



From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock THAT is higher than I.—Psalms 61:2.

But that which ye have ALREADY hold fast till I come. Revelation 2:25.

The Passing Afflictions

With sympathy and love one would think of all that in any manner must suffer while traveling on the narrow path of life. However, not only think of such or to only tell those that are in need "Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled" James 2:16, much rather we would also seek to assist, not alone to bring words that soothe for the time being, but also teachings from the Holy Scripture that will assist the believer or friend in future conflicts, teachings that might have been overlooked by those that are in misfortune.

First of all, we can believe that those that must suffer in any way are often not understood even by their best friends. The Lord alone knows the agony, the pains, or the deep concerns that we are often called upon to bear. And the Lord who hears our prayers is also willing to help us through this life if we are willing to center down to his advice and instructions, and that we do not allow ourselves to be driven about as a wave of the sea, for, we are further instructed by James, "Let not that man think that he shall receive any thing from the Lord." No, we would gain nothing by accepting all the advice that comes along when we are in trouble. Only good sound judgment and advice that is based on that rock and cornerstone, Jesus Christ, can benefit us to any worth-while degree.

We do not wish to hide from the fact that Satan is the inventor and

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WAIT ON THE LORD

We are living in a sorrow-filled world. Disappointments and discouragements appear on every side, often to the extent that even God's children find their faith sorely tried. Our best laid plans which promised us joy and happiness have left us with nothing but grief and pain. The natural result is the question, "Why?" Why, when we have tried, with God's grace, to live for Him, should such

much sorrow?" One obstacle is no sooner overcome than another arises.

But thanks be to God that in His word all these questions are fully answered. Let us examine a few of them. We hear the Lord telling His disciples shortly before His Crucifixion, "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." Our spirit is already being revived with this assurance from the Lord Himself. Let us now read I Peter 4:12-13, "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's suffering," etc. Does Peter mean that he also had fiery trials and yet rejoiced? Surely that is just what he means. Oh, Lord, we thank thee for such comforting words.

What about Job; has he not given us a marvelous testimony in his experiences? Here God proves to us that suffering and disappointments are not always a result of our unfaithfulness. "Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?" And yet we all know to what severe tests he was subjected. In his conversation with his friends Job tried to justify himself, but when brought face to face with God, then only could he see that man at his best is imperfect. Says Job, "Wherefore I abhor myself, and re-

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And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. Rev. 21:4-7.

trials be our lot? Have we displeased God so that His wrath has been poured upon us? Have we not asked for more grace to live faithfully and to overcome? Has the Lord forsaken us entirely? Again we ask, "Why so

pent in dust and ashes." Brought into the presence of God, Job is revealed to himself. He has not been a hypocrite but rather a godly man possessing faith which all his afflictions could not shake. He was self-righteous and lacking in humility. The answer now comes to him—the godly are afflicted that they may be brought to self-knoweldge and self-judgment. Such afflictions as Job endured, and as we are often called to endure, are therefore not always a penalty for sins but rather a remedy for our shortcomings and lack of humility, and have a purifying effect if properly accepted. We do not put medicine on a sore for the purpose of punishment but that the sore can be cleansed and healed. In like manner the Lord often has to allow affliction in order to make us more pure and more useful in His work. It is only after we have been purified that good fruit can be produced. In the end we can see that Job was well repaid for the stand he took during the worst of his trials when he said, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him."

In the experiences of David, we can see what effect affliction had on him. In Psalm 27 we read "The LORD IS my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear." — "For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me upon a rock."—"Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD."

What then does all this mean to us. Surely in every sorrow, trial, and affliction we must look up to God, who in His great love and pity knows all our problems. Our problem is never too great for Him. The need is never greater than our Helper. He wants us to commit all things to Him, wait on Him, and let Him help us bear our burdens. He also wants us to rejoice in spite of our sorrows. Our trials may be of various kinds. Perhaps we have been sick or injured through an accident. Perhaps our friends have failed us, or worst of all, our loved ones have failed to repent and turn to the Lord. This is a true Christian's greatest trial. But whatever our lot, if we

are God's children and are striving daily to live a sincere, watchful, prayerful life, all these precious promises are for us, and the Lord invites us to avail ourselves of them. It is our own fault if we do not bring all our burdens to Him and "Wait on Him." Some day He will change this body of humiliation into a glorious resurrection body, and will take us home to heaven where all distress will have no place.

What a privilege, therefore, to be a child of God. Unsaved reader, to whom will you flee in days of trouble? The only prayer God is obligated to hear from you is, "God be merciful to me a sinner." The troubles and sorrows of life you must carry alone, and finally the condemnation in eternity. Why not turn now in repentance to our loving Saviour and avail yourself of all the benefits of a Child of God, already here and finally in heaven.

"All to Him Committing, Wait on the Lord;

Help for you is promised, In His precious word."

Fred E. Grimm.

THE PASSING AFFLICTIONS

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manufacturer of many of the trials, troubles, and pains that come over humanity. However, we also know that those trials will only come over us to the extent that God allows it. Furthermore, it is human nature to resent suffering, as we find in Matt. 16:21-27. The apostle Peter there was sincerely wishing that the Saviour too would not have to go through the great sufferings which He had before Him. The Saviour there indicated that this thought of self-pity or to be unwilling to bear the suffering which is God's will for us to endure comes from Satan. The Lord may have plans to use us in His service in some unusual way even if a very humble way; therefore He cannot entrust this responsibility upon us until He has tried and proven us even as gold is tried in the fire.

Our God is a God of love and tender mercy. All things work together for good to them that love God (Romans 8:28). To love God more than anything else looms up then as

our greatest duty if we wish to be partakers of this promise.

Any Christian that has made a number of experiences following the Lord through joys and sorrows knows that those trials do not always come in a singular way or in a clean-cut form so that we can tell a confiding brother or sister just how we feel. No not by any means. They frequently come in such a complicated way that we hardly know where to begin or what to think or say. It is at such times that we should not despair, even if our vision in a spiritual way is somewhat blurred. The Saviour was likewise troubled when He was upon the cross and cried out, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" The Psalmist also when felt so forsaken finally was able to grasp himself when he began to reflect back over the times when the Lord had revealed His right hand unto him (Psalm 77), which also gives us courage not to meditate too much on our present distress, but rather to think of the times when the Lord blessed us beyond that which we felt ourselves worthy, and to consider that until now He has helped us in every need. Whatever the Lord has planned for us His followers in the future we do not know, only this are we certain of: the closer we remain by His side, the more we seek to remain pure and innocent, the more we seek to grow in His virtues, the more we seek to be useful to all that are around us (Luke 6:37, 38), thus the greater will be our hope and faith that He will also share unto us His grace and help to go through whatever trials and afflictions that He has mapped out for us. Not every time that the Lord allows some misfortune to come over us is it that He means to—as it were point His finger at us. It may be for the sake of others, as at one time when the Saviour wished that the Father should glorify His own name. The Saviour was answered in a way that appeared or sounded like thundering to those around Him, upon which He answered the people, "This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes" (St. John 12:30). And likewise when we read in St. John 9, we see that there were such in those days that

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NIGHT SCENES IN THE BIBLE

THE LAST NIGHT OF ISRAEL IN EGYPT

Exodus 12 Chapter

The last night of Israel in Egypt was the birthnight of a nation; the beginning of a history that shall flow with a continuous current through all time; the fountain of a stream that shall carry life and blessing to all the nations of the earth. On that memorable night, God himself appeared on the field as the great arbiter in human events, beginning a series on providences which is still going on, and which, in its completion shall fill the whole earth with His glory.

When the sun went down, the descendants of Abraham weresojourners and slaves, toiling under the lash of the taskmaster and in a land not their own. When the morning broke, they were a great people on the march, with an army six hundred thousand strong, and with the God of hosts for their guide. This enslaved and despised race came forth from the house of bondage and took their place among the great historic nations as suddenly as an Eastern dawn breaks into the full day.

The Egyptians, the Babylonians, the Assyrians, all the great conquering nations of ancient times, have utterly passed away from the earth. It is impossible to trace their influence in the life of the world today. The inscriptions on their monuments tell us little. We see their greatness only in their ruins.

The Hebrews, in all their wanderings and dispersions, are Hebrews still. The descendants of the three millions who marched out of Egypt under Moses may be found on all the continents and in all the great cities of the earth, yet everywhere a people apart by themselves, a peculiar and inextinguishable race. When the Egyptians were carving riddles upon their monuments to baffle and blind the inquirers of succeeding ages, Moses was writing the first clear, simple, life-like record of Divine Providence and human events for the instruction of all times. This nation of slaves, that passed from bondage to freedom in a single night, has become the teacher and emancipator of the human race. Their own history, their Divine laws, their sacred prin-

ciples of morality, their God-given faith exert more influence on the mind of the world than all the other nations of antiquity taken together. We are warranted, then, in saying that the birthnight of the Hebrew nation was the great era of ancient times. Let us reverently study the events of that night, that we may learn in what way God gives force to individual character and pours unconquerable life into the heart of a nation. Let us suppose ourselves carried back to that ancient time, and standing by as silent and thoughtful spectators, while the great movements of God's providence are going on before our eyes.

It is night throughout all the land of Egypt. In that rainless clime there is no cloud to cover the bright full moon. It is night in the twenty thousand cities and villages that line the banks of the Nile. The laborers have come in from the fields; and the boats are moored to the banks of the river. The princes of Pharaoh are asleep in the palace. The bondsmen of the field and brick-kiln are asleep in their mud cabins and slime pits. It is night in the proud capital of Pharaoh. The mighty monarch has said that the man Moses shall see his face no more. He has sworn by his life that the hated Hebrew shall die the moment he appears with his troublesome petitions for his people again. For many a day and week the inspired fugitive from the deserts of Sinai has haunted the halls and tracked the steps of the proud king. His shepherd's staff has become more powerful in Egypt than the sceptre of Pharaoh. He has excited the slaves to rebellion. The wise men of the realm and the priests of the national gods have been confounded and put to shame by the strange power of this one solitary man from the desert. The subjects of Pharaoh have been plagued with tempests and locusts and darkness. The water of the sacred river has been changed to blood, the cattle have been smitten in the field, and all unclean and creeping things have come up into the houses and sanctuaries of the land at

his bidding. The haughty monarch has determined that he will endure no longer and has forbidden him on pain of death to appear in his presence again. And now Pharaoh congratulates himself that at last the land shall have rest. The locusts have been swept away into the sea, the people have recovered from the boils, the blood-stained waters of the Nile have become fresh again; so he sleeps, forgetful of the mysterious and awful threat which Moses threw out in great anger when he left the palace gates for the last time. The priests are asleep under the palms and in the corridors of their countless temples. They, too, have congratulated themselves that they shall be confronted with the hated Hebrew in the presence of Pharaoh no more. So in all the habitations and streets of the Egyptians there is silence and sleep, as the midnight hour of doom draws near. Not so in the houses of the Hebrews where every soul is awake and every eye upon the watch. The day has resounded with the din of some great and mysterious preparation. As the hours of the night move slowly on, every heart is held in suspense and eager expectation. The families are all inside of their houses; and there is a mysterious blood-stain on the lintel and the two side-posts of every door. The anxious eyes of parents run frequently around the group to see that all are there. When the little child lays his hand upon the door, eager to open it and look out into the night, the mother springs with terror in her countenance to rebuke the dangerous curiosity. Some faces show resigned and trustful expectation, some doubt and impatience, some high and eager hope. Their long robes are tightly girt about their loins. Their feet are shod with sandals for a journey; and their shepherd's scrip are filled with provisions for the way. Men and women stand with staffs in their hands ready to go forth when the sign shall be given for departure. The sacrificial lamb has been roasted, and each grasps a portion in his hand, seasoning the morsel with bitter herbs and eating in haste. No one dares to lay aside staff or scrip for a moment, lest the signal for depar-

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NEWS

Bluffton, Indiana

Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Frautschi and family and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reineck and family from Toledo, Ohio, were among those who visited us Sunday, September 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Liebeg and daughter, Helen, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dietrich and son, and the Misses Mary and Lena Weichert from Elgin, Illinois, visited relatives and friends in our community over the Labor Day week-end.

Mrs. Martha Heyerly is a patient in the Clinic Hospital following a heart stroke.

Mrs. Alvin Honegger recently underwent a major operation.

Max Steffen and Eunice Kipfer were united in holy matrimony Sunday, September 5, by Elder Sam Aeschliman. A reception for relatives and friends was held following the wedding at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Mary Kipfer.

Misses Irene Isch, Alice Troxel, Justine Fiechter, Phyllis Gerber, Ruby Moser, Lillian Ringger, Don Gerber, Bob Gerber, Dick Yergler, Truman Baumgartner, and Jim Moser spent Labor Day week-end visiting Morton, Illinois.

Harold Geisel and Ellen Steffen were united in holy matrimony Sunday, September 26, by Elder Sam Aeschliman. A dinner and reception for relatives and friends was held following the wedding at the bride's home. Mrs. Steffen, who is a patient at the Irene Byron Sanitarium in Ft. Wayne, was permitted to be home for the wedding dinner and reception.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry Dotterer spent Sunday, September 26, in Junction, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Knecht and family from Chicago, Illinois, visited in our community over the Labor Day week-end.

Robert Kaehr, who is attending school in Chicago, spent the Labor Day week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam. E. Kaehr.

A reception was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Gerber Sunday, September 19, in honor of the marriage of their daughter Audrey, to

Richard Paxson. The marriage took place on September 11.

Norma Steffen, Alice Fiechter, Irene and Freda Kipfer, Nora Gilliom, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gerber, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Haab, and Mr. and Mrs. William Levy attended the marriage of Bernice Gerber and Herbert Bauman at Latty, Ohio, Sunday, September 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvan Ringger are parents of a son, Samuel Allen, born September 18. Mrs. Ringger is the former Viola Aeschliman.

Word has been received by Elder and Mrs. Sam Aeschliman that the body of their son Dale, who was killed in the Philippines in 1944, is being returned to the States for burial in Bluffton.

Burlington, Oklahoma

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Banwart and daughter, Joan, of Lamar, Missouri, visited Mrs. Banwart's mother, Mrs. Anna Miller and daughters.

Rev. and Mrs. Albert Scheitlin and Mr. Albert Schmidgall of Elgin, Illinois, spent the week-end of September 12 in our community.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Domnick, Mrs. Arthur Hauter, and Miss Bertha Domnick of Morton, Illinois, and Mr. Alvin Domnick of Deer Creek, Illinois, visited Mr. and Mrs. Noah Domnick recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kircher, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Roth, and Claude Springer were co-sponsors to Mr. Kircher's Sunday School Class on a tour to Wichita and visiting the Wichita Sunday School Classes.

A large group assembled in the church basement and packed boxes for the needy overseas. We packed and mailed fifty boxes to Germany and Hungary.

Miss Fannie Minger of Roanoke, Illinois, is visiting Mrs. Sam Schrock.

Chicago, Illinois

On Sunday, August 29, Mike Stoller and family from Latty, Ohio, visited us.

Our visitors Sunday, September 5, were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fehr and others from Roanoke, Illinois.

Quite a number from here attend-

ed the roasting-ear picnic at the home of Sam Clauss in Hampshire, Illinois, September 18.

Rev. and Mrs. Albert Fisher and family spent Sunday, September 19, at Congerville, Illinois.

Rev. and Mrs. Will Stettner and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kaptain from Elgin, Illinois, visited us Sunday, September 19.

Rev. George Yergler from LaCrosse, Indiana, and many visitors from Roanoke, Illinois, were with us Sunday, September 26.

We are happy to have Robert Kaehr from Bluffton, Indiana, and Harold and Irwin Klotzle from Rittman, Ohio, in our midst. They are employed in Chicago at present.

Croghan-Naumberg, New York

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ramseyer and son Dale, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Wackerle of Bay City, Michigan, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schneider, and Lois and Roy Schneider of Rockville, Connecticut, were visitors among us over Labor Day week end.

Rev. and Mrs. Harvey Virkler, Mrs. Minnie Taube, and Mrs. Rozella Schultz and son, Carl, attended the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Martha Schurter, at Mansfield, Ohio, on September 9.

Rev. and Mrs. Michael Weyeneth of Peoria, Illinois, were here with us on September 15. Evening services were held at Naumberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Farney and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Steiner attended the funeral of Mrs. Aaron Farney at Elgin, Illinois. They also spent some time visiting relatives and friends at Wolcott and Remington, Indiana; and Peoria, Illinois.

Misses Katherine and Martha Schambach, Miss Leola Rein, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scheitlin of Elgin, Illinois, spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. David Schambach and other relatives here. Mrs. Kate Steiner has undergone an operation at the Syracuse Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Freidinger and daughter, Maxine, Mr. Sam Freidinger, Anna Freidinger, and Viola Knochel of Bay City, Michigan, visited here the week end of September 26.

Elder and Mrs. Philip Beyer,

daughter, Evelyn, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beyer spent Sunday, September 26, at Union City, New Jersey.

Elder and Mrs. John Bahler, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Luginbuhl, and Misses Glenna Bahler and Faith Lanz of Rockville, Connecticut, were also there. Communion Services were held in the afternoon.

Fairbury, Illinois

Several cars from Morton visited the North Apostolic Christian Church on Sunday, September 12, and were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Ebach. Among them was Rev. Joe Getz who conducted services at the church during the day.

Graveside services were held for little Larry Ray Huette, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Huette, on Thursday, September 16.

Our congregation was blessed to have Brother William Feucht and Brother George Wagenbach of Princeville to hold services here on Sunday, September 26. A number from Princeville accompanied them and were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Huber.

Fort Scott, Kansas

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schlipf and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stevig and David of Gridley, Illinois, visited at the Raymond Banwart home September 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Banwart spent the week-end of September 5 in Wichita, Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Chris Koehl and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Koehl of Peoria, Illinois, visited our congregation on September 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bahr of Gridley, Kansas, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Scheitlin, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Stettner, and Albert Schmidgall of Elgin, Illinois, spent September 14 with us. Services were held in the evening.

Rev. and Mrs. Jake Pfister are visiting in Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Kircher of Kiowa, Kansas, were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Banwart and family on September 20.

Mary Raaf and Rosa Beyer visited at Gridley, Kansas, the week end of September 5.

Goodfield, Illinois

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Steffen of Elgin have purchased the Gottlieb

Hari home in Goodfield, Illinois, and have moved to Goodfield to make their home. The Gottlieb Haris have moved to Portland, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wiegand of Deer Creek returned September 27 from a trip to West Bend, Iowa, and South Dakota.

Melvin Schrock of Congerville and Ada Mae Steffen of Goodfield announced their engagement September 19.

Alfred Martis of Lamar, Missouri, visited at the Jessie Schrock home at Congerville, Illinois, September 27.

Lamar, Missouri

Corrine Stewart and Dale Marti, son of Rev. and Mrs. Fred Marti, were married in August.

Reba Lanz and Burl Pfander were married September 5.

September 11, graveside services were held for Wallace N. Lanz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lanz, who had been killed in the Philippines, May, 1945. Among those who came from a distance for the services were Mr. and Mrs. Will Luthi and two children and Mr. and Mrs. John Spohr and two children of Morris, Minnesota.

Visitors here on Sunday, September 12, were the Minnesota folks, Rev. and Mrs. Chris Koehl, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Koehl of Peoria, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Massner, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Miller of Ft. Scott, Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. Winson Wood and Gladys Kropf of Wolcott, Indiana.

Arline Stewart, twin sister of Mrs. Dale Marti, and Dean Marti, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Marti, were married September 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Marti were in Illinois; they left the latter part of August for a trip through Illinois and Indiana.

Latty, Ohio

We enjoyed having Mr. and Mrs. Mayburn Hale from Alabama visit us the last of August.

Visitors here over the week end of September 5 were Mrs. Germann and Bob Germann from Bremen and Miss Eunice and Lyola Feucht and Evelyn Reutter from Peoria.

On September 19, Berniece Gerber and Herbert Bauman were united in marriage. Many of the groom's relatives from Rittman were here; also

other relatives and friends of both from various places.

Brother George Sinn, Sr., who has been very ill, is again improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Lauk have a baby girl; Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Laukhuf also have a baby girl.

The wedding of Helen Rigggenbach and Ben Schlatter took place September 26. Relatives from Milford and Leo came to the reception in the evening.

Leo (Grabill), Indiana

The Young People's Meeting was held Sunday, September 26. The theme of the program was the signs of the Second Coming of Christ. An interesting panel discussion was held on this subject.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Winzeler have returned from a trip through the beautiful Smoky Mountains and other interesting places in the East. They are now at home at 825 Edgewater, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Rev. and Mrs. Theo Beer of Milford, Indiana, were present at services in Ft. Wayne on Wednesday evening, September 29; Rev. Beer officiated.

Maxine Beer of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, is now in Nurses' Training at St. Joseph's Hospital in Ft. Wayne.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bucher of La Crosse and Mr. and Mrs. Matt Stortz of Gridley, Illinois, were guests at the home of George Steiglitz and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Steiner and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Farney from Croghan, New York, spent Thursday afternoon and evening with Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Troxel.

Lester, Iowa

Rev. and Mrs. Jake Stettner of Elgin, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nohl, and Rev. Henry Koehl of Morris, Minnesota, spent the evening of September 7 with our congregation.

Funeral services were held September 11 at the Apostolic Christian Cemetery for the returned body of P.F.C. Harry Moser, who lost his life on Luzon in May, 1945. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Moser.

Misses Pauline and Emma Knobloch of Peoria are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dietrich Knobloch.

Miss Lydia Feucht of Peoria is spending several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Feucht.

The marriage of Miss Alice Banwart, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Paul Banwart of West Bend, Iowa, and Mr. Eli Metzger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Metzger of Lester, Iowa, took place on September 10 at the Little Brown church at Nashua, Iowa. After a two weeks' trip to the Southern States, they will make their home on a farm near Lester, Iowa.

Mansfield, Ohio

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hartzler and children of Rittman, Ohio, were with us Sunday, September 12.

Rev. and Mrs. Elias Winzeler, James and Dorothy, of Woodburn, Indiana, visited us Sunday, September 19. Rev. Winzeler conducted services which we enjoyed very much.

Sister Martha Schurter passed out of this life quite unexpectedly September 6. She formerly lived at Castorland, New York, but came to the Old Ladies' Home about a year ago. She reached the age of 77 years. Rev. Harvey Virkler and a number of others from New York attended the funeral.

In the evening of September 9, Rev. Virkler conducted services, which were very impressive.

Mrs. Mildred Schlatter and children of Leo, Indiana, visited her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Victor Stavenik several days.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bird September 6. The mother was the former Miriam Sauder.

Rev. and Mrs. Lucas Sabo, Rev. and Mrs. Henry Sabo, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Dotterer, and the Misses Sarah and Caroline Dotterer attended the Dotterer Reunion at Junction, Ohio, Sunday, September 26.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fuhrer spent a few weeks visiting relatives and friends in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Sauder visited relatives and friends in Indiana and Illinois for a week.

Milford, Indiana

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Getz and Esther arrived home October 1 after a month's vacation with relatives in

Iowa, Colorado, and California.

We heartily welcome to Milford Miss Mary Ann Sauder of Goodfield, Illinois. She will become the bride of Carlton Beer October 17.

Natalie Gudeman of Francesville and Lois and Marion Beer enjoyed a week's rest at Walloon Lake, Michigan.

We also welcome to our congregation Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moser and Arthur Moser, formerly of Roanoke, Illinois, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Reimschisel and family from Bluffton, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Beer are rejoicing over the birth of their son, Kent Leon Beer; Mr. and Mrs. Luther Steffen are rejoicing over the birth of their son, William Jeffery Steffen.

Misses Marion Altvater and Dorothy Haab confess peace with their Lord. They will give their testimony of Christ's saving power in their lives October 10.

Morton, Illinois

A group of young folks from Bluffton, Indiana, spent Sunday and Labor Day in Morton. On September 6 young people from Roanoke, Cissna Park, Peoria, Francesville, and La Crosse came to Morton and the entire group had a picnic and an enjoyable day in Grimm's timber.

Tuesday, September 7, was a very sad day in Morton as funeral services were held for our little friend, Billie Zimmerman, who was only 10 years old. He died Saturday morning, September 4, of leukemia.

Hilda Steiner and Carl Gurst of Oakville, Iowa, were united in marriage September 19 by Rev. Joe A. Getz in the presence of many friends and relatives.

Misses Edith Getz, Lucille Jacob, and Edna Getz arrived home from a vacation touring the Eastern States. They were gone two weeks and spent a few days in Rockville, Connecticut.

A large number from our congregation spent Sunday, September 26, at Oakville, Iowa. Our young group also went to Remington, Indiana, on October 3.

Rev. Diriwachter from Portland, Oregon, was with us Wednesday eve-

ning, September 29, for our mid-week services. Many other visiting ministers were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Witzig, Harold Witzig, and Mae Witzig left Friday, October 1, for Pasadena, California, where they will visit Bill Witzig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Witzig. They plan to be gone from three to four weeks. They also plan to visit Mr. and Mrs. Chris Ogg of Los Angeles, California.

The young folks of our Morton Congregation spent Sunday evening, September 19, singing hymns for older folks, invalids, and others who are bed-fast and unable to attend church.

Oakville, Iowa

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wackerle and daughter, Misses Eula and Matilda Maibach, and one of John Wackerle's daughters of Bay City, Michigan, spent Sunday, August 29, with us; they were returning home from a visit to the western coast. Other visitors on August 29 were Rev. and Mrs. August Bollinger, Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Winzeler, and some others from Tremont, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm Rauhaus attended a reunion at Monticello, Indiana, on September 4 and another reunion on September 6, at Latty, Ohio. They visited at Bluffton, Indiana, and Cissna Park, Illinois.

Rev. and Mrs. Jake Pfister, of Fort Scott, Kansas, visited here September 13. They were visitors in Burlington and Pulaski, Iowa. They plan on spending a few weeks in Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Frank of Princeville, Illinois, visited with Mr. and Mrs. John Frank and family and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Seigle and family.

On September 21, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rauhaus became the parents of a baby girl. Mrs. Rauhaus is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Gust Scheitlin.

On September 26, Rev. and Mrs. Diriwachter from Portland, Oregon, and a number of people from Morton, Illinois, visited here. Out-of-town ministers who attended evening services were Rev. Paul Banwart from West Bend, Iowa and Rev. Albert Wutrich from Pulaski, Iowa.

Princeville, Illinois

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Farney and daughters and Miss Marie Rumbold returned the first of the month from a trip to Oregon, where they visited relatives. Mr. and Mrs. John Endress and Dale and Mr. and Mrs. David Ehnle returned recently from a trip through the Eastern states.

Mr. and Mrs. William Elsasser are the proud parents of a daughter, Diana Sue, born August 20. They have one other daughter Charlotte.

Quite a number of members from the Fairbury congregation were with us Sunday, September 12. Rev. Andrew Koehl conducted services. A number from our congregation were visiting in Oakville, Iowa, that day.

Mr. and Mrs. John Streitmatter and Della spent a few days visiting friends in Morris, Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. John Joos and Mary Lou and Mrs. Pete Bach are visiting friends and relatives in West Bend, Iowa, and Morris, Minnesota.

Miss Marie Baer of California has been visiting relatives the past two weeks. Her brother, Otto Baer and family, and Miss Dorothea Kieser plan to leave Monday, October 2, for the Western states and will take Marie to her home.

Mrs. Lizzie Stoller and sons, Vernon and Joseph, spent the week-end of September 2 with relatives in Fort Wayne and Latty, Ohio.

Rev. Irvin Stoller and Mrs. Stoller were overnight guests September 26 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Stoller and family.

Amos Stahl had the misfortune of falling from a scaffold Friday, September 24, and breaking a vertebra. He is in a Peoria hospital and, although he shows some improvement, is suffering considerable pain. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

Pulaski, Iowa

Rev. and Mrs. Jake Pfister from Fort Scott, Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Wagler and son Paul, and Rev. Gus Scheitlin from Oakville, Iowa, spent September 13 with us. Evening services were enjoyed by everyone.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Banwart and son Benjamin and Junior Traub from West Bend, Iowa, came Saturday, September 25 and spent Sunday

with us. Rev. and Mrs. Albert Wuthrich from Pulaski, Iowa, accompanied them to Oakville, Iowa. Rev. and Mrs. Paul Banwart and boys returned home on September 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wagler from Pulaski, Iowa are the proud parents of a baby girl, Mary Jo, born September 16.

Dave Kropf, Sarah Kropf, Doris Floyd, and Glenn Banwart from West Bend, Iowa, spent September 12 with us and were dinner guests at the Albert Wuthrich home.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Metzger from Lester, Iowa, spent September 12 with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Beer and son, Billie Joe, from Cissna Park, Illinois, spent September 25 with us.

Remington, Indiana

A group of young people from Roanoke, Illinois, visited here on Sunday, September 5.

Rev. Benj. Heiniger of Morton, Illinois, Rev. Harry Bucher, Rev. Art Gudeman and others from La Crosse and some from Francesville and Wolcott, Indiana, were present at evening services on September 17.

Mr. and Mrs. John Heinold and Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Scharloch returned home on September 18. They were patients at a clinic at Marion, South Dakota. While in South Dakota, they visited relatives and also attended church at Lester, Iowa, and Hancock, Minnesota.

Rev. William Furrer of Wolcott held services here on September 19; the ministers here were absent.

Guests at the homes of Sam Kilgus and family and Gus Knochel and family on September 26 were from Roanoke and Fairbury, Illinois, and La Crosse, Francesville, and Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Song services were held at the Joe Schneider home.

Miss Emma Beckley returned home from an extended visit with her sister at Rockville, Connecticut, on Wednesday, September 22.

Roanoke, Illinois

The monthly Sunday School Meeting was held at Roanoke on Sunday, September 26, with Morton, Gridley, Tremont, Peoria, and Roanoke in attendance.

Ruth and Esther Mangold, Mardell

Leman, and Ann Minger, of Roanoke, Lorene Schumacher, of Metamora, and Melba Mangold and Mary Ann Leman of Eureka spent the weekend of the 25th and 26th in Chicago. They attended church services in Chicago on Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. Joe Zimmerman of Roanoke and Rev. and Mrs. Joe A. Getz of Morton held services in New Martinsville, West Virginia, one Sunday of this month.

Elder and Mrs. Dave Mangold and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Fehr of Roanoke and Rev. and Mrs. Kilgus of Fairbury went to Alabama and held services there on Sunday, September 26.

We had as our guests in Roanoke on Sunday, October 3, the Revs. Walter Koehl and Joe Kaisner, both of Fairbury and Rev. and Mrs. Mike Weyeneth, of Peoria. All the Fairbury company were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Schumacher for supper, while the Peoria company were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Hoffman for supper.

Taylor, Missouri

Mrs. Hans Friederich is recovering satisfactorily from an operation in Blessing Hospital, Quincy.

Rev. and Mrs. Ezra Feller and family of Cissna Park, Illinois, spent Sunday, September 26, with us. Their visit was enjoyed by all.

Miss Barbara Hoerr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hoerr, and Buddy Plank were married in Parmyra, Missouri, September 23. Out-of-town guests at the reception were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hoerr of Cissna Park, Illinois, Misses Anna and Rachel Hoerr of Peoria, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grimm of Morton, Illinois.

Our Sunday School picnic was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Frieden Sunday evening, September 19. We were glad to have with us Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wiegand and family of Oakville, Iowa, and Leonard Hitz and Misses Josephine and Eunice Marti of La Crosse, Indiana.

West Bend, Iowa

Rev. and Mrs. Leo Grusy of Goodfield, Illinois, and Rev. and Mrs. George Gramm of Gridley, Illinois, and Emma Grusy spent the evening of September 2 with us.

On Sunday, September 5, Rev. Noah Schrock of Oakville, Iowa, performed a double wedding ceremony uniting Edith Grimm of West Bend and Ernest Kellenberger of Lester, Iowa; and Eleanor Grimm of West Bend and Elmer Steffen of Elgin, Illinois. Many visitors from Pulaski and Lester, Iowa, Elgin, Goodfield, and Fairbury, Illinois, and Hancock, Minnesota, were here for the occasion.

Rev. and Mrs. Lester Harter and two sons of Sabetha, Kansas, spent Sunday, September 12, with us.

Rev. and Mrs. Simon Weigand and Marian of Goodfield, Illinois, Rev. and Mrs. Diriwachter of Portland, Oregon, and Rev. and Mrs. Louis Bahr of Sabetha, Kansas, and many others from several Illinois and Kansas churches visited here Sunday, September 19.

A son, Harlan Henry, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Metzger on September 14.

Wolcott, Indiana

A number from here attended the Young People's Meeting held at Milford on August 29.

Visitors of our congregation on September 5 included Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kercher, Mr. and Mrs. George Schini and children, and Miss Tillie Kercher of Elgin, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Ira Nussbaum and family, Mr. and Mrs. Alden Nussbaum and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Nussbaum and son of Forrest, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Stoller and son, and Mary Ellen Gudeman of Ft. Wayne; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pelsey of Francesville and Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Sauder of Mansfield, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Kropf and sons, Richard and Duane, of Ottosen, Iowa; Sarah and Dave Kropf, and Glenn, Floyd, and Doris Banwart of West Bend, Iowa, spent the week of September 5 here with the Levi Kropf and John Trachsel families. Miss Arles Kropf accompanied them to Cissna Park on Friday and spent a few days with relatives there.

John Trachsel spent a few days after Labor Day with his children in Elgin, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Winsford Wood and Gladys Kropf spent two weeks visit-

The Image of Gold in the Plain of Dura

(Dan. 3:1-5) Cont.

Francesville, Indiana, Sept. 3, 1948

In our preceding article we observed that Man's endeavours or activities may be classified under three basic groups: The **POLITICAL**, having to do with Government; the **RELIGIOUS**, having to do with Worship; and **ECONOMICAL**, having to do with making a living. And because God was largely ruled out of the affairs of Men throughout his past history, he (man) ever fell short in his every endeavour to organize and establish, first, an enduringly good and righteous **Government**, — second, to **Worship** the true God and make that Worship universal and third, long to enjoy the labour of his hands in peace and security, **sitting under his own vine and fig tree, and none to make him afraid.** (Mic. 4:4)

National Israel's failure on all three accounts is a good example and foreshadows the final collapse of all Gentile efforts to organize and unify our race, Governmentally, Religiously and Economically, and do it **WITHOUT** God, as Revelation 13 sets forth. Early in the history of National Israel, they preferred Man's Govern-

ing relatives and friends in Lamar, Missouri; and Sabetha, Kansas.

Rev. Philip Gutwein, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gutwein and family, and Miss Marie Schini of Francesville visited our congregation on September 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Furrer, Mrs. Joe Stoller, and Pauline Nussbaum spent a week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Matthias Strahm and family at Neosho Falls, Kansas, and other relatives at Sabetha, Kansas.

Rev. and Mrs. Harry Bucher and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Heinold of La Crosse visited here September 26. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reuter of Ft. Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Stahl and family of Princeville, Mrs. Wayne Stoller and son of Latty, Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Belsley and Karen of Morton, Illinois.

ment and rejected God, that **He should NOT REIGN over them** (1 Sam. 8:7). Religiously, the true Worship of the Lord their God, was deeply and forcefully impressed upon them, yet, early **had they forsaken Him and served other gods.** (1 Sam. 8:8).

Some eleven hundred years later, when Christ the Shepherd King was sent to these lost sheep of the house of Israel, as a Nation Israel was already deprived of political self-Government and religiously had gone from bad to worse. When Christ presented Himself to His people as their King and Messiah, with His kingdom, all in fulfilment of prophecy, they again **denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto them** (Acts 3:14). That generation, too, rejected Him (Luke 17:25) and "hated Him, and sent a message after Him saying, We will not have this **Man to REIGN OVER US.** (Luke 19:14)

National Israel, having first failed politically in rejecting the **REIGN OF GOD** over them and also having failed religiously by making their **WORSHIP VAIN** in "teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" (Matt. 15:9), and in rejecting not only the rulership of Christ as their King, but also in denying the authority of Christ as Priest in Religious matters of Worship, they likewise had to fail Economically. For their successful national Economy with Peace and prosperity and plenty for all, was bound up in the Truth and soundness of their political and religious activities, under God. Gentile Nations could and should learn with diligence from National Israel's **FAILURE.**

Because of this failure, Israel as a Nation was set aside, or to use the words in John 11:50, **the Nation of Israel perished**, until in His own good time, this **rejected God** by His **rejected Christ will restore the Kingdom to Israel** (Acts 1:6) and save the **NATION**, for which He also died (John 11:51). And world dominion, that is God-delegated governmental authority in the world, passed ex-

clusively into Gentile hands, until the Lord of Lords comes. The re-organization of "ISRAELI" in these our days, with Palestine as their still disputed National Home, may yet be somewhat ahead of God's time schedule and a human effort, while Jerusalem is still internationalized and "trodden down of the Gentiles" (Luke 21:24). But who would close his eyes and not realize that the **times of the Gentiles are rapidly being fulfilled.**

With world dominion transferred from Jew to Gentile, the Gentile will do no better than Israel did. The **IMAGE OF GOLD IN THE PLAIN OF DURA**, set up in the very dawn of Gentile rule is, with its dimensions of 60 and 6 (66) cubits, **SYMBOLIC OF GENTILE FAILURE** on the two counts of "**Organized Government**" and "**Organized Religion.**" The God of Heaven made Nebuchadnezzar a King of Kings, and gave him a "Kingdom, Power, and strength, and Glory," making him a Ruler of the children of men, wheresoever they dwell (Dan. 2:37-38). This extended **POLITICAL** Power to rule or Govern, was soon misused to enforce universal Idolatry or a false **RELIGION**, imposed on all Peoples and Nations and Languages. This again forecasts conditions on a world-wide scale in the "end-time" of Gentile dominion, under the Beast of Revelation 13, only we find here a third six (6) added to Nebuchadnezzar's 66, which may be indicative of a world-wide "**ORGANIZED ECONOMY,**" and it also a failure. This added gives the mystery number of the beast, the number of a man, which is 666.

Let us see if this triplet of Man's activity can be traced out in Revelation 13. First, we see in verses 1-2 "a Beast" symbolizing **Organized Government** or the head of it (like the League of Nations or present U. N. O.) "rise up out of the Sea," the Sea being symbolic of Peoples and Nations, (distress of Nations . . . the Sea and the Waves roaring—(Luke 21:25), "having seven heads," indicate a combine of sovereign Nations,—"and ten horns,"—horns may signify military equipment and power contributed by seven sovereign and three satellite Nations; Crowns upon

horns, denote **POLITICAL** or Governmental authority to rule, based upon military power; "upon his heads, the name of blasphemy,"—men blaspheme the name of God, when they deify themselves and exalt themselves "above all that is called God or that is worshipped . . . shewing himself that he is God." (2 Thess. 2:4) The characteristic of this Government is a combination of the worst in the ravenous beasts which symbolize it, and we especially note, that not God, the most high ruler, but "the Dragon gave him his Power, and his Seat, and great Authority." (Since the Dragon,—the Devil offered this power and glory to Christ on the condition of devil worship without acceptance, it is more than likely that he who will accept, will prove to be a "false Christ," coming in the name of Christ, or Anti-Christ, Matt. 24:5) It will be noted that "power was given unto

Hymn for the Month

JUST PUT A LITTLE BIT OF SUNSHINE

Just put a little sunshine into each
cloudy day,
'Twill drive the dark and dreary
shadows away,
Let deeds of love and songs of glad-
ness ring out so clear,
'Til all the world shall hear.

Your smiles are like the springtime
blossoms so sweet and fair,
They bring new joy to hearts of sad-
ness and care,
Song brings new hope and strength
and courage when days are drear,
Help fill the world with cheer.

Just leave a little bit of sunshine as
on you go,
Make glad to dark and gloomy places
of woe,
You meet so many sad and lonely
along the road,
Lighten some heavy load.

Chorus:

Just put a little bit of sunshine into
some heart,
'Twill make their loneliness and sor-
row depart,
This world has need of love and sun-
shine, so do your part,
Help cheer some lonely heart.

him to continue 42 months" (verse 5) and this power was "over all kindreds and tongues and Nations" (verse 7). Here then do we have a description of the end-time, world-wide, **POLITICALLY organized Governmental Power and Authority**, symbolized by 60.

Second, as to the **RELIGIOUS** aspect of man's activity, having to do with Worship, we find it in verse 4: "And they **WORSHIPPED** the Dragon . . . and they **WORSHIPPED** the Beast . . ." And in verses 14-15: "Saying that they should make an **IMAGE TO THE BEAST** . . . and as many as would not **WORSHIP** the Image of the Beast should be killed." (Under Nebuchadnezzar, as many as would not worship the Image, should be "cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.") Here then do we have a description of the end-time, world-wide **organized RELIGION**, expressing itself in a totally **FALSE** blasphemous, abominable and idolatrous **WORSHIP**, symbolized by the 6 of the breadth of the Image, which added to the height is 66.

Third, as to the **ECONOMICAL** aspect of man's activity, having to do with making a living, we find in verses 16-17 an **ECONOMY** so closely organized and controlled, that **NO MAN**, be he small or great, rich or poor, free or bond, "might **BUY OR SELL**" except by the mark or the name of the beast or the number of his name, which is 666, and by which absolute control is exercised over the life and livelihood of every individual. The **IMAGE** of Nebuchadnezzar did not foreshadow this final and inevitable **ECONOMIC** control, adding a third 6 and failure in the end-time, but with **Governments**, in the average of the long run, degenerating from Gold to miry clay, and **Religion** from a true Worship of praising and honoring the King of heaven (Dan. 2:34-37), to a worship of the dragon, and men and Images, it will be inevitable that Man's **ECONOMY** likewise will end in **CONFUSION** and **FAILURE**, even though, with **knowledge increased in the time of the end**, as we are witnessing it, plenty for all and prosperity could be universal.

By Philip Gutwein, Jr.

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THE PASSING AFFLICTIONS

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wondered why certain heavy trials were brought over a man in their presence, and the Saviour told them that it was for the purpose "that the works of God should be made manifest."

It is often after we have patiently passed through severe trials (with a heart that was ready to receive anything that He might wish to place therein), often after such trials is when the Lord can reveal unto us some of His greatest glory, and we can in a measure understand what the Apostle Paul was speaking of when he spoke of glorying in tribulation also (Rom. 5:3). It was perhaps not the tribulation that He gloried in so much but through experience He well knew the glory that followed tribulation (providing we pass through it in a true Christian way, that is *open-minded*).

In St. Matt. 6 the Saviour teaches us how we might get the most out of life, and He there also instructs us how we should not provide for the morrow. No, we need not be so concerned for tomorrow if we live *fully*—today; if we ever strive after this we will not worry too much, neither will we be without work. Elsewhere He reminds us how we should "Watch and pray" (or think and pray), but instead of this we sometimes change this procedure to "Pray and relax"; this is usually done to our own sorrow. If we would consider the sorrow that this mental relaxation has brought to God fearing men and kings of old, we need only read what happened to Joshua when he made a league with the Gibeonites without first considering it fully (Josh. 9)—also when Jephthah made such an unthoughtful vow to the Lord that he would offer up for a burnt offering whatever first came to the door to meet him after the Lord would give the children of Ammon into his hands (Judges 11:30, 31). Similar cases can be found in Dan. 6:14 and St. Mark 6:26.

It is evident that it was the early apostles' way when they fell into difficulties or afflictions that they prayed earnestly to be delivered,

providing it could become the Lord's will. Let us realize that with God it is possible to help us regardless of our present condition.

Whatever our misfortune may be let us be sure to first of all earnestly entreat the Lord's help and guidance. He may help us directly or He may choose to help us through another member of the body of Christ, or even through an unbeliever.

The Lord sometimes allows us to ask for His help many times over to see us through certain difficulties, but then yet is He our surest refuge, and if we persistently come unto Him for help and do not lose courage to follow His directions, He will help us even as we find that He helped the Greek (Gentile) woman (Mark 7:26). Even though He at first gave her no hopes of help, still she clung in faith unto Him until His compassion was aroused and He helped her.

Likewise when Jacob was brought into great fear once, we read that he wrestled with a man (the angel) and was told to let go but refused and said: "I will not let thee go, except thou bless me." Jacob was thus able to prove to the Lord that he with all sincerity sought his help from above, and the angel blessed him there (Gen. 32).

We can find an excellent example in Exodus 23:28-30 of why the Lord sometimes helps us by degrees instead of all at once. "And I will send hornets before thee, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite, from before thee. I will not drive them out from before thee in one year; lest the land become desolate, and beast of the field multiply against thee. By little and little I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased, and inherit the land." While we do not have wild beasts to contend with as is indicated there, still we can translate it into our present conditions and see why that it is often to our benefit that His help comes little by little.

The mind of Christ, however, should reign in us to the full extent, as He also proved Himself willing to do the Heavenly Father's will, even though when He was getting towards the end of His earthly career and per-

haps seen no end of labor to yet perform, still He rested His mind in the Father's and said, Thine and not my will be done. God's ways are as much higher than ours as heaven is above earth, so even though we cannot see through His plans, may we realize that He is the potter and we the clay.

This submissive mind was also prominent in the Apostle Paul, even though the Lord at times gave him power to lay hands upon the sick and they were healed, yet he himself bore an affliction (which we understand did not hinder him entirely from going about his responsibilities). He thrice asked the Lord to remove it. But the Lord told him "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me" (II Cor. 12:9). (Another case where Paul found reason to glory in tribulation.) Often we experience that we truly would not have the ability to sympathize with others were it not for the fact that we also went through severe trials, after which we could then comfort others with the comfort wherewith we were comforted of God (II Cor. 1:4). The Saviour's principal reason for coming here upon this earth was to open the way to Salvation for mankind. However, He often healed, not alone the spirit, but also the infirmities of the body, partly out of sympathy for their present well-being and partly because the two are in many cases quite inseparable. These functions have been carried on by his followers until this present time. In some cases in a more pronounced way than in others, being governed by the amount of love and sympathy and faith that the ones involved possess.

Should it then yet be the lot of some of us to some day spend much time in affliction or distress, there would still be an open way that we could be beneficial to our family and to the body of Christ in general, namely by much meditation and prayer to God for the things that we see are wanting, and for the support for those that must carry on.—**Arthur Gasser.**

NIGHT SCENES IN THE BIBLE

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ture should come and any should be found unprepared to go. Strong men turn pale and women weep, and little children cling to the hands of their parents; and the whole group are silent as the hour of midnight approaches. They have been told by Moses that about midnight the Lord will go out into the midst of Egypt and his hand shall fall so heavy upon them that the princes of Pharaoh shall come to their Hebrew slaves with supplications to entreat them to go forth free and in haste. Hark! was it the step of the angel of death passing along the street and counting the doors with the sign of the blood-stain on the side-posts and the lintel. No it was only the air moving the palms. But now it comes in very deed at last—the great cry of which Moses spoke. Glory unto Jehovah! For the dark days of bondage are over and the ransomed tribes shall go forth in triumph to their own land. Hark again, that wild and piercing cry, such as can come only from the untold depths of human woe—such as the heart sends forth when wrung with its greatest agony. Not from one stricken house alone, but from every Egyptian home, shrieks and howls break forth upon the stillness for the midnight air, as if the dead of all generations had burst their marble tombs with one universal wail. Village cries to village, and city answers back to city, and the mighty wave of lamentation rolls over the whole “realm of impious Pharaoh” and fills all the land of Nile. The death angel has smitten the first born of every family with a single stroke, and there is not a house in which there is not one dead. There has been no such sudden, wild, frantic and universal cry of woe on this earth since man began his pilgrimage of pain and sorrow to the grave; for in one awful moment the angel of death has smitten every family in the whole nation with just that one stroke which must cause the deepest wound and the most crushing sorrow. And this great cry goes up to Heaven from the palace of the king, from the halls of the princes, from the mud hovels of the poor and from the cruel

great inheritance of light and freedom is freely offered in God's name to the poor, the enslaved and the perishing. It is to be secured through faith and obedience. When Moses first came to the Hebrews to deliver them from bondage, they distrusted his commis-

sion and begged to be let alone, that they might serve the Egyptians. They hearkened not unto Moses, because of the hard inheritance of bondage transmitted from generation to generation. So that for awhile they could not be aroused by the offer of liberty. The Hebrews were required to prepare the Paschal lamb, to sprinkle the blood on the door-posts, to remain within their houses and to keep themselves awake with sandals on and staff in hand. But in the great and critical moment of passing from bondage to liberty, they were to trust and see the salvation of the Lord. So every one of us, in securing our everlasting deliverance from the bondage of sin and death, have many things to do. We are to watch and pray. We are to shun the path of the destroyer. We are to observe all the ordinances and instructions of God's house. We are to hold ourselves ready to obey every call of duty. But in the one infinite matter of securing our own personal salvation, we have only to trust and receive the salvation of our God. “And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the Lord went out from the land of Egypt.”—Exodus 12:41.—**Philip Beyer**, Pastor and Elder, from the book NIGHT SCENES IN THE BIBLE by Reverend Daniel March, with added thoughts. Castorland, New York.

IF CHRIST SHOULD PREACH TO-DAY

Anna L. Dreyer

If Jesus Christ should preach to-day
I think He would be heard
In th' modest church that I attend,
For there I hear His Word.
In fact—I say this reverently—
I've heard Him speak to me;
He bade me trust His cleansing Blood,
And be from sin made free.

He bade me walk with Him in white
In garments not my own;
But robed in righteousness He gave,
In ways His Word makes known.
What matters if my earthly dress
Be not of gorgeous hue?
He looks upon my inner self,
And bids me there be true.

Oh, yes, I think if Jesus came
To earth to-day to preach,
He'd seek some church where praying folk
Seek hungry souls to reach.
The folk with list'ning ears and hearts
Who follow in His way,
Would honored by His presence be,
Came He to preach to-day.

THE MASTER'S QUESTION

Have ye looked for My sheep in the
desert,

For those who have missed the
way?

Have ye been in the wild, waste plac-
es,

Where the lost and wandering
stray?

Have ye trodden the lonely highway,
The foul and darksome street?

It may be you'd see in the gloaming
The print of my wounded feet.

Have ye carried the living water
To the parched and thirsty soul?

Have ye said to the sick and wound-
ed,

'Christ Jesus can make thee whole'?

Have ye told My fainting children
Of the strength of the Father's
hand?

Have ye guided the tottering foot-
steps

To the shore of the Golden Land?

Have ye stood by the sad and weary,
To soothe the pillow of death,

To comfort the sorrow-stricken,
And strengthen the feeble faith?

And have ye felt, when the glory
Has streamed through the open
door,

And flitted across the shadows,
That there I have been before?

Have ye wept with the broken-heart-
ed

In their agony of woe?

Ye might hear Me whispering beside
you,

" 'Tis the pathway I often go!"

Selected.

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QUOTATIONS

The righteousness of God is not
a righteousness which is demanded,
but a righteousness which is provid-
ed.

Whenever you permit your heart
to be lifted up you are waiting for a
fall.

When you begin to prosper in this
world's goods be careful lest your
heart will turn away from God.

Author Unknown.

(This beautiful poem was publish-
ed in the Missionary Worker.)

Life's sunseting here is the sunris-
ing over there.

Ten lepers were healed of their dead-
ly disease,

By Jesus, the Saviour Divine,
Only one came back, with a grateful
heart,

And Jesus asked, "Where are the
nine?"

Those nine neglected to thank our
Lord,

That their miserable lives had been
spared,

But the one who came back was kept
by His grace,

And the joy of His peace was shared.

Jesus, our Saviour! So loving and
true,

Giver of all good gifts, to me, and
you:

Could we neglect a Friend such as
He?

This is what Satan desires us to do.

—Selected.

Millions are groping in sin's dark
night,

Searching the pathway to truth and
right.

You in your hands have the only
light—

Are you hiding the LIGHT OF GOD?

"The Lord is good, his loving kind-
ness endureth forever."

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