

ter the meeting was dismissed, and the sound of prayer and praise could be heard in other parts of the building until long after midnight.

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Signs and Wonders in Knoxville, Penna.

Psalms 126, "When the Lord turned the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing."

Zech. 2:10, "Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I dwell in the midst of thee," saith the Lord."

Eph. 5:18-19, "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord."

Col. 3:16, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

Truly the Lord is turning the captivity of His people in this place and we know He has come to dwell in the midst of us. The spiritual worship is glorious. One of the latest operations of the Spirit is the singing of heavenly anthems. A sister plays the piano in the Spirit and begins to sing and others join in. The volume increases until it seems that all heaven has joined us and we soar up on eagle wings where sin and sense molest no more, and glory crowns the mercy seat. Some have heard other instruments playing with the piano. One night while a glory anthem was being sung, one was lifted up until he saw in the heavens many horses and chariots. The prancing of the horses and rolling of the chariots through the clouds seemed to be making the music that was being played and sung, and as the chariots rolled above, the inhabitants of the earth were slain.

Spiritual gifts are increasing in our midst. There is a very marked development of prophecy, especially acting prophecy. In one meeting the Lord used three individuals to portray the unity of the Godhead and spoke to us that in the same way the church shall be made one. He said all malice, envy, strife, backbiting and criticism must be put away

from among us and we must be drawn together in love. The Spirit cried out, "Woe to ye tale bearers." Then He spoke concerning the minister He had placed over the flock here, that He had given her a very special anointing to preach the messages which He is revealing for the time of the end.

A degree of the word of wisdom is coming forth and by it several of our number have been set apart for special service.

The ministry of healing is in operation also. There have been a number of miraculous healings.

Souls are being saved and baptized. Among the number a Baptist deacon who had opposed Pentecost for years, received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

God is proving to us that the manifestations of the Spirit do not drive honest souls away but rather attract. Several new converts have testified that it was these gracious movings of the Spirit which drew them in.

New doors are opening to this message of power. A new work has just been started recently in a nearby town. A baptized sister has opened her home for the meetings and God has been pouring out His Spirit. Several church members have started to seek the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Many in other towns around us are getting hungry for the power of God.

A Methodist church during the absence of their pastor asked one of our number to take charge of their services. They said they wanted someone with the Spirit for that was what they needed. As the message went forth the Spirit witnessed that hearts were receiving it.

Praise the Lord! 'Tis the hour of our redemption, and the King is nigh!

Lulu Kennedy.

The Old Dry Bones Have Begun to Shake in Endwell, N. Y.

ESTHER JANE JUNE

Before camp meeting in Red Creek last August the attendance in meetings at Endwell had fallen to barely half a dozen. The people were bound up and in a dead and alive state. A few ladies from Endwell and vicinity attended camp meeting and they got a vision of what the Lord wanted them to do.

They began to yield to the Lord and to pray for spiritual gifts to be in operation.

When they returned to their home assembly their friends scarcely recognized them; for they were overflowing with the joy of the Lord.

This joy was infectious. Others in the assembly caught the flame and the old dry bones began to shake.

The tent meetings addressed by Mr. Reese Berdanier in the late summer was a means of blessing in building up the saints and in drawing new people within sound of the Gospel.

Mr. Berdanier is now shepherding the little flock. The number in attendance has risen in the Sunday school to about 35. The attendance in the Sunday evening meetings of late have averaged about 45. But best of all, the saints have awakened from their slumbers and have put on the armour of light. A few have received prophecy and the gift of interpretation is also in gracious exercise.

We never had a young people's meeting until this summer. Since the visit of Messers. Reese Berdanier and Carlton Spencer, the young people have been recovered from their backslidings and numbers of new faces are now seen in the young people's meeting. A marked degree of liberty in the Holy Ghost is manifested and the sweetness of Christian fellowship and flow of divine love is recognized in such measure as has never before been known.

Spiritual Worship

"God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth." This being true, it must be of highest importance to us to know in what true worship consists.

In these days when such exceeding development in man's abilities has taken place, we should examine our position and know our relation to God.

In order to do this, we should understand something of the nature and constitution of our being. Man is made up of a three-sided nature. He consists of spirit, soul and body. This truth is taught in Scripture. Luke i:46; 1 Thess. v:23; Heb. iv:12.

It is generally well understood what the body is; but in most minds, the spirit and soul are confused and (Turn to Page 7.)

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the Son of God at the close of the Jewish dispensation and just before the beginning of the Christian era.

The Christian Standard

When we examine the teaching of the Apostles concerning this matter, we are frank to say that a change seems to have taken place. The tithe appears to be no more the standard. Paul merely tells us to **give as the Lord has prospered** us, and according to **the purpose** of our own heart. I Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 9:7. This change from a definite to any apparently indefinite standard has thrown some good Christians, as well as many selfish ones, entirely off the track in their reasonings. A hurried conclusion has been formed to the effect that now, under grace, they are free to give as **little** as they please, and that without suffering any untoward consequences. But such an interpretation is anything but true. The following comparison will make this plain:

Let us compare the Old and the New Covenants in relation to the standards set forth in phases other than the financial. 1. The Law of Moses, good and holy though it was, gave place to a **better and more perfect law**—the Law of Christ. 2. The high priests of human descent gave way to the unchangeable, divine and **far superior** priesthood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. 3. The blood of bulls and goats, which could not really take away sins, was set aside as a means of propitiating Deity, and the efficacious and precious blood of Christ was shed in order to atone, through one sacrifice, for the sins of the whole world. It goes without saying that the sacrifice of Christ was **infinitely better** than the sacrifices of bulls and goats.

The New Testament Standard of Giving

Let us now apply the foregoing principle to the question of our material gifts unto the Lord. It is true that in all **other** things the standard was raised, not lowered, in making the transition from the Jewish to the Christian order. We cannot but conclude that the standard of proportional giving was also **raised, not lowered**. A Christian, therefore, ought never to give less, but rather **more** than a tenth. Otherwise he is still living on a lower plane than **the ancient heathen and Jews**. No advance is evident.

"If this be so, why then, do the

inspired Christian writers give no commands concerning a **specific, higher standard?**" some may ask. The answer is obvious: Simply to keep the door open for a continual upward progress in the grace of giving. We are quite sure that the child of God will from the very beginning of his Christian life at least equal the Jew under the law, and give not less than a tenth. But these writers also teach—by the very fact that no definite proportion is set—that we ought to press on to higher, and ever-advancing standards, even as our faith and love toward God and our fellowman increases.

The Practice of Bible Christians

Is this teaching confirmed by the actual practice of the saints in Bible times? Most certainly! Consider the believers that were converted on the Day of Pentecost. Instead of giving only their tithes and offerings, they advanced far beyond this and actually sold everything they had and turned it over to the apostles to be distributed as there was necessity. And the inspiring motive was undoubtedly the love of God shed abroad in their heart by the Holy Ghost. Covetousness became an outlawed and despicable sin: sheer idolatry! Generosity overflowed! Christian charity in all of its singular beauty was abundantly manifest on every hand. Acts 4:34-37. Without contradiction, this standard and principle of giving outshone the old method even as the sun outshines the moon.

Later on, in the Second Epistle to the Corinthians, we find Paul exclaiming that the Philippians had greatly excelled in their liberality toward the poor of Judea, giving **far beyond** their means, and were willing even to the point of their own lives. Think of it! And all this in spite of the fact that the Philippians themselves were in dire need and lived in circumstances of poverty and affliction. 2 Cor. 8:1-5.

Paul himself made it a point to labor with his own hands in order to provide for his personal needs and also the needs of the workers that were with him, when all the while he could have made himself chargeable to the church. In so doing he left a clear and striking testimony of the utterly unselfish an generous spirit that indwelt the hearts of those noble pioneers of Christianity. Acts 20:34; 2 Thess. 3:8, 9.

What then should we do about this matter of giving? Tithe? Why, of course, at least that! To us the tithe ought to be merely the starting point, the first principle so to speak of the doctrine of Christian stewardship. But we ought to do far better than that! Inasmuch as the Lord has left the door open for a glorious advance to maturity in the realm of giving even as in the realm of spirituality, let us press on to perfection, leaving the tithe far behind, in our eager pursuit after the true Christian standard of unbounded and overflowing generosity. In every other phase of Christian life and activity we urge each other to continually press upwards, even as the song says: "New heights I'm gaining every day." If in other things then surely also in the sphere of gifts unto the Lord. Study carefully chapters 7 and 8 of 2 Cor.

No more let us close the door to further growth by hammering and thundering forth the law of the tithe as the last word in the matter. But rather let us carry the people upwards in great crescendo on the wings of faith and love as applied to stewardship, **until they are lifted high above the ancient and bygone standards of a paltry tenth**. May the dear Lord give us all grace to become "wholly sanctified" in this thing as well as in other things, and thus show an onlooking world just one more proof of the infinite superiority of the fruit of the Christ life within us over anything the flesh has been able to do in pre-Christian times. [Abridged.]

SPIRITUAL WORSHIP

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indistinguishable. The schoolmen have lost almost entirely the knowledge of man's spirit and its relation to God, while the soul is highly trained and developed.

The spirit of man is his higher nature. It has capacity for the indwelling and operation of the Holy Spirit. Without the indwelling and operation of Holy Spirit, the spirit of man is not in its normal state, since it was so made that it does not operate independently, but requires the power of the Holy Spirit to actuate it. Otherwise it is open to the attack of demons.

But the soul of man is so created that it can operate independent of the Holy Spirit. In this state, the

race of mankind is living with the spirit out of its place with the soul and body as its servants and soul ruling and acting independent of the spirit.

The soul is composed of mind, heart powers, will, senses, consciousness. These powers all pour their activities into the consciousness and produce the constantly flowing stream of the natural life, called in Romans, the flesh.

The 'death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ is to be made actual and experimental in our lives, so that we thereby are "translated from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of His dear Son."

According to Romans viii:1-10, to live this soulish life separated from and independent of man's spirit under sway of Holy Spirit, is living in the flesh, and is death dealing in its effects. To live after the flesh brings condemnation and is enmity toward God.

Under this true light on spirit and soul, it may readily be seen that most people who profess to be followers of Christ, live in their soulish nature and a carnal earthy life. Most of the religious activities carried on to-day are entirely of the soul, and therefore are displeasing to God.

Receiving the baptism of the Spirit and living in the power of the Spirit is the only way to give to God acceptable worship. Living a soulish life does not enable one truly to worship God in Spirit. There must come a great awakening amongst Pentecostal people and repentance for living in the flesh.

Seeley D. Kinne.

Foot Note—A fuller treatise on Spirit, soul and body is being prepared—Church No. 4.

Danzig, Europe

Dear Ones at Elim:

Loving greetings in the Name of JESUS. On Saturday evening we all gathered for prayer to ask for a certain need, and the Lord met us in a wonderful way. We were all singing in the Spirit; it was soft at times, and then it would be real loud; it just seemed to swell so evenly and sweetly. All I could think of was the Heavenly Choir. I shall never forget that meeting, it was wonderful. The Lord answered prayer and met the need also. Praise His dear Name!

I fell on the stairs and might easily

have broken my leg or arm, but I was not hurt. My foot was a little sore and I could see where the leather was rubbed off my shoe. But God's hand was over me, and I surely praise Him.

The students have the evening meetings, and they have a street meeting before the evening service. How the people do gather to listen! It is wonderful. There were eight souls saved on Sunday evening. The street meetings help so much.

I have such a joy in buying for the poor children from the money that was sent from Africa. We bought shoes and underwear for the dear little children. They are so destitute. O, the joy that these gifts brought to the dear little hearts.

Love and God's blessing,
Vera Nitsch.

Mwanza Mission— Belgian Congo

Mrs. Burton and I, during our last examination of schools thought of closing down two schools and "sacking" the evangelists. Absolutely nothing was being done. However, we determined first to focus prayer on those two villages, specially.

At one village Kanayanta, a compounder of magic charms had set the whole community against us till children did not dare to attend the school, nor elders to come to my meetings.

Things became desperate, till the believers united for special prayer, crying to God, "Thou seest the man is harming Thy work. PLEASE DO SOMETHING."

Then to everybody's joy, the medicine man presented himself one morning at the evangelist's door with baskets of charms, saying, "I can hold out no longer against the gospel. Please burn these. I WANT JESUS."

They made a bonfire in the middle of the village street, destroyed the magic, and stood round the flames, singing, "All hail the power of Jesus' Name."

You have heard of the conversion of Chief Penge of Burda. The Catholics boasted that though they had lost the father, at least they had secured the sons, for the two eldest sons had been sent to the Catholic college on Lake Tanganyika. But Chief Penge and the Burda saints prayed much about these two lads.

Then the news came that they had turned right against the hypocrites of the Catholics and were coming home. Now they have come through to Mwanza, and on Sunday the bigger came forward for salvation at the gospel service.

I am sure that these two boys can be a mighty power for God. They are keen, intelligent and as sharp as needles.

Willie F. P. Burton.

Revival Continues in the Church of the Full Gospel in Malabar

It is nearly three months since I wrote the last general letter. The revival continues, praise God, and new work is being opened up. Since Jan. 1, 1931, forty-six have been baptized in water, a number of these having also received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. More are ready for water baptism.

We have 67 on the roll in the Bible School and the Lord is blessing. Some students walk 30 miles to attend. One of these is being opposed by his parents since he has taken the narrow way, but he is determined to come and study the Word of God. We have been having blessed prayer meetings with the students and one week some remained for special tarrying meetings, during which time, one was saved, and one received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Rains are late this year. We have been having heavy downpours for a few days and there are floods in many places. Some roads are impassable. This adds to the suffering of the poor. There has been so much sickness too. Recently I attended two of our monthly fellowship meetings in districts where members of our assemblies are very poor. In this country, women must have their heads covered in meeting, but some are too poor to get even a cheap cloth for the head. In each meeting two women were sharing one cloth to cover their heads. When one arose to testify, she took the cloth, and the other woman borrowed a part of the cloth from the one on her other side. Even though they are so poor, they know how to praise the Lord for His goodness to them. Many testified to being recently healed from sickness. Some were seriously ill too but they trusted in God

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