray. Believing that God's plan is made concerning what He is going to do, men point to the value of prayer to the one who prays. There is something more important than this, namely, God has seen fit to condition all He does, to some extent, on prayer. The Saviour said: 'Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you' (John 16:23). While this is an unlimited promise, it also implies that much may be withheld for want of prayer. God has ordained

The height of 60 cubits of Nebuchadnezzar's image then symbolizes great, God delegated governmental authority abused and corrupted to suppress TRUE WORSHIP and enforce FALSE and blasphemous IDOLATRY, symbolized by the width of 6 cubits of this golden, man-made image.

(To be continued)

that prayer shall form a most important link in the chain of all He is doing for His own in the world. He has appointed prayer as an essential step in the progress of the blessing He would provide. We cannot, therefore, be wise in not praying." Every Christian, therefore, has three good reasons why he should pray: (1) God has commanded it; (2) he knows from his own experience and that of others that God answers prayer; (3) he knows, too, that whenever he sets apart a time for prayer, and really lays hold upon God in prayer, he receives immediate, personal blessing.

QUOTATIONS

Gentiles are like Jews they do not realize they are sinners.

Every sinner is a slave and in worse bondage than Egyptian bondage.

We are all born blind—Jesus came to open our eyes and give us sight.

Was it the parents' fault this man was blind? Is it our fault? No—Adam and Eve's.

Light is vain to all who have no eyes, or cannot see.

Bondage of sin has no respect of rank, fortune or blood.

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