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He sendeth His word and healeth them.

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# LEAVES OF HEALING

I am the Lord that healeth thee.

And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

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# ZION IN CHINA

Jesus said:

"All authority hath been given unto Me in heaven and on earth.

"Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations,

"Baptizing them into the Name of the

"Father and of the

"Son and of the

"Holy Ghost;

"Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo,

"I am with you all the days, even unto the consummation of the age."

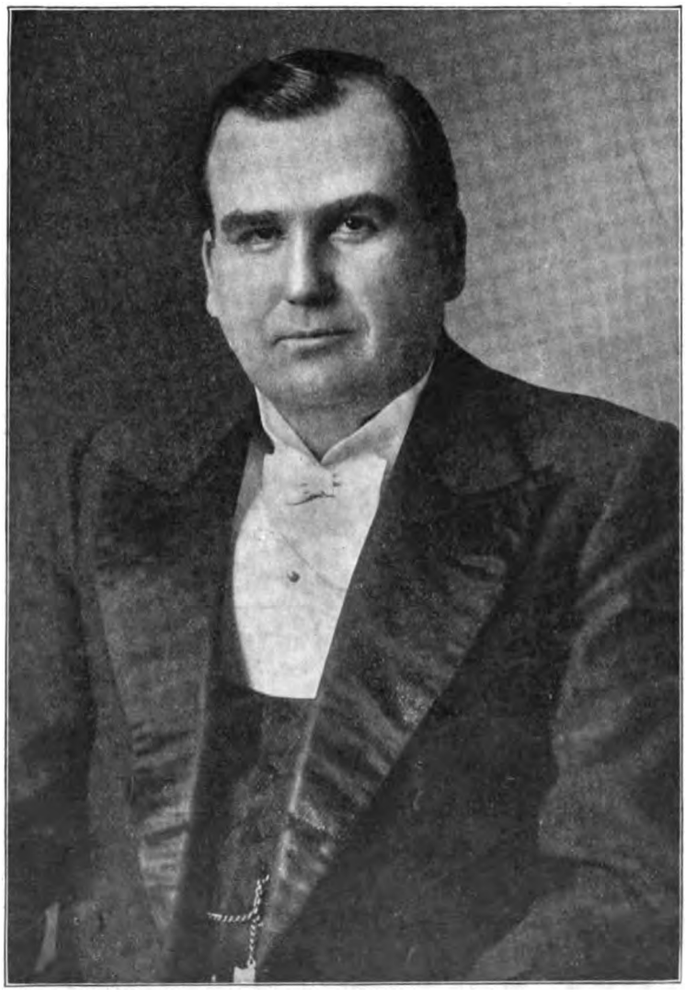
The Great Commission!
All Authority.
Go.
Make Disciples.
Baptizing them.
Teaching them.
To observe all things.
Lo I am with you.

Zion's faithful messengers are working in China, and have been for years.

China!

China proper has an area of less than two million square miles.

The Chinese Empire with its tributary states has an area of five million three hundred thousand square miles.



WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA
(Successor to John Alexander Dowie)
General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion

The Emperor of China rules a territory almost twice the size of the United States, and his subjects are estimated at from two hundred and fifty to four hundred millions.

On account of the numerous mountains and extensive deserts, over one-half the population lives upon a plain with an area of a little more than two hundred thousand square miles. One author says of this district: "It is the most densely settled of any part of the world of the same size—the population being estimated at one hundred and seventy-seven millions."

There are two Chinas: Ancient China, and Modern China—the contrast is very striking.

China has three principal religions:

Buddhism,
Taoism,
Confucianism.

A volume would be required to describe the numerous, complicated conditions in China, which the Gospel Messengers must face and cope with—but thanks be to God, Zion's Messengers go with Authority to

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preach the Gospel which Jesus and the Apostles preached, and the Gospel of the Kingdom of God is sufficient to meet any and all conditions, for it is the antidote for every evil, the complete solution for every problem.

In the Leaves of Healing bearing the date of April 15, 1899, the following Editorial Notes appear:

"Whilst it would not be true to say that Christian Missions from Great Britain and America have been complete failures, it is true beyond all controversy that they have been far from successful, with important exceptions arising from the special blessing of God upon specially consecrated and faithful men and women.

"Great as has been the failure of the denominations at home, greater still has that failure been abroad.

"The Chinese are heathen, but they have eyes and are not utterly bereft of reason. They can quickly see the inconsistency of preaching Christ as 'Just the Same Today' and His Gospel as 'an Everlasting Gospel,' and yet, in the same breath, hear the Missionaries declare that He no longer heals His people, and that the Gospel is no longer one of 'Saving-health,' but of Saving Sickness."

The above Editorial Notes, written by John Alexander Dowie in April, 1899, are just as true today as then, and if possible more true, for conditions have gradually grown worse.

Zion in all other parts of the world says to Zion in China:

Peace be to you!

God bless you and make you a blessing to multitudes.

Of all the Missionaries in China you ought to be—and Zion people believe you are—the happiest.

Go Forward!

Preach the Gospel without fear or favor, and God will confirm the preaching of the Word with the signs and wonders following.

God bless Zion in China!

God bless this number of Leaves of Healing!

Pray!

Work!

Watch!

Wait!

Lord Jesus come quickly.

Watch ye therefore and pray always.



ELDERS ROYALL, VIKING, THEIR FAMILIES, AND MISS HOSKEN—ZION'S BAND OF WORKERS IN CHINA

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# A CLARION CRY FROM CHINA

Elder Royall, under date of January 12, 1909, writes of Accomplishments, Needs, and Possibilities. Zion's Message the Power in the Orient.

Peace to Zion throughout the world! Zion in Shanghai! Zion in the Orient! Oh, what a theme!

"Go through the gates! Prepare ye the way of the people! Cast up the Highway! Gather out the stones! Lift up an ensign for the peoples!"—Isa. 62: 10.

**The Voyage to the Field.**

We passed through the Golden Gate at San Francisco on February 6th, Nineteen hundred and six: Then out six thousand miles over the salted sea, we passed through the gates of the Land of the Rising Sun, then, after passing through the Gates into the Land of Sinim, and up the muddy stream — Whangpoo river, — we landed at Shanghai, the commercial center of this vast Empire, on the 4th of March.



ELDER F. M. ROYALL

Everything was in confusion, for some foreigners had been recently murdered in the Yang-tse Valley. A cable to us to stop in Japan never reached us. It was a cold, bleak day when we arrived.

Shanghai had changed so much since we went away we had to look for some time to find "Haskell Road" which was only grave mounds when we saw it; but now there were new lines of streets with large buildings here and there. The house used by Zion was occupied. There were two rooms packed to the ceiling with Tabernacle benches, also furniture and a lot of trumpery that made one's head swim to look at it. I took off my coat and went to work and cleaned up one room, and there we camped for some weeks.

In the absence of the Elders and the closing of the Tabernacle the members were scattered. A few called to see us. For a few weeks meetings were held in the home of one of the members, and afterward in a room in my own home.

Afterward came a delegation from the country districts urging me to go to the country, as their need was great. I had a conference with them, and gave them instructions what to do, and how to do it.

As soon as it could be arranged, a small building outside was engaged for a Tabernacle. Then I began to make arrangements to go to the country, to see what was going on there. I found matters in a terrible condition. Many of the Christians had been using the name of the Church to do all kinds of litigation. Chapels had been opened in many places, in the name of the Church, and some simply for the purpose of litigation. I had to use strong measures in order to close up such places. Letters poured in to me for permission to open Tabernacles which I had to refuse. What they wanted was my name and the name of the Church to protect them in their litigation.

They began to see that Zion stood for purity, clean life, and honest business. But the places were far apart and difficult of access, and expensive to reach from Shanghai. As there were many obstacles in the way, it was impossible for me to visit them often enough to keep them in good working order.

**Work in Shanghai.**

English meetings were opened in Shanghai, the need along that line being very great, for the Mah-Ha-Bones and the United Order of Nicotine Stinkpots have taken possession of Shanghai. There are all kinds of clubs, and enough whiskey and beer to almost float the Navy. The attendance was small, but the meetings were a great blessing and very powerful.

**Results Follow the Word.**

The Chinese meetings grew more interesting, and soon baptisms followed. There have been baptized more than one hundred and seventy, and there are some now waiting to be baptized in the country. I was up to my ears in work. The terrible famine came on, and I went to help in that.

**Standing Guard Duty and Holding On.**

The message came of the passing on of our former leader, John Alexander Dowie, and of confusion in Zion City, and that Zion had been thrown out of the Tabernacle and the Administration Building, and that Zion had to worship in a tent all through the terrible winter. We prayed and toiled on. We moved our Tabernacle to another street for a little time.

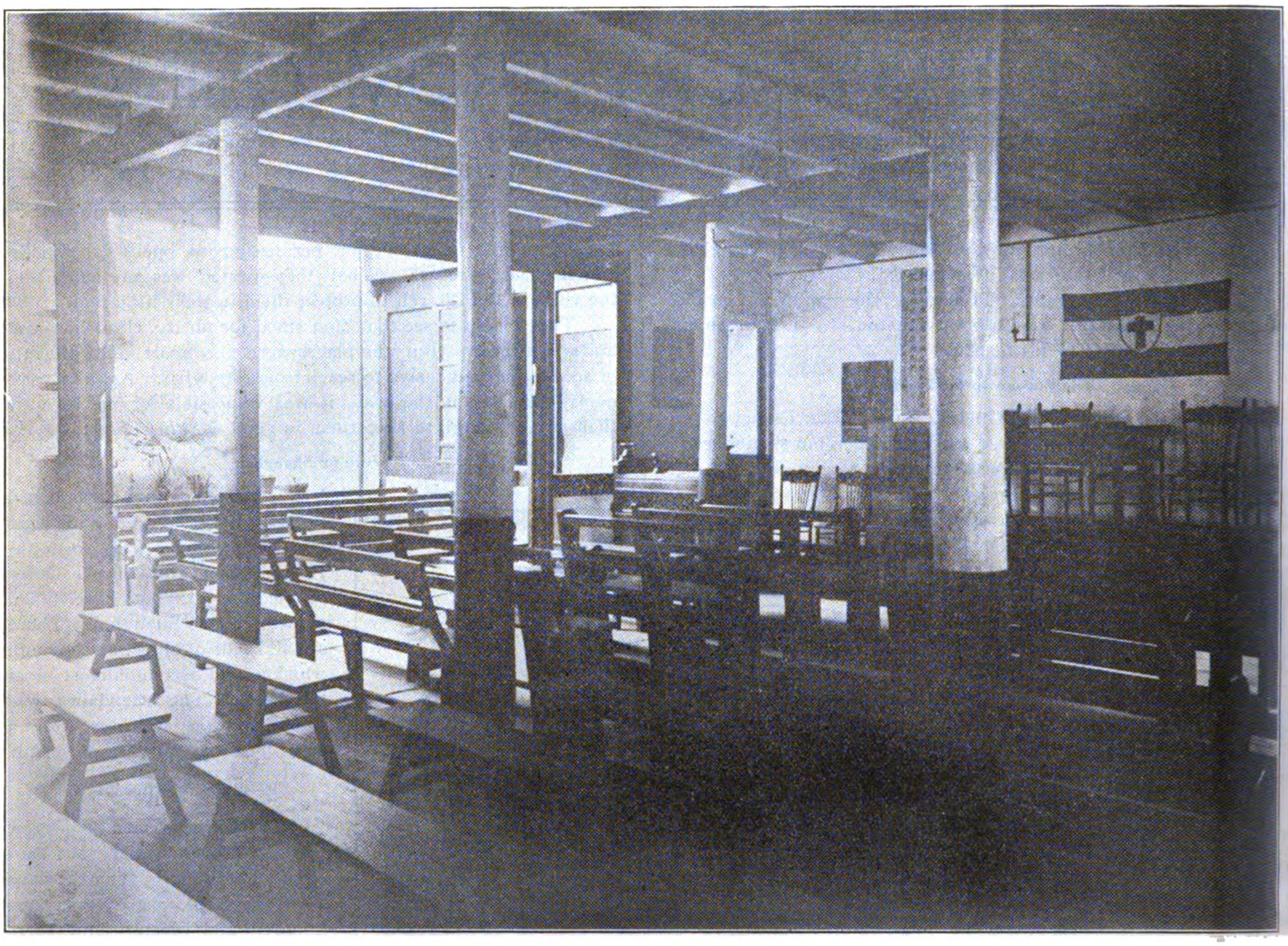
**Prayers Answered.**

We prayed for a suitable place and for more help. Our hearts overflowed when Elder Viking and Mrs. Viking came to help us in this great work, for Elder Viking is a volcano overflowing with the fire of God and with the love of the Lord Jesus Christ. A new Tabernacle in a suitable place was opened on Tsepoo Road just opposite the old one where there has been much blessing in days gone by, where there were wonderful salvations and healings.

**The New Tabernacle.**

We had prayed for a suitable place and for the money to pay for it and repair it. The place was given, and something

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A SECTION OF ZION TABERNACLE, SHANGHAI

very unusual, the landlord offered to make most of the repairs.

Announcements of the opening of the new Tabernacle were issued, and much interest was manifested. When the day arrived, the place was packed with people and many could find no place and had to go away. The Taotai sent his representative. It was a great day. Members from Soochow and Ningpo were in attendance.

**The Children.**

Children's meetings were announced, and the first one is indescribable. Many of them were children who had never had any chance only to be in the dirt. They knew nothing of obedience and nothing of God. Women came with children strapped to their backs. Some of the children were like wild Arabs, with dirty faces, soiled clothing, and unkempt and matted hair. The first thing was to get them quiet.

Elder Viking was equal to that, and soon they began to learn. They were interested. They began to look after one another. The transformation has been wonderful. The baptisms were and are impressive.

**Zion Processions and Their Effect.**

It was decided to have a procession in a small way. We had one or two little flags, and we got bamboo sticks and each boy had a stick with the hope that he would be able to get a small flag to put on it. Sure enough the flags were soon arranged for. The procession was growing. We were praying and working and going forward. Such a procession with boys gathered from the streets was something unknown. It created much interest among the men and women, and many were brought through it to the meetings. Some of them were half clad, and as they went down the streets, happy and joyful, carrying their flags, watched and observed by merchants and people of all classes, my heart cried out to God for some clothes for these children that they might be decent, and when winter comes that they might be warm.

Two weeks ago a friend of Zion came to the children's meeting and watched the boys as they filed in, and during the meeting. In a few days there came to my house two hundred and fifty garments for the boys, all new, blue serge. The boys were delighted beyond measure. My prayer was answered. We praise God for all.

Last Lord's Day, as we went out, all people stopped to witness this Zion procession. With flags and banners and trumpets it was glorious. It attracted the attention of everybody. Men, women and children stopped to gaze. They looked in amazement. Then they laughed for joy, that someone was doing something for their children. At night many of the people who saw the procession came to the meeting. So it grew. It was a new scene to see a foreigner at the head of a procession of ragged boys marching down the streets with waving flags.

**Tract on Baptism Kindles a Fire.**

A tract on baptism was gotten out in Chinese and circulated. It even awakened the dry Presbyterians. They seethed. The President of the Missionary Association came to wait on me about it, and informed me that they didn't do that in Shanghai.

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SECTION OF CHILDREN'S SERVICE, JUNIORS, ZION TABERNACLE; ELDER AND MRS. ROYALL AND CHILDREN AND MRS. VIKING; MISS THORKER, MISS POSEY FRIEND AND MRS. LOISKA FRIEND.

That went without saying, for they are a valley of dry bones. He said he didn't want the Chinese to know the difference between us. I told my teacher that. I'll never forget his words. He grew eloquent. "Why shouldn't the Chinese be taught the truth? Why should they be led astray?" he asked.

**Interest on the Increase.---The Meetings.**

The interest is still increasing. People are being saved and healed and blessed.

The morning meetings are very blessed. The afternoon children's meetings are still growing, the children being now arranged in companies with a captain over each ten, and a lieutenant to report the order to Elder Viking. He also carries an armful of bamboo sticks with flags for additional boys who join in. It makes a mighty spectacle.

The evening meetings are crowded with men and women, glad to hear the blessed message of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living.

**What of the Future? What is the Outlook?**

There now lie before me letters from the country districts begging me to visit them. There are some wishing to be baptized, others wishing to be taught. One letter says, "Jesus did not stay in Jerusalem. He went all 'round and taught the people. Are our sins too great for you to come and stay with us for a while? Don't put us off any longer, but come and see us and baptize those who are waiting, and teach us more about the blessed truths of the Gospel."

Another says, "The calendar received. There are some Christians waiting to be baptized. We would be glad to see your face again."

Still another, who is traveling for a mercantile firm and would be glad to give all his time to preaching the Gospel but must have a support. Not safe to send one man alone; should be two. We need at least twenty dollars a month for the two men to be kept on the road all the time. He says "Some are waiting to be taught, and some get angry at the message. My heart yearns to give them the Gospel."

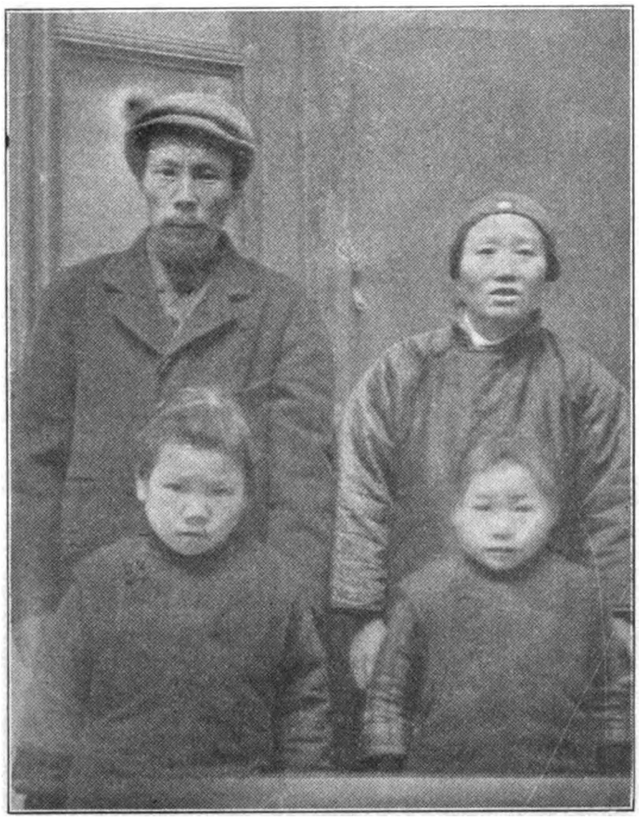
A letter from a young man in Hankow wishing instruction. He has had a taste and wants more.

**Pressing Needs.**

Zion needs a Zion City in China. Zion must have a Zion store in Shanghai. There is not a single grocery store in Shanghai that does not deal in whiskey and beer. If Zion had a store, a grocery store, why, I believe it would be a great blessing to the city and would be able to do a good business. Zion must have industries in order to give the people employment. Many people come and are eager for something to do. I have sent many away who were seeking employment, because we have nothing for them to do.

We need to open a school to teach the children and others. As Elder Viking has already written you, a man comes who has been steeped in heathenism, his work is heathenish, his food is heathenish, and he wants to get away from it. He comes and

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Tabernacle Keeper and Wife, Mr. and Mrs. Tsing Vong Ling, and Two of Miss Hosken's Little Girls, Hsiu Ling and Yu Chen.

begs for something to do in order to earn a livelihood and get away from sin, from heathenism. He has looked over and seen the green fields of Zion, and must we say, "You keep out of the green fields?" There must be employment. Oh for a Zion City!

**Going Forward.**

Zion is going forward. "Go forward, Oh Zion, great will be thy triumph when the King shall come."

In the words of our former leader, "Something must be done to alleviate the condition of poverty, ignorance, moral depravity and physical corruption into which the masses of the people have sunk.

"Secret societies, Jesuitical plots, and dangerous social conditions mark a period of unrest, with all the elements ready for the torch of revolution and anarchy. Into this terrible Maelstrom of Life, Zion has come with the old-time religion, proclaiming Salvation for Spirit, Soul and Body through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and by the power of the Spirit.

"Zion declares this Gospel of Love and Mercy is the Gospel of the Kingdom of God.

"Therefore Zion proclaims the Theocracy—the Rule of God. Into this terrible mass of iniquity, Zion enters undaunted by difficulties, unhindered and unaffected by fears or threats.

"Sympathizing with all who are desiring to better the conditions of the people, Zion will pursue her Divine Way, and plant the Banner of their King, claiming every land whereon she stands as a part of the world-wide Dominion of Christ, to whom God hath given 'The Heathen as an inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth as a possession.' Though nations, like men, are naturally disobedient and impatient even of Divine control, we shall go forward, and we send the message of Zion throughout the world, 'Go forward, Oh Zion, great will be thy triumph when the King shall come.' 'Go through the gates; prepare the way of the people; cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up an ensign for the peoples.' "

May God give Zion in the Orient Peace and Purity and Power and Preparation for the Universal Establishment of the Kingdom of God and for the Coming of the King, which is hastening day by day, and which cannot be very far away. Thanking God for all the blessings of the past, and with bright hopes for the future, I am,

Faithfully,

F. M. ROYALL.

P. S.: One of the Christians said last night that Zion must send two Chinese throughout the country with Zion's message. He said, "I'll pay for one man for one month." Further in his talk he said, "Elijah came once in the flesh, then he came as the forerunner of the Messiah, and now I believe that the Elijah spirit is in Zion and we must do the work while we have an opportunity." Nothing had been said about Elijah, and I was rather startled to hear him make that statement.

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# An Earnest Appeal

## Elder Royall writing under date of January 13,1909, Deals Severe Blows to the Enemies of God in Zion City.

REV. E. L. CAREY, Ecclesiastical Secretary,
City Hall Building, Zion City, Ill.

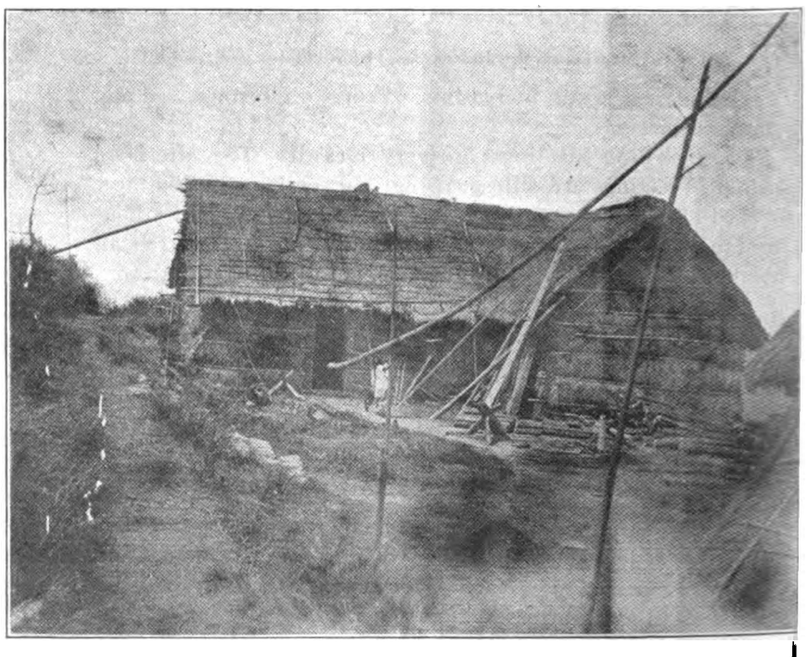
*Dear Elder:*

Peace to thee be multiplied!

Yours of December the 5th has been received and read with much pleasure. I have read it to all at our weekly gathering for prayer and praise.

We meet at present in our home on Thursday afternoons at four o'clock for prayer for the work here, and for Zion City, and for Zion throughout the world.

All were delighted at the idea of having a special edition of the Leaves of Healing for China. So each one is to write something, even the children. I have written quite a general letter, as I was led to do. The others will write as they are led. Many things I did not speak of for I thought best to leave it for the



Chinese House on Moh Kon Son

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others. We may all write about the same things, but it will not make any difference, for Zion has so many phases that are interesting. Each one will send their articles in this same mail.

I am sending a photo.of myself, of Elder Viking, and of the whole party in a group; besides two of the procession on last Lord's day. Both of them are very good. One shows the captains in line in charge of their companies in the procession. The other photograph shows the boys, which is a very good one. They are both headed by Nellie, Grace and John. Nellie and Grace are carrying a flag together telling the street and number of the Tabernacle. John has a Zion flag. Nellie is my little girl, and Grace and John are Elder Viking's children.

Elder Viking is sending testimonies of various kinds from the Chinese which will be of interest, I am sure.

We wanted to get one of the Christians in a body, but did not succeed. I sent you two or three of the Tabernacle and baptism some time ago and trust you received them.

Some one of our party said, "Now if Zion would give us a good camera we would do a great deal with it." Elder Viking says he can work it and that it would be a good thing, for we are constantly wanting photographs of something. Even in traveling we could get many views that would be of great interest.

We shall pray much for the Leaves of Healing. I hope you received the calendars and that everybody wanted them. I sent you one hundred. I thought the people would be glad to purchase a calendar in order to help out that much.

We are expecting a mail in two days, so I will wait till that comes to finish, as there is no mail going till Monday. God bless you all. Zion City must be saved for God.

Can you get for me the bound volumes of Leaves of Healing, Volumes 13, 14, 15, and 16? If so, please do so at once, for I need them—I must have them.

Deaconess Hosken is sending an article for the Leaves by this mail. Elder Viking is sending by the same mail articles from his family, which, with what I am sending, will perhaps be sufficient for one issue of Leaves of Healing. The photo. of myself is not the one I wanted. The photographer spoiled the one wanted. I hope you will like this one anyway.

May God bless the General Overseer. May God bless you. May God bless Zion City. God bless Zion everywhere.

We are waiting for the Watchword for 1909.

The Chinese New Year is now here, and next Friday the streets will be quiet. It is the only day in China that looks like Sunday, for all the shops are closed and most of the people are in doors feasting, or sleeping, or gambling and drinking.

I see that the Methodists are holding meetings in Elijah Hospice. Zion City was not built for the Masonic Mah-Hah-Bone church. They never did help Zion City. The Methodists have sold out to the Masonic Order. Zion City is for Zion and for Zion people.

Heathen Chinese had to go to the American Court in Shanghai and force the Methodists to return to them a large portion of land which the Methodists fenced in and claimed. The Emperor is now asked to give special honors to the people who forced the Methodists to return the land.

The Methodists holding meetings in Elijah Hospice! Shame! Shame!!

How they have desecrated Zion City! I say to them, fold up your tent and leave the only city on God's green earth that was built for God and for God's people. It was not built for the Higgs-Abiff-Methodists.

Oh God, cleanse Zion City of the Methodists!

John Alexander Dowie is dead, but his spirit goes marching on. So I give the Methodists fair warning.

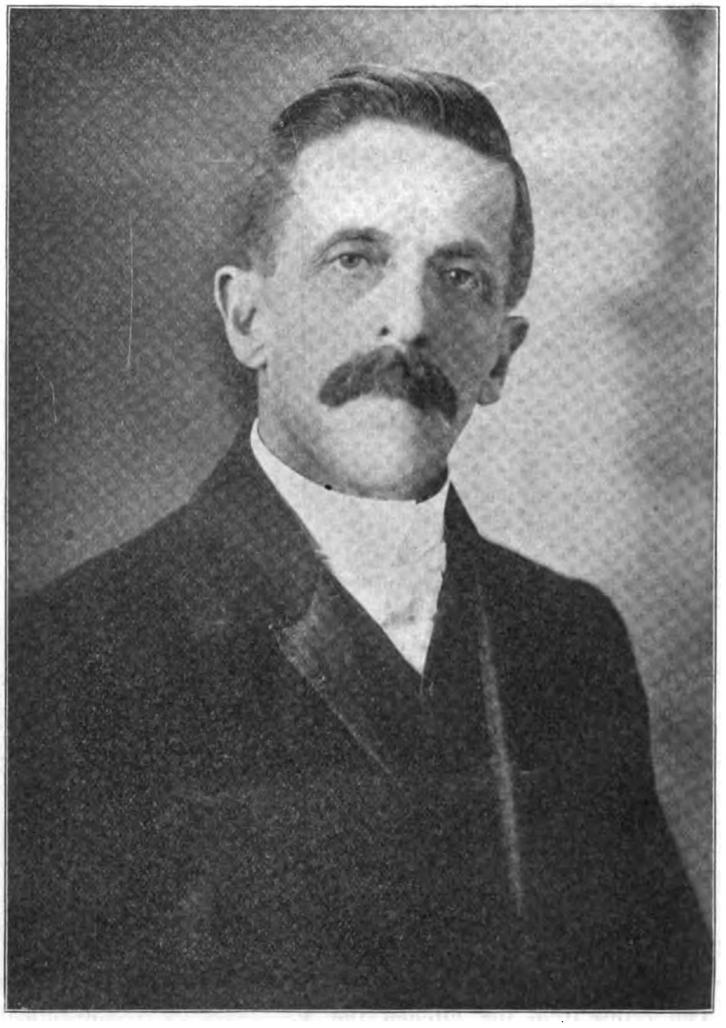
With a tow rope around their necks, one shoe off and one shoe on, and an old pair of drawers, with their breasts bare, and a hoodwink over their eyes, and then marching around taking the most horrible oaths and going through with tomfoolery which is disgraceful.

Do you hear! Zion is after you, and it is time for you to repent or get off the earth. What right have the Methodists to hold meetings outside of a Masonic lodge? They deny Christ in the lodge, and people who do that have no right to hold meetings in a sacred city like Zion City. That will do for "Beer" or "Babel" but not for Zion City.

Faithfully in the Master's service,

F. M. ROYALL, Elder-in-charge.

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ELDER E. L. CAREY

To our beloved Elders Royall and Viking, with their families, and to all our beloved brothers and sisters in Jesus the Christ in Shanghai and throughout China, "Grace be to you, and peace from God the Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ. Who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God our Father. To Him be glory forever and ever."

It has been my privilege to receive, from time to time, many communications from you, and I praise God when I consider what He has wrought in your midst.

It gives me great joy to know that there is on this earth today a Church whose ministers can go forth with Divine authority to proclaim, without fear or favor, the eternal truths of God. The Gospel of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living is already doing its mighty work in China. We have received at Headquarters, during the last two years, a large number of new applications for membership.

May the blessing of the Triune God be with you all!

Go forward, O Zion! Thy God reigneth!

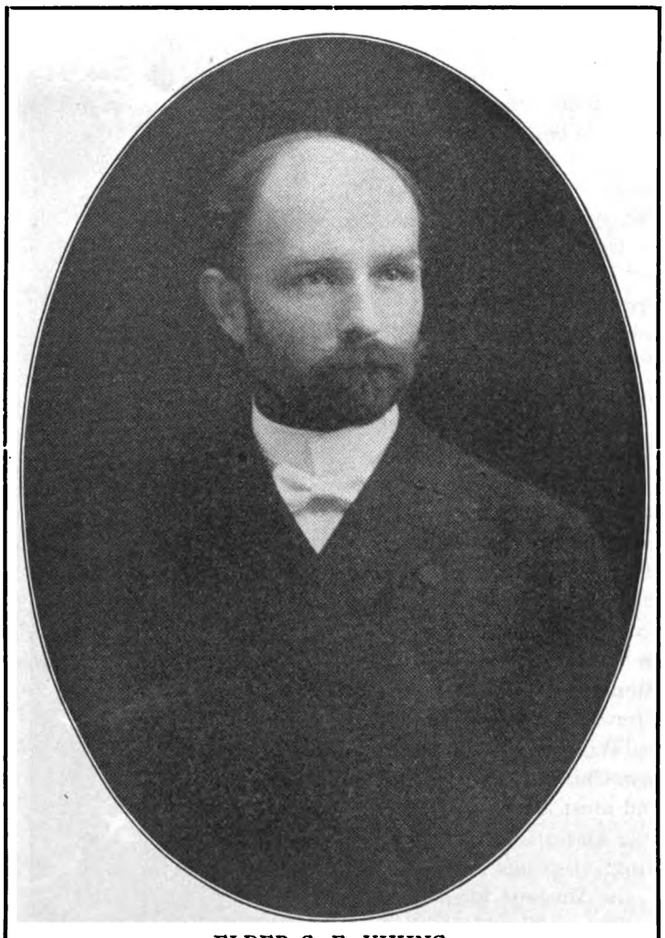
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# DOES IT PAY?
OR
# FACTS FOR ZION TO KNOW

By Elder C. F. Viking

When we look upon the handful of people who have been baptized, there is not much to show, but thanks be to God, we do not need to count numbers and swell membership lists. It is a great satisfaction to us that thousands have come and do still come to listen. During our children's meetings the only one sad feature about it is that the Tabernacle is altogether too small to accommodate the crowds. We have to bar the entrance and stop the people at such times. To do justice to a children's work of this kind a Tabernacle twice the size we now have is needed.



ELDER C. F. VIKING

### The Devil Enraged.

We have been pounding the devil horribly for the last seven months, ever since the opening of the present Tabernacle, and it is a matter of Praise to God that we have been so far unmolested. That the devil is angry, we have seen manifestations. Also the Buddhist priests, having shrines near us, have become exceedingly busy burning incense and candles, counting bead-strings, beating hollow pieces of wood to scare us away, chanting and wailing.

### Hardships of the Field.

The Zion work in China is not a bed of roses. To tell you the truth, were it not for the fact that we have a glorious mission to perform, it would be far better to live and bring up our families in the homeland. This land is a hotbed of fevers. There is no sewer system throughout the whole land. The refuse from the kitchen, the human being and the domestic animal is alike exposed to the sun and the public view, and allowed to accumulate outside the entrance to the dwellings, in some large stone jar in the front yard or throughout the entire house from front door to the back gate, and covering the playground of the little ones. There the unspeakably filthy pig wallows and eats; there the chickens scratch it about; there the wind churns it and carries it into the air; there the human being spends his days from the cradle to the grave.

There, where the babies are rocked right above the pig-trough, nursed and crawling about among chickens and ducks, playing hide and seek among toilet receptacles (pardon me saying it), there, where vegetables and rice are washed in stagnant, germ-stocked water, there, where vermin, rats, snakes, centipedes and other unmentionable things are allowed to increase at a fearful rate, there, where diseases of the skin, leprosy, fevers, smallpox, diarrhea, dysentery, cholera and plague flourishes, in a tropical climate and under a burning sun; there, right there, is our field of labor; there, Zion will be called upon to visit, to sit down, to eat, to drink, to breathe, sometimes to sleep, and do it over and over again, days and months and years.

Again, we Zion people are a peculiar people. We hate bad smells. We hate bad sights. We hate dirt and filth. We hate to see anything out of order. We hate sin. We are sensitive to the least touch of foul disease. We suffer agonies in tobacco smoke; we abhor the stench of whiskey; we recoil at the sound of profanity. To us these things are hell. We are of clean habits; we bathe often; we eat wholesome food; we abstain from swine's flesh and oysters; we do not use medicines, and we keep ourselves as far as in us lies unspotted from the world. We are a "peculiar people," not because to be clean and have clean spirits, souls and bodies is a peculiar thing, but because it seems peculiar to the world, the flesh and the devil. To us, then, in the midst of these additional things, it is not to be wondered at, if we at times close eyes and ears, stop breathing at all, not even touching a thing, and in spirit groan, "My God, what a place!"

### The Beauties of the Field.

Yet there are some beautiful surroundings in China. This is the kingdom of flowers. Fragrant lilies, roses, violets, daisies, camellias, chrysanthemums, asters, sweet smelling plants, dwarfed trees, palms, ferns in many varieties will be found placed right in the midst of the dirt. There are many pretty canals and rivers where shrubbery trims the edges and wild fowl abound. The hills are picturesque. In settlements where foreigners live, improvements have been made. Shanghai's foreign settlements are such places; but the Shanghai native city, surrounded by a thick stone wall over twenty feet high, is enough to turn any American's stomach.

### Watchfulness of Health Very Necessary.

We cannot live as the natives. We would not last long if we did. We would expose ourselves and fall in the first watch. From an economic point of view, the way we have to live is much more expensive than for natives.

There is a wrong impression that certain missionaries live on a level with the natives; that their expenses are far below ordinary missions; that their way of living as missionaries is the ideal, and that no others reach down to the masses. This idea is wrong.

### How Some Missionaries Live.

The members of the China Inland Mission, for the most part, dress in Chinese costume. To be well and respectably dressed as Chinese, and have proper changes for all seasons, is as expensive as the European outfit. To be shabby is cheap, but repulsive. The children of their families have good education in up to date Mission schools at Chefoo and other centers free of cost. The table of the C. I. M. is not one whit behind that of my readers. They get their dainties at whole-

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BAPTISM IN ZION TABERNACLE, SHOWING ELDERS ROYALL AND VIKING STANDING IN THE POOL

sale, or less, through large donations of goods in England. They have butter and jams, and tin goods of many kinds which we cannot afford to keep. They are well cared for. This by way of illustration.

In contrast, there are missionaries who spend money enormously. I need not mention names, but say, that houses, church-buildings, schools and hospitals do testify of luxury and ease and a good time, and many tend to hinder mission work rather than to help. Considering that money is given by people of small means at home, many a time "the widow's mite," such a use of it is wrong.

**Zion Missionaries' Home Management.**

In discussing this matter before Zion, I can do so with a clear brain and a sound heart. We are not here to spend money and live well. We are here to teach, to preach, and to heal. But while here, we must live and take such precautions in living as not to throw away our lives unnecessarily. To live in Shanghai as you live in Zion City costs twice as much. House rent here is a hundred per cent. higher; education of children is very expensive; changes of seasons require variations of attire, and excessive heat uses up vitality.

**Zion Believes That Missions Pay.**

Zion is certainly not going to throw away money on experiments and non-paying enterprises. The first thing for every member in Zion to decide is, Does it pay to invest? Does it pay to invest in missions?

It is good for Zion to start and keep up missions in heathen lands. Indications show that China gets an early attention.

**Success Depends upon Confidence.**

In the first place, do the workers in the field have Zion's confidence and good wishes? It seems so. Is all Zion with them? Certainly—the General Overseer and the brethren at headquarters are. But is every member of Zion throughout the world interested? Are the children interested? That is what we want to know. If so, then we will succeed.

**Prayers and Money.**

The General Overseer began right when he started a mission fund. That fund needs strengthening systematically. Zion's mission in China will need a local fund to meet emergencies among the messengers. We are too far away from headquarters to be without such, and Zion cannot go to the world begging for help, if needed.

As soon as Zion can do it, the buying of a piece of ground in Shanghai where land is cheap, and the erecting of small dwellings for the officers, where the big house rent item will be done away with forever, will be a big saving to Zion.

The position of Zion in Shanghai is such that the support of the messengers sent out by Zion must come from Zion, and during the breaking of a clearing in this land, these messengers look to Zion throughout the world for help.

Faithful giving of tithes to the Storehouse and sending of special offerings and donations to the General Overseer for Zion in China will solve the problem.

Thank God that the time has come when those in Zion who have anything to say can get a hearing, so, when asked by Zion

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Headquarters to write for a special issue of Leaves of Healing on "Zion in China," I plant my feet firmly on China's soil, look you squarely in the eye and cry, your interest, your prayers, and your money!

**It Pays, Principal and Interest.**

It is only right for you to ask, "Does it pay?" We answer, "Yes, Praise God, it does." The interest on the money you give for this mission, apart from what you will reap at the great Day of Reckoning, will come to you in great spiritual blessings as you hear of what God is doing with your money. These are days of beginnings.

When a man born and brought up in heathenism, steeped in sin, disease, ignorance and superstition comes and says, "Take me, heal me, save me, give me a chance to work, help me to live a clean life and at last to get to heaven," does it pay?

When hundreds upon hundreds of little boys and girls crowd Zion Tabernacle, drinking in what is spoken from the platform, never to forget their first impressions, does it pay?

When Zion batters at the worship of ancestors and idols, and enters into details of age-long habits and beliefs, tearing to pieces the superstructure of idolatry and devil worship, throwing it away as filthy rags, does it pay?

Does it pay to fight tobacco, alcohol, opium, morphine, foot-binding, slave-trade, gambling and hundreds of other evils with all the intensity of the Christ-spirit; does it pay?

Does it pay to cry aloud the glorious news of the Kingdom of God; does it pay?

Does it pay to kneel at the bed of the sick and dying and whisper to them, "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus," and pray to God the Father for healing; does it pay?

Does it pay to establish Beautiful Zion in China and raise up a people ready to meet the King of Kings when He comes; does it pay?

Thank God, Brethren, IT DOES PAY! O, Beloved General Overseer and people, *It does pay!* Hallelujah, O Zion, *It does pay!* Praise be unto God for ever and ever that it does pay.

**Zion Industries Needed.**

Already we have hinted in former articles that Zion industries here would be welcome. It was John Alexander Dowie who pounded it into us that it would be a good thing to establish a Zion City in China. Not that all converts could come to such a place and live, but such a place would be a splendid object lesson to 400,000,000 of people and, in fact, to the whole Orient. To rich and poor, ruler and people, it would be a demonstration of the religion of Jesus the Christ.

Just think, a city in China without idols, pigs, fortune tellers, beggars, Buddhist and Taoist priests; without footbinding, gambling, tobacco; without alcohol, disease, misrule and squeeze! A city with good government, clean streets, clean homes! A city with paying industries and up to date farming! A city for God where constant prayer would ascend for the salvation of all China! A city from which the Gospel messengers, the seventies, would constantly pour forth and carry to the utmost boundaries of the Empire the printed page from Zion!

What a wonderful community!

**Municipal League, Take Notice.**

This is something for the Municipal League of Zion City to take notice of. Your League would not be tolerated inside that city. Can you send out messengers to China to preach against idolatry, when you open Zion City to the religions of the world? When you open for the Methodists and Parhamites, you also open for Buddha! While you were here in China trying to convert the heathen, your open town would be filled with the seven-devils-company who are worse than those you try to fight here. The devil has certainly taken possession of your minds and wills. Are you crazy and forever beyond hope of salvation? O, wives and daughters of the members of the Municipal League, do not be fooled any longer. Rise up against an open town! Go *en masse* to Shiloh Tabernacle and bow in prayer and humiliation before the Living God and Zion City will once more be saved.

When I read in the General Overseer's statement some little time ago of additional machinery installed in the Zion Printing Plant, I rejoiced. Zion has an enormous power in its printing facilities. We look forward to the day when there is a Zion Community in China, with a printing plant where millions of messages in Chinese could be printed.

**China, Zion's to Possess.**

It remains for Zion to enter in and possess. There are difficulties of establishing a center on account of the peculiar Chinese exclusiveness, but the time cannot be far away when it can be done and then we must be ready. Preparation is needed, at all events.

It takes time to get anywhere in China. When a person is sent here for missionary work, he has to go through at least two years hard study of the language. He can twist the language out of shape in six months and say a number of funny things in one year, but to be at home on the platform and to handle a crowd intelligently takes years of study, not only of the language, but also of the systems of thought and practices.

Praise God for Zion; for the strong characters now at the helm; for the printed page; for the praying company of brothers and sisters in the Christ.

Praise God for Zion in every land, and for Zion in Shanghai. Praise God for every messenger here and for the native brethren, who, though only babes as yet, still give praise to Zion's God for blessings received.

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# Missionary Tour and Some of the Results

*Letter of Elder C. F. Viking*

DONGLO, May 28th, 1909.

REV. F. M. ROYALL, Zion, Shanghai.

*Beloved Elder:*

Peace to thee and all Zion!

Having, by the grace of God, accomplished the visit to Yu-Chien, I am able to continue my report, this being my second letter to you so far.

We left Yu-Ong in a tremendous downpour which lasted during all the journey to Ling-en, where we spent the Lord's Day, the 16th of May, baptizing seven believers.

At this place, God blessed with immediate healings, and the news of the healings spread so that many sick came to be prayed for. Among those healed was a man with a fearfully swollen arm caused by a boil, giving him great pain. The next day the swelling had gone down, and the running boil was drying up.

One child was prayed for while she had a chill. The prayer was answered so that the child was running about in two hours after the prayer was offered and remained perfectly healed.

Among those baptized was a woman whose husband had threatened to take opium and kill himself if she was baptized; but on the day of baptism he, instead of taking opium, took whiskey and did not bother about the baptism.

We left Ling-en on Monday, the 17th, and arrived in Yu-Chien the same day about 4 o'clock p. m. About seven miles

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ZION PROCESSION IN SHANGHAI

from the place five men were awaiting us, having come to escort us. The magistrate in Ling-en had also given us an escort of four Yamen-runners with broad-swords. These walked in front of our three sedan chairs and the five men from Yu-Chien fell in behind.

Later, I took a nap and did not wake up until a new arrival shouted "Trianglao" (Elder) and stuck two letters in my face, the chair still being in motion. One letter was from my dear wife, and one from yourself, both very welcome—my first mail and news from home and the outside world in twenty days!

The man with the letters had together with several others been sent to meet us. They met us about four miles from the city.

I praise God for Zion and for the joy of fellowship and co-partnership with you and all in Zion in fighting for the Kingdom of God.

These men took their places in the procession which in single file wended its way on footpath through rice fields, bamboo groves, and smaller villages.

About two miles from the city, another deputation met us, this time thirteen boys, representing part of the Zion School. They lined up in front of us, stopping the procession and bowing, but with sober faces and led by one boy, presented me with a list of names of the children of the School, twenty in all, and the teacher's card. This was a very touching welcome. Then the boys fell behind and kept up in the line all the way, the perspiration streaming down their faces.

Nearer town, several other people had made their bows and disappeared behind. At a turn in the road, I looked back, but could not see the end of the procession. From then on, it did not take long before we were set down in front of the newly painted and decorated Tabernacle. A short meeting with thanksgiving to God for His love and mercy closed the introductory exercises of our mission to Yu-Chien.

Our mission to Yu-Chien has been full of interest. It will only be possible for me to mention a few items. It fell to my lot to make trips every day in all directions, visiting villages and holding meetings.

Among the places thus visited was a mountain called "One Thousand Gods." In order to get there, I had to climb up, up, up, five miles, arriving late in the afternoon, hot and tired.

Several families there, in the Chekiang Province, have settled down to farming. Mr. Li, the brother who had invited us to this lofty height, had been down in Yu-Chien, where, among other things, during conversation with him he had promised to kill and bury his three pigs. Some of his neighbors had also been to our meetings. They reached home before Mr. Li. They had told Mrs. Li. the fate her pigs were destined to. She at once set to work and sold off two pigs, the third being still there when we arrived. We, of course, were not going to let the devil escape with the third. We had it out with the lady of the house. She heard more about hog raising that evening than she had ever heard in all her life before. The result was that she consented to the dispatching of the lonely brute, and never to keep any more pigs.

Early Friday morning, the 21st of May, 1909, a memorable

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day, it being the day when the first pig in the history of Zion, China, so far as I can tell, was killed and buried, the funeral service closing with the singing of the Hymn, "O Happy Day." I never was more satisfied on the pig question than that morning. Wherever a pig is killed and buried in obedience to the truth preached in Zion, the devil gets a hard blow.

We left the grave and proceeded to a family not far away whose baby had, in the night, suddenly taken sick with fever, and the dogs had kept up a continuous barking all night. The people were frightened, and sent word to us that the devil was molesting them. When we reached the house, we searched it and collected every scrap of paper, scrolls, and sticks which had anything to do with idol worship. This the man made a pile of in front of the house. The mother held the sick child in her arms, and as the father put a match to the idol pile and the smoke arose, I laid hands on the little one "in the name of the Lord Jesus, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and in accordance with the Will of God, our Heavenly Father," for immediate healing, and I was able to assure the parents that there was not a particle of fever left and that the devil had fled.

In coming down from the mountain to Yu-Chien again, I made some preparations for the Lord's Day services. Among other things we had large posters made and put up about the town announcing the pig-killing and the coming baptism.

Saturday p. m., I sent for a lady, Mrs. Tong, whose husband was away on a long journey. We had called at this home a few days before. The lady wanted to know more of the truth, and so this was her chance. She came together with seven other ladies and their smaller children. Mrs. Tong's child had a sore on the cheek. I pointed to it and said, "Pig." Another child present had the same kind of a sore, so I also pointed to it and said, "Pig." They looked at each other, then at the children, then at me. I kept still. Then again I said, "Pig." They knew what I meant and what I was after. One word of truth with conviction is very powerful. I let them think and then said, "Mrs. Tong, how many pigs have you?" She answered, "Two." I said, "God hates this business and He wants you to give it up and that today." She said, "One has been spoken for by the butcher, the price discussed and the deal practically closed, but I will give you the other." She also promised not to keep any more.

I was glad for that much. If I could not have two, I would have one; not only for her sake, but also because I wanted an object lesson in the town itself. Consequently we proceeded to the residence that very hour, got the pig, dug a grave, dispatched the pig, saturated it with kerosene to prevent the devil from eating it, and buried it well, closing the exercises in this case also with the singing of "O Happy Day."

With our striking posters, the pig funeral, the children's procession Lord's Day, the wonderful baptismal service in the river half a mile from the city gate, Yu-Chien was pretty well on foot.

A mandarin official on horseback, with twenty-two soldiers lined up at the Tabernacle and escorted us to the river. In front of the soldiers were two of our boys with white flags with blue borders and a red cross in the center specially made for the occasion. When we arrived at the river, we were over five hundred strong. The bridge of five arches was black with people, and we had to elbow ourselves down to the water.

Thirty persons were baptized to the glory of God. The procession again formed and wended its way back to town.

At a village twelve miles south of Yu-Chien, called "Kweh-taen," which we visited this week, seven believers were baptized May 26th. This was a most happy occasion. God answered prayer and healed several sick at this place. A man with a sore foot was prayed for at the beginning of the meeting. During the meeting he made a disturbance because he discovered that he was healed and could walk, which he could not do before without discomfort.

A woman with neuralgia was healed at the same time. The next day she voluntarily delivered up three idols, the god of wealth, the kitchen god, and the god who is supposed to give sons into the family.

A child was healed from a bad arm. The next day, the father brought five idols of various fame.

What I consider a remarkable victory was the capture of a shrine, a house made of paper and bamboo four feet high and two and a half feet wide. An elderly lady had lost her husband about a year ago. She then prepared this paper house, supposed to be the mysterious connection between the spirit world and herself where her husband could come and be supplied with food and money. She consequently kept candles burning and food placed in the door opening of the death gate where the entrance to the heavenly stairway was supposed to be. Incense and paper money (false) to the value of $30.00 had already been spent, supposed to supply the spirit with not less than $30,000.00. Not long ago her married son had decided to call Buddhist and Taoist priests to come and stay a few days to drive away the devil, which performance would cost in the neighborhood of $50.00.

But on our coming, the son gave himself to God and asked us to visit his mother. We held a meeting in her home, and on parting she gave us the shrine with a number of idols. The son came with us and was baptized.

We wanted to bring this wonderful paper house to Shanghai, but the boat we had hired at Kweh-tae to take us to Donglo was too small: the thing would not go in. We then made a bonfire of the devil's property, knowing that in that way he could not make use of it again. Praise the Lord!

We arrived in Donglo early this morning, and will turn our faces towards Nie-gyin-fu where we expect to remain a week, and trust, God willing, to be back in Shanghai about the 10th of June.

With kind regards to all,

Yours sincerely in the Christ

(Signed) C. F. VIKING.

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# The Children of China

## Interest in Music. The Junior Work the Hope of the Kingdom

### Letter of Mrs. C. F. Viking.

SHANGHAI, CHINA, January 13, 1909.

GENERAL OVERSEER WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA,
Zion City, Ill.

*Dear General Overseer and Friends in Zion:*

Peace to you all!

In writing about China and Zion's work here, we must not fail to mention our Chinese singing. Had we a graphophone in which to record the singing of these celestials, and could we send the records to Zion City, you would indeed have a rare treat.

It is my privilege to serve as organist in most of the meetings. The Elders help most magnificently in leading the sing-

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ing, with their splendid voices and regular time beats. It is well not to venture too near when they wield the bamboo stick for lack of a proper baton, for much force is at times needed in order to bring the voices together, so that we may all end the verse at somewhat nearly the same time. True, a few will at times come out ahead, and some prefer to hold their notes a little longer, but they all get there sooner or later, so that all is well that ends well.

The Chinese are not a musical people, according to our standard. What music they do have is quite different from ours. Throat and lung power is all that is considered necessary in order to sing well. The louder the better, they think.

Teaching Chinese children to sing our western songs is not very difficult. The adults have a hard time trying to learn, and some of them never learn to carry a tune properly, but that does not make them downcast or discouraged; they sing anyway, to any tune, and any time.

At our baptismal services we have been accustomed to sing while the candidates are being immersed. But recently we have had to discontinue the practice of general singing, for the reason that, in the excitement of candidates going to and from the baptistry,some people would forget to sing perhaps for a whole line, then they would remember, and begin to sing again just where they left off, and as many different ones did the same thing, the effect can well be imagined. So now we have only the organ and a few singers for this special service.

In opening our Junior work last June, we had all at once a Tabernacle full of heathen children; none could sing and not one knew a thing about God. They did not even know how to sit still. They saw no need for clothing in the hot summer weather. Their faces were all shades and all degrees of dirt and cleanliness. They were a sight to behold! What a change now! These very same children march in orderly rows, two by two, in the processional, each carrying a flag or an announcement, in regular order, through the crowded streets. The people crowd around. Rich and poor, foreign and native, all are moved to their hearts' depths; moved as only marching throngs and swaying banners can move persons who are at all capable of being moved.

True, the Gong makes a terrific din, as the small boy pounds it with all his might. But China needs awakening. Each beat upon Zion's gong helps a little, so let us stand the noise, even if the nerves do quiver at times. After the march, in they file, until every seat is filled, and the crowds of older people that follow after must stand around the walls and out in the courtyards. My husband, who is the children's Elder, gets out his bamboo stick and with a few rapid strokes on that same gong calls the meeting to order; then the hymn "Jesus loves me" is announced, but who shall now say that the Chinese cannot sing? The Chinese children sing that hymn with their whole being. The noise is deafening. But we know that it is pleasing in the sight of God. They will never forget "Jesus loves me"—"Ye Su ai ngo." Some of them have never been loved. Even those who have parents have not had much love; some are orphans, cast out alone in the world, but "Jesus loves me" is true; it strikes home. There is power, there is comfort in "Ye-Su ai ngo."

Last Lord's Day Elder Viking read to them about the Sower that went forth to sow the seed; some fell by the wayside, some on stony ground, some was choked, others fell in the good ground and brought forth plentifully. They had never heard that story before, still they grasped it, and when one little man was called to the platform and questioned, he repeated what he had heard quite correctly. This boy is a study; he has a most plain looking face, but interesting. When he sings, his whole body sways, and he keeps time with the back of his neck. Our children never tire of watching him.

"I stand on Zion's Mount" and "Hear the Footsteps of Jesus" are among the hymns we sing.

We have great hopes for the future in connection with this Zion's Junior work. The trained singers for our services will come from among these children.

Zion will some day have a white-robed choir of Chinese boys and girls.

I praise God that Elder Viking has been permitted to open and carry on this work among Chinese Children. He loves the children. God has given him a young heart that finds special joy in ministering to the little ones. Zion's hope has ever been in her children; whether in Christian America or heathen China. The Zion Children will be a blessing in the world.

It must not be supposed that the Chinese have no music. They have a great number of different kinds of instruments, and no wedding or funeral would be complete without the Chinese fife and drum, and the clanging of the ever-present gong. Still there is a sweet charm in the boatman's song, singing in unison as they ply the oar and hoist the sail.

A Special surprise was given us on Christmas Day when a teacher belonging to Zion brought his school of boys, and in the presence of the people sang a Christmas song to the Chinese tune. They sang about the birth of the King of Kings, and our hearts were deeply touched. The same teacher has a heathen mother who has long been distressed because her son is a Christian, for who should burn incense on her grave and provide for her after her death, if her son refused to worship her departed spirit? She was very sad. We were asked to visit her,and were glad to go. We found her very silent and reserved. The outlook for the life beyond the grave was very dark and hopeless. We spoke to her of Jesus the Way, the Truth, and the Life, then asked her to come to the Tabernacle. She came and was blessed. We visited her again. She received us joyfully. Her face is changing. The light from above is beginning to shine from within, praise God! Again she came to the service, because she herself wanted to come. She is old, nearly seventy; but for the aged there is also room. Her son said, "If mother would become a Christian, she would be very zealous, for she has been a very zealous worshiper of idols." She no longer mourns for her son, for she is beginning to realize that Jesus is sufficient for time and eternity.

Before I close I wish to say that my heart is filled with praise to God for all that He has done for us, and for me personally. Especially do I thank Him that He has given my dear husband and myself a place to work for Him in Zion, and that we feel the sure and true foundation under our feet, even the Rock of Ages.

Yours for Zion,

(Mrs.) Betty L. Viking.

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ELDER FRED RICHERT

Dearly Beloved Brethren in the Christ:

Peace be unto you!

Over the rolling waves of the Pacific Ocean I extend a warm and loving hand to you and greet you in the name of the Lord Jesus the Christ, the glorious King, the victorious Conqueror, and the Prince of Peace.

With great joy and thanksgiving to God, our Heavenly Father, I have followed and read the reports from the wonderful and great Empire in which you are laboring under the cross of our blessed Lord Jesus the Christ to extend the Kingdom of Heaven. I do rejoice that God has blessed you so wonderfully, and that the light of His eternal truth penetrates the darkness of the heathen night in which over 400,000,000 people are living, toiling, suffering and dying.

I do thank God that we are united under the wonderful banner of our great Jehovah---you in China and we at Headquarters. We can unite at the Mercy Seat and pray to God, our Heavenly Father, for the redemption of that wonderful nation which has had such a marvelous history. Our hearts go out towards China. As we have studied the history of China from the early dawn of civilization down to the present time, and have followed her rulers, the succession of the dynasties or kings, we have wondered at the great progress of that nation; and we do know and believe that all China can be won for Christ, and it will be a mighty power for the extension of the Kingdom of God. So we pray for you, dear brethren, that God may bless you, sustain, strengthen, comfort, and keep you under the protecting care of His hand, and give you a glorious entrance into the hearts of those people among whom you are living, toiling and laboring.

Elder Royall, I well remember you, your kindness, your love, and your consecration when you were among us and when we were laboring and working together for the extension of the Kingdom of God. I greet you in the Name of the Lord Jesus the Christ, and assure you that I love you with the same love with which I loved you when you were here.

Elder Viking, I rejoice that you are going forward in the Name of the Lord to carry the banner of the cross into the night of darkness and heathenism which rests so heavily upon the Chinese nation. I greet you, my beloved brother, in the Name of the Lord Jesus the Christ, and also your family.

May God bless you, be with you and strengthen you, is the prayer of

Your faithful brother in the Christ,

FRED RICHERT.

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# The Story of the Life and Departure of Little Dorothea Royall---An Inspiration to Both Young and Old

Letter of Mrs. Mary S. Royall

24 HASKELL ROAD, SHANGHAI,
January 18, 1909.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:

Peace to thee, and to all Zion!

Never having come to the place where I can feel that God would have me commit my baby, even in part, to the mercies of an Oriental nurse, I have not much time for the work among the women. The one afternoon a week visiting with Mrs. Viking in the homes of the Christians and enquirers comprises all in that line that I can do, except that when taking Baby for her outing, friends have been made among them.

One of the women baptized last autumn, I first met in this way over two years ago when out in a small park near by with little Dorothea. Often I wheel the light go-cart in and out of the alley-ways, where it is not too filthy for Baby to go, and trust that the women and children who see us, at whom we smile, and to whom I sometimes speak a few words, may realize in a little way that we love them.

Once a week we all meet here in our sitting room to talk over the work and to lay before God in prayer the needs, and to praise Him for the victories and blessings that come.

This month, I attended the communion service in the Tabernacle—the first time for some months. During the interval the number of Christians and enquirers has increased many-fold, and the spirit of the meeting as well seemed more in line with God. We are so thankful for the wisdom and love that by the grace of God characterize the oversight of the Church here.

There are many longings in all our hearts for the future of Zion's work here, for the good of these needy darkened ones in this weary "Land of Sinim." Here, as a Chinese man, one of Kang Yu Wei's attendants, said in Shiloh Tabernacle, "Everything is dear except the people."

We long that Zion may have broad fields and green pastures where the fathers may do clean business and the little ones and mothers, the Chinese as well as our own, may have a large vision of God's blue above, more fresh air, and be enabled to live lives better than can be lived in narrow streets and crowded courtways.

Our little Dorothea was so truly a child of Zion that we had large hopes for her in connection with God's work. Although the little life has been cut short, I cannot give up these hopes, dear General Overseer. She was so markedly a blessing during her fifteen months in China. The following paragraphs I wrote months ago to a friend, never sending them. O, that the hearts of some might be touched to send forth laborers and means to gather in the outcasts, and to meet the needs of Zion in this vast land!

Dear Friend:

Your request to know more about the departure of little Dorothea has been postponed too long—you will understand how the heart shrinks from recounting even an outline of the harrowing circumstances connected with that "falling asleep." Yet I remember how you loved her. Who did not who had felt the touch of that loving little life? Then, too, there are beautiful, helpful memories, such bright stars that shone out with hope in our black night of sorrow. Do you remember how she loved to sing, "Joy Cometh in the Morning"? and how, when the baby eyes were full of tears over some baby grief, she used to turn her face up to us and say "Tear away"? How often have I been reminded by that song and those tears of that morning of God when He shall wipe away the tears from all faces!

June of 1907 gave us much sunshine—the first days, indeed, were over-warm. We had hoped that father would not have to go to the country again until the summer was over. A case of persecution and imprisonment, however, made it imperative that he go once more, so he left us June 14th. Well, I recall the joyous steps our golden-haired darling took helping mother get father's lunch basket ready. With her own wee hands she shaped some bread to bake for "daddy." It was hard to have him go, but then "he was going to get a man out of prison." That was her comfort when she wanted him during the following days of terrible suffering which so unexpectedly came to her. How little we thought that bright June day that in another week all that would be left to us would be a grave, a memory and a hope. Two days later she was taken ill, and after five days of severe illness she left us on June 21st, for the land of silence. Day and night we soothed her the best we could, singing her favorite songs until choked and blinded with tears, throats almost raw, and hearts breaking. When the mother-heart utterly failed, and cried out in agony, her little hand stroked mine, and she uttered words of comfort: "Mother look at me" and the eyes added the rest "I am with you, why weep?" So like her that was, for she was ever ready to comfort. You remember the bank you gave her? Well, the cover was always ready to come off if sister wanted a penny; and try as I will this morning as I think of her, I can recall no instance when she ever used one for herself! You no doubt recall the evidence of a strong, sometimes stubborn will she manifested. It would have done you good to see how she overcame. Father's departures for the country were often signals for marching on the enemy and gaining a victory before the happy day of his return. There was many a battle and many a victory. How happily her face shone when she proudly showed him on one return that she now ate her crusts, on another, that Giant Whines had been killed!

During her last hours Miss Hosken (her "Aunt Edith") was alone with her. Dorothea bade her good-bye, the little lips moved in prayer, and then cried out hurrahs of victory until they could move no more.

I cannot say, and I will not say
That she is dead—she is just away
With a cheery smile, and a wave of the hand
She has wandered into an unknown land
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since she lingers there.

You ask how "Aunt Edith" had the strength for those hard, hard hours? Dorothea herself gave the answer. When she was well "Aunt Edith" did not carry her up and down the stairs, and Dorothea well understood that such an act would be imposing on God-given strength. But when she grew ill "Aunt Edith's" arms were ready. One day as she was lifting the little one she solved the problem of the strength: "God gives strength to carry little sick girls, does'nt He, Aunt Edith?"

I would draw a veil over the days that followed—the heart agony of that first week until the father returned; letters, telegrams and messengers all failing to find him, he not knowing of our loss until the day before his return, June 28th. We went out into the bright sunshine again, without her. How could it shine so brightly? The birds that she loved, keep up their singing, and the children outside, all of whom she loved, make Haskell Road still ring with their joyous shouts—all was so changed since she was away. As Nellie said, "Graves and funerals are different now."

Every street corner brings some recollection of her. Here in a morning walk she had embraced both a Chinese and a Japanese tot—she loved them all. On that corner she had looked up into the face of a friend to whom I was speaking and an-

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nounced, "I'm mother's little helper." Everything seems to speak her absence.

Yes, kind friends helped and comforted as much as human comfort can. The day she fell asleep was John's birthday, and the flowers prepared for the birthday festivities he and Grace lovingly laid on the little casket. A small head-stone with her name and dates and the name of her favorite hymn--"-Christian Walk Carefully"---mark the spot where she lies in Bubbling Well Cemetery, to await the glorious morning. Dear embodied spirit of love. That secret of her life was just that---she loved, and so was loved. Two Jewish women stood and wept with me about her not many days ago; for one of these she had prayed for months.

During her last days with us we had precious talks together, and some of her words are ineffaceably graven on my heart. One morning as I sat beside her she said, referring to some gifts from her grandmother and friends: "Mother. what shall I do with my money?" I told her many helpful things could be done with money, and when she grew older she could decide. "Mother," and the little face grew so deeply serious, "I want to use it for sick people." This sacred trust from her dying life was only a mite---But all for His sick ones, how many, many there are in the land! How many little outcasts and wanderers fill the dark places! As we have prayed and planned about these little ones of China, I seem to see always before me her eager, longing little face.

Through Miss Hosken's report you know about the beginning of the children's work. Only today a third little girl, about the age of the first two, has been heard from in another city, and will be brought in soon. Miss Hosken said that when the two heard from her today about another little homeless one they said "Let's pray God to send the dollars;" and they did, immediately, counting up what a quilt and other immediate necessities would cost.

Praying God to bless your labors till Jesus comes,

Yours sincerely in Him,

MARY S. ROYALL.

## Message from Grace C. Viking to Zion Juniors.

SHANGHAI, CHINA, Jan. 15, 1909.

DEAR ZION JUNIORS;

Peace to you!

Would you like to see our Zion children's procession in Shanghai? It is fine. My brother John heads it nearly every Sunday. There are no girls in the procession, except when Nellie Royall and I go, because the girls have bound feet. Some stay in the Tabernacle while we are having the procession; others come out to see. John has a horn (which he blows in the procession) that Nellie gave him for a Christmas present. Sometimes he carries a flag. Nellie and I carried, last Sunday, a white cloth between us on bamboo poles. It has "Zion Tabernacle, Tsepoo Road" written in Chinese on it. One of the boys right behind me beats a gong so that you can hear it a mile off.

I was very glad to get beautiful Christmas cards from some of the Juniors in Zion City.

I got some lovely Christmas presents. One was a doll house that my father made. I received a lovely kid-body doll that was very nice. My brother, also, got a lovely motor-car which he enjoys very much.

I like Zion City much better than China. China is a very dirty place.

I have not been sick one day since I came to China for which I thank God.

My brother would like to write, but he will wait until next year as he does not go to school as I do.

I pray God to bless all the Juniors.

With much love,

GRACE CAROL VIKING.

## Nellie G. Royall's Message to Zion Juniors.

SHANGHAI, CHINA, Jan. 17, 1909.

DEAR ZION JUNIORS:

Peace to you all!

I am writing you a little letter to tell you about our work in Shanghai. It is going on prosperously. We have a good sized Tabernacle, and it is crowded every meeting, and the procession is a sight to behold. Children ranging from eight to sixteen, and older, are in it. A friend of ours, who often visits the Tabernacle, made us a present of blue serge coats, of all sizes, for the boys to wear. They look fine all dressed in uniform, and carrying banners, flags, and gongs which make a terrible noise. John takes the lead, and Grace and I, when we march, go right behind him. He has a Zion Flag of his own. We have to drive the grown people out of the children's service to make room for the children. When they first came they sang dreadfully, but now they sing much better, and keep time a little. They are very attentive, and fairly quiet. We are all looking forward to a Choir some time.

Chinese New Year will be here soon and then we will get many more people to come to the meetings. At Chinese New Year the people walk about the streets, with their best clothes on (which are of all the colors of the rainbow, and more). The beggars crowd in to the city on New Year's day, and they are a pitiful sight. There is hardly any quarreling at New Year's time, which is a remarkable thing, for the one profession which the Chinese can do best, is to quarrel.

I would like so much to see you all, and I praise God very much, for He healed the baby and me of malaria. We were sick part of Christmas week, but got better quite soon.

I go to the Shanghai Public School, and am in the fourth form. I won a prize for an essay at Christmas, and was very happy. I am the first in my class, for Composition.

We are praying for you, and I thank you very much for the beautiful Christmas cards.

Yours, lovingly, for God's Kingdom,

NELLIE G. ROYALL.

## Past, Present and Future.

DEAR BOY AND GIRL READERS OF LEAVES OF HEALING.

Peace to thee!

Do you wonder what that heading means? So do I.

I know what the past of the Children's work in China is, and so do you, if you read the letter published in the Herald a short time ago.

It means six little children snatched from death and worse than death and placed where they can be taught to know and love God, instead of worshiping idols of wood and stone.

It means the dear little girls who would not touch pork or any thing the Bible forbids us to eat, and who are brave enough to inform their playmates that these things are not Jesus' food, but the devil's.

It means two little girls who have given their hearts to God and, as they express it, are trying to "make Jesus happy;" who have been baptized and joined the C. C. A. C.

One of them tells of her conversion in these words as nearly as I can put them into English: "I do love Jesus. Jesus is in my heart, and Jesus is in Yu Chen's heart, and He is in your heart. I don't see how He can be in so many places, but He is, and the devil has gone away."

One night this same little girl (Hsiu Ling) cut up a paper napkin. The other child said, I would not want mine cut up. Hsiu Ling looked into my face and asked, "If I should want it all in one again, could not you pray to the Heavenly Father and would not He hear and make it whole again?" This may look

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like a little thing, but it was great faith for a little eight year-old Chinese girl.

The present is, three little babies in healthy condition in the homes of Christians and enquirers eating their fill of milk and rice and caring for nothing more at present, as the oldest is only thirteen months old. Two little girls going to school every day, learning Chinese and English, getting good grades in their work, and gaining a reputation for being so obedient and thoughtful that their foreign teacher is asking God to make them a great blessing to the other children.

But the Future, what of that? As I look through the eye of faith I see, oh, so many things. Do you want to look through my eyes and see the picture? All right; this is what you will see: A ZION City where the Christians can live clean lives and have clean work to do. This Zion City, like the one you live in, is large, so that every one has plenty of room to live as he should. In one portion of the City is a village (Yes, a village within a city). Rows of houses will attract your attention, each with its flowers and vegetables. This village is the home of the outcast girls God has sent me to China to mother. He knows that swarms of children together under soldier-like discipline in a "Home", although they will be housed and fed, can never have a mother's love shown them. But in each of the homes in this little village you will find girls of different ages, each with her work to do, and each taught to care for the younger children and to help those who are afflicted in any way.

In each home is a consecrated man and his wife with what help is needful to care for the children. This man and his good wife are, for the time being, father and mother to the fifteen or twenty children under their care. As you look you will see your old friend and teacher busily going from one house to another to see that all is well, giving a loving word, etc., to the children, and to each child as much loving care as it is possible to give. My home is in that house yonder, where all the children are received and from which they are placed in the many homes.

Across that green field you can see another village. That is the boys' home, carried on in just the same way. Of course, each of these villages has a school, although many of the boys and girls go to the "Zion City" School.

There is in this Zion City which the eye of faith is looking out upon, a "Divine Healing Home," where the sick are cared for by Chinese who have been trained by the Missionaries. In this "Home" the sick children are cared for. There is also a "Bethel Home" (Isolation Hospital) for contagious diseases.

God has sent out helpers from home to assist in all branches of the work, so I have consecrated helpers scattered about in the different houses helping to mother my hungry family.

You will see Elder Royal and Elder Viking working early and late with those who have been sent to assist them, preaching the Gospel to perishing ones, and seeing many saved and healed. The Zion Stores are giving work to many, as are also the other Industries, among them a Knitting Factory, where stockings, mittens, etc., are being rapidly made on Lamb Knitting Machines.

Mrs. Royall and Mrs. Viking are doing all they can visiting in the homes of the women. I, too, have a share in this work, as many small children have been placed in the homes of the Christians and enquirers, and they must all be visited and looked after.

Now, dear readers. old and young, having had the curtain drawn, and having taken a peep into the future, won't you pray every day for Zion in the Orient and for the Zion City that must be established?

Pray for workers to be sent of God to China.

Pray to God to open the windows of Heaven and send us so great a blessing that we shall not be able to receive it.

Pray for us that we may all be controlled by the Holy Spirit; that self may have no part in anything that is done.

Pray that money may be sent in, so that all can give all their time to the work.

Pray for us as we do for you.

Yours for the Kingdom,

EDITH A. HOSKEN.

## Healing of a Form of Itch Common to China, During Baptism.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:

One of my little Chinese girls, Yu Cheu, was suffering from a severe attack of itch. Her ears and head were a mass of corruption and the disease was attacking her body. The Elders had prayed for her and I had prayed very earnestly, but healing did not come. For three months both little girls had pleaded with me to let them be baptized but as they are only eight (foreign) years old, and were little heathen girls less than a year ago, I had put them off. As another baptism drew near, they again pleaded to be baptized and little Yu Cheu said, "If you will let me be baptized and you will pray and Elder Royall and Elder Viking will pray, I am going to ask the Heavenly Father to make me well in the baptistry, and I believe He will. I told the Elder and he said he would baptise them. To make a long story short, the child's healing began at the moment of her baptism and has gone on from day to day.

Inside of two days her ears were clean and her head is almost so. I thank God for a God who heals and who is as willing to heal a little out-cast girl as a king on his throne.

Yours for the Kingdom,

EDITH A. HOSKEN,

Deaconess in the C. C. A. C.

## Healing From Blood Poison.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:

In washing little Yu Chen's sores I must have had a little scratch on one of my fingers and got a little of the poison into it. I was awakened in the night by the most horrible pain in my finger. In the morning, I could only see a tiny spot, but it rapidly grew. Fever set in and I can never tell you what I suffered. I got into a jinrikisha and went for Elder Royall to pray for me. I would get relief for the moment but not healing. For three days and nights, I suffered in this way. Saturday morning I went for Elder Royall to pray with me again. My finger was very badly swollen and almost black to the hand. The pain and soreness now reached up into my head, spots on my arm being so sore I would almost scream if I touched them myself.

We all realized that we must trust without a waver and do it quickly. All that day we fought, and at four p. m. victory came. Oh, the corruption that came from that poor finger, and, although I was as careful as I knew how to be, I got a little of it on the thumb of the other hand and poisoned that, and this time victory came quicker and I only lost one and a half night's sleep with the thumb.

Although I have the victory I am still disabled, as the skin came off the thumb and finger and has left them very sensitive.

Two people, one a trained nurse of eight years experience, the other a woman who is working with fallen girls and knows what Chinese dirt means, have pronounced it a case of Blood Poison. One of them said, "I call it a miracle of Healing."

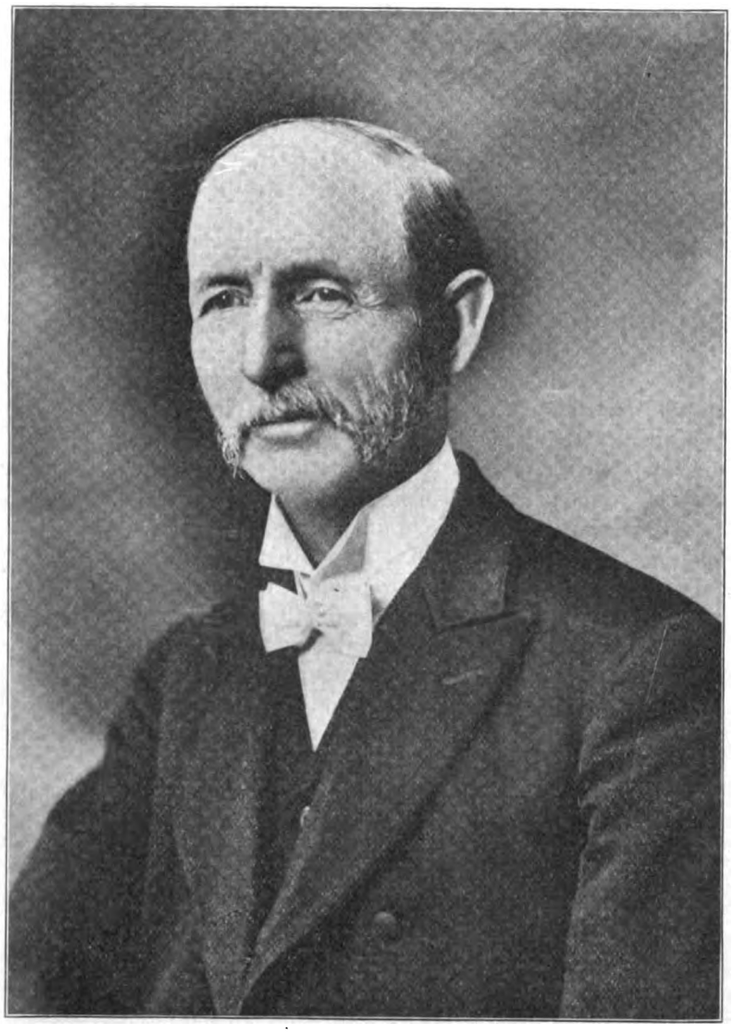
I am writing this as I long to have it help some one else. I also want to give God the Glory for what He has done for me.

Oh, how I thank Him for healing me so I can work for Him among these poor people.

Yours for the Kingdom,

EDITH A. HOSKEN.

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ELDER O. L. TINDALL

To Elders Royall and Viking, and families, and Deaconess Hosken, and all the Workers for the Dear Lord and Master, and to the Juniors especially,---

We send most hearty greetings and congratulations!

You may be sure that our hearts and prayers are with you.

You have a great work; but the Zion Message, delivered with the demonstration of the Spirit and power, will do the work.

The kingdoms of this world for our God and His Christ!

Faithfully yours in Jesus,

O. L. TINDALL.

# Testimonies to Salvation and Healing Through Faith in Jesus, in China.

(Specially Translated and Compiled for Leaves of Healing, by Elder C. F. Viking)

SHANGHAI, CHINA, January, 1909.

BELOVED GENERAL OVERSEER.

In the short time at my disposal only a few of the testimonies that could be had have been collected. What is found below will no doubt be of much interest, and will cause thanksgiving to God in Zion as it is being read.

Our Chinese Christians, as a rule, are behind in knowledge of divine things and in holy living, but considering what they have been rescued from, it is a matter of praise to God, to find them as advanced as they are in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus the Christ. They are babes in Christ, and consequently weak, and in many cases easily led astray, but there are also those who are strong in faith, who will not budge or give quarters to the devil.

In connection with these testimonies found below, explanatory remarks are added, several are literal translations of testimonies written by them, others are verbal statements in answer to questions put to them by myself and noted down in due order.

## Written Testimony by Mr. Y. K. Tsai, a School Teacher.

SHANGHAI, Nov. 3rd, 1908.

This is my testimony to a true repentance, and to the blessings of healing in answer to whole-hearted prayer as taught in the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church.

I was born in Ningpo in 1869, and have from childhood been a student. While a boy I looked down upon the religion of Jesus. When I grew older I heard the doctrines preached, yet did not only not believe, but I hated the thing, because church members did not live according to their teaching.

In December 1898, I met a Methodist preacher, who told me something about Jesus, so that I began to believe a little, and was sprinkled.

From that time for five or six years I was looked upon as a disciple of Jesus, but I did not grasp the truth that Jesus was the sinner's Savior, the Mediator between God and man, the Healer of disease, the Great Eternal Shepherd, because I did not study the Old and New Testaments, nor did I receive the Holy Spirit's help.

During that time, what I especially thought of, was the Chinese sages who had appeared during the past five thousand years, the wonderful men among whom were emperors and teachers, who had appeared with the beginning of each religion, such as Confucianism, Buddhism and Taoism.

Confucius' teaching, which has much good in it, is yet the teaching of a man regarding the present life; and not like the teaching of Jesus, which leads to Eternal Life.

In December of the year 1903 I heard of the Christian Catholic Church in Shanghai, I was then a school teacher in Ningpo in a Methodist School, but gave up my position and went to Shanghai. But I did not truly repent at that time, I stayed on as an inquirer for six months, but left in August 1904.

I then went down into sin worse than ever. The devil had his way with me. It led to sickness so that I had to go back to Ningpo again. I developed lung trouble and began to spit blood. I became a paralytic and could not move my hands and feet for one year, others had to feed me. I also had a terrible boil in my intestines, which opened out and ran matter for some time.

In this terrible condition, having no help and no hope, I cried to God to forgive me my sins and to heal me. I did not believe in medicine at this time from what I had heard in Shanghai before. God answered my own prayer, and I was fully healed in October 1905. Relatives and friends who had known my condition said that I was as a man who had risen from the dead.

In April 1906, I went to Shanghai and opened a private school until July 1907, when I took charge of a school in connection with a small Presbyterian Church, started by the Chinese themselves. In this Church I was persuaded to become a member. However, after five months I gave up this school and opened one of my own, in the beginning of the year 1908.

In August, 1908, I heard that the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church had again opened a tabernacle at Tsepoo Road. I went to listen and became an inquirer. Elder Viking talked with me about some things and I felt that God's blessing came upon me.

On the first day of September, I decided to repent of all my

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sins. I did not touch food for a whole day, but spent the day in praying without ceasing, and God was pleased to hear my cry.

In five days from that time God gave me, in answer to prayer, five new students, I had twenty before. Two days later Elder Viking commanded me from the platform, in a loud voice, to be baptized by Triune Immersion, and right there in God's presence I said, "Yes."

Two days afterwards the devil began to trouble me, as it seemed that he did not like a man to truly repent. In the afternoon one of my eyes got very sore, and before night swelled up and closed entirely. But God heard my prayer, and in the morning the soreness and swelling were gone. In the afternoon of that day I was baptized. One morning six days later the devil again tried me and all at once, without any warning, my hands and feet were lame; but thanks be to God, I prayed and before the day was over I was fully restored.

At another time I badly needed some money and saw no way out of the difficulty. I then went to God in prayer and in a few days a friend very willingly offered me help.

I therefore cannot keep these things to myself, but must give my testimony of answers to prayer about healing, increase of students and money. These blessings that have come to me are as true as my statements regarding sins and sicknesses. If there is anything false in my testimony, both God and man can find it out.

May every brother and sister in the Church truly repent and be fervent in prayer, then they will be able to hope for the precious crown and together go forward on the heavenly road.

Is not this happiness?

May God's blessings rest upon the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in every land. May great authority be given to the General Overseer, the Elders, the Deacons and to the brothers and sisters in the Church.

May they overcome the world, and together glorify God. This is my prayer and hope.

This brother Tsai, after having attended Zion meetings for some time during the year 1904, left and was led of the devil into deep sin. Clubbing together with a number of friends, Mr. Tsai opened and took charge of a gambling den in Shanghai; where smoking, drinking and gambling were carried on far into the nights. Professional sing-song girls were also in regular attendance, and the place could not have been brought nearer hell than it was.

After three months Tsai took sick, the wages of sin, and the sickness mentioned in his testimony, had to give up his job and leave for his home in Ningpo.

He is now a very happy brother in Zion, and is a man of thoughts and power. He often helps us in speaking from the platform in public meetings.

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## Written Testimony of K. Y. Wang, a Brickmason, Shanghai.

Formerly I did not know the true doctrines, and I did not separate from the devil. I gambled, drank whiskey, and did other bad things. I was under the devil's influence from childhood until this my twenty-seventh year. In the Summer of 1908, I heard the Elders speak in the Tabernacle on Tsepoo Road, about the doctrine of salvation through Jesus, that sinners must repent. From that time I did not feel at rest and my thoughts went to my sins, which were bad. When I heard the teaching on repentance I desired to truly repent and to be baptized.

I repented, was baptized, and have been healed of sicknesses in my body caused by the sin of drink. I have received great benefits, and have received better work than I had before, which is a satisfaction. I have left the devil, and now belong to the people of God. Those who truly repent will be saved.

## Written Testimony by Mr. Dzing Vong-ling, Formerly Living in the Chehkiang Province, at Present a Janitor in Zion Tabernacle, Shanghai.

I did not know of the doctrines of Jesus when I was a child, nor did I know anything until I was twenty-eight years of age, but I can say that I did not get fully saved until the year 1900 at the age of thirty years.

Elder Viking had just then opened Zion's work in Shanghai. I heard about it and went there. After I had heard this teaching on repentance, I went home and gave up my wine-shop where I had been selling wine, idols and other things used in idol worship, burned up some of these things and repented of my sins.

Day and night I studied the Bible and planned to work for God in preaching the Gospel. I had heard that Jesus had not changed, that He healed the sick and did not use medicine, that He did many miracles—raised the dead, which human beings could not do. I received great peace in my heart from knowing this.

The devil also disturbed me and made me sick, but I prayed to God and was healed.

In the year 1902 I was put in prison. A Chinese Preacher in the China Inland Mission, who had great influence with officials in the country regions, wrote to them and reported me as a bad man. The reason was that I interfered with their business, and I had to remain in prison for seven months as a "bad character." There I prayed to God, and in answer to prayer God delivered me and set me free. There was no foreigner helping me to get out.

At one time when I was staying in Ling-en holding meetings, about five hundred people surrounded the house, but I prayed and they separated and went away. God saved me, for which I praise Him.

In the year 1907 I again came to Shanghai, Elder Royall having charge of the work, and I have been with the Church here ever since. I thank God for the success in Shanghai, and for the preaching of the Elders. In many places in the country the people wish us to come and teach them.

So let every teacher, brother and sister earnestly pray to God, and He will do all things well. We must not be down-hearted, but withstand the devil.

In questioning Mr. Dzing regarding the terrible butchering of our former Elder, E. B. Kennedy, in the Chehkiang Hills in the year 1904, he said:

"I stayed in the same house with Elder Kennedy at Ts-vu-li. In the night at three o'clock Kennedy called out, 'Quick, save me!' I slept in an adjoining room, but heard his call and rushed in to him. In his room there must have been about ten robbers, armed with guns and hatchets. They had a lantern lit. Elder Kennedy lay in a heap on the floor. I picked him up and put him on my back. One of the men cut two of the fingers on one of my hands. I did not leave the room but backed up against the wall with Elder Kennedy on my back. There I stood for a long time---it seemed to me one hour. One man levelled his gun at my stomach and fired, but the shot did not go off, thanks be unto God. When they had finished ransacking the room they went away. Elder Kennedy was as if dead for three days; but several others and I prayed constantly for him, and he was restored to consciousness."

This man may again have to face death. Like him, every true soldier of the Christ should never turn their backs to the enemy, but "face the music" and rejoice in the Lord. This brother has been under the teaching of Elder Royall since he came to China, and there is no question but that he knows and loves God, and trusts in Him.

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## Written Testimony of Mrs. Dzing Vong-ling.

For a long time I had a tumor in my stomach, and the Chinese doctors were unable to cure me. Afterwards, when my husband began to preach the doctrines of Jesus, healing without medicine, and showed me passages in the Bible about this truth, I began to believe a little. We both then prayed to God to forgive my sins and to heal me of my diseases through Jesus. Our prayer was heard and my disease went away very quickly.

I sought opportunities of honoring my Heavenly Father by daily telling people about Him, and being constantly in prayer to Him. These opportunities also came.

I was in Ts-vu-li at the time of the attack by the robbers. One robber put his sword on my head and was going to kill me, but I prayed and the man did not carry out his intentions, and left me. God heard my prayer and permitted me to live, for which I praise Him.

Since then I have gone through many hardships, but at such times my Heavenly Father has always given me rest and peace in my heart in answer to prayer. I praise Him and His Son Jesus.

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## Written Testimony by Mr. K. S. So.

Through the grace of God, I am able to write the following words to the General Overseer, the Elders, and all the brothers and sisters in Zion City. Peace to you be multiplied!

My father was a Preacher in the Methodist Church in Ningpo. From childhood I had suffered in my body, but was healed of that in answer to prayer while in the old Church, there being a brother there who believed. I became cook in a missionary doctor's establishment.

My wife took sick with an issue of blood, which lasted for three years. Both foreign and Chinese doctors treated her, but she received no benefit. Then I went to Shanghai to inquire at the Christian Catholic Church. I saw Elder Viking, he spoke of my request before the brethren at a meeting. They all prayed, and in a few days I had word that my wife was fully healed, for which I thank God. This was six years ago.

From that time I desired to work for God. I went back to Ningpo and was used as a preacher in the Methodist Church, having charge of a village chapel in the country for nearly five years. After the healing of my wife a daughter has been born, who is now four years old.

At the beginning of last year I again heard about the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church. I then came to Shanghai and listened to the preaching of Elder Royall and Elder Viking, and I have been baptized by Triune Immersion.

I left the Methodist Church and joined the C. C. A. C. for the reason that, believing the teaching of the Elders, I cannot remain in the old Church. The people in the old Church smoke and drink, so I do not want to be with them. They want me back to preach, but I prefer to peddle wood, which I am now doing, and to suffer, rather than be there as a preacher.

The first Missionary in the Methodist Church in Ningpo from whom I received teaching, neither smoked nor drank, he said it was not good. He left for home. The second Missionary that came both smokes, and drinks whiskey—which I have seen with my own eyes many times. I am thirty-nine years of age.

May the true God bless the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church, that whether in foreign countries or in China, people may truly repent, believe and become members.

To this testimony I simply wish to add that I can corroborate the truth regarding the smoking of cigars by a certain English Methodist Missionary at Ningpo. I have seen that "Christian" gentleman walk the streets among the Chinese, with smoking and stinking articles between his lips, puffing away as if his salvation depended upon it.

## Verbal Testimony of Mr. K. Y. Yu, a Tinsmith, Shanghai

I am forty-two years of age. I have heard the doctrines of Jesus for four years. One year ago I was sprinkled in the Methodist Church. It was the teaching that brought me to the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church. In answer to my own prayers my wife was healed of one year's blindness after having spent seventy dollars on doctoring, and taking the advice of all sorts of people. My wife had never joined any church. She came with me and was baptized with me, and my two sons and two workmen in my shop were baptized at the same time.

My eldest boy, who is thirteen years of age, had been sick of fever for over a month. He could not eat, and grew thin. Elder Royall prayed for him and he was healed, so we could come and be baptized. Elder Viking baptized us. My wife had been sick for many years, of a kind of paralysis in her arms and shoulders, and it was very hard for her to get along doing her daily work. From the day of her baptism she has had no more of that trouble. I thank and praise God for His blessings.

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## Verbal Testimony by Mrs. Sze Li-z, Shanghai.

I am seventy-four years of age, and have seven sons. I was baptized by Triune Immersion about five years ago. I have not touched medicine and swine's flesh for six years. I am happy in the Lord. About six years ago, when I first became interested in the Christian Catholic Church, I fell to the pavement from a jinrikisha and hurt my shoulder so that I could not use my arm for six weeks.

The doctors who made an examination said that my trouble was incurable, I being so old; but friends urged me to pray for healing. When I fully saw this truth I spent one night without one wink of sleep, in prayer to God for the healing of my arm. In the early morning I tried to fix my hair, but could not. I then prayed to be able to raise my hand to my head, and when I tried it did not hurt so much, so I prayed again and said to God that I must comb my hair. I combed and prayed and found that my arm was healed and the soreness gone. Praise be unto God.

In August 1908 I was on a visit to relatives in Soochow. While there I took sick and had to stay in bed, yet I had my mind on God and would not take medicine when it was offered me. I went down very low, until my friends thought I was going to die. Those who watched over me found that my pulse had almost stopped beating, then several of them kneeled and prayed for me. I was restored in answer to prayer, and very quickly regained strength, so that I could come to Shanghai. I will never take medicine or pork.

This sister has not filled out her renewal for membership, but will likely do so soon.

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In closing, let me say that there is a wonderful field for Zion in China. God is going to give us many victories, many converts and many healings, but there will be hot persecution. Our native brethren will be the ones to suffer most; but Jesus said: "Blessed are ye when men shall reproach you, and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for My sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in Heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets who were before you."

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The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth His handiwork.

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He sendeth His word and healeth them.

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# LEAVES OF HEALING

I am the Lord that healeth thee.

And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

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# The Gospel of the Kingdom

## The Purpose of the Gospel

An Address Delivered in Kimball Hall, Chicago, Lord's Day, May 9, 1909

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How many were healed in the act of obedience in Central Zion Tabernacle! Some of the most wonderful healings that ever took place in Zion took place in the baptistry. It was the simple act of obedience that brought blessing. Naman was told to go and dip himself seven times in the River Jordan. He went, and his flesh became as white as a little child's. It was not because of any virtue in the water of the River Jordan, but it was *the act of obedience* that brought the healing.

This principle is operative in many different ways. Talk to a doctor, and he will tell you that the state of the patient's mind has a great deal to do with his success.

I say to a person who wants healing, "Throw all your drugs into Lake Michigan. Some people get well as soon as they empty their cupboards of all the pills and powders, etc. The practice of taking drugs has taken hold of humanity to a remarkable extent. Little children born in Zion do not know anything about that kind of thing. We find hundreds of children born in Zion whom you could not persuade to put even a little pinch of vaseline on them. Why? Because they have never known anything else than to pray to God. I tell you they are a happy lot, and indeed they may be.

I am thirty-nine years old. I came into the knowledge of Divine Healing in 1899. I suppose many of you went through the same experience as I did: as soon as I was born, a dose of asafœtida and castor oil was given to me. In a way, I can taste the stuff yet, although it is thirty-nine years ago. The old way is to dose children as soon as they are born.

### Some People "Enjoy" to be Sick.

A lot of people like to be sick. When I was a little boy, I used to like to be sick, because I would get poached eggs on toast—I suppose I was no different from anybody else—and everybody had to wait on me. That is bad training. Quite a lot of people act that way---they like to be sick for that reason.

### Habit a Tyrant Master.

What a powerful thing habit is! Some people believe they would not live if they did not get three meals a day, or if they went without dinner or supper.

Talk to another man and he will say, "If I do not have my cigar, I cannot work—I simply could not." How many men say, "I do not feel like working without chewing tobacco." That is a habit. How important it is that right habits should be formed.

I have gone into houses in Chicago where I found fifteen boxes and bottles of medicine on a chair near by a patient. In

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Cincinnati, at the bedside of a dying woman, there were twenty bottles and boxes. That is so in hundreds of homes. How silly this practice of drug taking is! When you have a sore on the end of your toe, you take a drug to cure that sore. It is the silliest thing on earth. No people know that better than Zion people do.

**Marvelous Health Conditions in Zion and Zion City.**

During two months this winter, there was not a single death in Zion City with a population of four thousand five hundred. Yet many of those people belong to the old generation; but we have hundreds of children born in Zion who do not know anything at all about taking or doing anything when they are sick, except just praying to God to heal them.

The other day, a little child saw her mother was sick. She prayed, "O God, make mamma well." Then she said, "Get up mamma, you are well." (Laughter) That is the faith of a little child.

The Bible says "A little child shall lead them."

The drug business is very silly. It is only when one has been delivered from it that he sees how silly it really is. The American people are terrible people for dosing; no wonder they are sick so much. Thousands in Zion today are strong, well, and vigorous, because they were told of God's Way, and gave up using drugs, pills, powders, squills, etc. You can usually tell when people are well.

We have had a wide experience in Zion. Thousands have been prayed for who have had all kinds of afflictions. We know that one of the hardest things is to win people away from the use of drugs. Some of you sisters used to worship a camphor bottle on the shelf: it was more to you than God Almighty. I have met grandmothers who believed catnip tea would almost resurrect a man from the dead. There are grandmothers who will tie horse-radish leaves around the wrists and ankles, and put goosegrease on the nose. The whole thing is silly.

**A Living Example of Divine Healing.**

I think I have almost as perfect a body as anybody, which is all through learning how to love God. When I first heard Dr. Dowie preach, I had a bottle of quinine and a box of pills on me, and among my things Warner's Safe Cure—that never cured anybody: it is simply a regular drug. As an Evangelist, I could preach only about thirty minutes at a time, when my throat would get sore. The doctors told me that my throat ought to be cauterized. They said, "Your career as a public speaker is ended. You might just as well quit; your throat is ruined; you will never be able to do any public speaking again."

When I came to Zion in 1899 and heard the simple Gospel of Jesus, the Savior, the Cleanser, the Keeper, I weighed 154 pounds; now I weigh 195 pounds, and am still going up (Laughter); and by the grace of God, can preach all day.

It was so simple for that blind man to go down there and wash his eyes. He came seeing. It was an act of obedience that brought the healing. God wrought a miracle.

**Inquisitive Neighbors.**

In this chapter, there are some well known characters—the neighbors. I presume you have met them; I have. They knew this man, and they saw that he was able to see. They were astonished. They said, "Is not this he that sat and begged?"

Some said, 'This is he: others said, "He is like him'."

One of the most interesting discussions in this world is to hear neighbors talk—see two or three women hanging over a back yard gate, or see four men over the front gate.

I can just hear those people talking now and asking each other questions. One of them says, "That is he." Another says, "That is he; it looks like him, but it is not he." When anybody is healed, some people always try to fix it up somehow. They say, "Well, he was not sick." Others say, "If he was healed, it was the medicine he took fifteen months or two years ago that healed him." They will say anything in the world except to give God the glory.

Well, these neighbors had an interesting conversation. So the healed man said, "I AM HE." Think of a man owning up that he was the fellow! That is one of the great difficulties detectives have—every fellow wants to deny that he is the fellow. This man said, "I am he." He was not afraid to own up that he was the man. "Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened."

He answered and said, A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the Pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight.

Then said they unto him, Where is he? He said, I know not.

He did not know where the Savior had gone.

**The Sanctimonious Pretenders.**

Now, some other characters come on the scene—the Pharisees. You know the Pharisees were one of the leading religious sects of Christ's time. They were the fellows described in the sixth chapter of Matthew. They protested because it was on the Sabbath Day that Jesus opened the blind man's eyes. Those wretched Pharisees were formalists; everything had to be done just so. They hated Jesus because His life was a protest against their formality. What is the use of having "a form" of religion without the power? Do you not know that you can have a magnificent building, with a spire piercing the clouds, a magnificent pipe organ, a fine choir, and a brilliant lecturer, but that does not constitute a church. On the other hand, three people may meet in a dirty, old store room, and there you will find the living church or the Kingdom of God. I have no objection to a nice building, and I have no objection to all these beautiful things if they are used in a proper way; but the "form" must not be substituted for the power: in other words, you must not substitute the clothes for the man.

The Pharisees said, "How did you receive your sight?" He told them. The Pharisees said, "This man is not of God, because He keepeth not the Sabbath Day."

There are Sabbath keepers today just like that, precisely. There are men who would not whistle on a Sunday, but would rob widows out of their last dollar on Monday. In Australia there are people who would not ride on a street car or on a train on Sunday for anything in the world. They consider it an awful sin against God and against man. Terrible thing! Some of those very people would take the very coppers off a dead man's eyes. There are people in this country who are harping on keeping the Sabbath on Saturday. That is their religion. That is all they can think or talk about. What does that amount to if their life is not right otherwise?

**Be True; Be Real Christians; Be Faithful.**

I tell you, as I tell the people in Zion City, if you want this Church to be the best Church on earth, if you want to get all Christian people into it, make it the best Church on earth. Let this Church be what God intended it to be. Give the people the Bread and Water of Life. Let it be a pleasant Church home where all brothers and sisters in Christ are free from all this formality and aristocracy and you will win the people by thousands. That is all you have to do—Preach the Gospel. Live the Gospel. Set the right example. You are what you profess to be in the light of God's Word.

The Pharisees said that Jesus did not keep the Sabbath. These are the same fellows who put Him to death, and would not allow His body to remain on the Cross on the Sabbath day because it would profane the Sabbath. The hypocrites! There is the curse today, the form without the power.

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**An Undeniable Fact—A Telling Proof.**

You know a very simple, ignorant man can sometimes put to flight formalists. He said to them, "How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles?"

"And there was a division among them."

They had to admit that either He was a man of God, or say He was a sinner; and if they said He was a sinner, they must answer the question, "How could a sinner do such miracles?" If they said He was the Son of God, then they would be put out of the synagogue. That is just like some of the preachers today who say, "If you go to a Zion meeting, we will put you out of the church. If you accept Divine Healing, and undertake to talk it in this Church, we will not have it. We will not allow you to testify to any healings in this Church."

**Truth Bursts all Bands of Hindrance.**

That is the reason Zion got so many of the Church people. They came into this Church because they could tell the story of Jesus and His love. We say in this Church, as long as I am General Overseer, there is a place in it for every truth, and for every child of God, and I will not forbid any one to speak the truth; but I will always set people right when I know they are in error.

Some people do not like me because I will not let them tell their dreams. I am a busy man, and I believe that God can give a vision to a man, and that He can reveal something in a dream if He sees proper, but there are many people who want to tell their dreams when there is no God in them. They simply had too much supper the night before, and their dreaming is the result of a deranged stomach, and bad digestion. They fancy they have received a revelation from God. When I come across people who want to take up my time with that, I have to say very kindly, "No; I have no time to listen."

I have no time for that kind of thing, but every child of God can have the privilege of telling what God has done for him. In other words, they can have the liberty which Jesus Christ vouchsafes to them, but we have no time for foolishness, or errors—we have time only for eternal verities.

**Christ's Works Testified of Him.**

How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles?

They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of Him, that He hath opened thine eyes? He said, He is a Prophet.

But the Jews did net believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and received his sight.

Now, you see, the Jews said he never was blind. You see how they try to get around it?

They called the parents of him that had received his sight.

And they asked them, saying, Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? how then doth he now see?

**An Attempt to Hide Truth Through Fear.**

The parents told a lie. Lying has been in the world a long time. It is a terrible thing. I believe it is worse than stealing. Some people lie because they are afraid, and some because they are proud.

His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind:

But by what means he seeth, we know not;

They told a falsehood there, for they did know.

Or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself.

These words spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that He was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue.

Therefore said his parents, He is of age; ask him.

My brothers and sisters, be truthful. Remember that a person never becomes a full-fledged liar in one day, or a fully developed thief in a day. Just remember that. A number of men standing high in the financial circles in Chicago have been sent to Joliet prison recently. Did you notice that some of those men had been carrying on their work for twenty years? They stepped aside but a little at first. You say that was not much. Well, it is just like a man who takes his first glass of whiskey. It is not much, but you know that every one who has wallowed in the ditch took his "first glass," did he not? Those men that are now serving sentences in Joliet for having defrauded and robbed and been dishonest, started on the downward road by one little breach of the rule of honesty and righteousness. It is dangerous to play with hell fire. Every sinner makes a beginning. Always be truthful.

My brothers and sisters in business, if I were in your place I would live on bread and cold water before I would lie for anybody. If you are working for a firm that wants you to tell lies, say "No; I will live on bread and water before I will lie for anybody." It is an awful thing to lie. People lie when they get afraid. I have sat in courts of law ever since I was a little boy. In every law suit a lot of lies are told. I once heard a man swear as plainly as ever a man swore in his life that water would run up hill. I have heard him pray and speak, yet on a witness stand he swore that the natural course of that water was south, when it would have to run up hill eight feet to run that way. When pressed by the lawyer, he stuck to it that the natural course of that water was south. Why? Because he thought he would save his own skin by telling that falsehood. In nearly every Church Trial one or the other will lie.

**Extravagance Leads to Crime**

Numbers of men are ruined by the extravagance of their wives. Men who have started out as honest men, and today are serving sentences in the penitentiary, have been brought to their present condition through their wives' vanity. It is all right for a man to make money, but he must make it honestly.

**The Stupidity of Wrong-Doing.**

The most stupid thing for a man or a woman to do is to do wrong. He or she pays for it sooner or later. I sat face to face for hours with a man who had spent eighteen years in the penitentiary, and he was a lovely man, because he had given his heart to God. He had marks around his thumbs where they had strung him up in prison, and on his back you could not lay a pencil for scars where he had been whipped. He told me there had never been a second of time in which he had been engaged in that career of crime that he was not condemned. I have sat and talked with that man many times. There is not a man in the penitentiary but that could be melted to tears if he were approached in a proper manner. Treat them like brutes and you bring out the brute instinct, the same as you do with children. If you fathers and mothers would put an arm of love around your children, instead of striking them, it would be a good deal better. No man can do wrong without suffering for it. Some of the most hardened criminals have been brought to tears in ten minutes by simply mentioning scenes in their childhood days.

**Environment a Potent Agency in Molding Character.**

Environment certainly has a lot to do with what people are. A fish is all right in water, but it will soon die if thrown out on the sands.

John Alexander Dowie's name will go down in history as the greatest man of the nineteenth century, (after all the human imperfections and all the errors and mistakes are put aside,) as the one man who attempted and did, to a great measure, succeed in creating the highest and the best environment for humanity of any man that ever lived. Zion City, if it could only be maintained as it was originally launched, would yet become the home

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# Editorial Notes

*By the General Associate Editor*

The Thirteenth Annual Convocation of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion is now in session.

Zion's message, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight," is still echoing and re-echoing throughout the earth; and hundreds have heeded the command first uttered by John the Baptist, and then by the Christ: "Repent ye, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

The command to Repent not only resounds in the ears of men, but it pierces like a sharp, double-edged sword, and before it every soul must tremble and every heart respond.

The rebellion for self-interest, pleasure, power and glory must be put down; and the rightful Ruler of the hearts of men and of all of earth must be enthroned, Jesus Christ the Righteous, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. The anarchy of earth must cease. Righteousness, joy, and peace are to be ever present elements of conduct and life.

"The axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit, is hewn down, and cast into the fire."

The cleansing power is at work. The fan of the Savior of all men is sorting the wheat from the chaff and a rich harvest of pure grain is being garnered.

No chaff, no cheat, no darnel, can escape removal, for the Righteous One holds the fan, and "He will throughly purge His floor;" and "He will burn up the chaff."

Only the garner with the choice wheat shall remain. The Kingdom of Heaven shall sow and harvest good grain.

Zion represents the Kingdom of Heaven on earth—the garner. People fanned, tested, proven—those who have turned from the vanities, follies and sins of a rebellious, sick and dying world—have repented of all—represent the wheat.

God, through the agency of the Holy Spirit, has been fanning and sifting out His subjects in Zion in very remarkable ways.

The history of the Zion Movement is one unbroken chain of marvels and wonders. True, to human eyes, some things have appeared which fell far short of the lofty ideals toward which Zion aims; but the purpose has remained, and, indeed, great progress has been made in attaining unto the ideals.

The present Convocation is an epoch-marking event. The Zion truths and practices since they were revealed and established by Dr. Dowie, aided by the Eternal Spirit of Truth, have taken deep, deep root in the hearts of a large number of people; and in the meetings now being held in Shiloh Tabernacle the whole world is seeing the fruits of the Christian walk as advocated in Zion.

None can gainsay truthfully that the doctrines of Zion are not in harmony with God's will for these latter days.

Did not Christ say: "Every good tree bringeth forth good fruit."

Is not Zion doing it? Does she not teach Repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus the Christ? Does she not

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insist that the laws of the Kingdom of Heaven shall be first in men's lives in all things: in business, in affairs of government, in school life, as well as in religious profession? Does not her every message ring with repentance, holy living, and honorable, fair and square dealing with all?

Does not she try to imitate the Savior in doing good, by ministering to the sorrowful, the oppressed, the sick, diseased and dying by holding up the Living Christ and endeavoring to get each one to measure his life's thoughts and acts by the Christ's?

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Ask the cloud of witnesses at the Convocation. Have they not touched the Christ life and is not His impress of love and favor still upon them? Do they not say, "Yes; His messenger told me to repent. I did so; I forsook self and sin and behold now I see, I feel, I am different. The visions of eternity are glorious and this earthly pilgrimage is protected by the Divine hand. Yes; I sought 'the Kingdom of Heaven, and His Righteousness' and Christ's promise is true, 'All things are being added.' "

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The results of Zion's teaching are sure. The witnesses delight in walking in the ways of righteousness; the sick declare that the fountain of life—Christ Jesus—has washed away their sicknesses; and, praise His Holy Name, the healed ones are present as living examples of the present day realities of the outpouring of Divine grace and power to heal.

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The tree of Zion is good. It is of Divine planting. It is fruitful. The fruit is good—it saves the spirits of men; it strengthens and heals their weak bodies; it produces happiness and satisfaction.

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The world fears Zion, because she reproves of wickedness. The whole world lies in the evil one, blind and in darkness. Zion's message is one of cheer, of hope, of redemption—but all crooked places have first to be made straight, and all evil practices forsaken.

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Zion people are the light of the world. Their superiority comes from God. They are born of a good tree which is known by its fruits. They are God-illumined, hence they cannot be hid, for the light of God lightens all within the house.

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It is a good thing for Christian people to assemble and pray together and recount the blessings God has so bountifully bestowed. By seeing one another and hearing of one anothers' surroundings and needs, and profiting by one anothers' experiences, greater love, sympathy and fellowship are developed.

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The religion of Jesus is one essentially of sympathy and fellowship. Was not Jesus sympathetic and gentle and anxious for the welfare of the sheep of His flock? Did not He go "about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people?"

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Why? Oh, professing Chritians! "He was moved with compassion on the multitude, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd."

There was none else to pity. There was no quiet of mind, spirit, soul and body, but unrest was everywhere. True fellowship was lacking. Christ offered rest and promised a holy fellowship.

Zion's mission is to let the Divine light of love, of sympathy, of fellowship, shine into the dark world, and by example to proclaim the love of God.

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Zion's exemplar is Jesus Her King. He has said, and the cry of the world is, Help is needed.---"the Harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few."

Laborers for what? Oh, Laborers! The Lord of the harvest needs laborers for His harvest.

What is the harvest?

Jesus knows, and His anxiety took the form of action. He called unto Him His twelve disciples, and He gave them Divine equipment, for the harvest was peculiar, and mere man's strength was insufficient; and "He gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease."

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Zion, do you see the harvest field? It it are unclean spirits, and sickness, and death. Do you realize the power to reap the harvest---have you been equipped for the service?

Are you moved with compassion as was Jesus, for those who have fainted and are scattered with no one to succor and to gather them?

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The Convocations in Zion are held in order that the members and friends may learn the more perfect way of following Christ and obeying His laws in the Kingdom. Hear Him as He instructs His disciples: "Go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel; and as ye go, preach, saying, The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand," Yes: the authority and government of Heaven must be heralded, recognized, and obeyed.

The power of the evil spirits must be broken. Arouse the captives! Help is near!

And as ye go, "Heal the sick,
Cleanse the lepers,
Raise the dead,
Cast out devils.
Freely ye have received, freely give."

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Zion, will you do as Jesus says? Fear not men. Obey God's commands. Let the evil spirits in men rave. The message must be given. The gloom of darkness must dissolve and the true light must shine forth. The light-bearers will be recognized, and sickness, and disease, and the evil spirits will yield to the onward glare of the Gospel of Jesus reflected in the lives of His children.

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Acts are read more often than words; hence it is that Zion men and women are known everywhere they go; and hence it is that Zion, as a religious movement, cannot mix with other organizations who live in name only. She lives the life and does the work; and they bear only an empty name---no power; no fruit--empty form.

Listen to Jesus: "Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire. By their fruits ye shall know them.

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in Heaven."

What is the will of the Father? "That ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be My disciples."

"Every branch in Me that beareth not fruit He taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, He purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit."

The secret of Zion's message and power is that she is willing to do whatsoever the Christ commands; to abide in the truth; to do the work assigned to her; and therefore the fruits of the Kingdom are born, and God is using her, purging her that she may bring forth more fruit.

Zion is working for humanity. She, like the Christ, is moved with compassion, because of the suffering in the world; but, thank God, she is helping in the great harvest.

What a joy to be a helper in the harvest field of the Lord of the Harvest.

Pen cannot picture the spiritual transfigurations and growth taking place in every meeting thus far held during the Convocation. The Spirit of truth is searching out hearts. The repetition of the mere words of what has been said cannot reproduce the experience. The still Small Voice speaks with irresitable power. Tongues long silent in prayer and praise in meetings of former days are being loosed, and as confessions of coldness and indifference are being made, the audiences are moved mightily to new resolves; and through genuine consecrations and the living sacrifices of the whole being of earnest seekers for the will of God, Zion City is being saved; "for the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: *No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.*"

May it never be said that Zion is an unfruitful tree. She never shall be, so long as the membership keep God's will first in mind and follow in the footsteps of the Savior.

The General Overseer and the Elders are digging deep into spiritual things. God's infallible Word is yielding many precious gems through earnestness. May God graciously sustain them in wisdom and power, and with the physical strength to withstand the necessarily heavy labors during the Convocation.

It is being clearly revealed that absolute obedience leads to harmony of action and unity of thought. Zion is united in purpose, in principle, and in practice. The work of the ministry is largely to bring about unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God; and the results being attained in the present gathering of Zion in Zion City, show, beyond controversy, that God has honored, and is still honoring Zion's faithful leader and his helpers in holding the Zion Movement to the lofty standard and high ideals which obtained in the beginning.

The perfect man, in the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ, has ever been kept in view; and God is rewarding the effort.

Zion's material prosperity will follow complete submission to God's will just as surely as day comes when the sun ushers forth on his journey of the circuit of the heavens.

Zion right with God, obedient, faithful, loyal with everything: service, time, thought, effort and property, can and will demonstrate to earth the Kingdom of Heaven among men.

Stenographic reports of the Convocation addresses will be published in both the Leaves of Healing and The Zion Herald as rapidly as possible.

Zion, subscribe for the Zion papers. Help to get the Gospel into the homes and hearts of the people everywhere. There is no other literature like Zion's. God is honoring it to the conversion, strengthening and healing of hundreds.

WATCH YE THERFORE, AND PRAY ALWAYS.

# The Purpose of the Gospel.

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of tens of thousands of people of God who want to live in a place where the vices that curse the people of the world are unknown. I believe with all our "ups" and "downs" and all of our struggles, Zion City is the best place on earth today. There is no other spot on earth where children can be brought up as they can be brought up in Zion City.

Well, I tell you we are not a faint-hearted people. We know that the men who have done great things have accomplished them only after repeated apparent failures. It is the men who, in face of difficulties and defeats, can rally and go forward, that some day will give to this world a dozen Zion Cities.

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**The Far-reaching Influence of Zion Cities.**

I say a man who builds one Zion City has done more for poor humanity than all the sermons that will be preached in the twentieth century. It is all very well to talk about the "Over yonder," but we are not there yet. It is all well enough to preach about "The Sweet Bye-and-Bye" but I care a good deal more for the present. What we want is the Christian religion put into practice. I honor every man who has made an attempt to do it. I believe in the equality of privilege and opportunity. I believe in practical religion. I believe in helping men to help themselves. You people here in Chicago, who are not on the battle field in Zion City, just bear in mind that we are winning. Such a word as "failure" does not belong to our vocabulary. Do not pay any attention to what you read in the newspapers about Zion City. We are winning every day in Zion City, and the day will come when we will own all of Zion City, every last foot of it. God established Zion City, and He will take care of it.

A noble people are there, standing true and faithful for the good old-time Zion principles. Who is there, who has an iota of the love of God in his breast, that would not like to see Zion City saved? Who is there who wants to see it become a town of the world with saloons, tobacco shops, gambling dens, and all these vices? Who is there? Well, he must be a very wicked man that could want to see it.

There is a fight on. We are fighting to maintain Zion City intact. We are fighting for Zion Ecclesiastically, Commercially, Politically, Educationally.

**Chicago a Great Mission Field.**

So we go forward and cling to all the principles and truths of Zion. I feel strongly tempted sometimes to put in my time in Chicago. O what a wonderful field is the City of Chicago! Zion has, in this City, a large number of people. I wish I could spend all my time right in this City. Here is where Zion started. Sixteen years ago last Sunday, down near the World's Fair Ground, Dr. Dowie opened the first Zion Tabernacle, The Little Wooden Hut, on May 7, 1893. On April 15th, 1894 he conducted his first down town service in Central Music Hall when over four thousand people attended the meeting, and multitudes were turned away.

Ah, what a wonderful beginning Zion had in Chicago! What a wonderful history Zion has. Think of more than eighty affidavits being filed by those who had been healed, and those affidavits being on record in Judge Payne's Court when they sought an injunction against the Homes down on Stony Island Avenue.

John Alexander Dowie, viewed from any standpoint you like, was a unique character. He was only a human being. He has done his work. His work had its imperfections, but the Movement which God used him in inaugurating in ten years from now will be the foremost religious movement of the world. Zion has the truths. Zion has the message that the people need, and is in a position to proclaim the message—practical Christianity, not mere theory.

There are no secular things in Zion's vocabulary: all things are sacred. The day will come when the world watching Zion will have to admit that her principles are correct. They are correct. I decline to alter her truths or principles. Because a captain has run his ocean steamer upon the rocks, the man who succeeds him is not justified in saying, "We will sit down and change the laws of navigation; but he should say, "My predecessor ran this boat on the rocks because he violated the laws of navigation. I will bring this boat safely into harbor by following the laws of navigation."

So John Alexander Dowie ran Zion on the rocks by violating the commonest business principles. But I shall not sit down and throw the principles of Zion away; but I will, God helping me, backed up by a loyal people, put the principles into operation: that is the way to bring Zion safely into port.

Be faithful unto death.

I would like to ask, now—because I do not get to Chicago very often—all of you who have filled in Renewal Application forms to stand up. A large number of people stood.

I thank you very much. I am glad to see so many here today who evidently are not members of the Church; but some, if not all, must be friends. I would like to see this work develop so that I could come to Chicago and take a large place and conduct a three months' campaign. There are many here who never identified themselves with the Church under Dr. Dowie who have Zion in their hearts. I know many who are friends of the work still love Zion, and want to see Zion succeed.

I say to one and all today, May God bless you. May God guide you to do right in His sight.

Zion in Chicago, be faithful! Be loyal! Be steadfast! Be men and women of principle! Love all humanity! Do good unto all as God gives you opportunity.

I will ask you to stand and sing the hymn entitled: "The Cleansing Fountain," at the close of which I will pronounce the Benediction. The hymn was then sung, and the Benedictlon was pronounced by the General Overseer.

# God's Witnesses at Zion's Early Morning Meeting, May 20, 1909

**Brother Huston Said**

When people tell me they have "bad colds," or "bad coughs," I tell them to get *good* colds and *good* coughs.

Zion has still the same sweet message. We hear men, when we talk to them of Zion and what God has done for us, curse Zion and her leader. We have to learn to have patience with some men. Some men I have talked with tell me they are coming to Zion City, and coming to hear our leader preach, and see this wonderful place. God is moving on the hearts of the people. We have only to be faithful and trust in God. Oh, I praise and thank God for this.

Whenever I hear any one speak of the early days of Zion, I do not think they know much of Zion away back when Dr. Dowie was up on the California coast. The Freemasons hounded him there, seeking his heart's blood. God answered prayer. The eyes of the blind were opened. I remember a boy nine years old, the son of a widow, when Dr. Dowie prayed for him he saw the next day. That was the Fourth of July. He had him on the platform, and he could see to pick things up. The Dr. said, "Tell me what this is and you can have it." He said, "It is fifty cents." He then said, "Tell me the color of the hair on top of my head." The boy said, "You have none; you are baldheaded." The boy kept the people laughing by his way of describing things. Those were wonderful times on the Coast, and up in Victoria, B. C., where he held his missions, an officer of the Salvation Army received healing for deafness in one ear just as Dr. Dowie prayed for him.

It is the same message going forth yet, the same message that has gone forth. When Dr. Dowie would go to some places, he would find out that the devil had prepared the way for him. But he went on with his work, and God took care of it. I praise and thank God for what He is doing today. Everything in its order, as God says in His Word. There is a time for all things. I am praising and thanking God this morning that we may all stand fast in the faith.

**Deacon Clendinen Said**

I thank God for healing me of a sore throat, and for Zion. I thank God that He is interested in Zion City. I have also learned during the last few months, that He is interested in other things as well as cities. He is interested in us more than in anything else. He created us in His own image. He is interested in making out of us something that will glorify Him.

We are getting a training. I am quite sure he wants an army of soldiers who will not be overly elated over victories or too much cast down by defeats. Our trust is in Him. Let us have

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that courage that comes from Him, so that whether it is victory or defeat, we shall alway rise above our surroundings.

### Deacon Taylor Said

I thank God for His Cleansing, Healing and Keeping Power. I thank Him for the many mercies He has bestowed upon me day by day, and for health and strength that I may be able to work. I thank God, above all, for Zion teaching. I thank God that He ever brought us to Zion, and that we ever learned to trust Him, not only for our spirits, but for our souls and bodies. I thank God for His many mercies to us, for cleansing, healing, and for answers to prayers. I ask the prayers of all Zion for our loved ones at home who are not well. I thank God for Zion, for Zion teaching and for the battle we are in. I feel sure that God is working in Zion, and He will lead our beloved General Overseer and that He will take care of Zion and Zion City.

May God enable us to have more faith and trust, so that the work commenced by Dr. Dowie will continue and will be more glorious. May God keep us faithful.

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(Successor to John Alexander Dowie)
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FIRST—That we recognize the infallible inspiration and sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures as the rule of faith and practice.
SECOND—That we recognize that no persons can be members of the Church who have not repented of their sins and have not trusted in Christ for Salvation.
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# PROGRAM

OF THE

# Thirteenth Annual Convocation

OF THE

## Christian Catholic Apostolic Church

*IN ZION*

ZION CITY, ILLINOIS, U. S. A.

July 11th to 21st, 1909

**LORD'S DAY, JULY ELEVENTH**

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
9:30 a. m. Junior Seventies; Superintendent, Elder O. L. Tindall
2:30 p. m. **General Assembly;** Service conducted by the General Overseer, assisted by Officers, Zion Choir, Orchestra and Band.
8:00 p. m. Illustrated Song Service.

**MONDAY, JULY TWELFTH**

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Bible Reading.
8:00 p. m. Address by Elder Eustace L. Carey.

**TUESDAY, JULY THIRTEENTH**

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Divine Healing Address. Special Service for Teaching and prayer with the sick.
8:00 p. m. Cantata, "Joseph's Bondage," Choral Music Class.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY FOURTEENTH**

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Bible Study.
8:00 p. m. Address by Elder O. L. Tindall.

**THURSDAY, JULY FIFTEENTH**

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Bible Reading.
8:00 p. m. Concert by Zion Band.

**FRIDAY, JULY SIXTEENTH**

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Divine Healing Address. Special Service for Teaching and Prayer with the sick.
8:00 p. m. Address by Elder Fred Richert.

**SATURDAY, JULY SEVENTEENTH**

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
3:00 p. m. Visit to Zion Stores. Addresses by various Officers, and Music by Zion Band.

**LORD'S DAY, JULY EIGHTEENTH**

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:30 p. m. **General Assembly.** Service conducted by the General Overseer, assisted by Officers, Zion Choir, Orchestra and Band.
8:00 p. m, Cantata: "Under the Palms," Junior Choir.

**MONDAY, JULY NINETEENTH**

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Bible Reading.
8:00 p. m. Cantata "Esther," Choral Music Class.

**TUESDAY, JULY TWENTIETH**

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Divine Healing Address. Special service for Teaching and Prayer with the sick.
8:00 p. m. Address by Elder Silas Moot.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY TWENTY-FIRST**

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Bible Reading.
8:00 p. m. Closing meeting. Addresses by various Officers.

During the Convocation Elder E. W. Reder, representing Chicago, Deacon Theodore Forby, General Associate Editor of Leaves of Healing and The Zion Herald, and others, will deliver addresses.

There will be Consecration Services for young children on Lord's Day afternoon, July 11th, and also July 18th.

The Lord's Supper will be observed.
The Christian Ordinance of Baptism by Triune Immersion will be administered, and
Officers' Conferences will be held.

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I am the Lord that healeth thee.

And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

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# The Gospel of the Kingdom

## Christ's Teaching and Practice

### The Atoner for Sin and Sickness

Report of Divine Healing Meeting, Tuesday Afternoon, July 16, 1909

*Address by Elder E. L. Carey*

[REPORTED BY MISS B. MAC LACHLAN]

The meeting was opened by the singing of Hymn No. 217, "How Firm a Foundation," after which Elder Richert led the congregation in reading the 8th and 9th chapters of Matthew. The singing of Hymn No. 200, "Rock of Ages," followed, after which Elder Richert offered prayer.

The following Hymns were then sung:

No. 222, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul."

No. 101, "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me."

No. 9, ("New Gift") "Cleansing For Me."

No. 39, "At the Cross."

Elder Carey then said:

I want you to turn to Hebrews the Eleventh chapter, the First verse.

**Faith Defined.**

Now Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

The Sixth verse:

But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

After the Apostle has spoken of all these men and women of faith in the Eleventh chapter, he says, in the First verse of the Twelfth chapter:

Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.

Faith is the gift of God.

Faith comes from God.

**The Capacity of Faith.**

If we have the true faith which is of God, then "all things are possible to him that believeth."

**The Source of Faith.**

The Apostle says in the Tenth chapter, the Sixteenth verse:

This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them.

It is impossible to have faith—to have faith in God, the faith that will bring victory, the faith that will bring a realization of sins forgiven, the faith that will bring healing of diseases and sicknesses, unless, first of all, the law of God is written in our hearts. In other words, we must turn to Him with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, with all our strength, and then He will bless us. We must mean what we say. We must be in earnest about the thing that we profess to be after. That is the way, and the way alone, in which men and women in the past have received those things which they sought, and

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have received many blessings and many victories along different lines.

I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them.

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

**Love and Obedience Precede Acceptive Faith.**

This Apostle, in his epistle to the Corinthians, the Thirteenth chapter, speaks of faith, and he also speaks of love. Now, for just a moment, I want to turn to that chapter: 1 Corinthians Thirteen. Listen to this:

Though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not love, I am nothing.

Though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not love, it profiteth me nothing.

And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

The faith that you ought to have today to be effectual and to be well-pleasing to God, is the faith that is born of Divine love. Love, the Apostle says, is the greatest. "Faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love." What kind of faith is it that is not established on confidence, can you tell me? What is the use of a child saying that he trusts his parents and believes his father and mother if he does not love that father and mother? Why is it that the child's faith is as it is? Why is it that you have such a thing as child-like faith, child-like confidence? Because of the love that is there.

**Love Banishes Fear.**

"Perfect love casteth out fear."

Now there is no faith where there is fear. There is no confidence when there is fear; but where there is love, then you have faith, confidence, hope---everything.

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

We love Him, because He first loved us.

When His love gets down into your heart, when you realize that love, when you see with what love He has loved you, it is not hard then to trust Him; it is not difficult then to have faith.

What is the matter with my faith today? What is the matter with your faith today? Why, simply this: there is not the measure of the love of God in our hearts that there should be—there is not the realization of the great love of God for you that there should be. When that realization takes hold of one, when there is that love for the Father, that love for Christ, begotten by the great love whice He hath show for us, then comes confidence—there comes faith.

**Faith Unwavering Pleases God.**

"Without faith it is impossible to please Him"---certainly. Without your love for God there can be nothing done; and the question that I want to put to you today, right now, is this: Do you love God? God loves you. Why, God loves all mankind, but how many of mankind love Him?

**The Meaning of Love.**

His great love has been shed abroad. His great love has been declared, but how many love Him? Do you love God? What does that love mean? What does it mean to love God? It means that your love must, in some degree--and the greater degree the better--be like the love of Him who has first loved you; that you take Him as your example and copy Him, and as you increase in your love for Him so will your faith increase. But, my brothers, there is a foundation upon which you must build, and a true foundation. The foundation must not be sand, but it must be rock which will stand the storms---it must be a faith built upon a sure place. Therefore it is well for you and me to examine ourselves this afternoon and see whether that which we call love for God is Divine love, indeed. Is it after the love of Christ? Is if according to that pattern? Is it ? That is the question. All right, what did Christ do to show His love, to prove His love? What did He do?

**Love Proved by Sacrifice.**

He left His glory and His throne, and the presence of His Father in the Heavens, and came down to this earth: took upon Himself the form of a servant, and dwelt among men, and suffered, and bled, and died. He took up a great cross; He passed through Gethsemane's valley for you and for me.

That is the love wherewith He loved us. Therefore, measured by that standard, my love is not true unless I also am ready to take up my cross and to be spent for Him and for others. I, too, must be prepared to forsake all and follow Him. That is what He said to the disciples: "Follow me." To follow Christ may mean a great deal. Said one, "First suffer me to go and bury my father." Said another, "I have bought a yoke of oxen and I must attend to them." "Let the dead," said Christ, "bury their dead. Follow thou me." Are you prepared to follow Him?

**Love's Demands Met, a Condion for Healing**

I do not want to speak today of God's way of healing and of God's salvation,—His salvation for spirit, soul and body,—I do not want to speak of these things to you, my brother, my sister, unless you are interested, and unless you are so interested—that you are prepared to meet the demand that love means.

What are you here for today with your sick body? What is your motive? Is your motive right with Him? What if He heals you today? What will you do? Ah, it seems to me that sometimes in cases of sickness and disease it is something like the man who repents in his death-bed---on the bed which he thinks, and everyone around him thinks is to be his death-bed. He repents, so he says, and he turns to God. His whole life has been spent in the service of Satan, in selfishness, for self; but he is stricken down, and he thinks he is about to die, and so he turns to God, (so it seems) and he asks God to forgive him, and he says he repents, and if God will raise him up he will serve Him. God raises him up and what happens?

Ah, how many stories there are just like unto his! He is raised up, and in a few days or a few months he goes back to his old ways. What was the matter? It was FEAR, that was all---like the man out on the billows, tossed by storms and the ship ready to go down: they fall on their knees and cry to God in their terror to save the ship, though they never prayed before. How many men pray on a ship that they think is about to be wrecked who never prayed before! Ah, how many! Many have done so, but when the ship outrides the storms at last, and is safe in her haven, what about those who prayed? What, indeed? What was there in their cry? There was nothing but downright selfishness. Their whole desire was to be saved from death--physical death, saved from punishment,--the punishment which was their due; that was all, and fear, a cowardly spirit, and a mean, selfish motive. So, when God took them at their word and delivered them, they simply went back on their word. Is that your case today, my brother, my sister? If that is so, if that is all you want, if you want your healing only, just to be rid of the sickness and inconvenience of it, then I have no word for you just now, only to tell you, you have to repent before God, and you had better get down upon your knees and ask God to show you your terrible condition. Then, if you truly repent, you will be saved, cleansed by the blood of Jesus, healed by the power of God and for His honor and glory.

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**True Repentance the Beginning of the Gospel.**

I ask you, today, and now, to turn to God. Let your heart be lifted up to Him. Remember, first of all, that the beginning of the gospel is this: that every man and woman should repent of their sins. John the Baptist did not go forth and preach to them regarding the healing of their bodies. No. He commenced his ministry by saying, "REPENT, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!" Jesus the Christ, the great Savior, the Savior of all men---of the world, began His mission and preached His gospel by saying: "Repent ye! REPENT YE! REPENT!" And Paul at Athens, filled with the Spirit of the Christ, and being stirred up by the sins that his eyes beheld, said to them (to the Gentile world): "God hitherto winked at your ignorance, bnt now commandeth all men everywhere to repent." That was his message.

**Repentence Opens to Healing.**

Then, when you have turned to God with full purpose of heart, and when you obey His commandments and take His Word for the salvation of your spirit, should you be sick or be afflicted with disease of any sort, it is your privilege and your right always to look to God for healing.

**Divine Healing Not A Doctrine of Men.**

I want to help some here today who do not understand about this doctrine of Divine Healing. I just want to give you the Word of God. I want to remind you that this is not a doctrine of men nor a cunningly devised fable. It is not a fiction that man has devised. If that were so, then indeed, we would be standing on sand and not on a sure place. But, thanks be unto God, in preaching this glorious doctrine, we stand on a sure place, in a safe place.---We stand on the Word of God; and I declare unto you today, in the name of Jesus the Christ that He has died for your sins, and that He has died for your sicknesses!

**Christ Died to Atone For Sin and For Sickness.**

Have you looked into the Word of God at all? Are you ignorant of His Word concerning these things? What does God mean where He speaks there in Exodus those great words of healing and of keeping power to those who love Him?

If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His sight and wilt give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will permit none of these diseases to come upon thee which I have permitted to come upon the Egyptians: FOR I AM THE LORD THAT HEALETH THEE.

Now I would like for you to turn to Isaiah 53:4.

Surely He hath borne our griefs.

You will find in the margin of the revised version that the original word is "sicknesses," and so you read that:---

Surely He hath borne our sicknesses, and carried our sorrows.

Now remember that, and when you come to Matthew 8 :17 (which you read not long ago), you find again:

That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.

So Christ truly and indeed died for your sins and for your sicknesses. Surely there is no doubt about it. Surely nobody can doubt that the Word of God, from these two passages alone, teaches that Christ is the Savior from sickness, ever ready to save us from those things that hurt.

**God's Creative Work Perfect.**

When God made the world and all things that are therein, and made man, you remember that it is written:

And God saw everything that He had made, and, behold, it was very good.

There was no mar; there was no defect; there was no evil, all was good. But when Satan came into that garden, with his subtle temptation, and led man astray, then he sinned: and when sin came, then came disease, then came sickness, then came sorrow, then came all the troubles with which we are afflicted, and here we are today with this awful accumulation or mass of corruption in the flesh; and yet there are some today who take the position that these things come from God. How can they do so?

**The Devil Cripples and Makes Sick.**

Turn to Luke 13:11-17. There was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years. She was bowed together and could in no wise lift herself up---(only one of the many awful oppressions of the devil). When Jesus saw her He called her to Him and said, "Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity." He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight and glorified God." Then commenced the hypocrites to talk, just as they always do. They always appear when God's work is made manifest. Then the hypocrites come in sight.

The ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the Sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day.

The Lord then answered him and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering?

And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bondage on the Sabbath day?

Satan bound her. Satan is the oppressor in every case. Satan gave the consumption, Satan gave the cancer, Satan is responsible for all the trouble that you have in the flesh today—every bit of it, not God. God is pure, God is holy. There is no impurity in Him. How could there be? Well, then, if that be so, you and I, as sons of God, have got to fight the work of the devil.

**Christ's Work to Undo the Works of the Devil.**

Turn to Acts 10:38. Zion knows all this, but I am talking for the sake of those here who want help, and it will help us all.

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power:—

Brethren, we have to be anointed with the Holy Ghost, and with power also, that God's power may go through us to others. If we stand fast in the faith and go forward in the work of God, there shall be manifested in our midst (for God reigns and God's Word never fails) the same power that has been manifested before.

Who went about doing good,—

Satan goes about doing evil. O yes, evil! That is why you are afflicted today: because evil has come into the world; but Christ came in the image of His Father to usher in another day: a day of salvation and a day of emancipation for all mankind, and it is for you and for me to declare this mission.

Who went about doing good, and healing *all that were oppressed of the devil;* for God was with Him.

Every one may be healed. All who are oppressed by Satan may be delivered.

**Christ the Only Emancipator.**

Then we have the matter plain. At the beginning all was beautiful, all was perfect, all was good, without blemish, without defect: beautiful and good. Today there has been degeneration—a horrible falling away; but Christ has been slain; the Christ has been enthroned, my brethren, for the emancipation of this world and for the salvation of poor, dying, sin-stricken people—for every son of Adam salvation has been purchased: salvation from spiritual bondage; salvation from bondage of the flesh.

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He sendeth His word and healeth them.

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# LEAVES OF HEALING

I am the Lord that healeth thee.

And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

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# Editorial Notes

*By the General Associate Editor*

The proper view point of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God is essential to effective service of the King, and leads to the adjustment of every thought, word and deed in life.

Every person must have some objective or ideal toward which he exercises his energies. Nobility of conduct depends upon nobility of aim. If his aim be mean, low and selfish his conduct will partake of the same nature; and, on the other hand, if he be seized by a lofty spirit of kindness, and love for others, of thoughtfulness, of humility, his acts will reflect these virtues.

The great apostle of tribulation, because of his devotion and faithfulness to the service of Christ and the upbuilding of the Kingdom on earth, said to the Philippian brethren:

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus;" thus teaching that Christ set an everlasting example for His followers.

A study of the life of Christ reveals to us what He thought and did. His mission into earth was a Kingly one. He came to call all people to repentance and to newness of life in Him, and to establish a Kingdom---even the Kingdom of Heaven---the everlasting Kingdom which shall fill the whole earth with righteousness, joy and peace.

The angel said to Mary: "And thou * * * shalt call His name JESUS. He shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David: and He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His Kingdom there shall be no end."

As a King---the Savior---He was clothed with power that was exercised through word and act---power that reached Him from the throne of God---power which came because He was willingly receptive. The Divine mind was His mind. He says: "I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of Him that sent Me."

And what is the Father's Will?

"That every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life."

The conception in the mind of God and also of Christ was the salvation of humanity and the gathering of all into the Kingdom of God; *i. e.*, all submitting themselves to the rule of God, the acceptance of Christ as Savior implying pardon of all transgressions and the incoming and in-dwelling in each of a desire to obey the laws of Heaven in all things.

The Christian walk means an abandonment of the old ways ---the way into which Satan the adversary of truth has led humanity---and becoming a new creature in Christ Jesus, partaking of His nature, thinking as He thinks and doing as He would have each to do. In other words, the ideal of the Christ should become the ideal of man.

Christ manifests Himself in love in action. Therefore He preaches His most powerful sermons in going around doing good. Mere words with Him, though they pierced deep into the hearts of men, were not enough. He acted. He touched the blind eye; He unstopped the deaf ears; He soothed the fevered brow; He lifted up the lame and the halt and He raised the dead. His interest in man was intense---so full of love and so intense that He became of no reputation, and took the form of a servant that He might get close to man's conditions and needs.

Christ met humanity's needs at every point. Their lack He supplied. Their sorrows and sicknesses He bore. He was moved with compassion as the revolting picture presented by the devil appeared; and He fought for man's redemption from all the effects of the devil's hatred and work.

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The hard hearts of men caused Him the greatest sorrow and concern. Unwillingness to do right is the insurmountable barrier until crushed by the convicting power of God's Spirit.

Repentant hearts He could comfort; and trusting souls He could heal; but hard, rebellious hearts had to be broken; and as a righteous King He had to thrust them through with the Sword of the Spirit.

His ideal was Zion---obedience to the will of God.

Israel had lost the great conception that Jehovah had founded Zion; hence they backslid, and the tenderest appeals of the Son of God Himself, the very King---the Messiah---for whom they said they were looking, could not make them obedient and dutiful. Doom only awaited them. The wail of the Christ: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together * * * and ye would not!" and then, pointing to the glorious temple, He cried, "Verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down!" reveal His tender love and anxiety and His power to see into the future, and the sure result of resisting the pleadings of God's Spirit.

Why such a judgment? The people had denied the ideal. They had allowed self and wicked interests to be exalted in their lives and God was not well-pleased. His Kingdom was despised and rejected, and as rebels they must suffer.

To deny the ideal that Jehovah hath founded Zion is to tempt God, and for those who do so there is but little hope; for they have defied the plan and purpose of the Living God, and, like the Jews of old, unrelenting in their hatred to the King of Zion: their doom is certain, and their days will end in suffering and remorse.

Zion, keep close to God, and observe to do His will and help to keep Zion and Zion City the glory of the earth.

The present Convocation in Zion can never be forgotten. In its various sessions, hundreds upon hundreds have cried out for the Living God. Scores who have never openly acknowledged Christ have bowed in humble confession and consecration.

Former members of the Church who have wandered away and allowed the cares of life to choke their spirituality, have been retouched by the Holy Spirit and they have again taken up the cross of service.

Fathers and Mothers have pleaded with God for their sons and daughters. Oh, such a wail for unconverted children! and God has answered in many instances.

Wives have cried aloud for husbands and husbands for wives, that have never given themselves to God.

Neighbors who have been estranged have become reconciled, and everywhere about the City are evidences of the Holy Spirit's striving with unfaithful, contrary, and, in some cases, wicked and unholy people.

A mighty wave of spiritual force has hit Zion City, and people are cleaning up under the searchlight of God's inquiries into their doings

We print elsewhere some prayers of confession and consecration. Hundreds upon hundreds have cried out in similar language.

Zion is near the morning of a great awakening. The harvest is ripe, and the laborers are being sent out.

Deacon and Deaconess Marshall go to Madison, Wisconsin; two brothers will go to Des Moines, Iowa; Brother and Sister Frank Robinson will go to Portland, Oregon, at once; and others will be sent elsewhere soon.

The baptismal waters are being visited by those who are taking their stand for God. Nearly one hundred were baptized by Triune Immersion by Overseer Voliva last Monday, and others are ready.

Zion's great concern is not over money---it is the hearts of the people. Let the people be right and God's glory be first, and money matters will be easy.

Last Lord's Day tithes and offerings amounted to $1739.00, and the special offering for Shiloh Tabernacle in cash, $1019.16 and in pledges $ 1094.95, or $3853.11 for the day.

The scene of thousands giving their offerings for the Tabernacle was very impressive. For forty-seven minutes the procession of contributors marched past the historic barrel, in orderly ranks, a picture of devotion never before excelled.

Zion, thoroughly alive and consecrated, can be the greatest evangelizing agency in the world.

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# Obeying God in Baptism

## *By Triune*  *Immersion*

God or His Son Jesus the Christ, or any of the Apostles, never gave a command or direction that was not intended to be obeyed. All that the Bible teaches to be done is necessary and essential in order that one may claim the full blessings of God's favor and to entitle one to possess the exemptions and prerogatives of a son or daughter of the Kingdom of God.

Citizenship in the Kingdom of God is won only by obedience, Christ Himself saying: "Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in Heaven."

And again: "Ye are My friends, if ye do *whatsoever I command you.*"

Citizenship in the Kingdom can be crowned with results only by obeying.

Christ commanded baptism for the disciples, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

Therefore, those who, after instruction, have given their heart to God, are to be baptized as a seal of their obedience. Then they are in the way of receiving the richest blessings of Heaven if they persevere in observing whatever Christ commands.

The ingathered at the Convocation services are obeying the Word of God in baptism.

The following named persons were Baptized by Triune Immersion in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, Monday, July 19, 1909, by General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva:

| | |
|---|---|
| Donald Kenneth Anderson, | 2702 Gideon Ave., Zion City. |
| Gertrude Rachel Butler, | 2913 Emmaus ave., " |
| Sydney Charles Walter Butler, | " " |
| Stella Selma Becker, | 2915 Gilead ave., " |
| Mabel Matilda Bereiter, | Sheridan Road, " |
| Anna May Bereiter, | " " |
| Eric Dunn Bright, | 2614 Gilboa ave., " |
| Harold Edminster Brey, | 2802 Ezekiel ave, " |
| Walter Brey, | " " |
| Ivan Beall, | 3105 Elizabeth ave., " |
| S. H. Buell, | 2811 Emmaus ave., " |
| S. W. Baker, | " |
| Dwight Baker, | " |
| Mildred Brockway, | 2701 Ezekiel ave., " |
| Mary Brockway, | " " |
| Marian Buckley, | 2909 Gabriel ave., " |
| Mary Elizabeth Bobb, | 2911 Ezra ave., " |
| Esther Bennewate, | 3024 Gideon ave., " |
| Mary Elizabeth Bishop, | 2917 Elish ave., " |
| Muriel Bagg, | 3029 Gabriel ave., " |
| Effie Irene Carey, | 2710 Enoch ave., " |
| Edith Watkinson Carey, | " " |
| Cleota Carmer, | 1123 E. Columbia ave., Ft. Wayne, Ind. |
| Alexander DePew, | 2806 Enoch ave., Zion City |
| Offa Daniels, | 3021 Gilboa ave., " |
| Doris Drury, | 3200 Enoch ave, " |
| Mrs. Julia Dunkelberger, | 105 Redick St., Niles, Mich. |
| Laura Eveline Edgerton, | Kenosha, Wis. |
| Mrs. Emma Eckerle, | 1355 Van Buren St., Chicago |
| Hattie May Greer, | 3004 Ezra ave., Zion City. |
| Carrie Greer, | " " |
| Horace Hill, | 2512 Gilboa ave, " |
| Bertha Rhoda Hill, | " " |
| Frederick Hill, | " " |
| Ruth Magdalene Hill, | 2612 Gilboa ave., " |
| Marie Heindl, | Waukegan, Ill. |
| Mrs. M. E. Hinshaw, | Crookston, Minn. |
| Thomas E. Hollingshead, | 3007 Gideon ave., Zion City |
| Jennie Esther Inman, | 1910 Hermon ave., " |
| Jane Alexandria Jacobson, | 2708 Elim ave., " |
| Martha Ardelow Jacobson, | " " |
| Mildred Beatrice Jacobson, | " " |
| Mrs. Susanna Wilhelmina Tudie Keppel, | 169 Oakwood Blvd., Chicago |
| Abbie Love, | 2706 Enoch ave., Zion City |
| Albert Oscar Lehman, | " |
| Elsie Melida Lehman, | 2911 Ezekiel ave., " |
| Gertrude Lehman | " " |
| Evelyn May McEwen, | 3008 Gabriel ave., " |
| Marion S. Morgan, | 2826 Gidion ave., " |
| Oscar McDowell, | 1707 Hebron ave., " |
| Esther Annie Lydia Moughmer, | " |
| Marion Moulton, | 3110 Ezekiel ave., " |
| Ruth Maltby, | 2706 Ezekiel ave., " |
| Lillie Cora Matzenberg, | 1830 Grand ave., Milwaukee, Wis. |
| Louana Mills, | 2921 Enoch ave., Zion City |
| Irwin McKoon, | 2413 Gilboa ave., " |
| Willie Nelson, | 2109 Gabriel ave., " |
| Minnie Ruth Otterbacher, | 2014 Horeb ave., " |
| Charlotte Christina Otterbacher, | " " |
| Henry Walter Offner, | 3012 Ezekiel ave., " |
| Edith May Osborn, | 3218 Elijah ave., " |
| Mary Eunice Ruth Potter, | 3212 Gabriel ave., " |
| Arlington Potts, | 1821 Hermon ave., " |
| Esther Potts, | " " |
| Dorothy Marion Peterson, | 33d and Ezra ave., " |
| Miss Ruth Brown Reynolds, | Oakdale Nebr. |
| Grace Lewis Rendall, | 2408 Gideon ave., Zion City |
| Arthur Benson Rendall, | " " |
| Chester Gordon Ross, | 3015 Gabriel ave., " |
| Lloyd Homer Ross, | " " |
| Bernice Emma Riehl, | Sheridan Road, " |
| Rhoda Stewart, | 3001 Ezekiel ave., " |
| Robert Stow, | 2403 Gilboa ave., " |
| Charles W. Sparrow, | 2212 Gideon ave., " |
| Peter D. Spracklen, | Henningford, Neb. |
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| Nellie Marion Marie Smoots, | " " |
| Ella Grace Thurston, | 3104 Ezekiel ave., " |
| Gladys Esther Tate, | 3013 Gideon ave, " |
| Eva May Teeple, | 3023 Ezekiel ave., " |
| Lilly Henrietta Teeple, | " " |
| Daisy Irene Tuttle, | 2913 Gabriel ave., " |
| Ruth Steele Voliva, | 2312 Elisha ave., " |
| Elmer Linton Valkenaar, | 3106 Elim ave., " |
| Bessie Wiedman, | 2502 Edina Blvd., " |
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| Alma L. Weyant, | 1815 Gilboa ave., " |

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Josheph Samuel Wartzenluft, 1909 Gilboa ave., "
Paul Wartzenluft, " "
John Walker, Sheridan Road, Zion City
Margaret Wilhelmina Werner, 3035 Elizabeth ave., "

Baptized by Elder Silas Moot, Saturday, July 17, 1909.

Mrs. Mary Gibson, Muskogee, Okla.

# Burdened Hearts Confess and Cry for Forgiveness.

*AT THE CONVOCATION AND SPECIAL MEETINGS.*

### A Deacon Confesses to Failure in duty.

Our God and Father, accept our confession for dereletion of duty. We pray Thee, in Jesus' name that each criticism may be turned to prayer in this hour of Zion's need. Amen.

### A Deacon Prays for Father, Mother, Brother and Sister.

We thank Thee, O God, for the manifestation of the Holy Spirit. Strengthen the weak ones, convict the stubborn ones, and burn out of my heart all that is not pleasing in Thy sight. I pray at this time that Thou wilt touch the heart of my mother, my father, and my sister and my brother that they may come to Zion.

### A Mother Pleads for Her Son.

We pray for each one who consecrated himself and herself to God in the meetings. Help each one of us to live lives in our homes that shall be object lessons to our children, that they may realize that we have been with our God. I ask Thee, O God, to bless my boy this morning, and, Father, that he may consecrate his life to Thee. Help each one of us to go after the young folks and do our duty in this City.

### A Sister who had not Prayed Confesses.

Father in Heaven, in Jesus' Name I ask Thy forgiveness for not praying for these services at the Convocation. I ask Thy forgiveness for anything else that Thou seest amiss. I ask Thee, Father to fill me with Thy Holy Spirit so that I may work for Thee.

### A Sister Confesses to Failure in Duty.

Father, I ask Thee to forgive me. I have not done my duty. O God, help me to get rid of the man-fearing spirit.

### A Wife Implores God for her Husband and Sons.

We thank Thee, O God, for Thy goodness and tender mercies. We thank Thee, O God, for these meetings. We know Thou art pouring out Thy Holy Spirit upon these meetings. Help me, O God! Father, my husband! O God, break that stony heart, and put a desire into his heart to come to these meetings. Father, he seems so rebellious. It seems there is nothing I can say that will touch his heart, but, O God, Thy Spirit can. My God, grant, before this Convocation is over that I may have the privilege of rejoicing and praising Thee that he has given his heart to Thee.

My dear boys! O Father, Thou knowest how I have plead with Thee time and time again for them. O God, by Thy Holy Spirit's power, I ask Thee to go to them now, this morning. I believe Thou hast been striving with them and that they will be born into Thy Kingdom.

Bless those who have given themselves to Thee. O God, let them be overcomers and not to be overcome. Bless this meeting today.

### A Brother Asks for Greater Faith and Courage.

I thank Thee, O God, for Thy goodness to us and for the privilege of being here this morning to worship Thee and to see Thy face. I pray Thee, burn out of my heart, O God, all that is displeasing to Thee. Grant, our Father, that we may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Master, Jesus the Christ, that we may go forward with greater faith, courage and Divine endurance to glorify Thee, for Jesus' sake.

### A Deacon Pleads for Power to be Faithful.

We thank Thee, our Heavenly Father, for the light of another day, a day, our Father, wherein we should live acceptably in Thy sight. O God, our Heavenly Father, we do ask Thee that Thou wilt manifest Thyself in mighty power in each of our lives. We thank Thee, O God, for the wonderful work that we witnessed by the power of the Holy Spirit yesterday, (Lord's Day) O God, our Father, we pray that not one desire of the hearts of the fathers and mothers will be unsatisfied. We thank Thee for the prayers of the fathers and mothers that have gone up to Thee for their sons and daughters, and we thank Thee, our Father, that we witnessed yesterday the outpouring of Thy Holy Spirit to break their hearts and bring them to the Cross.

And now, O God, our Father, we pray that Thou wilt be with the one that resisteth the Holy Spirit's pleading and did not give her heart to thee. May this be the hour when she will yield. O God, our Father, help us each one to do our duty, and may this Convocation not pass by and any one shall fail to do his duty and seek to bring some one to God that he may be saved and be a shining light in this world to work for Thee in saving others. God forbid that any one of us should stand before Thy Throne with empty hands. O God, our Father, help each one of us to do our duty and to be faithful and work in Thy vineyard while it is day. We ask it all in Jesus' Name and for His sake. Amen.

### A Sister Confesses to Lack of Interest

O God, have mercy upon me. (She weeps aloud) May I not be cut off from the Vine. Father, be merciful to me. Forgive me and bless me, and help me to be more earnest and more valiant for Thee. I pray it in Jesus' name. Amen.

### A Deacon Prays that the Spirit of Timidity May Be Removed.

Our Father, we thank Thee for the many blessings we have enjoyed in Zion during the past thirteen years. We ask Thy forgiveness. We ask Thee, Father, to take away this timidity from us. Thou knowest how hard it is to say in public things we would like to say which are often in our hearts. We ask Thee, Father, to forgive us and help us to be more useful in public service, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

### A Sister Slow In Duty

Father, I thank Thee for this Convocation. I ask Thee to forgive me for being so slow to do my duty. Now, Father, bless my sister and two dear cousins. I ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

### A Sister Stumbles of Fear.

Father, we thank Thee and ask Thee to take away this man-fearing spirit so we can testify as we have not been able to testify. Amen.

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### A Sister Pleads for A Closer Walk With God.

Dear Father in heaven, we ask Thee for a closer walk with Thee; that Thou wilt help us to be more consecrated to Thee.

### A Sister Sorry For Neglect of Meetings.

Heavenly Father, I ask Thy forgiveness for neglecting one service which I might have attended. I have not praised Thee for Thy goodness and kindnesses received. Forgive me.

### A Sister Failed to Testify of God's Goodness in healing her.

I ask you to forgive me for not testifying to a wonderful healing Thou didst give me. O Father, help me that I may always be at my post and I will give Thee all the praise. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

### A Brother Asks Forgiveness for Lack of Interest.

We ask Thee, our Heavenly Father, to forgive us for not taking more interest in the meetings.

### A Brother Held Back by Fear.

Our Heavenly Father, forgive me and give me overcoming power over the man-fearing spirit. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

### A Sinner Cries for Help.

Lord, have mercy upon me, a sinner! Had it not been for my wife, I would not have been here.

### An Indifferent Brother Confesses.

Father, I ask Thee for forgiveness for indifference.

### A Sister Neglects Meetings.

I pray for forgiveness for not coming out on Monday night when I ought to have come. I pray Thee to forgive me for not testifying in the meetings. Father, help me to be more faithful.

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### Injured Foot Healed In Answer to Prayer.

——, Minn., March 1, 1909.

Rev. E. L. CAREY,
Zion City, Ill.,

Peace to thee!

Your letter of February 18th received and contents noted. I am happy that you prayed for my injured foot and that you called the General Overseer's attention to the matter. I will say that it was a miracle that I did not get three of my middle toes hurt more than I did. I am now nearly healed, except one of the toe-nails is nearly loose, and quite sore, and the toes are numb and somewhat stiff, and sometimes they sting. It may be that there is some frost in them. It was quite a cold day when the accident happened, and I did not go home right away after the accident. I was told by my neighbors to send for a doctor, or gangrene or lockjaw might set in, but I put my trust in God and did not use a drop of medicine.

I have just received the Leaves of Healing and the Zion Herald. They are full of good reading.

I thank you for your prayers, and I ask you for a continuance of the same.

Your Brother,

(Signed) —— ——

### Blessed by Reading Zion Literature.

Fritz, Arkansas, June 19, 1909.

REV. WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA,
Christian Catholic Church,
Zion City, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

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I herewith enclose this my application for membership, and am very desirous to make Zion City my home.

Hoping that I may have an early reply from you, I am

Very truly yours,
(Signed) M. U. S.

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And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

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# The Gospel of the Kingdom

## Christ's Teaching and Practice

### The Atoner for Sin and Sickness

Report of Divine Healing Meeting, Friday Afternoon, July 16, 1909

*Address by Elder E. L. Carey*

[REPORTED BY MISS B. MAC LACHLAN]

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK)

**Indifference of Churches to Hold Up the Christ.**

O my God, as I think today of the afflictions of mankind and of the awful bondage of mankind, is there no hope? How many are the tears that fall today! How many the cries that go up to God today from poor, stricken, oppressed humanity! How long, O God, how long! What are the Churches doing? Hundreds and thousands of these Churches, hundreds and thousands of professed ministers of the Gospel, have not one word of the full Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Shame! I say, shame! Unutterable shame to every apostate Church! to every minister of those Churches! My brethren, the blood of hundreds and thousands is upon these men. May God have mercy on them and bring every true son of God out of their ranks and into the ark and abiding place. The day is coming when every true minister of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus the Christ will depart and come out of the apostate Churches and come into Zion, for in Zion is God's place.

**Zion Represents the New Order of Things.**

O Zion, you and I must be true and steadfast! That is the Gospel. O, what a Gospel of Christ! O, the beautiful sound of the Gospel! The word of salvation, the tidings of life for this world! We are entering, I believe with my whole heart, into a new order of things. We are entering upon a time, the like of which has never been seen in this world. O, what responsibility rests upon you and me! Shall I be recreant? May God forbid! Will you be faithless? May God save you from that! O, that my brethren and sisters who have had the light of this Gospel and the joy of it in their hearts, might speedily return! Let the heart of love go out to them today Come back, come back, poor wanderer! Come back today! If you are here, may God bless you by His Holy Spirit. May He help you to consider these things and to return to Him and to the ark of safety.

**The Gospel Meets All Needs of Humanity.**

This is the Gospel—the Gospel of salvation, of healing, and of holy living. Do you want any more in the Word of God about this? Let me remind you again, before I sit down, of that passage in the epistle of James! I am going to read it. I have read it lots of times, but I am going to read it again to you. I want you who have not known these things very well just to look at this verse again: James 5:13-15. We mostly all understand this, but there are some here who do not understand, and I want to help you, by the grace of God. That is my purpose this afternoon.

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"Is any among you afflicted? let him pray." That is all right.

"Is any merry? let him sing psalms." That is quite appropriate.

"Is any sick among you?" let him call for the doctors?

Voices: "No."

ELDER CAREY: Well now, that is the way the Methodist Church preachers do. "O," you say, "they do not." O, but they do. "O no, they read the Word of God." Yes, they read the Word of God. They read, "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church"---and then they tell you to go and get the doctor just the same.

**The Bible Everywhere Condemns Doctors and Drugs.**

Can you point your finger to one place in the Word of God where you are directed to go to the physicians? or to one passage of Scripture which stands for physicians, and their drugs and medicines? Hunt it up. Just go through the Word of God. If the doctors are so necessary and of such importance to mankind and to the welfare of humanity, why there ought to be something in the Word of God in their behalf. Find the passage. Find one word that stands for the physicians and their drugs and medicines. Let us have it. Well, you cannot find any---not one. I can give you passages, as I have already given, which utterly refute the theory and teaching that the physicians are necessary and are intended for us by God Almighty.

Now turn, and refer for yourselves, to the narrative of King Asa, which Elder Tindall went into so fully some little time back. You read there of a man who once loved God, and who did right in His sight, and who tore down the idols of the apostasy and who put things right. While he lived right, God blessed him and was with him in all that he did. Then you find a declination, a lapse, a falling away, a going away from God, mark you. Then, when he had gotten away from God, we find at last that he got sick. No wonder he got sick when he got away from God, his Father. Then in his sickness what did he do? In his sickness he turned to the physicians. Yes. And what happened? He passed away. He died. It is stated there that he turned to the physicians, not to God. Read it yourselves. You will find it in 2 Chronicles 16:12-13,

**The Bible Says:**

And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease *he sought not to the Lord*, but to the physicians.

And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign.

Can you have any stronger proof of the teaching of Zion, that it is correct and right, than that passage? It is clear, concise, straight to the point: healing for humanity through the blood of the Christ, and not through the physicians.

All right. Then you have James 5:14:

**In Sickness Call the Elders—a Positive Command.**

Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church.

Can you point to one place---in the story of the life of Christ--- to one place where He told the sick to go to the physicians? Why, there were lots of them. You do not need to think that there were no physicians in those days: that we only have them now-a-days. They certainly had them in those days. Why didn't He turn them to the physicians? There is not one passage to that effect. He healed them Himself; and when He was about to take His departure, what did He do? He gave the great commission to His apostles, and He told them to go and preach the Gospel to every creature, and to teach all the nations, and to baptize them, and so on. And He says that these signs shall follow them that believe: "they shall," amongst other things, "lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." The laying on of hands of godly men by the power of the Holy Spirit, that is the healing that is taught and not the healing of the physicians; and James corroborates this and verifies that position. He says:

Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

That is another mode; the other was the laying on of hands with prayer.

What will save the sick?

And the prayer of faith shall save the sick.

Well, then, if the doctor comes in, and the prayer of faith is offered (which you say can be prayed just the same), and if the sick are raised up, what was it that saved the sick man: the doctor or the prayer? Either the doctor healed him or the prayer of faith healed him. James says, "And the prayer of faith shall shall save the sick." Now, then, if it is the prayer of faith that saves the sick, that leaves no room for the doctor. There is no room for your drugs, absolutely none. It is the prayer of faith that saves the sick. Well, then, what is the use of the drugs, and the medicine, and the doctor? Jesus the Christ is the Great Physician---that is what it amounts to---that is the whole thing: Jesus Christ.

**He is Just the Same today.**

"Ah," but you say, "He has gone." Jesus Christ, you read in Hebrews, is "the same yesterday, today, and forever." He is just the same today. James believed that, and wrote those words, and I stand by that. Jesus Christ is the same today. He has gone, but the Holy Spirit, His representative, is here, and it is by His power, through the blood of Christ, that the same miracles and the same healings can be effected as in the days of His flesh, and have been wrought. These have taken place. They took place in the days of the apostles, after Christ had gone back, in the days of the early Church. They have taken place since, here and there, where there have been faithful men who declared this whole Gospel. They have taken place in the days of Zion, as you all know, and they will take place again. They are taking place today in our midst, and they will take place again.

Now then, in closing: These things are plain, my brethren; there is no gainsaying it. We have a strong place to dwell in, on the foundation of the Word of God, where our house is built, and if our house is built there, then let the winds blow the fiercest, then let the storms howl and the rains pour: the house shall stand every time.

Let your faith today be built upon Christ, and let that faith be born of love, and this day and this hour salvation is yours, and healing, and emancipation from your sorrow and from your trouble. Amen.

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## Prayer Answered for Child Suffering With Croup.

Eau Claire, March 5, 1905.

REV. W. G. VOLIVA,
Zion City, Illinois.

Dear Brother in Jesus:

Thank you for your prayers in behalf of my little daughter. Thank God for answering it, for she has had wonderful deliverances of the croup. I pray God that He may give you new strength every day to carry on His work with success.

Please pray for me that I may be faithful to Him every way to do His will.

I am,

Yours in His Name,
(Signed) Mrs. E. J. C.

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# Witnesses for God and Zion at the Convocation Meetings, Thursday Afternoon, July 15, 1909



Blessings and Healings Through Faith in God

SISTER JONES: "Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us,

"To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet in the way of peace."

I praise God for all His blessings. I was so weary this morning that I was unable to get here, and I had to rest, but you have no idea how I felt the Spirit at home, and I knew you people were praying here. There are people all over the City who felt the Spirit like I did. You do not know what a wonderful thing it is! I pray that the Spirit of God may move on every heart in this City, and may they love God with all their hearts.

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BROTHER BRAMMER: I have been in Zion over six years. I was blessed before I came here, and I have been blessed since coming here. I have been blessed in this Convocation, and expect more blessing, although God has already given me more than I asked and more than I deserved.

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ELDER TINDALL: There is a passage of Scripture that comes to mind, which I think would be well to give right here, on this subject. You remember the fight or war which they had in Heaven when the devil was cast out. Now what does the Word say in regard to the way he was conquered? "And they overcame him by the blood of the lamb, and by the word of their testimony." No one need say he cannot speak, for he can. You do not have to make a speech, but, they overcame the devil "by the word of their testimony."

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BROTHER HULL: I am not much of a speaker. I have been in Zion almost five years, and I have enjoyed my stay. I have always declared that I am a citizen of Zion City, and that I expected to stay here. Nobody ever heard me say that Zion City would be lost, or ever could be. I believe Zion City is saved today. I believe Zion City cannot be lost. I stand firmly for Zion, because it is the Kingdom of God, and I am thankful that I am able to stand here as a witness for Christ. I feel we have had the Spirit of God in our midst, and I have enjoyed this Convocation very much. I pray that God will manifest His power in our midst, that the sick and afflicted can be healed, and that we can go forward.

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DEACON HARDIE: I can say that I love Zion and the teaching of Zion. Zion has been within my heart now for nearly twelve years. I sacrificed everything to come to Zion to enjoy the privilege of being among Zion people. The teaching of Zion is right. I never was a man to talk much in meeting, but I live my religion, and I want to do what God wants me to do as best I know how. I am willing to sacrifice everything I have for the purposes of God in Zion City.

MRS. ORR: I do praise God today for His sustaining and keeping power. I praise Him for health and strength, and that He has opened the way for us to live in Zion City. My prayer is that I may be kept true and faithful.

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MRS. IRISH: I thank God today that I am here and I want to testify to His goodness to me. I have been in Zion City over seven years, and I have been in the maternity work since the time I came. Through overwork, I had a stroke of paralysis a year ago last April. I was laid up and not able to work, but through the prayers of faithful ones, God raised me up, and I was able to work again. Then, later on, dropsy set into my body, and in January I was scarcely able to do anything. Elder Moot came and taught me, and told me that it was a sin to keep on working and not give the body rest. I listened to the Word of God, and am entirely delivered from the dropsy.

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DEACON BAKER: I have nothing worthy to bring. I come, just as I am. I confess, before God, that I have been too far away. I surrender all to God today. I want to go wherever He leads me.

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MRS. ROBINSON: I thank God this afternoon for His love and for His mercy. In thinking of God, I thank Him for His compassion and for His everlasting mercy. In the words of that hymn,

Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole,
I want Thee forever to live in my soul.
Break down every idol, cast out every foe,
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

The devil has made it hard for me in every step I have taken in Zion; but I do want to serve God and to be more faithful than I ever before have been.

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A SISTER: I want to thank and praise God today for the wonderful blessings received during this Convocation. I am very sorry I could not attend all the meetings, but those I have attended have been of great blessing to me. I thank God for health and strength, and for His keeping power. I am sorry to say that I have not testified as I should have done to the many blessings we have received. I thank God for the health He has given to our dear children. Last night my eldest daughter showed me a lump on her neck which had pained her since Monday. Last night she told me the pain was getting worse. I spoke to her, as we always do when any of the children have the least little ache or pain, of God, our Healer. Then we prayed for her. The lump is all gone, today, and there is no sign of it. God healed me last March and gave me a complete deliverance. My husband was sick nine months last year with inflamatory rheumatism. He was not inside the Tabernacle during that time. Since he handed in his Renewal Application Form, he received his healing inside of a few days, whereas he had been afflicted nine months before. He was so sick he could hardly stand on his feet or lie down in bed. He received his healing just about the middle part of September. Elder Reder called at the house, and, half an hour after he prayed with him, he raised up in bed. At 12 o'clock he was sitting at the dinner table eating dinner. Elder Reder stayed that afternoon until 3 o'clock, and we had great blessing in reading the Bible and in prayer, and since that my husband has increased in strength and health. I praise God for all His mercies.

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# General Overseer's Notes

HEADQUARTERS OFFICES OF THE CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC CHURCH IN ZION, CITY HALL BUILDING, ZION CITY, ILLINOIS, U. S. A., July 30, 1909.

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." Matt. 5:6.

"If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?" Luke 11:13.

"But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." John 4:14.

"And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to Me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on Me shall never thirst." John 6:35.

"In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink.

He that believeth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

(But this spake He of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.") John 7:37-39.

"Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

Unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." Eph; 3:20,21.

The Thirteenth Annual Convocation of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion, which was indeed and in truth a feast of good things, closed on Wednesday night, July 28th, having lasted just eighteen days, during which time fifty meetings were held—an average of almost three per day.

The wonderful work, which God wrought during these days in the name of Jesus the Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, cannot be described in words; neither can the results be tabulated and placed on paper. It is true, the program for the entire Convocation had been arranged and had appeared for weeks and months in the Leaves of Healing and The Zion Herald, but before half a dozen meetings were held, the program was entirely set aside, except that meetings were held at 6:30 a. m., 2 p. m., and 8 p. m.

The above quotations were a few of the scores and hundreds of passages of Scripture read and reread, meditated upon, and prayerfully studied during the meetings—in one meeting, the entire Book of First Thessalonians being read by the officer in charge and the entire congregation.

The success of the meetings may, in part, be explained by the fact that the Word of God was given a very prominent place in every service, and the people were exhorted to ask for the incoming and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Burning exhortations were given calling upon one and all to repent, confess and restore; and in every meeting, after the first two or three days, a call was made for all who had never given themselves to God, and for all who had lost their first love, to come forward to the platform and make a public profession, and to pray the Prayer of Consecration.

More than a thousand persons, young and old, came forward and either gave themselves to God for the first time, or reconsecrated themselves, praying the Prayer of Consecration, and promising God, by His grace, to be faithful all the days till Jesus comes.

On last Lord's Day, July 25th, which was the third Lord's Day of the Convocation, no less than one hundred and fifty persons came forward during the day.

Among the confessions made were the following:

"I have lost my first love and wandered away from God."

"I have been filled with the spirit of criticism and fault-finding."

"I have not been paying my tithes."

"I have not been returning thanks at the table."

"I have not kept up family worship in my home."

"I have not done my duty in bringing up my children."

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The entire Convocation was a time of deep heart-searching, and it was evident to all that the Holy Spirit was accomplishing a mighty work, preparing the Church for a great forward movement for the Salvation, Healing, and Cleansing of humanity.

Scores of fathers and mothers cried daily to God for the conversion of sons and daughters. Husbands cried to God for the conversion of unconverted wives, and wives for the conversion of unconverted husbands.

Eighty-six sweet little Zion children were consecrated to God.

One hundred and fifty-eight persons were baptized.

During the Convocation, thousands of dollars in Tithes and Offerings were received—the total income in Tithes and Offerings for the month of July being $4,863.46.

Reports of the various meetings will be printed as rapidly as possible in Leaves of Healing and Zion Herald.

Charter members of the Church and many who have attended every annual gathering of the Church, stood up and unhesitatingly declared that the meetings of this Convocation were, by far, the most wonderful and the most blessed that Zion had ever experienced. Many of these testimonies will appear in due time.

$123.00 worth of literature was sold at the Special Sale. This shows the intense interest of the people in Zion literature.

Already two workers are on their way to the State of Iowa; and, God willing, in a few days, two workers well leave for the State of Wisconsin; and two for the Pacific Coast.

Three officers will now be placed in charge of the work in Chicago, and a great campaign will be launched there September first.

It is my intention, God willing, to preach in Kimball Hall, Chicago, on Lord's Day August 8th, and I hope to be able to announce that we have secured a large hall for the work in Chicago by September 1st.

Deacon William Friend has been appointed as Organizer and General Recorder of Zion Seventies, and he expects, within the next few weeks, to start scores of Cottage Meetings in Zion City, and to be prepared to take at least one Seventy to Chicago every Lord's Day. Meetings will also be arranged for in Kenosha, Racine, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and in other nearby towns and cities along the North Shore.

The cry of my heart to God is that we shall soon be able to place two devoted workers in each of the forty-five States throughout the United States; two workers in the United Kingdom; several on the Continent of Europe; two in South Africa; two in Australia; two in New Zealand; and a number in Canada.

Are you hindering in bringing this to pass by withholding your Tithes and Offerings?

The couples that are now being sent to various States will remain but a short time in one city, and will distribute and sell literature from house to house in every street and lane, and go on with the work until they have covered the entire State.

My brothers and sisters in Jesus the Christ, are you ready for the Second Coming of Christ, and are you living in "the Secret place of the Most High?"

I call upon you, one and all to make an absolute surrender to God, and a full and complete consecration.

In two years more Zion should have scores of workers spending all their time working in many different parts of the word.

Zion is gradually rising, and ere long one and all will see that my words, uttered months ago, were true, viz., that Zion would emerge from all her troubles purified and better equipped than ever before for the evangelization of the world.

Get down upon your knees and read the passages of Scripture at the head of these Notes. Make a full surrender. Reconsecrate yourselves, time, money, houses, lands, all that you have, and obey the admonition of Jesus the Christ,

"Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

WATCH YE THEREFORE AND PRAY ALWAYS.

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# Editorial Notes

*By the General Associate Editor*

Christ told His disciples to go into all the world "and preach the Gospel to every creature." The most powerful agency in the world is the Gospel of Jesus the Christ. "It is the power of God unto salvation."

The Gospel theme is Christ Jesus and the Kingdom of God —the theme of the patriarchs, of the prophets, of the angels from heaven, of the apostles sent to proclaim it, and of men who have been redeemed by it.

The Person and the Institution constituting the Gospel must be heralded everywhere "to every creature." To do this should not be counted a task, but should be considered a royal privilege, a sacred duty, an unmeasured joy; for, from the Gospel seed sown, a thirty, sixty, or hundred fold harvest of righteousness, joy and peace may be reaped, measured in immortal spirits reclaimed for God's service.

The Gospel should be presented to lost humanity in every possible pay. Every avenue that leads to man's understanding should be made to convey the message of Salvation, of Healing, and of Holy Living—in the ear, the eye, the touch, etc.

"Every creature" is to be reached with the gospel, and effort is to be put forth to make "every creature" obedient to its precepts. From the human view-point, at this age of the world, it may seem to be a problem incapable of solution; but not so, by using the powers and abilities which God has given.

Reading to gain intelligence is almost a universal accomplishment, and the art of printing makes it possible to multiply in unnumbered thousands the sacred thoughts of the Word of God, or the lessons and experiences of those who have been moved to speak or write of the glorious good news. Therefore, printed messages put into the hands of people by loyal, loving, kind, God-fearing messengers with only a few words spoken, start a line of thought which may lead some unredeemed one to acknowledge Christ as his Savior, Healer, Cleanser and Keeper, and thereby save a soul from death.

Literature has tremendous power—sometimes greater power than an audible message. In the quiet of one's own meditation as the eyes scan a demand to surrender, or a picture of suffering caused by sin, or as one's spirit realizes that the all-seeing God is looking on, the Still Small Voice may whisper to the troubled one "Be ye reconciled to God."

A strong arm of Zion is her literature. Countless hundreds have been won to God by reading LEAVES OF HEALING; and besides having the joys of salvation, they have also found healing for sickness and disease. The message still goes forth, both LEAVES OF HEALING and THE ZION HERALD standing as exponents of the full Gospel of the Kingdom of God and the enemies of all that oppose righteousness, purity, and mankind's best interests.

To produce these papers costs constant prayer, thought and toil, and, of course, large expenditures of money, which also represents thought and toil; but all this is well spent in the consciousness that it is a service for the glory of God, for the upbuilding of His Kingdom, and for the good of humanity.

Zion Seventies, under more perfect organization, are now going out better equipped spiritually and with Zion Literature—Leaves of Healing, Zion Herald, Voice from Zion, and other tracts and messages specially prepared to instruct, bless and lead readers to Christ and a nearer approach to His ideas and ideals in the Kingdom.

For a time it has been decided to make a special 10 Weeks' Subscription offer for the LEAVES OF HEALING and THE ZION HERALD with the view of greatly increasing the circulation of each and thereby enlarging their scope of usefulness and blessing.

The following very low rates are offered:

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We hope Zion everywhere will appreciate this offer and help to increase the weekly circulation of each paper by at least 5,000 copies.

We cannot narrate the great blessings these papers are to hundreds and thousands in all parts of the world; and the great desire is that thousands more may be equally blessed.

Send in subscriptions and money at once and help to get the gospel message before people everywhere.

It is desired that these subscriptions shall be by new subscribers. Let us widen out. Zion's message is for "every creature." The whole field is Zion's. She is a fruitful branch, and God is graciously increasing her capacities, because she abides in the vine.

"Every branch in Me that beareth fruit He purgeth it that it may bring forth more fruit."

Zion, let us all be up and doing and helping "to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

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# Undecisiveness, or Halting Between Two Opinions. ¶

1 Kings 18:21

*By Deacon Theodore Forby, General Associate Editor*

One of the most remarkable personages helping to give setting to Old Testament history was Elijah the Tishbite. His early life is unknown to man, but, evidently, God had had him in training for the day and the hour when his remarkable history begins to be written—an hour when Israel, as a peculiar God-ruled people, were in the throes of annihilation, because of infidelity, selfishness, sensual idolatry: and the voice of Elijah, with the tone of authority, not to be misunderstood, made Ahab, Israel's King, tremble; and well he might tremble, for he and his people were to undergo a trial and be brought face to face with a judgment from on High in consequence of deserting Jehovah for Baal, and in consequence of exposing Israel to defeat aud complete overthrow.

A day of arrest will always surely come to every individual or nation who forgets to keep or presumes to ignore the commands of God. Each will come to a halting place in running the course of self-gratification, oblivious of duty to others, and of the high ideal of seeking the will of God.

How close Elijah was to Jehovah, and how authoritatively endowed, is evidenced by the first utterance recorded of him: "As the Lord God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be rain or dew these three years, but according to my words."

Israel had become apostate and must be made to feel the effects of her awful sins—infamous, rebellious, idolatrous—and again, as in former instances, God had one prepared to administer the rebuke and then set in motion forces and examples which would reinstate the people in Divine favor.

Famine and drought were the agencies used. The shutting up of the fountains and streams, the parching of earth and the withering of vegetation would do much, in a series of years, to make people reflect and ask themselves the question "Why this terrible experience?" A remembrance of the years of plenty, and of the time when they were in favor with God, would add much to their remorse. But, to Ahab the King, thought of God seemed not to enter his mind. His one desire was to find Elijah and slay him on the theory that it was he who troubled Israel.

How short-sighted is the man, or the nation, which has forsaken God's Way and thinks only of self! Oh, what a monster is he who centers all upon what he sees, and feels, with the natural senses, and allows them to feed his desires and shape his destinies, with no abiding thought of duties to others.

No man lives unto himself or dies unto himself.

Ahab would accuse Elijah for the drought and the famine, and all other of Israel's troubles. To accuse God's prophet, or apostle, or ambassador, or messenger is to accuse God Himself.

"Art thou he that troubleth Israel?"

Elijah's answer is just as direct, and forceful and authoritative as was his first utterance to king Ahab: "I have not troubled Israel; but thou and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the Lord, and thou hast followed Baalim."

What a bold, fearless arraignment of a rebellious, apostate ruler! Now, in the presence of God's prophet whose life he had sought for three years, he and his people must recognize the authority of heaven and decide who should be worshiped, Jehovah or Baal.

How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow Him: but if Baal, then follow him.

And the people stood dumb—conscience smitten—for Elijah, seemingly alone, had challenged all Israel and the prophets of Baal to a contest—a proof of Deity.

The proof was fire from heaven which licked up Elijah's sacrifice, the water, the wood, the altar, and the very dust and ashes about, when God's prophet drew near and cried:

Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that Thou art God in Israel, and that I am Thy servant, and that I have done all these things at Thy word.

Hear me, O Lord, hear me; that this people may know that Thou art the Lord God, and that Thou hast turned their heart back again.

What a penetrating prayer! How clear its petitions:

"That Thou art God in Israel."

"That I am Thy servant," to execute Thy will.

"That this people may know Thee," and,

"That their hearts may be turned back."

Here is the proof and here is the purpose. People, what will you do? Is it Jehovah God, or Baal? The God of Israel with His covenants of mercy, of protection from sickness, of healing, of blessings in every relation of life, or sensual, devilish, unclean, sickening, degrading Baal worship—masonry, secretism, destruction, death—Which? Decide! Decide! Decide! Life and joy, Death and sorrow, are facing you. "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve."

Israel, stung by conviction because of their transgressions, in humility chose God and cried: "The Lord, He is God; the Lord, He is God."

But Israel could not be safe with the priests of Baal in their midst and with idolatry inviting them from God; hence there had to be a cleaning up.

The principles above outlined are true for Zion today. There cannot be two Gods, nor divided service. If there is, there is drought and famine spiritually and physically. God's chosen messenger or messengers must make the people face the situation of their own infidelity. Divine authority must be vindicated and maintained and people's hearts, if turned from God, must be turned back. Then there will be showers of blessings.

Undecisiveness, or halting between two opinions, is always dangerous and will prove disastrous either to physical or spiritual prosperity; but one standing faithfully in obedience to God's plans and purposes can always claim His promises and get His blessings.

Decide to serve God, and be firm in His service.

# Obeying God in Baptism

## *By Triune*  *Immersion*

God or His Son Jesus the Christ, or any of the Apostles, never gave a command or direction that was not intended to be obeyed. All that the Bible teaches to be done is necessary and

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essential in order that one may claim the full blessings of God's favor and to entitle one to possess the exemptions and prerogatives of a son or daughter of the Kingdom of God.

Citizenship in the Kingdom of God is won only by obedience, Christ Himself saying: "Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in Heaven."

And again: "Ye are My friends, if ye do *whatsoever I command you.*"

Citizenship in the Kingdom can be crowned with results only by obeying.

Christ commanded baptism for the disciples, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

Therefore, those who, after instruction, have given their heart to God, are to be baptized as a seal of their obedience. Then they are in the way of receiving the richest blessings of Heaven if they persevere in observing whatever Christ commands.

The ingathered at the Convocation services are obeying the Word of God in baptism.

The following named persons were Baptized by Triune Immersion in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, Monday, July 26, 1909, by General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva:

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# The Gospel of the Kingdom

## How to Pray

### "WHEN YE PRAY, SAY"

*By O. L. Tindall*

**"Thy Will be Done in Earth as it is in Heaven."**

This is a most wonderful petition for mortal and fallible man to make. How little we realize what it means when we pray it! How few ever expect it to come to pass. Many do not believe it even possible when they ask it. We must come to the place where we believe that His words are not idle words and sounds. Did Jesus mean that when He said to pray for it? Is it possible to do God's will on earth as it is done in Heaven?

Yes, or we make Jesus to utter vain things; and we utter them whenever we repeat that familiar prayer.

What Jesus spoke, He meant.

All true religion is summed up in few words: "Hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man."

When a man does the will of God in all matters, then he has fulfilled *all* righteousness, and he is a perfect man. There is only one question for a man to ask at any time and on any matter: "What is the will of God concerning me now and in this matter that now faces me? What am I to think?" Why, think on the subject just what God thinks. You are to have His thoughts, not your thoughts; for your thoughts are not His thoughts, nor your ways His ways. His thoughts are as much higher than your thoughts as the heavens are higher than the earth, and His ways than your ways. A man must not follow his own ways. It is the will or way of God that we are to walk in.

**How Can I Know God's Will?**

I answer: The same as you know your Father's will or testament. You read it. God gave His will to man, or to His children. We have the Old will and the New will—a codicil---an addition to the former will---not a condition. Christ came not to destroy the law and the Prophets, but to fulfil them. Not a jot or tittle will ever pass till all be fulfilled.

Men read their father's wills when they leave them a legacy. They examine it carefully and know every thing it it; and they will contend for every thing promised them in the will. So should we in God's will. He wrote it in a book. That is what a testament means---a will. The Bible is God's written will, for us. Now, the first thing for us to do is to read it carefully, as much so, surely, as you would if you expected to get lands and houses and stocks. If there were a thousand acres of land in it for you, you would read it through hunting for it. Well, there is something better than that in the Will. Lands and houses are in it, also. In fact, the whole earth has been willed to God's children. They will not contend for it, and live for it, is the trouble.

**Read the Will. Read the Will.**

All the will of God is contained in the Bible---the Old and New Testaments, or Wills.

How can I understand and know His will? "If any man

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*will DO His will* he shall know of the doctrine" [That is, if he will use for God's glory what is bequeathed]. That is the condition that Christ laid down for us to know His will---a willingness and desire *to do it* when we know it. God will not reveal Himself or His will to idle curiosity. He reveals His covenant to those who fear Him. He reveals Himself to His own as He does not to the world.

If the petition "Thy will be done in earth as it is in Heaven," would come to pass in the earth we would need no law books and libraries, and the most of the lawyers would be out of a job; for men of God would settle all difficulties, and these wretched law courts that disgrace our land would be done away with. The Saints would judge the world, and it would be done by the word or law of God.

**How is the Will of God Done in Heaven?**

It is done exactly. All orders are obeyed just as given. "The least of these My commandments" are obeyed. How do men keep God's commandments on the earth?

They about half obey them. Like King Saul, when God gave him commandment to destroy all the Amalekites and all their possessions: he spared the best of the cattle and flocks and the King, and brought them back to hold a sacrifice and to give himself a triumphal entrance to his own city as he returned home. God was angry with him and chided him and rejected him from his throne, because he did not obey carefully and exactly His commandments. God then laid down the law of Heaven and earth that He must have loyal and obedient men to do His will, and that man cannot substitute sacrifice for obedience.

An obedient heart is the first requisite of a true disciple of Jesus Christ.

The inhabitants of Heaven obey. It matters not what the command is. If the Lord sends angels to Sodom to rescue a Lot, the command must be obeyed. It matters not if they are all mistreated and rejected.

The Christ came not to do His own will, but the will of His Father. He obeyed even unto cruel mockings and death. Many men obey like the old Prophet Jonah. When God told him to go to Ninevah he took ship for Tarshish. He did not like his appointment, and he would not go.

**God Makes His Will Known Through Chosen Men.**

He chose Moses and made known His will and pleasure to him, and Moses made it known to the children of Israel, and they had to obey Moses. He was the mouthpiece of God. That is the way God rules now among men, and in His Church or Kingdom on the earth. He chooses men and they govern men by His directions. So the Church is governed. Men have to obey those who have the rule over them. The Church is far off at this point. People hate the word "rule." "We will not have this man to rule over us."

**No Rule in the Church.**

"It is all right," say those rebels, "in the home to have rule and government, and in the school. O, yes; a teacher that cannot govern a school is no good, however much learning he or she may have. It is all right in society. It is necessary, of course. Yes, governments must have laws and they must be enforced; but not so in the Church---not so in the Kingdom of God; no government in His Kingdom---no authority. Anarchy and lawlessness are good enough for the Church. In the 'Household of Faith' there need be no rule or government. All the children may do as they like and go as they please." "Oh, but, you say, "Christians will do right without anyone to rule them. God rules them, and the Holy Spirit guides them. They need no man to rule them."

This is the foolish talk of many men who seem to be sincere and honest. But what does the Word of God teach, and what do history and common sense teach on the subject? God has set certain men in the Church for certain duties, and among them He has said they were to rule His people; and the people were to "obey those who have the rule over them. God's word says an Elder must rule the church, or household of faith, just as He should rule his own house.

Has the Church always been right, and has it not needed some one to direct? Did Paul find his people right from the time they were converted? Did they not get into trouble and go to law with one another, and quarrel and devour one another? Did they not fuss and wrangle over foolish questions? Did they not split up into sects and divisions after they were converted and saved? Does not the church need overseers and teachers and directors to keep order? Are there not children in the "household of faith" as well as in your own household? And do they not need help, direction and training?

Do they not have to be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord? or are we to let them run wild as many do? How foolish such talk. The church is a little Kingdom of God, and it must be governed just the same "on earth as it is in Heaven." So says the beautiful prayer: "Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven."

God gives men authority on earth to carry out His will, and to execute it; and to make it known among men, and to command men to obey all His will and commandments.

God's servants are to speak with authority. Jesus spake with authority, and He gave authority to His disciples, and to all that He sent out. God's officers are to see that His laws are executed,and men must learn obedience, which is Heaven's first law.

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# Jesus' Work Fulfilled and Fulfilling Prophecy

An Address Delivered During the Thirteenth Annual Convocation at a Divine Healing Meeting in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Friday Afternoon, July 16, 1909.

*By Elder Fred Richert*

(Reported by B. M. and S. J. B.)

Elder Richert spoke as follows:

In Matthew 8:16-17 you will find the following words:

When the even was come, they brought unto Him many that were possessed with devils: and He cast out the spirits with His word, and healed all that were sick:

That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses."

**Gethsemane and Calvary Echo the Love of Christ.**

It is simply impossible, Zion, to understand these words without going to the Garden of Gethsemane and to Calvary.

"When the even was come,"---the evening of the life of Christ: the dreadful and horrible night of suffering, when He stood as the representative of humanity before the Judgment seat of God and overcame the hosts of hell; when he took Peter and James and John to the Garden, and fell down upon His

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knees, and lifted up His sorrowful eyes to His Heavenly Father, and cried, "Father, if it be possible, remove this cup from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as Thou wilt!"

**He Bore Our Sicknesses.**

The cup was very bitter. All the tears, the sufferings, and the sorrows from Adam, through all generations, and through all the generations to come, were in that terrible cup of suffering. No wonder that Jesus the Christ shrank from the terrible death! No wonder that He pleaded with God, "Father, if it be possible, remove this cup from Me!" It was almost more than He could bear; but in Gethsemane, by faith, He overcame the devil and the hosts of hell. He fought the battle and conquered, and the angels came down and strengthened Him, so that He went forth from the Garden to face the rabble, suffer scourging and endure the cross with His heart filled with love towards them, and towards you and towards us.

My brother and sister, if you have come for healing today, go with me to Gethsemane. Kneel down at the side of the praying Savior. See how He has borne your sins and sicknesses. See how bitter the cup is! And in that cup are your sins. You have helped to make that cup so bitter for Jesus. No verse in the Bible has broken my heart to pieces as the one in Isaiah where the Prophet says that we have filled the cup of sorrow for our Master, and that He was wounded for our sins and bruised for our iniquities. Yes, my sins and your sins are in that cup of suffering; and therefore, my brother and sister, you have to make an absolute surrender to your Heavenly Father if you want to find healing from your diseases.

I want to take you through the Word of God.

**Contrast Between the Reasoning of the Leper and the Reasoning of the People To-day.**

When Jesus Christ came down from the mountain, after having preached that marvelous and wonderful Sermon on the Mount, He found a poor leper. That leper fell down at His feet and made an absolute surrender. Why did he not call for the very best doctor? The doctors are good and godly (?) men; they are praying (?) men, and they go to God and pray that God may bless (?) their medicines, and that He may bless (?) their instruments whenever they cut off the legs and the arms of people. I know a presiding elder of the Methodist Church in Chicago whose wife had cancer on the breast. He was a good man, too, but he kneeled and prayed, "O God, wilt Thou direct the knife of the surgeons as they cut off the breast of my wife, that it may redound to Thy honor and glory, and save her life." I knew him well, and that is what he prayed.

Now if that leper had lived in the twentieth century and had gone to the wise (?) parsons of today, they would have directed him to the very best doctor. They would have said, "Now, you go to the hospital and you take medicine. Remember that God has given wisdom (?) to the physicians and has given the means, and we must use those means;" but he would have to say to you, "I have tried everything, and the doctors cannot cure leprosy. It is simply impossible."

**The Readiness of Christ to Heal.—Individual Faith.**

Well, this leper went to Jesus the Christ, and he kneeled down before Him and worshipped Him. He acknowledged Jesus to be the Son of the Most High God. He had probably heard the Sermon on the Mount, and he came and kneeled down and said, "Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean." Jesus said, "I will." The almighty hand of the blessed Savior is more powerful than all the physicians and all their medicines; and that man was healed that same hour.

**The Centurion's Faith for His Son's Healing.**

Look at the glorious faith of the centurion who came to the Lord Jesus. He said, "Lord, my servant is sick," and the Lord said, "I will come and heal him;" but as they went on the way, the centurion said, "Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst enter into my home, but speak only one word and my servant shall be healed," and Jesus marvelled. That was a heathen man; and today, let me say, when Zion goes to China and to other heathen people, they accept the Gospel of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living much quicker than the enlightened parsons and people of the churches today. They receive Jesus the Christ as their Healer; they pray with child-like faith to Him, and they receive wonderful healings. Jesus marveled, and said, "I have not seen such great faith, no, not in Israel." He could say the same thing today.

**Friends' Work and Faith for the Healing of the Palsied Man.**

You remember that one day as the Lord was preaching, they brought a man sick of the palsy, but they could not get near to Him on account of the crowd, so they went upon the roof, and made a hole in the roof and let the sick of the palsy down, and when Jesus looked up, and saw their great faith, He said unto the man sick of the palsy, "My son, be of good cheer, thy sins are forgiven."

So I could go on. I could tell you of Jairus' daughter; but you know that story; of the woman who touched the hem of His garment, but you know that also.

**Christ is Just The Same Today.**

Now there are some people who say, "Well, that was in the days of Christ. Now, you prove to me that if this is an up-to-date religion, that we can come to God today and pray to Him for the healing of our loved ones, and for the salvation and complete restoration of the sick"

I will cite one instance to prove to you from my own experience that God is the same Healer and the same Keeper of His people.

Before I came to Zion, my son was sick with typhoid fever. All the means were exhausted, and there was no more hope. I went to God and then to the depot (it was about 2: 30 in the afternoon), and sent a message to Dr. Dowie to pray. That was about ten years ago,—not nineteen hundred years ago. As soon as I had sent the telegram I went home again. When I went away I left a dying boy. He was almost gone. When I came home again, after walking four blocks, my son was fast asleep. That prayer of faith went to the Throne of God, and the power of God came down in mighty saving and healing grace. The child slept until 7 o'clock in the evening. At 7 o'clock he got up and said, "Mamma, I want something to eat"—and he is with us today.

Also, when I was in Switzerland (I have told you this before, but I want to repeat it), my wife was sick with dropsy and heart disease. Her limbs were filled with water; her hear was very, very weak after a battle of three months. If I had come to some of you, you would have said, "Now, Elder Richert, you go to the best doctor. You know that God has given unto us physicians. You know He has given unto us herbs, and there are the medicines. There is one poison which kills another poison, and there is a snake which will kill another snake. You go to the doctor and you pay him, and you just take the medicine, and believe it will heal your wife," But, what if death should come, and if the doctor and his medicines could help no more? What would I do with my wife then? What with all the nurses, and with all the hospitals, and with the very best means—here is my wife dying after a battle of three months!

It was about half-past four in the morning. She said to me —"Papa, my life is done; my battle is ended. The day has come for me to depart. Go and call our son. I want to bid

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# Editorial Notes

*By the General Associate Editor*

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is one of authority. Indeed, we may say, it is the expression of the highest authority, from which there is no appeal.

Christ never used words idly. His sayings were heavy with influence. They smote the sinners, and they comforted the broken-hearted. They drove the wicked to repentance, and they gave peace.

"He taught as one having authority, and not as the scribes."---Matt. 7:29.

Christ received His authority from God the Father.

"God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this, that power belongeth unto God." ---Ps. 62:11.

The words "authority" and "power" are often used interchangeably, for example: In the quotation, "He taught as one having *authority*"---the Greek word for authority is the same word translated "power" in : "But that ye may know that the Son of man hath *power* on earth to forgive sins." ---Mark 2:10, and in: But when the multitudes saw it they marvelled and glorified God, which had given such *power* unto men.,"---Matt. 9:6-8, etc.

An authoritative command must be obeyed. The fabric of government in either religion or society depends upon order and authority. He who will not obey is an enemy, either in business or in state.

There is no rightful rule anywhere except it be derived from God the Father and is uttered through Jesus Christ the Son. Christ says [Matt. 28:18], "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth."

Christ is King of Kings. His rulership is over all nations, God appointed.

"I have anointed My King upon My holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art My Son; this day have I begotten Thee. Ask of Me, and I shall give Thee the heathen [or the nations] for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for Thy possession."

"The Lord shall send the rod of thy strength [authority and rulership] out of Zion: rule Thou in the midst of Thine enemies."

"His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

"Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his Kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and justice, from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will perform this."

"All power [authority] is given unto Me in heaven and in earth.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

"Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

Yes, all rule belongs unto God through His Son Jesus the Christ; and friendship with God can be claimed in no other way than to acknowledge Christ as King and Ruler.

All shall stand before the judgment seat of Christ "For it is written, as I live, saith, the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God." Rom. 14:10,11.

Christ received His authority from God, and He gave to His disciples authority:

"As My Father hath sent Me, even so send I you."---John 20:21.

"And when He had called unto Him His twelve disciples, he gave them power [*i. e.*, authority] against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.---Matt. 10:1.

To reject a God-sent messenger or ambassador, or preacher, or Seventy, is to reject God Himself. They are on the King's business, and when the King speaks all men should be silent and await orders.

"He that receiveth you, receiveth Me; and he that receiveth Me, receiveth Him that sent Me." Matt. 10:40.

"And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words,

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when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet. Verily I say unto you, it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gamorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city." Matt.10:14, 15.

Christ's commands are in the Gospel which He has committed to faithful men to proclaim and live before the world.

"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers [authorities]. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God."---Rom. 13:1.

Paul, as the servant of Jesus Christ, delegated authority to Titus. He gives clear directions what to preach and to do, saying: "These things speak, and exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee;" *i. e.*, disdain, or be contemptuous of your position.

Christ is the Head or Ruler over all to the Church, which is His body. By Him all things consist, "for by Him were all things created that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones or dominions, or principalities, or powers: All things were created by Him, and for Him."---Col. 1:16.

Where is there any room for frail man to claim anything outside of Christ Jesus? But those who are in harmony with God's plan through Christ, His church, His body, are heirs of *all things* —the life which now is and that which is to come.

Christ has committed authority to His church for certain definite purposes: "For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come into the unity of the faith [i.e., perfect obedience] and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." Eph. 4:11-13.

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Above all think of the desire and purpose to save Zion for God and humanity. Then work and pray.

# Jesus' Work Fulfilled, and Fulfilling Prophecy.

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you good-bye, and then I have to go home to my God." She could not breathe any more: her limbs, her lungs and her whole body were filled with water. She sat up, for she could not lie down. She was a dying woman. What did I do? Did I go to the doctors? No, not at all. I simply knelt down, and I said, "O God, I am in Thy hands. My wife is Thy child. Jesus has died for us, and the healing is through His blood, not in anything we can do, and we claim the healing through the blood of Jesus the Christ." At that very moment when I prayed that prayer ---which I had prayed hundreds of times before--she breathed again, and she lay down and she went to sleep. My wife is with me today! God wonderfully healed her and raised her up! If I had time I could tell you of many, many more wonderful miracles of healings and answers to prayer which it has been our privilege to see during the ten years that I have been in Zion. Many have been raised from the very jaws of death and delivered from the power of the devil.

**Foolish Teaching That God Sends Sickness and Disease.**

But there are many who say, like a parson whom I met in Chicago said, that God sends sickness and disease upon His children to make better men and women out of them. I went to visit a sick man in Chicago who was a Lutheran. I went to the bedside of that man, and then his minister came. I sat a little away that he might talk to the sick man, and he said, "Now, my brother, you know God loves you, and God, in His infinite love wanted to make a better man out of you, and He has sent this terrible cancer into your stomach. It comes from the loving hand of your heavenly Father, and therefore you have to accept this gift from your heavenly Father with a thankful heart, with humility and with patience. He has sent this affliction upon you in order to make a good and better man out of you, and to prepare you for Heaven."

That kind of rot I used to preach before I knew the Zion teaching.

I used to believe that God sent sickness to make better men and better women out of us.

Now, if God does send sickness, what right have you to send for a doctor? If God sends you a cancer from His Loving Hand, then why do you not pray to God to send you consumption, also, to make better men and better women of you? Why do you build hospitals? What right have you to swallow medicine or to pay money to a doctor? What right have you to send for a doctor if sickness all comes from the Hand of God? Why do you not take the sickness from God's Hand and thank Him for it and keep it and go to your grave with it?

**Sickness and Disease are From the Devil.**

My brothers and sisters, are sickness and death from the

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Loving Hand of God? Ah, not by any means. I cannot accept that teaching that sickness is from God, sent to make us better. Have we not just as much right to go to our Heavenly Father when we are sick as we have to go to a doctor? You teach that sickness comes as a gift from God and then when you are sick you send for a doctor, to try to get rid of your sickness, and by so doing you practically deny your own words.

We go to our Heavenly Father, knowing that in Heaven is a Loving Heart which sympathizes with every one; knowing that God has given His Only Begotten Son for the redemption and salvation of humanity; knowing that God has opened the door of mercy and grace and has invited all those who suffer to come and be healed; knowing that Jesus the Christ took our sins and our infirmities and our sicknesses upon Himself; and knowing that God answers prayer: because the Word of God has revealed it all to us, and because we know it in our own experiences.

**Sin the Work of the Devil, and Sickness the Result.**

Sickness is the result of sin. If there were no sin in this world there would be no sickness; it would be impossible; and I believe, from the very depths of my heart, that sickness is the work of the devil. God does not send sickness to His children.

When lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. Jas. 1:15.

For this purpose the son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. 1 John 3:8.

**Ghrist Destroyed the Works of the Devil.**

If God makes you sick, then Jesus the Christ, the Son of God, has destroyed the work of God the Father. If it is true today that God makes you sick, then it was true in the days of the Lord Jesus the Christ, and all those who were sick in the days of Christ were made sick by the Loving Hand of God, according to your theories—for the men and women who were sick were brought to Jesus and were healed. The Word of God teaches that Jesus the Christ came to heal all the sick and to destroy the work of the devil.

**Zion Teaches: Seek the Kingdom of God First, Then Healing.**

I tell you, my brothers and sisters, Zion always teaches that you must seek the Kingdom of God *before anything else*. If you came here to seek healing only, and are not willing to pay the price [full surrender to His will] then God will never heal you. Why should God heal a man who is not willing to serve Him, and who is not willing to consecrate his life to Him? Why, my brothers and sisters, should God heal you if you are not willing to give your time, your talents, your money and everything you have, for the Kingdom of God?

God knows all your past life; He knows the present and He looks into the future, and if you are not willing to consecrate your life to Him it would be a thousand times better for you to go down into your grave, than that He should raise you up and that then you should turn away from Him and should sin and go back into the world and serve the devil.

If I thought that you would not consecrate your all to God and live for Him, then I would not pray for God to heal you; but I would ask Him to let you be taken away. That is the position that Zion takes.

You must seek first the Kingdom of Heaven, and then you have the promise that "all things shall be added unto you."

**The Meaning of the Kingdom.**

Christ tells you Himself what the Kingdom of Heaven means. In the first place, it means righteousness; and that righteousness you will find only in Jesus the Christ who bled and died for your redemption. When you go to Calvary you will understand the burning love of Jesus, and the love of God the Father, which will break your heart to pieces and will bring you down upon your knees and make you weep tears of penitence and sorrow. On Calvary Jesus opened the door of grace and of mercy with His bleeding hand and with His breaking heart, and with bitter sorrow; and when you realize that you will understand the horrible and dreadful state of sin.

I admonish you today, my brothers and sisters, to make a full surrender and confession. If you are not willing to live for God what is the use to pray for your healing?

**John Wesley Sent of God to Preach Repentance.**

John Wesley was an Apostle sent by God to proclaim the Gospel of Salvation. He made the point clear that salvation comes through repentance, and he called the people to repent; and today thousands of people are on the shores of the Crystal Sea who have followed his teaching and have washed their robes in the Blood of the Lamb.

Oh! if the Methodist Church today could be what Wesley was! if they would walk in the light as he walked in the light if they would expel all Freemasons from their ranks and would reconsecrate themselves to God, and would stay at home from the dance hall and theatre, and would go to the House of God, and meet with God's children only,--then they would be a mighty power in this world for good.

**Zion Urges Repentance,**

Zion today is fighting and standing for Salvation through repentance. Give yourselves wholly to God through your Savior Who has bought you with His own precious blood; and then, when you have the righteousness of God, you will have the peace from Heaven in your hearts

**Peace With God Before the Prayer of Faith.**

My brothers and sisters, if you have no peace in your conscience you can never pray the prayer of faith, but the heavens will be as brass; they will be locked and closed before you. If you are not saved the blessing will not come to you, and you know whether or not you are a saved man or saved woman today; you know whether Christ or the devil reigns in your heart. You know whether you are the temple of the Living God, or whether unclean spirits are dwelling in your heart, and therefore I command you in the Name of the Most High God, to repent and give yourselves to God, before the day of salvation closes and before the judgment draweth nigh which will overwhelm you and take you away to your own palces. But when you have the peace of God your heart will be filled with boundless confidence "that your joy may be full." And let me tell you, my brothers and sisters, though you walk through the valley of the shadow of death, you can say with a joyful heart and with boundless confidence in your God, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me."

You can come to this place, and know that the heavens are opened unto you and that there is a Father in Heaven Who loves you, and a Savior who has died for you; then you can pray the prayer of faith which will save you and you will be healed.

**Sick Ones To Pray For Themselves.**

Now, you who are sick, I would admonish you, in the Name of the Lord Jesus the Christ, to pray for yourselves, ask God to restore you; look to the Cross of Calvary, ask the Savior to heal you; let the cleansing stream which flows from the Cross of Calvary fill your heart with Divine life : and pray and plead as never before, and promise God that you will live for His glory, and give your life and your time and your talents and your all to God.

And you husbands who have sick wives here, brought down into the valley of the shadow of death, let hour hearts be broken

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and help them to fight the battles, and plead with God to give unto them the victory.

**Faith Comes by Hearing the Word of God.**

Sometimes when you sick people come to this place you say "Oh, the sermon is so long; if he would only stop speaking and come down here and lay hands upon me, then I could go home; it is so hot in here, and it is so tiresome to sit here so long."

Do you not remember that Dr. Dowie would sometimes preach to dying people for three hours, that they might be made to understand? He just left them there on their cots, and he preached for hours and hours and brought the people to the Cross of Calvary. He broke their hearts and got them to the place where they believed that Jesus the Christ, the Risen Savior, would save the people and raise them up and heal them and cleanse them, and would give unto them a perfect victory over sin, sickness, and death.

**Do Not Criticize.**

You should come hear to seek your God, instead of grumbling, instead of longing to get away, instead of criticizing and desiring that the sermon would come to an end and that you may go home; you should come here to meet your God, and if God sees that the purpose and desire of your heart is to give your life to Him for His honor and glory, then Jesus the Christ, the blessed Savior, will raise you up, and the wonderful life which He brought up out of the tomb---His glorious resurrection life---will be imparted to you and you will go home rejoicing.

Now may God bless you and fill you with the spirit of prayer. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

## Testimony of Mrs. M. Kilroy.

ZION CITY, ILL., July 10, 1909.

*Dear General Overseer:*

About a week ago, I was suffering with heart trouble. I could not speak, and was very near death's door. You prayed for me, and God answered that prayer, and I got well right away. Praise God for the blessing.

I thank you for your prayers.

Your sister in Jesus the Christ,

(Signed) MRS. M. KILROY. (Aged 78.)

## A Seventy Testifies.

Philomath, Oregon, June 27, 1909.

OVERSEER W. G. VOLIVA,

Zion City, Illinois.

*Dear General Overseer:* There is nothing special that I must say excepting to assure you of my loyalty to Zion.

I praise God more and more for Zion. As I see the sham of the doctors and death of the churches, sham and death prevailing everywhere, I feel that Zion has a momentous and unique mission at this time. While I do not try to analyze much, yet, as it seems, surely this black darkness must be swept away. I can't see how Zion can be otherwise than dispensational. By keeping close to God, upheld by His hand, I do not find it hard to stand alone for Zion, for everything else makes me sick at my stomach, and that's no figure of speech whatever

Zion does not *mix* with anything else, she can't, for the Water of Life flows only through Zion channels. When I want a feast, I just take a Bible, LEAVES and HERALD, and sit down and am at home in Zion wherever I am. However, I am very homesick for Zion at headquarters, and expect to be there, ere long, God willing.

Praying God's richest blessings upon you, our faithful leader, together with Zion everywhere, I remain

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(Signed) MRS. C. M. MARTIN.


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# Witnesses for God and Zion at the Convocation Meetings, Thursday Afternoon, July 15, 1909



## Blessings and Healings Through Faith in God

BROTHER BUELL: I want to testify to the goodness of God to me, and to thank Him for the wonderful healing that He gave me in 1907. He healed me of neuralgia of the stomach, and He saved me, and He took away the appetite for tobacco. I thank God for it all. Praise His Name!

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MRS. HENRY: I thank God for what He has done for me. I ask God to forgive me for being so slow to testify to the wonderful blessings He has bestowed upon me. I was healed of cancer thirteen years ago, It is not that I do not want to testify, but the Devil seems to hold me to the seat. From now on, whenever I get a chance, even if it is only one word, I want to speak for Him.

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BROTHER PATTERSON: I thank God for Zion. If it had not been for Zion I would have been in my grave. I was the most frightful drunkard you ever heard of.

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A SISTER: I do thank God for this blessed privilege of being here in Zion City. Two weeks ago my daughter was very, very sick. I sent a request for prayer, and it was wonderfully answered. She had not been out for five weeks. Thank God He has healed her. I thank God your prayers were answered. O, my brothers and sisters, if you lived in a city where you did not have a place to go, you would know how to appreciate Zion more!

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MRS. BEEBE: Nine years ago I was brought into Zion. I had broken the ligament in the calf of my leg and had been laid up eight months, during which time I had not had two shoes on my feet. I went to Boston at that time, and the Evangelist there prayed for me. I did not know anything about Zion at that time. I had never heard of Zion, but God wonderfully healed me. The day before yesterday I was at the meeting and was suffering with a terrible headache. Elder Richert prayed for me, and yesterday I was able to do more work than I had done for several weeks. Yesterday morning, as I was washing, some boiling water out of the boiler came over onto my hand. I just laid my hand on it and prayed, and kept right on with the washing (although I did not know whether I would be able to do so). Today no one would know any accident had happened to my hand. I do thank God.

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MRS. SUTTON: I want to praise and thank God this afternoon for His wonderful blessings to me. I laid for three years perfectly helpless and dying with cancer. My body was a solid mass of cancer from head to foot, both inside ond out. I thank God He healed me. When I sought God for healing, a deep peace came over me, and every once in a while the cooling streams went through me, and those terrible cancer burnings (nobody but those who have suffered from them know what they are) graudually went away. It was about six weeks until the cancers were all healed. I gave up all operations, and everything, and took God at His Word, and from that time my body began to work perfectly. Oh, I thank God that He helped me to get right in Zion. I went back to childhood and made everything right, and God has kept me from that day to this. I thank God that the healing has continued, and He has given me this beautiful child. He delivered me in fifteen or twenty minutes, and He kept me all the way through perfectly calm. I do praise God that during the last year, when we have had to live outside of Zion City, He has kept us well, and has healed us whenever we were in need of healing. For all these things I praise Him.

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# The Gospel of the Kingdom

## Reconciliation Prepares for Service

Address delivered Monday Afternoon, July 12, 1909, during the Thirteenth Annual Convocation, in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois

*By General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva*

REPORTED BY T. FROST.

After singing "Come, Thou Almighty King," Elder Moot offered earnest prayer, followed by the General Overseer.

The hymn "Take the Name of Jesus With You" was then sung, following which the General Overseer said:

This morning, the Scripture lesson was the first verse of the 12th chapter of Romans: "I beseech you therefore, brethren by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service;" and Elder Tindall gave a very excellent talk.

**Search You Life---be Clean.**

This is the season for each and every one to search his life in the light of God's Word. If you visited the sick as I have done, and as the parish officers have done, you would realize the importance of the exhortation, "Search your life." If there be anything in it that is displeasing to God, put it away. Conquer the flesh. Overcome! "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection, lest that by any means, when I have preached to others I myself should be a castaway."—1 Cor. 9:27. Remember that God knows all about us, and that while we may deceive ourselves and our fellowmen we can never deceive God. Today you may be here, but in six months' time you may be in a hand to hand conflict with Satan. As to whether you shall have the victory when the conflict comes will depend upon how you are living today. It is a very poor time to prepare for the battle after the battle has begun. You ought always to be prepared.

**Learn to Commune With God.**

I want you to learn many things during the Convocation. Learn especially how to hold communion with God. Do you know what it is to get away into a quiet place, shut in from all the members of the family, with the world shut outside, and to hold communion with God—communion that is just as real as when you sit down face to face with a friend?

["Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?."—2 Cor. 13:5.]

You should not look at Jesus as simply living and walking this earth nineteen hundred years ago, but you should know that Jesus is here today in the presence of the Holy Spirit, and that the Holy Spirit is given to all who do what?

Voices: "Obey."

O, what a beautiful lesson is obedience! We must learn to obey God gladly; and Christ is here in the person of the Holy Spirit. When we read His words, we should not simply hear a tiny echo, but we should hear them as He speaks directly to us. We are His disciples, and we must get to the place where

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we shall follow Him just as earnestly as though He stood right here, and we could feel the touch of His hand and hear His voice saying, "Follow Me."

**Real Christianity Needed.**

The old world needs real Christianity. I shall be very greatly disappointed if I fail to see in my lifetime a Church which, to a remarkable degree, demonstrates the principles of the Kingdom of God.

If we do right, the Holy Spirit will come into our bodies, which are His temple. He will come into the Church. What a glorious thing to have one Church on this earth where the members so live that the Holy Spirit shall be delighted to dwell there!

It is not only necessary for me to be right, but everybody else must be right in order to have the blessings God has promised--the officers and members of the Church, all must be right.

**The Life of Prayer.**

I often use the exhortation "Draw nigh to God with true hearts." That means a great deal to me.

Now, we have the thought of knowing how to pray. When men and women are right with God, there is not very much praying about it, as was brought out this morning. The 91st Psalm says, "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall *abide under the shadow of the Almighty*," and that God will answer him before he asks. God works according to law. As an illustration, we had this morning the subject of sacrifice and about knowing whether God accepts our sacrifices or not. It is determined by the answer to the prayer that is offered. The story of Cain and Abel was placed before you in a very beautiful light: how Cain was rejected, and how Abel was accepted, and how God wants us to present our bodies a living sacrifice and not a corpse. They did not bring dead animals. Under the old Mosaic law they brought the animals alive, and they were to be without spot or blemish. God would not accept any other kind. Those were types: they foretold the spiritual sacrifices that were to be offered under the Christian dispensation.

**The Best Due to God.**

What a terrible thing it is for us to bring to the Lord some old thing that we have not any use for, and that we do not care for, and to keep all the unblemished and the unspotted and all the choicest for ourselves. We cannot expect any rich blessings if we do things like that. We must see to it that we "seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness," and then we can have all that God has in store for us.

**Filled With the Fullness of God.---Power that Worketh in Us.**

In prayer, remember Ephesians 3:20,21. God is able to do for us more than we can ask or think, not arbitrarily, but *according to the power that works in us*. How much of the power of God is working in you? Every person's influence is either for good or for evil. There is power of some kind working in the life of every person. Some, as they go around this world, are disease distributors and sowers of the seeds of death; others sow health and life, strength and happiness, and peace and joy. How much of the power of God is working in you? That is the question. Are you able to pray and get and answer for yourself and for your loved ones?

**No Failures With God.**

The older I grow in experience, the more I know there are no failures on God's side. His promises are true, and He is ever ready to fulfil them where the conditions are met. Then let us not go half way, but let us get down to business and make a full consecration. Unless we can have in this Church a people who, when they sing, mean what they sing, there is no power in it; and when they read the Word of God, to apply it to themselves, for there is no power in it unless they are determined to live it.

**The Holy Spirit Will Not Abide Where Not Wanted.**

It is all right for people to say, when they come into a meeting, that they can feel the presence of God's Spirit, but the Holy Spirit will not dwell where He is not wanted. A person, by his conduct, can so grieve the Holy Spirit that He will leave him. I am well satisfied that in churches which are linked up with the world, the Holy Spirit took His departure long ago. It is easy enough for us to get answers to prayers when we meet the conditions. Tonight, one of the Janitors will turn a little switch and the light will come. The Power House is a long distance from here, but there is a wire from that Power House into this Tabernacle. If everything is all right, you will get the light. The Spiritual Power House is in heaven. God is the source of all life and power. If you are all right, then the power of God can come into us, and we will be used of God in saving the people and in getting them healed and cleansed and blessed. Let us draw nigh to God.

Did you ever pray in your life? Was your voice ever heard in the House of God? Think of a Christian saying, "I cannot pray." Think of a Christian saying, I cannot testify." Well, I would get up and make a gesture, anyway. It seems to me that where God has richly blessed a people and they did not witness to the fact of God's goodness, the very stones would cry out against them.

Ye are My witnesses, saith the Lord, and My servant whom I have chosen; that ye may know and believe Me, and understand that I am He —before Me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after Me. Isaiah 43:10.

**Tell Your Joys and Blessings to Others.**

God has blessed you, and you have proven His promises: then why not tell somebody else? Some of the most wonderful conversions in the world have been brought about not by world renowned preachers but by some poor, simple, humble woman who has risen and uttered not more than a dozen words. One of the most marvelous conversions on record was made by a few words uttered by a simple woman on the text, "Oh ye of little faith." Sometimes some one will say just a few words that will fit a certain case. It is your privilege, and this Church should get to the place where every one from the youngest to the oldest shall be a witness to God's goodness. Tell the story. It is a simple story. Tell it! Some of you are like what Moses was, not eloquent. I am glad you are not. You say you cannot speak. Did not God say that He made man's mouth? You can all speak. Some of the most powerful testimonies ever given have been testimonies when not a word was spoken—when people would rise in meetings so full of praise to God that they would not utter a word.

**Let Words and Acts Testify To God.**

Don't let it be said, my brothers and sisters, that you belonged to a church for sixty years and nobody ever knew it. It is a sad thing for sons and daughters to grow up to manhood and womanhood and to stand over the coffin of a father or a mother and say, "She never did anything to draw me to Christ," or "He never did anything to draw me to Christ. I never heard my father pray nor my mother." Think of that! It is bad enough to have to say that of a father, but it is worse to have to say it about a mother. We expect more from a mother along that line than we do from a father. Think of a mother bringing up a family and never kneeling in prayer with her children! How many of you would want it said of you at the last, "She belonged to the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion," and a lot of people would say, "I did not know it."

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Where is her influence? She will stand before her God with her hands absolutely empty. Start in today to have at least one jewel in your crown. Start in today! How many of you can say for a fact that one person was ever saved through your instrumentality? How many of you can say positively that you know of one person that has been made better through your having lived on this earth? Everyone, when he comes down to the close of life, talks about these things. That is a poor time to talk about them. It is a very poor time to repent when one is dying.

**Serve God Now---Do not Wait Until Death Knocks at the Door.**

I went to the bedside of a sick person the other day---the woman has since been laid away---and she said, looking so pitifully, "I want you to forgive me." I had far more joy in forgiving her than she had in asking forgiveness; but that was a very poor time.

Only a few weeks ago I went to a home as fast as a horse could take me---Miss Lloyd sent for me to come---and a woman asked my forgiveness. That was a mighty poor time.

**Make Full Repentance and Restoration.**

If you have done wrong, make it right today. If you have not done wrong, there is no need to ask forgiveness. It is a mighty poor time to begin to do a month's work in five minutes before one dies. A month's work can not be crowded into five minutes.

The burden of my heart in this Convocation, is that each and every one of you get right! As far as I know my heart, if there is one thing I know that is not right, I will put it right this afternoon; I would not wait until six o'clock tonight. Get down and tell God all about it. A true child of God can get everything God has for him.

**God's Inexhaustible Treasuers and Blessings.**

Did you ever go into God's storehouse? Did you ever see what He has provided there for His people? There are countless things there for you that you have not gotten. During this Convocation, go into God's storehouse and get everything He has put there for you. Why live on a tiny crumb when you can have a whole loaf? Why be content with a tiny drop from the over-flowing Well of Living Water when you can drink in abundance and be satisfied?

**Live in the Spirit World.**

There are two worlds: the spiritual and the material. John was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day when he saw those marvelous visions. God removed the veil that hid the future, and John saw those wonderful things which he speaks about in the Book of Revelation.

Some people live in the flesh, the material realm, and they are bound up with the things of time and sense. Let us rise above these things and live in the Spirit. That is the way some of you will get your healing. Rise above the things of time and sense, and live in the spiritual realm. Be spiritually minded. Let your influence be felt. "They that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to spiritually minded is life and peace. But ye are not in the flesh, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His." Rom. 9:5-9.

**Let Home Life Count for God.**

One more thought before we go to God in prayer: if you do not live as you ought to live in your homes, I do not take any stock in you. There is not any use for a man or woman, a member of this Church, to expect to be used of God who does not live as he or she ought to in his or her home. I hope to preach a sermon or two to husbands and wives during this Convocation to show them how to live and how to treat each other. Start in, husbands, if you have done wrong to your family, and make it right before you close your eyes in sleep. Think of a husband and wife going three, four, and five days without speaking to each other, and then on Lord's Day, to keep up appearances, they spruce up, lock arms, come to Church, put on a long face, and look very sanctified. Such religious pretense is valueless. You have got to live the life before your children. That is the only way to have any power. Overcome! What is your besetting sin? I know the besetting sin of some of the members of this Church. I know that some have got a temper like a Lucifer match: all you have to do is to touch them and they "go off." If you do not overcome that temper it will ruin you.

There may be just a little sin there, but if it is cultivated and nourished and watered and given plenty of sunshine, it will grow into a big sin, and crush the life out of you before you know it.

**A Heart Searching Time.**

This is a time of heart-searching. That is what this Convocation is for, and God is working most wonderfully. O, I praise His name for what Zion will be in the future; and I praise Him today for what Zion is now. You can see that every effort made to destroy Zion City melts away like the snow before the noon-day sun. While we are not perfect, and there are some rough corners to knock off, yet, at the same time, we have the spirit of unity. Thank God for it. If we will only do right, the day will come when we shall have our hearts' desire in this City. God gave Solomon things he did not ask for: God always does that: He gives all asked for and throws in other things to fill up the measure.

I was glad to hear that man confess that he had voted the Independent ticket illegally. I hope that seventy-five more, smitten by the Holy Ghost, will have to get up and make the same confession. That is what I want to see in this City—the power of God so operating that wrong-doers will be stricken down in the streets and cry out to God for mercy. Let them make their confessions and repent.

**Be Filled With the Holy Spirit.**

When you pray, ask to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Pray it every day. Expect your capacity to be enlarged day by day. You know to be completely baptized by the Holy Spirit means perfection, does it not? Paul, you know, as we repeat in the Benediction, prayed that their whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved *entire without blame*, and the God of peace do what?

Voices: "*Sanctify you wholly.*"

That means burning out all dross, crucifying the "old man," living a holy life.

When you pray for the Holy Spirit to take posession of you, you have to pay the price. An excellent way is to say, "Lord, I put myself in your hands, and I leave myself there." God can do wonders for men and women if they will only *put themselves* there. You must not be afraid. The Savior said to the disciples when they were hugging the shore in the boats, "Launch out into the deep." Zion has got to launch out into the deep sea of humanity; and throw out the Gospel net.

Zion is getting right. We are all the better off for the test. There is one thing you can always comfort yourself with and that is that fire never burns gold. The hottest fire will consume only the dross.

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# Boldness of Faith For Divine Healing

[By Elder C. F. Viking]

It has been said that Divine Healing is the children's bread. That statement is based on the words of Jesus to the Canaanitish woman who sought deliverance for her daughter from demon-possession. Jesus said, "It is not meet to take the children's bread (or loaf) and cast it to the dogs." The woman quickly saw one ray of hope for her in what Jesus had said, and on this she staked her claim. She knew that she had no right to the loaf, not being an Israelite (a child), but, as a dog, some of the crumbs under the table belonged to her.

According to Jesus, Divine Healing for the children, was as readily obtained as the daily bread. Whether they availed themselves of this blessing or not was another thing; still the blessing was there. It was there in the wilderness thousands of years before, when the children of Israel were bitten by fiery serpents. It was there at Marah where God made known His Healing Covenant with His people. It was there at the healing of David time and again, and throughout the history of the prophets of God. It was there when Jesus came with salvation for the spirit, cleansing for the soul and healing for the body. Jesus paid on the cross with His own blood the right to dispense these blessings, not only in redeeming humanity from sin, but also from its consequences.

"But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and by His stripes we are healed." Isaiah 53:5.

The great commission to the disciples included Salvation, Healing and Holy Living. They were to go out into world and teach, and preach, and heal. While the Christ was with them, the twelve apostles were sent on a special mission to towns and villages in Israel with a special message, and, at the same time, to heal the sick and cast out demons. When the Seventies were sent out, they were also given to understand that they were not only to preach but also to heal the sick.

At the final commission given to the apostles, when Jesus was about to ascend into heaven, He told them saying:

"These signs shall follow them that believe: in My name they shall cast out demons; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall in no wise hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. Mark 16:17,18.

Jesus sends the Gospel to all peoples. Matthew 28:19. To the Jew and Gentile alike the full Gospel was sent forth. There were to be no longer any distinctions among the people. There were to be no longer any dogs. The eternal gates of Redemption swung open for the whole human race, and all were given the same free access through the merit of Jesus to enter the Kingdom and become sons and daughters of God.

The Apostle Peter finds it so at the house of Cornelius, as recorded in the Tenth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. There he gloriously proclaims,

"Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation, he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is acceptable to Him." Acts 10:34-38.

The churches of Palestine, Asia Minor, Rome, and the Christians everywhere, had the privilege of Divine Healing through the laying on of hands and the prayer of faith by the Apostles, as related in the Acts of the Apostles, and by the elders of the churches as stated in the Book of James, the Fifth chapter, verses Thirteen to Eighteen.

Praise God, Jesus went, even during His earthly ministry, to Gadara, beyond the border, and cast out demons. He blessed a Canaanitish woman, a heathen, because great was her faith. Divine Healing was given to those who believed. He could not do many works in Nazareth because of their unbelief. The Pharisees at Jerusalem could not be healed of their diseases because they did not repent and believe. Many widows in Israel were starving at the time of the great famine, but the widow of Zarephath, a heathen woman, was saved because she had faith and obeyed the prophet. There were many lepers in Israel during Elisha's time, but only Naman, a heathen, was healed because he had faith and obeyed.

There is now Divine Healing for every one that repents. There is not a particle of doubt on that subject. It is an absolute fact. It is as certain as the daily bread.

Can there be any more simple and more powerful proof of this truth than found in this story of how the Canaanitish woman obtained help for herself and her daughter? The crumbs were good enough for her. She believed that the crumbs would also be enough in her case. She did not want to ask too much, but even though she said "crumbs," and meant crumbs, her faith was great. Like the woman who said, "If I only touch the hem of His garment I will be whole," this heathen woman believed that a very little favor of Jesus would help her to get rid of the devil. And as Jesus spoke with her, her faith became irresistable. The Son of God marveled at her faith and said, "O, woman, great is thy faith."

It is true that as faith increases self diminishes. A person of great faith becomes humble, not the opposite. He or she is willing to be reckoned as dogs and will do His bidding.

But, my friend, the woman in our story did not know that she had any right to the loaf on the table. Her faith was based on the knowledge she had, and the moment she saw that there was hope for her to get under the table as a dog and gather a few precious fragments for herself and daughter, she rushed in. Right there we find her boldness of faith.

But you and I in Zion have more knowledge than that woman had. Comparing what we know regarding Divine Healing with the scant knowledge she had, our faith ought to be still larger. But is it, and what do we know?

We know that by repentance towards God and faith in our Lord Jesus the Christ, we become children of God, and that all the privileges of God's children are open to us. We know that we have access to the children's table and the children's bread. We know that Jesus is freely giving the children, not crumbs, but pieces of the loaf, and that there is enough to satisfy every child. We know that salvation through faith in Jesus is most wonderful, because the appetite to live in sin and lust thereafter is overcome, and the very bodies of ours are being purified through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, who destroys disease and makes the earthly temples holy. It is impossible to live the life of faith without living the life of God.

It is no credit to God and Zion to remain an invalid. It is certainly not God's will for anyone to be sick. A person may be run down from circumstances and overwork, but if that leads to sickness, he has no right to be sick long, if any, and a short and complete rest should suffice. To take one or more years to recuperate from a few months' hard work is rather slow process and hardly in harmony with the Gospel.

If you are sick in bed, what business have you to prolong that sickness and remain in bed, when Jesus is such a Wonderful Healer?

If you have a hacking cough, a killing cancer, or an incur-

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able this or that, have you any right to linger in the devil's grip, when Jesus is such a Wonderful Healer?

If you have been spinning round in a wheelchair an invalid from hereditary disease, or a fall, or an operation, or a growth, or a fever, or a something else, and continue that spinning process of unbelief to this day, I call your attention to the fact that Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever, the same Wonderful Healer, who once said,

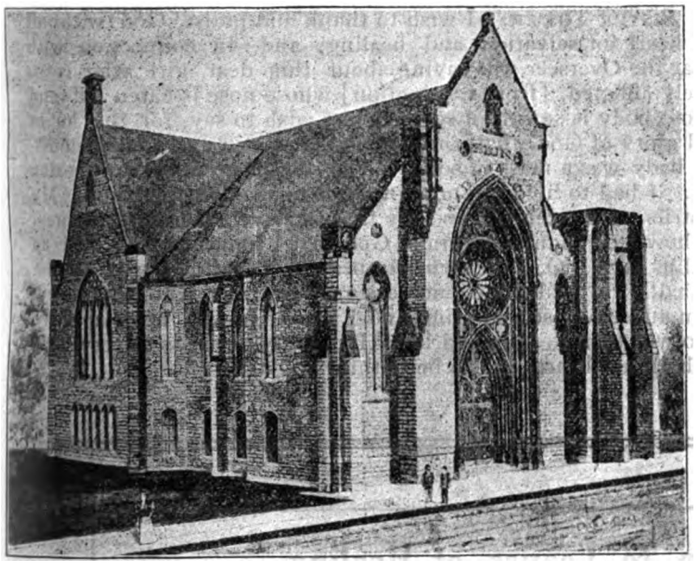
"Son, be of good cheer."
"Daughter, be of good cheer."
"Wouldst thou be made whole?"
"Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thy house."
"O, thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?"
"As thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee."
"I will, be thou made whole."
"I will come and heal him."
"Thy faith hath made thee whole."
"They have no need to go away."
"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."
"Sin no more."
"Go in Peace," etc., etc.

It belongs to the work of Jesus to heal the sick. "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God." As you hear over and over again, do not be discouraged, but get courage to press forward and in boldness of faith take what is your due as a child of God.

You must be a child of God,
And have the nature of a child,
And come to the table as a child,
And receive as a child,
And eat as a child.

The great love-object in the God-child is God Himself. The heart-throb in that child finds its expression of love in an absolute obedience of faith without counting the cost or bothering about consequences. The boldness of faith is the working for the Glory of the Father in a saved and healed and fully consecrated life.

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Let Zion everywhere rejoice and render praise and thanksgiving unto God for His great goodness. The old Central Zion Tabernacle building, Michigan Avenue and 16th Street, Chicago, has been leased for a term of years. Many of the Most marvelous years of John Alexander Dowie's wonderful ministry were spent in this building. Thousands were here saved, healed, cleansed and blessed, and baptized "into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

The interior of the building will be at once thoroughly renovated and equipped for ZION'S GREAT ONWARD MOVEMENT in the City of Chicago.

Let Zion be faithful, and God will withhold no good thing from us.

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## A Tabernacle of the Most High God.

**"The Holy Place of the Tabernacles of the Most High"**

The glory of the Tabernacle in the wilderness is only a memory, but the Shekinah still hovers over the Mercy Seat in Zion.

Whenever His Israel are found faithful to His covenants there can be said, "The Glory of Jehovah filled the Tabernacle."

How brightly shines the Light within the Cloud!

How sweetly flows that "River, the Streams whereof shall make glad the City of God!"

How the Sun of Righteousness, with healing in His wings, still shines upon those who seek God's face within His holy place!

How glorious is the Tree of Life in the midst of the River, bearing "twelve manner of fruits," and the "Leaves of the Tree are for the healing of the nations!"

Within Zion Tabernacle thousands and tens of thousands have found, and are finding, the Life which destroys Death, the Light which dispels Darkness, and the Healing which banishes Pain and Sickness.

Within Zion there is a Gospel of Salvation which saves.

Within Zion there is a Gospel of Healing which heals.

Within Zion there is a Gospel of Holiness which leads the Redeemed into the King's Highway of Holiness, and brings them with songs and everlasting joy upon their head to the Zion above.

Zion is sending blessing to every land and nation.

Zion is full of that Joy of the Lord which is strength.

Zion is expecting a continuous revival until the King comes.

Zion stands for God in all things, at all times, and in all places.

Hallelujah, for Zion Tabernacle!

Hallelujah, to Zion's King!

Hallelujah!

Amen!

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# Zion Seventies

**In Chicago.**

Zion as an organization is at work. Work and activity stimulate strength, and effort put forth produces a rich harvest.

No greater work for all the Church can possibly be done than to go from house to house, person to person, with the message of "peace."

Zion Seventies are now well organized. Last Lord's day, August 8, 1909, Division No. 1, with Deacon H. G. Peterson, Director, went into Chicago *via* special electric car, and distributed about 1500 messages in house to house visitation, and gave out 2000 Invitation Cards announcing the meeting at Kimball Hall in the afternoon.

The Seventies were received very kindly by the people; and in some instances they were invited in to pray for the sick.

All report a good time.

Next Lord's Day, August 15th, Division No. 2, with Deacon O. W. Farley as Director, will go in to Chicago on a special electric car, leaving Salem blvd. Station at 7:30 a. m., and returning, they will leave Wabash ave. and Adams St., Chicago, at 6 p.m., and will arrive in Zion City at 8:15 p. m.

J. W. F.

**In Milwaukee.**

About 30 Zion Seventies went to Milwaukee last Lord's Day and visited homes in a part of the City in the morning, and in the afternoon they assisted in a meeting in Lincoln Hall, conducted by Karl Klaus. Although the attendance was not large, it was a success,and two boys gave themselves to God. Next Lord's Day the Seventies will visit the poorer districts with both German and English literature, and meetings in both languages will be conducted.

While the beginning has been small, we look to God for showers of blessings, and believe they will come in answer to proper, faithful work and the preaching of the full Gospel. We want to see hundreds in Milwaukee bow their knees before God, repent of their sins and give themselves to Christ. It may take time, and require some extraordinary methods, but by God's grace we hope to stir up that City and lead men, women, and children, to God.

K. K.

**In Madison, Wisconsin.**

Brother and Sister Marshall who went to their field of labor in Madison, Wis., a week ago, report good progress and that for the most part they have been kindly received.

**In Des Moines, Iowa.**

Brothers Banks and Anderson, in Des Moines, Iowa, have started in well. In their first week's work they distributed 2000 tracts, mostly in house to house visitation, and sold 164 Leaves of Healing, 53 Zion Heralds, and 27 Voice From Zion.

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SISTER TOWER: I wish to thank and praise God with all my heart for salvation and healing; and, in connection with what the Overseer was saying about this dear girl who is so sorely afflicted, [from vaccination] whose nose is eaten off and whose body is so full of sores, I just wish to say, for the honor and glory of God, that, through living in sin and drunkenness, my body was a mass of sores. The roof of my mouth was eaten out. I had to hold my nose in order to swallow anything. My nostrils were eaten off, and my face was one solid mass of sores. O, how I do thank and praise God that I know He will heal as well as save! O, I do earnestly pray that that dear girl will be healed! He healed me, such a sinner as I was, who never knew Him and never served Him, and I know He will heal anybody who will turn to Him and love Him. My desire is to serve God with all my heart, and to be faithful and true.

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And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

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# The Gospel of the Kingdom

## How to Pray

### "WHEN YE PRAY, SAY"

*By O. T. Tindall*

[CONTINUED FROM AUGUST 7th.]

**"Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread."**

This wonderful prayer, dictated by our Lord and Savior, goes on step by step. How it covers all our needs! How systematic and logical! Notice, it begins with "Our Father,"---with praise and adoration to Him. It prays for us to get right with Him first. Our hearts, and minds, and wills must be set in accord and in tune with Him. Our bread and butter are not first, as some men would have, and pray. No, no; be right with God is first, then "ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you." The cry of God's children must be, first, not my will but Thine be done, O God. We must first say with our Lord and Master, "It is my meat and drink to do the will of Him who sent me."

This is the teaching that Zion insists upon: that a man must get right with God before he has a right to ask Him for bread or healing. The prayer moves along that line. When a man does the will of God as it is done in heaven, he can ask God for the common bread of every day life, or for any earthly good. God has promised bread to the righteous, and to none other. The righteous are to be fed. God has promised it. Your Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things, and He has promised to give you bread for your bodies if you seek Him first and will do His will.

Men do not know how to trust God for bread and clothes and shelter. They think religion has only to do with our spiritual welfare; that it is only bread for our spiritual bodies. But God does care for our bodies, for they are the temples of the Holy Ghost and precious in His sight. "Oh, but," says man, "I have to work for my bread; prayer cuts no figure in making my bread; I must get out and rustle for it; God may give me salvation, but not bread"

"The day of miracles is past," some say. "There is no more raining down of bread from heaven, and no more feeding of the five thousand and the four thousand from five loaves and a few fishes." Well, Jesus did not so teach. He said, "Your Heavenly Father will feed you as He does the birds of the air which toil not, neither do they spin, and yet your Heavenly Father feedeth them." This must mean something for us. It should be studied and understood by God's children, for they do now as they did in Christ's time. They continually say, everywhere, "What shall we eat, and what shall we drink, and wherewithal shall we be clothed?" The great question today before all the nations is this very one on which the Christ spoke, and which He solved. Strikes and wars and strife among men will cease when Christ's way of solving labor questions, and the bread and butter question is adopted; and it will never be solved in any other way. God's people must solve it on the Gospel plan, then it will stay solved. Employers and employes will go hand in hand and be one in the great work of life. No oppression will be found in the land. God will rule and there will be no more wars and strifes.

What has prayer to do with it? Well, Christ set the example; so it must have a place. We pray for bread. Thousands of people are without it today, walking the streets crying for bread for themselves and for their helpless little ones.

We are not praying for miracles to be wrought. We are praying that men may get bread in God's own way; that men may have a chance to make an honest living and earn this bread

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by the sweat of their brow; that things may be so adjusted among men that the weak may be helped by the strong and not ground down under the heel of tyranny and oppression.

Cooperation is the solution which God has provided---a Christian cooperation, one like God has given us. It is found in the example of the Body. All God's children belong to the Body or Church of Jesus the Christ. They are members one of another. The weak members are to be helped by the others. Every one must do his part whether he be an eye or an ear, or a hand or a foot, or the smallest muscle or vein in the body. None can exist properly without the others. No one can say to another, "I have no need of thee." *All* are necessary. *They are all members one of another.*

If men would live in this way, every member would be cared for, as he could care for himself if he is kept in the body and permitted to do his own work and does not try to do some other member's work. All cannot be the head.

There is enough in the world for each to have plenty if it were rightly distributed, and this greed, and graft, and monopoly were done away with, and sin were cast out of the camp.

Do we pray for bread! Yes. Why? Because we cannot make it. It must be given us directly or indirectly from God. This is God's eternal law, as Paul stated it, either in the spiritual Kingdom or in the natural kingdom. He said, "Paul plants and Apollos waters, but God gives the increase." Can you make a spear of grass to grow without Him? Can you send the rain which falls upon the ground to refresh it and make it to bring forth? Can you temper the winds and the storms? Can you send the sunshine? Why all these famines in the world? Why these deaths from starvation? Did not the people of India and China work? Did they not sow? Why then did they not reap? Because God did not give the increase; and why? Because the people sin and worship idols and all manner of strange gods. They do not know how to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread."

God hath said, if thou wilt not hearken diligently to the voices of the Lord thy God and keep His commandments and walk in His statutes all the evils that came upon the Egyptians would come upon them. It is being fulfilled. The nation that forgets God shall be turned into hell. It is sure to come, though it tarry long, and God waits for men to repent and turn. Doom is sure to come. God is not slack concerning His promises, neither is He slack concerning His judgments.

Do you imagine that you are so rich that you can take care of yourself? That you have no need of God? Do you suppose this great country which boasts so much of her wealth and resources and prosperity can stand forever, and alone? Nay, verily. Her fall will come as did Bobylon's and Rome's and Greece's; and it is only a matter of time unless they repent. The rich man thought he had enough laid up in store for many a rainy day; but it was not a rainy day that ushered in upon him.

"God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." If he sows to the flesh he shall of the flesh reap corruption; but if he "sows to the Spirit, he shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."

Zion believes in praying for bread and every needed thing for this life, as well as for the life to come. Hath He not said that He would withhold no good thing from them that walk uprightly? Only one thing, then, need concern us. Are we walking uprightly and then trusting our kind Heavenly Father? It is a good thing to trust Him for all things.

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I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.

# The Ripened Harvest and the Work of Zion Seventies

An Address Delivered at the Early Morning Meeting, May 23, 1909, in Shiloh Tabernacle

*By General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva.*

REPORTED BY T. FROST.

The service was opened by the singing of the Hymns "Bringing in the Sheaves," and "Work, for the Night is Coming."

The General Overseer then said:

Before we go to God in prayer, your attention is called to a number of verses bearing on the subject of Prayer. Jesus said, in the sixth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, part of the Sermon on the Mount, primarily for the disciples, having already cautioned them against the sin of giving in order to be seen of men, "When thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are." This was a direct thrust at the religious leaders of His day. The apostate Jewish Church, as represented by the temple and the synagogue worship, professed to represent all that was respectably religious in Jerusalem.

**Proprieties in Church Life—Formalism.**

It is just the same today: thousands have died of respectability. The Methodists and the Presbyterians, like the Pharisees of Christ's time, think they represent all that is respectably religious at the present time.

Some of those who have heard the Full Gospel in Zion, and have tasted of the good things of God, have gone back to these apostate churches, and their last state is worse than the first: they are worse off now than they were in the beginning.

**Loving the Praise of Men.**

The characteristic of the hypocrites is, "They love to pray standing in the synagogue, and in the corner of the streets that they may be seen of men." What must God think of a preacher whose every move and word is made and uttered simply to please men? What must earnest Christians think of such a man? For the most part, the so-called church services, in all of the large cities particularly, are couducted for mere show---their chief thought is to please the people. That is the reason you see such church notices as, "Services only half an hour long. Sermon fifteen minutes; good singing." The whole idea is to please.

**How to Pray.**

Paul says, "If I were well-pleasing to men, I would not be serving God."

But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet.

That does not necessarily mean a room, but it does mean to shut the world outside, to have no thought of anybody but God.

And when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

But wen ye pray, use not vain repetitions—

That is, saying a thing over and over when you do not mean it.

—as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

**Contrast Between Real and False Christianity.**

Jesus is here talking to His disciples, to those who were to

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be leaders in the Church. You see here the very striking contrast which the Church of the Lord Jesus the Christ was to present to the then prevailing religion. Zion must be as different from the churches as daylight is different from darkness. We have nothing in common with them. We have no fellowship with them.

Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask Him.

We ask, because by our asking we show our earnest desire, our dependency upon God, and there is a spiritual discipline in it. We all know how richly blessed we are. We rise from our knees having been in close communion with God.

**The Model Prayer.**

After this manner therefore pray ye:—

Christ proceeds to give a model prayer, which is very short.

It consists first of adoration. The first element of prayer is praise: the recognition of God, our Father, who sits upon His Throne in the heavens.

"Hallowed be Thy name"—reverence, that is. There is a vast difference between hallowing the name of God, and taking it in vain.

The center of this prayer is:

Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread—

That is, a perfect trust in God, the spirit of forgiveness, the protection of God against the snares of the devil, and deliverance from all his onslaughts.

**Complete Surrender and Implicit Trust.**

In Matthew the seventh chapter and in the seventh and eighth verses, Jesus said,

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

For every one that asketh receiveth;—

It is one thing to ask with the mouth, and another thing to ask with the heart. The reason why many people ask and do not receive is because they do not ask aright.

Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. Jas. 4:3

You observe a little child when he wants something: see how he asks for it.

Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?

The answer is "No."

Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?

Certainly not.

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good gifts to them that ask Him?

**The Golden Rule, and Heroes of Faith.**

Verse twelve is what is called The Golden Rule.

Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them.

As we go throug the Gospel according to St. Matthew, we find some very striking statements in the various narratives of the miracles of healing. Here we are, living in the twentieth century of the Christian Era, and how many, at the present time, even in Zion, with all the years of teaching, measure up in the exercise of faith as do some who are mentioned in these narratives?

**Christ Willing to Heal.**

The poor leper said, "Lord if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean." He went further than some people and some apostates, who, when you talk about Divine Healing, say, "Yes, God is able to heal." They say it in such a way that it would appear to be a high compliment to God Almighty to admit that He has the ability to heal. The leper acknowledged that ability of Chrit's to heal; but he was not sure of Christ's willingness to heal. We are not in the same position as the leper was. We are left without excuse, for we know that Christ is willing to heal.

**A Certain Faith for Healing.**

Following the story of the leper, we have the story of the centurion and his servant. The centurion said, "But speak the word, and my servant *shall be healed.*" When Jesus prepared to go into his home and heal his servant, the centurion said, "I am not worthy that Thou shouldest come under my roof."

Some people act as though it were a high compliment to God, when they decide to dismiss the doctor, put their medicine away, and trust in the Lord. They seem to think He ought to meet them half way, etc.

Some people talk as though the Church of the Lord Jesus the Christ ceased to exist if they get out of humor.

**God's Work Not Stopped by the Indifferent.**

Zion's work goes on no matter who comes or who goes. Nobody is missed. You cannot say, "Tomorrow by this time the chair will be empty." So far as you are concerned the chair is not empty.

Fancy a little drop of rain getting spunky and saying to the ocean, "I will get out of this and then you will go dry." There is just as much sense in that as in a person saying he is in the Kingdom of God, and he will "pull off." They "pull off" because they do not belong here. Zion people stay because they are standing for Zion truths, the truths that called them out of the churches, and brought them to Zion. You do not find them anywhere else. Those who are Zion know where to stay. Of course, some people think they are Zion but find later on that they are not. They were Zion as long as they had a good job in some of Zion's Institutions. Some people's religion goes with their job---it seems to be done up in the same parcel. (Laughter.) Our enemies, ask, "What is Zion?" Just carry with you some of Elder Viking's Tracts, "Some Fundamental Teachings of Zion as Compared with Modern Theology," and when they ask you, "What is Zion?" hand them one. That will answer the question, "What is Zion?" It is easy enough to answer them.

This centurion belonged to the "unorthodox Church," and yet Jesus said, "I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel."

That is one reason why I am so desirous of getting the workers out into the field. There are thousands steeped in sin who will hear the Gospel and repent and be built into the Kingdom as lively stones.

**What Jesus Did and Why.**

The next healing we have recorded in this chapter is Simon Peter's wife's mother who lay sick of a fever.

The sixteenth and seventeenth verses ought to be fixed in every mind because they are so closely connected with Isaiah 53:4. Those verses are the verses to quote to prove that Divine Healing is a part of the Atonement. All the officers and workers of Zion, especially those who go out to do active work, ought to be well-armed. They ought to be in a position to point out that Divine Healing is in the Atonement,---Isaiah 53:4, and Matthew 8:16 and 17.

**Faith Rewarded.**

In the ninth chapter, we have the story of the healing of the man sick of the palsy---the man that was let down through the roof. The expression I want you to notice is,

And Jesus, seeing their faith, said unto the sick of the palsy: Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.

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He sendeth His word and healeth them.

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And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

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# Editorial Notes

*By the General Associate Editor*

Joy!

Joy cometh in the morning.

Weeping endureth but for a night.

There is joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

Joy is the result of triumph. Joy is an attribute of the Kingdom of Heaven, for the Kingdom of Heaven "is Righteousness, Joy and Peace in the Holy Ghost."

The joy of the Lord is the Christian's Strength. Let it abound in all richness.

Paul says in his letter to the Philippian brethren, "If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, fulfil ye my joy, that ye be like minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind;" i. e., measure up to the joy which I possess in the Christian service.

Joy must always follow a service lovingly and faithfully performed. The early seventies found it so. Clothed with Divine power and authority, direct from the Savior, they went forth trustfully and hopefully with His words ringing in their ears: "He that heareth you, heareth Me; and he that despiseth you, despiseth Me, and he that despiseth Me, despiseth Him that sent Me." God's enemies and their enemies, obstacles and difficulties, hardships and trials had no terrors for them, because they were Divinely commissioned and clothed with power, for Christ had said, "I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the *power of the enemy*, and *nothing* shall by any means hurt you."

With such a message, for such a Savior, under such protection, with hearts at perfect peace---the peace which surpasseth understanding---is it any wonder that the Seventies "returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through Thy name?"

Work for God always produces joy; but, on the other hand, work for mere self always leaves a void, a dissatisfaction, a gloom, aye, a horror of fearful foreboding; for the hand is empty and the storehouse of heaven contains no treasure for such an one.

Next to love, joy is the most precious and honored of the fruits of the Spirit. Indeed, there is joy because there is love.

Zion exists because of love for humanity in obedience to the promptings of the Holy Spirit to provide a refuge for the afflicted of God's people. Zion is a type of heaven, where there is unity and oneness of purpose; doing the will of God. Zion wakens a dying world with the shout of joy over deliverance from sin, sickness, disease, and the horrors of worldliness, and holds forth hope to all who will accept the Savior as their own. "Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion." This shall be true of the people who will do God's commandments first.

Zion is full of joy today, because she is keeping in touch with God, and as surely as Christ said to the user of the talents: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things: I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord," so surely will every Zion worker—and indeed unless one is a Zion worker he or she is not Zion—participate in the joys of Zion's triumph over every enemy, as Christ promised.

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Remember, Zion, from Whom your commision for service is obtained. Your work measures for eternity across the span of time, and every immortal soul within reach is charged to your account to the utmost of your ability to rescue him. The full measure of your joy is the full measure of your sacrifice and service. Indifference is defeat to you and a hinderance to the work which must be done, if not by you, by some one who will wear a crown for faithfulness

The work must be done. It is God's work. The harvest must be gathered and there shall be rejoicing in heaven over every sinner rescued from the power of the evil one.

Heaven's Richest Treasure was not too great to give that the earth might be redeemed and brought into oneness with God. If Christ could give Himself for humanity, why cannot His redeemed ones give themselves to help Him save the lost? Salvation is the work of the Kindgom. Saved men and women are heirs of the Kingdom---its welfare is their joy-.-for it Christ came, suffered and died; for it He rose from the dead; for it He ascended into the heavens; for it the Holy Spirit came to earth to dwell among those who have washed their robes; for it the patriachs of all the ages prayed, labored and waited; for it the angel penetrated the skies, and sang the Gloria, in the silent watches of the night, when Heaven's heir and earth's King came among men, saying, "Behold, I bring you good tidings of *great joy, which shall be to all the people.*"

Let the truth be made known. It is "for all people". Let Righteousness abound; it exalteth a nation. Let joy fill every heart. "The ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs (of triumph) and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall abtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." The apostle John says "I have no greater joy than to hear my children walk in truth." Zion should say the same thing. Truth is the key that unlocks all mysteries. Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and His presence among men can be manifested---must be made known---through His children---His workers, His Seventies---who have Him in their lives; for Christ is given to man, in a great measure, through the lives and activities and thoughts of others.

Let His joy be in each one. Zion is full of joy because she is doing His work. Each one "Look unto Jesus the auther and finisher of faith, who, for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross, despised the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

If it was and is a joy for Jesus to redeem man, what is it for us to help Him? No Christian should be sad of and for himself, for it is his perpetual privilege to be happy; but for the unsaved his cry should ever be, "Lord, here am I; send me."

Zion Literature is being mightily used in giving the Gospel to others. The ZION HERALD and LEAVES of HEALING reach many hundreds each week; and many thousands of Tracts and Messages are distributed by Zion Seventies.

The Special Offer for Ten Weeks is now receiving the attention of Zion everywhere and subscriptions are coming in. Let every body help to increase the circulation of each Zion paper by many thousands of copies. This is important, and a most powerful wav to preach the gospel. See the Special Subscription Blank in another place.

# ZION SEVENTIES

**Deacon J. W. Friend**
**General Recorder**

The Harvest truly is great but the laborers are few. Pray ye, therefore the Lord of the Harvest that He would send forth laborers into His harvest. Luke 10:2.

Zion Seventies are being sent out two and two into the Great Harvest field of the world, to seek and save the lost; to point them to the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world. He who left His home in Heaven, came to this sin-cursed world, dwelt among men, was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin, ministered unto the sick and sorrowing, healed them of their diseases, comforted the broken-hearted, carried the lambs in His bosom, suffered and died for us, "That we through His stripes might be healed." He has given unto us the great commission to "Go into all the world and make disciples of all nations."

The Seventies are being sent forth on this mission---many are returning with great joy.

Excellent reports are coming in from the workers in the various fields, as follows:

IN CHICAGO

Last Lord's Day, Aug. 15, 1909. Division No. 2. O. W. Farley in Charge, went to Chicago, via special car on Chicago & Milwaukee Electric, arriving at their district about 10 a. m. and working until noon; made 2142 calls; Distributed 2545 pieces of literature, and in some instances they were invited in to pray for the sick; and, as a whole, they were received very kindly. All report a good time in the Lord. After completing their alloted work they assembled in Kimball Hall in the afternoon at 2:45, where a meeting was conducted by Elder Richert, after which they returned to Zion City singing and praising God for the blessings of the day.

Next Lord's Day, Aug. 22, 09, Division No. 3, Deacon Becker, Director in charge, will go into Chicago, via special car, leaving Salem Boulevard Station, 7:30 a. m. On the return trip will leave Wabash Ave. and Adams St. on the North-Western Elevated Ry. Chicago, 6 p. m. Arriving Evanston 7 p. m. where a special car will be in readiness to bring them to Zion City.

IN MILWAUKEE.

We are still unable to report great success in Milwaukee; but the literature distributed by the Seventies will do its work as it does elsewhere. The audiences, while small thus far, are responsive to Zion's Gospel of Salvation, Healing, and Holy Living. One young man who attended last Lord's Day's meeting is convicted of his sins, and we believe he will surrender to

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God. We are now conducting a German Meeting at 2:00 p. m. and English at 3:00 p. m., and we have also arranged to have another meeting at 7:30 p. m., at which we expect to reach a larger number of people, as we shall be able to have a meeting in the open air previous to it, and the people are more inclined to attend meetings in the evening than afternoons, as it is the Custom in the Old Country where many of them came from. We want to reach the masses there, and shall not rest until we do. God expects us not only to do our best, and to leave the result with Him; but He has commanded us to *make disciples of all the Nations*, which includes Milwaukee, therefore we expect results in the Conversion of men, women and children to God. *Milwaukee must surrender to God.* K. K.

DES MOINES, IOWA.

Brothers Banks and Anderson, who are working in Des Moines, Iowa, report for the week, Aug. 6—15, 1050 calls made, and 119 Leaves of Healing, 98 Zion Heralds, and 4 Voice from Zion sold.

They are sowing precious seed, and are full of joy in their work. Pray for them.

# COTTAGE PRAYER MEETINGS

## Zion Going Forward in a Great Onward Movement

Quite a number of excellent reports are coming in from the various Cottage Meetings held throughout the City. Many are being blessed, and a deeper spiritual life is being manifested.

"How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," and to mingle their voices in songs of praise and testimony unto God!

Much good will be done if all will consecrate their lives to God and will help others to a closer walk with Him. Let us all be kind, patient, and self-sacrificing, in honor preferring one another, and may we all so live that our lives will be a blessing to others!

These Cottage Meetings will begin at 7:45 and close at 9:00 p. m., and will be held in the various districts as follows:

Mext Meetings, August 23.

### DIVISION NO. 2

DEACON O. W. FARLEY, DIRECTOR

Company A.....Elder Fred Richert, 2202 Emmaus Ave.
Company B.....Mrs. Mary Taylor, 2202 Ezekiel Ave.
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Company D.....Mr. D. L. Christianson, 1807 Hebron Ave.
Company E.....Mrs. Short, 2016 Hebron Ave.
Company F.....Mr. Charles Billings, 23rd st. and Gideon Ave.
Company G.....Mrs. McKoon, 2413 Gilboa Ave.

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DEACON THEO. BECKER, DIRECTOR

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Company B.....Deacon J. A. Marshall, 2709 Ezra Ave.
Company C.....Mrs. Lawrence, 2809 Gideon Ave.
Company E.....Deacon T. R. Becker, 2915 Gilead Ave.
Company F.....Johann Noteboom, 2922 Ezra Ave.
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Third Lord's Day in each month.....2405 Gilboa Ave.
Fourth Lord's Day in each month.....To be announced.

Note: Will the German Brethren in Zion City and throughout the world, kindly rally and help the printing and publishing of German Zion Literature? A few have already made contributions, and we are able to have a few thousand tracts printed; but we need for Chicago and Milwaukee twenty thousand of "The World's Need of Zion," and twenty thousand "Some Fundamental Teachings of Zion as Compared with Modern Theology," all in German. Send remittance to Zion Free Literature Department.

German meeting every Lord's, Day 9:30 a. m. Prayer Room, Shiloh Tabernacle.

# Free Literature Distribution for Week Ending August 14, 1909

Rolls to England.....16
Rolls to South Africa.....29
Rolls to Australia.....12
Rolls to States.....318
Rolls to Canada.....23
Rolls to Hotels of States.....24
Rolls to Hotels in Canada.....18
Rolls to Steamships of Canada.....22
Rolls to Libraries, Schools, Y. M. C. A.....19
Rolls to Asia, South America and Mexico.....6
Rolls to Chicago Papers.....13

Total.....500

Total No. Rolls since Aug. 1, 1909, 800.

Messages given away and distributed by Zion Seventies for week ending Aug. 14, 1909, 7755.

Total messages given since Aug. 1, 1909, 28,665.

# SHILOH TABERNACLE

**The Next Payment is due December 28, 1909:**

**Total amount due - - - $2625.00**
**Cash in hand August 18 (after providing for Insurance) - - 1020.19**
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# The Ripened Harvest and the Work of Zion Seventies

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Is faith something that can be seen? No; it is the exhibition of something that can be seen. The very fact that they brought him there showed that he was willing to be brought.

Things are too easy in Zion nowadays. It is so much easier to have and Elder come than to brace up a little and come yourself. I think the results would be greater if some of the sick people would show the faith to get up and come here.

Then there is a tendency on the part of people to stay at home for the slightest ailment.—to remain away from the House of God for a little headache. In the early days of Zion, the first thought was getting off to Central Zion Tabernacle.

### Doctors Condemned.

Then we have the story of the woman who was sick for twelve years, and had spent all she had doctoring, and at the end of the twelve years she was worse than when she began. That is the story of millions today. When you think of how people are victimized, and how some people are always doctoring, and after they have run the gauntlet with the doctors, and had a few operations, they become the victims of patent medicines and drug stores. Many of the patent medicine venders are multi-millionaires. The whole thing seems so silly; yet the "drug idol" is the hardest to destroy. Look how many have gone back to doctors, drugs and surgeons! It is the history of Israel being repeated. Here and there you find a man that can stand.

Of course, everybody can stand as long as everything is all 'right. There was a time when everybody in Zion stood and was enthusiastic. God Almighty looked down and thought that things were a little too easy, so He permitted a time of testing to come, and you see who has remained: it is only a remnant. How many will be steadfast to the end, God only knows. So you see that human nature is the same.

### Even Christ's Disciples Deserted.

It the sixth chapter of the Gospel according to St. John, it looks very much as though practically all of Christ's disciples, except the twelve apostles, went back and would not follow Him any more. It does not say so in so many words, but it says that many of His disciples walked no more with Him. They did not like His sermons.

God Almighty calls a man and trains him through a long period of years, and puts him in a place to do a certain work. When he starts in to do it some are sure to say to him, "Now, if you would not preach like that, why, I would come to hear you." How many hundreds there are in Zion City who want to tell me how to do it. It is a very, very ludicrous thing.

### Presumptuous Arrogance.

A lot of people say how they would have founded Zion City. Had they gotten the job of founding Zion City, it never would have been founded. Some people say they wish it never had been founded, and then they would not be going through these troubles. (Laughter) They are always looking out for "number one." You often hear people say when some one is going off by train, "Well, take good care of number one." I guess there is not much need of an exhortation of that kind. People take good care of "number one," and number two can hustle for himself.

### Health-Giving Faith.

This woman said, "If I may but touch the hem of His garment, I shall be whole." That is the faith she had.

Then we have the story of Jairus' daughter.

### The Ready Harvest.

The close of the ninth chapter bears directly upon the subject, "The Fields white Unto the Harvest."

In this ninth chapter, Jesus healed a number of people, also in the eighth. The thirty-sixth, thirty-seventh, and thirty-eighth verses follow in close connection with the stories of the healings that He wrought.

But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

Then said He unto His disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few;

Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest.

When the apostles were sent out, they had to go out and preach the Gospel and secure their own living. They did it. That is what the pioneer preachers did: some of them blazed the path, traveling across the country on horseback, and they stirred up the whole country. The sickly thing that passes for religion today is disgusting and nauseating. Zion has the opportunity of doing something.

### Hindering Excuse Makers.

In the ninth chapter of Luke, you will find something of the same kind---the fifty-seventh verse:

And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain man said unto Him, Lord, I will follow Thee whithersoever Thou goest.

And Jesus said unto him, the Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head.

That was true: He had no home, no permanent abiding place. He was always on the go; so were the apostles. There is nothing on record as to what the young man said, but the probabilities are that he calculated to go back and stay with his father and mother.

And He said unto another, Follow Me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.

Jesus said unto him, let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the Kingdom of God.

And another also said, Lord, I will follow Thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house.

And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God.

After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before His face into every city and place, whither He Himself would come.

### Work to be Done.

There is a wonderful field today for Seventy Workers, great opportunities. They do not need to do much talking or much preaching and teaching: the literature will do the work; it did the work before.

Therefore said He unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth laborers into His harvest.

Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves.

Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way.

And into whotsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house.

We want to get Seventies with the same spirit. If we send a couple of workers to a city, we do not want them to begin to ask how much they are going to get, or whether they are going to lay up something for a rainy day, or anything of that kind. I do not believe any one, who devotes his life to the ministry, will be allowed to suffer.

### The King's Business Urgent.

The importance of the work Jesus sent them out to do was shown by the exhortation, "Salute no man by the way." That means, they were not to stop and talk. I remember in the case

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of some Seventies, they would make only one call in an afternoon. They would get to talking with somebody on the street corner and put in three hours arguing. That is doing just what the Savior exhorted them not to do.

And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not it shall return to you again.

And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the laborer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house.

I will guarantee that a true Christian worker would not be in a town or city very long until he would have plenty of homes.

If my duties were not here, personally I would want nothing better than to strike out tomorrow morning into the cities, get out on a street corner and preach, and I warrant you, when the meeting was concluded, I would have plenty of invitations to stay all night. A man that has to be backed up by thousands of dollars from headquarters, and has to be carried around, is not worth much. That is one thing I have been thinking about---sending out missionaries. I am willing to do certain things, yet it is not very much of a sacrifice for a man to go out as a missionary when he has a General Overseer back in this country who can send him a check every fortnight. We need missionaries who are willing to go whether they know they are going to have a cent or not. Where the workers are continually supplied, and never have to trust God for anything, they are not very well developed.

**The Laborer Worthy of His Hire.**

Eating and drinking such things as they give: for the laborer is worthy of his hire.

That does not mean eat anything there is there: it simply means if there is not what you want there, say nothing about it, but keep still; do not be fastidious. Some people, when asked to do anything, act as though they would actually drop dead if they had to miss their supper. When there is a great battle to be fought for the Kingdom of God, no sacrifice is too great.

Eat such things as are set before you:

And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The Kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

But into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you not, go your ways out into the streets of the same, and say,

Even the very dust of your city, which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you: notwithstanding be ye sure of this, that the Kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

What a wonderful privilege for two Zion Seventies to go into a city and from house to house scatter the messages by tens and scores of thousands. Many will receive you, and many will invite you in. Take a hard place like Melbourne, Australia, I have known our Seventies to be invited in and given lunch and to be treated royally.

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THIRD—That such persons must also be able to make a good profession, and declare that they do know, in their own hearts, that they have truly repented, and are truly trusting Christ, and have the witness, in a measure, of the Holy Spirit.
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And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

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# The Gospel of the Kingdom

## How to Pray

"WHEN YE PRAY, SAY"

*By O. T. Tindall*

"Forgive us our Sins; for we also Forgive every one that is indebted to us," or, as Matthew has it: "Forgive us our Debts, as we forgive our Debtors."

The word "transgressions" is used in another place. These different expressions, no doubt, have the same meaning in substance. By the use of them all we get a fuller meaning.

This is an important petition for us to pray. Every petition in this wonderful model prayer is unique, and very significant. Forgiveness of sins is at the very foundation of our salvation. This must be settled first. A mistake here is fatal. Sins must first be forgiven, before any other grace can be cultivated, before any progress can be made. A man must cut the cable on the shore before he can sail out on the ocean. Jesus started in that way with the sick, "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee." The next step was, "Arise, take up thy bed and walk." That is the Divine order. You must first hear the Savior's voice saying, "Thy sins are forgiven," before you can hear, "Thy faith hath made thee whole."

So it is most important that we know how to get our sins forgiven. There are many conditions laid down, but the Master seemed to regard this one most important. He put it in His own way. He said, Unless we forgive men their trespasses, the Father would not forgive us our trespasses! We are to forgive as does God the Father. What does God do for a sinner? How does He proceed with him?

I would say, He first sends His messenger, the Holy Spirit, to convict or convince him of Sin, of Righteousness and of Judgment. God does that to all the world, to all those who sin against Him. When they repent, then He forgives them freely, and not before. When a man sins against you that is the method to pursue. This is a case where the man is the trespasser and has done you wrong.

What saith the Word in regard to it? The Master said, "Go and tell thy brother his fault." Don't excuse it to him as many kind hearted people do, when they have not the courage to tell him the truth. The preacher often plasters over the sins of his people and offers them mercy and forgiveness before they repent. They are full of palliation and mercy, thinking they are fulfilling this petition to forgive.

A Christian must be like his Lord and Master: He must tell a man of his sins, even if they be against himself and he is kind and full of sympathy and could easily and gladly forgive him his debt. It would be a crime against the man to forgive him without his repentance, for God does not. If he sins against us seventy times seven, and comes and repents, we are to forgive, but not without his repentance and restoration. You may remit the debt when he confesses it and is willing to pay it. But a man must repent and acknowledge his sin and be willing to take the consequences of his transgressions. This is the object of all punishment in church and state---to reform the transgressor, more than to recover the lost and stolen goods. 'You have won your brother,' said the Christ, 'when you led him to repent of his transgression.' Yes; won the brother---not simply won your case and got satisfaction for yourself, but you have *won your brother*. We pursue him not for the purpose of "getting even with him," not for revenge, but to save the man. We should always have the spirit and willingness to forgive.

We should follow the Father in this respect. He is kind

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and forgiving as a father; but he insists on the conditions being met.

**"Lead Us not into Temptation."**

God tempts no man to evil, says the apostle; but God does try and test men. That is the first meaning of the word "tempt." So it is said, God tempted Abraham when He told him to offer up Isaac his only son. It was a temptation to Abraham, that is, a most severe test. Man, knowing his weakness, naturally shrinks from these severe trials lest he fail and fall. My notion of this petition is that it is very like the one offered by the Christ in the garden when about to drink the awful cup that contained the guilt of all mankind, in some mysterious way. It was the natural shrinking of the flesh from pain.

The thought in the prayer evidently is that we shall be kept from falling in the trial, for we know that all will be tempted to evil, as long as Satan goes unbound in the world. But we have the assurance that God will guard us, for He has said He would not suffer us to be tempted above that we are able to bear.

James throws light on this subject when he says, "Brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this that the trying of your faith worketh patience." He here makes "temptation" to mean the trial of your faith, and when resisted proves a blessing, in disguise, and if he endureth temptation he shall receive the crown of life.

A man is not to throw himself into temptations in a presumptuous way, thinking he can stand, boasting in his strength.

A man should keep as far away from temptations as possible, as this petition teaches, but when they come to him, in his walks of faith and duty, then he can pray for deliverance and expect to get it.

Jesus was our example in this. He had just come from the wilderness and the awful trials by the devil for forty days in which He had nothing to eat or drink. He was led by the Spirit into the wilderness and was tempted in all points as we are, yet without sin. He knew what it was to endure and to be "Delivered from the Evil One."

This last petition of the prayer explains the former one. The prayer is, that we be delivered from Satan's power.

Jesus Christ believed in a personal devil, Mrs. Eddy and many of the modern preachers to the contrary notwithstanding.

He attributed sin and sickness to the devil. He said of the woman who had been sick, lo, these eighteen years, that she had been bound by Satan:---a good woman too.

When He healed the dumb and blind man, He simply cast out the evil spirit and then the dumb spake and the blind received his sight.

May God Deliver all His People from the Evil One.

## Obeying God in Baptism

The following-named believers were baptized by Triune Immersion in Roosboom, Natal, South Africa, in April, 1909, by Deacon Simon P. Bhengu:

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| Nellie Mkize . . . . | Ladysmith, Natal, South Africa |
| Jeremiah Ngobo . . . | Ladysmith, Natal, South Africa |
| Samuel Mene. . . . | Roosboom, Natal, South Africa |

The following-named believer was baptized by Triune Immersion in Zion City, Ill., Aug. 18, '09, by Elder Reder.

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| Gladys Gertrude Reprogle . . | 1109 Colfax Ave., South Bend, Ind. |

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.

# The Ripened Harvest and the Work of Zion Seventies

An Address Delivered at the Early Morning Meeting, May 23, 1909, in Shiloh Tabernacle

*By General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva*

In the former part of this address, the sixth, eighth and ninth chapters of Matthew, the Savior's instructions about almsgiving, prayer and fasting and faith being under consideration, the Overseer discoursed upon "Formalism," "Loving the Praise of Men," "The Contrast between Real and False Christianity," "The Model Prayer," "The Heroes of Faith," "Christ willing to Heal, and Certain Faith for Healing," "What Jesus Did, and Why?" "Faith Rewarded," "The Ready Harvest," "Hindering Excuse Makers," "Work to be Done," "The King's Business Urgent," and now continuing the thought,—

**"The Laborer Worthy of His Hire,"**

The General Overseer, speaking of Zion Seventies' effective work in Australia, said:

If you people had kept headquarters right, I would have had the biggest thing on the Continent. I started down there in Lanark Street, Richmond, with a handful of people, and God just showered the blessings upon us—it was wonderful. We could have built a city of our own in Australia. When things went wrong at headquarters, it made it very hard. When the heart is not kept right, it is a bad thing for the body. Zion City is, in a sense, the heart of the Zion Movement throughout the world.

But the Gospel of the Kingdom of God will win its way even in a place like Melbourne. If there is a harder place on earth, I do not know it. I do not think even Paris could be more difficult as a field than Melbourne. We had everything coming our way until the reports began to come back from headquarters. That was bad for us. If you think it was an easy matter to support a work by sending all your people away, try it and see.

**The Gospel Way Will Win.**

The Gospel that won you will win others. Get people saved and baptized, and have the work grow. What we do in Zion City will have a great influence on the outside.

God will save Zion City when we are faithful; but it won't come to pass just yet. There are some people that we call Zion people still who will have to go through a good deal before they will ever be fit for inhabitants of Zion City. A man or a woman who will countenance to the extent of one cent or minute of their presence in any other meeting or any other thing in Zion City, except Zion, is not fit to be an inhabitant of Zion City. Zion City will not be saved until we prove ourselves fit subjects for a Zion City. If you want a city of the world, go ahead, and do certain things and you can have it. The only reason there are other meetings in Zion City is there were hypocrites to start them. I want to tell you that there is a concerted effort in which a number of people are engaged, not only in this City, but in Chicago, to damn this City and to make hell out of it. It will come to pass only through unfaithfulness of the people. If we are faithful to God in every particular, we can put them to rout. My prayer daily is, "O God, paralyze every arm that is stretched out for the destruction of Zion City." (Amens) I

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tell you the day will come when God Almighty will smite them. It is either that, or God did not establish Zion.

What a lovely thing it would be to have Zion City as it was originally planned, and then to get thousands of good people to come in here and make it a great success. On the other hand, if it is thrown open, and they bring in everything that is worldly, what a terrible thing it would be. I believe that God will not permit it if we are faithful. If He does permit it, then we shall have to go along and do the best we can.

**Result of Refusing Zion's Message.**

Now, it is an excellent thing for Zion Seventies to be able to say, "The Kingdom of God is come nigh unto you." You cannot talk any too much about the Kingdom of God. Very little is said about it.

But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable in that day for Sodom, than for that City.

Then He upbraids Chorazin and Bethsaida and tells them that if the works had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented in sackcloth and ashes.

But it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment, than for you.

What does that mean to you? Do you understand it? It is perfectly plain to me. It simply means that the inhabitants of Tyre and Sidon will stand a better chance in the day of judgment than the inhabitants of Chorazin and Bethsaida.

What did "day of judgment" mean? Trial. That is one of the specific meanings of the Word of God when it speaks of judgment---you are placed on trial. Did not Jesus the Christ preach to the spirits in prison? What spirits were they?

Voices: "Disobedient spirits."

Did not Jesus Christ lead captivity captive?

Voices: "Yes."

What does that mean? It simply means that He went down where those spirits were in the captivity of the devil, and He led them out of there. That is what it means. Jesus went down to preach to those disobedient ones who lived in the days of Noah. That was a pretty tough congregation to tackle, was it not?

**All Shall Bow and Confess to Christ.**

My brothers and sisters, this is a matter about which I have said nothing since I have been in Zion City. You will notice in Elder Viking's article, which of course, I edited and O. K'd, we have set forth, among other things, Zion's position that Christ tasted death for---how many?

Voices: "Every man."

Zion advocates that the time will come when "every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess, of things," where?

Voices: "In heaven."

And where?

Voices: "On earth."

And where?

Voices: "Under the earth."

That is about as broad as you can make it. That is the plain teaching of the Word of God.

Zion does not believe that the devil is going to have the victory over God: God is going to have the victory.

One person said to me, "What are you going to do with this--Rev. 20: 14:

And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

The reply was, "That does not bother me any; that is the easiest thing in the world. The time shall come when death and hell shall be destroyed. That is the plain word of God, and that will triumph throughout the universe."

That tract of Elder Viking's is Gospel from beginning to end, and we shall circulate it in hundreds of thousands of copies. It is a magnificent epitome of Zion's doctrine.

**The Seventies Are Christ's Messengers.**

Then Christ spoke of Capernaum (Luke 10:16). He is speaking to the Seventies.

"He that heareth you heareth"---whom?

Voices, "Me."

That is Christ.

"And he that despiseth you despiseth"---whom?

Voices: "Me."

"And he that despiseth Me despiseth"---whom?

Voices: "Him that sent Me."

There was a time when John Alexander Dowie's order would be obeyed by every officer and member throughout the world; that is right. That is the only way we can ever be a force and a power in this world. The time is coming, and that very rapidly, when these disobedient people will have to go. If I find one employe of the Zion Stores or one on our staff who does not respect the directions given, he or she will have to go. We must have obedience from the highest to the lowest all the way through.

**Paradise and Imprisoned Spirits.**

All efforts made to explain away that verse about Christ preaching to the spirits in prison are absolutely silly. I believe Christ went to Paradise. There is no question in my mind that Heaven and Paradise are not the same place. I believe Christ went to Paradise and that annex of hell, and led those spirits out of that annex to Paradise. Jesus said to the thief on the cross, who said "Remember me when Thou comest into Thy Kingdom," "This day shalt thou be with Me in Paradise." Jesus meant just what He said. When the thief repented, Christ accepted his repentance and his spirit went to Paradise, and Christ met him there. That is the plain theaching of the Word of God; and we are to face the Bible, and not try to explain it away, either. Christ did not say, "This day thou shalt be with Me in heaven," but "in Paradise."

What is the meaning of that expression, "Led captivity captive"? It means those who were in captivity He set free.

**The Authority and privileges of God's Messengers.**

Last night, after family worship, I started in and read the book of Genesis. What a wonderful book it is! Then I went through Leviticus and came across the command about not eating the hog. How thankful we ought to be that we have been delivered from the hog. What wonderful things there are in the book of Numbers. Then the book of Deuteronomy: I stopped at the twenty-eighth chapter and read to the thirtieth. How I love to read, "There shall not be any man able to stand before thee all the days of thy life." God did not say it to Joshua only, but to any man who claims that promise. Some people talk as though God were dead. Did not Christ say to the Seventies, "If they reject you they reject Me"? He did not simply say that to the Apostles and the Seventies, but every consecrated Zion Seventy, when he goes out to work for God, can go out with that assurance "I am a messenger for God. I bring you Glad Tidings. This being true, if you reject me, you reject Christ" That is the basis the Seventies were on in Christ's time. That is one of the reasons they had such great success aud returned with such joy in their hearts.

When you go into the Psalms, how wonderful they are. Take the one hundred and fifth Psalm, for instance, where God says, "Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm." He is speaking there to Israel, God's chosen people.

Then in Isaiah, fifty-fourth chapter, you find these words:

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He sendeth His word and healeth them.

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# General Overseer's Notes

HEADQUARTERS OFFICES OF THE
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Aug. 27, 1909.

## WHAT HATH GOD WROUGHT!

A little more than two years ago, a large company of people, who truly believed God had sent me to be Zion's leader, were, by the strange permission of Providence, thrown out of Shiloh Tabernacle, out of the Administration Building, and denied the use of a foot of ground within the City's limits.

In order to have a place to worship God, a Tent was rented and pitched outside the City. Wonderful, indeed, were the meetings held in the Tent from the very beginning; and after meeting outside of the City for three months, a forward move was made, and the Tent was pitched nearer the center of the City. This movement was strongly opposed by all the hosts of the devil that could be mustered, but Zion won, and for thirteen months, altogether, the Zion people worshipped in a Tent, sitting through long services upon boards rented from the lumber yard, enduring many hardships, often drenched by the rain and severely tried by the cold.

A more faithful body of people never lived, and in God's own time the reward came; and on July 4th, 1908, it was the privilege of myself to lead this faithful body of people back to Shiloh Tabernacle, out of which they had been so cruelly driven, but this time not as renters, but as owners.

The purchase price for Shiloh Tabernacle, together with all the furnishings therein, was $12,500. Every payment has been met ahead of time, and today there remain but two payments to be met: one due January 1st, 1910, and the other, July 1st, 1910. An offer of $40,000 today for the property would be very quickly and absolutely refused, for it is worth more money than that to Zion as an organization.

As a further attempt to crush Zion out of existence, the publication of the Leaves of Healing was arbitrarily suspended. The money, which had been sent in by hundreds of subscribers, was withheld. This move on the part of the enemy led to the establishment of Zion Printing and Publishing House which, today, represents actual expenditures made and payments contracted to be met, $7,000.

Turned out of the offices without a stool chair, or even a penholder, a few old kitchen tables were borrowed, and offices were opened in a dwellinghouse; but, today, our offices are fairly well equipped with desks, typewriters, and other office paraphernalia—and all these things are paid for.

After a long period of waiting, it was decided that Leaves of Healing was no part of the Zion Estate, and the publication was resumed without a single dollar in hand. Today, the Leaves of Healing has a substantial subscription list with an ever-increasing circulation, and is, in every respect, on a solid basis.

Zion Herald, likewise, has a good subscription list, and is being used of God in many different parts of the world.

Zion Free Literature Department has been organized; and, as readers will see from the various reports appearing from week to week in the Leaves of Healing and Zion Herald, a large quantity of literature is being sent out to all parts of the world.

The Zion Seventies are now well organized, and workers go each Lord's Day into both Chicago and Milwaukee.

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The devil, not being satisfied with having thrown Zion out of the Tabernacle and out of all her offices, and having, for a time, destroyed her paper, inspired another persecution for the purpose of throwing out of the Zion City General Stores persons whose only offense was that they were standing loyally by the Zion truths, principles, ideas, and ideals. Zion then opened a little store at Winthrop Harbor, and then, later, erected a building outside of the City, south of 33d Street on Sheridan Road. Later, although bitterly opposed in every possible way, the building was moved into the City and Zion Stores firmly established.

The report, after ten and one half months' business, showed $168,000 worth of merchandise sold, and a net profit of $7,000 which amount has all been paid to the investors, the employes, the customers, and for the extension of the Kingdom of God, except $ 7.54 which belongs to some one who has not yet called for it.

The second report for the six months, ending July 31st, 1909, has just been handed to me by the General Manager. From the report, I take the following figures:

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| Merchandise sold . . . . . | $116,227.61 |
| Total amount paid to Zion people in wages | 18,228.48 |
| Freight paid . . . . . | 3,702.63 |
| Net Profit for Six months . . . | 5,217.28 |
| Amount deposited in the Savings Department of Zion Bank . . . | 17,464.52 |
| Amount in the Checking Department . | 8,668.11 |
| Total amount of Cash on hand . . | 29,284.75 |

Well may the people exclaim, "WHAT HATH GOD WROUGHT!"

In my leadership, I have constantly kept before the people the Word of God, and I have pointed out to them the many beautiful promises; and, thanks be unto God, they have responded to the teaching, and now believe more firmly than ever that God's Word is true, and that His promises will always be fulfilled when the people meet the conditions and "dwell in the secret place of the Most High."

The above is only a part of what God has wrought. Zion people have been greatly quickened spiritually. God has heard and answered prayer for the Salvation, Healing, and Cleansing of many. He has truly opened the windows of heaven, and poured out many rich blessings.

Central Zion Tabernacle building, Michigan Avenue and 16th Street, Chicago, the center of the most wonderful years of John Alexander Dowie's ministry, has been leased and is now being thoroughly renovated and equipped to be opened as Zion's headquarters building in Chicago, God willing, on Lord's Day, September 12th.

Two workers have been sent to the State of Wisconsin; two to the State of Iowa; and two to the Pacific Coast.

Let all Zion earnestly pray that God, by the Holy Spirit, may call and equip two workers for South Africa; two workers for the United Kingdom; two workers for Canada; two for the Continent of Europe; two for Australia; two for New Zealand. May God grant that all these workers may be sent out at the next Convocation in July, 1910.

Zion messages are being distributed in different parts of the world by the scores of thousands, an order having just been placed with the Zion Printing and Publishing House for 75,000 to be used by Seventies in the work in Chicago and Milwaukee.

Zion everywhere, the most important question that confronts mankind is not how to make a living, but, Am I seeking first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness? Start for the "Secret place of the Most High." Show by your lives that indeed and in truth you believe the Word of God and are not afraid to put your trust absolutely in Him.

Pray for me and all those associated with me in this great work. I am your servant: you are not my servants.

Work while it is day.

Pray without ceasing.

Be faithful even unto death.

WATCH YE THEREFORE, AND PRAY ALWAYS.

# Te Ripened Harvest and the Work of Zion Seventies.

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"No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. *This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord.*" It is not limited to Joshua or Moses or David: it is your privilege in a great measure.

Feed upon the Word of God. I wish I had the time to read it for six hours a day.

**Seventy Work Full of Joy and Blessing.**

And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through Thy name.

And He said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

That was a wonderful vision. Why cannot we have Seventies who will so consecrate themselves to God that, as they march out against the powers of darkness, it will mean the overthrow of the devil and his kingdom?

Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions—

That does not mean literal serpents and scorpions: it is figurative language.

Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

May God bless the reading of His Word.

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# ZION SEVENTIES

**Deacon J. W. Friend**

**General Recorder**

"Into whatsoever house ye enter, first say PEACE BE TO THIS HOUSE."—Luke 10:5.

How beautiful the salutation, "PEACE BE TO THIS House!". It is so full of Divine love and compassion. Jesus said, My peace I leave with you," and "freely ye have received, freely give."

We should have the peace of God dwelling within our spirits, and we should have such an abundance of peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, that our cup of joy will overflow, and spread the glad tidings of "peace on earth,and good-will toward men," wherever we may go.

What a glorious mission the Zion Seventies have in going from house to house and from city to city, preparing the way for the return of Jesus the Christ. We are, indeed, ambassadors of the King, and He will reign until He hath put all enemies under His feet. He will then be crowned King of kings and Lord of lords.

It is indeed a glorious privilege to live in this day and age of the world, and to have a part in this great work of turning the hearts of the people unto God.

ZION SEVENTIES! "What a favored lot is thine!"

Let us arise, and grasp the golden opportunities of winning precious souls to the Master's use! Do not say, "It is yet four months, and then cometh the harvest;" but lift up your eyes and look upon the fields: behold, they are white already unto the harvest.

Pray earnestly that God will send laborers to do His harvesting. Get into line, fill out the application blank for membership in Zion Seventies and send it to this Office, and be enrolled as a Seventy, and help us to extend the Kingdom of God and to bring many to the Christ.

We are glad to submit the following reports. God alone can tell the actual results:

IN CHICAGO

On Lord's Day, August 22nd, Zion Seventy Division No. 3, Deacon Theodore R. Becker in charge, went into Chicago, made 2743 calls, distributed 3189 messages, sold 150 copies of "Leaves of Healing," and 90 copies of "The Zion Herald."

Next Lord's Day, August 29th, Division No. 4, Deacon Marshall Moulton in charge, will go into Chicago, leaving Salem Boulevard Station of the Chicago & Milwaukee Electric Railway at 7-30 a. m.; and returning, will leave Wabash and Adams streets, Chicago, at 6:00 p. m., arriving in Zion City at 8:15 p.m.

Let all Seventies in this Division report for duty at the Electric Depot, Lord's Day at 7:15 a. m.

IN MILWAUKEE

Twenty-five workers went to Milwaukee last Lord's Day, under the direction of Deacon Robbins. They distributed 1203 messages, made 1150 calls, sold 29 copies of "Leaves of Healing" and 24 copies of "The Zion Herald."

After completing their work they assembled in Lincoln Hall at 3:00 p. m., when Elder Reder conducted a service. After this meeting they held a street meeting, which was quite well attended, and several good testimonies were given.

Next Lord's Day, August 29th, there will be another Company of Seventies go to Milwaukee, and the usual services will be conducted in Lincoln Hall.

IN KENOSHA

Last Saturday evening Deacon G. B. Hammond went to Kenosha with a Company of Zion Choir Seventies, where they distributed several hundred messages in the saloons and other places. They did some excellent singing, and held a street meeting, presenting the "full Gospel" and a strong argument against liquor,tobacco,opium,etc. They returned with great joy.

There will be another Company go to Kenosha on next Saturday evening, leaving Salem Boulevard Station at 6:40 p. m.

IN DES MOINES, IOWA.

Brothers Banks and Anderson, Seventies in Des Moines, Iowa, are filled with joy in their work. During the past week they made 1313 calls and delivered messages; sold 101 Leaves of Healing, 83 Zion Heralds, and 6 Voice from Zion.

IN MADISON, WISCONSIN.

Deacon and Deaconess Marshall, in Madison, report some progress, but they are meeting with some opposition. Pray for them that Zion's truths may take deep root.

IN PORTLAND, OREGON.

Deacon Frank Robinson and wife have just gotten to their field, but they report 18 Leaves of Healing and 5 Zion Heralds sold in a short time one afternoon. They had several interesting interviews and were invited to return. Pray for them.

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# Free Literature Distribution for Week Ending August 21, 1909

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| Rolls to United States | 77 |
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| Rolls to Canada | 72 |
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| Total number for week | 400 |
| Total No. Rolls since Aug. 1, 1909, | 1200 |

Messages given away and distributed by Zion Seventies for week ending Aug. 21, 1909, 6075.

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# SPECIAL ATTENTION

Zion Seventies, throughout the world, please send in your names and addresses to Deacon J. W. Friend, General Recorder, so an up-to-date enrollment may be perfected. By having full data, the General Recorder will know with whom to correspond in regard to distributing Zion Literature.

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# Witnesses for God and Zion at the Convocation Meetings, Lord's Day Morning July 11, 1909



Blessings and Healings Through Faith in God

A SISTER FROM WISCONSIN: I thank God for the privilege of being here this morning, and for Leaves of Healing and Zion Herald which have been the only spiritual food we have had, apart from the Bible. We have no Zion in our town. I do attend the churches once in a while, but what is the use of going there? they preach only half a Gospel. So I have always been glad of the Zion Herald and Leaves of Healing.

A SISTER, MONDOVI, WISCONSIN: I praise God that I am here this morning, and I praise Him for His keeping power through another year so that we can again come together. Now I have come to get more of the Spirit of Christ to take back with me so that I can work. I want to get all the love I can in me for fallen humanity. I praise Him so much that He has permitted me to come here.

A SISTER FROM WISCONSIN: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

This has been most dear to me. I am determined to go on and do better than I have ever done before. I thank God for Zion. I would not know where to go if there were no Zion. Pray for me.

A BROTHER FROM WISCONSIN: I thank God for Salvation and for Zion. It is a little more than ten years since I came to Zion, then an unsaved man. I found Salvation for spirit, soul, and body. I have had no desire to leave Zion since I became connected with this Church. I thank God for the many blessings received. I have been healed many times since I came to Zion, and have been attacked by the enemy many times, but I thank God He has delivered me. God always blessed and answered prayer.

## Blessed by the Convocation Meetings.

Cleveland, Ohio, August 5, 1909.

*Peace be unto thee!*

BELOVED OVERSEER VOLIVA:

I want to write you a few lines telling you how very much we all enjoyed this last Convocation.

It was the most blessed time I ever experienced. I was never in such meetings before in all my lifetime where the Spirit of God was in such power to save, to cleanse, and to heal. I do thank and praise God for Zion every day. I pray God to train and fit some one for Cleveland. We certainly brought back a fine report about the grand and glorious meetings at the Tabernacle. Mrs. Gracie was very much blessed in spirit, soul and body.

We pray for you, and all your faithful officers. May God bless you and help you and keep you strong and courageous, is my wish and prayer. May God bless all the workers you are sending out.

Kindly remember the three of us in your prayers every day.

I want to live in Zion City some day. Pray God to direct and show me just what to do in all things.

May God bless Zion everywhere is my prayer, and make us all faithful unto death.

Your sister in the Christ,

MRS. LUCIE W. MELIN.


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## Rejoicing in Zion's Message and Hope.

Lavoy, Alta., Can., Aug. 1, 1909.

THEODORE FORBY,
Associate Editor,
*Peace to thee be multiplied!*

We are very much interested in Zion affairs. Leaves of Healing and Zion Herald are the best reading outside of the Bible, we have read.

Are leases still maintained in Zion City?

I see that at the special collection on July 18th over $2100 in cash and pledges were received for the next payment of the Tabernacle. Surely God has the people and the people have the money. We long to hear of Zion City being saved and Zion's enemies put to flight.

We enclose Express Order for $10.00 for next payment on Shiloh Tabernacle. It looks as though, by the grace of God, the Tabernacle would soon be paid for and Zion's enemies disappointed.

I have read with great interest the Chinese number of Leaves of Healing. Those Elders and their helpers, if they continue in the faith and God's will, will have a rich reward when their work on earth is over. Humanity must have sunk very low in many parts of the world. We pray for the saving of Zion City and Zion everywhere. May God bless every instrumentality employed in the extension of His Kingdom and hasten the glory of the Latter Day. May iniquity hide itself with shame, and righteousness run down like a mighty river and hasten the time when Christ Himself shall come to reign, is our earnest prayer.

Your brother and sister in the Christ,
R. R. McNUTT
A. A. McNUTT

## IMMEDIATE ANSWER TO PRAYER.

### Excerpts from Letter of H. A. Lehmann, Zion City, Aug. 1, 1909.

God has blessed me wonderfully since I came to Zion. Many have received their healing through the prayer of faith, not only in Australia, but in Zion City.

Only a short time ago, a young lady, while curling her hair let the hot curling pin slip through her eye. The skin of her ball and the star of her eye stuck to the curling-pin. This young lady would have been blind if it had not been for the love of God. They consulted with an ex-officer, but no answer came. The whole house was upset. The eye was burnt, and the pain was awful. No answer came. Then her mother came to my wife. She said, "My daughter's eye is burnt. Would your husband come and pray for her?" It was very late that night—after 9 p. m.—when I got home. The mother came again as soon as I got home, and asked me to pray for her daughter. I went and prayed. God healed the eye instantly The young lady cried, "O Mamma, I am healed. Yes,the pain is going." She was not ashamed of it. She showed the pin to everybody to see for themselves, and they saw the skin sticking to the pin. That was July 3rd, and July 5th the young lady went to the picnic. The eye was a little weak, but it was healed.

"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy."—Ps. 107: 2.


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# The Gospel of the Kingdom

## Some Noted Seventies

*By Elder O. L. Tindall*

Zion owes much to her Seventies in the past. This organization was the most useful of any branch of Zion, I venture to say. It did more for the cause than did the Elders in the Church. It not only blessed others, but it especially was a blessing to the Seventies themselves.

A man will die spiritually if he does not work. His light will go out if confined under a vessel. His arm will become paralyzed if he does not use it.

I wish to call your attention to a few beautiful examples of men and women who may be called Seventies. I begin with

**Daniel.**

He can be said to be a Seventy. He began his work in that way. He was no preacher, priest, or prophet when we first find him; he was only a young man, a captive from Jerusalem, in the heathen court of Babylon. That was a hard place to live true religion. Most men, and young men especially, would have become discouraged at once and said, "It is no use trying to live religion here in this wicked, God-forsaken place. What can a mere boy do under such circumstances! It's no use. I will do now in Rome as the Romans do." No; Daniel was a Zion man. Zion was in him. You know this because he said he would not eat swine's flesh nor drink wine.

Daniel began his work in a small way at the very beginning: at his first meal. His first victory was won in his own heart all by himself. "He purposed in his heart" before God alone "that he would not defile himself with the king's meat nor his wine." The devil came to him and said, "Oh you are rash, making such a vow; wait and see. It may cost you your life to take such a radical stand." But Daniel settled that first, and then waited results. He didn't know how it would come out. Watch the results.

When he announced it to his keeper or prince who was over him, why, the prince said that he must eat and drink what the king ordered or he would lose his head. The king was absolute. Daniel was clever and had tact, and God helped him. Daniel won the heart of his overseer and came into favor with him. He said to the prince, "Just try me ten days on pulse, and see what are the results." A religion that won't stand the test of actual experiment is no good. The prince consented; and at the end of ten days, it was proven that a man will be "fairer and fatter" without pork and wine than with them. Daniel had a better body and a clearer brain, and stood ten times better than any of those who ate the flesh and drank the wine.

This was the beginning of Daniel's success. It was only what any young man can do. Settle in your own mind and heart that you will be true to your early teaching of the truth of God and Zion wherever you are and whatever may be the consequences, and then the outcome will be sure—God will take care of that.

God put Daniel at the head of that great Kingdom of Babylon in spite of all the treachery and devices of wicked men. God's name was glorified throughout all the earth through one young man who dared to stand alone with God and let his light shine in the darkest place.

**Jonah**

Jonah was another sort of Seventy—a poor kind of one. He had to be whipped into line, but he was a preacher, or prophet. They are often the worst men we have. God sent Jonah with a

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very simple message to deliver to a very wicked city. Perhaps Jonah thought it beneath his dignity to go on such an errand. He had no missionary spirit. He was narrow and bigoted. What did he care for those heathen up there in Ninevah? He liked a good job down there in Jerusalem. He would not go. He started for Tarshish. but he had to come back, finding that a hard road to travel. He made a poor workman, having to be driven by sad misfortunes into duty. Poor blessings did he get for himself. "God loves a cheerful giver."

But God blessed the message, even if it was given by a reluctant messenger. The message is what will do the work; God blesses that even when given by a faltering hand or a fearful heart. All Ninevah, from the king to the peasant, listened to the strange cry of the strange man in their streets. They took heed and repented—a whole city saved by one warning message sent by God.

Let me introduce you to another Seventy much more beautiful than the last. It was the little

**Maid of the Syrian Captain.**

God uses women as well as men. No more beautiful story could be imagined by poet or novelist than this one of the Maid of Naaman and his wife. She was a real and veritable Seventy, though not sent out by any authority--a Seventy because it was in her; it was spontaneous. She lived it first. She won the Captain's confidence by her good work in the house as a servant—the best girl he ever had in his kitchen. What a treat! What a rare thing! Zion should have the best servants.

Naaman was of another nation, of another religion, a man of war, a mighty man with his master; and she was only a servant of his wife. But she was a child of the King, of Royal heritage, and she feared not her master, but loved him. How simple is the story! He was a leper and must soon die. He knew not the Lord. The physicians could give him no hope. His wealth could not save him; his aristocratic friends could avail him nothing.

The maid watched him as he came and went. She was sorry for him, and no doubt she hesitated to speak to him of what was in her heart. She said—and the devil helped her to say it—"It is of no use for me to speak to him about the Lord healing him; he would not listen to one like me." But the burden grew too heavy for her, and she prayed, and the Lord helped her. One day she said to her mistress, Naaman's wife, "Would God my lord were with the Prophet that is in Samaria, for He would recover him of his leprosy."

The word soon came to her lord, and he was on his way to the prophet with all his retinue and fine gifts, little knowing what awaited him. But the maid had done her duty; it was so simple on her part, and yet, what a story! and what results! Not only was a great man saved, but what was far better, the name of God was exalted among the heathen, and His fame spread throughout all the earth. Divine Healing was vindicated, and her testimony stands on record for all the ages, and comes fresh to us in these last days. What a work! and what endless results!

More than nine hundred years pass by and we come again to this same land of Samaria.

**The Woman of Samaria.**

We find another Seventy scene, the most beautiful and wonderful of all. Nothing can be found to surpass it in simplicity and grandeur. It happened at the noon-tide hour as the Master sat resting at the well which Jacob had built for them. A strange woman came to draw water from the well. What a touching story! What truths are uttered there to this woman, about the "Water of Life, whereof, if a man drink, he shall never thirst, but it shall be in him a well of water, springing up into everlasting life."

Mark how Jesus leads her on through her curiosity and desire for personal advantage to the most wonderful truths, from the water found in the well up to the water that flows out from the Throne of God. Why, Jesus is only doing Seventy work Himself—saving one poor woman; rescuing a wayward daughter while He waited for dinner. But was that all? Was it only one poor woman that he was reaching? Verily, no; it was the salvation of the whole city. A word fitly spoken—was that the end of it? By no means.

This woman of Samaria hastens to tell all her old companions in sin. She stirs all the city with her strange story. She tells it with a zeal that convinces all who hear. It comes fresh from a loving heart that has been touched with Divine love and fire. It soon kindles others, and they all come out to see the Messiah of whom she told them; and when they had seen Him, they believed on Him and begged Him to tarry with them.

Will any Seventy lose heart in the face of these simple stories with their wonderful results, all from a simple testimony, a witness for God? Will any one say they cannot tell the old, old story which has done so much for them? "Ye are my witnesses" applies to all of God's children. Are you alone in some city or village? So were these men and women; but that mattered not. Has God blessed you? Then go home and tell them what great things the Lord hath done for you.

With the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony.

## Obeying God in Baptism.

The following named believers were baptized by Triune Immersion in Zion City, Illinois, in August 1909, by Elder Silas Moot:

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| Mrs. Emma Renjansky . . . . | Milwaukee, Wisconsin |
| Julia Ruetta Griswold . . . | R. R. No. 8, Zion City, Ill. |

The following named believer was baptized by Triune Immersion in Zion City, Illinois, August 19, 1909, by Elder E. W. Reder:

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| Edwin D. Lyon . . . | 331, W. Kansas Ave., Trinidad Colo. |

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# A Study of the Ages—Comparisons and Lessons

## THE PRESENT AGE NEAR ITS CLOSE

An Address Delivered at the Early Morning Meeting, Lord's Day, August 8, 1909, in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City

*By General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva*

[REPORTED BY MISS B. MAC LACHLAN]

After singing the Hymns, "Sweet Bye-and-Bye;" "Over There," and "To be There," and Prayer by Elder Carey, the General Overseer said: We shall read for our lesson this morning the twenty-first chapter of Revelation.

**God's Revealed Will.**

How very good God has been in the revelations to and concerning the children of men! The author of the Book of Hebrews, says:

God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

Hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds;

Who is the express image of His person, and the effulgence of His glory.

**Ages of Development—Humanity on Trial.**

We have had the antediluvian age, which closed with the greatest, at least in some respects, of all the world's catastrophes, when God permitted the windows of Heaven to be opened and the mighty deep to open her mouth, and the whole earth to be overflowed with water and all except eight souls to perish.

The Jewish age which closed in 70 A. D., also closed with one of the world's greatest calamities: the destruction of the city of Jerusalem by the Roman army under Titus.

The most elaborate description of this latter event we find in the works of Josephus, who gives a minute description of the approach of the army, of how they broke through the first wall, the second wall, and the third wall; of how they offered to spare the people if they would surrender the city; how they refused; how famine came until mothers ate the flesh of their own children; how more than a million perished and the streets ran red with the blood of the slaughtered victims; and how those who escaped to the little town of Pella were saved.

And now we are in the Gospel age, which began nineteen hundred and nine years ago (perhaps nineteen hundred and thirteen years ago). It has already continued farther than any other age in the world's history.

The Jewish age, if I remember correctly, lasted for eighteen hundred and forty-six years. It was John the Baptist, who, by the simple word, "REPENT," sounded the death knell of the Jewish age and proclaimed the birth of the Gospel age. The two ages overlapped for a period of seventy years—while the one was dying, the other was being born.

Who knows the significance of all that is transpiring at the present time? You know it is said in the Word of God, in regard to the wonderful things that transpired in the days of the apostles, that many who had lived in the past had longed to see those days, to hear and see the things which they were seeing and hearing; and I think the same can be said of the present time: that saints of old, and those who lived in the days of Christ when He was here in the flesh, and in the time of the apostles, longed, with an inexpressible longing, to see and hear the things which we are now seeing and hearing.

**Portending Events.**

As we approach the close of the Divine record, we are told about the age that shall follow the Gospel age—an age that shall be just one thousand years long and shall be known as the Millennium. We are told that the day of grace and mercy shall come to a close, and a time of tribulation, such as the world never before saw, shall be ushered in; and that, unless God shall shorten the time of that tribulation, no flesh shall be saved. We are told that Jesus the Christ will return in the very same manner as He went away; that the trumpet shall sound; and that Christ shall come in the clouds of Heaven with ten thousand of His saints, and that the righteous dead shall be resurrected, and that the righteous living shall be transformed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, and all together shall be caught up with the Lord.

Then we are told, that, after this, a multitude which no man can number shall come out of the tribulation, and that they shall be arrayed in white robes, and that they shall have in their hands palm branches, and that they will sing a wonderful song; and when the question is asked, "Who are these?" the answer is given: "These are they who have come up out of the great tribulation." In other words, they will be the foolish virgins who will be left behind when the Lord Jesus Christ comes; and I fear, that, notwithstanding the wonderful outpouring of God's Spirit during the more than two weeks that we have tarried here, notwithstanding the wonderful results that are still taking place: the confession of wrongs, the making right of wrongs, the reconciliations, there are still some who have not the oil in their vessels (which is the Holy Spirit in complete possession of their spirits, their souls, and their bodies); who have not their lamps trimmed and burning (which is the Word of God); who are not giving heed to the sure word of prophecy; and unless something can be done to impress upon the mind of each one the necessity of a complete and absolute surrender and consecration, the Lord will come and find many sleeping, with no oil in their vessels, and with their lamps not trimmed and burning.

**The Two Resurrections.**

The Word says, in speaking of the Millennium, that a certain portion shall be resurrected, which shall be called "the first resurrection;" and then there is a blessing ascribed to those, saying:

Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power.

All such will have been clothed upon with their house from Heaven, a tabernacle, not of clay, not made with hands, but that house which is eternal in the Heaven, and they will never again know what sin is, what sickness is, what pain or suffering is: for to them all such things will have passed away.

But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished.

And on all those the second death hath power.

**Paul Urges to Press Toward The High Calling.**

This same thought is expressed in another way in Philippians the third chapter:

This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

I press toward the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

That "high calling" is *to become like Jesus the Christ*, is to come up in the first resurrection, is to have a part in sitting with Jesus the Christ upon His throne to reign:

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He sendeth His word PATIENCE and healeth them.

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# Editorial Notes

*By Elder O. L. Tindall*

One evidence that a man is a Christian and right with God is that he is not afraid of anything. The only fear that he has is the "fear of God;" that is he fears to offend God.

If a man is afraid of anything on earth, something is wrong with him.

He has lost his faith, for they do not go together. Jesus taught this truth, when on the Sea of Galilee and the storm came up, and the disciples were sore afraid and cried unto Him that they were about to perish, He rebuked them and said, "Why are ye so fearful? How is it that ye have no faith?"

It is a sign that a man has lost his faith, or that he never had any, or that it is very imperfect and fitful; good at times, and sadly lacking at other times and under new circumstances.

If a man has a full trust in God, he can never be afraid (as the Psalmist said) of what man can do unto him. The Psalmist said this when his enemies were seeking to devour him, and were pursuing his life.

There is no place for fear in a Christian's life.

Christ said that we were not to fear those who can kill the body but can harm us no further.

We are not to fear man. How many fear the reproach of men! They are afraid of what their neighbors will say about them, or even think of them.

Some men are afraid to confess Christ before men, or to praise God, afraid to speak of Him Who has saved and blessed them and kept them—"Ashamed of Me before men."

"Some of the chief rulers believed on Him, but confessed Him not because of the Pharisees," it is said, "lest they should be put out of the synagogue."

"Fear not, little flock, for I am with you," were the words of the Good Shepherd. What, lambs and sheep not to be afraid of the cruel wolves that could so easily devour them! No, not when they have a Loving, Faithful and Mighty Shepherd to guard them. Why should they fear?

David said he went out and fought the lion and the bear, and slew them when they came out against his father's flock.

David was a brave man; he had courage—which is but another word for faith. It was God-given, and it was what enabled him to go out against the boasting, defiant old Goliath, who came out and defied the army of the God of Israel, before whom Saul and all his brave(?) warriors and army stood trembling.

In the Name of his God, he hastened to the unequal conflict and with a stone, taken from the running brook, he slew the giant and cut off his head with his own sword.

Yet David was the kind of man who could write that beautiful, touching and tender Shepherd Psalm, so dear to us all.

Well might he say, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not

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want; yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil."

It is the hireling—said Jesus—that fleeth when the wolf cometh.

Yes, the hireling is a coward and cares not for the sheep, and the sheep are scattered.

How true that is today! Where are the sheep, and why are they scattered on the mountains wild and in the deserts drear?

It is because the shepherds have not been brave enough to defend them, and to protect them from the great enemy of souls, who goes about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. So said Jesus of the hireling.

Why is the flock so scattered? Why has Christian Science (so-called) led away so many? Why has the saloon drawn away so many into its awful jaws to devour them? Why do the theatre and the dance-hall allure so many—even from the fold of God's professed children?

Why this awful destruction that is making havoc everywhere? The sheep are being eaten up by these ravenous wolves in human form.

Think of the worldliness and greed and fanaticism and false teaching and false prophets that are filling our land!

It is time for God's children to awake and put on their beautiful garments and be clad with the full armor of righteousness and faith, and have their swords in their hands and be ready for the conflict.

Gideon said to his army, "Let all the cowards go back; let those who are afraid return to their tents." They are no good in a fight: they hinder rather than help the cause.

Why did Israel wander forty years in the wilderness and live in the desert, and finally die there, and their bones bleach in the sun?

Because they were afraid of the giants and the great walled cities; because their hearts sank within them, and they had not the courage to go up and possess the good land of milk and honey and grapes.

Zion must be a brave people, or they must perish from off the earth.

Let us "say to those who are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold your God will come with vengeance,--- He will come and save you."

"I will trust in the Lord and not be afraid." Why should we be afraid? Of what should we be afraid?

"If God be for us, who can be against us?"

Are there not more for us than they that are against us? Yes, if you are right with God. Are not His angels encamped round about us? Has He not given them charge over us, to keep us in all our ways, lest we dash our foot against a stone?

Are you afraid of men, evil men? Are you afraid of the terror by night, or of the pestilence that walketh in darkness, or of the arrow that flieth by day? Are you afraid of the destruction that wasteth at noon-day?

If you are, then you are not altogether right, something is lacking; you cannot be covered with His feathers, and under His wings, trusting.

Are you afraid of coming to want and poverty, that the bleak Winter will come and find your coal bins empty and the barrel of flour wasted, and the cruse of oil all gone?

Are you afraid for the Ark of God? Remember Uzzah, who was afraid for its safety, and put forth his hand to steady it, as though God could not, or would not care for His own!

It is your business to trust God for His work, when you have done your little part, and not to be afraid.

May God give Zion an undaunted courage and faith, that will face every foe and fear no evil thing.

Do you say, "How shall I get rid of this awful fear that haunts my life and hinders my work and usefulness?"

The beloved John knows how it is. He was once afraid and fled with the other disciples when danger was near; but he afterward found the better way.

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He says, "Fear hath torment, but perfect love casteth out fear."

And Paul says, "The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost."

"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom."

# ZION SEVENTIES

Deacon J. W. Friend
General Recorder

Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations.—Matthew 28:18.

The Zion Seventies are messengers of the King, to carry His message into a world of sorrow, sin and disease, that there may be joy and peace and a saving knowledge of Jesus the Christ.

To carry His message is a privilege with which that of winning fame, wealth, or worldly power cannot compare, for in the Seventy work there is an opportunity to win many to God and to lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where moth and rust doth not consume, and where thieves and robbers do not break through and steal.

There are millions who need this message who are living in sickness and in sin, and many are in the depths of despair who are crying out for help and have no one to help them. Zion has the only message that will bring relief.

Seventies, haste to the rescue! You can take the Gospel of the Son of God to those weary ones and tell them there is healing for their bodies, redemption for their spirits, and power to lead a holy life.

This is not a work the results of which are for a day, but the results are for time and for eternity. Therefore, gird yourselves with the whole armour of God; go out into the streets and lanes of the cities and invite the sinners to Jesus the Christ; proclaim the glad tidings of the Kingdom of God, and seek to save the lost and bring them to God.

### IN CHICAGO

Lord's Day, August 29th, Division No. 4 of Zion Seventies went into Chicago, and sold forty-five Heralds, one hundred and six Leaves of Healing, and distributed two thousand two hundred messages. After completing their day's work, they met in Kimball Hall at 2:45 p. m., where Elder Richert conducted the service. In the evening, they returned with much joy to Zion City, singing beautiful songs of praise and thanksgiving to God for the blessings of the day.

Next Lord's Day, September 5th, 1909, Division No. 5, Jasper H. DePew, Director, will go into Chicago by way of special car on the Chicago & Milwaukee Electric Railway, leaving Salem Boulevard station at 7:30 a. m. Let all persons enrolled in this Seventy report for duty at 7:15 Lord's Day morning at the Electric Station.

### IN KENOSHA

About twenty Seventies went to Kenosha Saturday evening, distributed 1500 messages, sold a goodly number of Zion Heralds and Leaves of Healing, and sang a number of good ringing hymns at the street meeting conducted by Deacon Hammond. The Choir and other Seventies are doing a good work in Kenosha. They are truly received well, and report a good time and a lively interest in the meetings. Meetings are also conducted in Carpenters' Hall, on Park street at 10:30 a. m. each Lord's Day.

### IN DES MOINES, IOWA.

Report of work done by Banks and Anderson for the week ending August 28th, 1909:

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| Leaves of Healing sold | 106 |
| Zion Heralds sold | 105 |
| Voice from Zion | 6 |
| Messages distributed | 1300 |

These brethren are conducting street meetings with good results.

### PORTLAND, OREGON

Deacon Frank Robinson and wife are continuing to send in excellent reports. They are doing much house to house work, having covered about two hundred and thirty blocks. They have been invited into several homes to pray with the sick. God is blessing their work in Portland.

Deacon John A. Marshall and wife, having worked Madison, are being transferred to Marinette, Wisconsin. They will have a good field for Seventy work in Marinette and Menominee. We trust they will be used of God in being a blessing to many in the twin cities of the north.

## Free Literature Distribution for Week Ending August 31, 1909

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| Rolls to Canada | 61 |
| Rolls to United States | 93 |
| Rolls to Hotels of United States and Canada | 16 |
| Rolls to Business Men of United States | 32 |
| Rolls to Libraries and Christian Associations | 31 |
| Rolls to Steamers | 34 |
| Rolls to South Africa | 36 |
| Rolls to Australia | 81 |
| Rolls to China and Kangaroo Islands | 16 |
| Rolls, Total for Week | 400 |

Total number Rolls sent out since August, 1st. '09, 1600
Messages given away and distributed by Zion Seventies for week ending August 28, '09, 9315
Messages given away and distributed by Zion Seventies since August 1st. '09, 44,285.

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# A Study of the Ages

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To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne.

**Man's Present Privilege to Learn How to Reign With Christ.**

At the present time, you and I have the privilege of running for a prize, which may never again be held out before humanity. As to whether those who fail of this prize, and fail to come up in the first resurrection, shall ever attain unto that prize, there is nothing in the Word of God to indicate that they will. There will be a reward for them, it is true, but as to whether they shall ever have set before them, having failed once, *the prize*---the privilege of reigning with the Lord Jesus Christ---there is nothing in the Word of God to intimate that they ever will. That opportunity, once lost, will never be given again.

**Purpose of the Gospel Age.**

The Gospel age is for a specific purpose. That purpose is not the salvation of the world. There is not a line in the Scriptures to indicate that we have any right to expect that in this age all people will receive the Gospel; and there never was a greater blunder made than the blunder of thinking that, by our efforts, or by anything that can be done, the whole world will be evangelized in this age. On the contrary, this age is to go out in fire and awful destruction, and there is to be such a falling away that the following words describe the conditions that will obtain in these last days:

When the Son of man cometh, will He find faith on the earth?

Unbelief will have become so wide-spread, infidelity so rampant, that those words will describe the condition of the people.

When the Son of man cometh, will He find faith on the earth?

**How Much Faith is there To-day?**

How much real, saving, unwavering, victorious faith is there to-day? In how many hearts is there that Divine faith that can conquer sin in all of its hideous forms? that can banish disease? that can drive out the wicked, evil spirits? that can overcome the world, the flesh and the devil? that can redeem Zion City in the face of all opposition and against every foe that may lift his head?

**The Time of Noah and the Time of Christ's Coming Compared.**

As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the days of the Son of man.

Now, "the days of the Son of man" refer to the closing period of the closing age.

You want to observe that the antediluvian age had a time known as "the time of the end," which lasted one hundred and twenty years. You want to observe that the Jewish age had a time known as "the time of the end," which was seventy years; and the Gospel age has a period in like manner which is "the time of the end,"—and I think it can be figured out very closely just how long "the time of the end" of the Gospel age is.

"The days of the Son of man" refer to this "time of the end," and during these "days of the Son of man," or this "time of the end"—this period of years which will mark the close of the Gospel age,—it will be just as it was in the time of Noah: there will be eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage; there will be buying and selling; and everything will be going on just as it has been all the way along; and all who are not watching will not know the Gospel age is ended, that Jesus the Christ has come, until the event itself has taken place, and only the wise virgins will know.

There never was a time in the history of the world when there was more eating and drinking than there is now; more gluttony than there is now; when men and women worshiped their stomachs instead of their God; when their thought and labor is all upon food, shelter and raiment, and chasing the almighty dollar, and spending their time in pursuit of material things.

**Thoughtless, Selfish, Rebellious Man's Pitiable Excuses.**

O, what a sad thing for a man or woman to say, "I have to work so hard I have no time to take the Gospel, even for an hour, to perishing humanity." Of all the miserable, pitiful, indescribable objects that one can conceive, is the man or woman, lying upon a bed, with cheek sunken, with all resemblance of former days banished and destroyed, moaning and sighing, trying to die but cannot die—afraid to die; and, as they look back over their fifty or sixty years, they find they have spent all their time chasing the almighty dollar, getting houses and land; and, when asked to do something in God's work, they had no time, and they must say, "My God, I never did one thing for poor, perishing humanity. I was too busy, I had not any time; I was too tired, I had to take my rest. O God, I was a church member for sixty years, but I do not think that I ever led anybody to Christ." O, what an awful, what an awful sin!

O, I tell you this morning, when I think—not of the world, when I think, not of the apostate churches that God has spewed out of His mouth because of their worldliness and sinfulness,—when I think *of Zion*, and I lift the curtain which conceals the future from my eye, I can see scores who today have a name to live, that will wring their hands and groan for words to express their regret that they turned a deaf ear to every call that was made to help save poor, perishing humanity; and the words will ring over and over a thousand times in their ears like a hideous, awful nightmare: "I had to work too hard! I was too busy! I was too tired; and I never spoke one word to one person to lead him to the Lord Jesus the Christ!"

**Sodom and Gomorrah a Picture of Today.**

As it was in the days of Lot, so shall it be in the days of the Son of man.

The description of Sodom and Gomorrah is one of the most sickening and harrowing descriptions that can be given of any conditions that ever obtained since creation's dawn. It would be impossible to describe Sodom and Gomorrah before a mixed audience; but, when I tell you that in Chicago, to my certain knowledge, and in Cincinnati, with a still greater knowledge, the same things that called down the fires of judgment upon Sodom and Gomorrah are committed by thousands, not only in the lower walks of life, but by men and women who stand high socially, you can realize the force of the Savior's words that in this period---the end of the Gospel age---it would be just as it was in the time of Sodom and Gomorrah.

**An Impending Doom.**

We are told also that the islands shall flee. We are told that the Heavens shall cast down the stars like unripe fruit when it is shaken of a mighty wind and is darted through the air. We are told that men and women in those days shall beat their breasts and cry to God for the rocks and mountains to hide His face from them. All these words describe the end of the Gospel age and the Millennium, during which Satan shall be bound.

**How Satan is to be Bound.**

How is satan going to be bound? Do you think that a literal angel is going to come down through the clouds, and that he is going to take a literal chain, and that he is going to wrap it around satan? No; but a mighty messenger of God, with a thoroughly saved and consecrated people, will be used in bind-

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ing satan by infusing the Gospel of the Kingdom of God; and, so far as you and I are concerned, it is our privilege, even now, to have satan bound, and to approximate the condition of the Son of God, who said: "The prince of this world cometh, but he has nothing in me" (he has no claim on me). When satan comes to Zion City, and walks to and fro throughout the land, he has a perfect right to claim his own property.

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### Bright Hope Beyond the Millennium.

I want to thank God, this morning, for the glimpse of the age beyond the Millennium. There is only a little glimpse given—such a little; but how kind of God, having lifted the great curtain that conceals the mysteries of the future world from human eyes, after all that He has done, to lift it a little more and give to us a glimpse of the age beyond the Millennium.

### The Apostles' Visions of the New Dispensation.

When the Apostle of God the Almighty and Jesus the Christ was in the Spirit, he saw a new Heaven—a new dispensation. Did you ever stop to think what it meant when Paul was caught up into Paradise—even into the third Heaven? I believe one thing that is meant there is that he was given a revelation of a dispensation that was to obtain in the future: that he saw and heard things that it was not lawful for him to utter, and, lest he should become unduly puffed up by the abundance of the revelations given him, there was permitted to come a messenger of satan to buffet him. Three times he besought the Lord to take away this messenger of the devil, but he was not taken away, and God said, "My grace is sufficient for you."

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# The Gospel of the Kingdom

## Why Join The Church?

*By O. L. Tindall*

My first reason is, because Christ organized the Church, and it is His body. He built the Church, and if we love and honor Him we will join the Church; if we do not, then we despise what Christ honored. If Christ did not want us to unite ourselves with the Church, then He would not have formed one. If it is right for one man to join the Church, then it is right for all.

There was some good reason for organizing a body—a body is essential to the spirit. When our bodies are destroyed, then what is the use of our spirits? I do not know. So far as this world is concerned, we see no more of them. Our spirits go hence into another world; but even there they will have bodies. Spirit without body is not known among us.

In the resurrection, each will have a body. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body; but it is a body nevertheless. Those who decry the body, and despise the Church as an organized body, violate the plain teachings of the Bible. The Bible everywhere recognizes the Church.

Just as well advocate destroying these bodies of ours and say, "O, well, the spirit is the main and all-important thing; what use is the body, it is only dust anyway? Why care for that?" These people—and they are not a few—present the same spectacle in the spiritual realm as they would if they should destroy all our bodies, and expect our spirits to go on with the work of God on the earth.

The spirit cannot work without the body. A man is composed of spirit, soul and body. Each of these is essential while we are here as mortal men. They will not be dissolved until death shall separate them, when, as Solomon says, "the body shall return to dust, and the spirit shall return to God Who gave it."

Now, the religion of Jesus the Christ among men---this great scheme for the salvation and redemption of fallen man---is made up in the same way exactly; it has body and spirit. The church that has only a body, and no spirit, is simply a corpse. Many so-called churches are only dead bodies; they are simply embalmed, so they endure and keep their form and look very sweet and nice—as does many a well-dressed and decorated corpse. You often hear it said, "How nice she looked!" Yes; so do they; corpses are often beautiful.

Some of the old mummies of Egypt are still preserved and on exhibition, and are highly prized as relics of the past. But what about a spirit without a body? Well, we have nothing to do with such; we cannot catch such an one; we cannot clothe nor embalm it, nor use it in any way. It is ethereal and refuses to be captured.

How absurd to talk about a Church as only spiritual, with no body, only a spirit. God has joined the two together; and what God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.

Many men are living outside the Church, and saying, "I can live just as good a life outside, as in, and I am just as good as those on the inside." They say, "The Church saves no man." Sure enough, it does not, in a sense; but the Church is the place for saved men; just as the home is the God-ordained place for children when they are born into the world.

The Church saves men just as the home that is well-organized and conducted by a father who fears God and with a devoted wife, rears the children in the fear and admonition of the Lord, and so saves them. What is the fate of the child thrown out on the cold world and left to take his chances? Exactly the

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O, what a sad sight to see the victims lying in the desert sands, with their bones bleaching, today. I tell you, Zion, since the Children of Israel perished in the wilderness, there has never been a sadder sight than to see the bones of men and women, who once tasted the goodness of God and sat under Zion's banner, bleaching, figuratively, upon the hot desert sand. How sad to think of men and women who have turned and are on their way back to apostate Egypt—men and women who, through murmuring, fault-finding and criticising, have fallen victims to satan's snare, and today are dying; and many of them are dead!

### Bright Hope Beyond the Millennium.

I want to thank God, this morning, for the glimpse of the age beyond the Millennium. There is only a little glimpse given—such a little; but how kind of God, having lifted the great curtain that conceals the mysteries of the future world from human eyes, after all that He has done, to lift it a little more and give to us a glimpse of the age beyond the Millennium.

### The Apostles' Visions of the New Dispensation.

When the Apostle of God the Almighty and Jesus the Christ was in the Spirit, he saw a new Heaven—a new dispensation. Did you ever stop to think what it meant when Paul was caught up into Paradise—even into the third Heaven? I believe one thing that is meant there is that he was given a revelation of a dispensation that was to obtain in the future: that he saw and heard things that it was not lawful for him to utter, and, lest he should become unduly puffed up by the abundance of the revelations given him, there was permitted to come a messenger of satan to buffet him. Three times he besought the Lord to take away this messenger of the devil, but he was not taken away, and God said, "My grace is sufficient for you."

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# The Gospel of the Kingdom

## Why Join The Church?

*By O. L. Tindall*

My first reason is, because Christ organized the Church, and it is His body. He built the Church, and if we love and honor Him we will join the Church; if we do not, then we despise what Christ honored. If Christ did not want us to unite ourselves with the Church, then He would not have formed one. If it is right for one man to join the Church, then it is right for all.

There was some good reason for organizing a body—a body is essential to the spirit. When our bodies are destroyed, then what is the use of our spirits? I do not know. So far as this world is concerned, we see no more of them. Our spirits go hence into another world; but even there they will have bodies. Spirit without body is not known among us.

In the resurrection, each will have a body. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body; but it is a body nevertheless. Those who decry the body, and despise the Church as an organized body, violate the plain teachings of the Bible. The Bible everywhere recognizes the Church.

Just as well advocate destroying these bodies of ours and say, "O, well, the spirit is the main and all-important thing; what use is the body, it is only dust anyway? Why care for that?" These people—and they are not a few—present the same spectacle in the spiritual realm as they would if they should destroy all our bodies, and expect our spirits to go on with the work of God on the earth.

The spirit cannot work without the body. A man is composed of spirit, soul and body. Each of these is essential while we are here as mortal men. They will not be dissolved until death shall separate them, when, as Solomon says, "the body shall return to dust, and the spirit shall return to God Who gave it."

Now, the religion of Jesus the Christ among men---this great scheme for the salvation and redemption of fallen man---is made up in the same way exactly; it has body and spirit. The church that has only a body, and no spirit, is simply a corpse. Many so-called churches are only dead bodies; they are simply embalmed, so they endure and keep their form and look very sweet and nice—as does many a well-dressed and decorated corpse. You often hear it said, "How nice she looked!" Yes; so do they; corpses are often beautiful.

Some of the old mummies of Egypt are still preserved and on exhibition, and are highly prized as relics of the past. But what about a spirit without a body? Well, we have nothing to do with such; we cannot catch such an one; we cannot clothe nor embalm it, nor use it in any way. It is ethereal and refuses to be captured.

How absurd to talk about a Church as only spiritual, with no body, only a spirit. God has joined the two together; and what God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.

Many men are living outside the Church, and saying, "I can live just as good a life outside, as in, and I am just as good as those on the inside." They say, "The Church saves no man." Sure enough, it does not, in a sense; but the Church is the place for saved men; just as the home is the God-ordained place for children when they are born into the world.

The Church saves men just as the home that is well-organized and conducted by a father who fears God and with a devoted wife, rears the children in the fear and admonition of the Lord, and so saves them. What is the fate of the child thrown out on the cold world and left to take his chances? Exactly the

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same as the child newborn into the Kingdom of God with no one to care for him.

What is the matter with the world today? She has no homes to rear the children as they should be reared. They get the education of the streets; the devil has the care of them; and is it any wonder then that society is a seething mass of rottenness? If you do not believe it, read the statistics of crime; see the figures on whiskey bills and the tobacco traffic; look at the theaters and nickel shows and dance halls, and the pits of iniquity on every corner of the streets---gateways to hell.

These places are full seven days and nights in the week, and the churches are open sepulchres---as still as death, except for a few hours on one or two days in the week. Is there any question as to who will win in such a race as that?

The devil is gaining ground every day. The root of the evil lies with the bad homes. Children are not well trained; God is not in the homes. The fountains that send out the running rills over all the earth to water it, send out what kind of water? Is it sweet water or bitter? In the spiritual world---or, I may say, in the Kingdom of God on earth---it is the same, the church is the same, or worse. She is not caring for the tender lambs. The church is not properly cared for; she is not respected; too loose notions are held concerning her; she does not do her duty to her members; they are wrongly organized and badly equipped; they are divided and split up, and war against one another. Many ignore her altogether, and so dishonor God and His Christ, Whose body the Church is.

Nothing more beautiful and true can be said on this subject, and no better illustration can be given, than that found in the twelfth chapter of First Corinthians, by the Apostle Paul. I commend it to your most careful and prayerful study, and yet how simple it is, and how full of common and practical sense.

The whole truth of the subject of church organization is there set forth. It is so plain that a wayfaring man though a fool need not err therein.

Paul shows you the unity of the body; though made up of many members. He says there should be no schism in the body. He would do away with all these divisions: he would have but *one* head; he would have but *one* church. Christ never had a dozen bodies or a score of heads No; He would smash up as curses all these separate and independent bodies that disgrace the cause of Jesus Christ in all the earth. Christ says there is only ONE Body. He differentiates between the body and the spirit. He says now, "ye are the Body of Christ." He says that we are baptized by one Spirit into *one Body*; whether we be Jews or gentiles, whether we be bond or free. He does not make the negro sit up in the gallery and the white man down in the pews, on the main floor, with cushioned seats; and he says that we have all been made to drink into *one Spirit*.

We are not many, but ONE. Cannot the Church of the Living God do as well as the great United States? Will they put us to shame? Are not the more than forty States a Union? Did not a million and more men lay down their lives for the Union of the States? Did they not see the crime of breaking the great body up into hostile members, and organizing independent bodies or governments, as the church has done?

"*E Pluribus Unum*," is our Nation's motto; while the so-called church writes, to her shame, "*E Pluribus Plures*," and calls that liberty and independence. Shame on the people of God! Paul does not so teach, neither did the Christ, they said, "*We are One.*"

*How are we to have this unity and keep it?* They both said it was by having properly ordained and called men whom God hath set in the Church, to rule the Church and to direct her affairs, and to teach her doctrines; *that they all may come into the unity of the faith*, to a perfect man in Christ Jesus. In order to do this, they must have one ruler, and not a number who do not agree, pulling in opposite directions. They must have one teaching, and not every man teaching as he wishes—one man teaching one thing, and another man teaching some other kind of doctrine. The government must be one, the teaching must be one everywhere. You say that we cannot have the same rules and regulations everywhere; Some say, "We cannot go across state lines and national boundaries; how can the United States govern in Europe and Africa and in the Islands of the Sea?" You have only to go and ask the Freemasons how they do it? How do the great corporations do it? Ask the Standard Oil men how they manage their trust and keep it intact across the seas. Do the Rockafellers loosen their grip on the purse-strings even on Russian soil? Ask Rome how she governs everything all the way from the Eternal City on the Seven Hills.

Ask Paul what right he had to write that Epistle to the Romans and direct them, when he had never seen them, and had nothing to do in founding that Church. Did he hesitate to give orders to all the churches in Asia and Europe and on the Islands? Is the Kingdom only a state affair? Does it regard different nations and tribes? Or does Christ say, "Go and make disciples of every nation under the sun, and teach them that the middle walls of partition are all broken down, and none of them are to be called any longer foreigners and strangers and aliens from the commonwealth of God's true Israel?" No; but we are all to become citizens and children of the Kingdom of our common God and Father.

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# A Study of the Ages—Comparisons and Lessons

## THE PRESENT AGE NEAR ITS CLOSE

An Address Delivered at the Early Morning Meeting, Lord's Day, August 8, 1909, in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City

*By General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva*

[REPORTED BY MISS B. MAC LACHLAN]

In the former part of the address, the General Overseer spoke of God's Revealed Will, Ages of Development—Humanity on Trial, Portending Events, The Two Resurrections, Pressing Toward the High Calling, Man's Present Privilege to Learn How to Reign with Christ, Purpose of the Gospel Age, How Much Faith is there To-day? The Time of Noah and the Time of Christ Compared, Thoughtless, Selfish, Rebellious Man's Pitiable Excuses, Sodom and Gomorrah a Picture of To-day, An impending Doom, How Satan is to be Bound, Carnage Wrought by Satan, Bright Hopes Beyond the Millennium, and The Apostles' Visions of the New Dispensations.

Now continuing the theme,

**"A Study of the Ages—Comparisons and Lessons,"**

the General Overseer spoke as follows:

**In the New Age All Things That Offend Removed.**

Paul was caught up to the third Heaven. Paul was shown the new dispensation—the time, perhaps, when God once more should tabernacle in the midst of men. He saw a new Heaven —a dispensation unlike any that had ever preceded it—and he saw a new earth, swept clear of all the poisonous herbs, of all

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the destructive weeds and plants, of all the ferociousness of the animal kingdom, of all the curse that now rests upon men, and upon the animal and vegetable kingdoms.

"And there shall be no more sea." All restlessness will have departed; and rest, eternal and unbroken, will possess every spirit; and God, with His own hand, will have wiped away every tear.

**Echoes of Sorrow and Trouble Heard Everywhere.**

Ah, my brothers and sisters, an ocean of scalding tears have been shed in the past twenty-four hours. The newborn babe extorts a wail of anguish, and gray hairs go down sorrowing to the grave. The pathway of life is one of mingled joy and sadness, and the pleasures of life are like the flashing meteor that flits across the sky. Man spends his life as a tale that is told.

How many tears are shed this morning by broken-hearted mothers over wayward sons and daughters! How many wives this day will spend the whole day with reddened cheeks and burning eyeballs, and aching, throbbing hearts, because of drunken husbands, who, last night (in hundreds and thousands of cases) spent all their week's earnings and came home deprived of money, bereft of manhood; and, in the small hours of this morning, came in and struck the cruel blow; and, beating the children, turned them out of bed!

Oh, what an awful ocean of tears are shed every day! I hear stories every week, that, if God did not sustain by His grace, would break my heart wide open,---the awful stories of sorrow, and, oftentimes, from people you would least suspect. Only by the grace of God could any minister stand under the weight that comes to a minister in Zion. The apostate parson has a life of ease and does practically nothing; whereas a Zion minister must be not only the minister but also the physician, the counsellor, the helper, and the adviser of the people in all matters—and that is the minister of the New Testament. Ah, do not you think that the man of God, the child of God, in the midst of all these toils, looks forward to the dawning of that day when God, with His own loving hand, shall wipe all tears away?

You look today and see the vast procession of the dead. Throughout the world today there is, moving slowly and silently along, a vast procession to the city of the dead, which, in the aggregate, would be an immense procession. You will find there the little babe that was just budding into life, the young men and women in their teens who have passed away, you will find the middle aged, and you will find the old. You will find in that procession broken-hearted husbands, broken-hearted wives, broken-hearted brothers and sisters, broken-hearted parents. Oh, what an awful scene it is! How terrible are the cries of anguish! But, thanks be unto God, the day is coming when God, with His own hand, will brush away every tear, and there shall be no more crying.

It is said of one of the most saintly men of God, who, as he sat by the bedside of his dying wife, with her hand in one of his hands, and the other hand upon her brow, and, as she spoke the last word, saw a solitary tear trickle down her cheek, and looking up to God, said, "This will be the last one, for God, with His own loving hand, will brush it away, and you will soon be at home with your Father in Heaven."

**Why Resist God's Pleadings?**

How it is that men and women who profess to be Christians, can keep themselves down upon this earth, and grovel in the dust, and live only for dollars and cents, and houses and lands, and wealth and honor and position, and be utterly indifferent to all the suffering, and to the sin, and to the crying and sorrowing of humanity, is a mystery to me; and I would be ashamed to call myself a Christian if I could not say, "Lord, I am seeking first Your Kingdom. I have but one desire, and that is to do Your Will; and I am ready to plunge into the awful, miry pit to rescue even one poor, dying sinner."

**Who Can Refuse to Give the Gospel?**

What a wonderful opportunity Zion Seventies have! What a wonderful privilege! How it is that any man that can walk and has a hand with which to give out a message, when he knows that the shadows are lengthening, indicating that the day is closing, and that the curtains of night are rapidly falling upon the scene that has lasted so long in this troubled world—how he can refuse, how he can hang back and not go forward with all his might to rescue humanity, is a mystery to me.

**The Morning Light is Breaking.**

And we are told in this beautiful chapter, not only that there shall be a new heaven and a new earth, but that there shall be no more sea; and that the bride of Christ, the Church without spot or wrinkle, shall be heir to the new heaven and the new earth. There shall be no more death, no more sorrow, no more crying, no more pain, for all these things will have passed away. How is it that you are not thrilled, spirit, soul and body, with the anticipation of the dawning of that glorious day when all the past shall be swept away, and this terrible cloud of sorrow, that hangs so heavily upon an innumerable company today, will all be banished before the wonderful presence of God Himself?

**Live in the Spirit Above Earthly Things.**

Now, I want to lift you above the things of earth. I want you to live in the world that is above and not in the world beneath. We are here for only a little time as pilgrims and strangers on a journey. Ah, how some people want to stay for gold and silver, for the things of this earth. Ah yes, the man who spends all his thought and all his time in accumulating his millions, at last, when he dies, he is just the same as the poor man that died not having accumulated a cent's worth; and, instead of a man owning the earth, it owns him, and the body returns to dust and into the earth out of which it was taken.

**Seek to Promote the Happiness of Others.**

We have not a moment to go around jabbing thorns into each other. Better put joy into the heart than tears into the eye. Better do something for humanity while you have the opportunity. There is that wayward one with death already written on his face,—you have the opportunity today to say, "Wandering child, come home to your Father." But, if you neglect today's opportunity, tomorrow that one sleeps in death.

**Spiritual Deadness Appalling.**

As I look at the people in this Tabernacle on Lord's Day, I see the indifference of some, and I see their spiritual deadness, and I see how they refuse to respond to the call to reconsecrate themselves to God; and I say, "You wait a few weeks; you wait a few months." I just look forward a while and see a little house, and in that house I see a bedroom, and see a bed, and upon that bed I see one of those young women who sits today, careless, unconcerned, indifferent, grinning and whispering while we are picturing Calvary and the awful sorrow of Christ for humanity; and I hear a call coming from the bedroom, and I go, and I see upon that bed a girl; and I startle, because last Lord's Day she was rosy-cheeked and there was upon her face the very bloom of health—there was strength and vigor; but all is changed now. There is that hacking cough that one can recognize as the sure forerunner of speedy death. There is that horrible fever, and the night sweat, and the emaciated form, and she says, "Pray for me." Then, as I look back in my thoughts and see her once more in the Tabernacle, perhaps last Lord's

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# Editorial Notes

*By the General Associate Editor*

## THE WORD OF GOD!

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."---Matt. 4:4.

When God speaks, let all the earth keep silence. There is no appeal from the "Thus saith the Lord;" and His judgment is just and righteous altogether.

"For the Word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow; and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."--Heb. 4:12.

"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing and His Kingdom;

Preach the Word; be instant in season, and out of season; reprove, rebuke, with all longsuffering and doctrine.--2 Tim. 4:1-2.

What a power there is in the Word of God! It is the expression of God's will concerning man, and He has chosen to put the Spirit of His Word within man's heart, so that man may utter the praises of God and be a mouthpiece for Him. God has made redeemed man His agent to manifest His will to a lost world.

In Revelation 19:13, Christ is called "The Word of God," and the following verses indicate His Supreme Office and His mission--that of Ruler, with the title, "King of Kings, and Lord of Lords."

The Gospel of Christ "is the power of God unto salvation, to every one that believeth." The great object of Christian service is to get humanity saved, healed, cleansed and blessed, and by thus doing to get the rule of the Kingdom of Heaven established on earth among men.

The Word of God must be within and a part of each one who would be happy himself and be used in making others happy.

"For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth." The righteousness which is of faith says, "The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Rom. 10:8-10.

The Name of the Lord, the Word of God, the Expression of His Divine Will, must be made known to all the world. Salvation can come only by calling upon the Name of the Lord. Man being in the darkness of sin can see light only by having the light revealed. Christians are to be lightbearers. "Ye are the light of the world," saith the Christ. The world must hear the Word before belief in Him can be exercised. The message of God's mercy is given by those sent to deliver it, as it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of Peace, and bring Glad Tidings of Good Things!"

Oh, what a Good Thing is Salvation! What a Good Thing is the Word of God!

"As My Father hath sent Me, even so send I you," saith the Christ. "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

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Christ's teaching was with power---His word moved people to think and to act. Before Him sinners raged and devils trembled. Its purpose is to arouse people from the deadening effects of sin. "My word shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

How true! Every Zion sermon carries with it a force which works in two ways: it slays sinners and brings them to face a decision; and it encourages the faithful to press on toward the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus.

Every Zion message either given out by a Seventy or sent through the mails arrests the attention, and directs the receiver's thought toward God, at least for the time being, and may be the commencement of that one's entrance upon the narrow way that leads unto Life, Who can tell the result of a word spoken, or of a message given, in the name of the Lord Jesus the Christ? The seed is the Word of God. The redeemed, by the silent witness of a holy life, if not by a word spoken, can all be scatterers of the good seed.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:16.

The example of a holy life is a most powerful witness for the truth of God's Word. Effective love is love which acts in behalf of the welfare of all. The greatest love one can manifest is to get humanity saved in spirit, soul, and body so as to live for God.

Zion is practical in her teaching. Zion understands the religion which Jesus taught to be a part of every act of life---entering into business, education, and affairs of government---in fact, every thought and act of man is to contribute to the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God as an actual, present, abiding entity---the institution which Christ Himself prayed might come in earth when He said, "Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."

The Word of God should be the law which governs every man in all his conduct in life. Every Zion person's effort, if rightly directed, works toward that end. Zion's ministry labors early and late, that God's perfect will may be accomplished in the heart of each one. The service is not a selfish one, but is the expression of love which spends itself for others because the love of God is shed abroad in the heart, and the love of God reaches out for objects upon which to bestow its bounties.

Since last week, Zion has made an important forward move commercially. Efforts have been making quietly for a number of weeks looking toward the purchase and possession of the Zion City General Stores, including the lots, building, and entire stock of merchandise.

Much to the surprise of nearly all the citizens, and to the joy of hundreds and to the chagrin of several scores, on last Saturday evening it became generally known that on Monday, September 6th, Zion would take possession of the General Stores plant and remove the Zion Stores stock into the large building.

This news spread like fire before a strong wind, and soon the gigantic store deal was the chief topic of conversation. The purchase price, in round numbers, was $75,000.00, practically all of which has already been paid in cash, and the balance will be paid probably within a few hours.

Zion's enterprises move like clock work. Money for this deal has been raised by the people cooperating, a mere handful only contributing the sum needed, because the contemplated purchase was not to become public knowledge until the whole deal was settled.

What a beautiful principle of doing business is Christian cooperation! Even Christ said, "My Father worketh hitherto; and I work;" and Paul, in the wonderful third chapter of First Corinthians says: "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God giveth the increase. So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are *one*: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor. *For we are laborers together with God.*"

The secret of Zion's success is found in her seeking for unity of purpose---the will of God and His Kingdom.

Prosperity is measured by fidelity. Strength increases by exercise. Faith comes by hearing and by doing. Those who cooperate according to God's plan "are God's husbandry---God's building." 1 Cor. 3:9.

Zion's message of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living reaches multiplied thousands every week. During the month of August, 59,095 messages were given by Zion Seventies with the salutation "Peace to thee," and "Peace be to this house."

Besides these messages, many hundreds of copies of Leaves of Healing and Zion Herald have reached people who never before saw them or were interested in Zion.

The Seventies report many heart-to-heart talks with people while going from house to house. Many express a willingness to be taught, and not a few ask for prayers that they may get closer to God and be healed of their sicknesses and diseases.

Zion City is again becoming a centre of intense interest. The Zion ideals are unique and present the only way of solving

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the world's problems. Zion demands that God be given the first place in the heart---in fact, that men are God's husbandry; and their whole time, talent and strength should be used in working out His plans and establishing the Kingdom of Heaven in earth among men.

"What hath God wrought" for Zion financially? In less than a year and a half He has given back Shiloh Tabernacle and the General Stores, representing an expenditure of over $87,000.00, and nearly every dollar of this sum has already been provided.

Not only has God blessed the work materially, but in a spiritual sense Zion is stronger than ever before. She has seen a vision of her possibilities, and toward them her people are bending their energies to prove by their lives that Jehovah hath founded Zion.

Her message is fast becoming an irresistible power, because it is true; it is God's word---it slays the sinner and it strengthens the believer, and it molds, transforms and builds up those who yield to it.

Zion everywhere, pray that the Divine favor may continue until Zion City shall be completely redeemed as solely a home for God's people who love to advance His cause.

Go Forward, O Zion, great shall be thy triumph when the Lord shall come!

# A Study of the Ages--- Comparisons and Lessons.

(Continued from page 87)

Day, I say to myself, "My God and Father, Thou art merciful. How can I pray the prayer of faith when she had the opportunity, when she heard the call and would not heed it and whiled away her time? How can she redeem the days that are wasted? How now can I lay hands upon the emaciated face and ask God to let the life Divine come there?"

I tell you, there have been many cases of that kind.

### The Great Responsibility of Knowing to do Right.

Ah, my brother and sisters, you upon whose pathway the glorious light of the Sun of Righteousness has been shining, lo, these many years, bear in mind that your responsibility is far greater than the poor, fallen creature in the Red Light district of Chicago. God has given you people much: He has caused the marvelous light of His Son to shine in upon your hearts; you have tasted of the goodness of God; you have known His mercy and experienced His forgiveness and healing touch. Oh, follow Him closely!

When I kneel three times a day before an open Bible, and see these problems, that so trouble the heart of humanity, solved in the light of the Word of God; and when, in the silent watches of the night, when thousands of people are asleep, I hear the voice of God, and when I see the windows of Heaven open and God sending the blessings down in showers; when I see God, by the Holy Spirit, breaking the hearts of men and turning them to favor Zion; when I see the money, by the tens of thousands of dollars, dropping into Zion; when I see the redemption of Zion City in sight, I think, O, how good God is! And I think, how faithful some people are and how unfaithful some others are. Before many months, I will tell you a story from this platform that will crush the stony hearts of some, when they see how, night after night for months and months, from early morning till late at night, the toil has been going on, and victory has been given, and the favor of God is being shown, and miracles are being wrought that are like unto the miracles of the children of Israel. Then you will be sorry that you ever put a pin in the way of the great onward march and sweep of the Kingdom of God.

### Zion Being Watched.

God established Zion, and Zion is rising today, and the world is beginning to sit up and take notice. I want to tell you, if you do not know it, that there is no movement on the earth today that is so full of life and that the world is watching closer than it is watching Zion. As I said to one newspaper editor when he called me up, "Why," I said, "you have given us a hundred thousand dollars' worth of advertising today alone;" and he said, "I believe it;" and so they have. Do you think that God will not care for His own children? Yes, God will care for His own children; and if you do not weep over those who have fallen away, I do. As sure as God sits on His throne, Zion will conquer in every fight, and the time will come when Zion will possess every shingle in Zion City and every foot of land in Zion City; and it would have already taken place if all the people had said, "Now Father, I will back up my prayers by my deeds, and I will take my stand: for Zion is more to me than houses, more to me than lands, more to me than everything else in this world."

### Zion City Means Much to God's Kingdom.

The redemption of Zion City means the salvation and the healing of vast multitudes born and unborn. It means more for the Kingdom of God than anything else on the face of this earth; and if all this people would catch the spirit of the Christ, who, when up yonder in glory, said, "I will lay this aside; I will strip myself; I will give it all up, and I will go down from Heaven to the sin-cursed and disease-smitten earth, and I will touch the leper, and I will open the eyes of the blind, and I will preach the Gospel, and I will die upon Calvary for these poor, suffering people." If this people would only catch that spirit, and say, "Here, Lord, here is my all on the altar for Zion City's redemption,—here is myself on the altar," then, I tell you, the day would come when there would be great rejoicing in Heaven as well as on earth; and God would do as He did with Jesus when He gave Him "a Name that is above every name:" He would give to such a people all they put down, and a thousand times more.

### Crucifying Christ Afresh for Dollars.

Ah! I think the meanest man there is on God's earth is the man who gets up and says, "Well, I invested some money in Zion once, and I do not think I will ever invest any more." If there is a meaner man or woman than the man or woman that talks like that, I do not want to see the object.

### Obedience and Sacrifice Bring Blessing and Victory.

Ah! the man that has been in the jaws of death for Christ's sake is willing to put his head in a little further next time than

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the last time. A man or woman who believes that back yonder God established Zion, is more ready today to put himself and his all on the altar of God than he ever was before. That is the only way to redeem Zion City—that is the only way to shake the world. I have believed all along that the time would come when God will pour out His Spirit upon Zion people; when they will bring their old stocks and will say, "Here they are on the altar; the Kingdom of God is more to me than money; the Kingdom of God is more to me than everything else,"—and the world will not only have the Spirit's outpouring as at Pentecost, but, in some respects, something far greater; and when that time comes, you will feel the angels hovering near and realize that Christ is drawing nigh.

**Plenty Provided. Let It be Appropriated.**

Ah, how sad I feel to see so many people miss the joy there is in the Christian life! There are people in this Church, and there are some here this morning, that have only a little tiny drop. That is all, and that is all they live for, when they ought to be enjoying blessings so great that they could not contain them. The idea of a man going around, his cup of joy having only a little drop in it, when God is waiting to pour it full and to run it over. But you only get that for which you live. You can live in the midst of dollars and cents; you can be all the time thinking of your own self, and about "a rainy day," and what is going to happen, and about taking out a life insurance policy, for you are going to die; but you will miss the *very joy of life.*

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# SHILOH TABERNACLE

**The Next Payment is due December 28, 1909:**

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| **Total amount due - - -** | **$2625.00** |
| **Cash in hand September 8 - -** | **1075.06** |
| **Balance needed** | **$1549.94** |

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# ZION SEVENTIES

*Deacon J. W. Friend*

*General Recorder*

The Kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. Luke 10:9.

The Seventies are commissioned by Jesus the Christ, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, to go before Him into the highways and byways of the great harvest field of the world, to prepare the way before Him and to say unto the people, "The Kingdom of God is come nigh unto you."

In all the ages past, God has always provided a people to do His work. In this Gospel age the Zion Seventies are going into the cities of our land, two and two, as Jesus the Christ sent out the original Seventies, inviting people to come to God and to seek salvation. They are praying for the sick and teaching them the beautiful principles of the Kingdom of God, leading them to accept Jesus the Christ as the Savior of their spirits, the Healer of their bodies, and the One to whom they can go Who will give them the power to live a clean, pure, and godly life.

The Seventies are to go with outstretched arms, and carry the lambs in their bosoms to the fold of Jesus the Christ. They must be filled with the Spirit of Christ, be patient and kind-hearted to all.

The angels of God are looking down from Heaven's majestic heights upon the Seventies as they go quietly on their way of mercy, knocking at the doors of humble homes and proclaiming the glad tidings of "Peace be to this house!" They are indeed ministering spirits, sent into the world full of sin and misery, to help mankind to a closer walk with God, and to extend God's Kingdom to earth's remotest bounds.

The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now He commands all men everywhere to repent and come into His Kingdom and serve Him with their whole spirit, soul and body, and all the faculties God has given them.

Improve your talents; work while it is day; seek the lost, and tenderly bring them to the Christ.

Live for those who love you,
For those who know you true,
For the Heaven that smiles above you
And awaits your coming too;

For the cause that needs assistance,
For the wrongs that need resistance,
For the future in the distance
And the good that you can do.

Next Lord's Day, September 12th, 1909, Division No. 5, Jasper H. DePew, Director, will go into Chicago by way of special car on the Chicago & Milwaukee Electric Railway, leaving Salem Boulevard station at 7:30 a. m. Let all persons enrolled in this Seventy report for duty at 7:15 Lord's Day morning at the Electric Station.

### IN KENOSHA

About thirty Seventies accompanied Deacon G. B. Hammond to Kenosha Saturday evening, notwithstanding the rain and wind. A meeting was conducted on Market Square, and, considering the night, there was a good attendance, and very close attention to the exhortation by the leader and the splendid testimonies given by several faithful Seventies. The singing was very good and inspiring, as usual, and after the meeting, the saloons and stores were visited, and 100 Heralds and 36 Leaves were sold. The Seventies returned with hearts full of gratitude to Almighty God for the blessing they received in the work. Some of these Seventies had never been out on street and saloon work, and joy was written in their faces as they returned.

The work in Kenosha is going forward rapidly, and much good is being done.

Services are conducted by Deacon Hammond each Lord's Day at 10:30 a. m., in Carpenters' Hall, on Park Street.

Another Company will visit that city next Saturday evening, leaving Salem Boulevard station at 6:40. All going should buy return tickets; by so doing each will save 15c.

### IN RACINE, WISCONSIN

The Seventy work is again being taken up, under direction of Deacon Theodore Becker, who will take a company to this city every Saturday night. They will hold street meetings, distribute messages, and sell Leaves of Healing and Zion Herald.

On Monday (Labor Day, September 6th), two Seventies from Division No. 3, went to Racine and gave away:

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| Messages | 469 |
| Leaves of Healing | 20 |
| Zion Heralds | 40 |
| Leaves of Healing sold | 23 |

The General Recorder requests all persons living in Racine, who were formerly associated with him in the Seventy work, to send in their names and addresses so he can correspond with them, and reorganize the work in this city.

### IN DES MOINES, IOWA.

Report of work done by Brothers Banks and Anderson for the week ending September 4th, 1909:

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| Leaves of Healing sold | 97 |
| Zion Heralds sold | 70 |
| Messages distributed | 1140 |

Eleven hundred and forty calls made, represented by free Message distribution.

## SPECIAL ATTENTION

Zion Seventies, throughout the world, please send in your names and addresses to Deacon J. W. Friend, General Recorder, so an up-to-date enrollment may be perfected. By having fulldata, the General Recorder will know with whom to correspond in regard to distributing Zion Literature.

## Free Literature Distribution for Week Ending September 4, '09

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| Rolls to United States | 63 |
| Rolls to Hotels | 18 |
| Rolls to Invalids | 43 |
| Rolls to Libraries, Christian Associations and Editors | 6 |
| Rolls to Business Men | 13 |
| Rolls to Steamers | 20 |
| Rolls to Australia | 17 |
| Rolls to South Africa | 20 |
| Total for Week | 200 |
| Total number Rolls sent out since August, 1st. '09, | 1800 |
| Messages given away and distributed by Zion Seventies for week ending September 4, '09, | 14,810 |
| Messages given away and distributed by Zion Seventies since August 1st. '09, | 59,095 |

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He sendeth His word and healeth them.

PATIENCE

# LEAVES OF HEALING

I am the Lord that healeth thee.

And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

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# The Gospel of the Kingdom

## How to Pray, and Answers to Prayer

A Letter by Elder F. M. Royall

SHANGHAI, CHINA, Aug. 9th, 1909.

REV. E. L. CAREY, Eccles. Secty.,
City Hall Building, Zion City, Ill.

*Dear Elder:*

I am enclosing a few thoughts on Prayer which will be of help to others, I trust.

So few people know how to pray. Some people think it is something to be memorized like a school boy's speech.

When anything is said about it, or teaching given on it, people write it down and say, "I've got it." If one does not pray, there is something materially wrong. If there is not a special time for prayer, you will neglect it and will not pray. You do not always have to be kneeling. I pray while walking about the streets. When in a place where there is no one to hear but God, I pray aloud as if I was talking to a person whom I could see. Sometimes I just say a word, and no one knows what I have breathed out but God.

**Direct Prayer to the Father.**

I find that so few people know that prayer must always be directed to the Father.

I was healed in answer to the prayer of an old lady when I was thirteen years old. God answered my prayer for healing for my brother when I was sixteen, and he was healed of pneumonia. Some time afterward, my mother was dying, and I went to God in prayer for her, and He heard and answered, and she was healed.

When I was a lad, I heard of an old man who prayed, and God answered his prayers. So I went to God about many things, and He answered. I regret that, through the great wave of false teaching, I drifted away from that most blessed truth.

I praise God for Zion, for the strong stand Zion has taken all these years, for the teaching Zion has given to the world, and for the blessings that have come to thousands in every land, through knowing how to pray.

A Baptist Missionary asked me recently if I thought that Zion would drift downward and finally become cold and lifeless like the denominations. I replied, "No; Zion has been a blessing to the world, and will continue to be." He said, "If Zion can show the world how to keep in touch with Christ, how to get answer to prayer, then Zion will be a great blessing."

I praise God that that is just what we are doing.

Zion, Listen! We must storm the fort; the standard must never be lowered; but *must be raised higher and higher.*

F B. Meyer told the missionaries that they have been working without the Holy Spirit; and they admitted it. To your tents, O Zion! Jesus Christ is the same. You must know how to pray and get an answer.

**Prayers Answered.**

Mr. Wong came to see me about going to see his mother who was very sick in Ningpo. He said, "My mother is sick: I must go to see her. She worships idols. Pray that she will give them up so we can pray for her healing."

I prayed for her. In a week he returned and was full of joy. He said, "Mother gave up the idols, and I prayed to God the Father, in the name of Jesus, and in the power of the Holy Spirit, and I used your name, too; and now my mother is well and wants Zion meetings held in her home." So you see how he appreciates being taught how to pray. How simple is his faith!

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A lady missionary was sick and came to ask me to pray. I first had a straight talk with her. I prayed. God answered, and she was healed. Some time afterward this same lady brought a Chinese girl who, she said, was possessed with devils. I had a talk with the girl. I prayed and dismissed them. A little time afterward, the lady said to Deaconess Hosken, "I don't believe Mr. Royall knows anything about praying to cast out devils, for I expected he would ask us all to pray, and he did not agonize, and he did not ask each of us to pray, but prayed a short prayer and dismissed us." The girl believed. Some time afterward she said to the Deaconess, with tears in her eyes, "Please thank Mr. Rovall for praying for that girl, for it was wonderful: the devils were cast out and the change is marvelous. *If he does not object, I will put it in my report to the Home Board.*" When the first report came, I could but think of Naaman, who went to the prophet to come out and do his way, and wanted to go to his home and dip himself in his own river. I thought of the people who roll on the floor and howl. But it was *just to look up* and *ask* the Father, I speak reverently, just to ring up the Father by the wireless and to hear the voice and to get the answer, "Yes, child, I'm here," and she was healed.

This lady knew that she could not go to the Presbyterian Church and ask them to pray for her healing, for they say "It is a theory with which they have no sympathy." She knew that Zion prays and believes, and that God hears and that God counts it for righteousness because we believe.

We are the most pronounced advocates of Divine Healing in this vast Empire, and when you say, "Zion," people know what we stand for. A lady said the other day, "I've never been to Zion City, and never saw John Alexander Dowie, but he has been a blessing to the world, and the Zion people who have come to China are the right kind."

Zion, again let me say, Make no compromise, do not lower the standard. Live holy lives. Obey God. Follow your leader, the General Overseer. Let *all* march together; never falter. Do not be weary in well doing. The strides that Zion has made in the last year have been marvelous.

God will save Zion. Zion must realize that the world needs Zion City, the world needs Zion teaching.

Faithfully in His Name,

(Signed) F. M. ROYALL.

# The Sermon on the Mount

## The Only Sure Foundation for a Man, or Business, or the State

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*By O. L. Tindall*

It is said that Christ spoke the words in this Sermon on the Mount with authority. This gives them binding force. This authority was from God, and not from man; not from some government of this world. Christ was not one of Earth's Ambassadors with mere human authority. He came from the Throne of God, from His Kingdom on High. Christ was sent to this world by the Father. He always said that the words which He spake were not His own, but the words of the Father who sent Him.

So of Christ's works: they all were inspired by the Father. It was the Father who did the works in and through Him.

This, then, was the authority with which Christ uttered the words which we call "The Sermon on the Mount." A great sermon, or teaching! No wonder the multitude marvelled as they listened to it. Would to God men would listen to it today as did that multitude on the Mountain of far-off Galilee.

Do men give much heed to it today? Do they recognize and acknowledge it as authority now in their affairs? Very few. Christ Himself based all on these sayings of His. He said plainly that if a man will do them he shall never fall; it matters not what may assail him. They are like a Gibraltar, they are impregnable.

It was a good deal for one to say of His own sermon. He must have been sure of His ground. Not many preachers would like to say that of their words; but Christ knew whereof He spake, His Father had inspired Him; and those words have stood the test of nineteen centuries.

Men acknowledge, in a way, their worth and truth, but will not put them to the test and live by them. They constantly say, "They are not practical, you cannot live them." Christ expected a man to do more than merely to read them; He said, "You must do them, practice them." "What!" says the man of today, "live the Sermon on the Mount! It is folly even to attempt it."

Does the business man do it? O, no; he says he would go to the poor house inside of six months if he tried to live and to do business under that rule. He says it is too strict. If he be a church member, he says we probably can do it in the Millennium, or in Heavan, but the world is too wicked.

How about keeping the Golden Rule when selling goods? Does not a man have to look out for himself and get all the trade he can, and make the people believe that he has the best store in town and the best bargains in the Country, even when he knows he is selling inferior goods and at higher prices than his competitors? "They all do it, and why should I try to tell the truth about my business? No; not the way business is done now." So you see they are not even trying to do it.

Zion believes in the Golden Rule for business, and all the other rules which Christ gave in His sermon. She believes that the only man or the only business that will stand the final test, or the only nation that will survive the storms of life, will be the man, or the business, or the nation founded or built upon these wonderful words, or sayings, of the Christ.

This is what Zion is living for—to demonstrate Christ's Own words, and show to the wicked, unbelieving world that those words are true. We expect to see all of our wicked foes, who will not build upon this Rock, go down in shame and confusion, as the Christ said they would; and we expect in Zion to survive all the storms and tempests, winds, rain and floods. We believe this will be true in business and in everything else that we undertake in His name.

I wish to call attention to a few of the more important sayings of the Christ in this connection, and apply them to life of the present day.

This Sermon is a practical one, and does not contain much, if any, of what we call theoretical religion. There is no speculative philosophy in it; it deals with the relations of man with man. It is more, however, than mere morals, for it connects us most closely with God, and shows our relations with Him in a most beautiful, simple and natural way; which is my first thought.

### God in Business.

When only twelve years of age, Christ said to His parents that He must be about His Father's business. He was doing business all His life.

Does not God have something to do with our affairs—all of

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them? Most surely. One of the first things the Christ taught was about our clothes and food. He knew that most men wanted to settle that question first. They always ask, "Where is my board and bed coming from?" Christ said that God would provide that.

He put God at the head of all the supply companies; He said that God would supply bread and meat and fuel; He is in all of these things. He is in the cattle business; He owns the cattle upon a thousand hills. He is in the coal trade, and in the gold and silver and copper mining business. He supplies all the electric power that the world has; He was in that long before Edison came onto the stage; we have been using it from the days of Noah and the Flood.

"The wealth of the world He holds in His hands." Christ said God would furnish them for our use, God was in it; God must be reckoned with in all of these matters. He can withhold them from us in the most easy manner, and all the earth must perish.

Christ honors the Father and puts Him to the front; so must man, or he will perish; man must fall, and all he builds will fall also. So Christ taught in this Sermon; He begins with God, and teaches us that all our good comes from Him. That is what prayer means, and that is why He says so much about it in His talk with the people.

See what He says about prayer; He tells us how to pray and how not to pray, as if our whole life depended upon knowing how to get the things we need. He said, "Ask, ask," and He taught us to have faith and to expect, as does the child when he asks his earthly father for bread.

"All these things shall be added." Yes; the Father will supply every needed good. How beautifully He puts that thought. He insists upon our starting right; we are to begin with God, not only to end with Him.

"Seek first the Kingdom of God" before you get a farm and a home and get rich, as most men do.

What a lesson for most men in this world! Is it any wonder they fail? All the world is wrong end to; they have not started aright. Is it any wonder their lives and their works do not stand, and their buildings fall?—a rotten foundation, and yet men keep on building on every other except the right one. Every life and institution that is not built upon this foundation which the Christ laid down, must fall.

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# A Study of the Ages—Comparisons and Lessons

## THE PRESENT AGE NEAR ITS CLOSE

An Address Delivered at the Early Morning Meeting, Lord's Day, August 8, 1909, in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City

*By General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva*

[REPORTED BY MISS B. MAC LACHLAN]

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK)

In the part of the address preceding, such topics as "In the New Age, All Things that Offend Will Be Removed," "Echoes of Sorrow and Trouble Heard Everywhere," "Why Resist God's Pleadings," "Spiritual Deadness Appalling," "The Great Responsibility of Knowing to Do Right," "Plenty Provided, Let it be Appropriated," etc., were dwelt upon.

Continuing the main theme, "A Study of the Ages," the Overseer said:

### The Kingdom of God to be First Sought

The Word of God says, "With long life will I satisfy him." "O, but I must get a home for my children." Yes, but the Word of God says:

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Well, either do it or quit. Either do it or cease calling yourself a Christian. Then you will never be too tired for God's work. I would be ashamed to make such a statement. I would be ashamed before my God to say, "Look here, Father in Heaven, You have given Your Son for me—You have been very kind, but I have not a moment for you—no time to spend in Your service. I have got to spend it all getting food, shelter and raiment. That is all I can do. I do not believe the Sermon on the Mount. God said, 'Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you;' but I do not believe it, and I do not propose to risk it." Then a man comes in and says to Overseer Voliva, "I have $5,000. and I am going to try $100 in Zion. I am willing to risk God Almighty to that extent, but the devil can have the rest; and if things turn out all right, and you do all right, why, all right." Well, I want to tell you that a man of God does not talk that way. Christians do not talk that way. No, sir. Suppose I talk that way? I am giving this Movement more than anybody else is giving: I am giving my life, because God has, I believe, established Zion, and that is the reason why.

### Confidence in God's Promises.

You should have all the joy there is in the Christian life. Why not live for it? Why not go in for all the joy there is? I take the Word of God and say, "Father in Heaven, you have promised to do so and so, and you will do it. I am going to put your Word to the test;"—and God has never failed us, and God has never failed Zion, never. If Zion will only keep right, God will never fail Zion.

### Be One in God's Work.

The mistake some people make is that they think they have been called to put Zion right, when they are as powerless as a new born babe. Only one person now has God Almighty called to put Zion right, and that is myself. One of the enemy said yesterday down on the street, "No wonder we fellows cannot do anything: we are all split up—no leader—no organization. Voliva has got organization. They move like a man: that is the reason why they can do something;" and, I tell you, unity is absolutely necessary to success. Let every man of you do what he can; let every woman do what she can. Zion wants this whole town. As Deacon Clendinen says when we are fighting these battles, "Our Father is rich." Yes; we have a rich Father. That is nice to be able to say, "We have the richest Father in the universe, yes, for the earth is His, the cattle upon a thousand hills, the gold and silver. It is all God's, and God is able to provide it; and the people that do not take part in it, their bones will bleach in the desert. You mark what I say. These people that are always making excuses,—I tell you there is something wrong at the center. When you think of what great

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# General Overseer's Notes

HEADQUARTERS OFFICES OF THE CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC CHURCH IN ZION, CITY HALL BUILDING, ZION CITY, ILLINOIS, U. S. A., Sept. 16, 1909.

Once more it is my privilege and joy to greet, in the name of the Lord, all of the Officers, Members, and Friends of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion throughout the world.

Peace be unto you! and may God bless you and make you a blessing, and keep you faithful all the days until Jesus comes.

Although all the months in Zion are, indeed, busy ones, yet the last two months have been especially busy, presenting numerous privileges and many blessed opportunities, and calling for labors abundant.

The Convocation, which began on Lord's Day morning, July 11th, and was to have continued only until Wednesday night, July 21st, did not formally close until Wednesday night, July 28th, and really and truly has not closed even now.

Time will not be sufficient, but eternity alone, to reveal the work done by God, in the name of Jesus, in the power of the Holy Spirit, during the more than fifty meetings held from July 11th to July 28th. Some of the results are only just beginning to be apparent; and the effect upon the Officers, the Choir, and indeed the entire Church, has been such as to cause great rejoicing in every true Zion heart. It was a time of deep heart searching in the light of God's Word, and a time when God's Word, upon numerous subjects, was burned deeply into every heart.

Scores, yes hundreds, of earnest prayers were offered up to God for the conviction and conversion of unsaved husbands, wives, fathers, mothers, sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, other relatives, and friends. Confessions of sins of omission and commission were made, and cries sent up to God for mercy and forgiveness. Fathers and mothers who had neglected family worship, returning of thanks at the table, the paying of their tithes, and the giving of their offerings, confessed unto God and promised Him to do right.

God the Father was exalted and honored in every service.

Jesus the Christ—God manifest in the flesh, the Savior, Healer, Cleanser, and Keeper of mankind—was faithfully preached, and His name held up before the people as the only name in heaven and on earth whereby the children of men could be saved.

The Holy Spirit, the other Comforter, Who came on the Day of Pentecost after Jesus had returned to His Father, was truly honored in the light of God's Word, and all the people exhorted to meet the conditions as set forth in the Word and to invite Him—the Holy Spirit---to come and possess them, spirit, soul, and body.

Since the night of July 28th, all of the regular meetings have been held—a special meeting for teaching and prayer with the sick every Tuesday at 2:30 p. m.; the mid-week meeting for teaching, praise, prayer, and testimony every Wednesday night at 7:45; the Early Morning Consecration service every Lord's Day at 6:30; Intermediate and Junior Seventies and German meeting at 9:30 a. m.; the Principal Service at 2:30 p. m.; and the Young People's meeting at 8 p. m.

All of these meetings have been well attended, the interest has been good, and the presence of the Holy Spirit has been very manifest.

The ZION SEVENTIES have been well-organized, and excellent work has been done.

Regular Seventy work is now being done in Milwaukee, Racine and Kenosha, Wisconsin; and in Chicago and Waukegan, Illinois.

Deacon Frank Robinson and wife are working in Portland, Oregon; Deacon and Deaconess Marshall in Marinette, Wisconsin; Brothers Banks and Anderson in Des Moines, Iowa.

Seventies go into Chicago every Lord's Day and also to Milwaukee.

Regular reports, prepared by Deacon John Wm. Friend, General recorder of Zion Seventies, appear week after week in

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both LEAVES OF HEALING and ZION HERALD, and these reports should be prayerfully read and studied by all Zion everywhere.

From August 1st to Sept 15th, 1900, Zion Seventies distributed 60,045 messages. Hundreds of LEAVES OF HEALING and ZION HERALDS have been sold and sent out by the Free Literature Department.

CENTRAL ZION TABERNACLE, CHICAGO, the historic building, the scene of many of the most wonderful years of John Alexander Dowie's ministry, has been leased and is being repaired and equipped as a headquarters building for Zion's work in the great City of Chicago.

This building is located at Michigan Avenue and 16th Street, and can easily be reached by the Surface cars on Wabash Avenue, getting off at 16th Street; or by the South Side Elevated trains, getting off at 18th Street.

This building, God willing, will be re-opened and dedicated on Lord's Day next; September 19th, at 3 p. m. The service will be conducted by myself, assisted by Zion Council, Choir, Orchestra, Band, and hundreds of Zion Seventies.

Let one and all pray that this service may be a great blessing to multitudes in Chicago for time and eternity.

The work in CHICAGO will now be in charge of Elder Fred Richert, assisted by Deacon Peckham and Deacon Huston. Deacon Peckham will be located on the North Side of the City, and Deacon Huston on the South Side. Telephones will be placed in the Tabernacle and in each of the Deacons' residences. Full announcements will be made later.

Following Lord's Day, September 19th, a Divine Healing Service will be held every Thursday at 2:30 p. m. in the Central Zion Tabernacle, and a meeting for teaching, praise, prayer, and testimony every Thursday night at 7:45. The Lord's Day services will be as follows:

Junior service at 10 a. m.
Preaching at 11 a. m.
Principal Service of the entire week at 2:45 p. m.
Street Meeting at 7 p. m.
Meeting in the Tabernacle at 7:45.

Leaves of Healing, Zion Herald and other Zion Literature will be on sale at all meetings, and special efforts will be made at all times to circulate the literature throughout the City.

The opening service for Lord's Day, September 19th at 3 p. m., has already been announced by dozens of large posters, and by a large sign across the front of the Tabernacle; and before 12 o'clock on Lord's Day next, approximately 75,000 notices will have been distributed throughout the City.

All readers will see from the above items that Zion at headquarters is very much alive, and it is my earnest prayer that all of the Officers and Members everywhere will be filled with the same spirit.

God is richly blessing Zion; and in my daily devotions, bowed before an open Bible, I have promised God to do every thing possible to have the people right spiritually.

Zion believes and boldly proclaims that God should rule in all the affairs of men; and therefore Zion proposes to be busy not only in ecclesiastical matters, but in educational, commercial, and political matters.

While this great spiritual awakening has been going on, Zion has gone forward commercially, and captured another one of the old landmarks—the Zion City General Stores.

This magnificent property, occupying the finest site in Zion City, has been purchased, after months of toil, and Zion is now in complete possession. All Zion rejoiced greatly when Shiloh Tabernacle was purchased; and now that the Zion City General Stores have been purchased for $75,000.00, all Zion praises God, and even Zion's enemies admit that it looks as though God's hand was in it.

To God be all the glory.

Let us all thank God, take courage, and go forward determined to redeem every foot of Zion City, and to build a City for God, a City of righteousness for the oppressed of His children.

Well may we exclaim, when looking back over the past two years, "What hath God wrought!" While this great spiritual and commercial work has been going on, I have spent, as the result of persecution, several days in jail in Woodstock, the county seat of McHenry County. I am now out on $1,000.00 bail pending the final decision of Habeas Corpus proceedings which were instituted for my release.

A few hundred people have furnished the $75,000 necessary to purchase the above-mentioned property, and if all the Zion people in Zion City and everywhere throughout the world would show the same spirit, and help to the extent of their financial ability, Zion City could soon be redeemed.

Zion Stores is distinctly a cooperative institution, and all persons investing money therein receive 6% interest, and share in the net profits which are determined twice a year.

If any persons who read these notes feel led of the Holy Spirit to help in the redemption of Zion City, let them write directly to W. Hurd Clendinen or to myself.

O Zion, hear the voice of God!

"AWAKE, AWAKE: PUT ON THY STRENGTH, O ZION."

"ARISE, SHINE; FOR THY LIGHT IS COME, AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD IS RISEN UPON THEE."

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Do all that you can for the salvation of the sinner, the healing of the sick, the cleansing of the polluted, the establishment of the Kingdom of God.

Do you profess to believe in the Bible as the Word of God? If so, then prove the sincerity and truthfulness of your profession by living a consecrated life.

If you want salvation, then pay the price.

If you want healing, then pay the price.

There are some who never think of Zion until they are sorely afflicted, and then they write or telegraph, "Please pray for me." Knowing, as I do, that some of these have not paid any tithes for years, have taken no interest in the redemption of Zion City, do not even take LEAVES OF HEALING or ZION HERALD, show no interest whatever, I am compelled to say, "O God, I cannot pray for their healing, I can only pray for their conviction and their repentance."

Are you seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness? Are you abiding in Christ, and are His words abiding in you? How much of the power of God is working in you? Are you ready for the coming of Christ?

All readers of Leaves of Healing, everywhere, get down upon your knees before an open Bible, and look up into the face of God and ask Him to take you as you are, and to make you what you ought to be. May God burn out of your entire being every thing that is contrary to His will. May He take out of your heart all love for money. Where we find one person seeking indeed and in truth first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, you will find thousands upon thousands seeking first food, shelter, and raiment.

In closing these Notes, I plead with you to heed the exhortation in Philippians 2:5—

"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."

WATCH YE THEREFORE AND PRAY ALWAYS.

# A Study of the Ages--- Comparisons and Lessons.

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things God has done for you, don't you want to do a little something for humanity?

**Zion Needs Orphanages and Homes of Hope.**

I am going to have an orphans' home out here on a good farm, and we are going to bring out little urchins from Chicago. We will give some of you women the job of scrubbing them. There are some beautiful little children in the world, and if you will just scrub them for a week or two until you find the boy, you will have a lovely child. (Laughter). Why it is a glorious work.

And would it not be nice to have a Home of Hope out here, with nice surroundings and a number of nice Deaconesses in charge? And then you could go down into Chicago, you young women who have been kept by God, and rescue those girls, who have come from just as good homes as you have, some of them. Don't you know that hundreds of those girls have been tripped and deceived. At every railway station there are men and women, the villians, who do not do anything else but trip girls. May be you can find the mothers of some of them and return them home. Ah, that is the kind of work that counts. Get hold of that poor man that is wallowing in the gutter. Let the blood of Christ be applied, and you will have a gem—a beautiful jewel for your crown of gold. Go down into Chicago, 20 below zero, and see those little boys and girls with old bags going down the railway picking up any pieces of coal they can find,—does that not touch your heart? When you see the poor little boys, in zero weather, with their toes sticking out of their boots, does that not touch your heart?

**An Appeal to Help Suffering Humanity.**

Do you ever think of the thousands of poor, suffering people? "Oh," but you say, "they are a lot of lazy devils." Fancy a man who claims to be a Christian and touched by the finger of God, that can talk like that! Suppose Jesus Christ, up in Heaven, had said, "Oh, they are nothing but a lot of lazy devils: let them go to Hell." Yes; there are some people that call themselves Christians who are not Christ's. They have not the Spirit of Christ. Ah, my brothers in the Christ, He said, "I have not where to lay My head. I am not as well off as the birds of the air. The birds have nests, and the foxes have holes, they have stopping places, but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head." Then when I hear ministers in Zion or workers going out, saying. "I want to get a home for myself and family, I have got a lot back in Zion City, and I may come back and build a house on it sometime," think of that! I want to tell you, the ministry in Zion are not thinking anything about bank accounts. They are not thinking anything about home, or anything about a "rainy day," or anything about what their children are going to do, or taking out a life insurance policy, and all the rest of it. If the ministers in this Church cannot trust the Lord Jesus the Christ, let them get out. My Bible says, "Seek first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Do you believe it? If you do not believe it, why quit.

**The Church's Ministry to Trust God.**

This Church has got to have an apostolic ministry—not a lot of hirelings—a lot of apostates. The ministry in this Church have got to be men who know how to trust God. As I said to those workers who are going out into the field: "I fix your allowance at so much. You will get it if it is there; if it is not, you won't." As I wrote to some of the officers: "It is your business to trust your God as well as for the General Overseer to do it." Why should Wilbur Glenn Voliva have to trust God for the $2,000 every month? Everybody on the payroll will have to trust God for it and exercise the faith; but God will never fail His children.

Ah, look at the Word of God. Did not He take care of Elijah, the prophet? What about Ishmael and Hagar? Did not He take care of them away out there in the wilderness? Hagar had put the little boy off to one side so that she could not see him, for she said, "Let me not see the child die." He was dying of thirst in the desert. There was no water there, but all at once an angel spake to her and showed her beautiful, bright,

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sparkling water, springing up there in the desert, and she filled the bottle and gave the child to drink.

What about the widow's cruse of oil and barrel of meal? was not the Word of God true; and the more that was taken out of the barrel, the more there was there? And cannot God do the same now, if we are seeking first His Kingdom? I am so glad, that when I preach, that I can stand up as a minister and say, "I am fighting for a Church that takes the Bible and lives it."

**Excuses Wreck Faith.**

These wretched excuses are taking many people to hell. There is only one thing that is damning more people, and that is the spirit of criticizing and fault-finding. That wrecks more people than anything else. All the children of Israel that perished in the wilderness, perished because of criticizing. Every last one of them died and rotted in the wilderness.

The trouble with some is, they never realized the genuineness of this organization. We are going to have authority and discipline, and no one will be allowed to remain in this Church who has the spirit of criticism and fault-finding. A thoroughly consecrated people, thoroughly united under proper leadership, is an unconquerable army. They can never be conquered, and, I tell you, as Dr. Dowie used to say, "The outside can never hurt Zion. Zion's greatest danger is on the inside;" and that proved to be true.

Some people will never get right with God or Zion, will never get rid of that spirit of criticism and fault-finding, until they go through hell. They will pay for it. We will pay for every transgression.

**Let Your Thoughts Be of Heaven.**

Now, I want you to think of Heaven: that is our promised home. Do you want to give all your time to this earth? We are just staying here for a time; this life is but a journey; this is a temporary stopping place: up yonder is our home. Now is the time to bear the cross; up yonder is the place to wear the crown. Now is the time to fight the battle; hereafter to claim the victory. Now is the time to toil and labor; there to reap the reward.

My brothers and sisters, it is a wonderful prospect before us. When I talk to Jesus, I say to the blessed Savior, "I want to be Your disciple, just as truly as though You stood by my side and took me by the hand and said, 'Follow Me.' I know Your sacrifice, I know Your self-denials,I know Your suffering for me. I want to do what is right in Your sight; I want to see Your face when You come; I want to be taken upon Your throne; I want to reign with You and claim that beautiful promise."

Ah, my brothers and sisters, Jesus is very near, very near; and what I call for in this Church is a complete consecration. I have no desire for millions of dollars in property unless the people are saved.

**Righteousness is True Prosperity.**

As I said to God yesterday, "I do not want any material prosperity without spiritual prosperity. I do not care for Zion City without the people in this Church are saved." And I said, "Father, when you give me millions, as I know you will, then I am going to see if I cannot get more humble and be closer to Thee. And I promise you, Father, I will do all I can to have everybody in this Church truly and soundly converted and wholly consecrated." Then I know it will be all right. May God help us. "No good thing will God withhold from them that walk uprightly." Do you believe it? God is able to make the land to produce abundantly. God is able to make one dollar do the work of five dollars. If God could take the widow's cruse of oil and barrel of meal and never let them fail, He can do as much for you.

**The Whole Man to Be Blameless and Serve God.**

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil.

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Now, there is a world of thought in that passage. O, if you would just begin to feed on the Word of God. You ought to sit down three times a day and quote that beautiful verse (John 15:7):

If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Just think of that! Meditate upon that a little while. Think what it means. After you read it, think of a man sitting around worrying about a "rainy day," or worrying about getting rich, about houses and lands! I think when a man will feed upon that three times a day for a month he will get rid of all such spirit as that.

Now unto Him that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

How much of the power of God is working in you? If you want to be filled with the power of God, it is an absolute surrender; it is putting yourself into God's hands, absolutely and unreservedly. That is the only way to be filled with the power of God. Remove every hindrance that the Holy Spirit may have free access.

Be anxious for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Well then, why do not you people do it. I tell you, there are some people's hearts without a guard, for if they had a guard a lot of things that get in would never get in. There is where the trouble comes in.

**Strength for Service Comes by Feeding Upon the Word of God.**

Whatsoever things ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

O, how rich the Word of God is! It is just by feeding upon it and feeding upon it that you become strong and vigorous in the power of God.

Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord.

I tell you there are some great responsibilities. It is enough to make a man weep tears of blood when he thinks of how far away some people are from God. It is a mighty poor time, when you stand looking into the coffin of some dear one, to begin to talk about being sorry. That is a poor time to begin to be sorry. Now is the time to be sorry; now is the time to put everything right; now is the time to prepare for any battle that comes;—now is the time, not then.

May God move upon this people mightily today to do His will.

## Zion's Workers Sowing and Gathering.

48347 Congress Avenue, Chicago, Ill. Sept. 10, '09.

E. L. CAREY,
Zion City, Ill.

*Dear Elder:*

Peace to thee!

Your letter of the 8th inst. duly received.

Two people I met in my work last week gave themselves to God in prayer. Two more were saved at street meeting last Lord's Day evening. God is blessing in every way. The sick are being healed.

Yours in Jesus' name,
(Deacon) S. F. HUSTON.

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# ZION SEVENTIES

*Deacon J. W. Friend*

*General Recorder*

This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. Matt. 24:14.

In this world of sin, there is a small band of loyal, aggressive Christian workers known as Zion Seventies, a band no larger than the size of the cloud (figuratively speaking) that first appeared on the horizon in the time of Elijah; but this small cloud, no bigger than a man's hand, a mere speck in the heavens, grew into a mighty cloud which brought a long sought for rain.

And so it is today. Already we can hear the sounds of abundance of rain. This small band of Seventies will become larger and grow into a mighty organization which will shake the world as it has never before been shaken.

Zion Seventies are commissioned by Jesus the Christ to proclaim the Glad Tidings of the Kingdom of God. They are sent out in accordance with the Divine plan as formulated by Jesus the Christ and recorded in the Gospel by St. Luke. This is the only organization in the world today that proclaims the Gospel of the Kingdom in its true sense, proclaiming that God shall rule in the heart, the home, the state, and the nation, and that the kingdoms of this world belong to our Lord and His Christ, and that He shall reign for ever and ever.

Zion Seventies are doing their part in preparing the way for this glorious consummation---ushering in the age when the swords shall be beaten into pruning hooks, and when the lion and lamb shall lie down together, and the little child shall lead them.

The time cometh when God shall gather all nations and tongues, and they shall see the glory of God.

Zion Seventies throughout the world, grasp the opportunities that you now have to carry the Gospel of the Kingdom of God to earth's remotest bounds as a testimony to all nations, that every one may know that "Jesus the Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for-ever;" that He is the same loving Savior who forgives all our iniquities and heals all our diseases. He is ever ready to accept every one who will come unto Him. He will in no wise cast them out. Seek the fallen, and bring them to God. While we have the opportunity, let us do good unto all men.

We are pleased to submit to our readers the following report of work as it is being done from week to week.

At the time of going to press, several reports have not come in from the field.

KENOSHA.

The work in Kenosha was conducted last Saturday night by Deacon Hammond, accompanied by about twenty of the Choir Seventies. An interesting meeting was held, and the evil spirits were caused to rave at what was said against Satan's Consuming Fire and Distilled damnation—tobacco, and whiskey and all other evil drinks.

Personal work, such as heart-to-heart talks, was done, and God's Spirit was manifest in the meeting.

About 1500 messages were given away, and 100 Leaves of Healing and Heralds were sold.

Services are held in Carpenters' Hall, every Lord's Day morning at 10:30. Choir Seventies will continue the good work next Saturday evening. Some plans for lively work in the future are being laid.

CHICAGO.

Division No. 5, Jasper H. DePew, Director, went into Chicago last Lord's Day, September 12th. They worked on the North side and report a very interesting time. About 2,500 messages and 3,000 handbills announcing the opening of Central Zion Tabernacle were distributed. 125 copies of LEAVES OF HEALING and 75 HERALDS were sold.

Next Lord's Day, all the Seventies in Zion City, including the Choir, Band and Orchestra, will leave Salem Boulevard Station at 6:30 a. m. by way of Special Train over the Chicago and Milwaukee Electric line. There will also be a Special Train to bring back the Seventies from Chicago to Zion City. Full particulars will be announced at the Wednesday night rally.

Tickets for the round trip may be had of the Seventy Directors and Captains of each Company, fare 75 cents each.

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD LATER THAN FRIDAY NIGHT.

## Free Literature Distribution for Week Ending September 11, '09

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| Rolls to United States | 50 |
| Rolls to Hotels | 6 |
| Rolls to Newspaper Editors | 14 |
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| Rolls to Business Men of United States | 18 |
| Rolls to Steamers | 28 |
| Rolls to Australia | 35 |
| Rolls to South Africa | 41 |
| Total for Week | 200 |
| Total number Rolls sent out since August 1st, '09, | 2000 |
| Messages given away and distributed by Zion Seventies for week ending September 11, '09, | 950 |
| Messages given away and distributed by Zion Seventies since August 1st. '09, | 60,045 |

## SPECIAL ATTENTION

Zion Seventies, throughout the world, please send in your names and addresses to Deacon J. W. Friend, General Recorder, so an up-to-date enrollment may be perfected. By having full data, the General Recorder will know with whom to correspond in regard to distributing Zion Literature.

## SHILOH TABERNACLE

**The Next Payment is due December 28, 1909:**

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| **Cash in hand September 14 - -** | **1107.24** |
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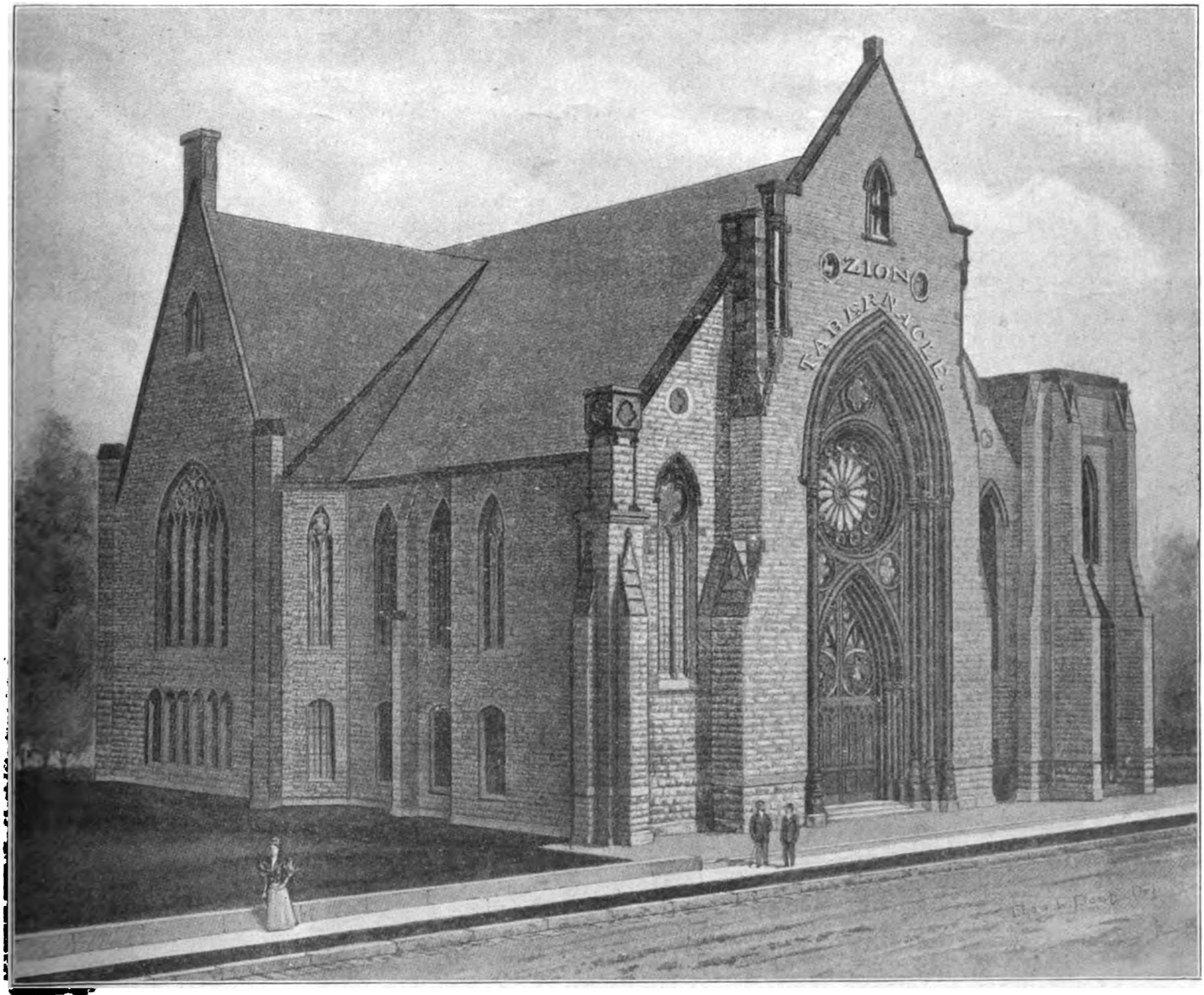
# LEAVES OF HEALING

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And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

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# The Gospel of the Kingdom

## Healed for Service

A Divine Healing Address Delivered During the Thirteenth Aunual Convocation, Tuesday afternoon, July 13, 1909, in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois

*By General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Volwa*

[REPORTED BY MISS S.J.B.]

The meeting was opened by singing Hymn No. 181—"I Need Thee Every Hour."

Elder Richert then led the congregation in repeating the 35th chapter of Isaiah and the 91st Psalm.

Hymns No. 425—"The Solid Rock," and No. 82—"Whiter Than Snow," were then sung.

General Overseer: Now, is that the desire of every heart here present—that you shall be washed "whiter than snow?"

O, what an awful responsibility to sing a hymn like this one---"Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole, I want Thee forever to live in my soul,"---my life, "break down every idol" . . .

In the "ZION HERALD" that will come off the Press tomorrow [Vol. III, No. 11], there will be printed a letter received from Elder Viking, wherein he tells about his returning to Shanghai with over one hundred idol gods that he had captured from people who had surrendered them and had accepted instead the One True and Living God.

### Man's Worst Foes Internal.

"Break down every idol, cast out every foe."

Your worst foes are internal foes. What are some of them?---Pride, temper, envy, jealousy, covetousness and other works of the flesh. Many a man has been slain by the enemies within himself when he has withstood the onslaughts of all the enemies outside. How often we have heard it said of certain men: "He is his own worst enemy," and that is very true.

"Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow."

That means that every stain will be removed from your spirit, all impurity taken out of your blood, and the destruction of all disease in your bodies.

Is it your desire this afternoon that God, through the Holy Spirit, shall search the innermost recesses of your hearts and take out *every sin* down to the very roots; are you willing that God shall do that?

People: "Yes."

### The Church to be Spotless.

General Overseer: We want this to be a glorious Church. Is there anything wrong in asking God to make this a Church "without spot or wrinkle?"

People: "No."

General Overseer: God's precious Word is true, and I tell you, my brothers and sisters, there are joys awaiting us this afternoon such as we have never realized before. All that is necessary to have the blessings promised in this precious Book is for you and for me to make a full surrender. Are you afraid to say, "O God, I am in Your hands absolutely?"

We must have no joy in the things of this world. Our desire must be that every idol in our midst shall be destroyed and that there shall be nothing left between us and God. May God grant it.

Heaven is yours, if you will only press forward; but any carelessness, or indifference, or half-hearted loyalty, God will not accept.

### Live in the Secret Place of the Most High.

So this afternoon I pray that you will all start for the Secret Place of the Most High. You have repeated that Psalm over and over again, many times, "The Secret Place of the Most High." It is our privilege to dwell in the Secret Place of the Most High, to abide under the shadow of the Almighty, and to receive every blessing that God has provided for us.

We daily experience God's keeping power. He keeps away the pestilence, protects us in times of storm, keeps us from sickness, affliction and disease, and guides us all the way along our journey.

Now, did you mean that stanza you have just been singing?

People: "Yes."

### A Complete Sacrifice Necessary.

GENERAL OVERSEER: I will read again the second stanza. Now notice this: You are praying, "Lord Jesus, look down from Thy Throne in the skies, and help me to—" give one cent a year for the extension of the Kingdom of God, and come to church once in three months, providing I feel like it and there is nothing to interfere?

Is that what you sang?

PEOPLE: "No."

General Overseer: "And help me to make—" what?

People: "*A complete sacrifice.*"

General Overseer: How many of you, if put to the test today, could really and truthfully say that you are seeking "first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness?" That is what Jesus has told us to do; and I will never rest, day nor night, until God has rewarded my labors and every officer and member of this Church can say, "I am seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness."

"Lord, help me to make a complete sacrifice." I give up myself—," well that is not giving up very much. I think that is about as near nothing as we could give.

"I give up myself, and whatever I know,"—My! that is a big lot, especially with some people, who think they know so much. "Now, wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow."

"Lord Jesus, for this I most humbly entreat; I wait, blessed Lord, at Thy crucified feet." You see, it doesn't say you are to sit up on a pinnacle. Ah! get that thought out of your minds, that the Bride of the true Savior is a beggar and you are indispensable. God can get along without you and without me; God does not have to beg me. No; I am the beggar; you are the beggars.

### True Humility Merits God's Favor.

We should not come to Christ seeking salvation with a haughty, proud spirit, sitting away up on a pinnacle and saying, "Now, I am a very prominent fellow; and am very rich; snd I had prominent ancestors, and everybody knows me." No; God

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does not accept that kind of person. We all have to come and humble ourselves in the dust and say, "Lord, I am nothing; I place myself down at your feet; I want salvation; I want healing and I want you to help me to lead a holy life."

As I look around at you this afternoon, the cry of my heart is that we will have such a time of heart-searching as we have never known before in our lives.

O! I pray that your spirit and the innermost recesses of your hearts will be thrown wide open to the gaze of the eye of God Almighty today. There is salvation for every sinner here; and there is healing for every sick one.

I told you this morning that I did not think I would pray with anybody this afternoon; you must all come back on Friday; but I shall pray with this sister here, although I do not know that I shall pray with anybody else, because you must get ready to be prayed with.

You come down here to be prayed for to get your healing, and I ask you why you want to be healed and you say, "This pain hurts, and I want to get rid of it." Well, that is a wonderful motive for desiring your healing, isn't it! I am going to know what you have been doing for the past year or two; I want to see how you have been living.

Where have you been? Have you maintained your hold upon God? Are you as well off spiritually now as you were six months, or two years, ago? That is the question. And if God should heal you this afternoon, what are you going to do after He makes you well? That is the question.

Ah! that is a wonderful Hymn—"By faith for my cleansing." Now, how much faith have you this afternoon?

**God's Word True---Why Not Get Healing?**

You know that you and I are good friends; but I am going to talk very straight to you this afternoon, and I am going to do it for your own good. That is what you need, and it is what you are going to get, whether you want it or not. I am going to see what is the matter. God is alright. Is there one person here who will say that God is not alright, or that His Word is not true? Well then, why is it that you are not healed? What is the trouble? There is trouble somewhere, either on earth or in Heaven, and we can be very sure that it is not in Heaven.

We could come here this evening and say to the janitor, "What is the matter; all dark here?" He says, "I don't know; I have turned the switch, but there is no light." We telephone down to the Power-House and they tell us that everything down there is alright. Then we go to work to discover what is the matter, and find out that somebody has cut the wire that runs into this Tabernacle; and all you have to do to get the light is to re-establish the connection with the Power-House.

Now I think that is the reason why some people do not get their healing—because the connection between them and God has been severed—there is the difficulty.

**Jesus Healed All Manner of Sickness and Disease.**

Go through the New Testament, and you will find a man suffering with the leprosy, and Jesus lays His hands on him, and immediately he is made whole.

Then we see the Centurion coming up to ask Jesus to heal his servant; and Jesus said, "I will go;" but the Centurion said, "No, Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof; but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.

We see the deaf, and Jesus putting His fingers into their ears and crying, "Be thou opened!" and the deaf ears are opened.

Then we see Jesus standing at the grave of Lazarus, and crying, "Lazarus, come forth!" and "Lazarus came forth!"

There is a man who had been in bed for eight years, and the Apostle commands him, in the name of the Lord, to arise.

There is Peter passing by, and his shadow is cast along over the sick, and they are healed.

Have we not the very same Savior that they had? Jesus the Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. Then may God grant that there shall be at least one Church on this earth that will have the same power and the same blessings now that were received when Christ was upon the earth. That is what we are here for this afternoon; we must make progress.

**Be Empty of Self, That God May Fill With His Spirit to Heal.**

I tell you, my brothers and sisters, you must make a full surrender today; make a whole-hearted consecration; put yourselves into God's hands, for that is the only way.

O, my dear sister (addressing a young lady who is consumptive), I would give anything in this world to have you healed! O, that God would smite and kill that disease this afternoon, and save that young life!

My brothers and sisters, if the power of God is working in you this afternoon, and you will all besiege the Throne of God for the life of that dear young girl—Never mind, it is alright for the tears to roll down your cheeks. There will never be the great conversions and the great healings and the sound of the coming of the Holy Spirit, until you all get to the place where God wants you to be. O, may God grant it this afternoon! (Amens).

**Implore Newness and Pureness of Heart.**

"Lord Jesus, Thou seest I patiently wait; come, now, and within me a new heart create." *A new heart* You must get rid of that old heart of yours—get rid of the "old man."

"To those who have sought Thee, Thou never saidst No." Do you believe that?

People: "Yes."

General Overseer: Yes, that is true; Jesus never said "No" to anyone who sought Him.

"Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow."

**God's Promises Abundant and Beyond What We can Ask or Think.**

My brothers and sisters, it has come to me with greater force than ever before in my life; let us start right out today, *now*, for the very Throne of God. Think of all that is promised in God's precious Word, and how little we have ever had. The person in this congregation who has had the most of the blessings that God has promised, has received only a little crumb, compared to that which He has put in His Storehouse for us, if we will but take it.

Then let this Church get down to business. If there is any confession we need to make, let us make it; if there is any sin in the camp, let us get it out this afternoon, there is no other way. If you have not done your duty, tell God all about it.

**What Are You Going to Do?**

And then God asks you what are you going to do in the future? You must be dead in earnest.

When you reach the place you ought to be, you will allow nothing to keep you away from the meetings of this Convocation; you will be here every evening, even if you have to crawl on your hands and knees to get here. I am determined, by the help of God, that the table shall be spread with the bread from Heaven and with the Water of Life, and then say unto one and all, "Come, eat and drink, here is salvation for the sinner and healing for the sick."

Mother, cannot you get down this afternoon and wrestle with God for the conversion of that unconverted daughter of yours or for the salvation of that unsaved boy, until in Zion City the sinners will fall down before God in the streets, and the power of God will reach every home in this City? Can you not do that? God is ready and is waiting.

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# General Overseer's Notes

HEADQUARTERS OFFICES OF THE CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC CHURCH IN ZION, CITY HALL BUILDING, ZION CITY, ILLINOIS, U. S. A., Sept. 24, 1909.

## "FOR THE PEOPLE HAD A MIND TO WORK."

Nehemiah made use of the above words in describing the people who were so faithfully cooperating with him in rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem.

In thinking of the noble company of men, women, youths and maidens who went into Chicago on last Lord's Day, and took their respective places as Seventies, as members of the Choir, Orchestra, and Band, the words: "For the people had a mind to work," instantly came into my mind.

It was, indeed, a great inspiration to see more than five hundred workers assembled at the Salem Boulevard Station in Zion City, ready to leave for Chicago at 6:30 a. m. Two splendid photographs of the entire company will be presented in the near future to the readers of both LEAVES OF HEALING and ZION HERALD.

At 11 a. m., another company, consisting of one hundred and sixty-one persons, left from the same station; and by 2 p. m. all had gathered at Central Zion Tabernacle, prepared for the re-opening and re-dedicatory service.

The Choir and Orchestra consisted of two hundred and thirty-seven members, and they rendered the "Hallelujah Chorus" by Beethoven, and the Chorus entitled "And the Glory of the Lord" by Handel.

Every seat in the Tabernacle was taken: some stood throughout the service, and others, being unable to find seats, went away.

A picture of a part of the audience will be published in about two weeks in both LEAVES OF HEALING and Zion Herald.

The Scripture Lesson was read by Elder Carey from Matthew 25:31:46. The text was, "Go thou and do likewise," found in Luke 10:37.

The Seventy Workers, during the day distributed 34,000 handbills, sold 495 HERALDS and 1560 LEAVES OF HEALING.

This week, from friend and foe alike, can be heard the statement, "Well, one thing certain, the people under Overseer Voliva's leadership are the only people who are doing anything."

Arrangements are now being made to visit, God willing, the City of Racine, Wisconsin, on the second Lord's Day evening in October.

Readers of both Leaves of Healing and Zion Herald must bear in mind that these are very busy days for the General Overseer, and that, for the time being, most of the editorial work on both papers must be entrusted to others.

God has given Zion Shiloh Tabernacle, the Zion City General Stores, and we are after other properties which, when once purchased, will mean much for the extension of the Kingdom of God.

New and excellent quarters are being fitted up for Zion

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Printing and Publishing House, and many other important matters demand much prayerful consideration.

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All of yesterday was spent in Court. The legal battle as to whether I shall be returned to jail, or released, is still going on. At the same time I am enduring this persecution, God is most wonderfully blessing; and there is a wonderful future before Zion if all the people will only be wholly consecrated, prayerful, and faithful unto the end.

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Pray that God may give wisdom, knowledge, and power, and that He may guide by His Word and Spirit, and bless all the Zion workers, and make them a blessing to earth's remotest bounds.

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PRAY WITHOUT CEASING.

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# Healed for Service.

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**Now, Just a Word for Jesus.**

Now, here is another song that I would like you to sing—"Now, just a word for Jesus." There are some hymns that I shall not permit this Church to sing any more until they get right. One of the hymns that I have in mind is, "O, for a thousand tongues to sing my Great Redeemer's praise!" I am not going to let you sing that any more until you rise up and thank God that He is your Healer, and Keeper, and that He has been so good to you.

Ah! my brothers and sisters, you professed conversion, some of you, forty years ago, and yet your voice was never heard in prayer or in praise, and you are hastening on May God help you this afternoon to rise and thank Him, is my earnest prayer.

I want to give you an opportunity to speak and an opportunity to pray, and I will not rest until every dumb person here is healed.

Some of you have been kept all these years, and there are others for whom we have prayed and they have been healed so quickly; and then, again, I am sorry to say, there are others who do not get their healing. Is it God's fault? No; let this Church arise to its privileges, and then the sick will be carried to the Sanctuary, and as they enter the door, they will rise up well. May God grant it?

After singing, "Now, just a word for Jesus," the meeting was thrown open for testimonies.

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## TESTIMONIES

Deaconess Paddock: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." I praise God, with my whole heart, for what he has done for me. In 1890--and three times since, I have been on the verge of "passing over," but God has been so good to me and has so wonderfully delivered me. Only last March I was very sick, and the Elder came and laid hands on me and prayed for me, and I knew that Zion was all praying for me, and I knew it was not God's will that I should die, because my work was not yet finished; and God has restored me again to my health. By the grace of God, I am determined to live true and faithful to Zion and to my God. I do thank God for the teaching that we received this morning. God has wonderfully used me, and I praise Him and give Him all the glory. In all the years of my maternity work, I have never lost a dear little babe nor a mother. The time to search your heart is before you are married; let the mother search her heart and get right, and also the young man, before they are married. May God help the young people to understand what they are doing, that they may bring forth true children of God, to be raised up for Him. I do thank God for the dear little children in Zion, and I want you to pray for me that God will give me a strong body, so that I may work for Him. My life and my all are consecrated to God and to His service, and all I live for is to help someone else. May God help that dear young sister just to put herself in His hands. He is no respecter of persons. Dear (addressing the sick young lady), God is wanting to heal you; He is longing to heal you; it is not His Will for you to die at such an early age. I am now sixty-six years of age, and I want to live for sixty years more, if I can be useful in His service. We should all think of living to help someone else on the way. Pray for me, that I may ever be true and faithful.

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A Brother: I desire to say that I belong to Jesus the Christ and have within my spirit an unutterable hatred of sin and disease. By the grace of God, in His strength, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, I have dedicated my life to God, and I shall speak for Him wherever I go. I do not propose to stand still and let the devil have his own way. This afternoon, when I think of that girl, my blood boils and my spirit is stirred within me. The healing is there for her, and we want her to be healed for Jesus' sake.

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A Sister: I want to thank God for His wonderful love to me. Fourteen years ago I was at the Divine Healing Home on Michigan Avenue, Chicago. Over two hundred people were in the Assembly Room one morning, when Dr. Dowie was preaching on repentance. I was suffering terribly, and it seemed as though a knife had gone through my heart. I told the Lord I would make an absolute surrender to Him, and asked Him to heal me. I had trouble with my spine, and suffered from an internal trouble. Someone had pulled a chair from under me, and I had sat on the floor, which caused my suffering, and I had never seen a well day since. For three years I was a complete invalid, and had to be carried to the Divine Healing Home. I listened to the teaching, and allowed the preached Word to sink deeply into my heart; and on the third day, as I lay on my back, while Dr. Dowie was talking on Repentance, I made an absolute surrender of myself to God. I looked about and could not see anybody, and all at once a white cloud came before me, and I said, "I will, God helping me, I will be wholly Thine!" and ever since I have kept my word. While walking along the street yesterday, I met a man who asked me where I stood now. I said, "Where I did fourteen years ago when God raised me up--with Zion." Before God healed me I was a terrible sufferer and had to live on liquid food; for three years and a half I could not take any solid food, and for two years I could not take a drink of cold water. God healed me fourteen years ago, and He has kept me ever since, and I have been with the sick, and have worked very hard, night and day. I have given my life and my heart to God, and I ask Him to keep me every day so that when people see me going along the streets they can see how wonderful is God's keeping power. I have my sister and my nephew

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here with me. My nephew was born with spinal trouble and tuberculosis. He was taken to a Divine Healing meeting in Zion Home. I did not tell Dr. Dowie what the trouble was, but he ran his hand down that child's spine and prayed for him, and the child was instantly healed and all his trouble disappeared. He may be here this afternoon; he is now eleven years old and God has wonderfully kept him. I know what God can do, because I know what He has done for me, and I thank and praise His Name, and ask you all to pray for me, that I may be true and faithful until Jesus comes.

Mrs. Richert: I praise God for the many blessings and healings that I have received in Zion during the past ten years. I could not take the time to tell of the different healings that I have had. And I also thank God for the beautiful truths of Zion, and that I have the privilege of living in Zion City. I praise God that He has so wonderfully kept me, and I stand today where I did when I first came in to Zion.

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A Sister: I desire to say that I have lived a Christian life for forty-six years, having been a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. About three years ago I began to study the "LEAVES OF HEALING," and then when the "ZION HERALD" came out I began to study that also. I have been afflicted a number of years, and according to the preaching that I heard, I thought that I was serving God fully; but soon found that they did not preach the full Gospel as I found it in "LEAVES OF HEALING" and the "ZION HERALD," and I long to know more about God and His work, and about how I should live. After reading a good deal, I came to the conclusion that I was not right, and so I have come to Zion City to receive instruction and to be baptized, and I am so glad to be here. I am now seventy-seven years of age, but I want to live for a long time yet, and to spend the balance of my years in God's service. I desire you to pray for me; I am afflicted with Rheumatism and liver trouble, my eyes are dim and I do not hear very well. I want to be baptized, and I want God to heal me, and I know He will.

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An Aged Brother: After singing the Hymn entitled "Keep close to Jesus all the way," said: I want you all to keep close to Jesus all the way, and then you will be on a safe road. I love my brothers and sisters, in the Lord, I love my friends. O, this afternoon I want you to take the blessed hope that is in God's Holy Word. I always carry my Bible in my pocket, when I walk along the road I have it with me and it helps me to keep close to Jesus all the way. I have read my Bible through over eleven times. O! may God bless you all. Live by the Word of God, and follow Jesus the Christ. I am praying for you all and for the General Overseer. He has a great work before him, and you must help him. I hope and trust that all of you who call yourselves Christians will confess your sins if you are not thoroughly saved, and will help to extend the Kingdom of God. Remember that Christ was crucified for you and for me. May God help and bless us all! I may never again speak to you here; but I wanted to come today, and made up my mind to come even if I had to crawl; but if I should never see you again here, I do hope and trust that I shall meet you all in Heaven. Let us all be of one heart and one mind, and one body in Jesus the Christ. Now may God bless you all. Pray for me.

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General Overseer: The Brother who has just spoken is nearly ninety years of age, and you have been listening to words that seem almost to come from the grave. It will be a long time before some of us are as old as that Brother.

Deacon J. W. Friend: I praise God for salvation and healing, and for the power to live a clean life. When we stop to count our blessings, it will surprise us what the Lord hath done for us. I ask you to pray for me, that I may be a greater blessing to those with whom I daily come in contact.

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The Hymn entitled, "My Jesus I Love Thee," was then sung.

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A Sister: "I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall continually be in my mouth." I do feel thankful to God this afternoon for all that He has done for me. For three months I was an invalid and could not come to meeting at all; but I am so thankful that God is healing me, and that I am able to come to these Convocation meetings. If it had not been for Zion, I would not be alive today; Zion showed me Jesus as my Healer, and I love Zion today better than anything else in the world and I am so happy since I came to Zion. I do praise God for His goodness to me, and I want to be perfectly healed and made strong and well, that I may be able to help others, and to help in this great battle for Zion.

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A Sister: I traveled a long distance this morning in order to meet with you this afternoon, and I am so thankful to be here. God has wonderfully healed me; but I have another little affliction, and I am expecting God to answer the prayers of His people and to give me a perfect deliverance. I praise the Lord that He has permitted me to spend nearly sixty years in His service, and although I am unworthy, yet He has richly blessed me, for which I praise His Name. Pray for me.

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A Sister: * * I thank God for the joy that I receive through being a member of Zion. I am so glad to be here today. There are not any Zion members where I live. I am in my eighty-sixth year, and have been in Zion since before the Church was organized. I am enjoying these meetings so much. It is through the kindness of the Elders that I am here. I do thank God for all His goodness to me. Pray for me, that I may receive a perfect healing.

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A Sister: * * I thank God for His healing and keeping power, and that He has permitted me to come to Zion City at this time. Please pray for me, that I may remain true and faithful to God and to Zion.

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A Sister: * * I was on my back and hardly able to move all this forenoon, but I asked God to give me the strength to come this afternoon, and I came in His strength and feel much better. I am so thankful for what God has done for me since I have been in Zion. Pray that God will perfectly heal me, and I know that He will answer prayer, because His promises cannot fail.

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A Brother: * * I praise my Heavenly Father for Zion. I could not begin to tell how many rich blessings I have received in Zion. Please pray for me, that I may have wisdom in bringing up my children in Zion.

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A Sister: * * I have been crippled for a long time, and was unable to walk without the aid of my crutches; but God is

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healing me, and I am now able to walk without my crutches, although a little crippled still; but I know that God will give me a complete healing, and I am fully trusting Him. Pray for me, and may God bless you all.

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The Hymn entitled "Hiding in Thee" was then sung.

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A Sister: * * "I will praise Thee, O Lord, I will praise Thee among the people." The first of May I was very sick, and God answered prayer and healed me; but I failed to give God the glory, and I fear that I grieved the Holy Spirit. About three weeks ago I again took sick, and suffered dreadfully; and I felt that it was because I had been so slow in praising God, but He has healed me, and I praise and thank Him for all His mercies and blessings to me, and I want to be faithful to God and to Zion until Jesus comes. Please pray for me.

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A Sister: * * I want to testify to God's goodness to me. I have not come to speak as an invalid; but I have been in Zion for about eight or nine years, and during all that time I have never been sick, but have been perfectly well. And there is not anything that stirs my heart so much as to see this sick one, and there is where our hearts and our prayers should center this afternoon. As I am strong in body and mind, my heart goes out to those who are sick; and I feel that as we are strong we should help those who are weak. Please pray for me that I may be kept strong in mind and body, and true to Zion, that I may be a help to others.

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A Sister: * * I want to praise God for Zion. I was a member of the Methodist Church, and they used to call me a crank because I would not join in their social life of which I did not approve. When I found the "Leaves of Healing" it was just what I had been wanting and looking for, and I saw that the teaching was right, and that Dr. Dowie reached right down into the people's lives and did not excuse them for their sins, like the Methodist Church did. I thank God today that, through the teaching of Zion, I can look to Him as my Healer. I praise Him for His saving, healing, cleansing and keeping power; and I do want to help in this glorious fight with Zion.

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A Sister: * * I thank God that we stand today in the same spot where we pitched our tent when we first came to Zion City. I thank God for the wonderful Gospel of Healing that we have in Zion, and for His keeping power. I do pray that God will help me to be true and faithful, and instrumental in His hands for good in this glorious fight for Him.

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A sister: * * I praise God this afternoon for Zion, and for the many blessings that He has bestowed upon my family and myself since we came into Zion, and for His wonderful keeping power.

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A Sister: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His Holy Name." After having been a member of the Medothist Church for over forty years I was brought into Zion. The first time that I came to Zion was in 1897. Dr. Dowie had laid hands upon me and prayed, but I was not healed then, and I had to fight it out. My husband had said that I would not be healed, he had no faith; and when I went back I was sorry to have to tell him that I was not healed in my body, but I said to him, "I know I will be healed, because it is God's will, and this is His truth, for He has provided it in the Atonement which Jesus Christ made upon Calvary." However, I grew worse, and suffered more intensely than I had before; but many times I left my work and went to God's Word and read His promises over and over again, and I said, "Yes, Lord, I know it is for me;" and God gave me the victory, and His healing power went right through my entire body to the ends of my finger tips, and I was healed of all the diseases that I had had for over twenty years. That was over four years ago. Since that time I sinned the sin of over-work, and was taken down violently sick with Pneumonia; but I thank God for the faithful ones in the little Gathering over which I preside, they came and fought for hours with me. I simply trusted my life in God's hands. I believed that He still had a work for me to do, and so I fully trusted Him and He raised me up and healed my body, and I feel that I cannot thank Him sufficiently. I came up to this Convocation to receive spiritual and physical help, and I am getting it. Before I started, a dear Presbyterian woman who has been reading Zion literature said to me, "I wish I could go with you to Zion City, but I cannot; but you ask those people to pray for me, that I may be blessed in my body." I think the Lord has convicted her, and she will have to either come out of that apostate Church or go her way. Please pray for me, that I may receive the blessings that I need.

A Sister: I want to thank God for the healing of my little girl. The General Overseer prayed for her and she received a great blessing and a partial healing, and from that time on we have continued to pray earnestly for her, and God healed her. We give God all the glory.

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A Brother: I praise God for His wonderful goodness to me. It is now twenty-eight years since I knew that my sins were forgiven, sixteen years since I understood Divine Healing, and eleven years since I quit eating pork. God healed me of a terrible cancer, and I praise Him for His many blessings to me.

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A Sister: Nine years ago I was very ill, the doctor told me that my life was only a matter of a few months, and that if I remained in bed for one whole day I would never get up again. After reading the "LEAVES OF HEALING" I gave up my medicine. I had no Zion Officer to pray for me, but I placed myself in God's Hands, and I knew that if He wanted to heal me for His service, I would get well; and if not, I would die trusting Him; and in a month's time I had more perfect health than I had had at any time in my life before, and I praise and thank God for His goodness to me.

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A Sister: This meeting this afternoon takes me back to the old-time Zion meetings. I thank and praise the Lord for all the blessings that I am receiving from these Convocation meetings, it is a real spiritual feast to me; and my heart feels sad when I see people neglecting these meetings, because there are some I should like to have seen here who are not here. I have been trusting God for nearly fourteen years; several times I have been at death's door. Only two years ago I was at death's door, and there was not a Zion person around me, but a Presbyterian woman came to see me and told me that God had sent us the doctors and that I should call in a doctor. I told her it was her privilege to trust in the doctors if she wanted to, but that it was my privilege to trust in God, and that even though God should call me home that day I would not taste a drop of medicine but that I would die trusting Him, although I did not expect to die. And when she saw me after God had healed me, she wondered at the great change in me. God has been very good to me in healing me, and I give Him the glory.

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# ZION SEVENTIES

*Deacon J. W. Friend*
*General Recorder*

Go ye out into the highways and hedges, and constrain them to come in, that My house may be filled.—Luke 14:23.

Last Lord's Day, September 19, 1909, was the date of the grand re-opening of the Central Zion Tabernacle, Michigan Avenue and Sixteenth Street, Chicago, and on that day the General Overseer, Wilbur Glenn Voliva, accompanied by his Cabinet, the Zion White-Robed Choir, Band and Orchestra, together with the five divisions of the Zion City Seventies, went into Chicago, via Chicago and Milwaukee Electric Railway, having eleven special cars to convey them into the City.

The Seventies' reports are very interesting and inspiring. In one case when a pair of Seventies gave the beautiful salutation of "Peace be to this house" to the lady who met them at the door of her home, the tears gathered in her eyes and coursed down her cheeks. She accepted the message as one who was living in despair and longing for some ray of sunshine, some hope, some word of encouragement. Life to her seemed devoid of happiness.

Truly the Seventies have many opportunities of carrying the message of Jesus the Christ into the hearts and homes of many persons who are living in the depths of sin, thus bringing nto their lives sunshine and true happiness. Many who are in the ranks of the Seventies today as active workers and are helping to bring others to the Christ, were rescued from a life of sin and have been brought into the Kingdom of God. There is a place in God's Kingdom for every true child of His, and the time is even now at hand when we should go into the highways and hedges and "constrain them to come in that God's house may be filled."

The Seventies did a wonderful work in distributing the announcements and selling the literature. About 34,000 Handbills announcing the reopening service at the Central Zion Tabernacle were distributed, and 495 Heralds and 1,560 LEAVES OF HEALING were sold.

### KENOSHA, WIS.

Deacon Hammond and a few Choir Seventies went to Kenosha last Saturday night (September 18th).

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| Zion Heralds sold | 21 |
| Leaves of Healing sold | 18 |
| Messages distributed | 2687 |

No street meeting was held, but some good personal work was done.

### DE MOINES, IOWA.

Brothers Banks and Anderson send in the following report from their field of labor for the two weeks ending September 18.

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| Leaves of Healing sold | 155 |
| Zion Heralds sold | 123 |
| Messages given away | 2428 |

We herewith add an extract from a letter dated September 20th:

"We have had a good and enjoyable week, on the whole, and rejoice that much has been done to bring blessing not only into the lives of the people in general, but also into the lives of certain individuals."

# Free Literature Distribution for Week Ending September 18, '09

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| Rolls to different States | 72 |
| Rolls to Hotels of the United States | 12 |
| Rolls to Steamers | 8 |
| Rolls to China and Japan | 15 |
| Rolls to Australia | 16 |
| Rolls to South Africa | 35 |
| Rolls to Brazil and Guatemala | 7 |
| Rolls to India, Persia and Korea | 16 |
| Total for Week | 181 |
| Total number Rolls sent out since August 1, '09, | 2181 |
| Messages given away and distributed by Zion Seventies for week ending September 18, '09, | 42,275 |
| Messages given away and distributed by Zion Seventies since August 1st. '09, | 102,320 |

# SPECIAL ATTENTION

Zion Seventies, throughout the world, please send in your names and addresses to Deacon J. W. Friend, General Recorder, so an up-to-date enrollment may be perfected. By having full data, the General Recorder will know with whom to correspond in regard to distributing Zion Literature.

## Zion Their Joy in Old Age.

Valparaiso, Ind., Aug. 20, 1909.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:

*Peace to Thee!*

We do thank God for all the victories He has enabled you to gain. We praise His holy name for the Shiloh Tabernacle, and for the Central Zion Tabernacle, and for all those good helpers you have around you. We know that no one but the called of God could do this great work that you have done amidst all these trials and temptations.

Go forward, Zion! I love the very name of Zion. It is of God. I know there are healings in Zion, for I was healed there myself when dying of dropsy and rheumatism. Through reading the LEAVES OF HEALING and prayer, God wonderfully healed me. Praise His holy name. He keeps me still. Today, I do my house work at the age of seventy-nine.

When you prayed for my husband last winter, he was healed of close breathing right away.

We thank and praise God every day that we ever heard of Zion. We thank and praise God for LEAVES OF HEALING and for the HERALD. We could not live without them, it seems to me.

Yours in the Master's service,
(Signed) MRS. SOPHIA GRISWOLD.

P. S. We want to send a little mite to pay on the dear old Tabernacle and a mite on our tithes. Sometimes we cannot get anything, but when we can, we will send it, if it is only a little. Please find enclosed M. O. for $—— to pay on the Tabernacle and $—— for tithes from,

MR. and MRS. ANDREW GRISWOLD.

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He sendeth His word and healeth them.

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# LEAVES OF HEALING

I am the Lord that healeth thee.

And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

A WEEKLY PAPER FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

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# The Gospel of the Kingdom

## The Sermon on the Mount

### The Only Sure Foundation for a Man, or Business, or the State

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*By O. L. Tindall*

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK)

**It begins with the Individual Character.**

Christ begins with the man. He first makes the tree good, and says it is vain to look for good fruit from an evil tree. So of a man, or a business, or a state, or of society. Good works, so-called, must spring from a good heart. A good man, out of the good treasure of his heart, brings forth good things. You cannot depend upon a man unless he is sound in his heart, because he is like an apple that begins to rot at the core, the rottenness soon finds its way to the surface. It may be stayed for a time.

I look upon the eight or nine beatitudes at the beginning of this sermon as a description of a man who belongs to the Kingdom of Heaven: they point out the characteristics of such a man; they mark the various steps of making up his character; they show us what it takes to make a true man of God. These are graded steps. Too many men of God are deformed in their characters—they come short in too many things.

This true man begins with a humble spirit, a teachable spirit, He puts away the haughty and the proud spirit, and the egotism. He is the poor publican that smites his breast and cries, "Unclean" and "Undone." He listens to authority and obeys it. He says to his Lord, "Here am I, send me." So he enters the Kingdom and is accepted. He mourns over his sins and others. He mourns over the sad things in his own life and the awful condition of mankind, and the suffering on every hand, but he is comforted. He is merciful towards others, even in their sins, and is sorry for their faults and ready to forgive even injuries to himself. His only concern at any time or in any matter is, What is right in the case? He never asks whether it will be popular or not. He never asks, "Will there be any pay in it?" No; only "Is it right? Which is the right side of the question?" It does not matter who is on this side or the other side, he desires only what is right, or righteousness.

**He Keeps His Heart Pure.**

And then he sees God and knows what is His will. He can follow Him because he can see Him, otherwise it would be impossible to follow God. You cannot follow a man if you cannot see him. The only way to see God is by having a clean heart. You do not see God with the natural eye. You do not see God by or through your own wisdom and understanding. You hear Him not with the natural ear. You see God with a pure heart. "Blessed are the pure in heart."

**He Knows How to Meet Trouble.**

This true man expects trouble and offences, but he doesn't care. He says they are only like the storm at sea—the wind blows your vessel only the faster on to its port so long as the ship is sea-worthy and you know how to trim your sails to the breeze. Troubles, persecutions, revilings, and lying reports he only laughs at. He says it is a good sign for so persecuted they the prophets before him, and so spake they of our Lord and Master, but it mattered not. Lies are only shafts of the wicked one which are easily quenched by the Christian's armor. He "rejoices and is exceeding glad" that he is counted worthy to suffer persecution for Christ's sake.

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For such a man or such men, most wonderful promises are made. Not only "great is your reward in heaven," but the Christ said such "shall inherit the earth." Now, that means that they shall have great worldly prosperity, that they shall be blessed in lands, and herds, and flocks, and chattels, and stores. But that promise is based on the fact that they live the Beatitudes, that they "hear these sayings of Mine and DO them."

Now, what is the next step in the Sermon? It is perfectly logical: one thing follows another in logical order. It is a practical sermon; it is more. Christ has described the kind of men He expects in His Kingdom, then He says to them,

**"Ye Are the Light of the World."**

He does not say that of any and every man or men who make a mere profession of His name, and say, "Lord, Lord," but of sterling men and women who DO these things and live them.

To be the light of the world means that they shall be the leaders in all matters where men need light. And will any one tell us where they do not need light? Don't they need it in the home? Don't they need it in the school? Don't they need it in their eating and drinking? Don't they need it in their foolish and extravagant dressing? Don't they need it in their business Does the world do business as it should? Could anything be farther off the track than are our business methods? Should not some light be thrown on that subject? What about our politics, are they what they should be? Could anything be more disgusting than our municipal and state affairs? What corruption everywhere! Does Christ mean when He says "Ye are the light of the world" that ye are only lights in the pulpit, at prayer and praise meetings, and what the world and the devil say the preacher ought to confine himself to and interest himself with? Is that what Christ meant by the world? Does not the world mean more than that? Why didn't He say then "Ye are the light on theological and philosophical and speculative questions, and on heaven, and the state of the blessed on the other shore?" No; He said "Ye are the light of the WORLD." That means the people of God should govern and rule all and in everything in this world. Paul said, "The saints shall *judge* the *world*." No one else is fit to do it.

If the people of God cannot be trusted, then who can? The religion of Jesus Christ is of no use if it does not make men better in every respect.

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# God to Dwell With Man.

An Address Delivered at Shiloh Tabernacle, Lord's Day afternoon, August 29, 1909

*By General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva*

[REPORTED BY MISS S.J.B.]

After reading from the Inspired Word of God, a portion of the twenty-first chapter of Revelation. General Overseer Voliva said:

We should be very grateful to God for all His revelations unto the children of men; but this afternoon I feel that we ought to be especially grateful, for God has been so good as to give us a glimpse of the Age of the ages, beyond the Millennium. That man must indeed be a very dull student and a very careless observer who does not readily see, upon every hand, the signs plainly indicating the close of the present Age and the ushering in of the Millennium.

**The Over-Lapping of the Ages of God's Dispensation.**

There is one special thought which I desire that Zion shall grasp very fully: ages over-lap---as one is dying, another is being born.

One of the most striking illustrations of this thought we find in the record of the close of the Jewish Age and the birth of the Gospel Age. When John the Baptist cried in the wilderness, "Repent ye! for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!" he sounded the death-knell of the Jewish Age and announced the incoming of the Gospel Age; but the over-lapping period lasted for seventy years, and it was not until the Year 70 A. D. that the Jewish Age was completely and finally destroyed, and passed away, and the Gospel Age really began.

The Jewish Age continued for eighteen hundred and forty-six years.

The Gospel Age has now run for almost nineteen hundred and nine years and, if we contend for the correct chronology, this is the year 1913; so that the Gospel Age has already continued much longer than has any other age in the world's history.

There can be no doubt in the mind of the man who has his lamp trimmed and burning, and the Holy Spirit in possession of his spirit, soul and body, that the Gospel Age is dying and that the whole civil, social, religious and industrial order is undergoing a radical change, or revolution.

**Forces For the Mastery at Work.**

Within the last few days I have noticed that a certain man, who occupies a very prominent place, has called for a world-wide organization (along the same lines as those of the labor unions in this country) of the laboring men, hoping to enroll not less than eight million, and probably ten million, members, so that when affairs in the industrial world do not go just to suit them they will apply the same methods as the labor unions in this country apply when they call the laborers out from the factories and workshops, and station their "pickets" around to "break heads," and when they undermine and destroy, and resort to methods which ought to place them in the penitentiary.

If such an organization should be formed, and I think it will be, then I look upon it as the advance guard of the destructive forces which will usher in the Great and Terrible Day of God the Almighty.

Any organization that arrogates to itself the right to say when a man shall work, where he shall work, and what wages he shall receive, is an organization inspired by the bottomless pits of hell; and I say that no man can belong to such an organization and at the same time retain his Christianity.

John Alexander Dowie, in his bold and noble stand in Chicago, was in perfect harmony with the Word of God, the laws of the Kingdom of God, common sense and reason and the rights of mankind, under God; and every righteous, civil government.

A man would better go without work altogether than to sell his Christian character in order to get work; a man would better live on simply bread and water, than to be an associate of criminals and assassins who do not hesitate to resort to murder when it serves their ends. This is one of the signs of the times.

This thought of the over-lapping of the ages, is one of which many people lose sight. The Gospel Age and the Millen-

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nium over-lap, just as the Antediluvian Age and the succeeding Age over-lapped one hundred and twenty years.

**God Prepares His People for Age-Changes.**

When God said to Noah, "There shall yet be one hundred and twenty years," He sounded the death-knell of the Antediluvian Age and announced the birth of the New Order.

Now, God, in His great goodness, has seen fit to raise the veil which conceals the future from our vision, and to show us a little beyond the Millennium, or Millennial Age. The word "millenium," as you know, simply means one thousand; and the verses which I am about to read, are descriptive of the times beyond the Millennium, the length of the Millennial Age being one thousand years.

**What John the Apostle Saw.**

This book is the Revelation of God given to Jesus the Christ His Son, and conveyed to mankind through the Apostle John who received it while a prisoner on the Isle of Patmos.

And I saw a new heaven—

That is, a new dispensation.

And a new earth—

There is no statement in the Word of God to the effect that this earth is to be destroyed; but the teaching of the Word of God is that this earth is to be changed, that it is to be purified by fire, and that all things therein that are not of God, shall perish and pass away.

**The Wicked to Perish by Fire.**

The Apostle Peter, in the third chapter of his Second Epistle, tells us that "the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished; but the heavens and the earth which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men." I do not think there is any question about this earth being stored up with fire---there is not much room for difference of opinion on that matter. The Word of God teaches us that this earth is not to be destroyed.

When God withdraws His hand, then there will be a great conflagration, and the fire that now is in the bowels of the earth shall belch forth and the wicked shall be destroyed, and everything that is not of God shall pass away.

**The Righteous to be Caught up With Christ.**

When that time comes the saints will be with the Lord, for Jesus the Christ---speaking of Himself---said that in like manner as He went away, so He shall come again; then the righteous dead shall be resurrected, the mortal shall put on immortality, the corruptible shall put on incorruption---it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body; the righteous living shall be transformed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye and, all together, will be caught up with the Lord.

And then, the Holy Spirit being withdrawn, having returned to God the Father, all of the elements that are now converging to a point will be let loose for the terrible destruction, which is described by the prophets in both the Old and the New Testaments.

That is what is meant by "a new heaven and a new earth," it means a new dispensation---"for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away, and there was no more sea."

**The Sea of Humanity.**

In the Word of God the "Sea" is the symbol of humanity---the restless, surging multitude, always looking for something that they do not possess and are never satisfied.

The Ocean is never still, and, therefore in the Bible, it is used as a symbol of the restlessness of humanity.

To the Jews, the Sea had simply the aspect of a terrible monster. The Hebrews were not a sea-faring people, and they had a horrible dread of the Sea, as you will find recorded in many places in the Old Testament.

I think we are safe in saying that the word "Sea" in this chapter in Revelation, is an illustration of the restlessness of humanity.

Pray for our workers who are in Chicago and Milwaukee today. May God richly bless the earnest workers who are climbing the stairs in those cities, offering to the people the everlasting Gospel. If you do not know how to climb the wooden and the iron stairs in Chicago and carry the Gospel to perishing humanity, then I do not believe you will ever climb the "Golden Stairs." So if you do not learn to sing the Song of Moses and the Lamb here below, you will not be able to join with the blood-washed throng, waving their palm branches of victory and singing the Song of Moses and the Lamb in the beyond, as described in the seventh chapter of Revelation.

**The New Jerusalem a Type of the Kingdom of God.**

Rev. 21. 2 . . . And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

That "Holy City" is Zion. I would like to point out—for the benefit of any who may be here for the first time—that the little word "Zion" in the Bible, means the Kingdom of God. We use the word "Zion" in that and no other sense.

This Church is called "THE CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC CHURCH IN ZION," or, The Christian Catholic Apostolic Church *in the Kingdom of God*, and the word "Zion" simply means the Kingdom of God.

The Psalmist says, "When the Lord shall build up Zion, then shall He appear in His glory." The teaching of the Word of God is that "Zion," the name of one of the Hills at Jerusalem, is the type of the Kingdom of God. You will find that very plainly set forth in the twelfth chapter of the book of Hebrews, where God, speaking through the inspired writer, whoever he was, says, "ye are come unto Mount Sion, and unto the City of the Living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem."

[NOTE BY ASSOCIATE EDITOR: The word "City" does not necessarily mean houses, and other sructures; but essentially it means "a family," "a household," "an organized body, or seat of authority."]

Zion is the Holy City, the New Jerusalem; Zion is the Bride, the Church without spot or wrinkle; Zion has Jesus the Christ for her Chief Corner-Stone, and her foundation stones are the apostles and prophets; and for her superstructure, the lively stones washed in the Blood of the Lamb---those who have their lamps trimmed and burning and the oil in their vessels, ready to meet the Bridegroom when He comes.

**God's People to be Gathered and Prepared for Christ's Second Coming.**

The present-day popular idea that the Lord will come and, together with winged messengers from the sky, will fly to and fro and gather the people, is not the teaching of the Word of God; but the Word of God teaches that, somewhere, God's people shall be gathered and prepared for the coming of the Christ.

Now, my hearers, as reasonable men and women --no matter whether you are Roman Catholics, Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists, Congregationalists, Quakers, or any other one of the hundred or more sects of this world, I submit to you: Would it not be the height of folly for the Christ to go around this earth today and to catch up a few Roman Catholics and a few Methodists and a few Presbyterians and a few Congregationalists and a few Baptists and a few from all the other sects, and start to take them all up together to meet Him in the air? What would happen if He did such a thing? What would happen?

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# Editorial Notes

*By O. L. Tindall*

"The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob."

"Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God."

"And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her, and the Highest Himself shall establish her."

"Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in His holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart, who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully."

"He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of His salvation."

"Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in."

"The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle."

Zion of old was often brought low, but God hath spoken of her glorious things.

Zion, today, should be what God intended her to be in the beginning. If she is, then all the promises that God made to her will be vouchsafed to her again.

God does not change. His Word is unchangeable, and it does not fail. Heaven and earth will pass away, but His Word will abide; not a jot or tittle of it shall pass away till all be fulfilled.

Then the glorious things spoken of thee, O Zion, must be fulfilled also, because Zion is a thing of prophecy. Dr. Dowie said this name was impressed upon him, as he was sure, by the Holy Spirit. He shrank from it. His prejudices were against the name on account of certain associations which were not good; but he could not get away from a conviction that he should call this work or organization "Zion."

We have all come to love it. How many are the prayers going up to God every day for Zion, and for her welfare and prosperity and upbuilding! What a glorious idea! What could be more beautiful? A City such as God, Himself, designed, a veritable little heaven on earth.

Is not that what Zion was intended to be? Was it not built after the model and pattern which God gave to His servant? We say, "Yes." As much so as was the original of which the Psalmist speaks such glorious things. It was built for fallible men; not for saints made perfect, nor for angels. And yet God hath spoken glorious things of her, and they will come to pass.

What kind of men shall ascend her hill, and stand in her holy place? It is plain: men of clean hands and pure hearts.

That is the first consideration. That should be the condition of admission. Zion is not to be a place for the unclean. Heaven was not made for such. The drunkard is not to enter the Kingdom of Heaven above. It is not for the unbeliever, nor for the sorcerer, nor whoremonger, nor for the licentious, nor the covetous.

Zion was established for the oppressed and the afflicted of God's people, we are told.

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When we have our hands clean and our hearts pure, through the cleansing power of the Holy Spirit, then we can lift up our gates with joy and gladness, and surely the King of Glory will come in.

Who is the King of Glory? Why, the Lord of Hosts; He is the King of Glory.

"When the Lord shall build up Zion, He shall appear in His glory."

"Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favor her, yea, the set time is come."

Our motto for the year 1909 is, "FOR GOD SHALL SAVE Zion."

O Zion, thy God reigneth.

God is blessing Zion in many ways. Her walls are being built up. Her former glory is returning. Her people are rejoicing. Material prosperity is being given. The house of the Lord—Shiloh Tabernacle—has been restored to Zion. The great Zion General Stores are again in her possession and are dedicated to His service.

Last Lord's Day week was a glorious day for Zion in Chicago, when the old Central Zion Tabernacle on Michigan Avenue was again opened as headquarters for Zion in that great city.

A great company came to hear Zion's message to the World. A faithful band of workers are earnestly seeking the lost ones, and giving them the old Zion truths, and breaking the Bread of life to the sinful and the sick, and telling them of Jesus the Savior, Healer and Cleanser of the people.

God is also turning back them that hate Zion.

"PRAY, BRETHREN; RRAY."

# God to Dwell With Man.

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If you were to bring here this afternoon fifty people from each of the religious sects of today, and say to them, "Now, you people are expected to live here together in one community, and you are expected to carry out the illustration to make Heaven." I tell you, they would pull each others' hair out in less than twenty-four hours.

I would like to know what sense there would be in thinking that Christ is going to take up to Heaven a crowd of people who fight like cats and dogs down here upon earth!

My Bible teaches that—as the lengthening shadows indicate the closing of the Day of Grace and Mercy, and the drawing nigh of the Day of God's Vengeance—somewhere God's people will be gathered and they will put on the wedding garment of righteousness, they will seek for a full sanctification of spirit, soul and body; and, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband, Christ will come for them, and they will go up to meet the Lord in the air.

I do not intend to make any claims, as I shall spend my life doing the work which God has given to me to do; but I tell you that sometime, somewhere, in some place, the Bride of Christ will be gotten ready; and whether it is in Zion or elsewhere, the truth remains the same: that, before the Christ comes, a people must be separated from the world, the flesh and the devil, have their lamps trimmed and burning, and put on the wedding garment of righteousness.

### Men Must Know God, and Obey Him.

What is the Christian's lamp? This Bible is the Christian's lamp; it is the Christian's Guide-Book. Some people say they do not believe the Bible, and neither do they believe that there is any God; but such people are the biggest cowards you can find; and the moment they have a little attack of the tooth-ache they are scared beyond description for fear they are going to die

Oh, yes, when they are in health and strength they can hoot the idea of there being a God, and they can make light of His House; they can scoff at prayer, and say that the Bible is only an "old Jewish book, a tissue of legends;" but just let them come down to the place where just one more step will start them into that deep, long, dark valley of the shadow of death, and they are the biggest cowards of any class of people you can mention.

### The Infallible Word.

This Bible is the Inspired Word of God, and it has stood the test of all the centuries; and after all the onslaughts of infidels, both outside and inside of the pulpit, the Bible stands today as the Inspired Record of God's revelations concerning Himself to the children of men, and no one can gainsay it.

I shall never forget listening to George R. Wendling, at Washington D. C., in his lecture on "The Man of Galilee." As he reached the climax of that celebrated lecture he said, "I will give a large sum of money to any committee of European and American scholars who, after six months' effort, will write one chapter like the Word of God, and bring it to me and say, 'Here is something like the Bible, just as good as the Bible, and is fit to be added as a chapter to the Bible.' " Although that offer has stood for many years, no one has ever accepted it.

When I describe to you the Twenty-Third Psalm, I will show to you a piece of literature that comes not as an echo from three thousand years ago, but as from a voice that was stilled only yesterday, and there is nothing to equal it in all literature, either of ancient or modern writers.

### Is Humanity Measuring Life by God's Standard?

Have you your lamps trimmed and burning? The average

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church-member very seldom, if ever, looks at the Word of God.

When I was an Evangelist, I remember going from town to town and into hundreds of homes; and when I would ask for a Bible, often they would look very much embarrassed, and the husband would look at his wife and the wife at her husband, and they both would look at the children; they knew that once upon a time there was a Bible somewhere in the house, but they did not know just where to find it. Then one will excuse himself and will hunt around and soon will bring you a large Bible, and you could write your name in the dust upon it, and when you open it, the only page that you find finger-marked is the photograph gallery. They have not read their Bible, and their lamps are not trimmed and burning, and they do not know that Christ is approaching.

**Ignorance of the Teaching of God's Word.**

When you talk to the average church member about the second coming of the Lord, you are talking Egyptian hieroglyphics. As I am talking to this congregation today-- a dying man unto dying men and women---I wonder how many of you have your lamps trimmed and burning and, amidst the strife and turmoil of the day, are looking for the appearing of the Lord Jesus the Christ from Heaven.

I have talked to many people during the last two weeks, and the love of money is so deep-rooted in the hearts of some people, that you cannot talk about anything under the sun but they will turn it into a conversation regarding money, when in your own mind you have no thought of money at all, and the average person is looking around to see "how much money there is in it."

Oh, I would to God that we might speedily have a Church here composed of people whose thought first, last, and all the time, is the establishment of the Kingdom of God. That is the teaching of the Sermon on the Mount.

**Money and Property Only for Proper Use.**

Ah, my brothers and sisters, money is all right if it is used properly. I was glad when I filed my schedule in Waukegan yesterday that I could put down, "Cash in hand—eighty-three cents." When Deacon Forby was writing that schedule I emptied my purse on the desk and had just eighty-three cents in this world; and the schedule was filled in and I swore to it before Deacon Farley as a Notary Public.

I was so glad that I could do it. After having preached for practically twenty-three years, I am thankful to my God that all people will be constrained to say, "Well, he is in the Ministry because it is 'woe unto him if he preach not the Gospel.'" I am not in this work for dollars and cents; I am in this work because God. by the Holy Ghost, put me here, and I possess today what is more than all the gold of Ophir and all the plaudits of this world; and I pity the man who professes to be a Christian and at the same time has the love of money in his heart.

**The Killing Force of Selfishness.**

One day, in my office, as I was preaching Christian Co-operation to a certain man, I said, "My friend, you do not know what is going on in this old world. Millions are sick and tired of cut-throat competition long ago, and they are anxious for something better. Cannot Zion give them something better?" I said, "Zion City was inaugurated to be controlled by the Church for the good of all, and there was to be Christian Co-operation." He said, "No man is going to work in a store with any interest unless he owns it himself." I looked at him and said, "Do you want me to believe that? You call yourself a Christian, you claim to be a follower of Jesus the Christ, and you tell me that you are so selfish that you cannot give any of your time or your talents for the extension of the Kingdom of God?" I tell you, he did not have any answer to make,

If Deacon Clendinen cannot work just as hard in Zion Stores as a part of this Organization, as he would if he were in a little store of his own, then I would take no stock in his Christianity-none whatever; and I know that I am right, in accordance with the Word of God.

**The True Gospel Message Will Win.**

Zion, it is the Gospel of the Kingdom of God that is going to win in Chicago, and it is the Gospel that will win in Milwaukee. One Sunday evening I preached in Milwaukee on "THY KINGDOM COME!" and at the close of that sermon scores of people gathered around me, and they said, "That is what we have been wanting for years; we have been wanting a church that would preach the Gospel of the Kingdom and make an honest effort to live it."

The difference between the religion of Jesus the Christ and the religion of the present-day churches-is the difference between a mustard plaster when it is put on the chest, and when it is held in another person's hand. The only kind of mustard plaster that ever hurts is one that is applied. A mere theoretical religion never amounted to much.

**The Difference Between Zion and Other Organizations.**

The difference between Zion and other religious organizations is: they say that the Church should not have anything to do with business, or with education, or with politics; but Zion says that the Church should run the business and the education and the politics; or, in other words, that the Bible, as our Guide-Book, should be followed in business, in education and in politics. Do you believe it?

People: "Yes!"

General Overseer: It will take a louder "Yes" than that to make the devil jump.

**Lamps Trimmed and Oil Abundant.**

It is my earnest desire to see a Church built up of men and women who are seeking first the Kingdom of God; and, in addition to having their lamps trimmed and burning that they have the oil in their vessels. The oil is the Holy Spirit, and the vessels are their bodies. How nice to have a body that you know is filled with the Holy Spirit. It is nice to bow before an open Bible and look up into the face of God the Father and feel that the Holy Spirit possesses you, spirit, soul and body.

**The Human Body a Temple of God.**

God never created this body to be a drugstore. He never created it to be filled with vegetable, animal and mineral poisons; but God said, "I am the Lord that healeth thee." God said that Jesus bore our sins and our sicknesses, and God said that this body was created to be the temple of the Holy Ghost.

Then, I tell you, my brothers and sisters, when one goes and takes arsenic and strychnine and all other kinds of filthy drugs into this body, what must God think of such a one?

Ah! I remember several years ago when they were persecuting Dr. Dowie in Chicago, an infidel wrote an article for the Chicago "Inter-Ocean," and in it he said, "The only difference between Dowie and the other preachers is, Dowie believes the Bible and lives it while they profess to believe the Bible and do not live it." And that infidel was right.

My Bible says: "Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the Church."

If there is anything in the Bible in favor of doctors, surgeons and drugs, let us have it. I can give you hundreds of passages that teach you to trust God for your bodies.

The oil in your vessels --the Holy Spirit in your bodies. How do you get the Holy Spirit? By praying to God according to Luke 11:13, by obeying God according to the Acts of the Apostles; by opening up your spirit and inviting the Holy Spirit

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to come in; that is the way to be filled with the Holy Spirit, and there is no other way.

**The Tabernacle of God With Man.**

And I John saw the Holy City, new Jerusalem coming down from God out of Heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of Heaven, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will be with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall dwell with them, and be their God.

If you are doing some good, hard thinking, you will see the thought here---it is a wonderful thought---that God comes down and tabernacles with men, and He will dwell with them and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them and be their God.

**The Obedient and Meek to Inherit the Earth.**

It looks very much to me as though this earth is to be the final home of the redeemed.

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 God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes"-what a wonderful thought! But, Zion, in the meantime let *us* wipe away all the tears that we can. This is a cruel world. I see and hear so much that is so unlike the Spirit of the Christ. O! the cruelty that there is in this world, the cruelty that there is in the home. O! how cruel are some parents. Yes, how cruel—breaking the heart of the poor little boy or girl; so thoughtless, and causing the scalding tear to fall when there is no reason for doing it.

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## Zion Seventies in Portland, Oregon.

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DEACON J. W. FRIEND:

Peace to thee!

I enclose receipts for you to sign for the weekly shipments of LEAVES OF HEALING and ZION HERALDS, together with a statement of our work since August 25th. Prior to that date we had no "messages," and could not easily keep account of the calls. We sold one hundred and six (106) LEAVES OF HEALING from August 16th to 24th.

*One man gave up his pipes and tobacco to me, and opened his home for cottage meetings;* but he is having trouble to give up his chewing tobacco. Pray for him.

The following report is from August 25th to September 6th:

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| Houses called at | 1787 |
| Tracts given away | 2213 |
| Heralds sold | 20 |
| Leaves sold | 140 |

Faithfully yours for God and Zion,

(Signed) FRANK ROBINSON.

## SPECIAL ATTENTION

Zion Seventies, throughout the world, please send in your names and addresses to Deacon J. W. Friend, General Recorder, so an up-to-date enrollment may be perfected. By having full data, the General Recorder will know with whom to correspond in regard to distributing Zion Literature.

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# ZION SEVENTIES

*Deacon J. W. Friend*

*General Recorder*

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.)

There is little doubt but that the degree of success of Seventy work depends largely upon the earnestness and enthusiasm of the worker.

Persistent thinking of the things that are true and right means acting right. The true Seventy will learn what kind of thoughts count, and will act them and live them until they become a part of his being and form the directing forces in his success.

Do not brood over the past or dream of the future, but seize the opportunity for doing good. Deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow Jesus. Set your goal-post far out in the field of endeavor, and know no rest until you attain it.

The successful Seventy is the human dynamo: the one whose heart is on fire with enthusiasm and push, who leads a truly devoted, Christ-like life, and "likes" it, and who is always fighting for bigger and better results.

What are hardships, ridicule, persecution and toil to a spirit filled with enthusiasm? Such a spirit is willing to sweat blood, if necessary, to save some poor sinner, and to follow Christ through Gethsemane to the Cross and to the Crown.

Have a purpose in life;—then live to fulfil your mission. Concentrate your energies. Cultivate confidence in the value of your own ideas and in your power to use them. Let your cup of joy overflow, and carry it to others. Live for the extension of God's Kingdom upon the earth and the elevation of mankind.

"A man cannot aspire if he looks down."

Look upward!

Live a true, devoted, consecrated life, filled with earnestness and enthusiasm.

Do all the good you can to your fellowman.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

IN KENOSHA, WIS.

Fourteen Seventies, with Deacon Hammond in charge, visited the saloon and business districts of Kenosha, last Saturday night, and sold forty copies of Leaves of Healing and thirty Heralds; also gave away 500 English and 300 German messages. A brief meeting was held at 8:30, and although the night was very cold, very close attention was given, especially to the words spoken. Some of the Seventies are doing a splendid personal work in the saloons of Kenosha, and young men are asking for work in Zion City, that they may get away from the saloon and its environments. Zion, pray; pray without ceasing.

IN MARINETTE, WIS.

Deacon and sister Marshall, in Marinette, are being blessed. They have some interesting and profitable cottage meetings. Since the last report they have visited 600 homes and left messages. They are praying for a large number.

IN DES MOINES, IOWA.

Brothers Banks and Anderson have spent about eight weeks in Des Moines, and they are full of joy and have received much blessing.

For the three days in September since their last report they sold 46 Leaves of Healing, 46 Heralds, gave 694 messages and made 694 calls.

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# LEAVES OF HEALING

I am the Lord that healeth thee.

And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

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# The Gospel of the Kingdom

## The Sermon on the Mount

### The Only Sure Foundation for a Man, or Business, or the State

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(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK)

It teaches us how to deal with our fellowmen.

The Sermon has pointed out our relations to God. We are to recognize Him high over all, and the Giver of every good and perfect gift. We receive all from Him. What we want we ask from our Father, and He gives it to us.

The Sermon shows what manner of persons we ought to be. The Christ said, "Ye are the light of the world." God's children, or Christ's Church, should be an example to the world in all matters. Any other leaders in the world among men would be only blind leaders, and would carry the whole world into the ditch, just as they have done. The world today has only those blind leaders, hence the awful conditions that prevail everywhere: blind leaders!

Ye are the light of the world.

After Christ had laid down this broad and sweeping truth, He goes into details, and points out how we should deal with our fellowmen, and act toward them so as to win them back to the truth. He says that if we have wronged our brother, we must go and make it right with him, and be reconciled to him—then bring our gift, or pray to God.

Agree with thine adversary quickly.

Wrongdoing must be made right at once.

Christians will have enemies, even when they do right. How shall we treat them? a very important question. We are not to retaliate; we are not to return evil for evil;—but good for evil, and to be kind and forbearing. If reviled, revile not again, but pray for the despiteful users and do them good. This will show them that you are not of the world, for the world renders evil for evil—an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth. Be kind to all men, even as your Heavenly Father has been kind to you.

Do not *talk too much when you are in business.*

Do not swear a thing is so when all that is necessary is to say "yea" or "nay." When a man swears by Jupiter, or by the earth, or by the heavens, or by Jerusalem, one may be suspicious of him that his word is not very good, and it has to be reinforced with an oath.

*Be careful in extracting motes from your brother's eye.*

What a curt way of putting a great truth and teaching a great lesson! It does not say we are not to take out the motes, but we must be careful. Christ did not act on the supposition that every man who professed to be a Christian was a perfect man, and could do everything just right. He warned His people, and said, "You must be sure you are not blind yourself befor you begin to be oculists." Men do not want to have blind men to be working on their eyes,so Christ said, "First cast out the beam out of your own eye."

About the same thought is expressed when He said, "Judge not!"

Promiscuous judging is not allowed in God's Kingdom any more than it is in the world. This means hasty judgment, or condemnation, when one is not prepared to speak in a case; he may not know the circumstances, he may be predjudiced and entirely unfit to judge. What a sin for a man in common life, or for a Christian, to condemn a brother unjustly. It is a crime, just as much as for a judge on the bench to decide a case when

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he has heard only one side of the question. This indiscriminate judgment, so common among men, leads to great evil.

There is a place for judgment among God's people and in His Church. Israel has always had judges, but it is not you, my brothers, who have been appointed to that office.

"Judge not, that ye be not judged."

*Give alms to the needy.*

Yes; help the unfortunate brother or sister, but do not do it for show. Feed the hungry; visit the sick; "Do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

**Making Money.**

Christ called Mammon, or money, a God which men serve. Many men are deceived with riches, and their souls are doomed to perdition. It is just as bad to worship and serve Mammon, or money, as it is to serve Baal. Millions do it; money is their god; they love it and worship it; they toil for it, and sacrifice health for it; they lie for it; they cheat to acquire it; they fall into divers temptations through riches and love of money.

Christ said to adopt the Golden Rule in business. You capitalists, treat your employes as you would like to be treated if you were in their places, and defraud not, nor oppress the hireling in his wages.

Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth, but lay them up in Heaven; for the earth shall pass away, and riches will take to themselves wings.

**How to Treat Pharisees.**

It takes a wise man to live as he should and treat all men and all subjects in a proper manner. The most dangerous men are the Pharisees, or false prophets. Christ said to beware of them, because they take advantage of men; they injure them in a more serious way than do any other class, for they beguile not only men's bodies, but their spirits also. Christ said not to believe every man who comes along pretending to teach the Way of Life. They come in sheep's clothing, pretending to teach the most blessed truths. Zion has been more cursed by such than by any other agency; they have beguiled many unwary souls, and led them away into indifference, infidelity and sin, all under the cloak of religion. How careful men ought to be along these lines. Beware of them. Men's teachings must be put to the severest test; they must comport with the sayings of Jesus, or else be condemned.

If a man preach any other gospel or doctrine, said Paul, "Let him be anathema," you are not to follow him.

What a compendium of wisdom is the Sermon on the Mount! Would to God all men would study it, and live it.

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# God to Dwell With Man.

An Address Delivered at Shiloh Tabernacle, Lord's Day afternoon, August 29, 1909

*By General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva*

[REPORTED BY MISS S.J.B.]

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.)

The Scripture used as a text for the General Overseer's discourse was Revelation a part of the twenty-first chapter.

In the first part of his address he spoke of "The Overlapping of the Ages of God's Dispensation," "God Prepares His People for Age-Changes," "What John the Apostle Saw," "The New Jerusalem a Type of the Kingdom," "The Sea of Humanity," "God's People to be Gathered and Prepared for Christ's Second Coming," "Men Must Know God and Obey Him," "The Infallible Word," "The True Gospel Message Will Win," "The Difference Between Zion and Other Organizations," "The Human Body a Temple of God," "The Tabernacle of God with Man," "The Obedient and Meek to Inherit the Earth," and continuing the Theme,

**"God To Dwell With Man,"**

with reference to the Text,

> 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,

the General Overseer said, commenting on sorrow, pain and anguish:

**An Illustration of Cruelty.**

There is a story told of a poor little boy who came home from school one evening very much down-cast and the father and mother could not find out what was the trouble, and so the next day the father slipped into the school-room, but the teacher did not know who he was. The class of girls and boys was called to spell, but this boy sat there for a while. He finally rose to his feet, and the teacher said to the other boys, "Well, he has at last found out that he has some feet on the end of his legs," and the poor little boy dropped back again into his chair, and when his turn came to spell he could not say a word.

At the close of the school the man went forward and talked to the teacher, and he told her what a cruel thing it was to discourage his poor little son, when the boy should have received encouragement and had an arm of love thrown around him; and the teacher broke down and cried.

When I heard that little story, yesterday I thought it was a good illustration of the many cruelties that are practiced in almost every school-room in the land. There are many school teachers that are not fit to teach children.

Oftentimes the poor little boy who cannot learn as quickly as some others, and who needs loving, tender care and sympathy, is scolded and ridiculed; while the little boy who is bright and keen is complimented and given a prize; but the poor little struggling boys and girls, ah! I have seen them treated worse than brutes.

All my life long, as I have witnessed such cruelties as these, I have earnestly longed for the day to come when I could see an institution that could provide for all the needs of the people and put the Spirit of the Christ into every department of thought and action.

Ah! My brothers and sisters, never pick on a dull child, or make fun of the poor little boy or girl who, in childhood, had spinal meningitis, which ruined the mind. I have seen men and women - who called themselves ladies and gentlemen - standing on the street and making fun of the poor half-witted boy whose mind, perhaps, was ruined when a child by an attack of brain fever.

**Practical Sympathy.**

Ah! this is a cruel world. God knows that the world needs a Church and a people possessing the milk of human kindness, with the Spirit of the Christ; with a feeling of pity, of compassion and of love. I never see a little boy with his toes sticking out of his old, worn shoes, when the mercury is down to zero, but my heart goes out to him, and if I have any money he shall have a pair of new boots.

Ah! what are we here for? I am so thankful that I can

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have a little part in helping to brush away the scalding tears. God knows that in my heart I uever want to wound, except to heal. I want to hold up the Christ, and to do what I can to alleviate the suffering and the distress of mankind.

**The Church to Provide Opportunities.**

O, how I long for the day to come when I can buy land just outside of Zion City, and build an orphans' home; and from the way in which God is pouring the money into this Church, that time is not far off. I hope we will soon have an orphans' home with a farm and with suitable manufacturing industries; and then when our workers go out and find the poor, dirty, ragged, forsaken little children in the large cities, they will be able to bring them out to this home, and wash them and dress them neatly, and train them up for God.

I look for the day to come when we can have a rescue home, so that you women, instead of wasting your time, can go into the large cities and throw an arm of love around the poor, fallen girls, and implant upon their cheeks the kiss of a mother, and bring them out to that home and lead them to God, and show them how to lead pure, clean lives.

This is the kind of Christianity that Jesus the Christ brought to this world, and not any other kind. That is the only kind that I want, and the only kind that I will have, God helping me. All that I ask is that I may be able to fill a little corner in the Master's Vineyard. Yes, and the day will come when God will wipe away the last scalding tear.

Do you want to be like Jesus, the Tender Shepherd, Who is today seeking for every lost sheep? Do you want to wipe away the scalding tears? ---Or do you want to spend your life sending someone off at night to lie awake and sob all night because you have broken his or her heart? Do you want to go around sticking thorns into men and women? Or do you want to place flowers of joy along their pathway and lead them to God, their Heavenly Father?

O! amidst all the toils and the difficulties and the trials, how I love to look away beyond, to that glorious time when the last tear shall be wiped away. God hasten the time!

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.

May God hasten that day.

**Life is of Heavenly Origin.**

And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

Do you remember how when John the Baptist stood and saw the Son of God walking a little distance off, he turned to them around him and said, "Behold the Lamb of God, Who taketh away the sin of the world!" And again the next day, he was standing with two of his disciples and he said, "Behold the Lamb of God!" and the two disciples who heard it followed after the Savior, Who turned around to them and said, "What seek ye?" and they said unto Him, "Master, where dwellest Thou?" and Jesus said, "Come and see;" and they went with Him and abode with Him.

**The Greatest Discovery.**

And when they came out, Andrew went to Peter and said, "We have found the Messiah! We have found the Messiah!!" O! what a wonderful discovery!

I would that every man, woman, youth, maiden and child in this House today would discover the real Christ, the Shepherd of heaven, Who is seeking today for all the lost ones, and longing to lead them out of darkness into the marvelous light.

To discover Jesus the Christ and to know Him is of more value than to be a Columbus, who faced the stormy sea and the perils of an unknown country in order to discover a continent; it is of more value than to discover a gold mine; or to be a king or a queen or a president.

Ah! my friend, the day will come when you will feel the human hand of father or of mother slipping away, until finally only a touch of the fingers can be felt, and the last thing on earth that human friends can do will have been done. Then, when they can serve you no longer, if you have not discovered the Christ, how will you fare? If the Hand of Jesus is not reached out across the Jordan to take you by the hand and lead your weary, trembling feet across, how will you fare?

O! may God grant that, in our lives *now*, the tears shall be brushed away, and that there shall be no more sorrow and no more pain, for if we can pray the prayer taught us at mother's knee, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven," if it is *done in us now*, then there will be no sin, no sickness, and there will be no sorrow; but we shall be quickened by the Holy Spirit, and transformed into the same Image which Christ bears to God the Father, passing from glory to glory.

**The Tender Shepherd.**

Oh, that word "Shepherd!" As we read the Old Testament how often we find it! I was thinking over that word today; and of all the figures of speech employed, of all the emblems, of all ths symbols used to describe the relations of God to His children, the most beautiful, and the most far-reaching is that simple word "Shepherd." That word a little child can understand.

I do not think there is a sweeter verse in all the Bible than that one in the fortieth chapter of Isaiah, where the glad tidings are taken to Zion, and where we find the words, "He shall feed His flock like a shepherd; He shall gather the lambs in His arms and carry them in His bosom."

Think of the Almighty, the Eternal God Who created the Universe, condescending to feed poor humanity, and to gather the poor, sin-stricken, disease-smitten, down-fallen, discouraged lambs in His bosom and feed them as a shepherd feeds the sheep.

With the Prophet's thought of the Shepherd in mind, the Psalmist—who had been long on the pathway, for he had crossed the peaceful plains, gone through the valleys, and had climbed over the mountain tops, where there lay before him all the future path in the glorious sunshine of the Sun of Righteousness—could say, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." Can you say that today? "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters." Oh, how beautiful!

If you could only see, with me, an Oriental sheep-fold, and the loving shepherd in the early morning hour opening the door of the sheepfold and calling each sheep out by name, and going before them, marching forward, with a staff in his hand, and, in the dewy morning, leading them into "green pastures;" and then, when the scorching rays of the noon-day sun beat heavily down upon them, leading them "beside the still waters," and, like David, sheltering them against the wild animals that seek to destroy them—if you could only see, from Carmel to Gilead, the green hills of Palestine covered with flocks of sheep, and the princes and the princesses, then you would catch something of the force of what the Psalmist meant when he wrote, "The Lord is my Shepherd: I shall not want." Do you believe it with all your heart? I am glad that I believe it.

**Childish Confidence in Parental Protection.**

I am thankful to my God that I am not afraid to trust Him as a little child trusts its earthly parents. One evening we were here in the Tabernacle when a terrible storm was raging outside. A little child nestled close to his father's side and held his hand. After a while the storm abated somewhat, and

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# Editorial Notes

*By the General Associate Editor*

## ZEAL!

HOW THE Apostle Paul's writings arouse in one thoughts concerning the ideal Christian life! A person alive in God moves in the power of Divine might, and his words and actions shape themselves from impulses born of an irresistible nature.

PAUL, IN his advice to Titus, tried to carry over into him the zeal, the purpose, the ideals, which had characterized Paul throughout his ministry: a longing intensity that the Christ life might be manifested to men and lived among them. Hear him in his instructions to Titus, as to a son:

"SPEAK THOU the things which become sound doctrine * * * in all things showing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you."

WHAT IS the object of the exhortation? That men everywhere may be made acquainted with Jesus the Christ and be saved. "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men."

WHAT DOES the grace of God do? It teaches us that, "denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, *in this present world.*"

WHAT IS the expectation? Those who observe the foregoing are "looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ: Who gave Himself for us."

WHY THE Gift of Christ to men? "That He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, *zealous of good works.*"

THE OBJECT of all preaching, and, we may say, of all true teaching as well, is to prepare a peculiar people as subjects of the King of Heaven—in short, to set up the Kingdom of Heaven wherein dwelleth Righteousness, Joy, and Peace.

ALL THIS can be done only through zeal, through effort, through steadfastness having their origin in the very Holy of Holies beyond the skies.

"Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all ye ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none else. I have sworn by Myself, the word is gone out of My mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto ME EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW, EVERY TONGUE SHALL SWEAR."

GOD'S PLANTING shall yield the desired harvest. His people shall not be cut off. His foes and man's foes shall be confounded; Heaven's reign shall be supreme. What God has planned shall be finished.

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his Kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice, *from henceforth even for ever.* THE ZEAL OF THE LORD OF HOSTS WILL PERFORM THIS."

THE WHOLE WORLD must be won for the Christ. God has said it. The prophets expected it. The patriarchs lived for it. The Christ exemplified it in His wonderful teaching and acts for and in behalf of men: His Apostles taught it and in mighty power continued to sway men; and in Zion today the same zeal has kindled to a flame the spirits of men and women, who wit-

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ness to the fact that the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand, and that Christ is coming again to reign.

ZEAL WITHOUT knowledge is usually a dangerous factor. Ignorance exposes to many dangers; it is a bottomless pit that never delivers its victim; but knowledge is as a penetrating lamp light revealing the treasures, the possibilities and the beauties beyond the reach of the ignorant. Knowledge centers all of one's powers and makes them ready to be sent upon their mission, and wisdom directs them in their flight, while zeal gives them the momentum and velocity to accomplish their purpose.

WHAT A power there is in "zeal according to knowledge!" The greatest thing in all the world is to know God and to do His commandments.

GOD, THROUGH the Prophet Hosea, said: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." Israel was called to represent God's own and to be kings and priests to all others; but their selfisness and disobedience to the law of God blinded their understanding and they fell into every known sin. Their ignorance in their own conceit became alarming, and the nation was fast falling into a condition of hopelessness.

THE RESPONSIBILITY fell heavily upon the priesthood to whom had been entrusted the oracles of God; for they had neglected their high calling, and the Prophet says, "The Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land."

WHAT A CONTROVERSY! What a spectacle! With no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land, is it to be wondered at that "swearing, and, lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery" break out, and that "blood toucheth blood?"

THE WORLD of today is but a picture of apostate Israel, because it will not retain God in its knowledge, and largely because the preachers, and teachers and exponents of so-called truth have beguiled the people with the wisdom of man's teaching. When there is no knowledge of God then there is no truth, nor mercy, nor justice, and with these lacking, "darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people."

EVERYWHERE, TO-DAY, people are inquiring "What is truth?" as did Pilate of old when Truth was looking him in the face, and they see Him not; and hither and thither, like the waters of a raging river out of its channel, the multitudes are wandering, seeking, crying out, grasping with a zeal of pent up determination after pleasure, after money, after power, after satisfaction, under the guidance of earthly knowledge and wisdom only to find in the end disappointment, sorrow, anguish of heart, disease and death, while ever within reach has been Truth and the riches untold which yield the peaceable fruits of righteousness.

Why this paralleling of the courses of life---on the one hand darkness, and on the other hand light? Ah! Because too few there are possessed of "zeal according to knowledge" to bend humanity's thought into the light-giving rays of Divine Truth. Yet the flood of Truth is sufficient to lighten all.

ZION HAS been called to bend the nations to see the gracious, ever-present God of Love, and to recognize His right to rule in their spirits, souls and bodies.

GOD'S ZEAL to do this burns as a fire, and with a promise of certitude He declares: "For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake will I not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a light that burneth. And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory; and thou shalt be called by a new name which the mouth of the Lord shall name. * * I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: *Ye that make mention of the Lord; keep not silence.*"

YES; ZION, "Cry aloud, spare not; lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show My people their transgressions * * * * Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear: but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that he will not hear; * * * but the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgresssion."

BE ZEALOUS of good works. "Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people."

WHAT IS IT?

"BEHOLD, The Lord hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, SAY YE TO THE DAUGHTER OF ZION, BEHOLD, THY SALVATION COMETH: BEHOLD HIS REWARD IS WITH HIM, AND HIS WORK BEFORE HIM.

"And they shall call them the holy people, *The redeemed of the Lord:* and thou shalt be called, Sought out, a city not forsaken."

Be zealous, therefore, O Zion, and do the work assigned preparatory for the coming of your King.

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the father said to his little boy, "We will now go, dear." I said to the child, "You are not afraid, are you?" He said, "No; I am not afraid." I said to my Heavenly Father then, "O God, if I can only put my hand in your hand at all times and be as calm and as full of faith as is that little boy, then I know all will be well, and I shall travel out my life's journey, and finish it with joy and with victory, to the honor and glory of Thy Name." Ah! do you not hear the voice of Jesus saying, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you?" How many of you believe it?

My brothers on the Platform, how many of you this afternoon, with hands raised before God, and your eyes turned upon Him, can say this afternoon, "Yes, Lord, I am seeking first Thy Kingdom and Thy righteousness. The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want; I am not afraid to trust You, no matter how dark the night, or how great the storm, or how keen the lightning, or how terrible the thunders that roar; there is perfect peace within; and all is calm, for 'the Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want?' "

### God's Promises Made to be Believed.

Are you afraid to trust in God? When I have talked to certain people who think they are Christians, and have spoken of the beauties of the Bible; and how I have sought all my life to live it, and how not one promise has ever failed me—not one, they say, "Well, now"—I say there is no "well now" about it. "Well, suppose"—there is no "suppose" about it, the Word of God is plain. "Ah, then"—there is no "Ah, then" about it; *there is the Bible—the Word of God;* and I say, Zion, by the grace of God, live it! Get all that God has for you!

### The Cup of Joy and Blessing May be Full.

Into every hand God puts a cup of joy. Ah! some of you are going around today with only a tiny drop of joy in your cup; but God, as your Shepherd, is waiting patiently to fill that cup to overflowing with the blessings that He prepared for you on Calvary's Hill. Why do you not extend your hand and hold out your cup and exercise faith, and let God fill your cup of joy to overflowing! May God grant it today!

### Dark Shadows Sometime Come.

And then, you know, Divine shepherding is not always "still waters," nor is it always "green pastures."—"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death"---then faith is most needful---"I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me."

The most wonderful path that ever was blazed across this earth, was made by the Son of God when He reached Gethsemane's test; although He fell three times upon His face, there was no escape from it, He could not turn to the right hand nor to the left, He could not go beneath it nor over it, He had to go through it and on, on, on to Calvary; there was no escape.

And so, my dear friends, Divine shepherding means not only "still waters" and "green pastures" but it means also traveling through "the valley of the shadow of death."

I recently read a description of one of the most terrible gorges on the Continent of Europe. It is said that there is a gorge there with a long, deep, dark valley that is trackless and waterless; and as I read a description of that gorge, I thought, "What an apt illustration of that long, deep, dark valley through which every Christan must pass."

And I read also a description of a celebrated painting by Sir Nowell Paton which has in the foreground a long, dark, valley—darkness that can be felt. Through that dark valley a terrible storm has swept, and has laid low the warrior and king—there you see the helmet on the one and the crown on the other, but the crown is useless. On through, beyond the dark valley, you see the Son of God with a halo of glory o'er His head, a crown of thorns upon His brow, and a staff in His hand. On His left there stands a maiden, whose face still bears traces of the awful terror of coming through that valley, and her hand is clasped by the hand of the Christ; and underneath His feet are the words: "DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP IN VICTORY!"

### Christ's Sacrifice for All Men.

Thanks be unto God, Christ has died for all the world; He said, "I am the Good Shepherd." Do you know when He spoke those words? Read the ninth chapter of John.

Had He not found a poor sheep? Had He not discovered a poor sheep that was a beggar, who had been blind from his birth? Had He not put the clay and the spittle on the man's eyes and told him to go and wash in the Pool of Siloam? It was after that, that He said "I am the Good Shepherd."

And Oh, today may God help you to hear His voice as He says to you "Come!" There is cleansing at the Fountain for every sinner, and healing for every sick one; there is cleansing for every polluted one; there is hope for every despairing one. Yes, Jesus came to seek and save the lost. He saved us that we might help to save others. Do you want to be shepherds and saviors of mankind?

### The Saved Life to be Spent in Service.

He who will save his life shall lose it; but he who will lose his life for My sake, shall find it.

Zion! are you ready to lose your lives for the Christ's sake? Or will you sit idly by until the curtain shall drop and the last ray of light shall be banished from your sight, and the Great and Terrible Day of the Lord is at hand? Will you not go to work and help to save some one?

Ah! I tell you, when you preach the Word of God it goes straight home. These rich men and women who are so nicely settled in their costly houses, with all the beautiful furniture and luxuries, who sit and take their ease while the struggling millions are perishing, they will have to answer to God.

There is one verse in the Bible that I never read without weeping: "Whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" In the last day God will say, "I never knew you," and you will say, "Rocks and Mountains, fall on us and hide us from the face of God!"

### The Religion of Christ a Reality.

Make the Christian religion a reality—not a soap-bubble, an ethereal, airy nothing floating around in the air. A Christian is a man or woman who is Christ-like.

I am willing to give my life to redeem Zion City. If God wants to use me in that way, I am willing to die in order to have one clean city for God upon this earth. Are you willing to do the same?

PEOPLE: "Yes!"

General Overseer: * * * When you say "Yes," God records it in Heaven, and may give you a chance to do it.

I tell you, Zion, the world does not need a wishy-washy, milk-and-water religion. I thank God that there are thousands of people with their faces turned toward Zion; there are thousands of God's saints who are sick and tired of an empty religion; they want the religion of Jesus the Christ; we must teach the religion of Jesus the Christ, and we must live it.

O, may God touch your hearts and break them, and help you to live for humanity and not for yourselves! I have cried

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to God to help me to set the right example before this people.

Millions are perishing! Millions are starving! Millions are living in worse than pig-sties! O God, help us to be a true Church, and to follow the Christ, the True and Loving Shepherd!

Soon it will all be over, and the last word shall have been spoken, and then we shall all be received into that Heavenly land where there will be no more scalding tears; where never again will you hear the heart-rending cry of the sobbing mother over wayward sons and daughters; where never more will you see the thorns piercing the hearts of mankind; but where flowers, plucked from the Paradise of God, will ornament the bosom, and all together shall sing the song of Moses and the Lamb. May God help us all!

He shall feed His flock, like a shepherd; He shall gather the lambs in His bosom.

Are there not some here today who want to be gathered? Some who once ascended the hill and stood upon its summit; but who are now descending it? Some who see the sun of their lives sinking behind the Western Horizon?

How well I remember, when a little boy, going to the edge of the woods, with my Testament in my hand, and watching the sun sinking in the West, and in my childish way would say, "Now it has half disappeared, now it has two-thirds disappeared, now it is gone." How much like life, when we see it slowly ebbing away as we sit by the bedside of one who is passing away!

May God grant that when the sun of your lives sets upon this shore, it will only be for a brighter and more glorious rising upon the Eternal Shore.

Ah! it is true that a Christian can look forward to the time of his departure with intense joy, and why should he not! Yes, when a man has lived out his life, and it is all behind him, and he looks at the little company of loved ones around him, and hears them say the last words of farewell, he knows that just across the River there is an innumerable company of angels ready to welcome him! May God touch your hearts today! Be in earnest, and take your stand for God and the right.

Are there not some here today who have heard the voice of God's Spirit, and who want to come forward to this platform and to say, "O, God, from this day forth I want to be wholly Thine!" Ah! if it only would help you, I am willing to come down and take you by the hand and help you to come. We ought to have one thousand workers going out from Zion City each week into these large cities to take the Gospel to perishing humanity. May God grant it!

While the audience waited in silent prayer, the Choir sang the Anthem, "He shall Feed His Flock Like a Shepherd."

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# ZION SEVENTIES

*Deacon J. W. Friend*

*General Recorder*

Behold, I come quickly; hold fast that thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Rev. 3:11.

History furnishes innumerable examples of men who have seized opportunities to accomplish results which had been deemed impossible by others less resolute and determined.

Open eyes will discover opportunities where others fail. Ever-listening ears will never fail to hear the cries of those who are oppressed by Satan. Tender, loving hearts will never want for opportunities to bestow their gifts of kindness and mercy upon those living in sin, but will seize common occasions, and make great opportunities of them. It is only the weak who wait for opportunities for doing good; they do not see how to improve their time and talents; they are always waiting at the pool, but when the angel troubles the waters, there is no one to put them in; they fail to seize opportunity.

Prompt decision and enthusiasm, together with an undaunted courage, will sweep all obstacles from one's pathway.

As this battle for truth and righteousness and for the establishment of God's Kingdom upon earth grows more intense, men and women who are filled with the sublime ideas and grand truths of the Kingdom of God are needed to take their places in the ranks of Zion Seventies and, as such, to go forward into the Harvest Field of the world and gather in precious souls for the Master's use.

We need more men and women of sterling character who will help in the redemption of humanity and in the elevation of mankind.

Truly the harvest is great and the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send laborers to do the harvesting; and not only pray, but act also; and act today. Seize the opportunities you now have, and help to proclaim, to earth's remotest bounds, the glad tidings of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God.

KENOSHA, WIS.

Five Seventies did a good work in Kenosha on Saturday evening, and returned praising God that they were enabled, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to touch the hearts of some with whom they talked in the saloons, and to change their views as to Zion's teaching. Some had supposed that Zion preaches that God tempts people to sin, and then condemns them to everlasting punishment if they yield to the temptation and fall into sin; and when told differently a change came over their faces, and a conversation, which must have been a blessing to them, ensued.

Surely this is a blessed work, and these Seventies are happy in it. God is blessing them upon every hand.

No street meeting was held, as Deacon Hammond could not be with them; but this heart to heart work is a wonderful power when accompanied by prayer and faith, such as is manifested by some of these workers.

God bless every effort.

Let the people pray.

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# The Gospel of the Kingdom

## Christ in the Wilderness

### SOME PRACTICAL LESSONS THEREFROM

*By O. L. Tindall*

ZION is in the wilderness and she is being tempted of the devil. It is not difficult to see the strong resemblance between her and her Lord and Master. She can well study the Christ and His experience for forty days in the wilderness of Judea. Christ lived the natural life, and we are to live it again. We are His followers. "The disciple is not above His Master, nor the servant above his Lord." He was our example. He was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin. He was made perfect through suffering. God let Him learn much, it would seem, by experience. Why did He suffer? Why was He tempted? That He might know how to succor them that are tempted and tried; that He might be a High Priest Who could be touched by the feelings of our infirmities. So argues the Word of God.

Other men have been tempted by the same adversary of souls, but they sinned. Adam fell and his wife, under the wiles of the devil. They were ensnared and tricked. Job was another notable example of a personal conflict with satan. He conquered in the end, but he met many rebuffs and came out of the fight with many scars. Satan tripped Job at various points and put him to flight and into much confusion so that he had to admit that he had said and done many foolish things when under the severe testing, of which he repented and was forgiven. Adam's experience and Job's were like that of most men now. Some fall together, and others are fearfully tossed about and come out of the storm as did Paul and his companions in the wreck, with only their lives, their ship and baggage all gone, or, as Job put it, "escaped by the skin of his teeth." How different with the Christ. He conquered at every point, and with great ease. He knew how to put the devil to flight. He knew how to use the Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God. Paul knew the devil well. Said he: "We are not ignorant of his devices." That is an important thing also. Many men do not distinguish the devil from the Lord, or His Spirit, and so are deceived by him who is called the "great deceiver."

All men will be tempted. The best men will suffer most. It was the prophets of old who were killed. It was God's faithful ones who were "sawn asunder" and "wandered in sheepskins and goatskins."

It was Job, the man who feared God and eschewed evil, that satan hated, and not his frivolous and ungodly wife and wicked sons. It is said, "death loves a shining mark," so does the devil who has "the power of death." The enemy always loves to strike down the leader on the opposite side. He kills the general in command, if possible. If they can kill the shepherd then the sheep are easily scattered and devoured. So argued the wicked husbandmen. "Come," said they, "let us kill the son, the heir, then we can seize the inheritance." So say the wicked men of today. Let us seize God's heritage. Hundreds of men are attempting to get posession of Zion City and rob God and His people of their land and homes, and of their hopes and privileges.

All that will live godly must suffer persecution. It is a remarkable thing that CHRIST DID NOT SUFFER PERSECUTION UNTIL HE WENT TO WORK.

Christ led a quiet life, it would seem, until He was baptized and received the Holy Spirit for service. Then followed the awful trial and temptation. That is true to life in the Christian today, and in the church. A man or a church that is equipped and ready for war on the kingdom of darkness will have sharp conflicts. When you begin to advance on his majesty's strong-

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holds and begin to tear them down, then you may look out for breakers. When the walls of Jericho begin to tremble and fall then the whole land is stirred up and the hosts of hell are up in arms. When the liquor traffic is attacked with vigor then the brewers and distillers prepare for the fight and send out their emissaries. When the worshipers of Baal—the Masonic fraternity—are called to account by an Elijah, then look out for persecution. So of doctors and drugs, the dance and the theater, and the poor pig, and the unfaithful preacher. The most of these sins have been let alone and everything has gone on quietly, much to the satisfaction of satan and the men "at ease in Zion."

When the true Zion awoke and put on her beautiful garments and began her true mission, a swift witness against the scorcerer, and the adulterer and false swearer and oppressor, then Zion met opposition of the most determined character. Zion quit singing, "Hold the Fort," but said, "take the fort," and she became aggressive. Then it was that God blessed her and prospered her. The enemy sent up a tremendous howl; the weak-kneed and fearful at heart sadly said, "Let us have peace." But God never intended that the wicked should have peace. "There is no peace to the wicked."

The devil met Christ before He had fairly begun His work. Oh, the subtle and cunning onslaughts! They are set forth to us in the Battle of the Wilderness. But Christ met His deadly foe at the very beginning.

Every follower of the Christ must do the same thing. The first thing Christ told the Seventy workers to do, and gave them authority to do, was to cast out devils. The Gospel cannot get into a man, nor can he be healed, until the devil is cast out.

There is no way of escaping him. Some people have gone away into the wilderness thinking to get beyond his reach and influence. They said, "But there among the wild beasts and the forests, and the rocks, surely we will have no temptations." They have met their disappointment and found the tempter there in full force.

Some men come to Zion City thinking the same foolish thing. Alas! it was not true, neither will it be. Satan and his emissaries have attacked the very existence of such a city and disputed its very right to have a place on the earth anywhere. No city or people have ever suffered more wicked and cruel assaults from any foe. Every foot of land has been contested and is still being contested. The devil is determined to destroy Zion City if it be a possible thing. It is a war to the finish. Satan has tried every device of which he is capable, to thwart God and His people in their holy purpose. It requires the faith and courage and loyalty of a Joshua who took Jericho to save and redeem this city for God, its Founder. There must be no Achans in the camp, or defeat will follow as it did of old. May Zion everywhere rally round the glorious ensign which has been set up. "In the name of God we will set up our banners."

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# Have Faith in God

An Address Delivered in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, on Lord's Day, September 12, 1909

*By General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva*

(Reported by Miss Sarah J. Booth.)

GENERAL OVERSEER: * * * Let us read, from the Inspired Word of God, two selections of Scripture; first, from the Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighth chapter, beginning with the fifth verse, one of those simple stories of how Jesus, in pity and compassion, and doing the will of His Father, healed the sick.

Matthew 8:5-13. * * * And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him,

And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.

And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.

The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.

For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

When Jesus heard it, He marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

And I say unto you, that many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.

But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee, and his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

Doubtless you all have in mind, from descriptions that I have given in the past, the respective locations of Jerusalem and Bethany. At this particular period of His ministry, the Savior spent the days in Jerusalem and the nights in the little town of Bethany, and it was while on His way between these two places that He spoke unto the fig tree, saying, "No fruit grow on thee henceforth and forever."

* * * And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots.

And Peter, calling to remembrance, said unto Him, Behold the fig tree which Thou cursedst is withered away! Mark 11:20,21.

This happened when they were on their way from Bethany to Jerusalem.

The thought here is simply the thought expressed in the first chapter of Genesis, and brought out in such a striking manner in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews: "And God said, Let their be light, and there was light."

### The Word of God Full of Meaning.

The Word of God means something, for the world was created by the Word of the Almighty. When Jesus spoke the word, the fig tree was withered and it died. The Apostle called His attention to it---

And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.

On one occasion the Savior, referring to the time of the end—the Gospel Age—said, "When the Son of man cometh, will He find faith on the earth?" The exhortation here is, "Have faith in God."

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

### The Simplicity of Faith.

Faith is a very simple thing, the world is full of faith so far as trust in one another is concerned. Every time a man boards a passenger train, by so doing he shows his faith in the engineer and all others in charge of that train; for the moment that one steps into a passenger train to take a journey, he places his life in the hands of others. If one goes on board an ocean steamer

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to sail across the sea, by so doing he places his life in the hands of the men in charge of that vessel. There is a great deal of faith of that kind. One man will go to another whom he has known from childhood, and in whom he has great confidence, and say, "I am in need of a little money, and would like you to lend me ten dollars." The other man says, "Certainly; come around tomorrow at twelve o'clock." The man who asked for the money, walks away with no other thought in his mind than the absolute belief in the promise which the other man made to him. The world is full of that kind of faith; but when it comes to faith in the Eternal God Who created all things, you will find very little of it.

Men believe in each other, and trust each other. The little child trusts his father in the darkest night; but when it comes to that unwavering faith and unfaltering trust in the Eternal God, how many do we find who can exercise either?

**"When Ye Pray, Believe."**

One of the most remarkable statements that Jesus ever made, was when He said, "When ye pray, believe that ye receive that for which ye pray, and ye shall have it." Anyone can walk by sight, but it takes a Christian to walk by faith; and faith, as defined in the light of this passage of Scripture, is believing that you have something which you are going to receive.

If one prays for something, in accordance with God's will, in order to believe that he possesses it, he does not need to have it placed in his hands. Faith in God lays hold of that coveted blessing. When you pray, believe that you have that for which you ask, and the Word of God says that you shall have it; and makes it very plain.

**Forgiveness by Man Precedes Forgiveness by God.**

And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any; that your Father also which is in Heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in Heaven forgive you your trespasses.

Just a word on this subject of forgiveness. One thing that has impressed me for many years is that (as in the sixth chapter of Matthew) when Christ gave to His disciples the Lord's Prayer He placed before them very plainly and emphatically the thought that if they did not forgive those who sinned against them, neither would God forgive them—the disciples.

It is singular to note, that, in this presentation of the highest type of faith, the Lord Jesus Christ would also call attention to the fact that unless the petitioner has in his own heart the spirit of forgiveness, he cannot expect to receive forgiveness at the hands of God; and one of the most important things to be done by all people who want to be right with God is to be right with their fellowmen.

As long as anyone can truthfully and honestly say of you that you have wronged him, then you will not find peace with God until you have made that wrong right.

It does not follow that every person who says you have done him some wrong is speaking the truth. Many persons have fancied wrongs that are not real wrongs; but if there is a real wrong between you and your fellowmen, then God demands, all the way through His Word, that it shall be made right, and in no other way can peace come into a man's life.

After having toiled for twenty-three years in the Ministry, if I am any judge, there are thousands of church members today who have no peace with God, because they have no peace with their fellowmen. They have not been forgiven because they have not sought the forgiveness of their fellow-beings. The lie must be confessed, the theft must be revealed and made right. That is what is meant in the Bible by bringing forth "fruit meet for repentance."

**The Straight Way the Only Way for the Christian.**

The Word of God is to the effect that the only way for a Christian is the straight way; and God will never turn out of the straight way to please you or me. You can never walk around the wrongs that you have committed; you must put them right and remove them, or else there is no hope for you in God.

General Overseer: The subject which I have felt led to announce is:

**"Faith Is the Victory."**

There are many texts on the subject of faith, and in looking them over, I have chosen the words found in St. Mark, the eleventh chapter and the twenty-second verse:

**"Have Faith in God."**

Follow me closely, as this subject of Faith is not altogether a simple one: but the consideration of it requires very close and prayerful attention.

**Faith a Well-Known Principle**

In the first place, I want you to understand that faith—of a certain kind—is one of the best known principles of the human mind; it is, in a sense, a spring of action; and all people, of all nations and all tongues, exercise faith in the sense that I have just mentioned; but the faith to which I refer as a well-known principle of the human mind, is not the faith which the Son of God exhorts His disciples to have in God.

**Intellectual Assent Not the Faith of God**

Intellectual assent to a proposition, is not the faith which can remove mountains. The faith to which the Son of God refers is the faith of God, and must be put into a man's spirit by the Spirit of God—the Holy Spirit—it must come down from above.

As one reads and studies history, beginning with the generally accepted date—2700 B. C.—and follows the history of Egypt, of Babylonia, of Assyria, of Chaldea and Judea, of Greece and Rome, and of their great heroes and their great accomplishments, we do not look upon those things as having been wrought through faith in God the Almighty.

Napoleon Bonaparte, as he stood looking at the Alps, with their mighty peaks reaching up to the heavens, and knew the absolute necessity of having his army surmount them, turned and said, in the face of difficulties that would have baffled any other man of his time, "There shall be no Alps!" The human determination and the human resoluteness of that man led him to acquaint himself with the minutest detail, and he made the arrangements, and almost before his army knew it they had surmounted those lofty peaks and stood on top of the Alps.

Alexander the Great—and scores of other well-known characters in history who achieved fame and world-wide renown—accomplished what they did, not through faith in God the Almighty; but through will power and determination, and an iron resoluteness; but those things do not live.

And I tell you today, Zion, that if this work were being built up by the sheer force of a strong will and mere human determination, then it would be only the work of man, and time would bring about its destruction.

**The World's Ignorance of Faith In God.**

The world knows nothing about faith in God; it knows only of keen intellects and iron wills and firm determination, and therefore they do not see the hand of God, and they give all the glory and all the credit to the idol of their hearts—which lasts but for a day, and then vanishes forever.

**Christ Taught Faith.**

The Son of God, standing between Bethany and Jerusalem, and knowing full well the strength and weakness of His Apostles, and knowing the temptations which surrounded them, sought to lead them away from all trust in the arm of flesh and

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# Editorial Notes

*By E. L. Carey.*

SALVATION! O the joyful sound!
What pleasure to our ears!
A Sov'reign balm for ev'ry wound,
A cordial for our fears.

THE GOSPEL OF THE SALVATION OF GOD!
THE GOSPEL OF JESUS OF NAZARETH!
THE GOSPEL FOR THE WEARY, THE WAYWARD, AND THE SAD!

THIS IS the kind of Gospel that the world so much needs today.

How much of true joy is there today in the world, and of genuine, Divine-born pleasure?

LET OUR readers reflect for a little while.

Think of the numberless homes (if you may call them such) where, while you who read these lines have food, raiment and comfortable homes, there is poverty, hunger and dirt!

Meditate upon the fact that there are millions of God's children by creation who are at this time living in a state of
Disappointment!
Dissatisfaction! and
Rebellion!

Think again, and remember that while many who read these pages have the peace and joy in their hearts that is born of Heaven, there is a numerous throng whose hearts today are heavy with a sadness unspeakable, and whose eyes are filled with tears for the sorrows that have come upon them!

And there is none to help!
None to say a kind word!
None to do a kind deed!
And despair is entered into many of their lives!

IS THERE none to help?
Is there no balm?
Are these tears destined to forever flow?
Is there no God in the Heavens?
Is there no justice?

These are the questions that the oppressed and the sad of earth are asking.

LET THE answer be given!
Let it go from street to street!
Let it be wafted across the plain and over the mountain height!
Let the deep blue sea carry the joyful message to the uttermost shore!

THERE IS hope!
There is justice!
There is help!
There is mercy and salvation!

SALVATION! Let the echo fly
The spacious earth around,
While all the armies of the sky
Conspire to raise the sound.

BUT THE men of earth who know this joyful Sound, and have learned in their lives its meaning, must ARISE AND SEE TO IT that this Salvation *comes* to the sinful, the weary, and the dying.

THERE ARE many true ones of God who are, to the best of their ability and opportunity, letting their light shine and trying to alleviate the distress of humanity.

But, what is wanted at this time, that the great problem of the salvation and helping of humanity shall receive practical attention, is ORGANIZATION AND CO-OPERATION.

An organization of good and brave men and women, who, filled with an intense, Divine love for humanity, shall come together with a oneness of purpose to study that problem out and

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give due effect to the thoughts and aspirations which possess them.

THAT SUCCESS shall be assured, it is highly necessary that those thoughts and aspirations have for their foundation

THE WORD OF GOD!

MEN AND women who make up such an organization must, first of all, believe, in its entirety, the written and inspired Word of God,

THE BIBLE!

IT HAS been boasted by the Churches that infidelity has, to a great extent, passed away. There is no Tom Paine, and Voltaire also is gone.

HAS INFIDELITY ceased?

Are its leaders vanquished?

What answer to these questions have the good men to give who are still in the Churches and believe in the infallibility of the Bible?

WHAT HAS every lover and student of the good, old Book, who is an observer of the times, got to say?

They know full well that not only has infidelity not ceased, but that it exists today in a far worse form than ever before in the history of the world.

WHEN PROMINENT divines and theological professors come out boldly and declare, as they are doing every day, their lack of confidence in the Holy Scriptures, and publicly assail its assertions and teachings, then we say, without hesitation, that a religious organization where this sort of thing is tolerated has gone root and branch, to the devil.

And we ask: Where is the religious denomination today that has not in its ranks these so-called "higher critics," who are nothing less than rank skeptics and infidels?

And echo answers, "Where?"

THE CONFESSION that has to be made today in this matter in behalf of the ministers and theological professors of the denominations, is enough to wring tears of blood from the eyes of men and women who love God's Word and whose faith in it is unshaken.

IS IT any wonder that ministers and people alike have wandered from God?

Is it any wonder that the religious leaders deny the power of God and teach the people in their sickness and pain to go to the modern sorcerers--known as the doctors and surgeons, to be filled with diabolical drugs and poisons of all kinds, and to be subjected to the cruel knife?

Is it any wonder that the bishops, the ministers, and prominent laymen are today worshiping at the altar of Baal, to be found in the Free Masons' lodge-room?

WHEN A man once gets really to doubt the Word of God, there is no telling to what distance he will go.

IN THIS wonderful (?) fraternity referred to, the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is cut out in the ritual and is not mentioned in their lodge meetings.

There has been sufficient proof given already concerning this. Many Free Masons have not only privately, but publicly attested to the truthfulness of the above charge. Edward Ronayne, a Past Master of Free Masonry, in his pamphlet, "Free Masonry at a Glance," in referring to the opening of a lodge meeting, says:

"The Worshipful Master, opening the lodge with Masonic prayer, FROM WHICH OF NECESSITY THE NAME OF CHRIST MUST BE EXCLUDED."

Note again what this Past Master says concerning this lovely (?) brotherhood. Referring to what is known as the PENAL SIGN, he says:

"It alludes to the penalty of the obligation, 'Having the throat cut across, the tongue torn out by the roots, and the body buried in the rough sands of the sea.' "

AND THIS is the sort of organization with which very many of the professed ministers of Jesus the Christ are identified! May God have mercy upon the poor people whose shepherds have so far wandered from God and who have thus denied their Lord and Master!

IN VIEW of the unfaithfulness of these organizations, professedly "Christian," is it any wonder that the world is seeking its own way of salvation, having lost cofidence in the so-called "Church of God?"

THE QUESTION then comes:

IS THERE TODAY, ON THIS EARTH, A RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION which, first of all, believes, without wavering, in the Holy Scriptures; and, secondly, teaches and preaches the great truths which the Bible gives us, and insists on these truths being honored and obeyed?

If so, then there is surely cause for hope and great rejoicing.

THE CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC CHURCH IN ZION declares from her platform and through her printing press, her unshaken belief and confidence in the INSPIRED WORD OF GOD, all the "higher critics" and ministerial professors to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion teaches

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and preaches the rule of the Eternal God, and therefore stands unequivocally for

THE THEOCRACY!

The advocacy of the Theocracy means the breaking down of all idols in the individual life, in the home, in society and in business, in the state and in the nation.

Under such a rule, all organizations not in line with the Word of God, and dishonoring the Person and rule of Jesus the Christ, the Anointed of God, the King of kings and Lord of lords, must be abolished and forever destroyed.

The advocacy of the Theocracy means the advocacy of all rights and privileges of all men according to the mind and purpose of the Creator of all men.

This means the downfall of SELFISHNESS, IMPURITY AND OPPRESSION, and the enthronement of LOVE, PURITY AND BROTHERLY KINDNESS.

OUR PRAYER therefore is—and the prayer of all good men as they come to understand Zion and her mission shall be:

MAY GOD BLESS ZION!

O ZION, be steadfast, be immovable; hold fast that which thou hast; press forward—ever onward, ever upward, till THE CROWN BE WON!

# Have Faith in God.

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all trust in themselves, to the exercise of that unwavering faith in God before which the mighty mountains of difficulty must give way.

**Two Forces at Work.**

As you look around you can discern, everywhere at work, two forces. It has been so since in the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve transgressed and disobeyed God. First, there is the CONstructive force; and second, the DEstructive force. Every tree in the forest that survives must overcome the destructive force which is ever at work, day and night, for its decomposition and death.

The same is true in the spiritual world: there are two forces at work—death against life, sickness against health, righteousness against sin, iniquity against all that is noble and pure. To sum it all up in the words of the Bible; "The flesh lusteth against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh," and that struggle is ever going on, and to be a Christian is simply to be an overcomer.

**The Privilege of Overcomers.**

In some respects the most beautiful promise given in God's Word is the one given by Jesus the Christ after He went home to Heaven, when He said: "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My Throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His Throne."

To be a Christian is to obtain victory through faith in God, over the world, the flesh and the devil—over enemies without and enemies within, and I want you, one and all, to hear the voice of Jesus saying today—

**"Have Faith in God!"**

My brother, you poor, weary, wayworn traveller, look up to God this afternoon, and hear the voice of Jesus the Christ saying, "Have faith in God!" You will win the victory through faith—"Faith is the victory that overcometh the world."

In the Christian life faith is the first step, faith is the second step, and faith is the third step, and at last by faith the overcomer will enter through the gates into Heaven. Only by faith can you overcome the tempter, covetousness, selfishness, pride, envy, jealousy, lasciviousness and all other works of the flesh.

**The Struggle for Victory,**

In every human breast today there is a struggle going on, and it is a question who will gain the victory; sometimes you are down low in the valley; and at other times you are up upon the mountain tops; but, my brother, struggling along through life; be of good cheer this afternoon, for Christ has overcome the world!

I am so thankful that Jesus never said to His disciples "Go," but that He said unto them "Come!" And even when He said "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature," He Himself had trodden the way before them, and had preached in the synagogues; He had taught the people in the cities and by the seaside, and He healed their sick ones; and now Christ, once crucified, sits at the right hand of God the Father, and He says to you this afternoon, "Come and follow me; I have trodden all the way before you; you will never need to take a step but that I have taken it before you."

**Christ Tenderly Taught and Comforted.**

The disciples were only men, and Jesus often found it necessary to comfort them; and so He said to them with a tenderness, yes, greater than the tenderness of a mother, "Let not your hearts be troubled." And as Jesus looks down today from yonder sky above you, my brother and my sister in sorrow, He says to you likewise, "Let not your hearts be troubled, for I have gone down not only into the valley of the shadow of death, but into death itself; and I have come out more than conqueror over all the powers of the enemy; and now come, here is My hand to help you, and My loving words to cheer you."

**The Best Friend.**

My brothers and sisters, Jesus the Christ is your very best friend, and when we sing, "There's not a Friend like the Lowly Jesus," those words are true.

Jesus knows all about our struggles,
He will guide 'till the day is done;
There's not a Friend like the lowly Jesus;
No, not one; No, not one.

**Divine Faith for Life's Pathway.**

My brothers and sisters in the Christ, in order to be able to walk the pathway which Jesus walked, you must first have implanted within your spirit that Divine faith which will never shrink before any foe; a faith that can trust in God all the way; a faith that can close the mouths of lions and stay the heat of the fiery furnace; a faith that can kill the cancer, that can raise the dead, that can peer through the veil that conceals the future, and view the glorious scene and hear the triumphant shout that the kingdoms of this world have become the Kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ. A Christian never can walk by sight;

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a Christian must walk by faith. I wonder why any one should need any exhortation to have faith in God!

**God Cannot Be Escaped.**

You cannot escape. No, you might essay it; but you cannot escape the conviction of the existence of God. I know they say it—Robert G. Ingersoll said it, but down deep in his heart Ingersoll knew that God lived, and in his heart he believed in God.

One day a rank infidel sent for a certain Minister—an acquaintance of mine—to come and conduct the services over the form of his departed wife. He sat there during the funeral services as this friend of mine spoke of God; of His having given His Only Begotten Son to live, to suffer and to die, and how He had arisen from the dead, and how we need not sorrow as those who have no hope.

They wended their way to the cemetery, where all that was mortal of the loved one was placed in the grave and covered from their sight. Then they silently wended their way back to the home; and as they sat at the dinner table the Minister said (calling the husband by name), "Now, tell me, down deep in your heart, do you not want to meet your loved one again?" The husband hung his head in silence, but finally said, "Yes, I certainly do."

The Minister said to him, "Down deep in your heart, do you not believe that you will meet her again if you will only give yourself to God?" Then, after a long period of silence, he finally said, "Down deep in my heart, no matter what I have said, all the time I have believed in God, and I know that there is a hereafter."

I tell you, my brothers and sisters, there are no infidels and no atheists. They say they do not believe in God, but wait, just stand by their bedside in sickness—when death is approaching.

Ah, yes! I tell you, if you are not right with God this afternoon, then you had better get right, for when death is approaching is a very poor time to get right; the best time that you ever will have, my brother, my sister, to get right with God, is on Lord's Day afternoon, September 12th, 1909, in Shiloh Tabernacle.

You had better get right this afternoon. The most foolish thing you can do—young man, young woman, aged man, aged woman—is to go out of this House this afternoon when you know you are not right with your God; and if Death, with its black advance guard, were to knock at the door of your heart, tonight, you know that you are not at peace with God.

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ZION'S



All Night of Praise,
Prayer and Testimony

December 31, 1909
January 1, 1910

Shiloh Tabernacle
Zion City, Illinois

# ZION SEVENTIES

*Deacon J. W. Friend*
*General Recorder*



He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth himself than he that taketh a city. Prov. 16:32.

The value of self-control in all vocations of life cannot be over-estimated.

The influence of an ungoverned temper will destroy many an opportunity the Seventies may have to become useful in winning others to the Christ and in helping to extend God's Kingdom throughout the world.

It is a very good plan to combat insult and angry words with kindness and a pleasant smile. These quickly disarm the adversary, and gain for yourself peace and quietness of spirit.

Get the habit of self-control and never part with it. Master self at all times and under all circumstances.

Nothing great is ever accomplished without a determination to win. Be determined to control yourself, then you will be able to accomplish great results.

Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say unto them that are of a feeble heart, Be strong, fear not.

How can you expect your message to be effectual when you tell others to "Be Strong" and to "Fear Not," if you are weak and fearful?

Be filled with enthusiasm, courage, and good cheer.

Cultivate the qualities that will enable you to get close to the people, that you may be able to work yourself into their lives, and to draw their sympathies to you and to your work.

Sow the seed of the Brotherhood of Man; have something in common with your fellow-man, then you will be able to create in them a desire to know of the teaching concerning the Kingdom of God, and when you have created the desire, the battle is practically won, victory is sure.

Put your spirit, soul and body into the work. Plant the good seed of the Kingdom in the lives of those whom you meet, and God will honor your work and give the increase for an abundant harvest.

Proclaim in your lives that God has filled you with His Spirit. Live such a clean, pure and devoted life that you may be a blessing to those whom you minister unto.

Pray that God may bless all who labor in His vineyard, and that we may have faith to look beyond the darkness of the night of sin, sickness and death, unto the glorious light of the resurrection morn of peace, joy and righteousness in the Holy Spirit.

REPORT OF WORK DONE IN MILWAUKEE LORD'S DAY, OCTOBER 10, 1909.

Deacon G. E. Robbins in charge. Twelve Seventies distributed messages.

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| Number of calls made | 965 |
| Number of messages given | 1213 |
| Number of Leaves given | 2 |

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Number of Leaves sold..... 57
Number of Heralds given ..... 4
Number of Heralds sold..... 26
Total number of pieces distributed ..... .....1302

KENOSHA, WIS.

The good work in Kenosha continues, and last Saturday evening eight workers, led by Theodore Dreyer, visited the saloons and business houses of a portion of that City, and also conducted an open-air meeting on Market Square. Splendid attention was given throughout the meeting, and some testimonies were given which had the true Zion ring in them.

God is certainly working in and through these faithful people, and enabling them to return with joy in their hearts that His Word is being heard and read, and that many are being caused to stop,in their wild pursuit of worldly pleasure, and think. May God grant that these and many others may realize that it is high time they repent, turn from sin, and seek "the Way, the Truth and the Life."

The privilege of giving out printed messages on the street in this city is denied the Seventies, as there is an ordinance forbidding it, but many are circulated in the saloons and business houses, and find their way into the hands of those who read them; and God has said, "My Word will not return unto Me void."

Leaves of Healing sold.....16
Heralds sold ..... .....29
English messages given out..... .....250
German messages given out ..... ..... ..... ..... 85

The 6:40 Train on the C. & M. Electric next Saturday evening will carry workers for the same field. Round trip fare, if ticket is purchased before boarding the train, 25c; a saving of 15c.

REPORT OF BANKS AND ANDERSON.

Ninth weekly Report from Banks and Anderson, Zion Seventies working in Colfax, Newton, and Valley Junction, Iowa.

Leaves of Healing sold..... 76
Heralds ..... 62
Messages given..... ..... ..... 872
Calls made.....1022

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If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Whatsoever things ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord.

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## SPECIAL ATTENTION

Zion Seventies, throughout the world, please send in your names and addresses to Deacon J. W. Friend, General Recorder, so an up-to-date enrollment may be perfected. By having full data, the General Recorder will know with whom to correspond in regard to distributing Zion Literature.

## Facts Concerning Purchase OF Shiloh Tabernacle



**Purchase Price - - - - - - $12,500.00**
**Amount paid on Principal to July 1, 1909, 7,500.00**
**Interest paid to July 1, 1909 - - 437.00**
**Balance due on Principal - - - 5,000.00**

**Every payment has been met three days before due**

## SPECIAL NOTICE.

**The immediate and prayerful consideration of all officers, members and friends of Zion throughout the world is called to the fact that the next payment is due on January 1, 1910:**

**Total amount of Principal and Interest to be met - - - - - - $2,625.00**
**Cash in hand at this date, October 13th, 1,170.74**
**Balance needed to complete payment - $1,454.26**

**It is my earnest desire and prayer that this entire amount of money be in hand by November 15th at the very latest. At the Convocation, on July 18th last, in addition to the cash received, PLEDGE CARDS were received to the amount of $1,007.50—to be paid on or before November 1, 1909.**

**My only purpose in calling attention to this matter through the columns of "Zion Herald" and "Leaves of Healing," is that every officer, member and friend of Zion may have a little part in redeeming Zion City; and I would much rather have $1.00 apiece from 2625 persons, than to have $2000.00 or more toward this payment from one person.**

**Thanking very heartily one and all, in the name of the Lord, who have remained loyal, steadfast and true to Zion's principles, truths, ideas and ideals, and have so nobly co-operated for the extension of the Kingdom of God, and praying God's blessing upon you all, I am,**

**Faithfully yours in Jesus' Name,**

**WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA.**
**(Successor to John Alexander Dowie)**
**General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion.**

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He sendeth His word and healeth them.

PATIENCE

# LEAVES OF HEALING

I am the Lord that healeth thee.

And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

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# The Gospel of the Kingdom

## Christ in the Wilderness

### SOME PRACTICAL LESSONS THEREFROM

*By O. L. Tindall*

(CONTINUED)

The Apostle James exhorts thus: "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."

Was this the reason Christ was tempted that He might be perfect, wanting nothing? It would seem so, for the Spirit of God Himself led Him forth into the wilderness, it is said, to be tempted by the devil. A man who can not endure temptations will never make a good soldier of Jesus Christ. That is certain. Temptations sharpen a man up just as a grindstone sharpens up an old dull axe. It wears off the rust and rough edges. Too much softness and ease spoil men for any good in any walk of life.

Christ endured temptations. The story of them was written for our example. We can stand them, too, and no man has an excuse for being overcome by them. We have the promise that God will not suffer us to be tempted above what we are able to bear. He will bring a way of escape; then why should we fear what man or the devil can do unto us?

These three temptations of the Christ are typical of all the temptations that we are likely to meet in life.

**The First Temptation: Make Bread.**

This comes to every man. Existence depends upon bread. We all have need of it. Your Father knoweth ye have need of it. But it becomes a source of temptation in many cases. The fear of being left without it causes men to distrust God Who has promised to supply it, and this is a sin. "What shall we eat?" is heard among Christians as well as among the Gentiles, and with just as much concern. How little faith is exercised here! Another man says, "I must have bread," and he steals. Another man says, "I must make a living, and I can't do it honestly," so he cheats. If he is a dishonest grocer, he cheats in his sales. He adulterates his sugar. The butcher cheats you in weights and balances. The clothier cheats you in his shoddy goods. The preacher sells his goods for more than they are worth. The saloonkeeper sells you liquid fire and distilled damnation---all for bread.

The great labor troubles that threaten the very life of the nations are founded on the question of making their bread. The capitalist and the laborer alike cry, "We must make bread or we will die." They all do it, and they all follow the temptation of the devil,---make bread out of these stones or in any dishonest way. Christ followed God's way and His Word which teaches that we are to earn our bread by the sweat of our brow; that we are to give an equivalent for what we get. He said we must serve God first, and all these things would be added.

Christ must endure His temptation of hunger. So must we. Most men make a god of their bellies and live to eat. "Eat, drink and be merry," says the glutton. A man had better die honorably than live in dishonor. Bread is not the first thing in our lives.

**The Second Temptation: Presumption.**

This is a very subtle temptation. Satan turns saint now, and is over-religious; even more so than the Christ Himself. He is pious all through these temptations. He does not ask Christ to lie, or cheat, or steal, or to be drunken, or to break any of the ten commandments; nor to curse God; only in a subtle way. He uses the sword of Christ Himself. He quotes Scripture and

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tries to help Christ to prove His divinity. The devil was no Unitarian. He believed in the Godhead; that Christ was the real Son of God. He was a very orthodox theologian, and a fanatic in his religion. He would outdo Christ Himself. So religious! Some people have killed their friends in order to show the world that they could raise the dead. They have sat down in their home and ceased to work, saying that God would feed them like the old bird feeds her young. But God did not honor their presumption on Him. He let them starve. Christ did not perform miracles for show, nor to save the poor, lazy man from honest toil. The curious and the caviler said, "Show us a sign." He answered, "No sign shall be given. A wicked generation seeketh signs."

The rich man in torment said to Abraham, "Send a man from the dead to warn my brothers from coming to this place." The answer was, "Let them hear Moses and the prophets, and not be seeking signs;" and voices from dead men or angels, we may add. "Let Him come down from the cross," shouted the scoffers and the men who put the thorns on His brow, "and we will believe on Him." No attention was paid to their cry. God works miracles in His own way, and not at the suggestion of the devil.

**The Third Temptation: Get Money and Power.**

The devil is still a Christian? He wants the Christ to have all the kingdoms of the world. This is all right. He should have them and He will have them. The devil is perfectly orthodox on this point if he believes that, and no doubt he does. He knows that the Christ will reign on earth and that His saints shall inherit the earth. This temptation simply asks that he may have a hand in it, and a share. The devil knew he had been cast out of Heaven and was afraid he would be cast out of earth also.

Whenever a man or a church makes a league with the devil to carry on his work, then there will be trouble. The churches take the world in to help pay for their fine edifices, and support their expensive services. Then the Christ takes His departure. He and the prince of darkness do not work together. "Fall down and worship, or serve me, and I will give you all these kingdoms." There are no churches but are yielding to this devilish temptation. They worship him in the Masonic order. They follow him when they follow the swine for gain, and eat him to defile God's temple. They worship him when they fall down at the shrine of Mercurius, the god of the doctors, and practice sorcery with the pharmacist, and pay homage to Bacchus in their feasts and banquets to wine and strong drink, and pay more money to the god of smoke than they do into the treasury of God's house. Where is the church today that does not pay more money to the devil and his cause than to the Lord and for His Kingdom? Young man, or young woman, when you are tempted to make money in any dishonest way, know of a surety that it is a temptation from the devil. It matters not how great is the offer, or the bribe to do evil---shun it as you would a deadly poison. "There is death in the pot."

Take notice: It is a remarkable thing that all these temptations are under the guise ofgoodness and kindness. How considerate of the hungry man. He ought to have bread. How he is neglected, even by God Himself: how good I am to help him to bread! How religious! to establish the Sonship of the meek and lowly Jesus of Nazareth, "Let me suggest a great scheme to help you." "Jump from the pinnacle. The angels will uphold You." "Have faith in God, Your kind and loving Heavenly Father."---all this is from the devil!

Let me help you get possession of all the kingdoms of this earth and the glory of them. Wouldn't it be a wonderful thing?

It is the old or new

**"Charity Ball"**

To help the poor. It is compromise with the world, the flesh, and the devil.

**"Get Thee Behind Me, Satan!"**

"Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve."

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# Have Faith in God

An Address Delivered in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, on Lord's Day, September 12, 1909

*By General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva*

[CONTINUED FROM LAST ISSUE]

The General Overseer's address was based upon the scripture Text, "Have Faith in God," but the general Scripture reading was from Matthew 8:5-13.

In the earlier part of the address the Overseer had been discoursing upon "The Simplicity of Faith," "Faith a Well-known Principle," "Intellectual Ascent Not the Faith of God," "The World's Ignorance of Faith in God" "Christ Taught Faith," "Two Forces at Work," "The Struggles for Victory," "Divine Faith for Life's Pathway," "God Cannot be Escaped," and continuing the same line of thought, the General Overseer spoke as follows:

Yes, it is impossible for you to get away from believing in God. There is something that God has placed within our hearts that is always crying out for God. Do you know that? You can call it intuition, or instinct, or innate principle, or you can call it what you like. I call it that spark of Divinity which God breathed into us that ever cries out for God, and that can never be satisfied this side of God.

No man who reads the book of nature can escape from beleiving in God; and no man who reads the Word of God—the most reliable source of our knowledge of God—can get away from the truth that God lives.

Ah! you sinners sitting down there, I challenge you this afternoon to take this Bible and put God Almighty to the test, and we will see whether or not His Word is true. I have proven it to be true over and over again, ever since my childhood days; and no one has ever found it false—God's Word is all true.

**Abiding in God Makes Possible Every Blessing.**

Jesus the Christ said: "If ye abide in Me and My words abide in you, ye shall ask whatsoever ye will and it shall be done unto you." Put it the test.

The Psalmist said, "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful; but his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he meditate day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water; that bringeth for his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall

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not wither: and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." Put it to the test.

That man does not live, never did live, and never will live, who can look up and truthfully say, "God Almighty, You promise to do so and so, but Your promise has not come true; it has proven false." No! God's Word is true; and He will fulfil every promise if we will but meet the conditions.

Zion, I tell you that if we, as a people, will go upon our knees, before an open Bible, and will heed the exhortation of Christ, to have unwavering faith in God, then we will become a "peculiar people," and the most wonderful people on the face of God's earth.

No! you cannot get away from God. Are you not ashamed to have to be exhorted to have faith in God? Oh, how good He has been to us! Why, it would be like exhorting a son to love his mother. Did not God create you, and that, too, in His own Image—His own Likeness? Did He not breathe into you the breath of life? And then you went away from Him and sinned and so obscured that Image; and there are many people today who have sinned to such an extent that it is hard to find in them even the least res mblance to God, Who, in His great goodness and love, sent His dear Son--the express Image of Himself—down to this earth; and now it is our glorious privilege to look into His Face, and to be transformed into that same Image, passing from glory to glory.

**Rely Upon God's Promises Implicitly.**

What has God done for you? Is it hard for you to trust Him? Some one, this morning, told of a certain person where he had been visiting who said, "I wish I could trust God like you people do." What would you think of a wife going to her husband and saying, "Well, John, I do wish I could trust you like Mrs. Brown trusts her husband, but I cannot."

Just fancy a Christian saying, "I wish I could trust God, but I cannot." Think of it! After God has created us, and has done so much for us. Every breath of air that we breathe comes from God; and God gives us every morsel of food that we eat; and our lives are in His hands. And yet you will hear church members saying, "I wish I could trust God, but I cannot." How do those words sound as coming from a professing Christian?

**A Significant Question and Answer.**

In one of my meetings in Melbourne, a man stood up and said, "Mr. Voliva, what are the doctors for?" Before I had time to reply, he said, "For the devil's children." I said, "You have answered it correctly, because they are not for God's children." When God said, "I am the Lord that healeth thee," He said what He meant, and He spoke the truth, for God cannot lie.

"Have faith in God!"

It seems to me that one of the easiest things for you and for me to do is to have faith in God.

Ah! my brother, my sister, you call yourself a child of God; then do not ever again say, "I wish I could trust God, but I cannot." What would a father think of his ten year old boy if he were constantly saying, "Father, I wish I could trust you and love you: I would like to, but I cannot." The father would think that very strange.

**True Testimony Comes From the Heart.**

Jesus said, "Have Faith in God."

Verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Ah, yes! God looks at the heart, and there is just the trouble today with a number of people—they say "Yes" with the lips, and "No" with the heart; and sometimes when you are praying for them, their minds are upon a bottle of camphor, or something else, and not upon God at all.

Soon after I returned from Australia, did I not tell the people here that I believed in trusting God alone—and not in a cold-water god, nor a hot-water god? For health and strength I will trust my God. Some say that everyone ought to take a cold bath every moning. Well, I pity the man who is so dirty that he has to take a cold bath every morning. I am not a duck. If God Almighty had intended me to live in water, He would have given me fins. I am a land animal, and am not amphibious, either. I do not propose to trust to either cold or hot water for my health; but I will trust the One True and living God: and I will never allow anything to come between me and my God.

Now, there is where some people get into trouble. I hope and pray that never again will I hear an officer or a member of this Church say he would like to have more faith in God, and would like to trust God, but somehow cannot get to that place. It is easier to trust God than to trust you; and it ought to be easier for you to trust God than to trust me--and yet we trust in each other.

**The Power of Believing Prayer.**

Have faith in God.

How much faith have you mothers and fathers this afternoon for the salvation of your sons and daughters?

This morning I read a little story that Dwight L. Moody told in New York City. When he was preaching in a certain city in Europe a man came to the platform and said, "Mr. Moody, right over there sits a man who brags of his infidelity. I wish you would go over and talk to him." Mr. Moody went over to him, but the man only laughed and sneered. Mr. Moody said, "Well, I am going to get down and pray for you." The man only laughed, and said, "Pray if you like." Mr. Moody knelt there and prayed that God would break that man's heart.

Several months after that, when Mr. Moody was preaching in Liverpool, he saw that man sitting in his audience. At the close of the service he walked up to him, and the man said, "Well, Mr. Moody, how are you? God has not answered your prayer," and laughed. Mr. Moody said, "Never mind, God will answer that prayer for when I prayed that God would break your heart, I prayed in faith, and God will do it."

After many months more had passed by, when Mr. Moody went to another city to preach, who should he find there but this same man; but by that time he had yielded himself to God and had become a lovely Christian character. Mr. Moody had offered that prayer in faith, and God had answered.

How much faith have you this afternoon for your unconverted wife, or for your unconverted husband, or your sons and your daughters? How much faith have you for them? Did you ask God to convict and convert them? If so, did you believe that He would do it?

But father, mother, I want to tell you this afternoon, your son is on the way to hell; and many of you are sleeping while the devil is grinning; you are taking your ease, and are never struggling with God, and you are never in travail for the spiritual birth for your sons and your daughters!

How much faith have you today for the healing of the sick?

How much faith have you for the salvation of your loved ones?

How much faith have you for the redemption of Zion City?

How much faith have you in the scond coming of the Christ?

How much faith have you for the salvation of the sinner?

**Doubt Kills; Faith Makes Alive.**

Whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou taken up and cast

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He sendeth His word and healeth them.

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And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

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# Editorial Notes

*By Elder F. Richert.*

"BLESSED IS the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly."—Ps. 1:1.

CHRIST OPENS up the Sermon on the Mount with His "Blessed."

THE BEATITUDES teach us wherein the only true, pure, lasting blessedness for man consists; not in anything outward, not in the gratification of our natural passions or desires, covetousness, or pride, ambition, or love of pleasure; not in what we have, but in what we are in God's sight and in relation to the Kingdom of Heaven.

THE STANDARD of Christ's Beatitudes is the exalted and sublime position upon which Zion erects her altars to worship the true and living God in the beauty of holiness.

"O ZION, that bringest good tidings, get thee up in the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up; be not afraid: say unto the cities of Judah: *Behold your God!*"

"Behold; the Lord will come with a strong hand, and His arm shall rule for Him; behold His reward is with Him, and His work before Him."—Isa 40:9-10.

THE BEATITUDES are permeated with a Divine power which enables every true follower of Christ to climb up the narrow way of consecration, self-denial, obedience, self-sacrifice and toil, and labor for God, and to behold the glorified Savior upon the Mount of Transfiguration.

THE FRAGRANT balm of divine love flows from the Word of God for the aching hearts of suffering humanity.

"He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass, as showers that water the earth."---Ps. 72:6.

WITH TENDER compassion, our Lord and Savior reads the hidden secrets of every human life. He knows the conflicts, degradation and sins, temptations, dangers, needs and aspirations of every human heart.

"He shall feed His flock like a shepherd: He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom." —Isa. 40:11.

BEFORE CHRIST opens the glorious highway to eternal life, as it is revealed in the Beatitudes, the Holy Spirit convicts men of sin, and shows them that they are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked, without Christ.

THE SPIRIT of God leads penitent sinners to the fountain of Life which flows from the Word of God, and in the light of God's eternal truths, leads them to pray with the Psalmist, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."—Ps. 51:10.

JESUS PREPARES a table before every returning son and daughter of Israel in the presence of their enemies, and presents the sacred cup of Divine Blessing to all those who are thirsting after righteousness.

THE LAMB of God which taketh away the sin of the world reveals the reality, the glory, the stability, the overwhelming power and sublimity of the Kingdom of Heaven to those who are "poor in spirit."

THE GLORIOUS dawn of eternal life reveals the blessed promise of God which is written with golden letters over the portals of the doors of salvation, which lead into the Kingdom of Heaven. "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."—Isa. 1: 18.

Blessed are they who wash their robes in the blood of the

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Lamb. Christ opens to them the Kingdom of His Love, His grace, and His righteousness.—Rev. 7:14.

LET THIS mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." In the obedience, reality, and revelation of that sacred precept of the Apostle, our fellowmen will know that Christ dwelleth and ruleth in us.—Phil. 2:5.

THE CITIZENS of the Kingdom of Heaven are the poor in spirit. They will be "filled with the knowledge of His will, in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;that they might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering, with joyfulness."—Col. 1:9-11.

Christ invites all that labor and are heavy-laden to come to Him, and He promises to all who heed His call, eternal rest in God.

"IN THE Lord shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory."—Isa. 45:25.

Jesus says, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me."—Jno. 12:32.

"Blessed are they that mourn,"---whosover looketh upon the Savior Who has been exalted upon the Cross of Calvary,will see that sin has scourged and crucified our Redeemer, while Christ has loved us unto death.

THE MOURNERS in Zion "shall be comforted;" they shall be delivered from the bondage of sin, and shall be led through the desert of this world into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

"And David went up the ascent of Mount Olivet, and wept as he went up, and had his head covered, and he went barefoot, and all the people that were with him covered every man his head, and they wept as they went up."

God comforted David in his great sorrow,not only for Absalom his son, but over his own sins; and the Lord gave him the victory and reinstated him in his kingdom.

Never was David nearer to the heart of the everlasting Love of God than when he fled for his life.

"FOR WHATSOEVER is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

Blessed are they who weep with Jesus over the sins and iniquities of the lost world.

THE LIFE of Christ was a life of peace in the conflicts, battles, sufferings, and toils. No pride or selfishness could disturb the profound peace of Christ, and therefore Christ says:

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." (1 Cor. 13:4, 8.) Meekness removes and prevents every conflict among brethren. The meek shall inherit the new earth. (Rev. 21:1,7.)

RIGHTEOUSNESS Is holiness and godlikeness, and "God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God and God in him." Righteousness is love, and love is the light which enlighteneth the valley of the shadow of death of this world, the life of God which giveth us the victory over sin, sickness, death and hell.

JESUS CALLS them blessed, which hunger and thirst after righteousness.

"The Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering and abundant in goodness and truth." God is the Fountain of mercy. In the "Merciful," the sympathizing and saving love of God is revealed; they are partakers of the divine nature. In the most degraded and profligate sinner, a true Christian sees an immortal spirit for whom Christ has died, and says: "I will deliver the poor that cry unto God, and the fatherless, and him that hath none to help him."

"I will cause the widow's heart to rejoice; I will be eyes to the blind and feet to the lame, a father to the poor."

"Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy."

THE PURE in heart shall see God by faith; they shall know Him by their daily experiences, in the revelation of His grace and love. They shall see the Father of life, death, and ressurrection of the Son; the Holy Spirit will open their hearts and their understanding that they may know the glorious Creator in His wonderful works.

JESUS Is the "Prince of Peace." He is the eternal foundation of the peace on earth. Enmity, strife, selfishness and hatred will be cast out of the heart where Christ dwells. The spirit of peace is a true witness that one is united with Christ, and a child of God; "every one that loveth is born of God."

"AND THE remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many people as a dew from the Lord, as showers upon the grass."

JESUS DID not promise to His followers worldly glory or a life of ease in luxury and wealth free from temptation, conflicts, suffering persecution, self-denial and sorrow. The united powers of hell and men sought to destroy the Lord from His cradle to the grave.

THE DEVIL has persecuted the children of God at all times. He has burned them at the stake and tormented them in every way, but they have been more than conquerors.

A TRUE follower of Christ can say, "I take pleasure in infirmities in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake." "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."— 2 Cor. 4:17.

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THROUGH SUFFERING and persecution the glory of God's conquering love will be revealed in His saints.

THE TRUE Zion walks on the narrow way, and will be purified in the furnace of trial, suffering and persecution. Zion follows Christ through all conflicts, battles and persecutions to the Father's house.

"AND I SAW as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God."---Revelation 15:2.

"These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple."---Revelation 7:14-17.

THE TRUE key to peace, harmony and love is sacrifice.

SINCE THE fall of Adam, satan has always been working through deceitfulness.---Psalm 69:10.

NOBODY HAS ever been so terribly reviled as the Son of God. He was reviled on account of His obedience to God, even unto death.

Abel died as a martyr. Enoch walked with God and the world knew him not; Noah was ridiculed as a fanatic, and others had trials of cruel mockery and scourgings; yea, moreover, of bonds and imprisonments. They were stoned; they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword; they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented." "And they all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise, God having provided some better things for us."

Every conflict, every battle, every self-denying work, is a means, in the hand of God, who overrules all, to make up the true Zion, and to guard the followers of Christ against drowsiness and sleep.---Matthew 25.

WHEN STEPHEN was stoned, the enemies of Christ could not extinguish the truths of God. The heavenly light which glorified his face, his triumphant and unconquerable faith and trust in God, his love and prayer for his enemies, and his victorious death, were sharp arrows which penetrated the heart of Saul, who was to be a chosen vessel of God for the spread of the Gospel.

LATER, PAUL writes about the preaching of the Gospel. (See Phil. 1:15, 18,) His imprisonment and captivity were the means of spreading the Gospel and of saving many for God.

THE REWARD of those who are persecuted will be great. Gen. 15:1; Col. 2:8,9; Ephesians 3:18,19; Isaiah 54:17.

The joy of Heaven will fill the hearts of the faithful, as it did Paul and Silas when they sang praises to God in the prison at Phillipi. Zion, "rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice."— Phil. 4:4.

# Have Faith in God.

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into the sea; AND SHALL NOT DOUBT IN HIS HEART, BUT SHALL BELIEVE that what he sayeth shall come to pass, he shall have it.

That is the Word of God, and I believe it with my whole heart. Yes, suppose there were a house on fire, and a little child were on the second floor, looking out at the window, with apparently no hope of being rescued, when all at once a giant of a man, with strong, brawny arms, reaches up and says, " My child, jump from that window into my arms!" And the child jumps into his arms and is safe—that is faith.

The Lord Jesus the Christ, with His pierced hands and blood-stained sides, reaches out this afternoon to every one. Will you not have the faith to jump into His arms this afternoon? May God help you!

Oh! how I long to see every one in this house truly saved, and how I long to see all the sick ones healed. But you must be faithful and earnest and true to God.

### Little Children Get Close to God.

Except ye become as little children, ye shall in no wise enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Just as a little boy said to me a few days ago, "Overseer, if God wants you to have Zion City, nobody can keep it from you." That is the faith of a little child; just like the little child kneeling at the bedside and asking God to make mama well, and then rising up and saying, "Now, mama, get up, I prayed for you and you are well."

My brothers and sisters, have you that faith this afternoon, that simple child-like faith that will open the doors of Heaven, that you may receive all that God has for you in His bountiful storehouse? Often, I have thought of the cup that Christ drank, and then have turned away from the sickening scene to that bountiful storehouse of God; and there I can see salvation from sin, healing from disease, cleansing from ali iniquity; hope, joy and peace; and I can see all of the beautiful and good things that God has put there; and I want to claim them by faith this afternoon.

### Humility Leads to Faith, Haughtiness to Defeat.

The Centurion said, "Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldest come under my roof." Have you that spirit this afternoon? So many come in a spirit of pride and haughtiness, and God will have to crush your spirits and break your hearts. Some of you come like Naaman the Leper came; but you will never get your healing when you come in that spirit.

Come like the Centurion,and say, "Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldest come under my roof, or that I should receive even the least of Thy blessings; but I throw myself into Thine arms, and I rest in Thee."

The Savior said, "I have not found so great faith; no, not in Israel. I have seen the elders, I have seen the members of the Sanhedrin, I have seen the Scribes and the Pharisees, I have talked with the mightiest men of the Jewish Church and Nation; but I have never found such great faith in Israel as this Centurion has shown here today."

Ah! it is the spirit of humility and of meekness that will

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bring the blessing. And so, in the Name of Jesus the Christ, I bid you come and take salvation this afternoon.

**Appropriate the Light of Truth You Have.**

But, my brothers and sisters in the Christ, remember that if you do not walk in the light that you have, then God will hold you responsible. When I think of some people in Zion City, I could sit down and weep for days over them. I think of Pharaoh in Egypt: when Moses and Aaron brought the first sign to them, they paid no heed to it; not even after the second, and the third, and the fourth, and the fifth. No; their hearts were hardened, until at last God said, "It is enough;" and then He commanded the Children of Israel to sprinkle the blood upon the door-post and upon the lintel. Then it was that the destroying angel went o'er all the land, and in every Egyptian household the first-born lay dead. God will not allow His plans to be defeated, nor His purposes to be thwarted; and God will have His way in Zion City, despite all opposition. May God give her enemies repentance before it is too late! Sooner or later, God the Almighty will put this City into Zion's hands again; and what happened in regard to the General Stores, will happen all over Zion City, and the Name of the Most High God will have to be recognized and honored and glorified (Amens!). Do you want one clean city on this earth? (Voices "Yes"). Do you not want one place where prayer ascends daily, and where all things shall be holy unto God?

PEOPLE:—"Yes!"

GENERAL OVERSEER:— Then let us stand like men, having a child-like faith in God---a faith that will never shrink before any foe, or any opposition. God is with this people, and it is a conquering people; and we will go forward; year after year, to conquer. Individualism must die.

Ah! you see a beautiful girl lying there, she has reached a certain stage of typhoid fever; all at once she rises and sits up straight in the bed, her cheeks are ruddy and her eyes flash, and she seems to be possessed of almost superhuman strength; but, alas, in twenty-fours hours more she is a corpse---it was only the fever reaching its height, it was only the stretch of the nerves and muscles to their highest tension.

And just so with individualism; you see the little shops stuck all around, and they say, "Competition is the life of trade." But let me tell you that it is but the fever reaching its highest height; and tomorrow you will awaken to find men and women, once Christian characters, spiritually dead, and ready to cut their neighbors' throats in order to gain commercial advantage.

Ah! my brothers, individualism came from hell; Christian brotherhood came from Heaven; competition is the devil's own. Cooperation was born in Heaven. Zion stands for the Fatherhood of God and for the brotherhood of man: I must live for all of you, and you must live for me, and all for each other and, all together, live for the extension of God's Kingdom. And, by the grace of God, we are going to win in Zion City, for we are right (Amen!).

**Have Faith In God.**

Let us all have faith for the salvation of the sinner; faith for the healing of the sick; faith for the redemption of Zion City; and faith in the final triumph of our Lord over every foe; and then shall knowledge cover the earth, as the waters cover the sea.

Let all here this afternoon who have listened to what I have said, and who have been thrilled by the Spirit of God, stand and let us pray, until the skies are rent, and the throne of God is reached, and the heavens are opened; that every blessing may be poured out upon us, let all such stand, and we will pray. (Apparently the entire congregation stood).

The General Overseer then led in the following

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.

My God and Father, in Jesus' name I come to Thee. Take me as I am, and make me what I ought to be in spirit, in soul, and in body. Help me to repent of all my sins, and to make right all the wrongs of my life, Help Me to pray, Thy Kingdom Come—Thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven. Save the sinful, heal the sick, comfort the sorrowing, lift up the fallen. Save Zion City, O God, and send us the money necessary to redeem the situation. The earth is Thine; the gold and the silver, and the cattle upon ten thousand hills are Thine. O Lord, redeem Zion City, for the honor and glory of Thy name. Bind us together by the ties of Christian love that no power on earth can sever. Help us to be true and steadfast, faithful and loyal, all the days, till Jesus comes. In His name and for His sake. Amen.

After singing the hymn, "Blest be the Tie that Binds our Hearts in Christian Love," and the Recessional by the Choir, "Lord Dismiss us with Thy Blessing," the General Overseer pronounced the Benediction.

# ZION SEVENTIES

*Deacon J. W. Friend*

*General Recorder*

Be ye strong in the Lord, and in the Power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Ephesians 6:10, 11.

Life calls for the best that is in a man, and he who grasps the opportunity to make the most of this life in God's service is the one who will rise in power, and be able to make of himself a blessing to those with whom he daily associates. With his ears he hears the glorious truths of the Gospel; with his eyes he sees the beautiful things in the world that may be reclaimed and brought into use in God's Kingdom. But once let him lose his hearing, and he is out of harmony with his being. Let him lose his eyes and he will lose sight of the glorious things in God's great universe.

He is dead so far as hearing and seeing are concerned. He is then like the man who has no interest in anything except his own life.

You are your brother's keeper. Have an interest in the welfare of your fellowman. Be alive, active, and responsive to the command, and "Go ye into all the world and make disciples of all nations." Prepare for the great work of rescuing humanity. Be filled with the spirit that will prompt you to seek the lost. Concentrate your thoughts upon your work. Be a real, live, energetic, and enthusiastic worker for God. Do not have written all over you, "I am a dead one."

Be enthusiastic, for enthusiasm is contagious, and it is one of the essential qualities in successful Seventy work. Look on the bright side of things. Be not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the word. Be ever ready to help some poor unfortunate one to the Christ of God. Study how to approach men, how to create and develop a pleasing personality, how enmity may be turned into true friendship, and interest into desire—desire to know God's Work.

Cultivate the power to persuade others, and may you use that power to lead them to God. This can be done by thinking and planning, and a willingness to learn. Arguments are of no avail. Tact is worse than wasted if you do not present your subject with simplicity, earnestness of purpose, and all the enthusiasm you can muster to your help.

Your worst enemy is yourself. The most important battles to fight are within and not without.

Conquer yourself. Practice self-restraint. By so doing you will gather unto yourself strength to overcome all obstacles.

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You cannot succeed in the battles of life unless you control yourself.

Evidently the Apostle Paul had this in mind when he said, "One thing I do, forgetting the things that are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before; I press on toward the goal, unto the prize of the high calling of God, in Christ Jesus."

Let us be likeminded, and concentrate our minds on things that lead to success, and remember that "A little soil well tilled is better than a large acreage half raked over."

Pray that God will give wisdom, then grasp the opportunities and go forward to success.

### ZION SEVENTIES IN IOWA.

The following shows only in a faint may the work done by Banks and Anderson during the week ending October 9th, 1909, in Valley Junction, Nevada and Ames, Iowa. There are two days short on this report owing to travel and rain.

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| Leaves sold | 51 |
| Heralds | 48 |
| Voice from Zion | 16 |
| Calls made | 859 |
| Messages given | 244 |

Report for the week ending October 16, 1909, by Zion's workers, in Ames and Boone, Iowa.

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|---|---|
| Leaves of Healing sold | 94 |
| Zion Heralds sold | 72 |
| Voice from Zion sold | 7 |
| Conflict with Methodist Apostasy | 1 |
| Calls made and messages given | 1150 |

### ZION IN MILWAUKEE.

The Seventies who worked in Milwaukee last Lord's Day, had a glorious time. They were received kindly, and at their street meetings were listened to with great interest. Everybody about seemed to be orderly, and from appearances, enjoyed the words of counsel given. Deacon G. E. Robbins has this work in charge.

1072 pieces of literature were disposed of, as follows:

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| Messages given away | 987 |
| Leaves of Healing given | 4 |
| " " | 57 |
| Zion Heralds given | 4 |
| " " sold | 20 |

The Seventy workers made 824 calls from house to house.

The Seventy workers stopped off at Racine for the evening meeting held there in the Lakeside Auditorium.


# ZION'S



All Night of Praise,
Prayer and Testimony

December 31, 1909
January 1, 1910

Shiloh Tabernacle
Zion City, Illinois


# Facts Concerning Purchase
OF
# Shiloh Tabernacle

| | |
|---|---|
| **Purchase Price** | **$12,500.00** |
| **Amount paid on Principal to July 1, 1909,** | **7,500.00** |
| **Interest paid to July 1, 1909** | **437.00** |
| **Balance due on Principal** | **5,000.00** |

**Every payment has been met three days before due**

## SPECIAL NOTICE.

**The immediate and prayerful consideration of all officers, members and friends of Zion throughout the world is called to the fact that the next payment is due on January 1, 1910:**

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| **Total amount of Principal and Interest to be met** | **$2,625.00** |
| **Cash in hand at this date, October 19th,** | **1,230.39** |
| **Balance needed to complete payment** | **$1,394.61** |

**It is my earnest desire and prayer that this entire amount of money be in hand by November 15th at the very latest. At the Convocation, on July 18th last, in addition to the cash received, PLEDGE CARDS were received to the amount of $1,007.50---to be paid on or before November 1, 1909.**

**My only purpose in calling attention to this matter through the columns of "Zion Herald" and "Leaves of Healing," is that every officer, member and friend of Zion may have a little part in redeeming Zion City; and I would much rather have $1.00 apiece from 2625 persons, than to have $2000.00 or more toward this payment from one person.**

**Thanking very heartily one and all, in the name of the Lord, who have remained loyal, steadfast and true to Zion's principles, truths, ideas and ideals, and have so nobly co-operated for the extension of the Kingdom of God, and praying God's blessing upon you all, I am,**

**Faithfully yours in Jesus' Name,**
**WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA.**
**(Successor to John Alexander Dowie)**
**General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion.**

## SPECIAL ATTENTION

Zion Seventies, throughout the world, please send in your names and addresses to Deacon J. W. Friend, General Recorder, so an up-to-date enrollment may be perfected. By having full data, the General Recorder will know with whom to correspond in regard to distributing Zion Literature.

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He sendeth His word and healeth them.

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# LEAVES OF HEALING

I am the Lord that healeth thee.

And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

A WEEKLY PAPER FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

EDITED BY WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA

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# The Gospel of the Kingdom

## Zion is China's Hope.

Elder Royall, in a Letter, Tells the Cause of Apostasy. The Cry of the Faithful. Zion's Message Powerful. Blessings of July Convocation Reach Far-Away China. Calls for Preaching the Word. Christians' Prayers Answered.

10 Magnolia Terrace, N. Szechuen Rd. Ex.,
SHANGHAI, CHINA, Sept. 17, 1909.

REV. E. L. CAREY, Ecclesiastical Sec.,
City Hall Building, Zion City, Ill.

*Dear Elder:*

Peace to thee be multiplied!

I wrote you of the terrible apostasy of missionaries. Chapman and Alexander have been holding meetings here in Shanghai for the past ten days, and Mr. Chapman even told them that the reason they had failed was because they had neglected God's Word and refused the Holy Spirit, and had no time for prayer. I wrote you of the cold, lifeless, deadly, yea poisonous papers that were read at Mokanshan. While they were being read and discussed by some, there was one man who was burdened on account of sickness and lack of power in his ministry. He was crying out to God, for he said, "I am tired of the old way. I want life, and I want it abundantly." He came to me, and after repeated talks and prayer he began to see the light dawn. He was wonderfully blessed in spirit, soul and body. He said in a public meeting that he had never known before what Faith was. And now he is realizing what a changed man he is.

China needs Zion. Mr. Chapman prides himself in that he does not offend people when he preaches. I say that the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ has always offended the world. The Gospel will always offend those who do not obey Jesus Christ. Zion will always offend because she preaches what Paul preached, what Jesus preached.

I have just received the HERALD of August 18th, and when I opened it the first words I read were from the General Overseer. That is my cry, Zion: "Lay down." These words lost none of their power in coming over the sea. As I read them my heart was melted to tears. Yes, I said, all must be laid down for God. We must lay down all every day. That opening address at the Convocation was a most powerful one. It showed that the man who was talking had been with God, and was expressing God's thought. I thank God for that address. Oh, people of Zion, *lay down all for God!* As the General Overseer said, our work is not in the past, but in the present and future, and we must have the mind of Christ. The Convocation must have been an inspiring one. To see and hear so many testimonies and consecrations and conversions, oh it was wonderful!

There are calls for me to go to Ningpo and to other places. Many members of other churches are tired of hearing Herbert Spencer and want the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and are coming to Zion. The Methodists are going to pieces, and the best pieces are coming to Zion. The Baptists are going to pieces and the best pieces are coming to Zion. The Presbyterians are going to pieces, and the best pieces are coming to Zion. The whole of the apostasy is going to pieces, and the best pieces are coming to Zion.

God bless the General Overseer. God bless every elder and evangelist and deacon and deaconess and seventy, and every member of Zion throughout the world. I say we must be loyal to God. We must be loyal to the General Overseer. Let no one falter. If one falls, just close up the ranks and *forward march.* Zion has no time to spend fooling with blow-flies and mosquitoes who cause a little annoyance, but whose life is just for a day.

I praise God that messengers, elders, deacons and seventies are to be sent throughout the world: to Australia, to South Africa, to the United Kingdom and to Europe. Just as sure as

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God lives, just as sure as Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary and was crucified, just as sure as Jesus descended into hell and was raised from the dead, and ascended into heaven, the world must reckon with Zion.

The greetings in the China number of the Leaves of Healing from different ones were so joyful and full of hope. I have just received a message from Chekiang, and they are being blessed. A boy who was dying was raised up through the prayers of several Christians. They are so happy.

Cholera is raging here now. Several foreigners have died. Many Chinese, especially children, have passed away. It is still hot here in Shanghai.

The new railway to Hangchow has been opened, and that will shorten the journey very much in going to the country districts. It means that Zion can enter many more places. It means greater responsibility. It means bringing Zion to China. *We must go forward.* The cry is ringing in our ears day and night. The Christ will come! The time is short! The message must be told! The millions are still in darkness! Zion means Light and Life; for Zion means the Kingdom of God. It is our purpose and hope to send messengers to the eighteen provinces of this Empire. It can be done. It must be done, and, God helping us, we will do it. The General Overseer is right in saying that unity is essential. In fundamentals no one should be allowed to teach different from the General Overseer's position.

I have received six rolls of Leaves for which please accept my thanks. I shall send them throughout the Empire, and God will bless them. One missionary got hold of the first copy that came and said, "I would certainly like to see the next number."

We are praying for you. God is blessing you there, and it stirs our hearts, and we offer up our thanksgiving to God for it all. God is blessing us here. The field is the world and Zion must storm it.

How my heart was cheered at the news of old Central Tabernacle being redeemed and brought back again. The Spirit of God will again hover around that place, and great blessings will flow out to many as in days gone by. I rejoice. I reach back my hand across the sea and strike hands with you and rejoice.

I enclose my contribution for the next payment on the Tabernacle.

To Zion in all lands I say, Peace to thee be multiplied!

Faithfully in Jesus Christ,

(Signed) F. M. ROYALL, Elder-in-charge.

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# The Price of Salvation and Healing

OR

# "All to Him I Owe"

An Address Delivered at a Divine Healing Meeting in Shiloh Tabernacle, Tuesday Afternoon, October 19, 1909

*By General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva*

(REPORTED BY MISS S. J. BOOTH)

After a brief period of silent prayer, the General Overseer prayed as follows:

Almighty God, our kind Heavenly Father, because of Thy tender, loving watch-care over us we are permitted once more—this side of the grave, the Day of Judgment and Eternity—to assemble in this our accustomed place of worship, to render unto Thee acceptable praise, thanksgiving and adoration; to read Thy precious Word and to feed upon Thy promises; to call upon thee, not only for ourselves for every needed blessing,—but for all mankind; to seek life more abundant, and wisdom, knowledge and power; that we may be of some use to our fellowmen, and at last, when life shall come to a close here, to be able to look back and truthfully say, that we have done some good; and at last, being ushered into Thy presence, to hear Thy sweet and welcome voice saying, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Our loving Father, be Thou here in our midst at this very hour, and help each and every one present to seek Thee, O God, and to bear in mind that it is our glorious privilege to dwell in the Secret Place of the Most High; to follow in the footsteps of Jesus the Christ, and to imbibe His Spirit; to work in His name and to suffer, and finally to reign with Him—even as He now sits at the right hand of God His Father, having overcome death itself.

Our dear Father, teach us how to pray and how to live; and O God, hear the daily cries of Thy people for the sick and the sorrowing, the troubled and the distressed. Bless Zion in all the world today.

We thank Thee, O God, for the many tokens of Thy love, for the rich rewards which Thou art daily bestowing upon us, and for thy returning favor and love. Help us, our Father, to be humble and to sit low at the feet of Jesus the Christ; to be passive in Thy hands, so that Thou mayest take us and use us to the salvation, the healing, and the cleansing of multitudes.

We ask all these favors in Jesus' name and for Thy Name's honor and glory. Amen.

GENERAL OVERSEER: Will you please sing the hymn "Rock of Ages." As it is true of the Scriptures, so it is true of hymns---simplicity is the greatest power. This hymn was suggested by the text of Scripture found in the Ninety-Fourth Psalm and the twenty-second verse: "The Lord is my defense; and my God is the Rock of my refuge."

The hymn, "Rock of Ages," was then sung:

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save me from its guilt and power.

Not the labor of my hands
Can fulfil Thy Law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling,
Naked, come to Thee for dress,
Helpless, look to Thee for grace,
Foul, I to the Fountain fly,
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

General Overseer: Let all please turn to the Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter, beginning with the thirty-fifth verse.

**Twenty-Six Miracles of Healing Recorded In Four Gospels.**

In the four Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke and John—we find recorded twenty-six miracles of healing; and each narrative is a simple little story—so simple indeed, that even a child can

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understand; and each narrative brings before our minds some distinct phase of Divine healing; so that in order to have a general grasp of the subject it is necessary to study the twenty-six narratives.

In addition to these, you will find some general statements bearing upon the subject of Divine healing—such as Matthew 8: 16, 17;

When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils; and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick:

That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.

**Diseases Healed By Jesus.**

In your study of the scriptures bearing upon this subject, it is well to note the entire list of diseases which Jesus healed. For instance, you will find one case of dropsy, and one only; you will not find any case of cancer,—so far as the record goes Christ in His earthly ministry never met with or healed a case of cancer.

Today I was reading an article to the effect that a number of diseases, which are very prevalent in most other countries, are absolutely unknown among the Eskimos; also that the Eskimos have neither doctors nor drugs, and there are no words in the Eskimo language to designate doctors or drugs; and cancer is absolutely unknown among them.

I also read a statement recently to the effect that one out of every thirty-nine women in this country, dies of cancer—and especially cancer of the breast; and there are almost as many men who die of cancer as there are women who die of it. My observations lead me to the conclusion that the two worst diseases with which we have to cope are cancer and consumption.

In studying these narratives, you will also find one case of a person born blind who was healed by Jesus, and that was the case of the man described in the ninth chapter of the Gospel according to St. John.

You will also find cases where the one who was healed apparently exercised no faith, but faith was exercised for him---as in the cases of the Centurion's servant, and the daughter of the Syro-phœnician woman.

**The Way to Study and Understand God's Word.**

In order for a person to know and understand what the Word of God teaches on any subject, it is necessary to take the whole tenor of the Scripture. A single passage of Scripture can be taken, and with it prove something to one's own satisfaction; but in order to get the full meaning one should find all the passages of Scripture bearing upon that subject, and study their relationship.

For instance, take the subject of fasting. Fasting is authorized by the Word of God, and among other passages bearing on the subject, one of the most striking, you will find in the Sermon on the Mount, recorded in the sixth chapter of Matthew, where Christ was warning His disciples against doing anything for show. Man-service is not God-service. To sing, to speak or to pray merely to be seen of men, is very displeasing in the sight of God.

**Seek God First, Then Healing.**

Another lesson that we learn in studying these narratives, is that, so far as the healings in the Name of Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit are concerned, one disease is no more difficult of cure than any other to Him. There is nothing too hard for God; His arm has never been shortened that it cannot save; and persons who are in need of healing should learn to seek God rather than to seek their healing first: because when the Spirit of God takes possession of a person's spirit, soul and body, then everything else must go.

Zion, more and more I can see the necessity of exhorting persons who are in need of blessing to seek God. "Do not err, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." There is a danger that some people seek their healing purely from a selfish motive; whereas, all should seek healing for the honor and glory of God.

**What is the Price of Salvation and Healing?**

Some persons have said to me, "I would be willing to give away every dollar that I have in this world if I could only get my healing." I always say to such, "You could not get your healing if you were possessed of millions of dollars and were to give it all; salvation is not to be obtained for dollars and cents; healing cannot be purchased for dollars and cents; but there is a price that must be paid, but it is not dollars and cents."

The price which must be paid by every one who would have salvation is very plainly set forth in the Scriptures; likewise the price which must be paid for healing; and he who would have good health must pay the price for it. As I told you last Lord's Day afternoon: to vary a hair's breadth from the path of rectitude means that for so doing you will have to pay the price. Self-control is one of the highest, sweetest and richest traits of Christian character. Control of the mind, control of the appetite, control of all the powers and senses which we possess, is absolutely necessary, if we would have that which God has provided for us in the sacrifice of Jesus the Christ, His Son.

**The Deepness of God's Word.**

The Bible is a Book of marvelous depth. The rank and file of the people merely skim over the surface, and a person who is studying the Word of God prayerfully, may read a passage of Scripture for the one-hundredth time, and still see new beauty in it, and new force and power. Continued study quickens spiritual vision. Man lives "by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

**The Natural Mind Limited.**

Spiritual things are not understood by the carnal mind, as Paul points out in the second chapter of First Corinthians. Spiritual things must be made known by the Holy Spirit; they never can be discovered by learning. One may possess all the wisdom of this world, and at the same time be as ignorant as a new-born babe of truth as it is in Christ Jesus.

**Sight Given to the Blind Man.**

Let all give very prayerful attention to this narrative as I read it:

And it came to pass, that as He was coming nigh unto Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the wayside, begging:

And hearing the multitude pass by, he asked what it meant.

And they told him, that Jesus of Nazareth passeth by.

And he cried, saying, Jesus, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me. —Luke 18:35-38.

As one reads the cry of that poor blind man, he is led to think of Matthew the fourteenth chapter and the fourteenth verse, where it is written that Jesus had compassion upon the multitudes and healed their sick; just as it is written in Isaiah, that God, in His pity and in His love, redeemed the Children of Israel.

As we are constantly fighting the battles for the salvation of the sinful, and the healing of the sick, how often we find ourselves crying unto God as the God of love and mercy, and of pity and compassion!

Jesus, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me!

**God's Promise of Mercy is to the Meek.**

How undeserving we all are of the blessings which God is

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He sendeth His word and healeth them.
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LEAVES OF HEALING
I am the Lord that healeth thee.
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# General Overseer's Notes

HEADQUARTERS OFFICES OF THE CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC CHURCH IN ZION, CITY HALL BUILDING, ZION CITY, ILLINOIS, U. S. A., October 28, 1909.

"FOR I AM JEHOVAH, I CHANGE NOT."

"JESUS CHRIST THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER."

THESE PRECIOUS truths, fundamental truths of the Christian religion, have been, for many years, faithfully proclaimed from every Zion platform and through Zion publications.

MANY THOUSANDS have awakened, and today are exercising unwavering faith in the living God and the living Christ.

ZION READS, with an ever-increasing interest, the narrative of how God opened the waters of the Red Sea and caused the Children of Israel to go over on dry ground, because Zion knows, from experience, that the same God who lived in Moses' time lives today, and is just as able and willing to hear and answer the cries of His children and to bless them as He was then.

ZION PEOPLE are inspired to go forward, never compromising with the enemies of God, as they read the story of the three Hebrew children—Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego—for they know and can witness that God, who delivered them so that the fire had no power over their bodies, nor was a hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them, is still the same God, and is just as able and willing to deliver His faithful children now as then.

MAY ALL the readers of these Notes be able to say, in the face of the fiercest persecution and in the presence of every trial and tribulation, "Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us, and He will deliver us. But if not, be it known that we will not yield nor compromise, but be faithful, even unto death."

TO ALL who receive, believe and act upon the truth that God never changes, the Bible has become a new Book; a glorious hope takes possession of the heart, and there is such a response to the exhortation of Jesus the Christ to ask, to seek, and to knock, that the very windows of Heaven are open, the door of God's inexhaustible storehouse is open, and blessings innumerable are received.

THE MAN who stands upon the walls of Zion, and faithfully proclaims the truth that, God is ever the same, is a benefactor to mankind.

ALL WHO hear and accept the stories of God's wonderful deliverances, take on a new interest; and with renewed faith, hope and determination, the recipients go forward to labor for the salvation, healing and cleansing of mankind, the complete overthrow of the devil's kingdom, and the establishment of the Kingdom of God.

THE LIE everywhere circulated by the apostate churches that the days of miracles are past must be successfully met and overcome by the teaching of Zion; that it is the people who have changed, and not God; and that where the conditions laid down in God's Word are faithfully met and complied with, God's promises never fail.

ZION NOT only faithfully preaches that the Bible is the Inspired Word of God, but, by the grace of God, lives it.

ZION BELIEVES the Bible from the statement "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" to the statement "He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly;

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Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen."

SATAN'S principal agents for the destruction of the Bible as the Word of God are the little semi-infidel upstarts in the theological seminaries and behind the pulpits of the apostate churches.

The deplorable condition of the people is not to be wondered at when every doctrine inspired of the devil will find so-called preachers ready to defend it. Thus we hear preachers defending card-playing; apologizing for the dance hall; standing up for the use of tobacco; commending the theater; referring to the story of Jonah and the whale as a myth; making light of the supernatural; entertaining lax notions concerning marriage;—in fact, the devil has his foremost agents now arrayed in ministerial garb and firmly entrenched in hundreds of so-called churches, studiously destroying the very foundation of the faith of the people.

LET ZION never cease to shout throughout the world that Jesus the Christ is still the same Savior, the same healer, the same Cleanser and the same Keeper.

IN ORDER to awaken the people and to win them from their idolatrous worship of doctors, surgeons and drugs, they must be given line upon line, and precept upon precept.

WHILE CONSIDERING the unchangeableness of God and of Christ, it must not be forgotten that satan is still the same, and that human nature is still the same. The experiences of God's people are identically the same in all ages—when they are true, steadfast and faithful, the very windows of heaven are open and blessings pour out upon them until there is not room enough to receive them. When they forsake God and trample His Word beneath their feet, the heavens are as brass, and calamities of every kind come upon them.

GREAT CALAMITIES that were once looked upon as judgments upon the people because of their transgressions are now wonderfully(?) explained (?) by the wise (?) astronomers, geologists and other very learned (?) gentlemen who have attempted to rule God out of His own universe.

EARTHQUAKES, FAMINES, pestilences, cyclones, hurricanes, and vile diseases are judgments upon the people for their rebellion against God; and were it not for God's longsuffering, love, and mercy, all but a "little flock" long ago would have been swept from the face of the earth.

SATAN HAS very cunningly launched a number of religions which today boast of their adherents by the million, notably spiritualism and Christian Science, falsely so-called, which proclaim throughout the whole earth that there is no personal devil; and therefore, when people deny one truth plainly taught in th Bible, they will soon begin to deny other truths; and it is not at all surprising that all kinds of hare-brained theories are now being advocated concerning the existence and personality of God.

ONE HUNDRED times and more, during the past three years, have I pointed out that the only safeguard is to follow closely the plain Word of God.

LET THE prayer of every Zion Officer, Member and Friend, and every reader of these Notes be:

"O, for a closer walk with God!"

IF YOU would have salvation to the uttermost, you must pay the price.

If you would be healed of your diseases, you must pay the price.

DIVINE KEEPING can be experienced only by those who diligently hearken to the voice of God; who daily do that which is right in His sight; who constantly give ear to His commandments; and all the time keep His statutes.

IF YOU would "abide under the shadow of the Almighty," then you must "dwell in the secret place of the Most High."

IF YOU would have food, shelter and raiment, then you must first seek the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.

IF YOU would receive, you must ask.
IF YOU would find, you must seek,
IF YOU would have God open the door unto you, you must knock.

IF YOU would have mountains removed, then you must get to the place where you can pray unto God without any doubt in your heart.

IF YOU would receive whatsoever you ask, then you must abide in Christ, and His words must abide in you.

IF YOU would reign with Christ, then you must overcome all enemies within and without.

READ AND study the Bible daily.

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DELIGHT YOURSELF in the Word of God.

PRAY MORNING, noon, and night.

MAKE AN absolute surrender to God—keep nothing back.

BE AS passive in His hands as the clay is in the hands of the potter.

TH EDITORIAL Notes in the next number of LEAVES OF HEALING, God willing, will be of a historical nature, showing what God hath done for His faithful people in Zion during the past two years and a half.

THE REDEMPTION of Zion City ought to touch every Zion heart throughout the world.

SATAN IS determined that there shall not be one clean city on the earth; and his agents within and without are doing all in their power to mar and, if possible, to destroy Zion City and turn it into a veritable city of the world.

A VERY large number of the people who, in the days of Zion's prosperity, shouted that they would stand by Zion's principles and truths with their last dollar and their last drop of blood, have been revealed in their true colors, and have gone their own way.

A faithful remnant remains, and through them and them alone must Zion City be redeemed, and Zion's precious truths, principles, ideas and ideals be spread throughout the world.

LEAVES OF Healing and Zion Herald are being richly owned and blessed of God to many people. The circulation of both papers ought to be trebled, and to this end all Zion Officers, members and friends ought to work.

DO YOU want Zion City saved?

ARE YOU praying for its redemption?

THEN SHOW your faith by your works.

THANKING, MOST heartily, in the name of the Lord, one and all throughout the world who have been faithful, loyal and true, and praying God's richest blessings upon you, I am,

Faithfully yours in Jesus' Name,

WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA.

# The Price of Salvation and Healing

## or "All to Him I Owe."

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constantly bestowing upon us! If we come seeking anything from God in the spirit that we think we are deserving of His goodness and His blessings, then we will not receive anything. If we had our just deserts, you and I would be cut off; for we all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and there is not anything that you and I can do to merit salvation—or any other blessing from the hands of God.

Salvation is the gift of God. Eternal life is the gift of God, through Jesus the Christ.

Therefore, you must not think that because you attend the Church services, or because you pay your tithes, or because you read your Bible, or because you give alms to the poor, that you can bring such things to God and say, "I have done all these things, and now I am deserving of something;" for even when you have rendered your best service, you have merited nothing.

You must come to God in a very humble manner; and you must not forget that when Jesus the Christ went into the Synagogue in Nazareth, He was given the Book and He read the scriptures; and He told those people that in the days of Elisha there were many lepers but that only one in the whole country was healed, and that was Naaman; He told them that in the days of Elijah there were many widows, but only one whose barrel of meal and cruse of oil failed not.

And just so it is today, although the hand of Jesus the Christ is outstretched to save and to heal, yet there are only a few here and there, out of all earth's teeming millions, who reach the place where the Blood can be applied and salvation granted; only a few here and there who reach the place where they feel the healing touch and are made whole, and are sent away free and rejoicing.

Yes, only one out of a vast number, because only one out of a great multitude will pay the price.

### Have You Paid The Price?

How many of you here this afternoon, with your eyes turned toward the Throne of God can say, "I have made an absolute surrender to Thee, O God!" How many can say, "I am just as passive in Your hands, O God, my Father, as the clay ever was passive in the hands of the potter?" How many can say, "Here am I, Lord, all that I am, all that I have and all that I hope for, all are on Your Altar?" Ah! I'm afraid there are but few who can truthfully say that.

And yet do you not know that the faithful presentation of the Old-Time Gospel Story strikes a responsive chord in many, many hearts, but the people are unwilling to pay the price?

Last Lord's Day evening, October 17, in Racine, I faced thirty-five hundred people, and talked to them about Christ as "the Bright and Morning Star;" and those of you who were there remember that I spoke to them of the Kingdom of God, and how Christ came to seek and to save the lost, and many of those people sat and nodded their heads as I was talking to them; but ah! when the test comes, how many, how many are willing to respond and to lay themselves upon the Altar of God, and pay the price? How few there are!

It is today just as it war in the days when one said, "Lord, I will follow Thee whithersoever Thou goest," and Jesus turning to him, said, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man hath not where to lay His head." And there is no record as to whether or not the young man followed the Christ after that—the probabilities are that he did not.

(Continued next week.)

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# ZION SEVENTIES

*Deacon J. W. Friend*

*General Recorder*

Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the Word of Truth."—2 Tim. 2-15.

To be successful in any vocation in life requires thought, time, and a certain amount of energy.

One should have an ideal, then set his standard high and never lower it.

Any aim that is not of the best, and that is immoral, carries in itself the germ of certain failure---failure that is spiritual and physical.

Think about what you are going to do, and then do it in a manner that you feel certain will interest the person you are trying to win for God.

Be original. Have faith in yourself.

If you should fail the first time you try, it is no reason why you should give up. KEEP ON TRYING.

Today we would have no Atlantic Cable connecting the two hemispheres if Cyrus W. Field had given up when he made his first attempt and failed. It is not failure, but low aim, that is crime.

Concentrate your thoughts upon your work; keep your mind on the one important thing of helping humanity to a closer walk with God, and study how you can best accomplish this result.

Have an intense earnestness in your desire to see others saved; be a real live workman, one that needeth not to be ashamed.

Our warfare is not against flesh and blood, but against the evil principles and practices of this world.

Let us study God's Word, that we may know how to handle it successfully. It is not only a lamp to guide our feet from straying, and to keep us in the better way, but also the sharp two-edged sword, the weapon we are to use to meet and overcome the evil one.

Our Great Teacher commanded us not only to be perfect, but "Be ye perfect, even as your Father in Heaven is perfect." God has not given the bird an instinct for the South in winter, without a south for it to go to; nor has He given us ideals, longings, and aspirations which we have no power to attain.

He who gave us the ideal will give the opportunity for its realization, if we do our part.

Let us be workmen that God will approve. Let us give more thought and labor to help mankind out of the bondage of sin to a higher level.

Therefore to this end let us work and pray.

Let all the Seventies everywhere pray that God will give each one of us wisdom and power for His service, and that He will make of us a mighty force to be used in the extension of His Kingdom and in the elevation of mankind.

"Father! Grant Thy love divine,
To make these mystic temples Thine.
When wasting age and wearing strife
Have sapped the leaning walls of life;
When darkness gathers over all,
And the last tottering pillars fall,
Take the poor dust Thy mercy warms
And mould it into Heavenly forms.

### IN KENOSHA, WIS.

The Seventy work in Kenosha has progressed very nicely in the hands of faithful Seventies, during the temporary absence of Deacon G. B. Hammond; and again last Saturday evening a splendid work was done in saloons and business houses, the Holy Spirit assisting in some discussions and heart-to-heart talks with individuals, including some "behind the bar," which talks were surely a great blessing to all participating, and were, as is always advisable, conducted in a quiet but persuasive manner, all heated argument being avoided.

Mr. John VanBreemen had charge of the work on this occasion.

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| Number of Leaves sold . . . . . | 22 |
| Number of Heralds sold . . . . . | 35 |

Deacon Hammond took up the work again Lord's Day morning at 10:30, in the Carpenters' Hall, with an address on Prayer and Divine Healing. He is rejoicing greatly over a wonderful victory in his home in the arrival of a fine healthy Zion boy, under conditions which, had doctors been employed, would certainly have resulted in the death of the babe, if not both babe and mother; and he praises God for the wonderful deliverance, and that mother and child are getting along splendidly, through Faith in God the Father and Jesus the Christ as the Healer.

Have Faith in God!

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Seventies will leave Salem Blvd. Station on the 6:35 train next Saturday evening, for Kenosha. Zion, pray for them.

### IN MILWAUKEE.

Report of work done by fourteen workers of Division No. 4, October 24, 1909:

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| Number of Calls made . . . . . | 747 |
| Number of Messages given . . . . | 779 |
| Number of Leaves given . . . . . | 1 |
| Number of Leaves sold . . . . . | 55 |
| Number of Heralds given . . . . . | 2 |
| Number of Heralds sold . . . . . | 12 |
| Total number of pieces distributed . . | 849 |

As was true in the time of Christ, the "Seventies returned with joy." The Messages given by the workers were received with thanks in almost every place. The influence of the work done by the Seventies can never be estimated. They cast the seeds of truth, but God causes it to grow, and He hath said, "My Word shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that whereunto I have sent it." When God's Word is faithfully witnessed, there is sure to be an abundant harvest.

### ZION MEETING IN RACINE, WIS.

On Lord's Day last, by an early train, Deacon Moulton in charge of a company of 59 Seventies went to Racine, and in house-to-house visitation, gave out nearly 7000 invitation cards and Zion messages. The Seventies were received kindly, and the work to them was a source of great joy.

At 10:45 Elder E. L. Carey conducted a meeting in Smith's Recital Hall, 437 South Main Street, and a number of strangers were present and appeared to be greatly interested. Beside the congregational singing, several selections were rendered by a quartet composed of Mrs. Luke Ball, Miss Annie Smyth, Mr. Arthur Mann, and Elder E. L. Carey. These selections of sacred song were greatly enjoyed not only from their musical merit, but because of their deep spiritual significance and uplifting influence.

Each Lord's Day the meetings will be continued.

During the Seventies' calls, which were made almost too early in the morning for the most effectual work, 192 Leaves of Healing and 86 Zion Heralds were sold.

### IN PORTLAND, OREGON.

Deacon Frank Robinson, who is in charge of the Zion

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Branch in Portland, Oregon, writes that they have secured a small hall at 28 Union Avenue, near Burnside Street, East Portland, where regular meetings will be held. People are becoming interested there in Zion truths, and it is only right to expect that a strong work will be built up in Portland.

Deacon Robinson says that the Leaves of Healing and the Zion Herald are constant sources of inspiration and blessing, and he prays, with Zion everywhere, that God will use them mightily to break the strong hearts of men and women and lead them to acknowledge God's right to rule in their lives.

Zion in Portland is praying earnestly for the salvation of Zion City, that there may be one clean spot on earth as a refuge for God's people---a place to gain knowledge and strength to go out and lead men to Christ.

ZION SEVENTIES IN IOWA.

Messrs. Banks and Anderson, Zion Seventies working in Ames and Boone, Iowa, in addition to their house-to-house visitation, have held some interesting street meetings.

For the week ending Oct. 23, they report:

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| Leaves of Healing sold . . . . . | 95 |
| Leaves of Healing given . . . . . | 12 |
| Zion Heralds sold . . . . . | 74 |
| Voice from Zion . . . . . | 1 |
| Messages given and calls made . . . | 1046 |

## Facts Concerning Purchase OF Shiloh Tabernacle

**Purchase Price - - - - - $12,500.00**
**Amount paid on Principal to July 1, 1909, 7,500.00**
**Interest paid to July 1, 1909 - - 437.00**
**Balance due on Principal - - - 5,000.00**

**Every payment has been met three days before due**

## SPECIAL NOTICE.

**The immediate and prayerful consideration of all officers, members and friends of Zion throughout the world is called to the fact that the next payment is due on January 1, 1910:**

**Total amount of Principal and Interest to be met - - - - - $2,625.00**
**Cash in hand at this date, October 26th, 1,322.05**
**Balance needed to complete payment - $1,302.95**

**It is my earnest desire and prayer that this entire amount of money be in hand by November 15th at the very latest. At the Convocation, on July 18th last, in addition to the cash received, PLEDGE CARDS were received to the amount of $1,007.50—to be paid on or before November 1, 1909.**

**My only purpose in calling attention to this matter through the columns of "Zion Herald" and "Leaves of Healing," is that every officer, member and friend of Zion may have a little part in redeeming Zion City; and I would much rather have $1.00 apiece from 2625 persons, than to have $2000.00 or more toward this payment from one person.**

**Thanking very heartily one and all, in the name of the Lord, who have remained loyal, steadfast and true to Zion's principles, truths, ideas and ideals, and have so nobly co-operated for the extension of the Kingdom of God, and praying God's blessing upon you all, I am,**

**Faithfully yours in Jesus' Name,**

**WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA.**
**(Successor to John Alexander Dowie)**
**General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion.**

# DAILY PRAYER FOR THE REDEMPTION OF ZION CITY

**To be used by the Officers, Members, Friends and Little Children of Zion in their Private Devotions; by Zion Families in their Family Worship; and as the Consecration Prayer at the Close of the Various Zion Services.**

My God and Father, in Jesus' Name I come to Thee. Take me as I am, and make me what I ought to be in spirit, in soul, and in body. Help me to be able to say truthfully that, so far as I know my own heart, I have repented of all my sins and have made right all the wrongs of my life, and that I am wholly consecrated to Thee, my God and Father, and to Zion.

I believe that Thou didst establish Zion, and that Thou didst call into existence the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion to effect certain purposes during this period of the dispensation of Thy grace; and that Thou hast called Wilbur Glenn Voliva to the position of General Overseer at this time. I believe that Thou hast established Zion City, and with the deep conviction, and truly believing that I was led of the Holy Spirit, I sold my property, left my relatives and friends, and came to Zion City to help in building a clean city for God and for Zion people.

I acknowledge that mistakes have been made, sins have been committed, and departures from the straight and narrow way, as set forth in Thy Word, have been made, and, as a consequence, Thou hast permitted troubles to come upon us. The very existence of Zion City has been threatened, and efforts are constantly being made now to mar it, to break down the restrictions in the leases, and to bring in outside people who have no sympathy whatever with Zion's principles, truths, ideas and ideals.

Hear now, I beseech Thee, O God, in the Name of Jesus the Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit, and bring to naught absolutely the plans of Zion's enemies, and if they will not repent, confuse, confound and scatter them, and save Zion City as it was originally established for God and for Zion people and for the extension of Thy Kindgom.

O God, hear my cry, which comes from the greatest depths of my spirit, and help me to do everything within my power for the redemption of Zion City.

Bless the General Overseer in his untiring efforts, and all those cooperating with him, to gain the victory over all opposition, and to make Zion City a blessing to multitudes throughout the world.

Hear me, O God, in this my prayer, in the Name of Jesus the Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit, and to Thy Name's honor and glory. Amen.

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He sendeth His word and healeth them.

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# LEAVES OF HEALING

I am the Lord that healeth thee.

And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

A WEEKLY PAPER FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

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# The Gospel of the Kingdom

## "He That Doubteth Is Condemned"

*By O. L. Tindall*

These are severe words, but they are quite like the Master's when He said, "He that believeth not is condemned already."

To doubt is to sin.

Christians are not enough awake to this form of evil and sin.

The Bible is a very severe book, and its laws are very exacting. Who is able to stand before them?—and yet we are to be judged by the words of this Book.

The Bible is our Law Book. The world is easily condemned. A person has only to open and read to find out how far short he comes of living up to the requirements which God has laid down for His children.

We talk much about the sin of strong drink, of unclean food, of doubtful doings and gross iniquities, of uncleanness and defilements of various kinds, but how often do we speak or think of the sin of UNBELIEF? How often do we consider such language as the Apostle uses here even in regard to the eating of food? It refers not simply to that, but it is a great truth that concerns most of God's children vastly more than the sin of intemperance. The devil tricks men more just here than anywhere else; and why? Simply because we are not rightly taught in regard to the sin of unbelief.

"Whatsoever is not of faith, is sin," says the Apostle.

If we had faith, all things would come right, for we could put them right.

To doubt, then, is to court defeat; to doubt is to fall and to fail. Why did Peter begin to sink when on the waves and they grew boisterous? Christ said to him, "Wherefore didst thou doubt, O thou of little faith?"

Doubt and fear and failure go together.

Faith is the thermometer by which we can judge the condition of the temperature of our spirituality and power and usefulness, whether hot or cold. We can keep track of the steam in the boiler by it. It does not depend upon how much money a man or a church has as to how much good he can do, or how useful a church can be. It is always:

"ACCORDING TO YOUR FAITH IT SHALL BE DONE UNTO YOU."

Your health depends on your faith—not on your doctor, not on your father, nor your forefather.

Faith is put within you by God for the purpose of removing all your sicknesses and diseases, and all your iniquities. If they are not removed, it is because your faith has failed.

"All things are possible to him that believeth." Mountains must melt away; seas must open up a dry path for God's believing ones, that they may pass over the floods and not be overthrown, as was Pharaoh and his host; rivers must divide and let God's people into their Promised Land.

If faith is such a blessing and power for good, then the lack of it, or the misuse or disuse of it, must be a curse and a sin. God has so stated and taught it.

Why was Israel cut off as branches from the olive tree? Paul says, "Because of unbelief." Why did they not enter into the rest God provided for them? The apostle's answer is the same: "Because of unbelief."

Why did you get sick? For the same reason that Zacharias became dumb: "And behold, thou shalt be dumb and not able to speak* * * because thou believest not my words." These were only the words, too, of an angel sent from God. How much greater the sin to disbelieve the words of God Himself!

What is the sin of unbelief?

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The Apostle John explains it perfectly in his first epistle, fifth chapter and tenth verse. He says:

He that believeth not God, hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of His Son.

This, you see, is a grievous sin. It makes God a liar. When a man denies the Bible, the Word of God, and teaches men not to believe it, he makes God a liar. What angers a man more than to tell him you do not believe his word? you doubt his veracity? O no! a man resents it at once, and says he will not allow anyone to impugn his word. His word and promise are sacred things to him; they are his capital in stock, without which he could not do business. Break down a man's veracity, and his character is gone.

The veracity of God must be maintained. His promises must be believed and illustrated by His people. God's honor is maintained by His own people; they are His witnesses before men; they must be able to declare, as did the patriach after a long and eventful life, that not one of His promises had failed, that God had kept His covenant with him and his people all through their long journeys.

We are exhorted to examine ourselves and see if we be in the faith. What think you would be the result if professed Christians, even, to say nothing of non-professors, would examine themselves on this point? Not half of the Bible would be believed, I fear. Examine the preachers themselves, and see if they believe James 5:14-15. Do they believe that statement of the Word of God? or do they deny it, and so teach men not to believe it? Do they not teach just the opposite? Do they say to their flock when sick,, "Call the Elders"? or do they say, "Call the best doctor, and trust him and his pills and powders and poisons"? Do they teach the people that swine's flesh is unclean, and that they shall not eat it?

It is a greater sin for Christians to doubt, than for sinners who have not had the light or experience. That is why the publicans and sinners and harlots get in ahead of the old church members, often, and get their healing first.

God dealt strictly, or severely, with Zacharias, it seems:—just a little unbelief, and he became dumb! But he was a priest, and a very righteous man, upright and blameless, and yet he doubted. God expects more of Zion than of any other people Zion has had more light and has seen more of His miraculous. power.

"VERILY I SAY UNTO YOU, IF YE HAVE FAITH AND DOUBT NOT, * * * IF YE SHALL SAY UNTO THIS MOUNTAIN, BE THOU REMOVED AND BE THOU CAST INTO THE SEA, IT SHALL BE DONE."

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# The Price of Salvation and Healing

OR

# "All to Him I Owe"

An Address Delivered at a Divine Healing Meeting in Shiloh Tabernacle, Tuesday Afternoon, October 19, 1909

*By General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva*

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.)

**Man's Own Plans no Good Excuse from Duty.**

In the last part of the ninth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke, where we have the subject of discipleship set forth, you will find that one said, "Let me first go and bury my father;" and Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury the dead!"

Another one wanted to go home and bid his relatives goodbye, but Jesus would not permit him to go.

When you hear the voice of the Christ saying, "He who will save his life shall lose it; but he who will lose his life for My sake, shall find it," it is time to surrender all to God; for "Except a grain of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth by itself alone; but, if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."

You can talk and preach the Word of God, but unless you get down to business and live what you preach, your work never will amount to anything.

**A Price-Paying People Needed.**

What the world needs today is a body of people who will pay the price—and the price is not dollars and cents; for if you had all of earth's millions of dollars, you could not with it purchase your way to Heaven. There is only One Way, and those who would reach the Door of Heaven, must all alike walk in that Way—the learned and the unlearned, the man in his palace and the peasant in his hut; there is only One Way—God is no Respecter of persons.

**Faith Conquered Despite Popular Clamor For Silence and Inactivity.**

And they which went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried so much the more, Thou son of David, have mercy on me.

And Jesus stood, and commanded him to be brought unto Him: and when he was come near, He asked him,

Saying, What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee? And he said, Lord, that I may receive my sight.

And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee.

And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God. [Verses 49-52]

**The Teachable Spirit Learns and Grows.**

There is great need of teaching among the people. O! that God would give to one and all a teachable spirit. O! that God would cast out of one and all the spirit of pride, and cause each to see that oftentimes when he thinks he knows something he knows nothing.

From the day I arrived in this City, in February of 1906, I have told you so many times that the only safeguard is to follow closely the Word of God. Only yesterday I was asked the question, "Have you the power to cast out evil spirits?" I answered, "I will go straight forward, serving my God with all my heart and doing the work committed to my hands, and have nothing more to say about it, but I leave the rest with God."

I base no confidence in the man who stands up and says that he has the power to cast out evil spirits, boasting of his ability; and I want the elders and every other officer in this work to bear in mind that we have nothing to do with bombastic assumptions in this Church.

Let us preach the Gospel and teach the Word of God, and let all be faithful, day and night, in season and out of season, and give our lives for the sake of humanity. We have no time for anything else; we must do the work, but we have no time to boast of our own accomplishments. If God has healed you, then give God the glory. If you give your testimony, do not take up the time telling that Overseer Voliva, or some other of-

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ficer, prayed for you; I do not care anything about that. All that is necessary is that God's Name shall be honored and glorified, and that he shall be exalted. Give God all the glory, for He will never tolerate any man's taking any of His glory, and the one who does it will get what Nebuchadnezzar got.

**Geographical View-Point.**

As I look at this story, one of the first thoughts that comes into my mind is the little town of Jericho, where there was a school of the priests; then there comes into my mind the tenth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke, where is recorded the story of the man who, while going from Jerusalem down to Jericho, fell among thieves. As we go along in this stndy I want you to get a little geography—you should have the names of these places fixed in your minds—then you will appreciate the Word of God more as you read and study it.

**The Blind Beggar.**

This little story starts out by saying that as they came nigh unto Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the wayside, begging.

Blindness is a terrible affliction. God has given to us many senses; but I suppose, of all the senses which He has given to us, we, perhaps, appreciate the sense of vision more than any other sense; at least, I think that is the consensus of opinion of the majority of people; although we do not have any choice about that matter.

There are people who are blind through no fault of their own, as was the man whose case is mentioned in the ninth chapter of the Gospel according to St. John. There are some people deaf through no fault of their own; and there are some people suffering from other diseases through no fault of their own—oftentimes they are suffering for the sins of the parents.

**Effects of Spiritual and Mental Thoughts of Parents Impressed Upon Children.**

Look yonder with your mind's eye, and see that poor suicide. Why did he commit suicide? Because his own mother made repeated efforts to murder him before he was born, and conseqnently he was marked and possessed of the spirit of murder, and although that mother long since passed away, yet she is responsible for that suicide.

Ah! You have seen the visible birth-marks upon the body; but there are moral birth-marks that are just as real as those physical birthmarks—the only difference is that you do not see them in just the same way; but they are there. Many a child is born a thief—we have them right here in Zion City, children that are natural born thieves and who will steal anything upon which they can lay their hands; sometimes it seems as though it is an impossibility for them to keep their hands from stealing. Poor little children! God knows that I pity them from the very depths of my heart; but away back there, in the lives of their fathers and of the mothers who conceived and bore them, was the spirit of theft, and those children were born with that spirit in them, and it seems like cruelty to whip them for stealing; but I tell you that unless God works a miracle upon those children, there is no hope for them; none whatever.

Others are born with a spirit of lying. Ah! Many parents know what awful heart-pangs they have had over children who were born with a spirit of lying; and oftentimes if the mothers will only just look back over their own conduct, they will find out that the spirit of lying got into their children through them.

Those are the things with which we have to deal when facing humanity, *and only the blood of Christ can cleanse them.*

Then there is the spirit of pride and the spirit of covetousness. Look at some children—as soon as they are old enough to walk and talk they are as proud as old Lucifer himself. Pride is sending vast multitudes down to ruin; and so is the spirit of envy and the spirit of jealousy, and the spirit of fault-finding which has its roots in selfishness, and self-righteousness and devilish temper.

I do not know just how many different evil spirits there are; but there is only one remedy—and that is the blood of Christ—there is no other.

This morning, as I read a detailed description of Gypsy Smith's parade down through the "red light" district of Chicago, I thought to myself, O! cannot there be one city on the face of God's earth without its "red light" district?" Is there one? No; there is not even one! "Why, has Zion City its "red light district?" Why yes, Zion City has a "red light" district, and there are some people sitting in this meeting who live within ten rods of it and do not know it, and I am not so sure but that Zion City has in it an opium den. Shame! shame!! thrice shame!!! One clean city in this world? Not if the devil can help it!

You know satan came from Heaven. Why did not God convert him and the fallen angels? God had to cast them out of Heaven, did He not?

People: "Yes."

General Overseer: Yes, and there are a lot of people in Zion City who will have to be cast out unless Zion City is to become a veritable hell. The devil would rather get in his work in Zion City than in any other city on the face of the earth, because Zion City has hit his kingdom harder blows than has any other city on the earth, and he would like to "get even."

I am no child; I have seen some of this world; but let me tell you that some of the very worst agents of the devil that you will find on this earth are right here in Zion City.

**Never Compromise With Evil.**

I thank my God that it is my privilege to be the voice in Zion City to speak out and to uphold Zion's positions first, last and always; and to stand up against every encroachment of the devil, with no fear and no compromise. If I should ever have to go down, I shall go down with flying colors, but I will never compromise. (Amens!)

Zion, the only way to have a Zion City is to have it with Zion people; for you never will have one with outsiders, who hate every principle of Zion worse than they hate the devil. There is my position.

Today, as I was walking along the street, thinking of the many, many problems to be solved, I could see the conflict between the powers of light and darkness becoming fiercer every day; and I tell you it means more to be a Christian today than it did yesterday, for the rank and file of the people today. Because iniquity abounds, their love is waxed cold, and they are going from bad to worse.

**Solution: Pay the Price—Leave All to Christ and Obey Him.**

My brothers and sisters, the only solution is, to pay the price!

And while all disease and affliction are the result of sin, yet there are some people who are not to blame for the afflictions which they are suffering today. I am persuaded that some of the worst cases of sickness that I go to see, the people are suffering from deadly diseases through no fault of their own, but some of them through the sins of their parents; and it looks very much as though some will pay the penalty for their fathers' transgressions. O, this battle against sin and disease is a terrible battle, a terrible battle.

**Zion City Needed as a Place of Refuge.**

Zion, how we all ought to rejoice every time we see one

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He sendeth His word and healeth them.
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LEAVES OF HEALING
I am the Lord that healeth thee.
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# General Overseer's Notes

HEADQUARTERS OFFICES OF THE CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC CHURCH IN ZION, CITY HALL BUILDING, ZION CITY, ILLINOIS, U. S. A., November 6, 1909.

TO ALL THE OFFICERS, MEMBERS, AND FRIENDS OF THE CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC CHURCH IN ZION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD:

PEACE TO YOU !

I had hoped, as was stated in the Editorial Notes of last week's number of Leaves of Healing, to place before you some Editorial Notes of a historical value in this number, showing what God has done for His faithful people in Zion during the past two years and a half.

OWING TO the fact that a number of other very important matters must be presented at this time, and space is limited, the attention of all readers of LEAVES OF HEALING is called to the *Special Double Number* of ZION HERALD, 10,000 copies of which have been printed this week. This Number of the Herald is one of the most Important Papers ever printed by Zion, and should be carefully read by all Officers, Members and Friends of Zion everywhere.

Let one and all seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING.

# The Price of Salvation and Healing.

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rescued and washed whiter than snow in the blood of the Lamb. O, how my spirit cries out to God every day for the salvation of this City, and for the day to come when in this City it will be easy to do right and hard to do wrong, so that there my be at least one place of refuge for the people who want to do right and serve God.

### The Responsibility of Hearing and Doing.

Now, this man about whom we have read, was blind, and he was a beggar—just as the man who sat at the beautiful gate of the Temple, begging alms. From just a casual reading of the story one can see that he had heard of Jesus the Christ, and may be he had heard the voice of Christ; perhaps not, but any way, he had heard of the Christ.

How many people are there in the United States of America today who have not heard of the Christ? How many are there in Zion City who have not heard of the Christ? How about all of the hundreds of people in this City who sit at home and never go to the House of God—not even on the Lord's Day? Have they not heard of the Christ? Have they not known Zion's principles and truths, and what it is to touch the hem of Christ's garment?

The more that people know, the greater is their responsibility before God; and the greater light they have had, the greater is their responsibility.

It is no wonder that Christ, through the Apostle John, gives the exhortation, "Hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown."

### Hearing Jesus and Heeding, the Start For Healing.

This man had heard of the Christ, and as he sat there by the wayside he heard the noise of the multitudes who were on the way to Jerusalem, and he asked of them what it all meant He had that much iuterest, anyway; he was that much alive. And when he asked what it meant, they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by on His way to Jerusalem; and the moment he heard that, he started in to get his healing; and that is what some of you have not none; you have not made a start.

That blind man started in to receive his healing, and he received it, and so will you when you make a start, but you must allow nothing to prevent.

### No Duty Should Supplant Duty to God.

Never allow anything—husband or wife or rain or storm or cold or heat, or anything else—to come between you and your God and prevent you from receiving your healing. Every time you start out in a proper manner to find God, you will find Him. When a man is in earnest he will go forward in the face of all opposition, and will never turn to the right hand or to the left, but will die at his post, if necessary; and if some of you people were actually in earnest in seeking your healing, you would quickly be healed.

### A Cry of Need Which Meant Victory.

According to the Record, just as soon as they told this blind man that Jesus was passing by, he started in to get his healing, and he cried out, "Jesus, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me." He did not start out to talk about his illustrious ancestors; nor did he tell how worthy he was and how Christ ought to heal him because of the honor it would be. No! he simply asked Jesus to have mercy upon him. And that ought

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to be the cry of your hearts—that God will have mercy upon you.

**Grace Is Not of Favor, But of Mercy.**

We are so unworthy of all His loving kindness, and have all been so far away from God—so far away. You will remember how, during the Convocation, the hearts of the people were searched as never before; and you will remember how so many people had to stand up and confess that they had been living so far away from God.

Ah, yes! you wondered why some people were not healed, and you found they were not even returning thanks at the table, and never held family worship; and yet, when they are sick and an Elder goes in to pray for them, they expect that prayer for them will be answered instantly; although they have been living far away from God.

**The Word of God is Spiritual Food.**

If a man did not partake of any food or water, he would soon have a weak body; and there is just the trouble with people spiritually—they do not feed upon the Word of God and get down before Him in earnest prayer; they do not avail themselves of the means of grace; and when one prays for such people, how much of the power of God is there working in their spirits and in their souls and in their bodies? That is the question.

Now, this blind man cried out for Jesus to have mercy upon him, and he meant business, too—he was dead in earnest. Well, I would either go in for all there is in religion, or I would never touch it. About all that the rank and file of the people of this world have, is just enough religion to make them miserable. Go all the way! Claim all God has promised you! Make a full and complete sacrifice! Follow the example of the Lord Jesus the Christ, and then you will know something of the joys of Christianity.

**Rebuke For Earnestness.**

As soon as this blind man began to cry, the multitude rebuked him, and told him he was too noisy; that he would interrupt the procession, and that his crying out was very much out of place; but he did not listen to them.

The only thing for you to do when serving your God, is to close your ears and not listen to the one hundred and one voices around you, for there is where the trouble comes in.

Only listen to the voice of God, and obey Him at all costs.

**Earnestness Undaunted.**

And so this blind man cried out all the more. When a man is in earnest, the more you hinder him, the more earnest he becomes. If you are seeking your healing, and you are wholly in earnest, and if you know how to ask, and will think of God, and not so much of your healing, then you will get your healing; but the trouble with a great many people is that they think of nothing else than their healing. Quit thinking about your healing, and think more about the Kingdom of God.

**Let God's Will Have Complete Control.**

Today I was handed a paper containing a sermon by a Jewish Rabbi. I was so happy to note that the positions which he took are precisely the same as the positions which Zion takes. Among other things he says "What is the use in people praying, "Thy Kingdom come," unless they are going to do all in their power to bring about the establishment of that Kingdom?" And so say I; and that is what I have been telling you all these months.

Let Zion rise up and give the demonstration, and put into practice her principles and truths. That is all that is necessary.

You cease thinking about your healing, and go to thinking about God; cease thinking about your "symptoms" and asking each other how you are feeling. Praise God morning, noon and night. Live in the right atmosphere; drink at the Fountain of the Water of Life and feed upon Christ; praise Him with the last breath at night and with the first in the morning, and look into the face of God.

Ah! when men and women are living consecrated lives, the light of Heaven will shine from their eyes, and they will be a reflection of the glory of God, as it was revealed in Jesus the Christ.

**Fix Thoughts Above Daily Life.**

When a woman lives at the end of a broom-stick, or hanging on to a dish-rag, then you cannot expect very much of the light of Heaven to shine from her eyes. When a man spends all of his time making money, and from morning till night his whole thought is "money," then you will not see any rapid transformation of that man into the Christ-likeness. My brothers and sisters, we are to start with repentance, and that is the first thing to be done---and done properly.

**Know Your Position In Spiritual Life.**

Now, there is no use for a man to say he does not know whether or not he has repented of his sins. A man always knows whether he has repented. It is not what somebody else says about it, but you all know in your own hearts whether or not you have yielded yourselves to God; you know your own conscience.

How is it with you when you lie down at night? Do you turn over a hundred and twenty-five times during the night because you cannot sleep or get any rest? If so, then what is the matter? There is something in your life that you have not yet made right; there is where the trouble comes in.

**Zion Members Presumed to have Repented Fully.**

It is supposed that the members of this Church have cleaned up their lives; they say that they have when they are received into fellowship; but occasionally I find one with whom I have to deal because he will not pay his honest debts. I place absolutely no confidence in the man's Christianity who will not pay his debts. Neither do I believe in the professed Christianity of the man who does not live in his home as he ought to live; nor in the man who makes a slave out of his wife, never giving her any rights in the home, so much as to move a piece of furniture without his permission, or change a picture on the wall, and never gives her a quarter that she can call her own. There are some men who do that and they need a good hammering, and I intend to preach a sermon along these lines in the near future.

**Guard the Home Life.**

If we do not have the right kind of home life, then we will never have the right kind of church life: it is impossible to have a good church with people who come out of bad homes. You must begin with the individual; and the parents are to blame for some of the trouble that we have with some children.

Children ought to be trained up differently, for they are just exactly what you train them to be. It does not matter what the young people in other places do, that is no reason why our young people should do these things. Think of a big strapping man saying that he has no control over a fourteen-year-old daughter, and that he cannot do anything with her! Well, if they had begun with that child when a baby, it might have been different.

There are families in this Church where each child, in turn, conducts family prayers, and what a beautiful sight that is! I tell you it is the duty of parents to set the right example; and there must be genuine repentance all the way around; that is all there is to it. Pay the price!

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### Why Are Healings Deferred?

How often the question is asked, "Why am I not healed?" And how often the parents say, "Well, we have done everything we know to do." Ah! but I tell you there are many sides to this question. No one knows better than I do about myself; and no one knows about yourself better than you do; you know more about yourself than does anyone else in the universe, except God. You look very sweet and nice here today, but how is it with you in your home?---that is the question. Do you get up snapping and snarling around and making your home a hell, and then expect God to heal and bless you and make you well?

(Continued next week)

## Live Subjects For Thought.

**Zion needs, and must have, a Divine Healing Home. The Redemption of Zion City means such a home, where the sick can come to receive special teaching and prayer for healing.**

**If five hundred wage earners in the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion will regularly and systematically save and invest $5.00 per month toward the Redemption of Zion City, it would mean $2,500.00 per month, or $30,000.-00 in one year.**

**If you are a professed member of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion, and are not intensely interested in the Redemption of Zion City, for Christ's sake and for the sake of humanity, how can you expect God to open the windows of heaven and pour out His richest blessings upon you?**

**Just think of it! A little over two years ago, Zion was unceremoniously thrown out of ALL buildings and other possessions in Zion City, and now, today, she owns Shiloh Tabernacle, the Zion City General Stores (for which she paid $75,000.00), and she has Zion Creamery, Zion Feed Store, Zion Candy Factory, and a splendid Zion Printing Plant. God's Word is true, and He will withhold no blessing from them that walk uprightly.**

**What do you say: Look out for yourself first—get another farm, build another house, educate your children—and then help toward the redemption of Zion City, or will you seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness?**

**Selfishness and the Holy Spirit do not live in the same temple.**

**How do you suppose the people feel who used to "whoop it up" for Zion when there was great prosperity, and who sat in the Tabernacle and made the roof rattle by their cries that they would stand by Zion with their last dollar and last drop of blood, but now have gone back to Egypt, some to the apostate Methodists, others to the apostate Baptists, and some to their pig and tobacco? The devil heard their vows; and, as in the case of Job, he said to God, "Just give me a chance at those people down there in that Zion Tabernacle in Zion City, and I will show you that they do not mean what they say." Thanks be unto God, a large company of them did mean what they said, notwithstanding the fact that many did not mean what they said.**

**Since the trouble arose, they have skipped out, paid no tithes, given no offerings, never spoken a word of encouragement, and it would make a horse laugh to listen to some of their devilish excuses, when the fact of the matter is they never were Zion, but simply came for the dollars and cents; and now they have gone to their own place.**

**Better save up the car fares, come to the ALL-NIGHT MEETING in Shiloh Tabernacle, December 31st, 1909 and January 1st, 1910, and get some real inspiration to take back with you to set your own community on fire.**

**Where are the ex-Overseers, ex-Elders, ex-Deacons, and others who, because of envy and jealousy in their hearts, raised the foolish cry of the "One-Man-Rule?" No one would know that they are in existence; they have been forgotten. But God has marvelously blessed the "One-Man-Rule," and Zion is coming forth with resurrection glory.**

**Let Zion people everywhere take the money that they would be spending for tobacco, whiskey, theatres, drugs, life insurance, and secret societies, if Zion messages had never reached them, and invest it for the redemption of Zion City. It would amount to a big sum of money every year.**

**W. G. V.**

## SHILOH TABERNACLE

**The Next Payment on Shiloh Tabernacle is due January 1st, 1910.**

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| **Amount due - - - - -** | **$2625.00** |
| **Cash in hand toward this payment** | **1587.92** |
| **Balance needed** | **$1037.08** |

The Redemption of Zion City began with the purchase of Shiloh Tabernacle. The purchase price was $12,500.00, and already $7,500.00 have been paid, each payment being made three days before due. There are but two more payments to make: the one above mentioned, due January 1st, 1910; and the last one, due July 1st, 1910. The response on the part of the officers, members and friends, both in Zion City and throughout the world, has been very gratifying.

I simply ask you to contribute towards the above payment as God has prospered you and as you are led by the Holy Spirit.

Thanking you heartily in the Name of the Lord for what you have done, and praying God's richest blessings upon you, I am

Faithfully yours in Jesus' Name,

WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA.

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## Some Important Questions For All Those Who Have Filled In Their Renewal Application Forms For Fellowship in the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church In Zion.

Do you read and study a portion or God's Word every day?

Do you draw nigh to God in private prayer every day?

Do you regularly return thanks at your table?

Do you maintain a family altar?

Are you a regular subscriber to LEAVES OF HEALING and ZION HERALD? If so, do you read and study them prayerfully, and then hand them on to others that they, too, may be blessed by them?

Are you seeking first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, or are you spending your time chasing the almighty dollar?

If you are living alone in some city, do you spend your time on Lord's day attending the services of some apostate church? or do you take Leaves of Healing and other Zion literature and go out from house to house, seeking the sinful and the sick, pointing them to the Lamb of God who takes away all sin and all sickness?

Do you send your tithes regularly to the Zion Storehouse, and give your free-will offerings as God prospers you?

Have you taken any interest whatever in the purchase of Shiloh Tabernacle in Zion City, and have you ever sent an offering to help pay for it?

Have you a heart-felt interest in the prosperity of Zion; and is the Redemption of Zion City more to you than your money, houses and lands?

Do you realize, to any great extent, what it means to be a Christian, a follower of Jesus the Christ?

Do you understand fully that Christianity is not a failure for the simple reason that Christianity has never been tried?

When you pray, "Thy Kingdom Come," do you fully realize what that means?

Are you so living that you can call upon the General Overseer and officers at headquarters to pray with you with any assurance of the prayer being heard and answered?

Are you a living branch of the True Vine?

Are you dwelling "in the secret place of the Most High?"

Are you abiding in Christ, and are His words abiding in you?

How much of the power of God is working in you?

Reader, the Christian life is a beautiful life; and God stands ready to fill up your cup of joy to overflowing if you will only receive, believe and obey His Word.

May God help you ever to be ready for the Coming of Christ!

W. G. V

## Some Interesting Figures.

Total amount of Tithes and Free-will Offerings received from June 1, 1907, to October 31, 1909—a period of twenty-nine months . . . . . $94,181.33

Received for Zion Literature . . . . 17,676.01

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December 31, 1909
January 1, 1910

Shiloh Tabernacle
Zion City, Illinois

## Zion in Portland, Oregon.

375½ E. Holladay Ave., PORTLAND, OREGON,
October 25, 1909.

J. W. FRIEND,
General Recorder.

*Dear Brother in the Christ:*

Peace to thee!

The following is the report for the last seven days, from Monday the 18th to Sunday the 24th:

The first four days were very wet, so we went around looking for a Hall. After finding one, we had to do a lot of cleaning, scrubbing, calcimining, etc., to make it fit for a meeting. Then I bought two dozen chairs and a stove, rented an organ, transformed an old box into a pulpit, arranged a display of literature in the window, and then we were ready for the meeting. And, thank God, everything is paid far.

Yesterday was our first meeting. There were eight children and six grown folks at Juniors. At the afternoon service, there were twenty-six all told.

The Junior offering was 37 cents.

Afternoon offering, $3.25.

I believe some of the old members will come back in time. I want to get a more suitable place as soon as I can.

We just received the Herald, and it is more interesting every time. You must have had a good time in Racine.

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| Calls made and Messages given . . | 185 |
| Heralds sold . . . . . | 2 |
| Leaves sold . . . . . | 21 |
| Tracts—Voice from Zion . . . . | 1 |

May God save Zion City and bring every wandering sheep back to the fold.

Faithfully yours for God and Zion,

FRANK ROBINSON.

## SPECIAL ATTENTION

Zion Seventies, throughout the world, please send in your names and addresses to Deacon J. W. Friend, General Recorder, so an up-to-date enrollment may be perfected. By having full data, the General Recorder will know with whom to correspond in regard to distributing Zion Literature.

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# Plain Instructions

## To One and All Interested in the Redemption of Zion City.

## How to Make Investments.

### PLAN NUMBER ONE

INVESTMENTS in Zion's Institutions and Industries may be made in any amount for one year or longer, all investments to bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum.

All investments made between April 1st and October 1st, of any year, bear 6% interest, and participate in the dividends declared January 31st following; all investments made between October 1st and April 1st, of any year, bear 6% interest, and participate in the dividends declared July 31st following.

Investments for one, two, three or five years participate in the dividends at the ratio of 5, 6, 7½ and 10%. To illustrate: For the dividend period between July 31st, 1908 and January 31st, 1909, investments for one year received, in addition to their 6% per annum, 1 4-10 % dividend; investments for two years, 1 8-10 % dividend; for three years, 2 2-10 %; for five years, 2 8-10 %; making the amount received by each investor for five years equal to 8 8-10% per annum on his investment.

### PLAN NUMBER TWO

This plan has just been placed before the officers, members and friends of Zion in Zion City during the last week, and already there has been a gratifying response.

This plan is for one and all who desire to save a definite sum each month and to invest same for the Redemption of Zion City.

All persons desiring to invest money under this plan should fill in the following application form and send it to Wilbur Glenn Voliva, City Hall Building, Zion City, Illinois.

### APPLICATION FOR INVESTMENT IN THE ZION CITY REDEMPTION FUND

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I, .....,

of ....., hereby make application to invest in the **Zion City Redemption Fund** the sum of ..... Dollars $..... on or before the 5th day of each and every calendar month until I have deposited in the aggregate the sum of ..... Dollars $....., in accordance with the terms of the **Zion City Redemption Fund** agreement. Please forward to me blank form of **Zion City Redemption Fund** agreement for my signature.

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Immediately on receipt of the application form properly filled in, the **Zion City Redemption Fund Agreement** found in the lower corner of this page will be filled in and sent to the person making the application, for his or her signature.

Remittances should be by Post Office orders, Express money orders, or bank drafts payable in Chicago or New York, and should be made payable to Wilbur Glenn Voliva.

For further information regarding investments address,

WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA.

### ZION CITY REDEMPTION FUND AGREEMENT

_____19___

Toward the redemption of Zion City, I, _____

as party of the first part, promise to deposit with Zion Bank, the sum of_____

_____Dollars ($_____) on or before the fifth day of each and every calendar month until I have deposited, in the aggregate, the sum of_____

Dollars ($_____), said money so deposited to be subject to the order of Wilbur Glenn Voliva, W. Hurd Clendinen and I. J. Thurston, as parties of the second part.

And the said Wilbur Glenn Voliva, W. Hurd Clendinen and I. J. Thurston, parties of the second part, agree to pay interest at the rate of three per cent. (3%) per annum upon each separate deposit made by said party of the first part as aforesaid, from the date of each said deposit until the above aggregate sum is deposited, and when said aggregate sum is deposited to execute to said party of the first part their promissory note, payable on or before five years from the date thereof, said note to draw interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum.

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# The Gospel of the Kingdom

## Preparing the Food For the Sheep and Lambs

*By O. L. Tindall*

"How much then, is a man better than a sheep," said Jesus to the cavilling Pharisees who were criticizing Him and His disciples.

The same may be said in regard to the subject of preparing food for God's children—"the sheep of His pasture."

How careful men are of their sheep! They do not hesitate to pull one out of the ditch on the Sabbath day, and they gladly leave the ninety and nine and go to search for the lost one on the mountains. They are careful to select the good green pastures for their sheep to feed upon. How much more careful should those be who are shepherds of God's flock! Not only is it a matter of food for the sheep and lambs, but how shall the food be prepared and given out? When shall the sheep be fed, and how much shall they have? What shall be the character of their food? Shall they have oats, or corn, or bran, or grass or hay, etc.? These are important questions for every shepherd.

The parallel here, of course, refers to God's sheep and lambs—men and women, boys and girls.

The instructions that Paul gave to Timothy bear upon this subject. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, *rightly dividing* the Word of truth."

**"Rightly Dividing The Word of Truth."**

Many truths cannot be given to men at all times. Meat, though good, cannot be given to babes, Some truths of God's Word given to certain men at certain times would mean simply throwing pearls before swine: it would make them turn and rend you, as Christ said. Every wise man, or teacher, or preacher knows this, and yet some men waste their strength and destroy their usefulness just by this lack of wisdom. Many Seventy workers may do the same thing. All are to be workers. We should study to show ourselves approved unto God as wise workmen.

"Words fitly spoken are like apples of gold in pictures of silver," said one. What about the words unwisely spoken? What harm may they do! Wisdom is what the workman especially needs. "Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer."

Wisdom is that faculty, or gift, which teaches a man how to use what knowledge he has, or how to apply the Word of God to the case in hand. It teaches one how to say the right thing at the right time and to the right person. It is what the world calls native wit or tact. It is the skill which teaches a man how to use his tools. A chest of tools, however fine, does not make a mechanic. Christ put this same thought in another way. Fault had been found with Him for teaching in parables. The people said, "Tell us plainly: we don't understand." He spake not as the scribes. He had a new way of putting old truths. He rebuked even His own disciples in this by saying:

> Therefore every scribe who is instructed unto the Kingdom of Heaven, is like unto a man that is an householder, who bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.

We preach and tell the old, old Story, but we must also make it ever new. Those old worthies and fathers must come to us in new garb and live again before us. Abel, though dead, must still speak to us; so must Enoch, Abraham, Moses, and Joshua. Are they not still witnesses of the faith—old, but yet new? So of all these old Bible truths: they must be made to live again.

Some said of the Apostle, "Why, he is a setter forth of new

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and strange doctrines." Oh, no; it is only the old, old story over again. So it was said of Zion, "She has a new doctrine." Yes; it was "new" to most of her critics; but it is far older than any they have heard of late from the pulpits.

The preacher of the Gospel should know how to prepare the food for the flock. The old prophet complained of the shepherds of Israel because they befouled the clear water with their feet, and trod down the residue of their pastures. Yes; the clear water of life is there, and the green pastures, but they have been spoiled by the false and unwise shepherds and, as a consequence, the flock is perishing. Out of God's great treasure, "things new and old" should be brought that are adapted to all the needs of mankind. This means a great variety. God never made the earth a dead level. God never made two men just alike; neither should we try to do so. Tastes are not alike. Food should be prepared with this in view. Give a variety. Set, formal speech, or religious cant, is not the Gospel way of teaching or preaching, neither for the pulpit nor for the pew.

**How Shall We Know.**

Jesus gave the remedy, and the only sure and safe one. Has not the Christian the right to claim it?

But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought, [or better, be not anxious] beforehand what ye shall speak, * * * * but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.—Mark 13:11.

Did not the Holy Spirit come to "help our infirmities?" When do Christians need His help more than when they are trying to rightly divide the Word of Truth to all classes and conditions of men?

Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

# The Price of Salvation and Healing

OR

# "All to Him I Owe"

An Address Delivered at a Divine Healing Meeting in Shiloh Tabernacle, Tuesday Afternoon, October 19, 1909

*By General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva*

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.)

**Diseases Caused by Uncontrolled Appetites**

Jesus the Christ died upon Calvary so that we might obtain salvation and healing and joy unspeakable and cleansing and peace—yes, that peace that passeth all understanding and that cannot be disturbed—and love and hope and every other good thing; it is all there, but you have to pay the price in order to get it. You never made a greater blunder in your life than to think that you can indulge your appetite and still have good health, because you cannot do it. In this respect I find a lot of grown people who are worse than children, whose diseases are directly traceable to their manner of living.

You know all these things just as well as I do, and you know that God is no respecter of persons. If I transgress, I will pay the penalty, and so will you if you transgress; we are all under the same laws, and we all have to pay the price.

**The Willing Heart Receives the Blessing**

Obey the voice of God and do what is right, then you will receive the blessing. Be in earnest; there must be no half-hearted business about it: a willing, living sacrifice only is acceptable.

Out of our entire Choir, Orchestra and Band of over two hundred, all went to Racine last Lord's Day evening with the exception of one or two who were sick. All that I did was to announce that they were going to Racine to conduct a service, and they all went gladly; and I tell you they sang. I do not expect to hear any sweeter music until I get to Heaven than they rendered in Racine last Lord's Day evening; and that is the only kind of service to have—a willing service, prompted by the Holy Spirit.

If a man were to come to me today and hold out five hundred dollars in tithes, and say, "Well, I do not feel very much like paying it," I would tell him to take it and keep it, that I could get along very well without it. During the first eighteen days in this month we received two thousand, four hundred dollars in tithes, and we have received one hundred dollars in tithes today, and we receive from one hundred to one hundred and fifty dollars every day in the month in tithes. It pays to trust God; and I will depend upon God and not upon any person.

**The Real Shepherd Leads the Flock---Compulsion does not Reform**

The Lord Jesus the Christ came into this world to seek and to save the lost, and it is the business of the ministers of the Lord Jesus the Christ to faithfully present the Gospel and to invite the people to come under the blood of the Christ; but any attempt to compel people to come under the blood of the Christ will result in failure; you cannot compel them. You may enact all the laws you wish, but you will never make men righteous by law.

The secret of our success will be in putting into practice the principles and the truths of Zion; and my daily vow to God is that I will do all within my power to have the people right spiritually. I do not care for anything else—everything else without that would not amount to anything. You must have the people right before God.

All that I can do is to place before you the plain word of God. Let us accept it and live it, and let us pray every day that God will cast out of this church all love for money and for the things of this world; that is what we want and what we must have. The love of God and the love of this world cannot dwell in the same heart, for "friendship with the world is enmity against God."

**Spiritual Life Strengthened by Opposition**

When a man sets out to be a Christian, the more that he is opposed by the powers of darkness, the more earnest he will become and the deeper will be his spiritual life. That was true of blind Bartimeus; the more they opposed him the more earnest he was in seeking his healing. And he received his healing—"Thy faith hath saved thee." Without faith it is impossible to please God.

**Healing is Through Repentance and Faith**

Some people ask, "Can a person be healed without any faith?" No. If a person is capable of doing so, he or she must exercise faith on his or her own behalf. However, there are persons in such condition that they are incapable of exercising faith for themselves, therefore someone else must exercise faith for them. Some afflictions are judgments, and some are not.

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There are persons who sin against the light to such an extent that God finally withdraws His hand, and allows the judgments to strike them; and prayer for them will never be answered until they are brought to repentance and they repent of the cause that has brought the judgment upon them.

**Rest and Wait in God**

Let us learn to rest in God. Jumping around in great excitement is not the way to trust in God. You can never fight a battle by being excited. When you are resting in the eternal God, then you can pray in faith.

Every day for thirteen long months I cried to God for this Tabernacle and I never ceased praying for it, and God gave it to us.

Every time I walked by those General Stores I lifted my heart to God in earnest prayer that he would give us that property, and He gave it to us; and now I am after some other property for God.

The greatest thing at the present time is the redemption of Zion City, for the sake of the little children, and for the sake of the generations yet unborn.

**Be in Earnest**

My brothers and sisters, you must be just as much in earnest when you are fighting for your healing as when you are putting all your strength into the accomplishment of some earthly task —keep on praying and praying every day. If we only would ask for our sight and our hearing, and for the healing of all our sicknesses, as the little child asks and asks and asks and will never take "No" for an answer, then we would get what we desire. We are told to ask, seek and knock.

**Pray Believing, as a Little Child**

One of the sweetest stories I have heard in Zion City was of the little girl who, when her mamma was sick, knelt down by her bedside and prayed, "O God, make my mamma well," and then said, "Now, mamma, get up, I have prayed for you and you are well."

Jesus said, "When ye pray, believe ye have that for which ye ask and ye shall have it." There it is. I would far rather have the faith of some of the little boys and girls in Zion, than to possess all the gold of Ophir. We should be as simple and earnest now as when we were little children.

**Dispel All Criticism and Harshness**

Let us have the spirit of criticism and harsh judgment cast out of this Church; that spirit must go. Zion, pray for each other, and, by the grace of God, let all criticism and harsh judgment cease forever, and let all be filled with the spirit of the Living God! It is only by showing the Spirit of the Christ that you will win. The Church is the household of faith, and all envy and all jealousy must go, and let all be filled with the Spirit of God. That is what we want, and I will do the very best that I can to bring it to pass in the Ecclesiastical, Educational, Commercial and Political departments; and to set the right example before all.

When I ask you to stand by Zion commercially, I set the example, and God is prospering us. I look only to God, and I want only to see His Kingdom demonstrated. If we will but serve God, we will receive every blessing that he has in store for us. Let us go forward.

**Be Not Self-Centered---Think of God's Work**

Do not think only of yourselves. I tell you that if you would not think of yourselves at all, you would get well before you knew it. Just like some of the Seventy workers who have gone out to other cities: before they started in the morning they felt almost too sick to go; but they have gone out in the name of the Lord, and before they knew it, all the sickness had disappeared. Why? Because they were lost in God's service and were working for the salvation of humanity. Forget yourself and let your thought be about others.

My earnest desire is to lead this people to the place where they can all stand up and say truthfully, "I am seeking first the Kingdom of God." Let the blood of Jesus the Christ cleanse you from every stain.

When in Melbourne, Australia, I remember very well going into the Baptistry once, when I was in a raging fever, and baptizing about forty persons, and before that baptismal service was over I was perfectly well; but the rank and file of the people lie down and die. If I had been that kind of man, I would have given up the fight in Zion City long ago; but I will never give up.

Now, before we go to God in prayer for those who are sick, let me exhort you to take the simple words that I have given to you. "Pray without ceasing." If you know of a sick one, then, in your daily devotions and your family worship, bear that one up before the Throne of God; and let us do all the good that we can.

Before many more years will have passed away, some of your lives will have come to a close, and you will have run your race; you have no time to waste.

As we go out to other cities to work for God, let us take with us the religion of Jesus the Christ; and if God has bestowed upon you a blessing, let others share it with you; and let us all reconsecrate ourselves to God today, and pray the simple, childlike prayer, and rest in God.

Let us bow our heads in earnest prayer.

After a season of earnest prayer and the benediction the General Overseer met and prayed with those seeking healing.

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# Shiloh Tabernacle

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# EDITORIAL NOTES

*By Elder F. Richert*

THE JUST shall live by faith.

THE WORD rendered "faith" has the fundamental sense of steadfastness, (Job 11:15,16); hope and rest in God (Job 11: 18, 19); (Hebrews 6:19, 20); faithfulness, (Luke 12:42, 44); and abiding and trusting in God (Psalms 27:4,5).

"THAT YE be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.". Hebrews 6:12

"BY FAITH Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed, and he went out, not knowing whither he went. * * * For he looked for a city having foundations, whose builder and maker is God." Hebrews 11:8-10.

BY FAITH Zion follows the Pillar of Fire through the wilderness of this world to the Promised Land of eternal peace and rest, where God shall wipe away all tears from the eyes of His children (Revelation 21:3-4).

BY FAITH we partake of the living Bread of Life—Christ Who is our peace (Romans 5:10); the cleansing and healing River of Life (Revelation 22:1, Ephesians 1:7, Romans 5;9,) our lofty example in obedience to God (Romans 5;19); our access to the throne of God through His glorious Name, (1 Corinthians, 6: 11, Acts 10:43); our wisdom unto salvation; (Isaiah 53:11, John 17:34).

WANT OF faith puts bolt and bar against God's grace, obscures the quickening rays of the Sun of Righteousness, obstructs the way of salvation, healing and holy living, and opens the door to the world, the flesh and the devil. Christ could not do many works in Nazareth because of the unbelief of the people(Luke 4:15,30).

FAITH IS a wonderful gift of God (James 1:17) when one attends diligently all the means of grace and reads the Word of God. The faith of the blind man came in the truest way, namely, *by hearing*. He could not see; he believed on the testimony of others (Mark 10-46,52).

THE WHOLE New Testament consists of these two words; Christ and faith: Christ bestowed on God's part; faith required on ours.

"AND HE gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something them."-Acts 3:5. How many blessings do we lose for want of directing the eye of faith to Christ as He directs us.

GOD GIVES faith in Christ as our only hope. By faith in Christ we are accepted of God the Father as His own dear children.

FEW HAVE faith which alone enables them to leave doctors, drugs and devils and to pray the prayer of faith in severe cases of sickness. (Matthew 8:2,4) Few have the faith which God honors and rewards. (Matthew 8:10) Few are they who by faith touch Christ (Matthew 9:21).

"THEY ON the rock are they which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, but in time of temptation fall away."—Luke 18:13.)

KNOWLEDGE OF the Word of God, assent, obedience and complete reliance—confidence in the unerring guidance and wisdom of God, and application of the commandments of Christ to our daily life—are essential to a living, victorious and wonder-working faith.

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FAITH IS the mother of good works. "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone."—James 5:17.

"Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son, upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?" —James 2:21,

"And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed to him for righteousness; and he was called the Friend of God."—James 2:23.

"For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also."—James 2:26.

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BY FAITH we pass out of the servitude of the world, the flesh and the devil into the glorious liberty of the sons of God; from the spirit of bondage unto fear, to the spirit of childlike love to God, our Father.

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FAITH overcomes all hindrances as shown: In the case of the paralytic (Matthew 9:5-7), the blind Bartimæus(Mark 10:46-52), and the Canaanitish woman (Matthew 16:21-28).

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WALKING BY faith is walking in hope of eternity.

Faith without repentance is no faith, but presumption; like a ship which has set all sail, but has no ballast and tips over with every blast. And repentance without faith is not repentance, but despair, as in the case of Judas who, after betraying our Lord, repented, and went out and hung himself.

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IN THE horror of the tempests of this world, faith calmly says with the Psalmist, "Bless the Lord, O my soul." This is a sublime foretaste of the triumph of Zion on the great and terrible Day of the Lord (Malachi 4:1-2).

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Frequent often Gethsemane; build your house upon Calvary. Have faith in God; for "verily I say unto you, If ye have faith and doubt not, * * * if ye shall say unto this mountain, 'Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea,' it shall be done."

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# China Hearing the Gospel of the Kingdom

**Elder Royall Preaches to Vast Multitudes. Nature Conspired to Prepare the Way. Zion's Message Uplifts. God's Way Made Known**

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*Beloved Elder:*

I am returning the Applications and a few new ones with them. I also enclose reports. I will endeavor to get the amounts so the others can be filled.

I had a most wonderful short itinerary to Haining last week. I went by train to Chang An, and from there by small boat to Haining. Early in the morning, after the night in the crowded tavern, I went out to get a suitable place to meet the crowds that were flocking to that place on that particular day---October first.

I was amazed to find that the multitudes were already there, and had been gathering since daylight. There were a few other foreigners there, but as soon as I began talking Chinese, they, of course, gathered around me. They had come from far and near to see the most wonderful phenomena of nature that I ever witnessed. The people were there not only in hundreds, but in thousands and tens of thousands. Yes, they said that there were thirty thousand people gathered that day on the banks of the Fu Yang River fifty miles from the Sea to watch and worship the inflowing tide. I stood and preached for three hours to hundreds and thousands of people, and scattered many Zion tracts. The people came in boats large and small; they walked long distances to see this most wonderful sight. They did not expect to hear Zion's Gospel, but priests and many people have carried away new truths.

I was invited into the place of honor where the official comes to offer the two lambs sacrificed to the dragon. I was given a seat, and enjoyed it for a rest for a few minutes. But I soon found my way among the moving, beating, throbbing humanity. How wonderful that they should sacrifice lambs to the dragon to atone for sin! My heart is joyful to give many of them the Gospel. It is just seed-sowing today. Zion has not been here before. The river is five or six miles wide, and the water flows rather swiftly. I stood on an eminence and watched the surging, throbbing mass of humanity. Every eye was centered on one point; every ear was listening. The eyes were strained to get the first sight of it. Every ear was trying to catch the first sound. There was a cry that went up, "Do you hear it? Do you hear it? It's coming!" In the distance, I heard something like the rumbling of a volcano. It came nearer and nearer. What a terrible hour that was! The mad roar sounded like ten thousand railway trains that had been turned loose and had gone mad. It appeared like ten thousand Niagara Falls lashed into one. Then the cry, "Do you see it? Do you see it?" The water in the river had ceased to flow. It stood still. In the distance I saw a great wave of light. It was a moving wall of water rushing from the sea. It came nearer.

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It was a most wonderful sight---a wall of water fifteen feet higher than the water in the river. Sometimes it is thirty feet higher. It came in a semi-circle. It was a white wave. The waters of the river were sweeping up stream. The wave dashed past us. Then there was a lull. It seemed that the very foundations of the earth were torn up. As the mad waters had turned the river up stream, and the clear water was changed into a seething, surging, boiling mass of muddy water, it dashed and it rolled. Then there was a sigh of relief. What a tension for those thousands of people! The first thought that came to me was, O that the world had their eyes turned toward the heavens and their eyes watching for the Coming of the Lord of lords as those people stood and watched for the incoming of the terrible tide!

The second flow that comes is very treacherous, for in a twinkle it dashes high and often people are swept away. But today, all escaped but a valuable dog which seemed to be attracted by it and leaped into the seething mass. The foreigners to whom he belonged offered large sums of money to any one who would rescue him. A Chinese answered, "What will it profit a man to have that money if he is swept away by the wave?" He did not know that he was repeating a most wonderful passage of Scripture, for no one could live in that whirlpool. Every boat is carried to other quarters during that time. I have heard no explanation of it. The tide comes every day even this far up the river, but only twice a year does this occur.

At nightfall the place was all deserted. I went again at midnight, and stood by the river as the moon shone on its waters and it was all natural and quiet. There were only a few to watch. It was more wonderful and terrible at night, and the wave was greater. In a few hours the waters began to return gradually and find their natural way.

We go to Ningpo, Thursday, to answer a call that has been coming for some time to open a tabernacle. Then, God willing, we shall go to the various stations up in Chekiang again. An English speaking Cantonese was at the meeting last night, and after the meeting he said, "What you have preached has stirred up my whole being. I have been attending the Presbyterian Church, and they do not tell you nor teach you anything. I am glad I've found a place where they teach you God's way."

God bless you and keep you. There is prayer made for Zion and especially for the General Overseer at this time. We do not know whether he is in prison or out, but we stand with him and uphold his hands wherever he is.

Faithfully yours for an Onward Move throughout the World,

F. M. ROYALL,
Elder-in-Charge.

# ZION SEVENTIES

*Deacon J. W. Friend*
*General Recorder*

"Labor not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of Man shall give unto you." —John 6:27.

In the Kingdom of God, workmen of the highest type are needed—men and women who are not content with a small degree of success and who do not lack an interest and a desire to labor for the best that their profession demands.

Zealous care is needed that every talent God has given us may be improved and used in His service. One should elevate himself and his work by force of character.

True knowledge, properly applied, is a great power. Constantly study to seek ways by which you can be of the greatest blessing to others. Regard the work of saving souls as one of the best and most ennobling things you can do for your fellow man. Look forward to a higher and better sphere of usefulness in God's Kingdom.

The value of faith cannot be over-estimated in successful Seventy work. Nothing hinders our work so much as that which weakens our faith by weakening our courage.

Have an earnestness of purpose, a resoluteness of ring in your voice. Be filled with the Holy Spirit and enthusiastic in your work. Give the right kind of talk, delivered in a straightforward manner, backed by the courage of your convictions. Be not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus the Christ: it is the power of God unto salvation.

There is no serving two masters. It is *climb, climb* all the time; but you will reach the summit of the mountain *if you persevere*. True, the way may seem rough and steep, but little by little you will pass on and leave the trials and discouragements in the distance. You will surmount every obstacle and at last reach the summit. Then you will hear the welcome words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."—Matt. 25:21.

### WORKERS IN IOWA

Messrs. Banks and Anderson, Zion Seventies working in Boone and Ft. Dodge, Iowa, during the week ending October 30, report as follows:

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| House to house visitations made, and Zion Messages given with the Scriptural salutation "Peace be to this house," | 1014 |
| Leaves of Healing sold | 100 |
| Zion Heralds sold | 70 |
| Voice from Zion | 13 |
| Zion's Holy War | 2 |

These brethren experience great joy in this work of carrying the Gospel of the Kingdom to people everywhere, and a rich harvest may be expected.

### RACINE, WIS.

Division No. 1 of Zion Seventies, under the leadership of Deacon T. R. Becker, visited Racine last Lord's day on the King's business, and their hearts were made glad as they went from house to house with the Scriptural salutation "Peace be to this house," and delivered Zion Messages and invitation cards to the Zion meeting.

In their visitation they delivered

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| Zion Messages | 2434 |
| Leaves of Healing (sold) | 37 |
| Zion Herald (sold) | 200 |

There is no part of Zion's work of any more importance than that of meeting people eye to eye and with a look of confidence born of the spirit of love placing before them Zion's truths on the printed page. A brief attention from the thoughts of the world to those of the Gospel of the Kingdom, when the Zion Messengers are speaking, may be the means, in the days to come, of awakening an interest in many hearts to know more of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus.

### IN KENOSHA, WIS.

A large number gathered on Market Square last Saturday evening to listen to Zion's songs and testimonies, and some good advice and warning. An unusually good work was done in the saloons in the way of heart to heart talks and discussions, and the message was well received in most places. The devil tried to stop the work, but was foiled in the attempt.

Nine Seventies took part in this good work and are filled with joy because of the apparent good results. A number of

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them missed the car usually taken in retnrning, and came home at midnight. On reaching the depot they found a young man who was intoxicated, but had become interested in hearing the message aud testimonies given on Market Square. He felt condemned and was ashamed of his conduct. God is blessing the work on every hand. It is a glorious work.

One Seventy sold nine Leaves and sixteen copies of the large special edition of the Herald. It seemed some of the men in the saloons would have talked all night if the Seventies could have given the time.

Next Saturday evening Deacon Hammond expects to be accompanied by two companies of Seventies and an orchestra and hold a rousing street meeting on Market Square.

Other volunteers will be expected to go as usual and the regular workers especially. Praise God for their faithfulness! Car leaves Salem Bouleyard at 6:35 p. m.

The following literature was disposed of last Saturday evening:

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| English Tracts given | 441 |
| German " " | 58 |
| Special Heralds sold | 34 |
| Leaves of Healing sold | 39 |

MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Six Zion Seventies worked in Milwaukee Lord's day, November 7th, and, as is always true in the Lord's work, had their hearts filled with joy. They made 260 visits.

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| Messages and Invitation Cards given | 609 |
| Leaves of Healing sold | 2 |
| " " " given | 6 |
| Zion Herald sold | 15 |
| " " given | 7 |

A number of earnest conversations were had. Pray that the seed sown may grow and bear fruit in the lives of many. The Gospel of Jesus the Christ is "the power of God unto salvation."

# The Zion City Redemption Fund

The Zion City Redemption Fund was fully explained in last week's number of the Zion Herald, and elsewhere in this number the instructions given are repeated under the title:

"PLAIN INSTRUCTIONS

TO ONE AND ALL INTERESTED IN THE REDEMPTION OF ZION CITY.

HOW TO MAKE INVESTMENTS."

The two plans are presented, designated "Plan Number One" and "Plan Number Two."

PLAN NUMBER ONE is for all persons who are in a position to invest money in any amount for one year or longer, and who wish to invest all that they intend to invest, for the time being, at one time.

PLAN NUMBER TWO is for all those who will systematically save a certain amount and invest it each month,---either $1 per month, $2, $3, $5 per month, or more.

As you will see from a close reading of the Zion City Redemption Fund Agreement, three per cent. per annum is to be paid upon each separate deposit until the aggregate sum promised is deposited, and then a promissory note is to be given, payable on or before five years from the date thereof, said note to draw interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum.

All persons filling in applications for investment in the Zion City Redemption Fund, should specify the amount that they will pay in each month, the time when they will pay it, and, if possible, not make the number of payments less than twelve nor the time less than twelve months.

The appeal for investments is made in such a way that all persons responding must do so as prompted by the Holy Spirit, and they must act from the highest and truest motive. The redemption of Zion City ought to appeal to every Zion heart throughout the world, and the plan outlined is such that every wage earner has the opportunity to do something definitely toward the redemption of Zion City. God has already given to us Shiloh Tabernacle, the Zion City General Stores, and has done great things for us, whereof all Zion ought to be glad. Let us now join hands and each and every one do his part, however small, and a wonderful work can and will be done.

Let me caution one and all to respond to this plan in a prayerful, considerate and conservative way, and let no one unwisely start by undertaking to pay $10 a month when in fact he can only pay in $5, or perhaps less. Make it a matter of earnest prayer, and then reach your decision and go forward by the grace of God to do exactly what you promise. Already one hundred and two persons have responded, promising in the aggregate many thousands of dollars per year. The following is the list to date, and each week the names of those responding will be printed.

Let any officer, member or friend of Zion in Zion City or elsewhere, who is unable to do anything at all financially, understand that all can pray; and at the same time all of us should understand that if we are able to help, then our prayers, to be availing, must be supplemented by earnest, consecrated effort.

Let every officer, member and friend of Zion, and every little child, pray daily to God for the complete redemption of Zion City, and for the establishment of one pure, clean city for God's people.

With Christian love to all and earnest prayers for all, I am

Faithfully yours in Jesus' Name,

WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA.

## HOW MONEY INCREASES BY USE.

The following table tells a remarkable story of what $1 to $25 deposited each month will do, in from 1 to 20 years when drawing interest at 6 per cent per annum, not compounded.

In the following table the first interest is based upon the sums in the left hand column being deposited month by month for twelve successive months, interest being figured at 3 per cent. on each monthly deposit from its date and compounded at the end of the first six months, making the amount as in the second column at the left upon which interest is computed at 6 per cent. per annum.

This table shows conclusively how small savings, if systematically made, in the course of a few years will amount to large sums.

Let every lover of Zion put this into practice at once and save money through the Zion Redemption Fund, and help to save Zion City for God and His people.

| Amount per month | One Year | | Five Years | | 10 Years | | 15 Years | | 20 Years | |
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# Plain Instructions

## To One and All Interested in the Redemption of Zion City.

## How to Make Investments.

### PLAN NUMBER ONE

INVESTMENTS in Zion's Institutions and Industries may be made in any amount for one year or longer, all investments to bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum.

All investments made between April 1st and October 1st, of any year, bear 6% interest, and participate in the dividends declared January 31st following; all investments made between October 1st and April 1st, of any year, bear 6% interest, and participate in the dividends declared July 31st following.

Investments for one, two, three or five years participate in the dividends at the ratio of 5, 6, 7½ and 10%. To illustrate: For the dividend period between July 31st, 1908 and January 31st, 1909, investments for one year received, in addition to their 6% per annum, 1 4-10 % dividend; investments for two years, 1 8-10 % dividend; for three years, 2 2-10 %; for five years, 2 8-10 %; making the amount received by each investor for five years equal to 8 8-10% per annum on his investment.

### PLAN NUMBER TWO

This plan has just been placed before the officers, members and friends of Zion in Zion City during the last week, and already there has been a gratifying response.

This plan is for one and all who desire to save a definite sum each month and to invest same for the Redemption of Zion City.

All persons desiring to invest money under this plan should fill in the following application form and send it to Wilbur Glenn Voliva, City Hall Building, Zion City, Illinois.

### APPLICATION FOR INVESTMENT IN THE ZION CITY REDEMPTION FUND

.....19....

I, .....,

of ....., hereby make application to invest in the **Zion City Redemption Fund** the sum of ..... Dollars $..... on or before the 5th day of each and every calendar month until I have deposited in the aggregate the sum of ..... Dollars $....., in accordance with the terms of the **Zion City Redemption Fund** agreement. Please forward to me blank form of **Zion City Redemption Fund** agreement for my signature.

.....

Immediately on receipt of the application form properly filled in, the **Zion City Redemption Fund Agreement** found in the lower corner of this page will be filled in and sent to the person making the application, for his or her signature.

Remittances should be by Post Office orders, Express money orders, or bank drafts payable in Chicago or New York, and should be made payable to Wilbur Glenn Voliva.

For further information regarding investments address,

WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA.

### ZION CITY REDEMPTION FUND AGREEMENT

_____19___

Toward the redemption of Zion City, I, _____

as party of the first part, promise to deposit with Zion Bank, the sum of_____

_____Dollars ($_____) on or before the fifth day of each and every calendar month until I have deposited, in the aggregate, the sum of_____

Dollars ($_____), said money so deposited to be subject to the order of Wilbur Glenn Voliva, W. Hurd Clendinen and I. J. Thurston, as parties of the second part.

And the said Wilbur Glenn Voliva, W. Hurd Clendinen and I. J. Thurston, parties of the second part, agree to pay interest at the rate of three per cent. (3%) per annum upon each separate deposit made by said party of the first part as aforesaid, from the date of each said deposit until the above aggregate sum is deposited, and when said aggregate sum is deposited to execute to said party of the first part their promissory note, payable on or before five years from the date thereof, said note to draw interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum.

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He sendeth His word and healeth them.

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# LEAVES OF HEALING

I am the Lord that healeth thee.

And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

A WEEKLY PAPER FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

EDITED BY WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA

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# The Gospel of the Kingdom

## Waiting, Suffering China

*Elder Royall Tells of the Chinese Cry for Zion's Truths, the Horrible Condition of Society, and the Apostasy's Hopelessness*

*New Zion Tabernacles Opened*

10 Magnolia Terrace, N. Szechuen Rd. Ex
SHANGHAI, China, Oct. 14, 1909.

REV. E. L. CAREY, Ecclesiastical Secretary,
City Hall Building, Zion City, Ill., U. S. A.

*Beloved Elder:*---

Peace to thee!

Ningpo has been bombarded and the flag has been raised. It was neither Cook nor Peary; but it was Zion in her onward march to win men and women for God and to free them from ecclesiastical bondage---from the apostasy.

The door was opened by God Himself, and we entered in, in the name of the Most Holy Jesus. There has been a cry from Ningpo for some time. Two native preachers from there came to Shanghai to learn of Zion, and were baptized. One of them, a Baptist; had been a bookseller for the American Bible Society for sixteen years, (which society is directed by the Baptists), and was dismissed at once, and left with nothing to do, but God will open the way for him. The other man was connected with the Church of England. When it was clear that we should go, Zion made a dash for that great city. We were met at the steamer by twenty or thirty happy people. When I put my head out of the door, there rang out down the corridors of the Kiangteen "Peace to thee;" and the reply went back, "Peace to thee be multiplied." That had never been heard in Ningpo before. It was a new departure.

Our luggage was soon gathered together and carried on board a small Ningpo houseboat with two rooms. Elder Viking occupied one and I the other. Two large rivers are united at this place, and form a great river which floats large steamers. Around the city are numerous canals, so we could proceed to any gate of the city in the little boat. We went to the East Gate and without word or warning, landed, and marched down the streets in the name of the Most High God---not like Mr. Crane, who had to resign because he revealed the secrets of President Taft, and was recalled just as he was embarking for China, but we knew how to hold our tongues in all the languages we know till the proper time.

Daily meetings were held in the home of Mr. Wu, and there was much interest manifested. On Lord's Day, October tenth, a Tabernacle was opened inside the West Gate on the main thoroughfare. The interest was at white heat. The apostasy began to wonder what had struck Ningpo. The Spirit of God was manifest. I led the morning meeting, and I asked Elder Viking to lead the afternoon meeting. I appointed Mr. Wu as Conductor of the Tabernacle. Mr. Wong and Mr. So are to assist him.

The building is small, but a hundred people were packed into it, and many were turned away. At four o'clock I led the way to the outside of the West Gate where tens, scores, and hundreds of people were gathered to witness the baptism. I had the pleasure of baptizing twenty-two men and two women by Triune Immersion. It was a glorious scene. Then, at night, we had an overflow meeting.

You might have been interested to have seen Elder Viking in the houseboat peeling and cooking potatoes while I cooked the peas. We had brown bread which each of us brought with us, also butter and a little jelly, a tin of pears at times, and a little cake. We were very happy giving the people the Gospel, for we were doing what God sent us to do.

Ningpo has a population of three or four hundred thousand

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people, and some parts of the city are disgusting, repulsive and sickening. I just note one scene. There are towers built of mud aud brick about fifteen feet square, and an opening left at the top, large enough to push through a child of ten years of age. Instead of burying their dead, the people carry their dead children to these places, sometimes in a coffin and often in a piece of matting, and cast them into this horrible place where there are rotting bodies reeking with terrible smells. I saw two or three places where they were full up to the top, and there were stacked up on the outside dead bodies of children in coffins. I counted nine, one on top of the other. One body, on the top, was simply wrapped in a rush mat, and the terrible smells are carried across the city day and night to be breathed in by the people, causing countless diseases.

Just think of people living in such an atmosphere as that all the time! These towers are in the city and surrounded by the homes of the people. I counted twenty graves in one man's back yard. He could not step out of the house without trampling on them. In the face of this, missionaries spend their time teaching Darwin and Herbert Spencer! The Mandarin is supposed to clear out these places twice a year, and carry off the dead and bury them. I did not want to speak of this, but I thought it might give you some idea of some of the ways of these people.

Pray for Ningpo. The apostasy is dead and lifeless. Zion has thundered at her doors. Ningpo must hear. Zion must sweep over this Empire carrying the Gospel of the Kingdom—the Gospel of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living. From this city, the message will go out to many places.

We had planned to go to one of the nearby islands, but the weather was not favorable.

On the return trip to Shanghai, I had a splendid talk with the captain of the S. S. "Peking," who was intensely interested in all I could tell him about Zion and Zion City. He has an uncle named Stott who was once in Zion City. Is he still there? Is he still in Zion? I would be glad to hear.

The day after I returned to Shanghai, I received an invitation from one of our members to dedicate a shop which he was opening. I was glad to go. It is a small shop containing cotton goods, a little silk and a few articles like that. The Zion flag was floating in the breeze over the door. A few of the Christians gathered, and we had songs and reading of part of Luke 19. We prayed and preached to the throng which gathered in front of the shop. As I was going away, I met a foreign policeman, a tall muscular man, and I wanted him to know what I was doing, so I reported the matter to him; viz., that I had just opened a new shop for a man with prayer and praise, and asked God to bless him. He seemed to grow while I was telling him. He opened his eyes a little wider and said, "There are not many foreign shops that do that, are there?" Then he hesitated and said, "There is not one in Shanghai that ever did it." He straightened himself up and further remarked, "I've been fourteen years in South Africa. I know England, Scotland and Ireland, for I'm an Irishman, and that is the most wonderful story I ever heard. I never heard before of a place of business being opened with worship and praise to God." I replied "That is a fine testimony you are giving for Zion." He then said he wanted to see the shop. I thank God for Zion more and more.

Soon after returning to my home, there called a young man who was converted last year at Mokanshan and united with Zion. He had been to his old home beyond Hangchow, and had come at the request of some of the leading citizens of that little town to ask me if I would go up there and open a Tabernacle. He had told them of Zion and of Zion's onward march to help humanity. I asked, 'What did you tell them?" He said, "I said, 'No pigs nor pills; no doctors nor drugs; no cigars nor cigarettes; no gambling nor theaters: it is to be wholly for God.' " I asked why they did not get the apostasy as there were lots of them. "Oh," he said, "they do not want them; they want Zion, for Zion is living."

So next week I expect to start on an itinerary to many places, and be away for several weeks. I have directed Elder Viking to go to Ningpo the first Lord's day in November to minister to them. Pray for us as we pray for you. Every morning and every night prayer ascends to the Throne for the General Overseer and for Zion City and for Zion throughout the world.

Many people are interested in the China issue of Leaves of Healing. I have written you at length for I may not be able to write again till sometime in November. Zion in China reaches across the sea and greets Zion in America with "Peace to thee." Be faithful unto death, and you will receive the crown of life.

I have just received the three volumes of Leaves of Healing. I hope you can get for me, sometime, the thirteenth volume. I have just opened the volumes and turned the pages, and they brought cheer to my heart.

Well, Hallelujah! The Christ is coming, and in His name and power and strength I shall do all I can to prepare the way for His Coming. I am,

Faithfully in the hope of the Coming King,

FRANK M. ROYALL.

Elder-in-charge,

# The True Vine, His Branches and Their Mission

An Address Delivered at a Divine Healing Meeting in Shiloh Tabernacle, Tuesday Afternoon, October 26, 1909

*By General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva*

(REPORTED BY MISS SARAH J. BOOTH.)

After singing, "What a Friend we Have in Jesus," the General Overseer led the congregation in reciting the Twenty-Third Psalm.

The hymn, "I Need Thee Ev'ry Hour," was read and commented upon by the General Overseer, and sung by the congregation.

Following an earnest prayer and the Hymn, "There's not a Friend Like the Lowly Jesus," the General Overseer spoke as follows:

**Healings Come Through The Word.**

GENERAL OVERSEER: If we desire to establish the truth of Divine Healing, we must do so through the Word of God. Healing comes only with teaching. It is "line upon line, and precept upon precept;" and by repeatedly presenting the various phases of this wonderful truth as it is set forth in God's Word.

You who are expecting healing, how do you expect to be healed unless you first comply with the conditions?

**Abiding in the Vine Gives Health.**

I desire to impress upon the minds of the Elders in Zion, more deeply than ever before, that a person may repent of his or her sins, may confess all wrongs and make them right, and may comply with many other things, and still be in no condition to receive healing.

In the fifteenth chapter of the Gospel according to St. John,

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it is recorded that Jesus said, "I am the True Vine, and My Father is the Husbandman. Every branch in Me that beareth not fruit He taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, He purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit."

Now, you people who are seeking your healing this afternoon, are you positive that you are a branch of the True Vine? That is the question. Do you know, for certain, that you are a branch of the True Vine, and are you fruit-bearing?—because, "Every branch in Me that beareth not fruit He taketh it away: * * * and men gather them, and they are burned."

What does a non-fruit bearing branch represent in the Church? It represents nominal Christians—persons who are Christians in name only.

Now, "Every branch in Me that beareth fruit, He purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit." That represents those in the Church who are Christians in deed and in truth.

The Savior says, "Abide in me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit in itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in Me." But the trouble with a great many people is that they are not branches of the True and Living Vine.

**Unfruitfulness Severs From the Vine.**

Some may ask, "Is it possible for a person once having been a branch of the True Vine to cease to be a branch of the True Vine?" Yes; because there is a certain way in which you must become a branch of that True Vine, and if you are not fruit-bearing, then you cut yourself off—you separate yourself.

**Abiding in Christ and His Word Leads to Healing Power.**

When we come down to the seventh verse of this chapter, we find that Jesus said, "If ye abide in Me and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." Oh, how I wish that I could express those words as I feel them!

There is absolutely no use in asking for the healing power to come into a wooden post; but there is just as much as there is in asking for healing power to come into many people—every bit.

Take, for instance, the person who does not take delight in reading and studying God's Word, who does not get down to business in earnest prayer, who absents himself or herself from the House of God, and who shows a stiff-necked, stubborn and rebellious spirit, do you think that such persons stand any chance of receiving God's power in the healing of their bodies? No; they do not. Is Christ ever responsible for any branch being cut off? No; verily No! A branch is responsible in itself. How are the words of Christ to "abide" in you or in me *unless we learn them?*

Some people never read their Bible, and when they go to church, they sleep all the time—how can you expect such people to have the words of Christ abiding in them?

What is the use of preaching to a sleeping congregation? You cannot get the Word of God into people when they are asleep and have no interest.

My exhortation to you is to read and study the Word of God prayerfully and earnestly—feed upon the Word of God.

**"I Am The True Vine."**

It does not simply say, "I am the Vine," but, "I am the TRUE Vine."

How do you think the Savior came to speak this parable? Perhaps He spoke it as He sat in the "upper room" at Jerusalem and saw the vines growing around the window; or it might have been that He was going along near the vineyards of Palestine—for there were many vineyards in the Land of Palestine. You have heard of the grapes of Eshcol, where two men had to carry on a stick the grapes that the spies brought back:—or it might have been, as some suppose, that Jesus was near the Temple and was looking at the designs that were carved on the Temple. Anyway, there was, perhaps, one of the three before his eyes that led Him to speak this parable, "I am the True Vine."

**Meaning Of "The True Vine."**

Now, what does that mean? Was Jesus referring to the grape-vine that He saw on the window, or to the vines in the vineyard, that they were the "True Vine?" Who was the Vine of the old Testament? The people of Israel, the Theocracy, was the Vine of God's planting; but the ideal was not realized in them—they fell short. Therefore, the Lord Jesus Christ—Who, finally, will be the Ultimatum of God's revelations to men and of God's work—is the True Vine, bearing true fruit. Christ is the Vine, and the disciples, in the Vine, constituted the true Israel and the true Theocracy.

What a glorious privilege it is to be engrafted as a branch into the True and Living Vine, to be fruit-bearing Christians, to abide in the Christ, and to have His words abiding in us; knowing that if we abide in Him and His words abide in us, we shall ask whatsoever we will; and it shall be given unto us.

My brothers and sisters, if you want to see the signs and the wonders following, then let us all go deeper and deeper into the Christian life and meet the conditions; then we can pray and God will hear and answer. Let us stand firmly upon the True Foundation, for God's Word is true and His promises cannot fail.

**God's Creation Very Good.**

Let us think, for a moment, of Genesis the first chapter and the thirty-first verse:

> And God saw everything that He had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

Well, now, that is a very simple verse. What had God made? He had made light, the sun and the moon; had created man and woman; the animals; the sea and the earth and all that is in them; and the fowls of the air: and as God looked around at everything that He had made, behold, it was very good.

My brothers and sisters, can God look around at everything today and say, "Behold, it is very good?"

People—"No."

**God's Handiwork Marred By Man's Sin.**

General Overseer: What does the Bible say about man? —That "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God;" man has departed from God; sin has separated him from God; the animals are ferocious, and in the vegetable kingdom we find rank poisons.

But in the beginning God looked at all He had made; man and woman, the animals, the earth, the sea, the sky, the sun, the moon and the stars—all creation as it had left His hands, and everything was very good.

You say that, at the present time, God could not look upon everything here on this earth and say that it is "very good," then has a change taken place?

People: "Yes."

General Overseer: Yes, a very great change has taken place; and the all-important question is, "What brought about this change?"

People: "Sin."

General Overseer; S-i-n, a little word of only three letters. "Sin is the transgression of the law" of God. Of what did the sin of our first parents consist?

People: "Eating of the forbidden fruit."

General Overseer: "Yes, theirs was the sin of disobedience. Were Adam and Eve directly responsible for their sin?

People: "No."

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# General Overseer's Notes

HEADQUARTERS OFFICES OF THE CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC CHURCH IN ZION,
City Hall Building, ZION CITY, ILL., U. S. A.,
November 19, 1909.

# *THE WORD!*

## *THE WORD OF GOD*

THE BIBLE is the Word of God. It contains the revelations of God given at sundry times and in divers manners to and concerning the children of men, both as to this life and the life which is to come.

HAVE YOU perceived the Word of God?
Have you received the Word of God?
Have you believed the Word of God?
Are you living the Word of God?

A PRAYERFUL study of the following passages of Scripture will solve many perplexing problems.

Why are my prayers not answered?
Why am I not healed?
Why is there so little joy in my life?
Why do I have such a hard time in getting along?
Why is my voyage so tempestuous?

WHY IS my journey so tedious?
Why are my battles so many and so fierce?
Is it God's fault, or is it my fault?

Do I really and truly believe in God, and in Jesus the Christ, and in the Bible as the Word of God, after all?

Am I a coward and afraid to face squarely and boldly the Word of God; and, by the grace of God, go forward and live it?

"THE WORLDS were framed by the WORD of God."

"Man doth not live by bread only, but by every WORD that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live."

"I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my WORDS in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

And it shall come to pass, that whosover will not hearken unto My WORDS which he shall speak in My name, I will require it of Him.

But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die.

And if thou shalt say in thine heart, How shall we know the WORD which the Lord hath not spoken?

When a prophet hath spoken in the name of the Lord, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously; thou shalt not be afraid of him."

"But the WORD is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it."

"But what saith it? The WORD is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the WORD of faith, which we preach."

"Blessed be the Lord, that hath given rest unto His people Israel, according to all that He promised: there hath not failed one WORD of all His good promise, which He promised by the hand of Moses His servant."

"The Lord gave the WORD: great was the company of those that published it."

"The entrance of Thy WORD giveth light."

"He sendeth His WORD and healeth them."

"But speak the WORD only, and my servant shall be healed."

"The sower soweth the WORD."

"When any one heareth the WORD of the Kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which receiveth seed by the wayside.

But he that receiveth the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the WORD, and anon with joy receiveth it;

Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the WORD, by and by he is offended.

He also that receiveth seed among the thorns is he that heareth the WORD; and the cares of this world, and the

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deceitfulness of riches, choke the WORD, and he becometh unfruitful.

But he that receiveth seed into the good ground is he that heareth the WORD, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundred fold, some sixty, some thirty."

"And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the WORD with signs following. Amen."

"God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to His own will."

"In the beginning was the WORD, and the WORD was with God, and the WORD was God."

"And the WORD was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

"He that loveth Me not keepeth not My sayings: and the WORD which ye hear is not Mine, but the Father's which sent Me."

"Now ye are clean through the WORD which I have spoken unto you."

"IF YE ABIDE IN ME AND MY WORDS ABIDE IN YOU, YE SHALL ASK WHAT YE WILL, AND IT SHALL BE DONE UNTO YOU."

"These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the WORD with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so."

"LET THE WORD OF CHRIST DWELL IN YOU RICHLY, IN ALL WISDOM."

"Preach the WORD."

"For if the WORD spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompanse of reward;

How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard Him."

"For unto us was the Gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the WORD preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it."

"But be ye doers of the WORD, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."

"We have also a more sure WORD of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts;

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation.

For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

"The WORD of God came to Shemaiah."

"The WORD of God came to Nathan."

"Every WORD of God is pure: He is a shield unto them that put their trust in Him."

"The WORD of our God shall stand forever."

"The WORD of God came unto John * * * in the wilderness.

"The people pressed on Him [Jesus] to hear the WORD of God."

"And He answered and said unto them, My mother and My brethren are these which hear the WORD of God, and do it."

"But he said, "Yea, rather, blessed are they that hear the WORD of God and keep it."

"And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the WORD of God with boldness."

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THE MOST suitable, the choicest and the most expressive words in the English language, or in any other language, cannot adequately express the importance of the Word of God.

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IN THE Bible, every question that confronts mankind is answered, and a solution is found for every problem.

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TO REALIZE the Kingdom of God on earth—the doing of the will of God in earth as it is done by all in heaven—it simply has to be received, believed and lived.

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THERE IS SALVATION for every one who will repent, confess, restore, believe and obey.

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THERE IS HEALING for all who will meet the conditions.

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THERE IS DIVINE KEEPING for all who will diligently hearken to the voice of God, and will do that which is right in His sight, and give ear to his commandments, and keep all His statutes.

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THERE IS PROSPERITY for all who walk not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stand in the way of sinners, nor sit in the seat of the scornful, but delight in the law of the Lord.

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"HE THAT dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High," can claim the protection of God the Almighty.

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TENS OF thousands, hundreds of thousands, yea, millions of persons profess to believe in the Bible as the Word of God. The extent to which they believe the Bible is well illustrated by the fact that ninety-nine out of every hundred of them when they get sick, instead of taking God at His Word, put their trust in the arm of flesh and rely upon doctors, surgeons and drugs. That they do not live what they profess is further shown by the fact that nearly all of them are attempting to do that which is impossible, viz: serve God and Mammon. Jesus said:

"YE CANNOT SERVE GOD AND MAMMON."

Think of a so-called "Church" with a membership of over

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two hundred, with wealth aggregating more than a million dollars,struggling along, and with great difficulty raising the gigantic (?) sum of two or three hundred dollars a year! Think of a man worth fifty thousand dollars contributing seven dollars a year for the extension of the Kingdom of God! Some may call such people Christians, but, according to the Word of God, they are poor, miserable, wretched sinners.

Show me one person who takes God at His Word and I will show you nine hundred and ninety nine persons who, while they profess to be Christians, live as though God and His Word did not exist. Where you will find one who is in deed and in truth seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, you will find a multitude thinking and toiling almost day and night for "bread and butter,"—food, raiment and shelter. There are thousands of so-called "prayers" which never rise any higher than the heads of those uttering them.

God's Word is true! Study it prayerfully, and obey it, and every blessing in His bountiful Storehouse will be yours.

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# The True Vine, His Branches and Their Mission

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General Overseer: Who tempted them and led them into sin?

People: "Satan."

General Overseer: But who is Satan, and where did he come from?

People: "He was a fallen angel from Heaven."

General Ovesseer: Yes; Satan was once in Heaven, an angel of a very high order; but he rebelled against God, and undertook to set up a government of his own, and he succeeded in getting other angels to follow him. You know, misery always loves company, and so Satan was not satisfied until he had pursuaded other angels to follow him. It was pride that caused the fall of the angel who afterwards became known as "the devil;" and God cast Satan and his angels out into the "upper air;" and that is where they are today, in the upper air; the whole region above this earth is inhabited by the devil and the fallen angels, who will come down to this earth after a while—that is the plain teaching of the Word of God.

### God's Warfare, and Man's, against Wicked Spirits.

In the sixth chapter of Ephesians and the twelfth verse, we read:

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Satan entered into the body of a serpent, and in that way he enticed our first parents, and led them to disobey God. God told them that if they ate of the forbidden fruit they should surely die; and the devil told them that they would not die.

The Bible tells us that "Satan was a liar from the beginning"—that means from the beginning of Creation. There is no use in your reading the word of God unless you study and understand it. You ought always to have a positive determination to find out and understand the meaning of every passage of scripture. And so Satan entered into the body of a serpent, and made use of that serpent in enticing Adam and Eve to disobey God.

What other animals does the Bible tell us that Satan entered into?

People: "The swine."

General Overseer: Yes, Satan entered into the swine.

Who is the arch-enemy of mankind today?

People: "Satan."

General Overseer: Yes, Satan and his hosts.

In Second Corinthians, the third chapter and the eighteenth verse, Paul says:

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

According to this verse, the Christian looks like whom?

People: "The Christ."

General Overseer: Then the sinner looks like whom?

People: "Satan."

General Overseer: Well, there is not anything remarkable about a child looking like its father, is there? And there is probably not one person sitting here but who, in the usual routine of life, has said, "Well, I declare, he acts just like the devil." And perhaps some of you, sometime when you have seen some ugly, mean, contemptible person have said, "Well, he looks just like the devil;" and. perhaps, at the time you have not stopped to think who the devil is, nor anything at all about him.

### Sin is Disobedience

Now there is the beginning—sin is the transgression of God's laws, and disobedience is sin.

Adam and Eve listened to the voice of the tempter, and that is just what people do today. Satan is the same old adversary now that he has always been since he was cast out of Heaven, and it is Satan who is dragging humanity down to degradation and to ruin.

How often have you heard a man say, "Well, I want to do better, but I cannot; I do not want to get drunk, but I simply cannot help it."

How often you can see the murderer sitting in his cell, his head in his hands and his cheek scalded with burning tears, and he will wring his hands and say, "I do not know why ever I did such a thing;" but the devil is back of it all.

### Agencies of the Devil to Deceive Humanity

The devil employs agents: whisky and tobacco are two of his agents, and the theatre is another; and he has all kinds of perversions for the degradation of humanity and for their destruction. Satan is out to dethrone God Almighty, and to turn the universe into a hell; and, so far as this earth is concerned, he well-nigh has possession of it, because this is his time.

### The Devil the Author of Sin

Now, are you quite sure that the devil is the author of sin?

People: "Yes."

General Overseer: Well, you have settled a question about which volumes have been written and many joint discussions held. The devil is the author of all sin and evil.

God has permitted sin to enter into man because man is a free moral agent; he has the power of choice and can choose either good or evil. If that were not true so far as man's future is concerned, then man's responsibility would be no more than that of any wooden post, which has no intelligence and no power to choose and to act; but man has that power, and can choose either good or evil.

If you have on the whole Christian armor, then the devil cannot pierce you; it is only because there is a hole in your armor somewhere, that the devil can hit you. That is perfectly plain.

### The Dire Effects of Sin

When sin entered into the world, what did Adam and Eve do as soon as they had committed sin?

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People: "They hid themselves."

General Overseer: Well now, that was a very strange thing for them to do. Did any of you ever run and hide yourself when you have been doing something mean? Yes, sir; I have no doubt but that you all have done that, and some of you have been a mean lot.

Adam and Eve hid themselves because they had disobeyed God, and they thought to hide themselves from God. What were the first words that God called out to them?

People: "Where art thou?"

General Overseer: Yes; that is a good text, "Where art thou?" Now, when God asked them this question who answered first, Adam or Eve?

People: "Adam"

General Overseer: Yes; Adam answered first, and God said to him, "What hast thou done?" And then Adam began to blame the woman and the woman blamed the serpent; and the poor snake, whom did he blame? They had gotten to the end by that time. Well, human nature is the same throughout the world today, and most people like to place the responsibility on somebody else.

**The Animal Kingdom Cursed**

What did God then do? He pronounced a curse upon the animal kingdom. I often wonder how anyone can doubt the Scriptures. Take that one point alone: God said, "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." That refers to the crucifixion of Christ.

Is there anybody who loves a snake?

People: "No."

General Overseer: No; there is a sort of inborn hatred for a snake, and nearly everybody likes to kill a snake as soon ss he sees it.

Referring to the serpent, the Word of God says, "Upon thy belly shalt thou go and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life." The inference there is that, originally, the snake walked upright.

**The Curse Upon Humanity**

What curse did God then pronounce on woman? God said that woman should be obedient unto her husband, and that her sorrow in child-bearing would be increased. And that is the curse which rests upon woman today, and it is an awful curse, too; but, according to the Word of God, it can be removed; as we read in the fifteenth verse of the second chapter of First Timothy:

Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.

What curse did God pronounce upon man? Until that time his work had been the dressing and keeping of the Garden; but he had to go to work, and then thorns and briars came forth.

And so the curse rests upon man, upon woman, upon the animal kingdom and upon the earth to this day; it is partially removed now through the Lord Jesus the Christ, and will only be ultimately removed when the Kingdom of God is fully established.

Well, there was the entrance of sin into this world.

Some people have said, "I wish I had had a chance to live when Adam and Eve lived." Well, it is true that we have not as good a chance in some respects as they had, for they were created pure in spirit, soul and body, while we are suffering for the sins of generations past.

Oh! I tell you as we go forward in this fight, things are not so difficult to understand after all. Do you not know that some little babies have died through the sins of parents, grandparents and great-grandparents? Yes; they have. And do you not know that humanity becomes weaker and weaker every generation?

**Zion's Aim to Obey God and Regain His Favor.**

Now, Zion started out to obey God and to get far away from sin, and raise up a royal generation. That could be accomplished if only the people would do what is right, and obey God in all things, but it will not come in either one or two generations. Think of a generation the offspring of a lot of whiskey and tobacco-soaked, debilitated and dissipated fathers and mothers! Is it any wonder that some of them are cut down even before they are born, and that some of them never grow an ounce in weight after they are born? It is through the sins of the parents—the iniquities of the fathers are visited upon the third and fourth generation. But I am so thankful to God for Zion and for Zion teaching. I am thankful to God for a Movement that proclaims faithfully the Word of God, and exhorts the people to live pure and holy lives. That is the only way to get a royal generation—there is no other way.

**Different Steps To Sin.**

We have been talking about sin: how many kinds of sin are there? There is the sin of omission: leaving undone the things that ought to be done; and there is the sin of commission: doing things that ought not to be done. That is part of a prayer used in the Episcopal Church.

Then there is the sin of ignorance, and the sin of presumption.

# ZION SEVENTIES

*Deacon J. W. Friend*

*General Recorder*

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.—1 Corinthians 15:58.

The man that is unstable in his ways cannot be depended upon to fulfil the important positions in life. He is relegated to the background; and those who are steadfast and unmovable in their determination to succeed, force their way to the front.

Those who are doing things in the Kingdom of God are the ones who will have success written on their brow. They are the ones who will be used of God in ushering in the glorious reign of Jesus the Christ upon earth. We each have our place to fill and our part to perform in God's Kingdom. True, we may not all be vessels of gold, we cannot all be the keystone in the great arch of God's building; yet we may all be true to our convictions, we can be steadfast, and we can be unmovable in our purposes, and never sacrifice a single principle, but always earnestly contend for truth and righteousness.

There is a place in God's Kingdom for every one of His children. In a watch there are various springs and wheels—each has its place. If all were the main spring, there would be no balance wheel, consequently there would be no perfect timepiece. If these various and different pieces are necessary in the mechanical devices to make them perfect, how much more is it essential that men and women of different temperaments and dispositions should unite in one great body and work together in harmony for the elevation of mankind and the extension of God's Kingdom.

The fields are ripe for the harvest. Men and women are dying every day without a saving knowledge of Jesus the Christ,

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and *what are you doing, to help them.* Are you going on the grand and glorious mission of mercy and love, carrying the message of salvation, healing and holy living to those who are living in sin? Are you grasping every opportunity you have for doing good to others? Are you improving the talents God has so graciously given you? Make this a personal matter. Ask yourself these questions; then answer them in the fear of God; and if you have not done all that you can for your fellowman, then resolve, by the grace of God, to grasp every opportunity you may have to help others, and be determined that no man shall take your crown. Be steadfast, unmovable, and always abound in the work of the Lord.

Pray earnestly for the success of all Seventies throughout the world.

ZION IN KENOSHA, WIS.

Company D, Division No. 1, and Company —, Division No. 2 of the Choir Seventies under Mr. Ralph Steel and Mr. Thomas Frost, as captains, accompanied Deacon Hammond and his regular workers to Kenosha last Saturday evening and assisted in a rousing street meeting. They did some splendid work amongst the people in saloons and business houses in Kenosha. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Steel, Miss Myrtle Gallagher and Mr. John Van Bremen as a quartette sang a number of very appropriate selections in the street meeting, as well as in some of the saloons. The singing was a great help in getting in touch with the people. All of the singers and Seventies were pleased with the experience and, no doubt, received great blessing in the work, as well as being a blessing to others.

Some of the saloon keepers have been very much opposed to the Seventies working in their places, but are becoming more agreeably inclined because of the kind, patient work of the Seventies.

Next Saturday evening Company A of each Division of the Choir Seventies will work in Kenosha, leaving Zion City on the 6:35 car.

Volunteer workers are always welcome, and Deacon Hammond will furnish them with literature and assign them to places of work.

Literature sold: Leaves of Healing, 35; Zion Heralds, 43.

The Saturday evening Seventy work is bearing fruit in bringing some to the Lord's Day service at 10:30 A. M. in Carpenters' Hall on Park Street.

Brother Steiner who has been engaged in the Zion Junior Seventy work in Zion City for so long hereafter will assist Deacon Hammond, and they will organize the Juniors and Intermediates next Lord's Day at 9:30 A. M. at the place of the regular services.

Let all Zion pray for this work in Kenosha. There are scores of children and young boys and girls who should be taught God's word. Pray that God, by His Holy Spirit will help the Zion workers to reach many and bring them to Christ.

RACINE, WIS.

Division No. 2, Zion Seventies, W. O. Ruby, Director in charge, with 44 workers, on Lord's Day, Nov. 14, sold and distributed literature as follows:

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| Messages given | 1051 |
| Invitation Cards | 1415 |
| Leaves of Healing (sold) | 32 |
| Zion Heralds (sold) | 53 |
| Calls made | 1081 |

Next Lord's Day, Division No. 3, with Marshall Moulton, director, will go to Racine. Let every worker respond and be in his place ready for work. The entire Seventy will return in ample time for the General Assembly in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, at 2:30 P. M.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.

On Lord's Day, Nov. 14, Deacon Robbins in charge of a few workers from Division No. 3, Zion Seventies, did house to house work in Milwaukee in the forenoon and in the afternoon held a service in Lincoln Hall.

They sold and distributed literature as follows:

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| Messages given | 878 |
| Leaves of Healing sold | 2 |
| " " " given | 5 |
| Zion Herald sold | 13 |
| " " given | 2 |
| Calls made | 705 |

PORTLAND, OREGON

The following very brief figures speak volumes. Deacon Frank Robinson and wife have an immense field, and they need the very earnest prayers of every Zion person.

In the seven days, November 1st to 7th they report:

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| Calls made | 250 |
| Leaves sold | 49 |
| Messages given | 230 |
| Visits made | 6 |

From August 25th to October 30th, sixty seven days, they report:

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| Calls made | 7093 |
| Messages distributed | 7017 |
| Heralds sold and given | 950 |
| Leaves of Healing sold and given | 900 |

Total since Aug. 25th, 8,867 pieces

Portland has a population of about 250,000.

ZION SEVENTIES IN IOWA.

Messrs. Banks and Anderson, Zion Seventies working in Fort Dodge, Iowa, for the week ending November 6th, report:

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| Calls made and Zion messages given | 1110 |
| Leaves of Healing sold | 112 |
| Zion Heralds sold | 87 |

These brethren meet many hundreds of people as Zion's representatives. Pray earnestly for them that the testimonies they may give concerning the Full Gospel may lead many hearts to God.

**Shiloh Tabernacle**

**Latest News: 11:25 a. m.**

**November 19, 1909.**

**Balance Needed for next Payment**

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He sendeth His word and healeth them.

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# LEAVES OF HEALING

I am the Lord that healeth thee.

And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

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# The Gospel of the Kingdom

## A Salvation By Faith Without Works

*By O. L. Tindall*

No one can be other than deeply impressed with the great lack of faith in these days. It would seem that it was almost absolutely lacking. Zion lacks faith. She may have some, but she ought to have vastly more. A man cannot but realize this most deeply as he reads his Bible and sees what it says about faith; how faith is exalted, and what it will do if exercised by a people.

Faith wrought righteousness.

Faith stopped the mouths of lions.

Faith put the armies of aliens to flight.

By faith, women received their dead back to life; and nothing was able to withstand faith.

Have we faith today? If so, how much? The devil preaches works, and confuses the minds of a great many good meaning people. The devil can do many mighty works, but he cannot do the works of faith.

Sinners do works, and then they deride the so-called saints and say, "See what we do." The so-called "charity balls" and theatrical benefits for the sufferers raise more money than the churches, very often. The Baal worshippers—the Freemasons, the Oddfellows—and the Life Insurance companies boastingly say, "We do more for our poor than the churches." So the poor people go to them and leave the poor parsons to preach to their empty pews.

### Works of Faith

What are works of faith? They are works which man cannot do; works over and above the power and wisdom of men; works which are wrought without the aid or help of men. Paul, in his epistle to the Romans, makes the clear distinction between works of faith and mere works of men. He says that if salvation, or anything else, was by works, then was it reckoned as a debt and not of grace. If a man works for a thing, then he earns it and it becomes a debt; or, if a man does or makes a thing himself, it is no more of grace or free gift.

Pure works of faith are such as man has no hand in accomplishing: as, for instance, the fall of Jericho. Nothing was done by Joshua and his people to cause those walls to fall. Had Joshua used battering rams or sledges and picks to raze them, then the walls of Jericho would have fallen by works. But no, so far as man is concerned, faith was the only element that entered in. Had Moses thrown some pontoon bridges across the Red Sea, and the children of Israel had crossed over dry shod, would that have been counted a work of faith? Surely not. Grant could cross streams with his army in that way. Great leaders of armies have done all kinds of deeds in overcoming obstacles; but they were not the works of faith. All that these mighty men of God did was to trust God for great results and He did the works. Did Daniel stop the mouths of lions by some charm or hypnotic influence? Did the three Hebrew children quench the violence of that fiery furnace with a Babcock's fire extinguisher? Did the woman who had been sick for twelve years get her healing by the help of the doctors or their devilish drugs? Or were they a hindrance and only made her vastly worse? Paul said these marvelous things were by faith, or else a man would have somewhat to boast. No, said he, it must be manifestly and unmistakably by faith, and so by grace.

### Has the So-Called Church of Today Any Works of Faith?

I answer, No; not that anyone can see. What the churches do today can be done by the devil, and is being done by him to show the world that he can and does do more good works than the Christ Himself. Do the churches build hospitals? So does the devil, and he outdoes them. They are the devil's work-

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shops. Do the churches build fine temples of worship? So does Mrs. Eddy and her cult—the very vicegerents of hell. Do the churches raise money for the mine sufferers? So do the theatres, and they can raise two dollars to the one of the churches. The devil duplicates and double discounts all the works of the so-called Christians today. Who builds the greatest universities? Why, the devil. Who has the most renowned preachers? Why, the men who repudiate the Bible as an inspired Book, and reject Jesus Christ as the Divine Savior of mankind. Who runs the magazines today and furnishes the most of the reading for the people? There is only one answer to this question. It is infidel and so vicious.

**The Church of Jesus Christ Must Out-Do the Devil,**

The magicians of Egypt did, apparently at least, many of the miracles that Moses did. As long as they could do that, they could hold the people and the old king. Moses had to show himself superior by doing something which they could not do. So must the children of God now. So long as the world can stand up and say, "We can do all that you Christians do, and even more and better," then the people will go with them. Elijah said the same thing to the people and to the prophets of Baal. "We will put it to the test, and the God that answers by fire, let him be God." Let us say the same thing to the modern Baal worshipers or Masons. "If you are superior to the Church of Christ, then let the people all become worshipers of your god." Masonry often boasts that she does more for her poor people than does the Church.

Christ came not only to build a church that would surpass any and all the institutions of the world, the flesh and the devil, but one that should destroy the works of the devil.

God put one weapon into the hands of His Church whereby she was to conquer and destroy and pull down all the strongholds of the devil.

This is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith.

If you have faith, even no larger than a grain of mustard seed, ye can remove mountains.

**Signs and Wonders Must Follow.**

Signs and wonders will follow faith just as certainly as an explosion will follow the lighted fuse leading to an explosive. It is the nature of the one as well as of the other. Signs and wonders shall follow whom? Why, them that *believe.*

**Jesus' Definition of Works.**

Then said they unto Him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God.

Jesus answered and said unto them, THIS IS THE WORK OF GOD: That ye believe in Him Whom He hath sent.—John 6:28-29.

It is not a matter of what man can do, but what man can get God to do through him. When man has done all, what is it? But little.

The world gave but little heed to Jesus or to the Apostles, or to John Alexander Dowie, until they began to do mighty deeds and the signs began to follow. It took these to persuade the world that God was in it.

Nicodemus said to Jesus, "God must be with you or you could not do these things."

I knew of a wonderful case of healing a few years ago which drew this confession from an infidel doctor who, with many others had known the case for years, and had declared it to be a perfectly hopeless case, so far as man was concerned. Said he, after the woman was healed instantly, "Any man who will say that was not a miracle is a liar." Faith is the conductor through which the power of God is transmitted. If there are no obstacles—sin, or unbelief—the thing will be done, and you will have whatsoever you desire and ask, and even more than ye think or ask for.

# The True Vine, His Branches and Their Mission

An Address Delivered at a Divine Healing Meeting in Shiloh Tabernacle, Tuesday Afternoon, October 26, 1909

*By General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva*

**Presumptuous Sin.**

In the Psalms we read, "Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins." To tempt God is a sin of presumption. For me to take up a glass containing poison and drink some of its contents, would be to commit a presumptuous sin.

The devil wanted the Savior to jump down from the pinnacle of the temple, and told Him that God would take care of Him; but Jesus answered him, "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God."

Some people think that, because they are trusting God, they can neglect to clothe their bodies properly, and they do all kinds of foolish things, and then expect God to take care of them.

I tell you, women who go around exposing their arms and necks and bosoms to the weather through devilish style, and then get sick, I have no faith to pray for them. We have had a number in this Church die just through sheer carelessness along these lines, and nothing else. Now, that is a sin of presumption.

You can expect God to take care of you only when you are in God's Way.

**The Unpardonable Sin**

Then there is the "unpardonable sin"—"blasphemy against the Holy Ghost"—which means ascribing to the agency of Satan, works that are wrought through the agency of the Holy Ghost; and the Bible says that "it hath no forgiveness, neither in this age, nor in the age to come."

What are the names of those two ages? When the Savior uttered those words, what age was he in? He was in the last of the Jewish Age, and the Age then to come would be the Gospel Age.

I have received a large number of letters, asking what the "sin against the Holy Ghost" is, and if it ever will be forgiven.

The Bible says that "it hath neither forgiveness in this Age nor in the Age to come;" but as to what will be God's mercy in the Age following the "Age to come," the Word of God is silent, and you can only draw the inference.

When you teach the doctrine of the restoration of all things, and the ultimate salvation of all through Jesus the Christ, you are always confronted with the question regarding "the sin of blasphemy against the Holy Ghost;" but it is perfectly plain.

**God Tempteth No Man.**

Is a man ever tempted of God?

People: "No."

General Overseer: No; the Word of God tells us that God "cannot be tempted, neither tempteth He any man." We are never tempted of God; but all temptation comes from the devil.

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The devil can make impressions upon the mind, just the same as can the Holy Spirit: and regarding your treatment of the devil—the Bible says you must resist him. That is just the reason why we find people today who are trying to tear themselves away from his hands, but are powerless to do so because they have not resisted him. They have listened to and yielded to Satan until he has control of them.

When a man is tempted to take a glass of whiskey for the first time, and he resists right there, then the devil will flee from him, and will never be able to have him bound in chains.

It is when men and women listen to the devil and entertain and encourage him, that they become bound by vices of various kinds. Suicide—who put the thought of suicide into a man's mind? Why, the devil, because he was a murderer from the beginning, and he is the destroyer.

**God Hates Sin**

Sin is not the work of God, for God hates sin, and he sent Jesus the Christ into the world to destroy sin—and it will be destroyed in every man who will yield himself to God.

**The Results of Sin**

Now, sin is followed by sickness and disease and death. It cannot be refuted by any man that if there had never been any sin there never would have been any sickness nor any disease: No devil, no sin; no sin, no disease; no disease, no death; no death, no hell.

This is a proposition which ought to be accepted by every child of God, and embraced and defended at all times and in all places; and therefore every child of God ought to get into Zion, and stand with a Movement which lays hold of these wonderful truths, and is not afraid to preach them and defend them, and to live them. Sin is the cause of disease.

**Proof that Christ Came to Destroy the Devil's Work**

What is our proof that sin and disease are the work of Satan? "Christ came to destroy the works of the devil." Now, Christ destroyed disease when he was upon the earth. Therefore, disease must have been the work of the devil, for Christ would not have destroyed the works of His own Father.

What other passage of scripture proves that disease is the work of Satan?

People: Acts 10:38."

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power; who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil: for God was with him.

General Overseer: Then all the people whom Jesus healed were oppressed of the devil. Whenever a minister tells you that God has afflicted you, he tells a lie; whenever men and women tell you that God afflicts you and puts disease upon you, they tell a falsehood.

Give another text of scripture to prove that disease is the work of the devil.

People: "Luke 13-16"

And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?

General Overseer: Now, are you quite satisfied, in your own minds, that sickness and disease are the work of the devil and the result of sin?

People: "Yes."

General Overseer: Every disease and all sickness, in every case, are there any exceptions?

People: "No."

**All Subject to Test**

General Overseer: What about a preacher who is sick, is it just the same with him?

People: "Yes."

General Overseer: Yes; there is not one law for the preacher and another for the people; all sickness and all disease are the result of sin.

Let us see what the devil did so far as Peter was concerned. Christ said to Peter, "Satan hath made a request for you, that he might sift you as wheat; but I have made supplication for you, that your faith fail not." Christ prayed that Peter's faith should not fail; but his faith did fail, and he yielded to the devil and denied the Christ. God permits every man to be proved.

God Almighty permitted Abraham to go up to the altar with his son Isaac, and when Abraham stood the test, then God delivered him, for he had been proved.

And so God proves us, and every man is tested and some time God may withdraw his hand and let the whole world come up against Zion; and then, perhaps, the devil will say after a while, "Yes, look at those people, they have stood the test through it all; but let me go at them again, they have lost their property and all they have, but let me go at them and I will show whether or not they will still stick to that Zion.

These are truths that it is well for everybody to keep in mind, because as you go around the world and meet people, you ought to be in a position to place these truths before them.

**Jesus the Christ the Only Remedy for Sin, Sickness, Disease and Death**

Now, the third great truth that we want to get before you and before the world, is the remedy for all sin and disease.

The blood of Jesus the Christ is the only remedy for all sin and disease; there is absolutely no other remedy. No, there is no other remedy. Therefore, Zion classes doctors and drugs and devils all together; that is, that they are not from God. Then someone says, "What are you going to do when you break your leg?" Well, I do not intend to break my leg: this breaking the leg is always carelessness and foolishness. God has promised us in His Word, that He will keep all of our bones, and that not one of them shall be broken.

**Joys of Divine Protection**

Well, it is true that God protects and takes care of His children; but He expects us to use good common sense and wisdom. Every time I step into a street car or a train, I lift my heart to God for protecting care.

There is no truth more beautiful, or more plainly taught, than God's loving care over us. What a sweet thing it is for the aged man and woman, as well as for the little child, to pray to God at night for His angels to watch over them, and know that God will answer the prayer.

My brothers and sisters, I tell you that God's Word is all true, and He will fulfil every promise; and I thank God that in Zion we have learned a little about how to claim His precious promises; but let us go on and learn more and more. What I covet mostly for this people is a deeper and more spiritual life. May God grant it!

You will get to that place only by communing with God and studying His Word; that is the only way to obtain spiritual life and power.

The rank and file of men and women today are almost wholly engrossed with the affairs of this life; when such things ought not to have anything to do with men and women, except as they use them in serving their God.

**The Devil Blinds The Eyes.**

I often wonder why it is that people cannot see that the only life worth living is life of complete trust in God at all times. Ah! Satan hath blinded their eyes; and how often you hear people say, "Well, I am going to have a good time."

Yes; you see that young fellow disobeying his father and his mother, and he is going to have what he calls "a good time."

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He sendeth His word and healeth them.
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# General Overseer's Notes

HEADQUARTERS OFFICES OF THE CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC CHURCH IN ZION, City Hall Building, ZION CITY, ILL., U. S. A., November 27, 1909.

## The Sword of the Spirit is The Word of God

THE WORD of God is sharper than any two-edged sword.

TO BE a worker in God's vineyard, one must prayerfully read and study His WORD, and become so thoroughly conversant with it that he will, at all times, and in all places and under all circumstances, be ready with the WORD of God to meet every temptation, and to face every problem.

NO MERE intellectual knowledge will suffice: spiritual things are spiritually discerned.

ALL OF the wisdom of this world cannot enable the possessor to see, or to hear or to understand the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.

IT IS possible for a person to know thoroughly the letter of the Bible; to be able to name all the books; readily give an outline of them; answer a thousand and one questions; and still, in the truest sense, know nothing whatever concerning the WORD of God.

ZION HONORS the WORD; and all Zion's workers, standing in the midst of an unbelieving, crooked and perverse generation, must faithfully proclaim the infallible inspiration and sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures as the rule of faith and practice.

FAITH COMETH by hearing, and hearing by the WORD of God.

THE REASON why there is so little faith in the world today is because of the widespread ignorance of the WORD of God.

THE MORE you know of the WORD, and the more truly you receive, believe and act upon it, the greater will be your faith.

BELIEVING IS seeing: seeing is not believing.

PAUL SAID to Timothy, "Preach the WORD."

THE MINISTERS of God are not called and sent out to deliver learned discourses, so-called scientific, philosophical, oratorical and allegorical addresses—they are called and sent out to preach the simple WORD OF GOD.

SO LONG as Zion is content to follow God and obey His WORD, just so long will the work prosper; and just as it doth not yet appear what the sons of God will be, neither can anyone say what the Zion Movement will be in twenty years.

Zion's mission is the salvation, the healing, the cleansing, and the redemption of man from sin and disease, and death and hell.

BE A worker.

Scatter Leaves of Healing, Zion Herald and Zion tracts everywhere you go. The influence of a piece of Zion literature, when once started in circulation, cannot easily be determined.

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ZION PEOPLE should never spend their money for that which is not bread, and they should never labor for that which satisfieth not.

GOD CONTINUES to bless. Some very remarkable healings have recently taken place. Only this morning, twenty-four applications for fellowship were received from China, and six from England.

A BEAUTIFUL spirit prevails in the Church. The people have a mind to work, and the work is going forward rapidly.

THANKSGIVING DAY was appropriately observed in Zion City by a Special Thanksgiving Service in Shiloh Tabernacle, beginning at 9:30 a. m., and closing at 11 a. m. The attendance was large, the interest intense, and the time was far too short for many hundreds to pray and speak who desired to do so.

MATTERS OF great importance to Zion are now being thoroughly considered, as will be shown by the fact that the Council and myself spent almost ten hours in conference yesterday: from 2 p. m. to 11:30 p. m., with but a few minutes intermission.

LET ONE and all everywhere, officers, members and friends, men, women, youths, maidens and little children, reconsecrate themselves to God; and let the passion of every life be the salvation of the sinner, the establishment of the Kingdom of God, and the preparation of the people for the Coming of the King.

BE THOU faithful unto death, and God will give unto thee the crown of life.

WORK.
WATCH.
PRAY.

# The True Vine, His Branches and Their Mission.

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He starts in smoking and drinking, and running with fast women and going to theaters. Ah, yes! and before he is twenty-five years of age you see him spitting out his very lungs, and at the age of twenty-six years he dies and goes to his grave. Why? Because he was going to have a "good time" and not stay around "his mother's apron-string"' Ah, yes! "She that liveth in pleasure is dead while she lives."

I tell you, my brothers and sisters, every man and woman who lives only in the pleasure of this world, will pay for it. Look around in our cities today, at the hundreds and thousands and tens of thousands who are rotting from the crown of their head to the soles of their feet with syphilitic diseases, and are dying worse than a million deaths; but they still keep on living in what they call the "pleasures" of this life.

The only real pleasure is that which the Christian enjoys—and that is the only pleasure which never leaves a sting.

### In The Grasp of Sin.

Look at the men who are spending their money drinking and treating their friends. I have known a number of men to put a hundred and sixty acres of fine land down their throats, and also the carpets from the floors, and finally the last book they had in the house; and then comes *delirium tremens* and a bullet through the brain, and finally they enter a suicide's grave and are swept into hell. And yet such people do know better.

A few days ago, a prominent man in Chicago developed a little abcess on his leg below the knee. They took him to a hospital and stuck a knife into that abcess, and the next day he was a corpse. And that is the story of many other people all over the country every day; and you can talk yourself dead in your tracks, and people will go right on with their folly just the same.

When you see a young man with his first glass of whiskey in his hand, and you tell him that if he takes it he will fill a drunkard's grave, he will laugh at you; but go along a few years into the future of his life, and that same man will tell you that the desire for whiskey comes upon him so strongly that he would go through hell in order to get it.

The body is a wonderful machine, and it must be taken care of and properly used.

### Look Upon the Bright Side of Life.

You people who are in need of healing, I exhort you today always to look upon the bright side of life, and not upon the dark side; I know that there are some of you in your present condition through no sins of your own. I know one woman who has been paralyzed all of her life, because, when she was a baby, a little girl who was carrying her dropped her on the sidewalk.

Think less about your healing simply for yourself, and more about God. Be sure that you have God dwelling in you.

### Seek Healing for the Glory of God.

Some people seek healing from a selfish standpoint. Know that your spirits are cleansed and that your blood is cleansed, for there is where God's work begins—in the spirit; and the most important thing is to be right before God.

Now, Christ was manifested to destroy the works of the devil. Just remember that healing comes from God. It is the prayer of faith that saves the sick. It is the men and the women of God—who believe in and trust God in the face of the fiercest storm—who win the victories.

Get more life!

A live spirit means a live body. Come to the meetings after having been in communion with God, and let His glory shine in your faces. It is, "according to the power of God that worketh in you." That is the question. Is there enough of His power working in you to lift up your voice in prayer in His Sanctuary?

There are some of you people in need of healing whom I would like to see pray to God this afternoon with the tears streaming down your cheeks. Become really in earnest for your healing. God knows when you are in earnest and when you have a set purpose in your heart. Some of you have never yet shed a tear over your healing, and then you wonder why you are not healed.

### Never Take "No" for an Answer."

My brother, my sister, you must go after your healing with

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a faith that never will take "No" for an answer; and you must be willing to pay the price.

Self-denial, self-sacrifice, dying daily is what God demands of every one; then keep nothing back from Him, but make a full surrender, for that is the only way. And when you pray you must be able truthfully to say to Him, "Lord, I believe."

When Jesus said to the blind men, "Believest thou that I am able to do this?" they answered Him, "Yes, Lord;" and they told the truth.

Ah! my brothers and sisters, if over we get here a Church such as I desire to see, you then will feel the mighty power of God immediately you enter the door. Let us have here a Church the members of which can sing "Nearer, my God, to Thee" so that it will cause the very canopy of Heaven over your heads to be moved.

What do you think of a person in need of healing who will never even pray in a meeting and ask God to heal him? And what do you think of a person in need of healing who never will get up and say "O God, I thank you for what you have done for me?" Not a word of thanksgiving and praise. Then some of them will come up to the Convocatian and say, "Well, I often thought I would, but never had an opportunity!"

A child of God say "I cannot praise His Name?" "I cannot pray?" Ah! is there not enough of the Spirit of God within to stir to action? Then I am afraid there is something wrong.

### Greater Spiritual Awakening Needed.

We had a glorious Convocation, but we ought to have another one. Let me tell you, Zion, you will not see the signs and wonders following, and the manifestation of the Spirit, until there is still further mighty awakening in the hearts and lives of the people. The great spiritual awakening which has begun must proceed.

Read the Acts of the Apostles. After Ananias and Saphira dropped dead, some very wonderful healings followed; and if the same kind of thing were to take place here, we would see the signs and the wonders following.

### Be Full of Faith and Never Doubt.

Read the Acts of the Apostles—one of the most wonderful books of the Bible—and you will find out that what I say is true. We must all get in earnest; and the sick must say, "Yes, Lord, I want my healing, and I will not let You go until I am healed;" and then you will receive the blessing.

And I say unto you, though he will not rise and give him because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.

And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

The only way to get your healing is to seek God in earnest; and there is no other way.

Then, my brothers and sisters, do not sit down and see how little you can do for God, but the spirit of the true Christian is "Lord, what lack I yet?" "Lord, is there one thing more that I can do? If so let me know what it is, and I will not sleep until I have done it." You must go all the way, and then you will find the favor of God. That is the only way.

May God richly bless you all and help you to be light-bearers. "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk," said the Apostle to the lame man at the beautiful gate of the Temple; and the Apostle took the man by the hand, and he immediately leaped up and walked, praising God.

How are you living: husband, wife, father, mother, son, daughter? What kind of life do you live in your home as God Almighty looks down upon you? Do you go about your home from morning until night acting in a manner well pleasing in the sight of God? And do you come to the sanctuary of God with a light step, a happy heart and a clear conscience?

### Have Faith in God

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Let come what may, God will give the man who is true and faithful and steadfast every good thing. Be faithful to God and then you will be conscious of a deepening of spiritual life; then you will get healing, and the Spirit of God will come into your life. If you desire more life, spend your life for God; not only your spiritual life, but also your physical life. The spending of your life in the service of God is the only way to become strong and vigorous. Look away from earth to Heaven and keep your eyes upon the Throne of God.

### Test the Word of God Daily

In this day and age it is a beautiful thing to be able to say, "Here is the Bible; thank God, I believe it with all my heart." Take the Bible and put it to the test, and it can never fail.

If some of you people would be lost in the saving of Zion City, you would get your healing and would not know when it came.

I do want to see you healed. It is no trouble for me to cry over somebody who is sick—not a particle. My sympathies go out to every sick one and I want to see you healed; but above all things, I want to see you each one right spiritually in the sight of God.

Let all Zion get back to God on a humble basis; then the windows of Heaven will be hoisted and the blessings poured out. God is training a people in Zion, and he will not defeat His purposes concerning us, nor allow them to be defeated.

### Have Great Desire to do Good

O! I have a passion for the salvation of humanity. Every day I cry to God to speedily give us this City, and to give us an orphans' home. O! how I would like to see a thousand little boys and girls, that are picked up around Chicago, brought out here and cleansed and warmly clad, and then trained up for God.

My heart was sad when I read some of the letters written by those poor fallen women who said, "what is the use to pray and preach to us; why do you not find homes for us to go into?" And they are quite right. Scores of them want to break loose from the awful chains which bind them, but what is the use for them to go into the streets of Chicago; let us get a home to which we can bring them.

I tell you, when we all get on fire for God then you will see the sick ones healed and the sinners saved, and a work done which will shake the whole world. That time is coming, and God is going to bless us and take care of us.

My brothers and sisters, get close to God today. Do you not know that every time you do wrong you lose ground; every time you lose your temper, you lose ground? Live your Christian life all the time. Live every minute as though you knew that Gabriel's trumpet would sound the next minute and that you would stand before the Judgment bar of God. Let your lights shine, and do what is right, and then God will bless you.

All then joined in singing the Doxology, after which, the Benediction was pronounced.

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# ZION SEVENTIES

*Deacon J. W. Friend*

*General Recorder*

For we are laborers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.—1 Cor. 3:9.

In the great harvest field of the world there is much work to be done. Many precious souls are suffering untold agonies; many are dying every day. The world needs something practical to help humanity to rise to a higher plane of living.

Zion has the message of the age: the practical message of Salvation and Healing, and the teaching that enables one to live a better and more useful life.

It is the duty of every Seventy to carry this message to those living in sin, and who do not know God's Way of Healing. We, as Seventies and Messengers of Jesus the Christ, cannot afford to let a single opportunity for doing good and helping others pass by. We should be more earnest and enthusiastic in our work of distributing the beautiful Gospel messages *and in getting the literature into the hands of the people*, for by so doing we are sowing the precious seed of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, thereby bringing joy and happiness into many lives and homes throughout the world.

Be a real, live worker in the Master's vineyard. Everyone can do something for Jesus the Christ. No one in the ranks of Zion Seventies need go through life empty handed. Let us grasp every opportunity we may have for doing good and make the most of it. Let us use our time and talents in helping others to live better lives. Be determined, by the grace of God, that you will do something to help others.

Be filled with the spirit of God, and let your cup of joy overflow. Pray earnestly for the extension of God's Kingdom upon earth.

### LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The following is an extract from a letter, dated Nov. 13, 1909 from Evangelist Darms, of Los Angeles, California:

"I want to send my own and my wife's name as Seventies in Los Angeles. We are going forward. Nothing like Zion. We are working earnestly. A hard field; Gospel hardened, in a way. Literature is grand. Pray for us. Send two thousand English tracts at once. Zion is certainly making rapid and sure strides."

### PORTLAND, OREGON

Deacon Frank Robinson writes as follows under date of Nov. 14, 1909:

"We had a very nice meeting this afternoon. There were eighteen all told, and some appeared quite interested.

"I know that God will bless Zion's efforts to save Zion City. What a joy it will be to point back to Illinois, and say, 'There is a city where God rules and man prospers.' May God hasten the day! We pray for the Salvation of Zion City morning, noon and night.

The following is the report for the last seven days—from Nov. 8th to 14th:

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|---|---|
| Calls made | 511 |
| Heralds sold | 10 |
| Leaves sold | 77 |
| Messages given | 505 |
| Visits made | 4 |
| Heralds mailed | 14 |
| Leaves of Healing mailed | 14 |

### IN RACINE, WIS.

Last Lord's Day, November 21st, Division No. 3, Deacon Marshall Moulton in charge, with forty workers, visited many homes in Racine and distributed English and German messages. They report work done as follows:

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|---|---|
| Calls made | 1563 |
| Messages given | 1563 |
| Cards distributed | 1570 |
| Leaves of Healing sold | 59 |
| Zion Herald sold | 35 |
| Total number of pieces distributed | 3227 |

Next Lord's Day, November 28th, Division No. 4 will go to Racine. Let all Seventies enrolled in this Division report for duty in order that we may have a full Seventy and do a greater work.

Division No. 2 will furnish workers for Milwaukee, Lord's Day, November 28, 1909. Report at the Chicago and Milwaukee Electric Depot, 7:15 a. m.

### KENOSHA, WIS.

Sixteen Seventies from the Zion Choir, with Deacon Hammond in charge, report splendid work done in Kenosha on Saturday, night, November 20th. The sale of the Leaves of Healing and Zion Herald has increased, and the personal work done is bearing much fruit. Deacon Hammond remained in Kenosha after the service Lord's Day with some who left Zion but will soon return and find peace and joy in the full Gospel as it is preached and lived in Zion. The word spoken in the streets and saloons will cause many to think of the wicked life they are living, and we trust will be a means of their turning to God and living a clean, pure and holy life.

The following is a note received by Deacon Hammond, from one of a quartet of earnest singers among his workers:

### THE POWER OF GOD IN GOSPEL SONG

Zion City, Ill., Nov. 22, 1909.

RECORDER OF ZION SEVENTIES: *Peace to thee!*

The varied experiences of the past two Saturday nights' work in the saloons of Kenosha, has proven the great power of the gospel in song and has shown that God can use even the weak things of this world to the devil's discomfiture. For the most part we were received kindly and courteously and were permitted to sing When once permission was granted, it was the exception if the singers were not urged, either by bartender or one or more of the habitues of the places, for "just one more song"—which provided a splendid opening for the disposition of the Leaves of Healing, Heralds and messages.

Space will not permit relating the many touching scenes witnessed. Many stood with uncovered heads, spirits were manifestly broken and men were brought to tears and the power of Zion's gospel was again demonstrated. One young man followed up from one saloon to another and offered to buy Leaves of Healing for each one in the place if we would only sing once again, which of course we did.

It is well nigh heart breaking to see fine young men and boys swarming the saloons.. It behooves each one of us to

Put on the Gospel armor
And watching unto prayer
Where duty calls or danger
Be never wanting there.

May God enable each one of us to be a blessing to these wayward, wandering sheep.

A SEVENTY WHO RETURNED WITH JOY.

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# Zion Temple Site and Buildings

## Purchased From the Receiver for $8,375.00

Zion people throughout the world rejoiced when the news reached them in July, 1908, that **Shiloh Tabernacle** had been purchased for $12,500.00.

A few months ago another step forward was taken, and the **Zion City General Stores** were purchased for $75,000.00.

Still another step has been taken, and the **Zion Temple Site, "Baby House," Band Stand and Fruit Stand** have been purchased for $8,375.00.

Let all Zion rejoice, thank God, take courage, and **Go Forward!**

God stands ready to redeem Zion City and to save it for Himself and for Zion people.

Let each and every one do his part, and a glorious work will be accomplished.

WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA.

# Shiloh Tabernacle

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# Cottage Prayer Meetings.

Cottage Prayer Meetings will be held throughout the City Monday night, November 29, 1909:

DIVISION NO. 1

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| Company A | 2119 Ezekiel Ave. |
| Company G | Bereiter's, S. Sheridan Road |
| Company D | 2719 Elizabeth Ave. |
| Company E | 2916 Elim Ave. |
| Company F | 3017 Elim Ave. |

DIVISION NO. 2

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| Company A | 1912 Gideon Ave. |
| Company B | 1821 Hermon Ave. |
| Company C | 2316 Gideon Ave. |
| Company F | 2706 Gilead Ave. |

DIVISION NO. 3

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|---|---|
| Company A | 2919 Gilead Ave. |
| Company B | 2922 Ezra Ave. |
| Company C | 3029 Gilead Ave. |
| Company D | 3008 Gabriel Ave. |
| Company E | 3104 Gabriel Ave. |
| Company F | 3018 Ezekiel Ave. |
| Company G | 3205 Ezra Ave. |
| Mr. Guschausky | 33rd St. west of Electric R. |

DIVISION NO. 4

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|---|---|
| Company B | 2829 Elisha Ave. |
| Company D | 2915 Elisha Ave. |
| Company E | 3217 Eshcol Ave. |

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He sendeth His word and healeth them.

PATIENCE

# LEAVES OF HEALING

I am the Lord that healeth thee.

And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

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# The Gospel of the Kingdom

## INSPIRATION

### Is It a Present-day Experience?

*By O. L. Tindall*

The word translated "inspiration" in the Scriptures, comes from the Greek word (*Theopneustos*), which means "in-breathed of God." That is what we mean when we talk of the Scriptures being inspired: we mean that God breathed into those men who wrote the Bible just what He wanted them to write. They may have been perfectly familiar with the Scriptures, as was the case with the Apostles, because they knew all about the wonderful events that had happened—as John says, We were eye-witnesses; our eyes have seen, and our ears have heard, and our hands have handled them—yet, when they came to write them down for future generations, they needed God to help them, and to tell them what He wanted preserved for men and the world that were to follow. God only knew how much and what ought to be preserved.

The Apostles did not write one hundredth part of what they saw and heard. God had to direct them as to what should be written, and what should be omitted. They were to tell many evil things that took place as well as to record that which was good. They were guided by what would be for the highest good of the generations who would come after them. Some of the Scriptures were written for our admonition and others for our example. God breathed into His prophets and apostles what He wanted them to write. That was the inspiration of the Scriptures, as Peter says, * * * "for the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man, but holy men of God spake *as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.*"

In the old Testament, how many times it is said, "And the Word of the Lord came" unto this one and that one, "Go, and say" thus and so. They delivered their messages as God gave them utterance, whatever that might be, whether good or evil. Whether men favored or frowned, a prophet had simply to speak as the Lord gave him utterance. That is inspiration. That is the way the Holy Scriptures came to us. That is why we call the Bible "The Word of God."

Man's part was simple. The Scriptures are more the Word of God than the word of man. God communicated His will to certain men and then told them, "Go and tell it to the world."

We all subscribe to the tenet that the Scriptures are inspired, and therefore they must be an infallible guide to action and to faith. But the question is:

#### Did Inspiration Cease With the Apostles?

A careful reading of the addresses delivered by our former leader at the Conferences held when the Christian Catholic Church in Zion was organized, will reveal that he taught most clearly and forcefully that it was not true that inspiration ceased when the last page of Holy Writ was completed. Inspiration goes on, and it is a common heritage among the children of God, and should be far more common now than in any former age. This is clearly taught in the Word itself. The old prophet Joel, foretold this in most unmistakable language, when he said that, in the last days, God would pour out His Spirit upon all flesh, upon young men and upon the maidens, and they should prophesy: that the Spirit of God should lead them. How strong the scriptures are on this point! "It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." No; how he would blunder and fall! "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the children of God." If any man have not the Spirit of God, he is none of His." Jesus told His disciples that, when they were taken before magistrates and kings, they should not trouble as

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to what they should speak; that it was the Holy Ghost who would speak through them.

Did that promise cease with Christ's immediate disciples? Surely not.

**Prayers Should Be Inspired.**

Paul said that we know not how or what to pray for as we ought; but the Spirit maketh intercession for us. He is our Advocate and Inspirer as to what we should pray. Cornelius had the right idea, when in his house, he said to Peter, "We are all here present before God to hear all the things that are commanded thee of God." He supposed, of course, that Peter was inspired when he spoke, and that he had a message from God, and not a finely-written essay to read before them, as many do, nowaday. No; this Roman centurion took it for granted that a messenger, or ambassador of God to men, would have a message from his Lord, and from the throne, and not an essay on Darwinism. A minister of the Lord Jesus Christ is supposed to have an inspired message for his flock. If he has not, he is simply feeding them on the bread that perisheth.

Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

**The Bible is an Inspired Book.**

given for our instruction in righteousness; but we need the help of the Holy Spirit to interpret it, and to know how and when to apply it to the affairs of everyday life. The Bible lays down great and universal principles of life and conduct: "Thou shalt not kill. Thou shalt not bear false witness. Thou shalt not commit adultery," etc., etc. These are plain and general principles, which need no special elucidation. But when Paul stood at Troas, he did not know whether he should go into Asia to preach, or over into Macedonia. He said the Spirit forbade him, or prevented him from going into Bithynia, and he was directed by the Spirit to go across the little sea iuto Macedonia. He had the general instruction, at the beginning, to go and preach the Gospel to the Gentiles and Jews, but he needed special help for details. So do we. Zion needs it today when she is deciding on so many important questions.

How careful she should be to have the guidance of the Holy Spirit so she may make no mistakes. But He has promised, as Jesus said, "to guide you into all truth." He hath said he would guide us with His eye, and lead us by His own right hand.

# Results of Abiding in Christ

**An Address delivered at a Divine Healing Meeting held in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, Tuesday Afternoon, November 2, 1909**

*By* GENERAL OVERSEER WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA

(REPORTED BY MISS SARAH J. BOOTH.)

The meeting was opened by the singing of the Hymn, "The Hem of His Garment:"

She only touched the hem of His garment
As to His side she stole,
Amid the crowd that gathered around Him,
And straightway she was whole.

She came in fear and trembling before Him,
She knew her Lord had come;
She felt that from Him virtue had healed her,
The mighty deed was done.

He turned with "Daughter, be of good comfort,
Thy faith hath made thee whole;"
And peace that passeth all understanding
With gladness filled her soul.

Oh, touch the hem of His garment!
And thou, too, shalt be free;
His saving power, this very hour,
Shall give new life to thee.

The Hymn entitled "The Sweetest Name," was also sung, after which the General Overseer spoke as follows:

There are certainly some wonderful promises in God's Word, and before we draw nigh to him in prayer, I want to call your attention to a few of the most striking of these promises.

In the Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter and the ninth verse, Christ said, "After this manner, therefore, pray, ye;" and the short prayer which he gave by way of direction inculcates, first of all, the recognition of God as our Heavenly Father. Surely there is something very beautiful in the thought of God being our Heavenly Father—"father" and "mother" and "home" are among the sweetest words in the English language.

For instance, the mere mention of "home" recalls to our minds a great many events, and even causes the grave to yield up its dead, and once more we stand amid familiar scenes and live life over again.

**Heaven One Vast Home**

You will remember that Heaven is simply one vast Home. Jesus said, "In my Father's house are many mansions;" but it is the Father's House, and the time will come when that Home will be complete, and when all of the children are gathered to their Father Who created them.

**Look up to God as Father**

And so when we pray we look up. Jesus looked up. We are told in the seventeenth chapter of the Gospel according to St. John that "Jesus lifted up His eyes to Heaven," and then He spoke to His Father. And that is the very first thing in prayer—to look upon God as "our Father."

Now, not every one can call God "Father" in the sense of being His children by adoption; but only those who have yielded themselves to Him and have been adopted into the one great family, becoming heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus the Christ. I trust that each one here this afternoon in that sense can, during the season of prayer which we shall spend, call God "Father"—"my Father"—"our Father."

"...Who art in Heaven," recognizes the place of His Throne. In one sense God is everywhere; in another He sits upon His Throne in Heaven, from which He rules the universe.

"...Hallowed (or reverenced—holy) be Thy Name." There are only two ways to use the Name of God; one is to use the Name of God reverently, and the other is to take His Name in vain; and one of the most terrible sins of the present time is that of taking the Name of God in vain. If one take the Name of God in vain he will not be held guiltless. In prayer, we ought to reverence God's Name, and to approach Him in the spirit of meekness and humility, realizing our absolute dependence upon Him for the air which we breathe, and for food, shelter and raiment.

Then comes that wonderful petition, "Thy Kingdom Come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in Heaven." Ah, how little the majority of people realize the real meaning of that petition! Individualism aud all selfishness must go before that prayer; and when you pray "Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in Heaven," then you must be willing that God's will shall be done in you, and you must make an absolute surrender to Him and live in accordance with His Word.

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"Give us this day our daily bread," means that we are not afraid to put our trust in God. Anxiety has no place whatever in the Christian life. In the Sermon upon the Mount, Christ said, "Be not anxious for the morrow."

**Anxiety Destroys Joy, Confidence and Health**

In Philippians the fourth chapter, Paul exhorts us to be "anxious for nothing." There are probably more people worn out by anxiety ond worrying than are killed by any other cause. The life of the Christian should be free from anxiety, and we should all have our faces turned toward the future. We are to go forward and not backward; salvation lies yonder and not behind; and our loved ones who have passed away are not in yonder cemetery, but they have crossed "the River" and have joined the throng on the other side, and it is folly to look in the dust for them.

**Ever Ready to Hear God's Voice and See His Leading Hand**

The ear should ever be open for the Voice that is calling us over yonder, and the eye should ever be open to see the Hand that is beckoning us to God. We should not be afraid to trust our God for spirit, soul and body; for food, shelter and raiment. In the face of impending calamities, it is a blessed thing to be housed in the Ark of Safety, and to know no fear of anything that is coming upon the earth.

**Favor From God Depends Upon Our Forgiving Spirit**

"Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us." God makes it absolutely necessary that there shall be a forgiving spirit for the reception of forgiveness from Him. The unforgiving man cannot be forgiven of God. He who holds hatred in his heart toward any human being, has yet a great deal to learn; for where the Spirit of God dwells, hatred cannot dwell. The Sermon upon the Mount commands us to love our enemies, and to pray for them which despitefully use us and abuse us. That is the Word of God, and that is the high standard of the Sermon upon the Mount.

**The Sermon on the Mount the Constitution of the Kingdom**

It is my earnest desire that in the next five years this Movement shall become a blessing to multitudes in all parts of the world; and to this end I want ever to keep before this Church the Sermon upon the Mount, and to exhort one and all, by the grace of God, to live it and daily to put it into practice.

To my mind, there is no more beautiful thought this side of Heaven than to think of one thousand, or five thousand, or ten thousand people living in one great Christian brotherhood, all living for each, and each living for all, cooperating one with another for the good of all and for the extension of the Kingdom of God.

"Lead us not into temptation," or, "permit us not to be overcome by temptation," and that is a petition which Christians ought to make every day. There never will be a time in this life, my brothers and sisters, when you will not be tempted.

It is true that temptations which once troubled you may trouble you no longer; but if you are a child of God then Satan will ever be on the alert to entice you and to destroy you.

**True Asking, Seeking and Knocking is From the Heart**

Jesus said, "Ask, and ye shall receive." Some people say, I have been asking but have not received;" but when they make such a statement as that they brand the words of Jesus as false, for He said, "Ask, and ye shall receive." It is one thing to ask with the lips, and another thing to ask with the heart.

Jesus also said, "Seek, and ye shall find." Yes, the hidden treasures of God will be found of him who earnestly seeks for them, and day by day you will descend into the marvelous depths of the riches of His grace and the wonders of His love, and the marvels of His revelations to the children of men.

Jesus also said, "Knock, and it shall be opened unto you." The door of the inexhaustible, bountiful Storehouse which God has provided will be opened unto all who truly knock.

**A**sk!
**S**eek!
**K**nock!

And then, further on, Jesus says,

Have faith in God!

When ye pray, believe that ye have that for which ye ask, and pray, and ye shall have it.

**Results of Abiding in Christ.**

"If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask whatsoever ye will, and it shall be done unto you"—for the simple reason that the man who abides in Christ and who has the words of Christ abiding in him, will realize the keeping power of God all the way along life's journey, and he will not be sick and be beset with calamities, and even before he calls, God will hear and answer him.

**How Abide in the Christ.**

Now, the only way to abide in Christ is to feed upon Christ. I wonder how many of you have been feeding upon Christ today? I never eat or drink, any day, until twelve or twelve-thirty o'clock; and yet, no matter how many duties are awaiting me at the office, I never allow oue morning to pass without going to God upon my knees before an open Bible and feeding upon Christ—thanking Him for His tender watch-care during the night and permitting me to see the light of another day. Every day comes freighted with sacred opportunities and blessed privileges; and each morning I ask God to guide in every thought, every word, and every deed, and that the whole tenor of my life may redound to his honor and glory.

The man or the woman who prays to God morning, noon and night, will find it comparatively easy to walk in the straight and narrow way, and then is when the transformation takes place. As Jesus prayed upon the Mount of Transfiguration His countenance was gradually changed, and His garment became so white that it could be made no whiter; and two heavenly Messengers appeared—Elijah and Moses—and He talked with them and His disciples had a glimpse of the Millennial glory; and by it they were prepared for the battles which they were soon to fight.

When going from home to home and kneeling and praying with the sick, what do we find? That in many cases the people do not feed upon Christ, and are not students of the Word of God; and, because their conversation is not in heavenly places, and they are not spiritually minded, it is oftentimes very difficult to fight the battles and to win the victory.

And so, I desire to impress upon your minds the many beautiful things that God has said regarding our privilege of drawing nigh to Him in prayer. I do not know of any privilege more blessed.

Think of how often the Savior prayed. He prayed all night —"He departed to pray"—and if the Savior had need to pray, then how much greater need have we to pray! No great and good thing ever was accomplished without prayer; it is only by earnest prayer that we win the victory. Heaven and earth will touch each other as you pray, and it is not so far into the "other world" as you might think; it is only a little way.

No sooner has the immortal spirit of a saint of God allowed to die away the last word of farewell to friends here below, than he hears the glad welcome from the "other side."

**The Spirit To Keep the Body Under.**

The exhortation to us, all through fhe Word of God, is that we shall keep the body under, and that the Spirit shall dominate; and while our bodies must be fed and our thirst satisfied, and

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He sendeth His word and healeth them.
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I am the Lord that healeth thee.
And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.
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# EDITORIAL NOTES

*By O. L. Tindall*

THE POET sings:

> Blest be the tie that binds
> Out hearts in Christian love,
> The fellowship of kindred minds
> Is like to that above.

The same thought is expressed by the Apostle in his Epistle to the Ephesians, when he says,

"For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named."

It is a wonderful thought that there is one family on earth and in heaven.

THIS THOUGHT brings heaven very near to us, and shows us what is expected of God's children here. The family ought to be the same.

IT WOULD seem there is only the difference of location: one part has simply gone on before.

GOD'S FAMILY ought to live here as they do there, for they are all one.

We have very exalted ideas of heaven, and what it will be to be there. We make wonderful pictures in our minds of heaven, and what its people are like, and what they will do, and what they will be.

We would love to throw back the curtain that is between us and the other shore, and take a look inside.

WHAT GLORIES we would see!

THERE ARE many passages in the Word of God that do open up the wonderful scene.

THIS IS one: Paul says it is one family—a part over there, and the rest on this side.

What we are here, we will be there, with some conditions changed; but in real essence we will be the same.

Eternal life is given us here. It is the same yonder beyond the skies. It is the same life. It is the gift of God. It cannot change.

IT IS the Christ life, and it will continue to be the same there as here. We cannot imagine that Christ changes. The real Christian life is what the Apostle said:

"It is not I that live, but Christ liveth within me."

A GREAT change comes over the man. It is no longer I that live. It is a new life. It is Christ formed within. It is the Christ life.

IT IS this that makes all true Christians one, because men have been made "new creatures in Christ Jesus."

HOW FAR from being "one" are men in the world!

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THEZ ARE at variance. They cannot live together in peace and harmony. They live as strangers and foreigners.

State and national lines divide them. There is no fellowship as the world goes.

The brotherhood of mankind, which we hear so much about in the world, is a farce.

They bite and devour one another. They war and strive against each other. That is the old story of the world, and has been since Cain, the first son of Adam, slew his brother out of envy and jealousy

THIS WORLD will never be brought back into unity and felship and true brotherly love until it is created anew in Christ Jesus. This is the only real union possible. Anything else is a mere sham—only an imitation.

THE "FRATERNAL Brotherhoods," so-called, of the world, are bound together by a rope of sand, not by the tie that binds the Christian hearts and minds.

HOW ARE Christians one?

BECAUSE THEY have the same Spirit. A Christian is a man, says the Apostle, who has the Spirit of Christ. The man who is led by the Spirit of Christ, he is a child of God.

"IF ANY man have not the Spirit of Christ he is none of His."

IF ALL men have the same spirit, they must be the same in a most essential way or sense.

IT IS not conformity of life and manners, of rules and rituals, that makes men one. It is not kindred of birth and blood, not common parentage, according to the flesh.

"NOT ALL are Israel who are of Israel;" neither are all the children of Abraham who are of his seed according to the flesh, but only those who are of the faith of Abraham, argues the Apostle. A common membership in the same organization does not make a true union, a real Christian family.

## WHO IS MY BROTHER?

CHRIST SAID, "Whosoever doeth the will of My Father Who is in heaven, the same is My mother and My brother."

THIS TIE or bond of union or fellowship is above all others on earth. This may break the natural bond that binds father to son, or mother to daughter, or wife to husband. Men who have the mind or the Spirit of Christ, and do the will of the Father, constitute the family of God on earth and the family in heaven.

WHEN WE have such a family, then it will not be difficult to unite them in one visible union or organization, one great Church of Jesus Christ, such as He had in mind when He prayed that they might all be one—one visible Church—that we might present to the world a united Body as well as a unity of the Spirit.

IF WE profess to be one in Spirit, let us live it in our outward lives.

IF WE are joined in heart, why not in hand also?

IF THY heart be right with my heart, then give me thy hand.

GOD'S PEOPLE should be one.

BUT LET them get on the right basis of union, and not try to unite discordant elements. The Word of God does not expect us to unite with the world, the flesh and the devil, but to come out from among them, and be separate.

THERE WILL be a real and final separation of the good from the evil, of the chaff from the wheat, of the goats from the sheep.

MAY WE be among those who go to the right hand and into the Kingdom prepared for His children.

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we must have sleep and rest, yet, every time that the body is indulged, even one iota, you do it at the expense of the spirit. Mortify your members that are upon the earth and put them under, and live the true Christ-like life, and be earnest in prayer.

**God's Will Learned Through Studying His Word.**

This afternoon we have met to hold a Divine Healing service, and to learn of God through the study of His Word; we have come together to go over the narratives of healing in the Early Church, that we might be instructed, comforted and encouraged thereby.

It always encourages the pilgrim along his journey, to read how some other one who has gone on before has been sustained and comforted and helped, and at last has won the victory; and that is the reason why God's children ought to testify. If God has kept you, lo, these many years, without sickness, then why not tell the story so that others may know that God is able to keep them? If God has healed you, let others know it; if God has saved you and has filled your cup of joy to overflowing, tell the story to others, and let all the earth ring with praises to God. He is a wonderful Father and has done great things for His children; and we are not half grateful enough.

Let your light shine, and do not be afraid to own your God and to confess your Savior wherever you are and wherever you go.

**Efficacy of Bowing in Prayer**

Now, this afternoon, as we bow in prayer—now, there is not any particular virtue in the posture so far as God is concerned; but from a life-long experience I know that to kneel in prayer is far more conducive to worship, and that the effect upon a person's spirit, soul and body, is the best of any posture that can be assumed; and I believe that it was a sad departure when the members of churches ceased to kneel in prayer; and I hope the day will soon come when every member of this Church as he enters his seat will kneel in prayer—above all things, let us bow in spirit, and worship our God in reverence. You who are here this afternoon for healing, pray for your healing. I would feel very much more hopeful for you if, in these Divine Healing Services, you were earnest enough regarding your healing to cry to God. Yes, it may be—and it ought to be—with tears streaming down your face, pleading with God to let the Holy Spirit come upon you, and to make you well, to His Name's honor and glory.

The people are not earnest enough. As I told you on last Lord's Day afternoon, I long for a Church the members of which will learn how to say "Amen." A long sermon could be preached on that little word "Amen;" and every time you say "Amen" you are saying to God, "Yes, Father, I meant every word that I said." Jesus is called the "Amen," that is one of His Names, and he began many of His most wonderful sayings, "Verily, verily, I say unto you"—"Amen, amen, I say unto you." Let us learn to pray and to commune with God.

O, my brother and sister, if you are saved, there is for you the deepening and the quickening of the spiritual life, and there is for you the burning out of all dross and the cleansing from all iniquity. If your cry is, "O, for a closer walk with God," then it will be that you shall feel the thrill of His love and the blessedness of His presence, and you shall know something of His power.

In almost every Divine Healing service there comes to my mind the words spoken by the Apostle when, with holy hands uplifted and with his face toward the very Throne of God, he said, "Now unto Him Who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." Yes, the Word of God can thrill the spirit and can flood the soul and permeate the body to the very finger tips, when one is filled with the power of God. Then it is that one can keep free from sickness, and free from pain and suffering, and free from calamity, and can walk in the sunshine of the Sun of righteousness every day, and there never will be any darkness come over your sky, but it will always be flooded with light. And that is the privilege of each one of God's children.

**Prayer a Serious Service.**

Then, this afternoon, I plead for a prayer service. It is no perfunctory service with me when I say, "Let us pray." O, no; it is a call into the very presence of God. "Draw nigh unto God and He will draw nigh unto you." I want you to pray knowing no one either at the right hand or at the left; to pray for no human ear or for no human eye; but to pray so that your prayer will reach the ear of God—the very Throne of Heaven. Pray this afternoon both for yourselves and for others, and may god help you to pray this afternoon.

My brothers in the ministry, if you do not know how to pray, then your ministry is of no account; if you do not go into every battle determined to win, then God will not accept you. You should never lessen your determination in the face of any foe, and you never should turn away discouraged, nor drop a single word to the effect that you do not expect victory to be written upon your banner.

This Church can become all that God wants it to become if we all will only get to the place where God wants us to be; and you can receive your healing as you sit in this meeting, without the touch of a human hand.

**Healing as a Consequence of Faith in God's Word.**

I have thought so often of the time when I sat in a room in a little cottage in Auckland, New Zealand, before an aged man and woman nearly eighty years old, in the year 1901, and I listened to her simple story of how, twenty years before that time, she had sat on a bench in a hall in Auckland while Dr. Dowie told of Jesus the Healer, and she was perfectly healed. As she sat there and listened to his words, the power of God fell upon her; and when I saw her in the year 1901, she had then been healed for twenty years.

You will remember that it was while Peter quietly preached, that the Holy Ghost fell upon the people in the house of Cornelius; and that is the way the manifestations of God's power are given when the conditions are met—all at once the heavens are opened, and the blessings come down upon the people. Meet the conditions, and the blessings are yours. Are you earnest enough this afternoon to pray for your healing? Have you ever prayed in the Sanctuary? Have you ever testified in the Sanctuary?

**Influence of Praise, Prayer and Testimony in the Sanctuary.**

Oh, that God would loosen the tongues that are tied, and would impart the power of speech, and give unto each one the language of the Holy Spirit to sing His praises in the Sanctuary! You never can tell what will be the effect of a word rightly spoken; it is like when you throw a pebble into the ocean—it starts in motion waves that recede far beyond the range of human vision, and no one knows how long the wave motion continues. Just so with a word that is fitly spoken in the Sanctuary of God, for God alone knows its far-reaching effect. May God help us to pray this afternoon.

**Christ Our Intercessor.**

There is no hymn that I love more than the one—"I have a Savior; He's pleading in Glory." Christ is our Intercessor.

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I have a Savior, He's pleading in glory,
A dear, loving Savior, tho' earth-friends be few;
And now He is watching with tenderness o'er me,
And Oh, that my Savior were your Savior, too!

I pray that God will make this true of every officer and every member in this Church; that God may cast out every spirit foreign to the Holy Spirit; fill this people with the Holy Spirit, and bless them and make them a blessing to humanity; and may our sympathies go out to the whole world and to all humanity today.

**Narratives of Healing Recorded in the Acts**

Following a hearty prayer service, and the singing of the hymn "Why not Now," General Overseer Voliva said:

I desire to call your attention very briefly to the narratives of healing as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles—stopping only a moment or two to emphasize the descriptions in general of the marvelous signs and wonders that took place in the Early church.

In the book of the Acts of the Apostles there are twenty-eight chapters, and in the Gospel according to St. Matthew there are also twenty-eight chapters. In studying the Bible, it is always well to bear in mind the number of chapters there are in the book which you are studying; and I trust that you will get into your minds very thoroughly the chapters and the verses giving an account of the different healings that were wrought in the Early Church.

**The Lame Man Healed at the Temple Gate**

In the Acts of the Apostles, the first miracle of healing that we have recorded is in the third chapter—the healing of the lame man at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple, through the agencies of the Apostles Peter and John.

You will remember that one of the first and most beautiful and helpful of all the sermons recorded in the bound volumes of the "Leaves of Healing," is the one in the First Volume on "The Opening of the Beautiful Gate of Divine Healing."

The entire third chapter of the Acts of the Apostles is taken up with the story of the healing of this lame man; he was forty years of age and never had been able to walk. You see what encouragement there is for you who are in need of healing, because there is not a case here so difficult as his was; he was over forty years of age and never had walked in his life, and he was instantly healed. The Apostle Peter said to him, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I unto thee: in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up."

**The Sick of the Palsy Healed**

The second case of healing is recorded in the ninth chapter of Acts, the case of a man by the name of Aeneas, who was sick of the palsy and had been in bed for eight years. Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole; arise, and make thy bed." And he immediately arose and walked.

**Dorcas Raised From the Dead**

The third case of healing is recorded in the ninth chapter of Acts, the thirty-sixth to the forty-third verse, the wonderful story of a very godly woman by the name of Dorcas, whose goodness consisted principally in making garments for the poor.

God will never forget those who are kind to the poor. One of the great problems that I have to face in guiding the affairs of Zion, is to impress upon the minds of the intellectually and physically strong, that they must bear the infirmities of the weak; because in an organization such as Zion we have all kinds; and simply because some people are strong is no reason why they should oppress the weak and the poor. It is the duty of the strong to help the weak and be kind to them, and not to oppress them in any way.

My brothers and sisters, do not ever be guilty of making fun of a poor cripple or an imbecile or any other unfortunate person, I have seen that done right here in Zion City. Ah, God forbid that any member of this Church should ever be guilty of such conduct; it is bad enough when the little children do it.

There is the poor little boy who once had spinal meningitis, which left him mentally deranged; and yet some people are so callous and unwise, and so devoid of feeling and of human sympathy, as to make light of them and to have what they call "sport" at the expense of the poor, demented child.

Ah, God forbid that such should ever be true of any of the members of this Church, Zion, always be kind to the poor.

**An Awful Punishment**

I knew both the parties connected with one case where a young woman made fun of an old lady who had a nervous affliction of the face, and that young woman was seized with precisely the same kind of affliction and lost control of her eyes just the same as had the poor old lady whom she had mimicked. I tell you it is not a wise policy to make light of such things.

In Zion, there ought to be a deeper realization of the awful havoc wrought by Satan, and every sinner ought to elicit your deepest sympathy.

**The Impotent Man Healed.**

The next case of healing that we have is that of the man at Lystra, who was lame in his feet and had been crippled from birth. He heard Paul preach and had faith that he would receive his healing; and Paul, seeing his great faith, said to him, "Stand upright upon thy feet," and the man was instantly healed, and leaped and walked.

**Evil Spirits Cast Out.**

The fifth healing recorded in the Acts of the Apostles is in the sixteenth chapter—the case of the girl out of whom was cast a spirit of divination, through the ministry of Paul.

**Eutychus Restored to Life.**

The sixth case of healing recorded is that of Eutychus—in the twentieth chapter. First of all, Eutychus went to sleep in meeting when Paul was preaching, and he fell out of the third story window and was taken up for dead, and Paul went down and prayed for him and he was restored to life.

**Pnblius Cured of Fever.**

The seventh case of healing is that of the father of Publius, recorded in the twenty-eighth chapter; and it is a wonderful healing.

Now, I have given you seven distinct cases of healing recorded in the book of the Acts of the Apostles.

**A General Statement of Signs and Wonders.**

In the fifth chapter of Acts and the twelfth to sixteenth verses inclusive, you will find what I denominate a general statement:

And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all of one accord in Solomon's porch

And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them.

And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.)

Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.

There came also a multitude out of the cities round about Jerusalem, bringing sick folk, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits, and they were healed every one.

**Liars Punished.**

That is a wonderful statement. Just before those people

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were healed upon whom the shadow of Peter had fallen, there had occurred the death of Ananias and Sapphira, and we do not wish to lose sight of that fact: they were stricken dead for lying to the Holy Ghost.

**Stephen Wrought Miracles.**

Then, in the sixth chapter, we have a statement to the effect that Stephen, a man "full of faith and power," wrought great wonders and miracles among the people.

**The Apostles Continued Christ's Work**

Then we have Acts the tenth chapter and thirty-eighth verse—"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power; who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil: for God was with him."

**Paul Wrought Special Miracles**

In the nineteenth chaper of the Acts of the Apostles we read that "God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: so that from his body were brought unto the sick, handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them."

Now, these are all very wonderful statements. If you will read through the Book of the Acts of the Apostles between this and next Tuesday afternoon, you will see that some wonderful events took place before they experienced those wonderful signs and wonders. Yes; they paid the price, and that is just what each and every one of us must do—pay the price.

How can you expect people to grow spiritually who attend only one meeting each week—on Lord's Day afternoon. Each member in this Church ought to attend at least two meetings each week—that is only twice in seven days; and I believe they could do it, and it is their loss if they do not.

(Continued next week)

**HAVE YOU HAD A PART IN HELPING TO PAY FOR . . .**

# Shiloh Tabernacle?

**The next payment will be due Jan. 1, 1910.**

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| **Amount of Principal and Interest - -** | **$2,625.00** |
| **Cash in hand Dec. 3, 1909** | **2,187.92** |
| **BALANCE NEEDED -** | **437.08** |

# ZION SEVENTIES

*Deacon J. W. Friend*

*General Recorder*

For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit.—1 Cor. 12:8.

True knowledge, properly applied, is one of the chief assets of the Seventy worker. The same way of approaching all men cannot be successfully used. Study human nature, and learn to read, in a measure, the character of the one you are approaching.

To be successful in pleading his case, the lawyer must read all the time in order that he may learn of the advancement in procedures.

The Seventy worker should read and study the Bible earnestly and prayerfully. It is his Guide Book and the Sword of the Spirit, the weapon to be used in opposing Satan's forces and in establishing God's Kingdom on earth.

There are many beautiful stories of the experiences of others in God's Word,—and experience is a good teacher. It is a grand thing to be able to learn from the experiences of others. Every new idea aids the Seventy worker in his mission, and it is a stepping stone to success.

Be original. Have faith in your own ideas and in your power to use them. Don't be afraid of others. Present your subject in a clear, earnest and logical manner. Put the plumb line of the experience of others besides your own and profit thereby.

Pray earnestly for the success of your work, then put your whole life into it, and your labors will be crowned with success. God will honor your earnestness of purpose when you are seeking to do His will. The fields are ripe for the harvest, but the laborers are few. Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers to do His harvesting.

PORTLAND, OREGON

The following is an extract from a letter received from Deacon Frank Robinson under date of Nov. 22, 1909:

"We are pleased to hear of the progress made in Zion City, 'For God Will Save Zion.' What a shame and a disgrace that so many that once belonged to Zion should go back to the apostasy and still claim that they are Zion. I thank God every day for Zion for she has the solution of the perplexing problems of the world. Pray for us."

The following is a report of the work done for week ending Nov. 21, 1909:

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| Calls . . . . . | 441 |
| Heralds sold . . . . . | 6 |
| Leaves of Healing sold . . . . . | 61 |
| Messages given . . . . . | 434 |

## NOTICE OF TRAIN SERVICE

MILWAUKEE

Next Lord's Day, Dec. 5th, Division No. Three will furnish the workers for Milwaukee. Let all report to Deacon Robbins at the C. & M. Electric Depot at 7:15 a. m.

RACINE

Division No. One, Deacon T. R. Becker, Director, will go to Racine next Lord's Day, Dec. 5th. Special car will leave the C. & M. Electric Depot at 8:00 a. m. Every Seventy in this Division is expected to report for duty. Returning, the special car will leave Racine at 12:45 p. m., arriving at Zion City, 1:10 p. m. This will give each one ample time to attend the services in Shiloh Tabernacle.

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He sendeth His word and healeth them.

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# LEAVES OF HEALING

I am the Lord that healeth thee.

And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

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# The Gospel of the Kingdom

## China's Call for Zion

Remarkable Leadings of God's Spirit. Hungering for the Truth. Prayers Answered

*A Graphic Letter from Elder Royall*

HONGCHOW, China, Oct., 27th, 1909.

DEAR ELDER CAREY:

I was at my home in Shanghai praying; I was not upon the housetop, as Peter was, neither was a sheet let down in which I saw all kinds of animals: but I was praying for more open doors, for more men to help me to carry the Eternal Gospel to all these people. Away up in a mountain town of Chekiang were some people who wanted to know of God. It was not Cornelius, nor did they have a vision, but a messenger, who had been taught some of Zion's truths, came to them and said, "Send, not to Joppa, but to Shanghai"—not for Peter, but for me, and that I should go and teach them, and tell them what to do.

While I was praying, this messenger appeared to me and said, "Up in a mountain town of Chekiang there are ten men—representatives of the people—who want to know of Zion's truths: you must go and tell them what to do."

I was not perplexed as to what it meant. I did not lodge the messenger, but called him in and he had food with me.

After a few days, we proceeded not to Cæsarea, but to the town of Tsa Shan, and soon after my arrival there I met these men. They did not say they had been keeping the hour of prayer, but they related how the messenger had appeared unto them and told them of Zion, and that they had sent for me.

I asked them if they wanted me to open a Zion Tabernacle, and with a hearty response they said, "Yes! and we will supply the house for it." I told them that God is not a Respecter of persons, but that in every nation he that fears God and works righteousness is acceptable to Him.

After the first service which I held, some Roman Catholics said to Mr. Tsing, who accompanied me, "You cannot open a tabernacle here: you will have to ask the Pope about it:" and I will not soon forget the look which he received from Tsing, nor the reply that Tsing gave him which (put in up-to-date English) was, "Zion is like a buzz-saw, and it cuts deep, and whoever gets in her way must either repent or else get off the earth. It is better to do the former, but if you do not, you will have to do the latter. Ask the Pope! Why, he will have to ask Zion, for we want the earth: it belongs to us and we are going to have it."

God blessed us every moment. Ancestral tablets were burned, idols were torn down and Zion tracts were put up in their stead. A woman unbound the feet of her three daughters while we were there. Pipes were surrendered.

I was attacked with a sudden bowel trouble, and went to bed at once. Mr. Tsing came in and bowed on the floor and poured out his heart to God for me, and one of the men said, "It makes no difference about us, but it does about the Elder."

God heard and answered prayer, for I went to sleep, and when I awoke it was morning and I was healed; the Holy Spirit was there and He blessed.

I taught them for several days.

I am now at Hongchow, the Capital of the Province, on my way to other places, to minister to the saints of the various tabernacles. I have traveled in the rain all of today. I first started walking, and then succeeded in getting a chair; then changed to a boat, then again to a chair. The latter part of the journey was rather perilous. We arrived at the River, which is three miles across at this place, after all of the ferry boats had cast their anchor for the night. The water had risen several feet since we crossed it before. The chair bearers had to wade nearly

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up to their waists in order to reach the small boat, and then we were carried out and transferred to the larger one.

The chair-bearer looked at me and smiled, and said, "Let your heart be at rest, it will be alright;" but it was perilous.

I have not been beaten with rods, but I have been stoned; I have not suffered shipwreck, but I have been in journeyings often, and have been in perils of rivers and of robbers and from the heathen. I have been in perils in the wilderness and in sleeplessness often, and in hunger and thirst.

I praise God that I am counted worthy to be a messenger of this blessed Gospel of Repentance, Salvation, Healing and Holy Living.

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus, Who is blessed forevermore, knows that I lie not. There comes upon me daily anxiety for all tabernacles.

Zion must be planted in every province. I have sent Zion truths in Chinese to all the Governors, also to the Imperial Palace and to the different Boards, and to the Regent himself.

Pray with me for men, consecrated men, men who can be trusted, men who love God and who love humanity and are willing to go with this blessed message.

We have put out, in Chinese, nearly twenty-five thousand messages, and they have been sent to all parts of the Empire.

I am praying for someone just to translate Zion's truths all the time. The world needs Zion, and the world must have Zion.

Mr. Tsing asks to be remembered to you and to the General Overseer, and asks that you pray for him.

Praying God's blessing upon you,

Faithfully yours in Jesus' Name,

(Signed) F. M. ROYALL.

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# The Cross and the Crown

## An Address Delivered in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, Lord's Day Afternoon, Sept. 26, 1909, by

### *General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva*

[REPORTED BY MISS S.J.B.]

The Processional rendered by Zion White-Robed Choir was "Who is On the Lord's Side?"

When the Choir ceased singing, the General Overseer pronounced the following

INVOCATION

God be merciful unto us and bless us,
And cause Thy face to shine upon us,
That Thy Way may be known in all the earth,
Thy saving health among all the nations.

The White-Robed Choir and the congregation then joined heartily in singing the hymn entitled, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," following which General Overseer Voliva said:

Let us read together from the Inspired Word of God, in the Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter, from the twentieth to the twenty-eighth verse.

Then charged He His disciples, that they should tell no man that He was Jesus the Christ.

From that time began Jesus to show unto His disciples, how that He must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

Then Peter took Him, and began to rebuke Him, saying, Be it far from Thee, Lord; this shall never be unto Thee.

But He turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind Me, Satan: thou art a stumblingblock unto Me: for thou mindest not the things of God, but those that be of men.

Then said Jesus unto His disciples, If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

For whosoever would save his life shall lose it: and whosoever shall lose his life for My sake shall find it.

For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his life? or what shall a man give in exchange for his life?

For the Son of Man shall come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and then shall He render unto every man according to his deeds.

Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of Man coming in His Kingdom.

The Scripture reading was continued from Revelation second chapter, the eighth to the tenth verse inclusive:

And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the First and the Last, which was dead, and lived again:

I know thy works and thy tribulation and poverty (but thou art rich), and the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.

Fear none of those things thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days; be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

General Overseer: It is well to remember that, of all the seven churches, there were but two that received only words of commendation—Smyrna and Philadelphia; and today, after all these centuries, these two churches still stand, and all of the others have perished.

The words which I have just read to you were written by the Apostle John—inspired by the Holy Spirit—probably about 92 or 96 A. D.

#### Words of a Conqueror.

It is said that Polycarp—that wonderful saint of God who was martyred—was placed in charge of the church at Smyrna, by the Apostle John, and was put to death when he was a very old man. As he was being led up to the place of execution, it is said that he was asked to renounce the Christian religion and to denounce the Christ; and it was then that he said: "Eighty-six years have I served Him; He has always been a good Master, and He never did me wrong: how can I now revile my Lord and King?"

Those words of the sainted Polycarp, recorded upon the pages of every text-book of Church History, have been an inspiration to thousands and tens of thousands of God's children, as they travel along life's journey.

#### An Attestation to the Inspiration of God's Word.

As I stand here today and look into your faces, in this, the Twentieth Century, and think of that church in the First Century, and of Polycarp the Pastor, who was placed there by the Apostle John; and think of these wonderful words, and know that this church still exists, what a wonderful attestation it is to the inspiration of God's Holy Word!

#### What Does the All-Seeing Eye See Today in Zion?

As God looks down upon us this afternoon, I wonder how many words of rebuke He would have, and how many words of commendation. God sees every person here. He can look, with an all-seeing eye, into the deepest recesses of every heart. He knows every motive that inspires every deed and every word. He is acquainted with us, and knows all about us, and you never can deceive God. And at last, God will be our Judge; and He is a Righteous Judge; He looks not upon the outward appearance but upon the heart. He can discern the very purpose of our minds, and it is He Who, at last, shall judge all mankind, and

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reward every man according to the deeds done while here in the body.

**Rich in Faith and in Good Works.**

You will notice that God says to the church at Smyrna, "I know thy works, and I know thy tribulation, and I know thy poverty, and yet thou art rich."

How could this church have been in poverty, and at the same time have been rich? The church was in poverty numerically, for it was composed of only a small company of people. They were in poverty financially. As the world counts riches and poverty, they were, in deed and in truth, very poor; but God said to them, "Thou art rich." They were rich in faith, rich in good works, and they had the favor and commendation of their Heavenly Father, Who says, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

You will remember that Paul, when he was near the close of his wonderful earthly career, said, "The time of my departure is at hand;I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness."

And today, my brothers and sisters, as I look into the faces of those who have almost reached their journey's end, how will it be with you? Will it be with you as it was with the Apostle Paul? It will be so if, today, you are making the best of your opportunities, living up to your privileges, and doing all the good for humanity that lies within your power.

**A Remarkable Letter.**

And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These things saith He that is holy, He that is true, He that hath the key of David, He that openeth and none shall shut, and that shutteth, and none openeth;

I know thy works, (behold, I have set before thee a door opened, which none can shut) that thou hast a little power, and didst keep My Word, and didst not deny My name.

Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews and are not, but do lie, behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

Because thou didst keep the word of My patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of trial, that hour which is to come upon the whole world, to try them which dwell upon the earth.

I come quickly: hold fast that which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Rev. 3:7-11

**Seven Periods of the Christian Dispensation.**

The Seven Churches, no doubt, represent the seven periods of the Christian Dispensation. The Church of Philadelphia, being the sixth in the list, brings us down close to the time of the end; and it would seem that the Church of Philadelphia and the Lacdicean state of affairs were, for the time at least, contemporary, to have run parallel.

While the Laodicean Church was spewed out of God's mouth, the Church in Philadelphia was living in accordance with God's Word, and preparing for the second coming of the Christ.

My brothers and sisters, let me impress upon you—and may the Holy Ghost burn it into your hearts—that there is, in heaven, a crown for every man and every woman who sits in this congregation; but the exhortation is, "Let no man take thy crown!"

Many have started in the race who have run for a time, and have dropped out of the race; and the crowns which God had for them will be given to others. Let no one think that because he stands today, tomorrow he may not fall. It is only by the study of God's Word and earnest prayer, and by a life wholly consecrated to God, that we are kept day after day.

Let us all today look away from the things of time and sense, and look to our God, Who is able to deliver, and Who is able to keep us, even unto the end.

May God bless the reading of His Word, is my earnest prayer.

The Choir then sang the selection entitled, "Father, Hear us when We Pray.'

**All Men Should Pray.**

General Overseer: Now, as we draw nigh to God in prayer ---a very important part of Divine worship---let us, for a moment, think what it means to pray. The disciples said to Jesus, "Lord, teach us to pray;" and it is the privilege of every one here to cry to God today, "Lord, teach us to pray."

It ought to be the intense desire of every heart that there should be a church which, as a church, should know how to pray.

Jesus Himself said, "When ye pray, enter into thy closet and, having shut the door, pray to thy Father in secret." That means that as you draw nigh to God in earnest prayer, you shut the world outside and you are there all alone with God, in sweet communion.

We are exhorted to pray one for another, "Pray without ceasing." Jesus the Christ went away alone and prayed. So, this afternoon, may God help us to pray.

**Zion's Need to Pray.**

I want to impress upon your minds today that we are confronted with problems to be solved that are as great--and in some respects, greater--than have ever confronted any other body of people.

What it cost to establish Zion City, no one but God knows ; the incessant toil of years; the faith which places John Alexander Dowie in the forefront of the heroes of faith; and who, standing alone with his God, by an eye of faith saw Zion City.

This afternoon, for more than the one-hundredth time, do I exhort you, my brothers and sisters in the Christ,to pray morning, noon and night for the redemption of Zion City from the hand of the adversary, so that it may become a city set upon a hill, that cannot be hidden.

**God Fights for Zion.**

Nehemiah said, "Our God shall fight for us." And, thanks be unto God, He still lives, and He "moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform." I thank God for what He has wrought, and I give Him all the glory.

And now that the Zion banner has been planted upon this stronghold, and the Zion City General Stores belong to Zion, and we are working and planning for further conquests, let us press forward until Zion's banner shall have been planted over every roof in Zion City. (Amens!) It can be done if we will only sanctify ourselves, and confess all the sins of our fathers, and our own sins.

When it was told to Nehemiah that the walls of Jerusalem were broken down, he wept, and he fasted and prayed, and said, "O God, I confess the sins of my fathers." And God, Who established Zion City, will redeem every shingle, and every foot of the land, if we will all but get where God wants us to be. God has the money and the people, and He is able to reach forth His hand, and redeem the whole situation.

I pray that God will touch every heart in this congregation today. I believe, as truly as I am standing here, that the day will come when the investors will beg me to take it into my hands. If they would only put it there now, there would be some hope.

The solution of the problems in Zion City is not to forsake the principles and the truths which brought you people here from earth's remotest bounds; but let us today---bound together by the ties of Christian love---make a covenant with our God that we will stand by the principles of Zion, even unto death, and then He will honor us and will deliver us.

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# General Overseer's Notes

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING OF THE CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC CHURCH IN ZION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, ZION CITY, ILL., U. S. A., December 10, 1909

REJOICE!

RENDER PRAISE and thanksgiving unto God for all that He hath wrought.

THE SALVATION of the sinful,
The Healing of the sick,
The Cleansing of the polluted,
The Establishment of God's Kingdom—are the principal causes of Zion's joy, praise and thanksgiving.

ZION has still further reasons for rejoicing and praising God.

GOD HAS richly rewarded the people who have stood, in the midst of all the devil's onslaughts, faithful to Zion's truths, principles, ideas and ideals.

GOD HAS given Zion Shiloh Tabernacle, the Zion City General Stores, the Temple Site, the Administration Building, Elijah Hospice— and well may some people ask, "What next?"

HUNDREDS AND thousands of earnest prayers have gone up from faithful Zion hearts beseeching God, in His own way and time, to redeem Zion City.

SURELY, by this time, signs enough have been given to convince one and all that these prayers are being heard and answered.

SHILOH TABERNACLE, together with all the furnishings therein, and the ground upon which the building stands, was purchased for $12,500.

THE ZION CITY GENERAL STORES building, with the entire stock, furniture, fixtures and the ground upon which the building stands, was purchased for $75,000.

THE TEMPLE SITE, together with the Baby-House, Band and Fruit Stands, was purchased for $8,375.

THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, together with the furniture, fixtures and thirteen lots, and ELIJAH HOSPICE, together with the furniture and fixtures and fourteen lots, were purchased for $92,000.

THE TOTAL amount of money contracted to be paid for all of the above properties is $187,875.

THE $12,500, to be paid for Shiloh Tabernacle, has all been provided for except one payment, $2,562.50 which is due July 1st, 1910.

THE Receiver of the Zion Estate has received the entire $75.000 for the Zion City General Stores.

$2,000 HAVE been paid on the Temple Site, and $1,000 will be paid within a few days, and the balance on August 1st, 1910.

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ON ELIJAH Hospice and the Administration Building, $7,000 were paid at the time the contract was signed; $3,000 more will be paid on or before January 1st, 1910; and $15,000 on Feb. 1st, 1910; the balance being distributed over a period of time runing to June 1st, 1911.

THE WORD of God has been faithfully proclaimed to the people in Shiloh Tabernacle, and to all Zion everywhere through Leaves of Healing and Zion Herald.

AS THE people have responded, and faithfully obeyed the Word, they have been richly blessed.

THEY HAVE paid their tithes, given their offerings, invested scores of thousands of dollars in Zion's institutions, and no well-informed person denies that, with proper leadership, and economical and conservative administration, Zion has a glorious future.

IT WAS certainly a marvelous work to establish Zion City. Will it not be just as marvelous, and in some respects, more so, to redeem Zion City?

Many addresses are delivered in Shiloh Tabernacle which are not and cannot be printed in Leaves of Healing and Zion Herald for the simple reason that there is not space enough to contain them.

THE teaching and the preaching given from the platform of Shiloh Tabernacle may be summed up in the following words:

God's Word is true.

Receive it.

Believe it.

Live in strict accordance with it, and every blessing in heaven's bountiful storehouse will be bestowed.

THE GENERAL OVERSEER, with his office staff, the Leaves of Healing and Zion Herald staff, and other officers are now occupying rooms in the Administration Building; and, henceforth, the building will be known as the Administration Building of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion throughout the world.

THE TIME when Zion will get possession of Elijah Hospice is yet uncertain; but it is sincerely hoped that possession will be obtained in the very near future so that visitors to the All-Night Meeting, December 31st, 1909, and January 1st, 1910, may be accommodated in ZION HOME---for that will be the name given to the building when possession is obtained—during their stay in Zion City.

THE IMPORTANCE of the ALL-NIGHT MEETING cannot be too strongly emphasized.

THE WATCHWORD for 1908 was "For Jehovah Hath Founded Zion."

The Watchword for 1909 is "For God Will Save Zion."

The Watchword for 1910 will be announced at the All-Night Meeting. It will be a ringing one, inspiring every Zion heart with joy, hope and determination.

LET ALL Zion everywhere know that the General Overseer has but one desire, and that is to do the whole will of God; that he has but one great passion, and that is the Salvation, the Healing, the Cleansing of humanity, and the Establishment of God's Kingdom.

LET ZION everywhere now reconsecrate themselves to God and to His service. Let them place not only themselves but their all upon His altar for the extension of His Kingdom.

TRUE, WE have had great joys in God's service, but there are yet joys for us which we have not tasted.

NOTHING SHORT of an absolute surrender will enable us to enter in and to inherit all that God has prepared for His people.

ZION MUST not walk by sight; but, while following conservative and safe business principles, she must walk by faith.

THE RECORD for the year 1909 will soon be closed not to be opened again until in that Great Day when every man shall appear before the Judgment Seat to give an account for the deeds done in the body.

YOU WILL soon reach another mile-post in your lives; and some of you, as you reach the next mile-post, will stand upon the summit of the hill of life—and will, in the very nature of things, begin to descend, looking forward to the setting of your sun at the close of your journey here.

PRAY FOR me and for those associated with me in Zion's great work.

I AM praying for you that God may keep you faithful, true, and steadfast unto the end.

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING.

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## The Cross and the Crown.

[Continued from page 191.]

As we now draw nigh unto God in prayer, bowed in spirit as well as in body, let us sing that beautiful hymn:

Abide with me! fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens: Lord with me abide!
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, Oh, abide with me!

Oh! if only I could be used of God in saying something that would break every heart here, in order that you might realize the great opportunities that are Zion's, and that you might be made to see that there is no hope for Zion by going to Egypt and Assyria and calling upon the world, the flesh and the devil to come in here. No! our only hope is in the eternal God, Who stands today ready, with outstretched arms, to receive and deliver us.

May God help you to pray today as you never prayed before!

Following the singing of the hymn, "Abide With Me," General Overseer Voliva led in a very earnest prayer.

The singing of the hymn, "Bless Me Now," followed. The following address on the

**Subject: "The Cross and The Crown."**

was then delivered by the General Overseer.

General Overseer: I will read from the Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter and the twenty-fourth verse:

If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

Also from the book of Revelation, the second chapter and the tenth verse:

Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

Since delivering the sermon upon the text, "He shall feed His flock like a Shepherd," I have been thinking a great deal about the Cross and the Crown.

### The Cross in the Plan of Redemption.

The Cross, as you know, occupies a very important place in the plan of redemption. We have to look backward to the Cross, and forward to the Crown. The Cross has to do with this life, here and now; but the Crown has to do with the life to come.

Notwithstanding its great importance, however, there are very few places in the Gospels or in the Epistles, where the Cross is mentioned. Even before He suffered upon Calvary, the Savior pointed out to His disciples and to His prospective followers, the absolute necessity of taking up the Cross and bearing it, and of being faithful, even unto death.

### Two Ways of Following Christ: in Humiliation and in Triumph.

There are two ways in which to follow the Christ: one in His humiliation and the other in His great triumph; but it is impossible to follow Him in His triumph, without first following Him in His humiliation.

From the first passage of Scripture that I read, you will observe that Jesus starts out by saying, "If any man WILL come after Me." God has endowed every person in this congregation with will power; and the only hope there is for any one of you, is to make your will entirely submissive to the will of God. If I were to ask all in this congregation to stand who wished to follow the Christ, a very large number would stand; but some would not stand.

But, let me carry you forward a few years hence, and stand by the death-bed of those who would not stand this afternoon, and ask them then if they want to make heaven their home, and I'll venture to say that every one who would sit still here today, then would say, as he felt the cold hand of Death passing over him, "Yes."

The following sentence I consider to be one of othe most wonderful that I have ever read: "He that is born but once, must die twice: he who is born twice, must die but once." And that is true.

He who is born as we all are born, and who also is born of water and of the Spirit, will know only the first death, for on him the second death hath no power; but he that is born only physically, and is never born of water and of the Spirit, will die twice—he will pass through both the first and the second death.

So, it is a wonderful truth, "He who is born but once,shall die twice; but he who is born twice, shall die but once."

### Beginning of the Christian Life---Death to Self.

The Christian life begins with death; it was so with Jesus. The very first step that He took was self-denial. And this afternoon, my brothers and sisters, if you would enter the road that leads to the glorious heights above, you will have to begin with self-denial.

Hear the voice of Jesus the Christ as He approaches the Crucifixion: "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me;" and then listen to the words of the same Christ, as He sits at the right hand of God the Father in heaven, saying, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

The first voice comes ringing down the centuries and appealing to every heart; and the second voice comes ringing down from Heaven, and ought to be an inspiration to everyone to press forward, determined to win the crown of righteousness, of glory, and of life.

Do you truly wish to follow the Christ? Are you ready to stand up before High Heaven and the angels, and this company of witnesses, and say, "Yes, I want to follow the Christ "? If you desire to follow the Christ, then you will have to do what He commands you; and you cannot go part of the way—you must go all the way. You should be able each day to say:

Only a little way,
Of walking with weary feet,
Patiently over the thorny way
That leads to the Golden Street.

Only a little while,
Of toiling a few short days;
And then comes the rest, the quiet rest,
Eternity's endless praise.

Suffer, if God shall will,
And work for Him while you may;
From Calvary's Cross to Zion's Crown
Is only a little way.

When you follow the Christ, it means that you must tread the pathway that leads to the Mount of Transfiguration—where the Millennial Age is unfolded, if not in all its beauty, in its beginning. It means, also, that you must walk through the valley of the shadow of death; at times forsaken by all men, and with a feeling coming into your heart that you are even sometimes forsaken of God, and all will seem dark, and you cannot understand.

How many things there have been in Zion that have been hard to understand! Ah! it is easy enough to stand off and criticize. You will remember that when the Lord commanded Moses to go and carry certain messages to the children of Israel, he said, "O Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since Thou hast spoken unto Thy servant: for I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue." And the Lord said to Moses, "Who hath made man's mouth? * * * Is it not I the Lord? Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and will teach thee what thou shalt speak."

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**God Calls Each One to Stand for the Truth and Go Forward.**

And today the call comes to each one of us to take our stand and go forward, even though the whole pathway be shrouded in darkness. There are many mysteries; yes, there have been mysteries in Zion in the last few years—some things that we do not even yet understand; and some things we shall not understand until the light of the dawning of the Eternal Day; but there are some things that we do understand. Even the Apostles could not understand many things.

**A Remarkable Declaration.**

Leading up to this text, had not Christ just before said, "Whom say the people that I am?" and "Whom say he that I am?"—and was it not then that Peter, as by a flash of Heavenly inspiration, said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God?" That was the most wonderful title that anyone—other than God Himself—in all the universe, could claim.

They could not understand why, only a little while afterwards, the Son of God should begin to tell them that He must go up to Jerusalem, and be delivered into the hands of wicked men, and be crucified. They could not understand why the Christ, the Son of God, should be so humiliated, and treated in such a manner, and that is the reason Peter said, "Lord, be it far from Thee; these things shall not happen unto Thee," and he put his hand upon Christ's garment when he said it. It was then that Jesus the Christ, with Heaven's fire flashing from His eyes, said to that same Apostle, "Get thee hence, satan, for thou savorest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men.'

**Christ Acknowledged and Tempted**

Go back a little while and see the Son of God coming up out of the waters of the River Jordan, and the Heavens opening, and the Holy Ghost, in the form of a dove, descending upon Him, and hear the voice of God saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Then see the Savior driven into the wilderness, and see the approach of the tempter—the same tempter that entered into Peter, and the same kind of temptation.

**The Subtilty of Satan**

Did not satan say to Christ, when he showed Him all the kingdoms of this world, "If you will only fall down and worship me, they are all yours?" And did not the devil enter into Peter and say again, "If you will only fall down and worship me, all these things shall be yours?" Satan said to the Lord, "There is no necessity, Christ, for you to suffer; there is no necessity for you to be crucified; you can have all these things without it."

Ah! Yes! How often! A man may be filled with the Holy Ghost up to twelve o'clock, and then satan crowd into him, and he become just as foolish as was Peter.

And then the Savior saw His apostles. They did not then understand many things; they did not want the Christ to suffer in Gethsemane, or to be crucified; they did not want Him to go down into the tomb. They did not realize then what it meant to follow the Christ.

**What It Means To Follow Christ**

I tell you this afternoon, Zion, to follow the Christ does not mean flowery beds of ease and luxuriously furnished houses. No, No! "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me!" From Heaven comes the power of the Holy Ghost and from hell comes the power of the devil, and they meet, and every person is caught between those two powers and whirled around; and you either go up to Heaven or down to hell. My brothers and sisters, will you yield to the power of God, or to the power of satan? You are doing either one or the other today.

Deny yourselves. What does that mean? The flesh is ever fighting the spirit; the appetites are ever asserting themselves and warring against the heavenly influences; and you want your own way in everything. How many of the people who sat under John Alexander Dowie's preaching for years and heard him proclaim the Theocracy say today, "I will not be under the rule of any man; I will go my own way; I will do as I please and think as I please, and I will never again be under any man." But they are under the rule of the devil who will pay them off in his own coin.

My brothers and sisters, deny yourselves for Christ. "O, but I want a fine home, and to win honor and fame and glory and wealth and riches untold." But I tell you that you cannot do that and at the same time follow the Christ.

To follow the Christ means to follow One Who left Heaven, and laid aside the attributes which made Him equal with God, His Father; and Who came all the way down to this earth and took upon Himself the form of a servant: it means that you are going to follow One Who had not a place where to lay His head nor any covering to cover Him, and Who had only a borrowed grave in which to be buried.

(Continued next week)

# ZION SEVENTIES

*Deacon J. W. Friend*

*General Recorder*

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.—Luke 11: 9.

The important lesson of faith, patience and obedience must be taught and forced home with firmness, yet with love and compassion, that many may be led to God and be saved from lives of sin and sickness, and shown the way to salvation, the way to healing, and the way to holy living.

Jesus the Christ said that we should ask, seek, knock. We should learn the lesson of importunity and perseverance. If we do not get what we want the first time we ask, if we do not succeed in finding what we want the first time we look, if the door is not opened to us the first time we knock, should we give up? Verily no. Keep on asking, seeking, knocking. When you call upon your friend, and knock at his door, if he should not open the door to you at once, do you give up and go away? Do you not knock, knock, until he answers? If you keep knocking at God's door, and God sees that you are in earnest, He will hear and answer your prayer and open the door to you. If you keep knocking, even at the sinner's heart, you will eventually gain an entrance.

Patience is the guardian of faith, the preserver of peace, and the teacher of humility. Patience strengthens the spirit and sweetens the temper. Opposing circumstances create strength and give us greater powers of resistance.

To overcome one barrier gives us greater ability to overcome the next.

What are difficulties for but to teach us the necessity of redoubled exertion, and seemingly impossibilities but to inspire us to the enforcement of victory.

Be true to your profession. Think for it. Plan for it. Work for it. Live for it. Put your mind, your strength, your heart and your life into it, and God will crown your efforts with success; and, some day, if you are faithful and do your duty,

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you will have many stars in your crown representing gems gathered from God's harvest field here upon earth.

Pray that God will bless the Zion messages that are now being distributed from this department at the rate of more than 1500 pieces per day. May they be the precious seed that will bring forth an abundant harvest.

PORTLAND, OREGON

PORTLAND, OREGON, Nov. 30th, 1909.

General Recorder

Peace to thee!

I received 2100 messages by express from you today; also regards from E. L. B., J. D. T. and yourself. Kindly accept and give our Christian love to same.

You will find herewith a subscription for Leaves of Healing (10 weeks) for Miss ———.

This young Lady has recently been converted and is a maid to a family who live in a beautiful home on the mountain side. We had a little talk with her and then knelt in prayer before we left. It reminded me of the little Jewish maid who was in Naaman's house.

May God grant that she may be used as the little Jewish maid was.

Owing to a heavy gale of wind and rain, we were unable to do any house to house work yesterday. But we have had the best day of any today, as regards the sale of the literature.

We were very kindly received, for the most part. A few shut the door in our faces, not realizing that we had for them a solution to all their perplexing problems.

Our district lay from the Willamette River west, up the mountain side. Here we ate our lunch at noon, picnic style, having a beautiful view over the city to the mountains on the opposite side. It was soon after this that we met the above-mentioned young lady.

The home is well up the mountain and has a magnificent outlook over the city across to the great monuments of purity in the distance—Mt. Hood and Mt. St. Helens—with their fresh coat of snow. What opportunities a Zion Seventy has of growing day by day in grace and in the knowledge and love of God, learning the lessons which God alone can teach, through the Holy Spirit which He has given to guide us into all truth.

We learn our lessons best, not always when our way is clear and bright and everything seems to be coming our way, but often when the dark clouds lower and our path is blocked before us, as Israel's was of old. Then when the hand of the oppressor seems to all but destroy us, we learn the deep lessons of life which give to our character stability and strength.

Our walk home led us through one of the low parts of the city, and we were very much struck with the horrible effects of sin. The contrast between that which God had made so beautiful and man had made so hideous were very marked. The saloons, blazing bill boards, cheap music, five cent shows and many others horrible sights and noises were in flaring contrast with the beautiful, inspiring and ennobling sights which we had seen but a few minutes before.

After counting our literature, we found that we had sold forty-five papers. May God make them a great blessing to those who bought them.

Faithfully yours for God and Zion,

FRANK ROBINSON.

IN KENOSHA, WIS.

Eight Seventies went to Kenosha last Saturday evening, and did some very effectual work, notwithstanding the heavy rain, which, however, prevented them from holding the usual street meeting. Seven Leaves and sixteen Heralds were sold, and Zion's message was placed in many hands.

A quartet consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Steel, Miss Myrtle Gallagher and Mr. John VanBreemen, members of Zion White Robed Choir, went to Kenosha Lord's Day morning, and furnished some very impressive singing in the service at 10:30 a. m., in Carpenter's Hall. They will sing in the service next Lord's Day in the same place at the same hour.

Co. E., Deacon A. H. Biddle, Captain, will work in Kenosha next Saturday evening. Each member of this company will please report at Shiloh Blvd. station at 6:20 sharp, purchase a return ticket, and receive instructions. The train leaves at 6:35.

IN CHICAGO.

Chicago, Ill.

GENERAL RECORDER, Zion Seventies.

Peace to thee!

Last Saturday night four Seventies, accompanied by Deacon and Mrs. Peckham visited the saloons on Commercial Avenue and the Strand, South Chicago. The rain poured down, but nothing daunted we went forth in the power of the Spirit, and God blessed our efforts. For two solid hours we worked in saloon after saloon and resort after resort, handing out the messages, selling the Leaves and Heralds, singing hymns and talking and praying with the people.

It is impossible to describe the terrible scenes of vice and depravity which we witnessed in the resorts on the Strand, which is the great Red Light district of South Chicago. We found these places occupied chiefly by young men, some mere boys in fact, and our hearts were sad as we talked to them and to the poor erring girls. May God stir up every Zion Seventy, and may we all re-consecrate our lives to Him as never before, and go forth to rescue poor deluded humanity from the clutches of the devil.

We distributed 250 messages, and gave away 15 old Leaves of Healing, and sold 16 Leaves and Heralds, making a total of 281 pieces of literature distributed.

Yours in Zion,

STANLEY MURPHY.

# For Bible Study

The Following References were used in the Meeting Lord's Day Morning, December Fifth, 1909

## ON THE SUBJECT OF HUMILITY

These should be carefully studied, passage by passage:

Deut. 8:2,3 and 16
Ps. 35:13
1 Kings 21:29
2 Kings 22:19
2 Chronicles 7:14
2 Chronicles 12:6,7 and 12
2 Chronicles 30:11
2 Chronicles 32:26
2 Chronicles 33:12 and 23
2 Chronicles 34:27
2 Chronicles 36:12
Exodus 10:3
Proverbs 6:3
Psalms 10:10
Psalms 113:6
Daniel 5:22
Isaiah 2:9
Jeremiah 13:18
James 4:10
1 Peter 5:6
Isaiah 2:11
Isaiah 5:15
Isaiah 10:33
Matthew 18:4
Matthew 23:12
Luke 14:11
Luke 18:14
2 Corinthians 12:21
Philippians 2:8
Collossians 3:12
Micah 6:8
2 Samuel 16:4
Acts 8:33
Proverbs 15:33
Proverbs 18:12
Proverbs 22:4
Colossians 2:18
Colossians 2:23
1 Peter 5:5
Acts 20:19

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He sendeth His word and healeth them.

PATIENCE

# LEAVES OF HEALING

I am the Lord that healeth thee.

And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

A WEEKLY PAPER FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

EDITED BY WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA

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# The Gospel of the Kingdom

## Zion Awakening China.

A Missionary Journey of Elder Royall. Hundreds hear the Gospel of the Kingdom; the Sick are Healed; Hearts Are Given to God; Idols Are Destroyed; Over Thirty Baptized. Great Joy in Many Hearts.

LING AN, CHEKIANG, Nov. 8th, 1909.

REV. E. L. CAREY,
Ecclesiastical Secretary,
City Hall Building, Zion City, Ill., U. S. A.

*Dear Elder Carey:*

I am still on the march. From Hang Chow I proceeded to Yu Hong. The Tabernacle there had been closed for some time; but I had been praying much about that place, for it is a very important center.

It was early in the morning when I arrived. After consulting with a few Christians, we went out in search of a house for a Tabernacle. Before noon we had arranged for a place, and the news soon flew over the City that the Tabernacle was opened.

The Mandarin called to see me, and a proclamation was issued for the protection of the Christians. On Lord's Day crowds of people flocked to the meetings. One of the chief shop-keepers, who sells material for heathen worship, said, "I want to be a Christian: I have been led astray; I want to change my business." There were twenty who expressed a desire to follow the Lord Jesus, and to leave heathenism.

On the Monday we turned our faces toward Ho Shang. It was not "Beyond the Alps lies Italy," but "Beyond the mountains is Ho Shang." The heavens were lowering, and the rain continued to fall; but the King's business requires haste.

The coolies who were carrying my bedding and food, misunderstood where they were to go, so they did not arrive until the next afternoon. That night it was rather cold, but I lay down on the board bed, with no covering, to rest. I rested a little, but spent the most of the night reading the Acts of the Apostles, from the sixth to the fourteenth chapter, and in prayer.

Notwithstanding the rain, the Christians gathered, and we had meetings of praise and teaching. In one place, where incence was accustomed to be burned, the urn was given up and thrown out, and Zion tracts were posted up in the place. We travelled over the hills from place to place to different homes teaching the people. Our last day there we marshalled the Christians in order and, with flags floating, we marched around to the different villages, and gathered up others as we proceeded; the old felt like they were young, and the young felt as though they had something to live for; those mountains will re-echo the name of Jesus as long as time shall last. Then we went to the mountain stream, where five persons were baptized in that beautiful water.

Then we proceeded back to the home of Mr. Pun where, for the first time in the history of that little village, which is over a thousand years old, the Lord's Supper was commemorated. The Spirit of God was present, and was very manifest. There were several healings.

I neglected to say that in Yu Hong idols were torn down, and Christ was accepted as the Lord and Savior. Service was held here three times yesterday, also today.

I cannot describe this day in Sing An; I can only say that it has been wonderful. First, calls were made to see the Mandarins; in the afternoon the Christians and inquirers were all lined up and, with flags floating and cymbals beating, we marched down the main street, accompanied by several soldiers who were kindly sent to keep order.

As the procession passed along, all business was hushed.

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Many left their business and followed, until tens, scores, hundreds, yea, more than a thousand people proceeded with us to the river, where twenty-six were buried with Christ in baptism; and the great throng watched with intense interest.

At the close, as the people were standing in a semi-circle on the great stone bridge and on both banks of the river, as I stood in the flowing water, I spoke to them about repentance, salvation, healing, and holy living. They listened with intense interest. O, it was wonderful, and I never shall forget this day; this City has had the most wonderful day in its history.

Then it was crowned with the Lord's Supper, for we went to the Tabernacle, where this was commemorated. One child has been healed of fever, another of some lingering trouble; and another came to be prayed for. The Holy spirit has been present in much power. Ah! that sea of faces that looked down on that baptism and who listened to my words afterwards! it was all so orderly and beautiful.

Idols have been torn down and Christ has been enthroned. The full story will be told only in the Great Beyond, at Jesus' feet.

I will tell you of what has been done as I proceed from place to place. I have a few copies of Leaves of Healing, the issue of "Zion in China" with me. The Christians are all so glad to see the photograph of the General Overseer. They cannot read English, but they pray for the General Overseer and for Zion throughout the world.

God bless the General Overseer. God bless and save Zion City. God blesss the LEAVES OF HEALING and the Zion Herald.

Elder Tindall's articles have been a blessing to me.

Pray for us, as we do for you.

It is my purpose to ordain several deacons at the Watch-Night Service—the All-Night with God. My heart is very full. The Christians are very happy, and asked me to say to the General Overseer, and to all Zion in Zion City, "Peace to thee be multiplied."

May your All-Night with God be glorious. We shall be in prayer for you while you are praying for us.

I send greeting from Zion in China to Zion in Zion City, and throughout the world.

Faithfully yours in Jesus' name,

(Signed)F. M. ROYALL,

Elder-in-charge.

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## Will Praise the Lord While She Has Being for Zion,

MAIDEN ROCK, Wis., Dec. 3, 1909.

WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA,

General Overseer of the C.C.A.C. in Zion.

My Dear Brother in the Christ:

Peace to thee be multiplied!

My heart is full of praise and gratitude to God, our loving Heavenly Father, in the way He is guiding and leading Zion forward, and His true and faithful in co-operating with Him, and with each other in every affair of life, just as He intended in the beginning.

The desire and prayer of my heart is with Zion in the prayer printed in the Leaves and Herald. I am sending you $——— in registered letter; $——— as tithes and offerings; $——— for the Tabernacle. Would like to do much more.

Praising God for Zion more and more, I will praise Him while I have my being.

With Christian love and prayers for all Zion,

Your sister in the Christ,

MRS. CHARLOTTE STEVENS.

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## Thanking God for Victories.

HOWELL, Mich., Dec. 13, 1909.

REV. WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA, Zion City, Illinois.

*Beloved General Overseer*:

We are rejoicing over the grand and glorious victories you are having in our beloved city. We pray earnestly every day that God will grant unto us a complete victory, and keep the city intact for His people only.

It is not the investments, but the redemption of our beautiful city we want; it is not the interest on the money, but we long for a real Zion City where Zion principles will be carried out.

I wish we could sign for more than $——— a month, but we shall improve as opportunity permits. Please pray for us to that end.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) FRED AND SARAH E. ELLINGWORTH.

## The Herald Brought Good News.

UPPER SANDUSKY, Ohio, Dec. 12, 1909.

E. L CAREY, Zion City, Ill.

Beloved Elder :

Peace to thee.

Enclosed find $——in currency: $——for benifit of Tabernacle; balance, tithes.

Praying God's blessing upon the General Overseer and all Zion. And oh, how my heart rejoiced and was made glad on opening the last Herald, and seeing what wonders are being wrought in Zion. I can truthfully say that all doubt as to the saving of Zion City has been taken away from my heart. Giving the Lord all the praise.

Yours in Christian love,

MRS. RACHEL GIBSON.

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# Zion's All-Night With God.

**From 8 p. m., December 31, 1909, to 6 a. m., January 1, 1910. is now drawing near.**

**From 8 to 10 o'clock p. m., Zion Choir and Orchestra, 250 in number, will render Handel's Messiah.**

**The General Overseer will then take charge, and, with the exception of the customary intermission after the midnight hour, the meeting will be continued without interruption.**

**Persons coming from outside of Zion City should write at the earliest possible date to Mr. H. G. Rickert, Manager of Zion Home, stating the accommodations they desire, so that satisfactory arrangements can be made in advance.**

**It would be well for all persons who could possibly arrange to do so to remain in Zion City for a time after the All-Night Meeting, so that they may have opportunity to study the work and see for themselves what God is doing for Zion at Headquarters.**

**Assuring one and all that Zion at Headquarters will be glad to see you, and will do all in her power to make it comfortable and profitable for you, and praying God's richest blessings upon you, I am,**

**Faithfully yours in Jesus' name,**

**WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA,**

**General Overseer.**

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ZION HOME

We had the great joy of reporting in last week's Herald that the lijah Hospice property had been purchased by the General Overseer, id that, as soon as arrangements could be made to take possession, it ould be opened and conducted as a Zion Home.

The favor of God continues to be poured out, and after a number of nferences with the lady who has been conducting the premises as a otel, definite arrangements have been made to turn the whole property er to the General Overseer just as soon as the inventories can be com- eted, which will be (it is hoped) by Friday of this week.

Already many letters are coming in, asking for accommodation in ie New Zion Home, not only from people in Zion City, but some from distance.

The hearts of Zion people everywhere are greatly rejoiced at this rward move.

Happy and prosperous days for Zion are seen ahead. The memory olden days, when Zion Homes were conducted by Dr. Dowie, is oused, and the thought that Zion can again have a home where the ildren of the Kingdom may come from far and near to learn the will God more perfectly, is a source of great inspiration.

The enormous proportions of Elijah Hospice make it possible to re for hundreds of guests at a time. The large, well-lighted and eated rooms, with all necessary accommodations, the spacious parlors nd corridors, where friends may be met and exercise taken, together ith the general prayer and assembly rooms will afford every comfort for uests.

Every effort will be exerted to have the dining-room a place of joy nd blessing to every guest.

Zion Home occupies, perhaps, the most prominent place in Zion City. Almost the first building to greet the eye of every comer will be Zion Home. Indeed, every day passenger trains on the Northwestern Railroad may get a fairly good view of Zion Home, and "as the nations run, they may read of Zion."

During the past three or four years, many Zion visitors have found it more or less difficult to secure proper accommodation for a stay of a week or more. This difficulty will now be obviated—there is room for all; and friends of Zion everywhere are heartily welcome, by complying with the rules and regulations, to the hospitality of Zion Home.

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**Supplemental to the notes above written by the General Associate Editor concerning the purchase of Elijah Hospice, the attention of all Zion is called to the following:**

**A competent staff started at work this (Wednesday) morning at 8 o'clock taking the inventory, and it is confidently expected that the work will be finished by Thursday evening. If all persons concerned are satisfied with the inventory when completed, then Zion will take immediate possession which, so far as can be determined now, will be Thursday evening or some time Friday.**

**The building will be known as "ZION HOME," and will be conducted for the most part on the same general basis as was the Twelfth Street Home in the City of Chicago.**

**Brother and Sister Harvey G. Rickert have been selected to take charge of the HOME, and all persons desiring rooms or board or both, should write to Harvey G. Rickert, Zion Home, Zion City, Illinois, U. S. A., and all applications will be given prompt attention. In writing, persons should state, as nearly as they can, the accommodations they desire, and rates will be furnished by return mail.**

**WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA, General Overseer.**

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# The Cross and the Crown

An Address Delivered in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, Lord's Day Afternoon, Sept. 26, 1909, by

*General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva*

(Continued from last issue.)

**What the Spirit of Christ in Man Would Do.**

And, this afternoon, when you say, "I will follow Jesus," you are following One who gave up all and laid all down, for the sake of poor humanity. If everybody in Zion, and all who have been in Zion, had the Spirit of the Christ this afternoon, then we would soon solve the problems of Zion City, and it soon would be a wonder to the whole world.

Ah! my brothers and sisters, just stop for a minute and think what it means to follow the Christ. Will you follow Him. Will you? Will you deny yourselves and take up your cross, and follow Him! Will you follow the Christ daily? Have you been following the Christ? Have you been denying your self for the sake of the Christ? Did you ever lose a night's sleep or go without a meal for the sake of the Christ that would enable you to look up to Calvary, and say, "Lord, I have done something for Thy sake"?

"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." That is what the Lord Jesus the Christ says.

**A Long Road to the Crown of Life.**

My brothers and sisters, I want to tell you this afternoon, that before you will receive that crown of life, there is a long road over which you must travel; and in that road there is a Gethsemane and a Calvary; and you will often be crucified between two thieves, just as the Christ was; and you will have to go down into the deep, dark valley of the shadow of death. If you want to receive the crown of life, you must follow the Christ in His self-denial, in His humiliation and in His sacrifice, before you will ever be able to follow Him in glory. Make no mistake about that.

**Which Shall it Be: Self or Christ.**

Ah! some of you would often rather have your own sweet way. Have you not often made plans of your own, and been ready to go forward with them, and God has come along, and overturned all your plans? And then, how did you take it---did you then feel like following the Christ? When you look back over your past lives do you not feel sorry that you complained and grumbled, and found so much fault?

Well do I remember when John Alexander Dowie, in his office in Temple Cottage, said to me, "I am going to send you to Australia." At first that was a great trial to me, and I did not understand it, for he had called me into his officss in Chicago and told me that I was to be the Overseer for the United States and Canada. Then there was a great struggle in my spirit. But of all the events that have transpired in my life, I praise God for permitting me to go to Australia, as much as I praise Him for anything that He has ever done for me.

It does not matter whether or not you understand, and there is where some people make a great blunder, and say, "I will not do anything unless I first understand all about it." Well, there is very little that we do really understand.

**Learn to Understand by Being Obedient.**

The disciples did not understand the crucifixion of the Christ. No, they did not; but when Christ arose from the dead -then, then it was that a mighty shout of triumph went up!

So regarding Zion's work: God has permitted certain things to transpire that no one understands—and perhaps I understand them as little as anyone else—but Zion will win, Zion will triumph—and will be crowned with resurrection glory! The Zion Movement will arise and exert an influence for good in this world, under God, such as she has never exerted at any time before.

If anybody thinks that Zion is dead, he is making a great mistake, and sooner or later he will find it out. It is a good thing to be rooted and grounded in the Eternal God; and to know the things that are of God, and to take your stand.

**What is the Cross to be Borne?**

Now, what is the cross? What does it mean to bear the cross? Why, when you have to go against self, and against all carnal wishes and all natural desires, and against all your worldly plans. Then it is when you are confronted with persecution and threatened with death; and then it is that you take up the cross and follow the Christ—giving your life for others.

In Russia there is a very widely known monument, and upon it are inscribed the following words: "Greater love hath no man than this, that he will lay down his life for his friends." One time, when a party of noted men were going through that section of country they were suddenly attacked by an angry, hungry, ferocious pack of wolves. After they had exhausted every means in an endeavor to save their lives, one of those men hurled himself into the midst of the wolves and was devoured; and the rest of the party reached the place of safety and were saved. And in honor of that noble martyr, they have erected a monument right at the very spot, and have inscribed upon it the words, "Greater love hath no man than this, that he will lay down his life for his friends." There was love!

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In First John, the fourth chapter and the tenth verse we read, "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for onr sins." There is love!

Ah! my brothers and sisters, the whole trouble is selfishness. The love of money is the root of all evil.

**Have the Christlike Motive.**

I say to you, and to all in Zion City, I have only one motive to put before you, and that is Matthew 6:33, "But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." That is the word of God. "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

The blessed Savior, when He was nailed to the cross, and the cross was erected, the multitudes passed by, reviling Him, and they said, "Let Him come down from the cross, let Him save Himself and we will believe on Him." Ah! my brothers and sisters, suppose that the Savior had come down from the cross, you would have been in your sins; some of you who were healed years ago would have been in your graves, and you all would be without hope this afternoon!

Ah! no, the Savior came into the world to suffer and to die; and while the cross, before the crucifixion, stood for all that was black and vile and ignominious, when the Savior was nailed to the cross there was thrown around it a halo of heavenly light and glory; and today, thanks be unto God, the cross stands for healing, and for the cleansing of humanity.

Paul said, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of Chist my Lord;" and "If I preach circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution? then is the offence of the cross ceased." Ah! no, the offence of the cross of Christ has never ceased. "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us who are saved it is the power of God."

**From the Cross to Triumph.**

Zion! let us see the cross of Christ today and then let us look away from it; for Jesus is not there. We have no Christ upon a cross today; but we have a triumphant Christ Who sits at the right hand of God as our Intercessor and, thanks be unto God, our coming Lord and King! We are looking for the coming of the Lord from Heaven; but in the meantime we must toil for the salvation of others: and when the Christ comes, may our vision not be clouded.

It is said that a noted King took, in war, a man with his wife, and his father and mother. When they were brought before him he said, "You are condemned to die." To the man the King said, "What will you give me if I will spare the lives of your mother and your father?" The man told him that in a certain place in his realm he had vast treasures stowed away, and that he would give him those treasures if the King would spare the lives of his parents. The King then said, "What will you give for the life of your wife?" The man said, "I will die for her!" That night, when they returned to their home, the man said to his wife, 'Did you notice the rich apparel of the King, and his dignity and his majesty?" His wife answered him, "No, I saw only the man who said that he would die for me."

So today, Zion, I beseech you not to allow houses and lands, gold and silver, fame and honor, to cloud your vision of the Christ Who was willing to die for you upon Calvary.

Every one here who is determined, by the help of God, to follow the Christ, and to win the crown of life, stand, and let us pray together. (The entire congregation stood.)

The General Overseer then led in the following

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.

My God and Father, in Jesus' name I come to Thee. Take me as I am, and make what I ought to be. O Christ of God, I will follow Thee! Help me this afternoon to take up my cross and deny myself and follow Thee. Father in Heaven, redeem Zion City, for the sake of Jesus, and for the sake of our sons and daughters, for the sake of the sweet little children, and for the sake of our homes; and may there be one clean city where Thy name is honored, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

General Overseer: Did you all mean that prayer?

People: "Yes!"

General Overseer: Then may God incline His ear and hear the cry of His people. May God help us to lay aside our differences, and to have the Spirit of the Christ, and all join hands for the redemption of Zion City. For the sake of Jesus the Christ.

She first stanza of the Hymn entitled, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," was then sung.

The White-Robed Choir then sang in recessional, "Now the day is over," and the General Overseer pronounced the

BENEDICTION.

Father in Heaven, sanctify this service to the good of every member, and every brother and sister here, and to the the good of all, young and old. Dismiss us now with the choicest of Thy blessings. Teach us how to pray. Here and answer our cries, and use us to Thy name's honor and glory. For Jesus sake. Amen.

# "Helps in Bible Study"

*By Elder C. F Viking*

It is a great help to be able to quote the right Bible verse at the right time. Whether on a Zion platform, or in the prayer-room, or in the house-to-house visitations the Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God, must be kept unsheathed and in use. That tells us what God says.

Some Christians reason that they are too old to bend their memories to the burden of names and dates and thought-indexes, but the fact that they are old should make them more desirous of knowing the Bible before entering into the full activity of Eternity.

Others excuse themselves by saying that, in this busy life they have no time; but it is surprising how much can be gained by using spare moments which, of course, come to every one, no matter how busy, in securing knowledge and Divine truth.

It would be a splendid thing to have a little card or a note-book with Bible subjects and passages of Scripture grouped in the best way possible at hand, during the lunch-hour, on the train, when waiting for someone, when retiring, upon rising, etc. One month of systematic work in the line indicated will do wonders.

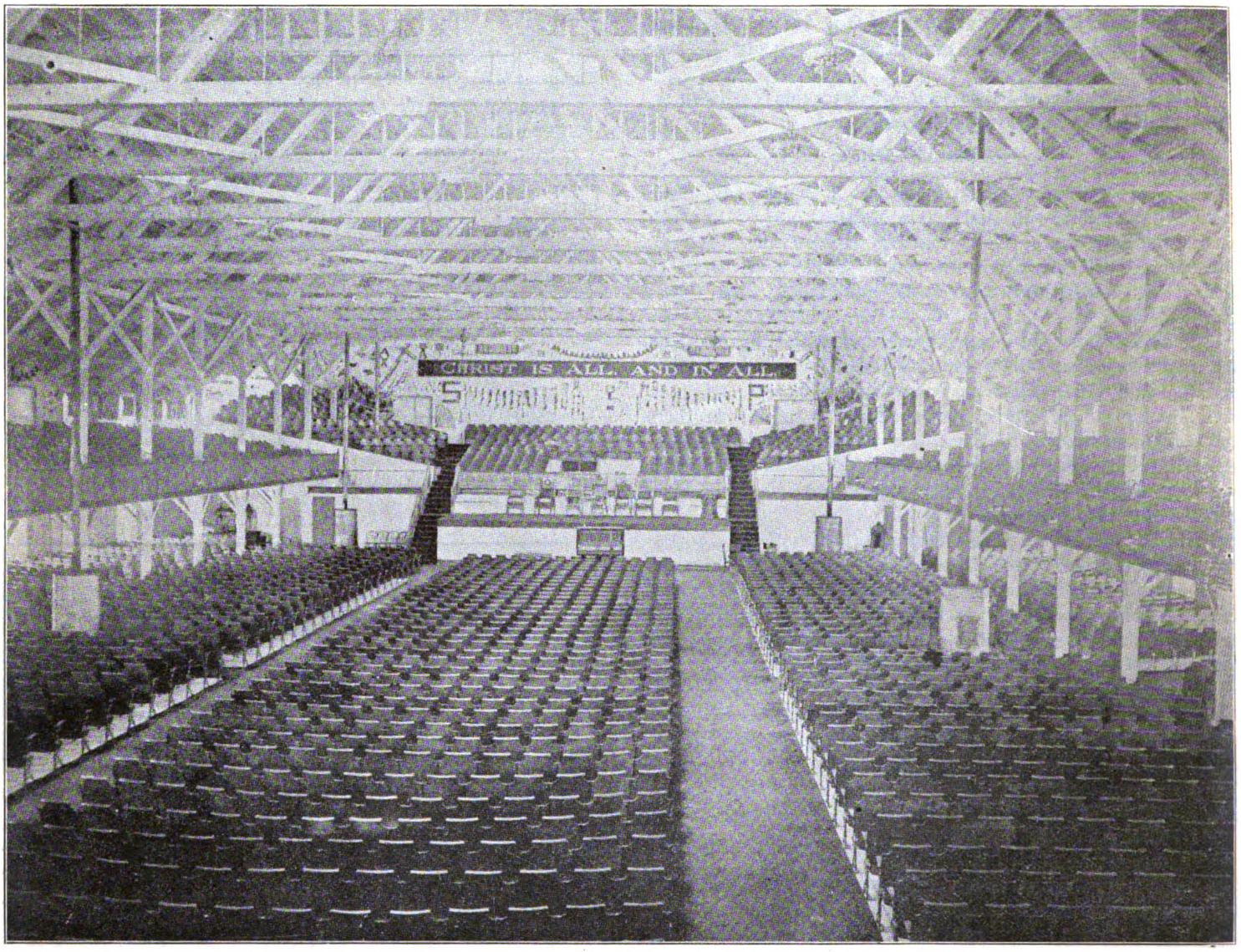
To be able to repeat by heart whole chapters and books of the Bible is good; and to be able to quote important passages on important subjects, is also a splendid thing.

To be able to locate and to give the names of the Books of the Bible, together with the chapters and verses of each, is good; and to be able to give in a nut-shell the fundamental contents of each book, is also splendid.

It seems to me that, in the future, Zion will need some sort of Zion Guide-book to the Bible—a kind of history and catechism combined, where the fundamental teachings of Zion, which constitute the backbone of the Gospel of Salvation, Healing, Holy Living and Future Life would be emphasized—not a book to take the place of the Bible, but a Drill-book in the

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SHILOH TABERNACLE---INTERIOR

The picture of Shiloh Tabernacle is again placed before the officers, members and friends of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion Throughout the World for several reasons—principally because $10,000 of the $12,500 contracted to be paid for the property has now been paid. The entire amount of $10,000 has been contributed by the loyal, stedfast and true officers, members and friends of the Church, with the exception of $3200.

Only one more payment is yet to be made and that will be due July 1, 1910. The amount of principal and interest to be paid at that time will be $2562.50. The next Sacrificial Offering to meet this last payment due July 1, 1910, will be taken at the All Night Meeting in Shiloh Tabernacle December 31, 1909—January 1, 1910.

God has plainly done and is still doing great things for Zion whereof all officers, members and friends of Zion should rejoice and render praise and thanksgiving unto Him day and night.

One and all in Zion will want to have a part in meeting this last payment. Special Offerings for this purpose may be sent any time after the receipt of this number of the Leaves until June 15, 1910.

Praising God for giving Shiloh Tabernacle to Zion and thanking, in His Name, all persons who have helped, either by their prayers or contributions, or both, and praying the richest blessings upon all Zion throughout the world, I am

Faithfully yours, in Jesus' Name,

WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA,
(Successor to John Alex. Dowie)
General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion.

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# Helps in Bible Study.

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Scriptures, which would make every student of the Bible---in fact, every Seventy, every Officer and every Member---familiar with the Bible itself, so that the people of Zion may become more familiar with the Word of God than with any other literature in the world,

Such a key to the Scriptures would be a useful help among juniors, and in Zion schools throughout the world, especially on the heathen field it would be valuable.

In Seventy work there are opportunities constantly offering themselves to use the Word of God effectually. Take as an illustration, the subject of Salvation. There is nothing more real than Salvation. It is a spiritual work in a spiritual sphere, but it affects the natural as well. The Savior is Divine, but the one to be saved is human. There is, therefore, both a Divine side and a human side.

A person cannot get saved without his own knowledge. There is a process of events in which his will-power has to be exercised, and where decisions must be made.

It is impossible to be saved and keep it a secret, for salvation shows on the outside and becomes a public fact.

The Seventies will feel very much stronger for having the Sword at hand, not only in book form, but in actual detailed facts of memory and heart.

Below will be found a few passages of Scripture on the subject of Salvation, grouped under the two headings, "The Divine Side," and "The Human Side."

The word "salvation" is not necessarily found in each verse, for there are such expressions as "faith," "knowledge," "enter in," and the like, which would express in full or partly the meaning of salvation without the use of the word "salvation."

A person will find it tiresome to try to learn a Bible concordance by heart; and therefore I do not advocate the repeating of long lists of Scripture verses found under one word in a concordance. A concordance is a very good thing in its place, but it would be easier for one to learn the whole Bible by heart than a concordance.

There are many ways of grouping the passages under a subject. It could be in the line of events, it could be alphabetically, it could be according to the order of the Books in the Bible. A teacher may find it more interesting to do the work himself after getting a start. Bible study certainly is very absorbing. Run your eyes up and down the scale on Salvation a few times each day for one week and you will see my meaning clearer. There is enough material in the Bible for other lessons on the same subjeet.

## SALVATION.

### THE DIVINE SIDE.

| | |
|---|---|
| A Prince and a Savior | Acts 5:31. |
| Author of Eternal Salvation | Heb. 5:9. |
| In no other name is there salvation | Acts 4:12 |
| The Father Hath Sent the Son | 1 John 4:44 |
| That he gave His only begotten Son | John 3:16. |
| Not to Judge but to Save | John 3:17 |
| Save His people from their sins | Matt. 1:21 |
| Behold the Lamb of God, which | John 1:29 |
| Come to save sinners | 1 Tim. 1:15 |
| I came that they might have life | John 10:10 |
| Appointed unto salvation | 1 Thess. 5: 9 |
| Chose you from the beginning | 2 Thess. 2:13 |
| By grace are ye saved | Eph. 2:8 |
| Gospel of Salvation | Eph. 1:13 |
| Word of Salvation | Acts 13:26 |
| Able to Save | Jas. 1:21 |
| Blood shed for remission | Matt. 26:28 |
| Gave His life a ransom | Mark 10:45 |
| Christ died for the ungodly | Rom 5:6 |
| Nailing it to the cross | Col. 2:14 |
| Having become a curse for us | Gal. 3:13 |
| Made to be sin on our behalf | 2 Cor. 5:21 |
| Out of death into life | John 6:40 |
| Father's will.....eternal life | John 5:24 |
| Who willeth that all men should be saved | 1 Tim. 2:4 |
| Savior of all men | 1 Tim 4:10 |
| All flesh shall see the salvation | Luke 3:6 |

### THE HUMAN SIDE,

| | |
|---|---|
| What must I do to be saved? | Acts 16:30 |
| Are there few that be saved? | Luke 10:23 |
| Call upon the name of the Lord | Rom. 10:13 |
| If any man enter in | John 10:9 |
| Repent ye therefore | Acts 3:19 |
| Godly sorrow worketh repentance | 2 Cor. 7:10 |
| I will arise and go to my Father | Luke 15:18 |
| He that believeth.....shall be saved | Mark 16:16 |
| Believe on the Lord Jesus and thou | Acts 16:31 |
| Whosoever believeth on Him | John 3:16 |
| To give knowledge of salvation | Luke 1:17 |
| Salvation is from the Jews | John 4:22 |
| Saved so as through fire | 1 Cor 3:15 |
| That the spirit may be saved | 1 Cor. 5:5 |
| Righteous scarcely saved | 1 Pet. 4:18 |
| Endureth ao the end | Matt. 24:13 |
| Snatching them out of fire | Jude 23 |
| Thou shalt save both thyself | 1 Tim 4:16 |
| Excusing one's self | Luke 14:18 |
| Escape if we neglect | Heb. 2:3 |
| Constrain them to come in | Luke 14:23 |
| This day is salvation come to | Luke 19:9 |
| Now is the day of salvation | 2 Cor. 6:2 |

## ZION HOME OPEN.

**Zion took possession of Elijah Hospice at midnight Friday, and Zion Home is now open for the glory of God.**

# ZION SEVENTIES

*Deacon J. W. Friend*

*General Recorder*

Be diligent in these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy progress may be manifest unto all."—1 Tim. 4:15.

Many who do not know the power of the resurrection of Jesus the Christ, are living in sin who would live the better life if they were shown the way to salvation, and lovingly brought to Jesus.

We must not let a single opportunity for doing good pass by. Let us cultivate the quick eye to see, the receptive ear to hear, and the loving heart to sympathize with those who are in need, and be ever ready to help the sinner. Be a real, live, energetic worker for God, filled with enthusiasm for your work,

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and have faith in your ability to succeed. These are the days when faith must be embodied in action.

Buckle on the whole armor of God and fight the good fight of faith. There is a great work to be done, and the laborers are few.

Do something for the elevation of mankind. Be diligent in your efforts to save others. The consummation of the age is drawing near. The wheat must be gathered into the garner. This work must be done. The Gospel Message must be sent into every land and to every people.

Ask yourself these questions: Am I a real live worker for God? Am I doing all I can to help others?

If you are not living so that your "progress is manifest unto all," get down to business and be determined that you will do something for the Master.

He gave His life for thee;
His precious blood He shed,
That thou mightst ransomed be,
And quickened from the dead.

Pray for the success of all Seventies throughout the world that they may bring many precious souls to Jesus; and "Be not weary in well doing, for in due season you will reap if you faint not."

PORTLAND, OREGON

The following report has been received from Deacon Frank Robinson for the week ending Dec. 6th, 1909:

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| Calls made | 478 |
| Messages given | 477 |
| Leaves of Healing sold | 97 |
| Heralds sold | 13 |
| Heralds given in saloons and barber shops | 150 |
| Leaves and Heralds mailed | 32 |
| Total number of pieces distributed | 769 |

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Banks and Anderson, traveling representatives from this department report work done in Sioux City, Iowa, for the week ending Dec. 4, 1909, as follows:

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| Calls made | 500 |
| Leaves sold | 57 |
| Heralds sold | 33 |
| Tracts sold | 1 |
| Number of pieces distributed | 591 |


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# LEAVES OF HEALING

I am the Lord that healeth thee.

And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

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# The Gospel of the Kingdom

## Idols Destroyed and Christ Enthroned

Wonderful Work in China. Hearts Hungering for the Gospel. Many Remarkable Healings.

Elder Royall in New Fields Breaking the Bread of Life.

YU CHIEN, CHEKIANG, China, Nov. 15, 1909.

REV. E. L. CAREY, Zion City, Ills.

*Beloved Elder:*

On leaving Ling Au, we turned our faces toward this city.

The road leads through a pass in the mountains all the way. The mountains were clothed in their beautiful Autumn verdure, with their variegated colors that looked like the plumage of beautiful birds. The sweet odor of the flowers, the murmur of the beautiful streams of water, were so restful after leaving a filthy city. At times the mountain peaks were lost in the clouds.

At two o'clock we were held up as we passed through a small town, not by a bandit, but by an inquirer, who took us to his home and gave us dinner. The home had been pillaged by Mr. Wong, the leader of the gathering at Yu Chien, and all idols had been given up but one, which was readily given over to me.

We were met by groups of Christians all along the road as we proceeded towards the city.

The first meeting in the Tabernacle was blessed!

The following day, Christians and inquirers began to flow in from the country villages. That night there was an old-time Zion meeting. Words cannot tell the story. Testimonies were given of most wonderful answers to prayer. Prayer had been answered for cholera, for heart trouble, for stomach trouble, and for skin diseases of the most terrible kind. A man who had been almost blind was there, and testified that he had been prayed for by a member, or seventy, and now he can see and was praising God for the wonderful healing.

Mr. Li of Ting San testified that his child, four years old, was as if he were dead, and some began weeping, but he said, "Don't weep; God is here and we will go to prayer." Mr. Tsing was there and testified that they all went to prayer, and soon afterward the child opened his eyes aud began to breathe, and soon sat up and wanted food.

A woman who has been demon-possessed for nineteen years, with an unclean spirit, and would be taken with a trembling and would fall and gnash her teeth, and would have no control of herself, now sits before me as I write, clothed and in her right mind. She is now very happy.

The story grows more wonderful as it comes to me. Tens, scores, and hundreds of idols have been given up, and throngs have come from the villages to be prayed for, and testimonies of various healings continually come. The meetings continue till far into the night. All during the night I heard outbreaks of prayer by different ones who had come in from the villages. Each morning I am awakened by some one praying. I heard some one crying out to God for all of China;--- the cry came from a burdened heart for his people. He cried to God that the old customs and idolatry should soon pass away. Each morning there has been an early morning meeting for prayer.

On the third day there was a marriage, not in Cana of Galilee, but in Yu Chien of Chekiang. The Christ was there in spirit. The groom is Mr. Wong, the leader of the gathering. The bride's parents are heathen, but she is a Christian, so they wanted a Christian marriage. Sedan chairs were sent to the village for the bride, and we waited in breathless expectation for her coming till five o'clock in the afternoon, and a messenger arrived saying that she would not arrive till some time that night. We waited and watched till far into the night, and she

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arrived at two o'clock in the morning. Everyone was ready to receive them. I at once performed the ceremony of the first Christian marriage that ever took place in this town, which is two thousand years old. Everybody was happy at the event.

The following day was glorious! Lord's Day, November 14th, everything seemed to be at white heat. It was pray, PRAY, PRAY! on everybody's lips. The meeting for teaching was held at 10 o'clock in the morning. Then in the afternoon, the charge was given to the candidates for baptism. The forces were all marshalled in line and, with Zion flags floating in the breeze, we had a procession down the main street and out to the river, where there is a stone bridge. Great crowds joined the procession. Lieutenants with bands of soldiers also accompanied us. There were more than a thousand people to witness the baptism of thirty-three persons, whom I had the pleasure of baptizing in the cold, clear water that flows down from the mountains. Unknown to us the Government School at this place had sent a message to the adjoining country town school to meet them at this bridge to witness the baptism. They came on foot fifteen miles, marching and keeping time to the drum beat.

These old mountains will forever ring with the praise and prayer of these people. Some of the brethren have followed us from Ho Shang to Ling Au, and from Ling Au to this place.

Last night the Holy Spirit was very manifest in the meeting. Some who had been halting between two opinions, came out straight for God. The people are planning for a better Tabernacle, and much interest is manifested in it. God is wonderfully blessing, for, like the Bereans, they are more noble than at some other places, in that they receive the Word with all readiness, searching the Scriptures whether these things are so. The Holy Spirit has testified to me, "Fear not, but speak and hold not thy peace; for I am with thee, and no one shall assail thee or harm thee: for I have much people in this city; and that all who wish to live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."

I expect to start to YenChow, Wednesday the 17th. I will now travel by small boats. Sometimes I get very weary with the continuous strain, but God gives me strength. Pray for me as I do for you. The Christians pray daily for the General Overseer, and for Zion throughout the world. There will be at least fifty applications for fellowship; some could not get to the baptism. I am preaching the Kingdom of God, and teaching the things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ.

Grace to you, and peace from God, our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I am,

Faithfully yours in Christ Jesus, praising God for Zion,

(Signed) F. M. ROYALL.

# The Compassion and Consolation of Jesus the Christ

An Address Delivered in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, Lord's Day Afternoon, November 1, 1909

## By General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva

(REPORTED BY MISS SARAH J. BOOTH)

The Processional, sang by Zion White-robed Choir, was "Come, Let Us Raise Our Harvest Song," at the conclusion of which the General Overseer offered the invocation.

The congregation then joined heartily in singing the hymn "While the Days are Going By."

The first scripture lesson of the service was the One Hundred and Third Psalm, which the General Overseer read to the fourteenth stanza, when he commented as follows:

Who is there who can measure the distance of the heaven above the earth? – not any one; and yet so great is the mercy of God toward them that fear Him.

O, how merciful God is toward the children of men, for "as far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us." How comforting that ought to be to every one.

My brothers and sisters, no matter what your past life has been, if you have truly repented and have put your sins under the blood of the Christ and upon God's altar; then God has forgiven you, and buried your sins beyond all hope of a resurrection ---"As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us."

The fourteenth and fifteenth stanzas were then read as follows:

"For He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust."

"As for man, his days are as grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth."

The following Comment was then made:

Brothers and sisters, there is but one life that is worth living, and that is to live each day as though you knew it were your last one on earth. Remember, that you cannot count upon "tomorrow;" today is yours, tomorrow may not be yours; and I pray that through the teaching of Zion all fear of death may be taken away.

### The Privileges of God's Children.

I cannot impress upon your minds to strongly the fact that it is the privilege of every child of God to live free from sickness, free from affliction and free from pain.

It is the privilege of every child of God to live out his life, and then to fold his arms across his breast and go peacefully home to his Father in Heaven. No matter where I may be in ten or twenty years from now, I want you to remember this teaching. Whether or not I attain to it, or whether or not you attain to it, it is God's eternal truth.

God has said in His Word that if we will hearken unto His Voice, and keep His commandments, and walk in His statutes, that no diseases shall ever come upon us; and God's Word is true, and it is our privilege to live out our lives.

It is not the will of God that the sweet little babe in the cradle should be snatched by cruel diseases; it is not the will of God that boys and girls in their teens should be cut down; nor is it the will of God that the man ascending the hill of life, just reaching the summit and catching a glimpse of the other side of the hill, the first glimpse of the setting of his sun, should pass away.

But it is the will of God that every man and woman --- His offspring --- should live and pass away full of years and of ripe Christian experience.

I thank God a thousand times over for the light that has come to all the world through Zion, exhorting all to live up to their privileges in Christ Jesus and to claim the promises of God; and I exhort you today to reach out and to claim the promises of God, to demonstrate that God's Word is true, and that God's people, of all people on the face of the earth, should be the strongest, most vigorous and wealthiest, sharing every rich blessing of Heaven, and altogether a holy and a peculiar people.

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After reading stanzas sixteen and seventeen:

"For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more."

"But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him, and His righteousness unto children's children," the General Overseer said:

Had it not been for God's mercy, we should have been cut off long ago. You and I have deserved only death, for all have transgressed God's laws, and it is only because of God's mercy that we are still in the land of the living.

You know that since this day began to dawn there have been thousands---from the little baby to the old man and woman---who have answered to the dread summons of death. Why are you still living? Only because of God's mercy, and for no other reason. You sit here today with the use of your mind and the proper exercise of your body, and you are in health and strength; and while you are sitting here in the midst of pleasant surroundings, thousands and tens of thousands are delirious from disease and their bodies are racked with pain, and many are longing and trying to die, but cannot. Why are you so favored? Because of God's mercy.

### Are the People Prepared for the Summons?

My brothers and sisters, who knows but that before the sun sets tonight some of you may be standing in the presence of your God to give an account of the life you have lived here upon this earth. How would you fare if you were ushered into the presence of God this afternoon? As you look back over your life, from the year that you became accountable, what have been your thoughts, your words and your actions --- your entire life?

When you have passed away, will humanity say of you, "A good man has gone and he will be missed, for he was a blessing in his day and generation; and in his life was fulfilled the word: 'Love seeketh not her own.'" Is that what they can say of you, my brother?

### A Great Work For Each to Do.

O! may God fire every spirit here today with an holy passion for the salvation of the sinful, the healing of the sick, the uplifting of the fallen, and the building of orphans' homes and of rescue homes!

Zion, our first duty today is to save Zion City intact for God and for Zion, and then to go out and rescue hundreds of poor little children, rescue the fallen men and fallen women, and lead them to God and care for them; and at last, when life shall come to a close—while we may not be able to say that we have made a hundred thousand dollars, or that we have a palatial home, or that we have achieved world-wide notoriety, and thus won the plaudits of our fellow-men—we shall be able to say that we did all the good that we could. That is the only life worth living, and any other kind of life is only wasted.

So today I want you to realize that God is looking down upon you. As Napoleon said to his soldiers, when he stood in the shadow of the pyramids of Egypt, "The eyes of heroes, and of men of renown, are upon you, and are calling you to do your duty."

### Reward For the Saviors of Zion City.

So, from Heaven today, those who have fought the battle and have won the victory and are now wearing their crown, are looking down upon Zion City, and the voice of God calls to every man and woman to do his and her duty in this crisis, and to save Zion City for the people who are now living in it, and for the generations yet unborn.

To help in the saving of Zion City at this time is the grandest opportunity that was ever given to mortal man; and some day, not only in the Zion Herald will your names stand enrolled as the men and the women who came forward to help save this City for God; but also upon the Roll in Heaven will be inscribed the name of every hero who stood and braved the storm for the truths, the principles, the ideas and ideals of Zion that called us together from the four corners of the earth.

Thank God, He has given us this Tabernacle, and it is as easy to pay for it as it to stand up here and say, "Peace to Thee." God has given us the Zion City General Stores. He has given us this Temple Site, for which the papers are signed; and before many more returning suns, God will give us still more: [Ten days after this address was delivered, the Administration Building and Elijah Hospice were purchased.--Ed.] and then, at last, we shall be able to march into this Tabernacle with our banners waving, and thanking God that He has given Zion the whole of Zion City, to be consecrated to His service entirely, throughout time, till Jesus comes. (Amens!)

My brothers and sisters, I tell you that this is not the work of any man; but God has ordered it, and I feel sorry for all those who attempt to hinder. We shall go on from victory to victory: and I tell you, Zion, we have millions of dollars. Why? Because God is able to create money of the stones of the street; and if any of you are not faithful to God, and He has set you aside, He can take a rock out here on the street, and raise up a true son or daughter of Zion; and you will perish in the wilderness if you are not faithful.

Zion, let us join hands and hearts, and with an eye single to the glory of God, go forward to conquer in the Name of the Lord!

"Our Father is rich in houses and lands; He holdeth the wealth of the world in His hands." I intend to go forward by faith; and God will send the millions to spread the Gospel, as well as to save Zion City. We have a wonderful God, and we have a wonderful people.

Brethren, pray—pray three times each day. This is God's doings; it is not ours; and the world needs Zion more today than it has ever needed her before. Zion's message is the message that will ring around the world.

I pray that God will fill each heart here with love, and give you a spirit of pity and of compassion. Pray that when I come to preach today on "The Compassion and the Consolation of Christ," that God will inspire every thought, and that He will set this congregation on fire with a love for humanity that will lead you to sacrifice yourselves, and to die, if necessary, in order to rescue fallen humanity; may God fill you each and every one with that spirit.

Thank God for His mercy. Oh! how merciful and kind He is. Ah, yes, my friends, some of you can say, "A year ago I was very sick, and God raised me up." Yes, God was very merciful to you, but how are you repaying Him for what He has done?

I tell you that a city consecrated to God, and inhabited only by thoroughly consecrated people, would be the greatest object lesson that this world has ever seen. May God grant it!

### The Anthem of Praise.

Bless the Lord, ye His angels, that excel in strength, that do His commandments, hearkening unto the voice of His word.

Bless ye the Lord, all ye His hosts; ye ministers of His that do His pleasure.

Bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His dominion; bless the Lord, O my soul.—Ps. 103:20-22.

Ah! The beautiful anthem that rings around the world today is the anthem which is led by Jesus the Christ—the simple word, "Come!" "And the Spirit and the Bride say, Come." Yes, a glorious inspiring chorus rings throughout the world unto all men, to come; and at last, when the last sealed one has

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He sendeth His word and healeth them.
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And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.
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# EDITORIAL NOTES

*By the General Associate Editor*

THE BABE of Bethlehem!

THINK OF the Love of the Heavenly Father to give His only begotten Son---Heaven's Richest Treasure---that humanity might have a Savior!

HOW TRUE the Word of God is! The promises of God, through the Prophets, have never failed, and never will fall short in a single particular. Truth is exact in point of measure and time, and its power no one can defeat.

"WHEN WE were yet without strength, in due time [according to the time] Christ died for the ungodly;"---but before He could die in man's stead, He must live as man lived, see as man saw, and be tempted in all things like as man is tempted.

FROM THE time of humanity's transgression God had measured man's needs, and promised that adown the ages the Deliverer wauld come, and patriarch, prophet and priest lived in expectancy of the Messiah's reign.

GOD'S LOVE for man was so great that generation after generation received the promise anew, often from the glories of the opened heavens, or from the lightnings on the mountain peaks.

EVEN THE backslidings of God's chosen people, Israel, and their repeated broken vows, could not weary God of His love for man whom He had made as His earthly crowning work, and so He puts it in the mouth of His prophet, Isaiah, to cry aloud, "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel."

AS IF to impress the thought of home upon the minds of the people in a manner not to be forgotten, and to remind them of Eternal Love following them, even through the valley of the shadow of death, the prophet exclaims:

"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them the light hath shined. * *

"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His Name shall be called WONDERFUL, COUNSELLOR, THE MIGHTY GOD, THE EVERLASTING FATHER, THE PRINCE OF PEACE."

Could anything inspire greater hope? God to be with man and man to live with God! "Wonderful" in honor and glory! A "Counsellor" whose words are cheer and whose advise is law that cannot fail! "The Mighty God" that opens heaven as a home for whosoever will come! "The Everlasting Father" who wipes away the last tear and offers all the comforts of the Eternal Home! "The Prince of Peace!" O, Thou God of Mercy, such boundless Love!

The Babe of Bethlehem, Thou Monarch of Eternity, from everlasting to everlasting Thou art God! Let all the earth obey Thy Commandments, and let Thy Spirit dictate each thought and prompt every act.

"The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge, and of the fear of the Lord."

"And He shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the ontcasts af Israel, aud gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth."

THE CHRIST came not to do His own will, but the will of the Father who sent Him. He came to open the gates of the Kingdom which shall never be overthrown.

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"How BEAUTIFUL upon the mountains are the feet of them that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God Reigneth!' "

THE PATRIARCHS waited for His coming, and the prophets, with unerring vision, saw His near approach at Bethlehem.

"And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Judaea, art not the least among the princes of Judah: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule My people Israel. "

EARTH WAS being prepared for the birth of the King. The favored mother talked face to face with the angel of anticipation who made specific promise, "Thou shalt bring fo.th a Son, and shall call His Name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David: and He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever ; and of His Kingdom there shall be no end. "

NOW THE promises of the ages were to be consummated; the plan made from before the foundation of the earth was to ripen intc a perfected reality; the patriarchs' expectations, and the prophets' declarations were soon to bear the seal of heavenly approval, for the Star of Bethlehem was soon to cast its guiding light for heavenly visitation over Judea's hills and plains; the pilgrims of earth were about to hear the opening strains of heaven's Hallelujah Chorus, and to earth the all important message was soon to begin to sound on the angel's lips:

"Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. "

"For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

SCARCELY HAD the long-looked for Christmas been officially announced, when heaven's host of rejoicing angels pierced the clouds and with accents of praise sang the chorus of hope to an anxious world:

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. "

The Savior of all men was born into man's environment and earth's sorrows. Blessing and honor, and power were His. Never has mortal man failed to receive from Him a laok of sympathy and of love.

"Was there ever kinder Shepherd,
Half so gentle, half so sweet,
As the Savior, Who would have us
Come and gather round His feet.

If our love were but more simple,
We should take Him at His word;
And our lives would all be sunshine,
In the sweetness of our Lord.

For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of man's mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.

May God grant that every heart will be touched by the true Christmas spirit, and make all earth ring in harmony with the accents of joy which can come only from hearts filled with love, and prompted by a spirit to obey, in harmony with the angels join in singing:

"Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And Heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His rigeteousness,
And wonders of His love.

ARRANGEMENTS ARE making for an interesting and profitable All-Night Meeting. Letters are coming from members and friends of Zion from far and near, some signifying their intention to be present at the All-Night Meeting. All are praying; hence a most profitable time is assured.

OWING TO the absence of the General Overseer several days this week, and because of great pressure of work on every hand, a formal program for the All-Night Meeting has been delayed. However, a program at best is but suggestive, and Zion everywhere knows that even all-night is too short a time within which to express all there is to be said about God's love and Zion's work.

ZION HOME is prepared to accommodate all who come from a distance. How thankful Zion is for ZION HOME! Many in the city are availing themselves of the comforts afforded and in less than a week over one hundred rooms have been engaged.

LET ALL Zion enter heartily into the spirit of Chirstmas and praise God for his wonderful gift to the children of men.

THE GLAD acclaim of the angels,
"Glory to God in the Highest;
And on earth peace,
Good will towards men,"
should echo and re-echo in every heart.

THE GREATEST Gift to the world is God's only begotten Son, and He as the Life-giver and King of Glory should be received and honored in every thought, word and deed.

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# The Compassion and Consolation of Jesus the Christ.

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crossed "The River," and has joined the "multitude which no man could number," then all will join in singing the beautiful song of "Moses and the Lamb."

**Plan to Bless Humanity.**

My brothers aad sisters, let us be willing to toil day and night for God and for humanity. Zion, never mind about your stocks; some day you will see that my word will come true; to every man and every woman who truly says, "Father, I will seek first Your Kingdom," God will give him and her back, (just as He did to Job) twice as much as they ever put into Zion.

**The Self-Centered Man or Woman is Useless.**

The Psalmist said, Once I was young and now am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread."

My brothers and sisters, be sure that all love of money is burned out of your hearts. Ah! Christ said, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon." The Bible also tells us that "the love of money is the root of all evil."

What is it today that leads to lying? Money.

What is it that leads to cheating? Money.

What is it that leads to the adulteration of foodstuffs, until severe laws are passed and officials apointed? Money.

What is it that leads to the one hundred and one crimes in the world today? Money.

Yes, the love of money is the root of all evil; and the man who will be rich falls into divers temptations, and he will have his soul pierced by a thousand darts.

Love God and serve Him and, as I said to a brother yesterday, "Some day you will see that all that has happened in Zion has been a blessing in disguise, and Zion will come up and out of what some thought was her grave, clad in her beautiful, white garments, and with a halo of resurrection glory upon her head; and then many will say, 'Verily, God dwelleth in Zion.'"

My brothers and sisters, I point you to God today; put your trust in Him, and then everything will come out alright; and then you will be happy and thankful that you remained true, steadfast and faithful.

May God bless the reading of His Word.

The Zion White Robed Choir then rendered the anthem,—"Praise Be To The Father, To The Son and To The Holy Spirit."

**The Deep Meaning of Prayer**

General Overseer: We come now to one of the most important parts of the entire service; and when I say, "Let us pray," it is the uttering of a sentence the depth of which no man can fathom.

You hear the voice of Jesus saying, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh, receiveth; and he that seeketh, findeth; and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened."

And again, the Savior said, "If ye abide in Me and My words abide in you, ye shall ask whatsoever ye will, and it shall be done unto you."

And further. the Savior said, "Have faith in God." And again, "Whosoever of you shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea, and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith."

"When ye pray, believe that ye have that for which ye ask and pray and ye shall have it."

"Now unto Him Who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us."

God has done great things for us, and in the near future we shall print a large edition of the "Leaves of Healing" containing testimonies of God's healing and keeping power. We can print only a few of the many wonderful answers to prayer---how God has heard and delivered.

O! God has done wonderful things for Zion, He has heard and answered prayer, and has sent deliverances in so many cases, and I want as many testimonies as we can print to go out to all parts of the world, that through the reading of them others may be brought to trust in God.

How good God has been and is to Zion in China, and what a wonderful work is being accomplished, and how the people there are flocking into Zion for the full Gospel. Read the story of how Elder Royall stood in the midst of thirty thousand people and circulated Zion tracts and proclaimed the Gospel of the Kingdom of God.

Now, when I say "Let us pray," what does that mean? It means that you and I are needy creatures, and that you and I believe in God and in Jesus the Christ His Son; it also means that you and I will shut the world outside, and will enter into our closets and there will commune with God; and I trust that each one here will do that.

Have you not something for which to thank God? Is there even one in this entire congregation who will say that he or she has not anything for which to thank and praise God?

Let each and all now please bow the head and thank God, the Giver of every good and perfect gift. Have you not some request to make today for yourselves, for your loved ones, for all humanity?

Will you pray today? From all directions the prayer requests come in, and we pray. Do our hearts condemn us as we draw near to God? I put that question straight to every man and every woman here this afternoon.

Elder Carey then led the congregation in the general supplication, at the close of which, with heads still bowed, all joined in singing the Hymn, "Bless Me Now."

Heavenly Father, bless me now;
At the cross of Christ I bow;
Take my guilt and grief away:
Hear and heal me now, I pray.

Now, O Lord! this very hour,
Send thy grace and show thy power;
While I rest upon Thy Word,
Come and bless me now, O Lord!

Now, just now, for Jesus' sake,
Lift the clouds, the fetters break;
While I look, and as I cry,
Touch and cleanse me ere I die.

Never did I so adore
Jesus Christ, Thy Son, before;
Now the time and this the place!
Gracious Father, show Thy grace.

**Prayer by the General Overseer**

Father in Heaven, hear and answer the cries of Thy children in this Thy Sanctuary; bless all for whom we ought to pray at this time. Take us each and all as we are and make us what we ought to be in spirit, in soul and in body. May Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is done in Heaven. We ask all for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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# ZION SEVENTIES

*Deacon J. W. Friend*

*General Recorder*

And He said unto all, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross *daily* and follow me." Luke 9:23.

Jesus the Christ left His Home in Heaven, and came to this sin-cursed earth, to redeem mankind from the power of the Evil One. He took upon Himself the form of a man, and was tempted in all points like as we are yet without sin. He denied Himself the glories of His Heavenly Home, that He might combat and destroy the works of the devil. He went about doing good, having compassion upon those who were sick and afflicted, comforting the mourners, and tenderly carrying the "little ones as lambs in His bosom."

If we are to follow in the footsteps of Jesus the Christ, then we must deny ourselves of many so-called pleasures, and earnestly seek the lost and help them to see and live the beautiful Christian life, and to find true pleasure and happiness in God's service.

We must renounce self. Whatever our cross may be, we must take it up DAILY—not merely once a week, month or year; but we must keep unceasingly at it.

It is the enthusiastic, energetic and persistent worker in God's harvest field, who will live in the lives of others after his work upon earth is accomplished; and he it is who will enter the portals of the Heavenly City, bringing his precious sheaves with him, and will have his name emblazoned upon the pages of history as a helper of men.

You, who have your name enrolled as a Seventy, are you living up to your privileges in Christ Jesus which you have in Zion?

Are you grasping every opportunity which you have of helping others, and in whose life are you living?

You must have a Christianity which consists not merely in word, but also in deed and in truth—a Christianity which makes your home an abode of love, and not a "habitation of dragons," but a place where God is honored, and where peace abides.

Then, when you go out upon your missson of love and mercy, sowing the good seed of the Kingdom and gathering in the precious sheaves, the salutation of "Peace be to this house" will be effective, coming from one who has left a home where the very atmosphere is full of the sweet peace of God's love.

My brother, my sister, may your heart be pure; and may you ever be true and faithful to your trust. You never can be successful in your ministry of winning others to God, unless you are living a true Christian life.

Pray earnestly that the forthcoming year of 1910 will be a year in which many precious lives will be consecrated to God's service, uniting with us in the work of rescuing those who are living in sin, and helping us to extend God's Kingdom to earth's remotest bounds.

Rescue the perishing, duty demands it;
Strength for thy labor the Lord will provide:
Back to the narrow way patiently win them;
Tell the poor wanderer the Savior has died.

PORTLAND, OREGON

The following report has been received from Deacon Frank Robinson for the seven days ending Dec. 12th, 1909:

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| Calls made | 409 |
| Messages given | 406 |
| "Heralds" sold | 8 |
| "Leaves" sold | 72 |
| "Leaves" mailed | 19 |
| "Heralds" mailed | 20 |
| Visits made | 10 |

KENOSHA

Report of work done, Dec. 11th, 1909; Deacon Hammond, Officer-in-Charge.

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| "Heralds" sold | 27 |
| "Leaves" sold | 21 |
| Messages distributed | 203 |
| Tracts sold | 26 |

MILWAUKEE

Report of work done Lord's Day, December 19, 1909; Deacon Robbins, Officer-in-charge. The literature and the Seventies were received with joy and thanksgiving.

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|---|---|
| Calls made | 775 |
| Messages given | 885 |
| "Leaves" given | 3 |
| "Heralds" sold | 6 |
| "Leaves" sold | 27 |
| Cards given | 866 |
| Total number of pieces distributed | 1800 |

## Zion's All-Night With God.

**From 8 p. m., December 31, 1909, to 6 a. m., January 1, 1910, is now drawing near.**

**From 8 to 10 o'clock p. m., Zion Choir and Orchestra, 250 in number, will render Handel's Messiah.**

**The General Overseer will then take charge, and, with the exception of the customary intermission after the midnight hour, the meeting will be continued without interruption.**

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# The Gospel of the Kingdom

## Protestant Missions in China and Zion in Contrast

By Elder C. F. Viking

During the journey which Elder Royall now is taking, in which he is being mightily used of God, several new mission stations have been and are being opened: for Zion's work is ever widening. I was figuring up how many tabernacles Zion now has in China, and it is pleasing to find quite a number, which have come into existence within the last year or two. By the end of this year, there will likely be in the neighborhood of twelve such.

Zion headquarters has not furnished the money for the fitting up of these tabernacles, nor is there any appropriation from headquarters for their yearly rental, nor are the district leaders or preachers paid by foreign money. The money is forthcoming from the people themselves, who, in some cases, have helped the Elders in their traveling expenses.

This proves that God is using Zion. There is no other mission in existence in China where such a record can be shown, and it is a thing worth noticing. Hundreds of thousands of dollars leave annually the shores of America and Europe for China, as regular appropriations to missionary work, besides the salaries of the missionaries. This money is used in opening places of worship for the native church in towns and villages throughout China, paying for the yearly rent of such buildings and the salaries of the native preachers, colporters, Bible women, janitors, hospitals and schools. In many cases the preaching places are bought outright or built from the foundation up by foreign money.

You have no doubt seen in the missionary periodicals, belonging to the various denominations, calls for money for such and such a native preacher, evangelist, Bible woman, or school. You have, perhaps, yourself paid out money to such objects and been told how much good it has accomplished.

The question is, Are the Chinese so poor and so different from other peoples that they cannot finance the expenses of their own church and do mission work of any kind? They were able to repair and build up Buddha, and keep up his glory with all the additional spirit worship of Confucianism and devil worship, Taoism, and drink and spew of a sinful life. Even the poorest of the poor, old women in rags, could afford to burn a candle or an incense stick once in a while. How is it now that they cannot support, Jesus, Who does not ask for more than one tenth of their income (for a tithe of any class of people's income is enough to meet all the expenses of that particular people's church life), whereas the former connections demanded the very least, two-tenths, with sickness and sadness extra.

The system, which I will here term the "missionary pauper-system," foisted on China in the past, has grown into a terrible damper on spiritual developments among the converts themselves. In our dealings with the Chinese, we constantly rub up against the consequences of such a system, and it takes both time and patience to labor with a thus misdirected people in order to get them to see the very beginning of Gospel demands. It has not only influenced the existing churches, but the vast extent of the mission field as well.

It is wrong to educate Chinese children with foreign money, free of cost and allow thousands of children in the homelands to be brought up in ignorance and sin. If the money which has been spent in China for free education by the various American missions had been used in the slums in New York, Chicago and other centers, poverty and crime would have been diminished to a remarkable degree, and China would not have suffered for it.

The Chinese are a people who, for centuries, have been lovers of learning, but as they early walled themselves in from outside influence, they have not kept up with modern times in

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civilization. The pride of the nation, the misrule of the officials, the lack of public spirit, and the oppression of the poor have checked all progress. But now hunger for learning is taking possession of many as they come in contact with the outside world. The Chinese government is beginning to establish schools, and the people are getting to see their need of knowledge.

The native church in China will have a great part in the future in the education of her children, and she must, of course, finance such work herself. Education will mean much more to the Chinese if the support comes from themselves.

China is able to keep up with the demands in battleships and war material. Why not in education? It would be absurd for the United States of America to send a battleship to China with the following despatch:

"Dear China: Herewith a lovetoken of one battleship for your navy. Please accept. Taft."

These days are days of great railway enterprises in China. The nations are quarrelling over the jobs. What is the spirit of China regarding it? It is not long ago that an uprising was averted in the Chekiang Province over a railway affair. Some Peking statesmen had negotiated with a foreign power to furnish the capital. When the people of the province heard of it, they protested, and not in soft words either. They wanted to furnish the money themselves. Let the Chinese finance the education of their own people, and they will have a far stronger interest in the schools. They are able to do it.

Even though the last two years have been poor in the Oriental commercial world, yet things are stirring in China. America is waking up to the fact that there is a business era just beginning in China. Japan has known that for some time. China will become an immense field for any enterprise. China does not manufacture anything to speak of, so the modern articles which she will use when opening up fully to civilization must come from abroad. Even now, as things are, nails, lamps, clocks, needles, umbrellas, piece goods, tons upon tons, shipload after shipload, stuff of every description, arrive almost every day of the year at some open port for the Chinese market. And this is only the beginning.

But President Taft knows that the time has come to get in with the first. What an enormous trade the making of books will be! Would it be too high an estimate to say that 50,000,000 of Children do not know their A. B. C. in Chinese? These children must have schools and text books. These books must be prepared and printed.

To do that with foreign money, or part foreign money, as a business, is all right. The Chinese can pay for the books, and you will get your margin of earnings. The Chinese themselves are beginning the text book business. Printing establishments in Shanghai, whether foreign or Chinese, are flooded with work the year round.

As our mission is growing, and the eighteen provinces of China open up more and more, Zion must enter in with the printed page. It cannot be far off when we shall need tens of thousands of tracts every month, and a Zion paper for circulation. We have, therefore, got to find the printing presses very soon. They will never be idle. They will pay their cost many times over in doing up-to-date jobs.

It is always wrong to do a thing for a person or a people which they ought to do themselves. For the most part, the god the poorer classes fear and love, and the richer classes loathe, is the missionary and his money. What China needs is not so many foreign missionaries as the home countries have been made to believe. There has been, at times, great fever-heat in hurrying hundreds upon hundreds of preachers, their wives and children and single men and women to inland China; and, as indications show, this is increasing at the present time.

Now, I am not passing any sweeping criticism over this whole state of affairs. I am simply stating my profound conviction, and I will leave to my readers to draw their own conclusions. Many of these missionaries are men and women of good, sterling character, high learning, good pay, large circles of friends, and with capacity for work. Some of these have suffered great trials and sacrificed for their church and call. They have buried themselves in the midst of heathenism exposed to everything horrible imaginable and they have continued for years against all odds of a wrong system, even though broken down in health and hopes.

Be it said, the Chinese have not understood them; and, judging from their "pauper system" in use, they have not understood the Chinese.

The multiplying of foreign missionaries is not the thing that China needs. There are too many here already. If that number includes myself, all right. Radical changes in missionary work should be and are being inaugurated where Zion has the power.

The Chinese themselves will be the missionaries of the future. With only a few foreign missionaries to oversee the work, thousands of native men can go forth with the message. This they will do unsupported by foreign money. But can they be trusted when the foreign eye is not there to see them, and will they be faithful to the teachings of Jesus and do as true a work as foreigners would? Yes; and they will do it better, for now the foreign missionary has to rely to a great extent on eye-servants (there are exceptions, but not numerous), to make their poorly expressed meanings clearer. The Chinese missionary, taking the place of the foreign missionary, will have the advantage of knowing the Chinese mind and hiding-place, and the peculiarities of a four thousand years' civilization.

Then the Chinese missionary (and this is the best of it all) in his own language, in his own way to his own people, will herald forth the message of the Kingdom of God in the power of the Holy Spirit, God, Himself, making him express the full richness of the Gospel in boldness of faith and joy of victory. Then the Chinese preacher will stand up as a powerful messenger from God, fearless and filled with the love of Jesus, which draws back at no sacrifices, and which will seek and seek and seek the lost until they be found.

Then a mighty revival for the overthrow of the idol of clay, the ancestral worship, and the fear of spirits, for the salvation and healing af multitudes, the enthroning of Jesus the Christ in their hearts and lives, will sweep over China. Then from the capital of every province a loyal host of truly saved and consecrated Seventies will go forth to every city and village within their respective provinces; joyfully proclaiming Jesus as King and Lord. There need not be any foreign eye in that day. Away, away with a foreign-paid native ministry, and a hypocritical Christianity! Away, away with the missionary pauper-system which is a curse to missions in China!

Then the Chinese church will begin to see her great privilege of not only evangelizing China proper, but a strong missionary spirit will develop to such an extent that messengers will be sent from China to surrounding countries, such as Thibet and others, and to the islands of the sea. Yea; may be, China will furnish the best messengers for Japan.

Japan has failed to see any power in the religion of Christendom; therefore, in the great onward stride of civilization in Japan, Jesus has been left out to an alarming extent. The great professors of religion and doctors of Divinity of the Protestant world have found that Japan will not exchange their Shintoism for a dead Christianity.

But, then, what about the doctors of China? What about all the beloved foreign physicians who are head over heels in the work of cutting, sawing, stitching, drugging and diagnosing the

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Chinese race? They should go home, but their medicine should be all dumped into the great Yangtse river to be carried into the Yellow sea for further disposal into the great Pacific.

Zion has the key to the situation. Zion made mistakes in the beginning, but they are being rectified. Zion's former leader began a system which became topheavy and tilted over. The uppermost fellows found themselves all at once on terra firma. A change had to be made and made quickly. The man to do that work was brought forth. Now Zion is rising out of the ruins of former glory, a solid structure which even hell cannot overthrow. Glory be to God forever.

Hail to the brightness of Zion's glad morning,
Joy to the lands that in darkness have lain!
Hushed be the accents of sorrow and mourning,
Zion in triumph begins her mild reign.

Hail to the brightness of Zion's glad morning
Long by the prophets of Israel foretold;
Hail to the millions from bondage returning;
Gentile and Jew the blest vision behold.

Lo! in the desert rich flowers are springing,
Streams ever copious are gliding along;
Loud from the mountain tops echoes are ringing,
Wastes rise in verdure, and mingle in song.

See from all lands—from the isles of the ocean,
Praise to Jehovah ascending on high;
Fallen are the engines of war and commotion,
Shouts of salvation are rending the sky.

Amen.

# ZION SEVENTIES

*Deacon J. W. Friend*

*General Recorder*

Be not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord.—Rom. 12: 11.

Zion Seventies throughout the world, as you are entering upon the threshold of the New Year, plan your work so that from the beginning you will have a definite course mapped out. Then watch every opportunity for doing good.

In the conflict to establish God's Kingdom upon earth, take every vantage-point smilingly, courageously and cheerfully. Be patient and courteous and ever watchful for an opportunity to help some one to live a better life. Do not be afraid to work and sweat—yes, sweat blood if necessary—to bring some one to God.

Think of the agony that Jesus, the Son of God, endured in Gethsemane to bring salvation to you. Can you not deny yourself a few pleasures and make some sacrifices in order that you may bring some one to the Christ of God, Who taketh away the sins of the world?

Do your duty. Perform your work nobly, and do not be over-anxious about results. God will crown your efforts with success. Go after sinners and bring them to Jesus. Have faith in yourself and in the cause which you represent. Set your standard high; and if you fail, "try again."

"He who adopts no high standard is the only one who never fails."

Be persistent and painstaking in your efforts, and cultivate the power of attraction that will cause others to take an interest in you and in your mission.

Have a real purpose in view, and go straight to the goal-post of your endeavor.

Talk in the kindliest possible manner to the sinner, and have your mind free to devise ways and means by which you can best work yourself into his life.

Do something for humanity. Do not crowd the Lord Jesus out of your life. Be determined that the year 1910 will find you a more earnest, enthusiastic and persistent worker in God's harvest field than ever before. Be determined that you will bring some one into the Kingdom of God.

"Be not slothful in business." It is your business to get souls saved and help humanity to a higher and more noble plane of living.

May God bless all the Seventies throughout the world, keep you true and faithful, and help you to have a good record for the year 1910, is my earnest prayer.

PORTLAND, OREGON

The following report has been received from Deacon Frank Robinson for the seven days ending Dec. 19th, 1909:

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| Calls made | 860 |
| Messages given | 851 |
| "Leaves" sold | 83 |
| "Heralds" sold | 2 |
| "Heralds" mailed | 24 |
| "Leaves" mailed | 14 |
| "Heralds" given | 54 |
| "Leaves" given | 10 |
| Visits made | 5 |

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

The following report has been received from Evangelist A. Dirms and wife:

"We are rejoicing to be counted worthy to take Zion's everlasting Gospel into thousands of needy homes and bring them God's richest blessing."

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| Calls made | 1600 |
| Messages given | 2000 |
| "Leaves" given | 60 |
| "Leaves" sold | 40 |
| Total number of pieces distributed | 2100 |

IOWA

Literature Report from Banks and Anderson for the two weeks ending Dec. 24, 1909—work done in Sioux City, Iowa:

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| "Leaves" sold | 24 |
| "Heralds" sold | 68 |
| Tracts sold | 7 |
| Messages given | 453 |
| Total number of pieces distributed | 552 |

Heavenly Father, bless me now;
At the cross of Christ I bow;
Take my guilt and grief away:
Hear and heal me now, I pray.

Now, O Lord! this very hour,
Send thy grace and show thy power;
While I rest upon Thy Word,
Come and bless me now, O Lord!

Now, just now, for Jesus' sake,
Lift the clouds, the fetters break;
While I look, and as I cry,
Touch and cleanse me ere I die.

Never did I so adore
Jesus Christ, Thy Son, before;
Now the time and this the place!
Gracious Father, show Thy grace.

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# EDITORIAL NOTES

*By the General Associate Editor*

"JOY TO the world, the Lord is come!"

ZION rejoices in the thought of a present Savior to bear every burden, to comfort from every sorrow, and to heal every manner of sickness and disease.

HIS PROMISE, given as the opened heavens received Him into glory to sit and rule at the right hand of the Father, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen," has been verified in Zion times without number.

WHILE THE natural eye may not have seen the bodily Christ, the eye of faith has seen and still sees Him as the same gentle, compassionate Savior of men.

How many times within the year just closing have the sheep of His pastures been beset by hungry wolves, by deceivers, by sadness, by sorrow and by sickness, and disease, and have they not cried to God through Jesus the Christ for succor, and has he not heard and delivered?

ALL THROUGH the year closing, and for years previous, scores and hundreds of letters have come to the Headquarters of Zion testifying to God's present-day healing, cleansing and keeping power.

AT THE Holiday time and always, Zion can rejoice for deliverances many, and for bountiful favors, and well may hundreds, all over the land, say, "Praise waiteth for Thee, O God, in Zion, and unto thee shall the vow be performed."

"WALK ABOUT Zion, and go round about her; tell the towers thereof. Mark ye well her bulwarks * * that ye may tell it to the generations following. For this God is our God for ever and ever; He will be our guide even unto death."

ZION CITY, as a place where God rules, is surely emerging from what, to many in the past years, has appeared inextricable chaos. Divine interposition and favor most certainly has been and is being manifested. There is nothing more powerful than truth. God's word is the eternal verity, and He has said, and the evolution if His plan proves the declaration;

"FOR AS the rain cometh down, and the snow, from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater; so shall My word be that goeth forth out of My mouth: *it shall not return unto Me void*; but *it shall accomplish that which I please*, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

YES; ZION, "arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee."

THE "STANDARD for the people" has been lifted up in Zion. His name is "The Way, the Truth, and the Life." "Behold, the Lord hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, His reward is with Him, and his work before Him. And they shall call them, The holy people, the Redeemer of the Lord: and thou shalt be called Sought out, A city not forsaken."

ZION, AS the year 1909 fades away forever, and as the New Year enters, may there also enter into every spirit the determination to serve God with the whole heart, mind, body and strength, to publish the "glad tidings of great joy which is to all people" through Zion Literature. Let the people of earth know of Zion. Zion papers and messages will show them the way of life.

"Go YE into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."

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# The Compassion and Consolation of Jesus the Christ

An Address Delivered in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, Lord's Day Afternoon, November 21, 1909

By General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva

(REPORTED BY MISS SARAH J. BOOTH)

INVOCATION:

Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, and richly blessed unto this congregation. O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer. Amen.

GENERAL OVERSEER: In the fourteenth chapter of the Gospel of St. Matthew, and the fourteenth verse, we read:

And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and He healed their sick.

You will observe that one reason why Jesus healed the sick was because He had compassion towards them.

We will also read from Second Corinthians the first chapter from the second to the seventh verse.

Grace be to you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;

Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.

And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.

And our hope of you is steadfast, knowing that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation.

God the Almighty, through the Holy Spirit, has brought us to the place where, with propriety, I can exhort you, as never before, to study the life of Jesus the Christ, and to see in His life the most wonderful exhibition of compassion and of pity that the world has ever seen.

### The Giving of Jesus the Christ Proof of God's Love.

O! I am so glad to be able to tell you that the God Whom we worship is a God of love, and no higher proof could be asked of any person than the giving of His Only Son; to deny Himself, to sacrifice Himself, to live, to love, to suffer and to die for sin-stricken and disease-smitten humanity.

### Christ's Life Full of Compassion and Pity.

The life of Jesus the Christ upon the earth was a life of compassion and pity; and as the life of every Christian is the life of Christ in miniature, so the life of each professing child of God, should be one of love, of mercy, of pity and of compassion.

As we study carefully the life of the Christ, every word that He spoke---properly understood, every look that He cast and every deed that He did show forth His wonderful love, and His matchless compassion and pity.

It is true that His ministry among men was short; but He toiled incessently in the synagogue, by the seaside, and in and near the villages, never passing by unnoticed a single one who cried unto Him for mercy.

### Wonderful Events in Christ's Ministry.

The most wonderful events in the life of the Christ were those such as the healing of blind Bartimaeus and the resurrection of the son of the widow of Nain—simple wayside incidents that just seemed to present themselves before His eyes; and He was never too busy to stop to heal the sick, to comfort the sorrowing and to fulfil His mission to the children of men.

In your reading of the four Gospels you will find that every deed which He wrought shows His compassion and mercy—different localities, different circumstances, different deeds from many standpoints, but all taken together, show the great compassionate heart of Him Who in Heaven laid aside the attributes which made Him equal with God, and led Him to take upon Himself the form of a Servant, and He became obedient unto death—even the cruel death upon the cross.

### An Example of Forgiveness.

Just for a few moments, let us look at some of the most striking events in the life of the Christ. On one occasion the religious leaders of the time brought to Him a woman taken in sin, and they said to Him, "By the law of Moses she ought to be stoned." In response, the Savior stooped down and wrote something upon the ground, and then He lifted up His head and spoke to them, saying, "Let him that is without sin cast the first stone;" and again he stooped down and wrote on the ground; and when again He lifted up His head, all but the woman were gone, and He said to her—poor, miserable sinner that she was, persecuted by the religious leaders who were ready to stone her to death—"Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath any man condemned thee?" and she answered, "No man, Lord;" and then the Savior said, as only the Son of Man could speak, "Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more."

### The Necessity of Having the Spirit of the Christ.

My brothers and sisters, you may call yourselves Christians, but Paul says, "If you have not the Spirit of the Christ, ye are none of His." If, today, your heart is not broken over poor humanity, then you ought to hide yourself alone with God until you are fired with the same Spirit that filled the Christ, for He came to save the lost, and not to destroy them. The Savior had a broken heart over poor humanity.

Ah! how often did He show His tenderness—as in the case of the widow of Nain. The Savior had just spoken the almighty word that had destroyed the palsy of the Centurion's servant, and only a day had passed when He was entering the little village of Nain---and He saw that funeral procession: and as he looked at that poor widow who was bowed in grief, He halted the funeral procession, and said to her, "Weep not."

For any other person to have spoken those words would have deepened the wound rather than to have imparted healing; but He Who said "Weep not" had the power to say to the young man on the bier, "Come forth!" and His kind words to the poor widow to "Weep not" soon were followed by the command to the young man---the only son of that widowed mother ---to "Come forth!" and he came forth.

### Words of Consolation.

My brothers and sisters, down through the centuries there come ringing to all Christians today the words of the Savior, "Weep not!"

I know that life is a struggle; I go and stand by the side of a new-born babe who sends forth a wail of anguish and sheds tears that course down the cheeks. I traverse the path-way of life to the very end of life's journey, and I stand by the bedside of the aged man whose head is covered with the snows of many winters, and I hear him say, "My God! my wayward child has broken my heart!",

And so, without the Lord Jesus Christ, sadness and mirth go hand in hand; and no sooner have you heard the peal of marriage bells than you hear the sound of a funeral dirge, and the sounds meet and commingle all the way through life; but to-

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day we hear the voice of Christ saying to one and all, "Weep not, weep not!"

**A Promise of the Resurrection.**

We follow the Savior, and we see him standing by the roadside that winds around the Mount of Olives leading onward to the little town of Bethany, and in a tomb not far away there lay the form of a loved one who had sat at His feet many, many times. From that little town there comes toward Him a woman ---Martha, who stands near Him, and says, with her womanly simplicity, "Lord, if Thou hadst been here, my brother had not died." And the Savior talks to her so kindly and so tenderly--- it is one of the most wonderful little conversations recorded in the Bible---"Thy brother shall rise again;" and with this thought, no doubt, in her mind, Martha hastens back to the sorrow-stricken home and says to her sister Mary, "The Master is come, and calleth for thee."

Then Mary also goes out and meets the Savior, and she,too, says to Him, "Lord, if Thou hadst been here, my brother had not died."

The Savior said very little to Mary, but He groaned in His spirit, for He knew the deep sorrow that was in her heart; and finally in silence—think of it, my hearers, think of it!. there stood the Mighty Son of God on the little road from Jerusalem to Bethany, and with a lowly, heart-broken, grief-stricken woman, He wept--"Jesus wept."

**Christ Still Compassionate.**

My brothers and sisters, I tell you today that, although Jesus the Christ has returned to Heaven, where He sits at the right hand of God His Father, yet He sees each one of us today, and he knows every sorrow; and there is no place where earth's sorrows are felt more than they are in Heaven. When you are passing through deep waters, remember that Jesus weeps with you. When you walk through the hot fires, then the Savior, Who loves you and Who died for you, walks with you. He is your truest and best friend; He is the Fairest among ten thousand, the Lily of the Valley, the Blessed Christ of God, Who gave His life that we might have life, that we might have healing, and Who has gone to prepare a place for us in His Father's House.

**The Savior Full of Compassion Toward Judas.**

Ah! Once more the Savior showed His compassion in that little "upper room." How often, as I think of it, I see the City of Jerusalem with its walls and with its golden-domed temple, and I see the shadows lengthening and the Savior standing in the shadows of Gethsemane and of Calvary; and I see the Apostles approaching Him and hear them saying, "Master, where wilt Thou that we prepare for Thee to eat the Passover?" And the Savior told them to go into the City to the house of a certain man, where they would find an upper room, and that there thay were to make ready the Passover.

At night the Savior and His apostles enter that upper room, and the door is closed and the Passover is celebrated. Then Jesus was sorrowful and said unto His disciples, "One of you shall betray me." Judas did not say any thing at first, but the other apostles in turn said, "Lord, is it I?" "Lord, is it I?" Then Judas. And Jesus answered him, "Thou hast said." The Savior then took up some of the Passover bread and blessed it and brake it and gave it to His apostles; and He took up the third cup of the Passover Feast, and blessed it and gave it to them to drink. And thus He established the Lords's Supper which you and I observe today, and wherby we show forth His death until He shall come again.

**A Message of Hope: "Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled."**

But the hearts of the apostles were sad. How did He treat them! With all the Divine tenderness of which He was capable. He said to those sorrowing apostles, "Let not your hearts be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in Me; in My Father's house are many mansions, if it were not so I would have told you."

And just so today, Christ says to every sorrowing heart, "Let not your heart be troubled."

My brothers and sisters, in your Christian life there never should be any trouble beneath the surface. As one stands by the seaside, one can see the little tiny waves on the surface of the water, while beneath the surface there is a perfect calm. Ah! that is just the way the Christian life ought to be; there ought never to be any trouble down deep in the life that is stayed upon God.

The lightnings may flash, the thunders may roar and the storms may break forth, but the man whose heart is fixed on God is never troubled in the least, but he goes forward, just the same as though everything were perfectly calm.

The apostles were not troubled down deep in their hearts. No; it was only on the surface, and the Savior saw it. He did not chide them and was not unkind to them, nor was He unmerciful to them; but He said to them, "Let not your hearts be troubled."

**Compassionate in the Face of Death.**

Ah! we follow the Savior on, and at last we find Him nailed to the cruel cross, until it seems that all had forsaken Him, and He cried, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" and with His dying breath He gave to all the world the very highest exhibition of His great compassion, when He looked upon the men who had spiked Him to the Cross, and who had pierced His side, and He cried, until His words have rung around the world, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Has the world ever seen such compassion as that? No. The Name of Jesus the Christ is the dearest and the sweetest Name that ever was lisped by mortal tongue. Christ calmed the troubled heart, and brushed away the scalding tears; He bade despair depart and He implanted that lively hope which is an anchor to the soul, both sure and steadfast, and that enters within the vail.

And so, today, we look up through our tears, and see what God has prepared in Heaven for all who endure to the end. even as Jesus the Christ said, in that last great prophecy, "He that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved."

**Have the Christlike Spirit of Compassion and Helpfulness.**

That for which I plead today is the Spirit of the Christ, and that more of the love of God shall be shed abroad in every heart. What I plead for is a feeling of pity and of compassion--- that feeling which leads one to toil and to sacrifice and to suffer for poor, suffering humanity.

Ah, this afternoon, my brothers and sisters in the Christ, humanity calls, humanity needs your help; and my one desire, as the General Overseer of this Church, is to spend my whole life in getting the sinful saved, in getting the sick healed, in getting the polluted cleansed, in establishing the Kingdom of God upon the earth, and in helping to break down the horrible social, civil, political and industrial conditions which now exist.

My brothers and sisters, if only you will look at the Christ, and follow Him as your great Example, then you will become a mighty power in the world for good; you will tear down the strong-holds of Satan; you will erect bulwarks of righteousness, and you will go forward leading many sinners to God.

**The Rich Consolation in Abiding in Christ.**

Yes, the time is coming--- it may not be this afternoon---but

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the time is coming when you all will believe in God and when you all will want to touch the hand of Christ.

What is sweeter than the mother's lullaby song which soothes the wakeful child until he falls asleep! And you know that Christ put into the word "death" a different meaning from that which it had before, and He spoke of those passing from this life as "falling asleep."

Ah, my brothers and sisters, when the moment comes for you to fall asleep, do you then want to have the Christ near you? Yes, father and mother may stand there, and loved ones may be by your bedside; but, gradually, the loving hand that has been outstretched to you will become too short and finally you will step into the River, and then, when human arms fail, will you reach out for the hand of the Christ? No; not unless you do so today.

The time will come when you will want to wear the crown, with its glittering stars, but are you bearing the cross this afternoon? The time will come when you will want to share in the victory, but are you fighting in the battle this afternoon?

O Father, touch and break the stony, indifferent hearts today, and help them henceforth to follow in the footsteps of the Christ and truly say "Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, even as it is done in Heaven."

**The Christ Sought Opportunities to Show Compassion.**

Yes, Jesus was compassionate and kind to the ignorant and to the wayward and to the fallen; and He always went about doing good. My brothers and sisters, how much sympathy have you this afternoon for poor humanity? How much compassion have you for the sinful and the sick?

Ah! think for a moment this afternoon. Yonder there sits, in a horrible den, a poor, wretched being who last night was the plaything of a devil; she hears in the distance the sound of the pealing of church bells, and her mind wanders back to her little country home, and once more she sees her mother and feels the impress of her lips upon her cheek; once more she sits in the little sunday-school in her innocence; once more she roams the fields and gathers the wild-flowers; and in a moment, all of her early life comes up before her mind, and she cries out bitterly in her anguish and despair, "My God! my God!"

Oh! my brothers and sisters, I tell you there are thousands of such cases in Chicago and New York this afternoon, and in othes large cities of the world.

Where are the Christian women who, arrayed in the Christian armor, will go forth to those dens of vice and lend a helping hand to rescue those poor, fallen women?

Where are the people who will furnish the money with which to erect homes for those poor women, that they may be rescued and placed within a proper environment?

Think for a moment of the poor little boys, who, as winter's chilly blasts blow upon them, are only half clad, with their little toes sticking out of their broken shoes! Think for a moment of the many thousands of men, women and children who today are living in places that would be unfit for swine! When you sit down in you homes, have you no thought of others?

"Love seeketh not her own." The life which you and I must live, is a life devoted to others. Ah! but someone says, "I can make so much money." Yes, but what does it all amount to?

I have received letters from Chatauquas offering me one hundred and fifty dollars for one lecture. But I tell you, I will never sell my services upon any platform. If God gives me food, shelter and raiment, everything above that shall go into the extension of His Kingdom, as it has all through my life.

It is said that, thousands of years ago, when an Egyptian monarch was buried, a grain of wheat was buried with him, and that a few years ago they took out that grain of wheat and planted it and it grew.

Ah! yes, some of you are like that grain of wheat; you professed to become a Christian forty years ago, but you are only abiding by yourself alone; but if you will only die and give your selves for humanity, you will live in thousands of hearts, but you will have to die and give yourselves wholly to God's service.

Are you filled with the Holy Spirit this afternoon? What kind of a spirit is in you—have you the spirit of pride, of covetousness, of haughtiness, of envy, of jealousy? Or are you filled with the Holy Spirit? I'm thinking that God will find it necessary to discipline some of you.

Just as I have said to some during the past week, "Here is my hand, I am ready to help you in every way that I possibly can; but if you will not turn and do what is right, then God will permit you to have experience that will teach the lesson which all must learn.

And so, my brothers and sisters, it may be that God will have to permit your eyes to be bathed in tears before you will see some things which you ought to see; but God forbid! God forbid!!

**The Preciousness of God's Word.**

God's Word is so precious, if you will only take it. Can you not hear God saying today, "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful; but his delight is in the law of the Lord and in His law doth he meditate day and night; he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither, and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper?" Do you believe that?

Hear Jesus the Christ saying today, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things [Food, Shelter and Raiment] shall be added unto you." Do you believe it with all your heart?

Are you prepared to face the Word of God?— If you are, then the door of God's Storehouse will open, and He will bestow upon you every blessing.

Zion's mission is very simple; and I am glad God is bringing everything out so gloriously. Now that we are on the track, let us stay on the track. I tell you, my only hope is to obey the Word of God, and that is your only hope, You must follow God's Word faithfully; and I ask every one in this Church to abstain from every appearance of evil.

I would not deny you any legitimate enjoyment, or stand in the way of your having anything that is right; I ask one and all, young and old, only to follow the Christ and to live the true, earnest Christian life; so that God can bless Zion and make her a blessing to all the earth. May God grant it, is my earnest prayer.

It will soon be all over; yes, soon be over: it will not be very long; the sun will set tonight and will come up tomorrow, the days and the weeks and the months and the years will come and go, and some of you are hastening on to the end of the journey; then make the best use of your time.

**Exhortation to the Young People.**

Young people, God looks upon you as the future Zion. As these true and tried men and women in their old age pass home to Heaven, God grant that there shall always be another one ready to step in and fill up the ranks. Do not be "lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." The only life that is worth living is the life that is spent in God's service; and Zion's mission is to preach the Gospel.

Every one in this Church must be a brother and a sister to

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every other one; and God helping me, I intend to stay in the midst of the people.

SIN NO MORE.

Sin no more, thy soul is free;
Christ has died to ransom thee;
Now the power of sin is o'er,
Jesus bids thee "sin no more."

Sin no more, but closely keep
Near the hand that guards the sheep:
Shun the snares that lured before:
Trembling go, and sin no more.

Sin no more, His love hath bought,
Think on what His love hath wrought;
Think of what for thee He bore,
Weeping go, and sin no more.

Sin no more, O sin no more,
Jesus lives to keep thee pure;
If o'ertaken, He'll restore,
Saying, "Go, and sin no more."

Sin no more, thy soul is free,
Christ has died to ransom thee;
Sing the message o'er and o'er—
Christ forgives thee, "sin no more."

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IN

PRAISE, PRAYER, AND TESTIMONY

From Friday, December 31, at 8:00 P. M.
to New Year's Day at Sunrise

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## SHILOH TABERNAELE

*ZION CITY, ILLINOIS, U. S. A.*



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| 7:45- 8:00 p. m. | Devotionals. |
| 8:00-10.00 p. m. | Handel's **"Messiah"** by Zion White-robed Choir and Orchestra. |
| 10:00-11:00 p. m. | Address by the General Overseer. |
| 11:00 11:30 p. m. | The Last Sacrificial Offering to meet the final payment (due July 10, 1910) on Shiloh Tabernacle, and distribution of cards with Zion's Motto for the year 1910. |
| 11:30-12:30 a. m. | Ordinance of the Lord's Supper. |
| 12:30- 2:00 a. m. | New Year's Greetings. |

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| 2:00- 4:00 a. m. | Praise, Prayer, and Testimony. |
| 4:00- 6:00 a. m. | Addresses on Zion Ecclesiastically, Educationally, Commercially, and Politically; and Special prayer service: For Zion officers, members, and children in Zion City and throughout the world; For unconverted relatives and friends; For the sick; For LEAVES OF HEALING add the ZION HERALD; For Zion Literature in general; For the various commercial institutions of Zion; For Zion Educationally and Politically; For the complete redemption of Zion City; For the coming of God's Kingdom; For the coming of Jesua the Christ. |

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