

He sendeth His word

and healeth them.



# 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 Prayer of Faith"

*By the Associate Editor*

LIFE is one continuous looking ahead, a series of events each presenting a hope of something more favorable to the happiness of the individual. Faith is more or less a common heritage, i. e., faith in things in general; but real faith, special faith in the beneficent Creator and Father of humanity, is born and grows only as a result of contact with the Divine Spirit and a surrender to His leadings.

The one possessed of Divine faith and quickened to exert the powers of his being by the rushing current of truth is an overcomer with a reserve of strength that cannot be measured. The coming in of this special faith marks the course leading to one's destiny. To him who is possessed of it, all things are possible; but the man who is not actuated by faith is empty and all his efforts are impotent to accomplish anything abiding.

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

"By it the elders received a good report."

"Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed

by the Word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."

That is, all things that consist have their foundations in the invisible God, and they were brought forth—"framed"—in conformity with "the word of God," that is to say, as a result of faith.

As truly as "the worlds were framed" through faith by the Word of God, so truly are man's real accomplishments the results of faith, or the obedience to established laws.

Any effort to produce or bring realities into existence without faith is to violate God's order of things, and is an attempt to usurp established law in doing other than God's bidding.

"Without faith it is impossible to please God."

"Whatsoever is not of faith is sin;" and

"Sin is the transgression of the law."

Hence "the prayer of faith" is a petition to God the Fa-

ther in accordance with Divine law; and the instant Divine law is invoked in proper form its process, and proceedings, and judgment, and execution are unerring and just, and all opposition will be overcome.

As lust or evil desire is the seed of sin, and sin's consequences are a troubled spirit, unrest, weakness, sickness, anguish, pain and death, so the only power that can arrest the judgment

### Zion's Watchword For . . . . . 1909

# For God Will Save

PSALM  
68:35

## Zion

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of sure destruction for violating law, is genuine repentance and "the prayer of faith." By this exercise a new lease of life is obtained to be lived in behalf of the One who gives it.

God, having foreseen the exigencies of man's condition, and the consequences of his erring, has provided a way for man's crossing over from the rough path toward death to the smooth path toward life, and agencies to assist him upon his first call for help. God's polity is one of order, not of chaos; His sovereignty is a unity, not a multiplicity; His government is a Kingdom, not a democracy; He names His offices for governmental and developmental purposes and calls to fill them men of faith who will obey His laws under the guidance of His Holy Spirit.

His Church is the body in which His authority to work for Him is vested, and its unity is vouchsafed by its officers being named and their qualifications declared. (See 1 Cor. 12; Eph. 4; 1 Timothy 3; and Titus 1.) Also, the duties and privileges of members are declared: To love one another; to be obedient to those who have the rule: to pray for one another; to bear one another's burdens; to be steadfast, etc., and, as if to say, if the Devil catches any, a way of release is provided, and the Apostle James tells how; and here, sickness and sin are mentioned to-

gether, and repentance and the prayer of faith through man yielding to God's only declared way: "Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. 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* [or as authoritative agents]: AND THE PRAYER OF FAITH [obedience to every condition] shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:14-16.

"A righteous man" is a law-abiding citizen of the Kingdom of God, and this implies that both the Elders and the sick one are in line with God's truth.

In this declaration of the Apostle there are to be found: The troubled man; the sick one; his desire and hope in God; his repentance; his call upon God's officers in his willingness to conform to law in "the prayer of faith," of the Elders and the sick one; the Elder's authority; God's promise; the result: Health and freedom from sin.

The possibilities of "the prayer of faith" are boundless.

## Confidence In God

A Divine Healing Address delivered on Tuesday Afternoon, October 6, 1908, in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Ill.

BY ELDER FRED RICHERT

**A**FTER singing a number of hymns and having a number of prayers offered, Elder John Taylor read from the First Book of Kings, Eighteenth Chapter, beginning with the seventeenth verse, the story of the remarkable prayer of faith of Elijah the Prophet, and the punishment meted out to the worshippers of Baal, and the downpour of rain in answer to Elijah's petition to the Throne of Heaven.

### ADDRESS BY ELDER RICHERT

Our God and Heavenly Father, wilt Thou bless the words which have been read and spoken. Wilt Thou bless the words which I shall speak. Grant that each and every one may be filled with Thy Divine and Holy Spirit, and wilt Thou take possession of every heart. Cast out the evil spirits, heal the sick, and help us all. O God, that we may realize the sacred presence of the Most High. We pray it in Jesus' name and for His sake. Amen.

As the Elder has been reading to you this most wonderful chapter, I have been meditating and thinking about the times when Elijah lived.

#### Consequences of Forsaking God.

At the beginning of the chapter, you will find mention of a great famine in Israel. The sky was blue, the sun rose every morning and set every evening, but in the blue sky was no God. Why did the fountains and rivers and wells dry up in the land of Israel? Did not God promise He would lead His people into a land flowing with milk and honey? Did He not promise He would lead them into a land where there would be rivers and wells and beautiful and plentiful harvests? Why was it the land was so dry that Ahab had to go away from his capital and with one of his servants seek for water? Because Israel had left the living God.

While the sun was rising and setting, and under the scorch-

ing rays of the sun all life died and the people were dying; also the beasts, they found that there was a prophet in Israel who could pray the prayer of faith.

Elijah prayed that it should not rain for three years and six months, and the heavens were closed; they were as brass. I imagine those people cried unto their gods. They prayed and cried, but no answer came. So it is today, dear friends. While the sky may be blue, while the sun of prosperity may rise, yet there is no rain and no spiritual blessing, and under the scorching rays of adversity, spiritual life will die if people do not seek the living God.

This is the case here in Zion City with many a family. People are at home and do not come to the meetings. They do not seek the living God. While for a time the sky may be blue, and the future may be bright, or seem to be bright, yet the time will come when the spiritual life will wither and die, and adversity will come and they will cry to God, but there will be no God to hear and answer prayer; for the people have sinned and they have left the living God.

#### Divine Boldness a Preparation for Duty.

Elijah comes back again. There he stands like a hero. God was with him during those three years and six months. He stands before the servant of Ahab and said, "You go and tell Ahab, your master, I have come back." That man trembled. He said, "What! if I did that I should perish. If I go to Ahab and tell him you have come back, and the Spirit of the Lord should take you away, then he will slay me."

Elijah said, "You go and just tell him I have come back."

#### A Representative of Eternal Authority.

He was there in the power of God and did not need to fear Ahab, or hell, or the Devil. He stood before Ahab and before the hosts of Israel in the name of Jehovah and in fear of Him. He represented the God of heaven before a godless world; and we stand here in the name of our Blessed Lord and Redeemer, and represent our God in heaven. We do not need to fear before any one, nor any power, nor hell, and sin and the Devil combined, because we have the power of God, and we stand in the power of God before the world and deliver the message in Jesus' name and the Devils have to go. God in heaven will answer and He will bless and sustain His servants and give spiritual life and grace to deliver the message.

**Facing God's Enemies.**

You follow me on the heights of Carmel. There you will find Elijah standing before all those hundreds of prophets. They all knew that he was the man who had prayed the prayer of faith that it should not rain for such a long time. They all knew it and they hated him. Not one of them loved him. Did you ever see the time when a man of God was loved by the world, or the flesh, or the Devil? Never. When a man undertakes to fight the battles of Jehovah, the Devil will hate him.

Elder Taylor: "We expect that."

**Relying Upon God's Promises.**

Elijah stood upon the promises of His God. He knew there was a living God in whom he trusted. The truth of the living God was his shield and his buckler, his protection. As long as the truth of the living God is your shield and your buckler, you do not need to fear the fiery darts of the Devil.

His faith was grand and glorious and reached up to the Throne of God. He was sustained in the past when he prayed the prayer of faith that it should not rain. God said to him, "Elijah, you go to that little brook and I will be with you." He went away from the godless court of Ahab, from the godless people of Israel. He was all alone with his God. Zion people, it is better to be alone with God than to be among the crowds of godless people. It is better to be alone with God at the little brook of the living water which is flowing from the Throne of God, than to be in Chicago—that godless babel where the world, the flesh and the Devil are ruling and driving people to perdition.

**Fountains of Salvation and Healing Always Flowing for Believers.**

So he went. His faith was strong enough to trust his God. And beloved people in Zion City, you have seen how the heavens have been closed in the past, perhaps, but if you go with God and trust your heavenly Father He will not leave you. The fountains of life are well-open, and they are flowing. You can go to those fountains and take of eternal life today, because the life of God is flowing freely for each and every one if you will only go with your God. Do not go your own way. If you do, you will perish with Ahab and all the people of Israel. If God leads you into the solitude and secret place of the Most High, go with Him. Enter into holy communion with your heavenly Father, and there you will find out that spiritual life is flowing for you, while all the wells of Salvation, Healing, and Holy Living may be closed and sealed up by the hand of the righteous God in heaven to a sinful world who have forsaken their God.

It is good to go with God. [Amen.]

**Unbelievers Go Thirsty, But Faithful Are Satisfied.**

But the day came when that little river dried up. Elijah did not look upon the scenery. He did not lament. He did not say, "O Lord, shall I die now in this terrible wilderness?" He was not afraid. He looked up to His God. When all the fountains dry up, you can still look up to your heavenly Father, and by faith claim His direction, protection and guidance. He will lead you, even in the desert. He will guide and lead you through all time, and whatever it seems like, whether gloomy and dark and hopeless, yet the hand of God which has led you so far will lead you on.

He directed Elijah in that way. He said, You go, Elijah, to a certain widow. She has not very much, only a little flour and oil; go to her, and God will protect you and sustain you. Elijah went. God blessed the oil and the flour, and Elijah was sustained to come back and stand upon the heights of Carmel and look up with the same faith.

**Elijah Kept to Prove God to Israel.**

He did not look to those Priests of Baal. He looked not to the people of Israel. He wanted to lead those people back who

had departed from the only true and living God. Therefore he looked to his Father in Heaven.

Today, if you want to lead people back to God, you have to look to your Heavenly Father; you cannot look upon human beings.

Some have got away from God. They may worship in some way their idols. They may unite, as they did in the Hospice, but if you want to bring those people who have departed from God back to their Heavenly Father, you will have to look to God, and He will crown your faith. You will find out, by faith, that He is just the same yesterday, today and forever, the unchanging God, who always is true and faithful to His people. He has never changed. Never! Never!!

**One With God a Majority.**

Elijah stood alone on Mount Carmel. There were eight hundred and fifty prophets against him, and all the people as well.

Was that a sign that Elijah was wrong? They claimed to be right, but Elijah, although alone, knew in his heart that he was right. He knew God had called him, and that God had led him. He knew, also, that God had spoken to him and given him a message, and that God was his power. He stood there in the strength and power of God before all the united hosts of hell. He did not tremble, because he was a man of God. He could say, "Jehovah is my God."

**Proof That Jehovah Was God.**

As you have heard, he said to those priests of Baal, "Now you select a piece, cut it up, put it on the altar, and call upon your gods." They did so. They called upon their gods, but there was no answer; and there could be no answer, because their gods were dead.

As the Elder was speaking about the wonderful healings in the Little Wooden Hut, I thought of all the ministers in Chicago at that time. The Methodists prayed; the Baptists prayed; the Lutherans prayed; all those people prayed; hundreds and thousands prayed; but there was only one man, Dr. Dowie, who stood there in the name of God and he called upon the Most High, and He answered and sent down the fire from on High. When the faith of Elijah was crowned with the answer from on High, and God sent down the fire and the fire consumed the sacrifice, then all the people cried, "Jehovah is God; Jehovah is God!"

After Elijah had convinced the people that God was their Leader, that he was (Elijah) the prophet of the living God, that God alone can answer prayer, and after they had experienced that scene—the crying of the eight hundred and fifty prophets of Baal which did not amount to anything—then came something which is strange; that is, he took all those priests and prophets of Baal and led them down to the river and killed every one of them.

**All That Offends to Be Removed.**

I will tell you what that means. It means sacrifice. When you come to God and acknowledge Him, you have to destroy every sin in your heart and every unclean thing in the camp. We have not reached the place where Elijah could pray the prayer of faith.

Jesus the Christ, in the Sermon on the Mount, said you should pluck out your right eye if it should offend you, or cut off your hand if it offend you, for it is better to go maimed or crippled to heaven than go to hell with a whole body.

Therefore, dearly beloved, is there anything in the midst of us which is unclean and impure? If so, take it down to the river and destroy it. It must be taken out.

Since I came here, I have been thinking, We all come to the living God, we all draw nigh unto heaven, we all present ourselves as a living sacrifice upon the altar of our God, and

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## General Overseer's Notes

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"FOR GOD WILL SAVE ZION."

This is Zion's Motto for the year 1909.

It was selected after earnest prayer and consideration. The words are taken from the Sixty-ninth Psalm, and form a part of the wonderful climax of the Psalmist's intense outburst of praise.

Zion was the name of one of the hills in the City of Jerusalem, and in time came to be used synonymously with Jerusalem.

Zion--Jerusalem--the type, and the Kingdom of God the antitype--the inauguration, the rise, the development, the intense opposition, trials, persecutions and triumphs were all foreshadowed, to a greater or lesser degree, by Zion, or Jerusalem's, trials, persecutions and triumphs.

The sixty-ninth Psalm is the cry of one suffering bitter per-

secution; persecution due, in part, to the individual's own transgressions, but in the main, to his loyalty to God.

This Psalm resembles, in a very striking manner, Psalms twenty two, thirty-five and forty. It is supposed to have been written at the time of Adonija's rebellion.

There are five divisions:

- No. 1 consists of verses 1-4;
- No. 2, of verses 5-12;
- No. 3, of verses 13-21;
- No. 4, of verses 22-29;
- No. 5, of verses 30-36.

No. 1 is a pathetic complaint;

No. 2 is a confession of sin;

No. 3 is an earnest prayer;

No. 4 is a description of the forthcoming judgment upon David's enemies; and

No. 5 is an outburst of praise. This outburst of praise apparently centers around the statement "FOR GOD WILL SAVE ZION."

The All-Night Meeting, December 31, 1907-January 1, 1908 was held in the Zion Tent-Tabernacle, which, for thirteen months, through sunshine and rain, through storm and calm, through the sweltering heat of summer, and the bitter cold of winter, sheltered the faithful, loyal, true and steadfast Zion people.

The thirteen months were, indeed and in truth, months of labor, trial, and persecution, but thanks be to God, also months of delight, enjoyment and triumph.

Many were the earnest prayers offered up to God at that All-Night Meeting for deliverance, and while a little of the history of what God has wrought in Zion through the year 1908 has appeared in LEAVES OF HEALING and ZION HERALD, yet eternity alone will reveal the true extent of the wonderful things wrought by God in the name of Jesus, in the power of the Holy Spirit, through a faithful, loyal, devoted people.

In a most wonderful way, during the year 1908, God gave back to Zion, Shiloh Tabernacle, and having taken possession on the first Lord's Day in July, and having spent the subsequent months holding numerous delightful and profitable meetings, it was with unspeakable joy that all of Zion, who possibly could do so, gathered in Shiloh Tabernacle on December 31, 1908-January 1, 1909 to hold another All-Night of Praise, Prayer, and Testimony with God.

Promptly at 7:45 the Devotional Service began with reading by Elder Carey, and prayer by Elder Richert.

From 8 to 10 p.m. the "Messiah" was rendered by the Choir and Orchestra. During this period, there were present between two and three thousand people, the exact number not being definitely known.

The members of the Choir and Orchestra who had practiced faithfully for many weeks and months acquitted themselves in a very creditable manner, and when the last sound of the last chorus of the great Oratorio had died away, many were the words of praise and appreciation heard upon every hand.

God bless Zion Junior Choir.

God bless Zion Senior Choir.

God bless Zion Band.

God bless Zion Orchestra.

Pray for the Conductor. Pray for the Organist. Pray for all the Members, young and old, that in years to come, these

organizations may become a mighty power in the hands of God for the extension of His Kingdom.

From 10 o'clock on through the night and into the early hours of the New Year's Day, the program, as printed repeatedly in LEAVES OF HEALING and THE ZION HERALD, was carried out.

It is impossible to put into cold type anything like an adequate description of the All-Night Meeting in its entirety.

Let one and all begin at once their preparations to attend the next All-Night Meeting. In the meantime, let all remember that the most important event of the entire year will be the CONVOCATION in JULY.

As I look back over the year 1908, and reflect upon all that has transpired, I cannot help shouting "Glory to God! Praise His Holy Name!"

During the year, among other things, the work of Zion has been well organized. Shiloh Tabernacle has been secured. Zion Stores have been established. Zion Printing and Publishing House has been established, and is now well equipped for the printing of Leaves of Healing and Zion Herald, Zion Battle Axe, and all other Zion Literature, and a fine line of job work.

Best of all, the spiritual life of the people has been quickened and deepened, and, all things considered, the future is bright with promise.

Zion will have her trials.

Zion will have her battles.

Zion will have her struggles.

Zion will have her persecutions.

But thanks be unto God, if the people are faithful, He will fulfill every one of His precious promises, and He will save Zion from all of her enemies.

Let Zion everywhere throughout the world pray morning, noon and night, that God will drive back the powers of darkness and save Zion City for Himself, for Zion people, to His name's honor and glory.

I wish to thank all Officers, all members, and all Friends, who have been faithful, steadfast and true.

My toils are many, but the grace of God is sufficient.

The task of reorganizing Zion's work, and placing it upon a firm and solid basis, is, by no means, an easy one, and were it not for the consciousness that God is with me, I could not go forward a single day.

In the name of the Lord, I most heartily thank one and all for their earnest prayers, for their tithes and offerings, for their love, sympathy, confidence and support in every way.

I have just read interesting letters from Elders Royall, Viking, Reder, Kosh, Deacon Peckham and Evangelist Darms, and have appreciated all of these letters beyond the power of words to express, and I say to these brethren, one and all, God bless you, and make you a blessing in your respective fields.

I wish also to thank all persons, in all places, who are and have been conducting meetings under the direction of Zion at Headquarters, in their homes, in the homes of members, or in halls.

Let one and all, not only in Zion City, but everywhere throughout the world, rally to make the year 1909 a wonderful one in Zion's history.

May Zion people everywhere realize increasingly the keeping power of God.

WATCH YE THEREFORE, AND PRAY ALWAYS.

## "The Prayer of Faith."

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now comes the answer, or rather the question, Will God accept our sacrifice? Will the fire of the Holy Spirit come down, and will God accept our prayer? Will God accept our heart, our voice, and will God bless us?

Will God heal the sick? Will He send down the fire and grant that our prayers may be heard? Will He give unto us His presence, and grant that all those who are oppressed by the Devil may be healed?

### Right Conditions and Right Asking Will Bring Blessings.

All those who are not well may be healed. All those who pray for healing may be heard. We come together and pray to God. When Dr. Dowie was in the Wooden Hut he led the people to God and in searching the Scriptures. I remember, in those days, when Zion lifted up the banner of Jesus the Christ, and when the eternal truth of God was proclaimed in Jesus' name, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and in accordance with the will of God, our Heavenly Father, Dr. Dowie led the people to the wells of Salvation, and he also led them to the Cross of Calvary. He told them, "If you do not repent, if you do not confess your sins, if you do not make the wrong things in your life right, God will never heal you. The prayer of faith will be a curse to you; it will never be a blessing."

The people read their Bibles. I was many times in the meetings there, but I did not hear as much gossip as I hear nowadays.

Last night I made a sick call. I was called to the bedside of a dearly beloved mother, who has been healed (some years ago.) Her children, three of them, were standing at the foot and head of the bed weeping. Her husband sat there resigned to the will of God, but clinging to the Cross of Jesus the Christ. I thought of all the people who were talking, talking, talking against the General Overseer, against this and that. I said, O, if those people would only be on their knees and cry unto

the living God, that God, in His infinite love and mercy, might spare the life of this dear mother!

I cried unto my God and said, "How can God hear? I have heard, both from the Lace Factory and from some others, of our people, that instead of praying, they talk against Voliva, against the Stores, against Zion, and against this officer and that officer. If people would think that the whole world is dying and the Devil is trying to make you sick, and killing people, and if they would get on their knees and cry unto God, I assure you, in the name of the Most High God, He would answer and send the fire down from above, and you would see the sick raised up and those who are seeking salvation would enter the narrow gate and repent and come home to their God. (Amen.)

#### **Follies to Be Corrected.**

How many of our young people are on the broad way to destruction! How many of our young men are out until eleven at night! Young girls of fourteen and fifteen years of age do as they please. Parents do not seem to have any power over them. They sit out there on the Stores steps until eleven o'clock at night. Is that pleasing to God? In Zion City, we have to do as Elijah did. If Dr. Dowie was Elijah the Restorer, then we must destroy every thing that is evil. His ministry was not only the ministry of salvation, but a ministry of destruction to evil. He fought against sin, evil and the Devil, and every thing which was wrong. As long as he was true and faithful to God, God honored him and heard his prayers. When he failed, he was set aside.

Let us take, I say, all this gossip and all this sinfulness down to the little river and kill it. Let us be cleansed from all filthiness and all unrighteousness and go to God and so be right in His sight. (Amen.)

#### **Pray That Sin be Removed.**

When Dr. Dowie used to pray with the sick, in his early days, he often said, as he stood upon the platform, "If that man or that woman had known what I prayed in my heart, they would not have asked me to pray for them." When he laid his hands upon the sick and said, "In the name of the Lord Jesus the Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and in accordance with the will of God," he very often said, "O God, in Thy infinite mercy, destroy this scoundrel, take him away to the place where he belongs." That is what he prayed. That is the man of God he was. Did you ever hear that?

I do believe in destroying sin. Elijah destroyed those who were priests of Baal. If we do not stamp out all sin and be clean before our God and Father, and if that gossip will not cease, and as children of Zion and children of God we go to our closets and cry for the sick, I tell you the prayer of Elijah will be, "O God, close up the heavens. Do not let the rain of spiritual blessings come down upon those people until they repent in sackcloth and ashes and face their sins, and make their sins right with their fellowmen, and that prayer will be heard.

#### **Prayer to be Asked For, Given and Answered in Conformity with God's Will.**

If you people believe that God has called the General Overseer, if you believe that God has called the Elders, and that what James has said, that when you are sick you should call for the Elders, and that the prayer of faith shall save the sick and raise him up, you must certainly believe also, that God will hear the prayer of His servants when they cry unto Him, "O God, bring this man to repentance or take him away. He is a hindrance to Thy work. Take this Achan and let him be burned and let him be stamped out. Take the whole crowd out of Zion and let Zion be cleansed and free, and let us go forward in the name of Jehovah as the children of God."

#### **Who Can Pray the Prayer of Faith.**

When that takes place, then God will once more answer and

you do not need to ask, "Who has the power to pray the prayer of faith?" I mean what I say. I have been in Zion since 1890. At that time there was no Zion, but there were Zion meetings. I have seen how God answered. Unless we do the will of our heavenly Father, we can come to these meetings and go through the performance, pray for you, lay hands on you, but God looks into your hearts. The sky may be blue, the sun may be shining in our meetings, it may be so nice, we may feel good and have a blessed time and say, "Well, I have had a good time. It was a good meeting." But if there is sin in your heart, if there is any sin in our ranks, if that gossiping does not cease, if those people do not repent, if we cannot get to the place where we have only five hundred, if need be, of true, consecrated, humble and holy children of God who can pray the prayer of faith, there will be no God in our sky.

The wells of salvation, the river of life will dry up in our meetings. The people wonder and then they talk. When a man comes and says, "Why, I have no confidence any more in this man. I would rather believe what a Deaconess says than what the General Overseer says." Certainly you would. Then when you are sick, you call for the Elder. I tell you we have to do some repenting. You follow Elijah.

After they killed those priests, he ascended again, and you see him there on Carmel's height. He took his mantel over his head and knelt down like Daniel in Babylon. I will tell you how he felt. He repented for his people. O, he felt so sorry. Would God forgive his people? Would God once more accept of their offering? There he cried unto his God.

I believe that from the very depths of his heart he cried unto his God that God would forgive; and if the people will only repent, if they will only come to God, I would be willing to be on my knees day and night in sackcloth and ashes, asking God to forgive everyone, to restore everyone.

God has given His only Begotten Son. Jesus the Christ has shed His blood for every one of you, and we will cry to God that no one may be lost, that all may be restored, that every one may confess, and that we may once more be cleansed in the blood of the Lamb.

My beloved brothers and sisters, when we have our thoughts on Divine things, when our sins are blotted out---and "though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow"---you can draw nigh to your heavenly Father and pray the prayer of faith that shall save the sick.

#### **After Cleansing, Then Come the Blessings.**

It was only after Elijah had cleansed Israel and taken away those priests of Baal, that he could ascend to the heights of faith once more and there, alone with his God, cry from the very depths of his heart to the living God to hear and once more be merciful and gracious. God sent down refreshing rains from on High. In my heart I believe that God will bless Zion again as He did in the Wooden Hut. (Amen). I do believe it. I believe the time will come when streams of mercy and love will flow down abundantly upon the parched ground. I believe that God, in His infinite mercy, will send the showers of blessing from on High, but we must do right. Each one must confess.

We have to wash our robes in the blood of the Lamb, and instead of talking about our neighbor-- do you know what battles he has to fight, what sorrows and what cares he has? When I go from house to house, and see you and hear about your sorrows and the battles you have to fight, and the attacks the Devil makes upon you, the sickness, etc., then my heart is bowed down with grief and sorrow. I go to my God and cry unto him, "O God, bless this sister or this brother. Heal them, and grant that this horrible cancer may be destroyed. Grant, O God, that this sickness may be taken away. Grant that this sister may hear again." There are so many burdens to bear. If you

talk about one another, where is your love and sympathy? Are you one in the Body of Christ? Are you filled with the Spirit of Christ? Paul says, "The Spirit of Christ constraineth us." The Spirit of Christ was love, Divine love. Are you prepared to give your life for your neighbor, or do you begrudge your neighbor a nicer home than you have? Those things must be stamped out.

#### Zion an Expression of Divine love.

I believe that God has founded Zion. (Amen.) I would be willing to lay down my life for this conviction. The moment I cannot believe any more that God has founded Zion, I will have to step out. If God has founded Zion, when we are trusting in the living God for Salvation, Healing, and keeping, shall He not answer my prayer when I go to the sick and lay my hands upon them?

Why is it that we do not have more healings?

Elder Taylor: We have healings.

Elder Richert: I want more. A man who has seen the healings under Dr. Dowie could not be satisfied with present conditions. If you are satisfied, you are not hungering after righteousness. You are filled and are therefore satisfied. We long to see the sick healed. When I see these sisters here (referring to several sisters in wheel-chairs,) my heart bleeds. I want them to be raised up in the power of the Most High. I want these horrible cancers killed.

#### Life and Health More Than Raiment and Wealth.

Someone says, "You need beautiful clothes." That is what the Devil said when Zion tried to get as much money as possible. "Get as rich as you can." I said to my wife, before I went to Europe, "If Zion goes on like this, and follows this gospel---to get rich as quickly as you can---Zion will go to the Devil." That is the surest way to the Devil. The Lord Jesus Christ did not have where to lay His head. A follower of the Lord Jesus the Christ cannot touch the people and try to get as much money as he can. It is impossible. The things of this world pass away, but the eternal truths of God, the Word of God, will never pass away.

#### Undaunted Faith.

Elijah prayed. No answer. He sent his servant and said, "You go and see if there is anything coming." No answer. If Elder Taylor is sick, and he calls me and says, "Elder Richert, I do not feel well; you pray for me." I look into my heart and he looks into his heart. We have then done as Elijah did. We believed in the living God. We have repented. We have destroyed every sin in our hearts, and now we pray the prayer of faith. No answer. Now, what shall we do?

Elder Taylor: Pray again.

Elder Richert: "I have done all I could. I do not know why God does not answer. I have made everything right, I am the best man on earth." I was called to a certain person to pray for her. She said, "I have made everything right. I believe God does not do His duty; He does not heal me." She says she has made everything right, and that she is right in the sight of God, but He does not do His duty. Think of that! What shall we do? Elijah prayed again. No answer. Then he bowed down lower and lower and cried unto God. He said to the servant, "You go again and see if there is anything." "Still no answer. The sky is just as blue and there is no answer. He prayed again. He sent that servant seven times, and when he came back the seventh time, he said, "I see a little cloud." For three years and six months they did not see any cloud. "I see a cloud as large as a man's hand."

The faith of Elijah was just as glorious, rising up to the sky. That faith claimed the blessing of God and the promises

of Jehovah. He said, "You go and tell Ahab to hurry up, to get home or he will get wet."

All at once the sky was covered and the clouds gathered, the thunder rolled and the lightning flashed. All at once showers of blessing came down abundantly.

Elder Taylor: In God's time.

Elijah was filled with the power of God, and he ran before Ahab a distance of forty-two miles, He ran just as fast as the horses could run.

If you have the power of God in you today, you will not halt any more, but you will run and go in the name of Jesus the Christ, and the way will be clear, and the blessings will come down and the rain will come abundantly and fill every heart with Divine hope and trust and praise and glory to our heavenly Father.

#### "Pray Without Ceasing."

Elder Taylor: "Men ought always to pray and not to faint."

Always pray. Never faint. When the showers of blessings are coming down, we will see once more the mighty power of God revealed in the salvation of the lost, in the healing of the sick, in the blessing of those who are walking upon the highways of Jehovah and in the keeping of the children of our heavenly Father.

I cannot say very much about healings, myself, in Zion, because God has kept me wonderfully. God has kept me all the time. I have scarcely ever been sick since I have been in Zion. I was always able to conduct my meetings, make my calls---sometimes in Chicago I conducted as many as six to ten meetings a week, may be one hundred fifty to one hundred seventy-five calls a month, and I was happy, too. God kept me in the winter when it was very cold, in the snow; and in the summer in the hot weather. He is the same God. I can today testify to the keeping power of God, and you know, when you look at me, He keeps me well. (Laughter). Although disease has been abroad in Zion City, God has always kept me and supplied a well of salvation for me. The ravens always came and brought bread. So they will. They will supply all our needs.

#### Burdens for the Sick and Afflicted.

I cannot tell you how my heart is bleeding when I look at the sick. It seems to me that all those I visit who are afflicted are the burden of my prayers, upon my heart. O, my God, grant that every one in Zion may remember the sick. Think of the poor, suffering people. You enjoy health; but they would like to walk. This sister would like to hear again. She has been crying to God. Why do not you help her to fight the battle? This brother told me today, "I do not know what is wrong. I do not know why I am not healed. I would like to be healed and work for Jesus." There are others who would like to be healed. If you are united in the Body of Jesus the Christ, united in one faith, one Spirit, if your sins are destroyed and you are washed in the blood of the Lamb, it will take away every stain and kill the work of the Devil in your heart, and God will answer prayer, and the sick people will be healed.

Shall we say, because God did not answer before, that the teaching of Divine Healing is not true? Let all men be liars, but God be true. (Amen). All those this afternoon who have been healed by Divine power, will you stand to your feet?

[A large number stood.]

If God has healed all you people, can He not heal this grandmother, this sister, this brother, all you people who have come to this Divine Healing meeting? Some are longing to walk. They are crying to the living God. They cannot fight the battle alone. They look to the Elder, but the Elder looks to you. You have to be united. You have to be of one heart and soul. You have to have a strong faith, and you will have to go to your God,

knowing that the God of Israel is the same God who has healed the sick in the past. The same true, loving Father, who has led you will heal them. Will you not make it a burden of your prayer, instead of talking about things which may not be what you wish, that God may bless, heal and give those people the bodily strength they need; that they may be able to walk again and hear again; the terrible cancers killed; and that we may once more see the power of the living God manifested in Israel. May the fire of the Holy Spirit come down from heaven, and burn out every sin and give life to every believer, and hope to all who are in despair, and faith to every one who is weak, and strengthen the weak hands, and give to all those who are weak in faith grace that they may climb up the steep heights of Carmel and look to their God and claim the promises, so that when they see a cloud as large only as a man's hand, they may hold onto the promises until the heavens are overspread with clouds and the rains and the showers of blessing come down once more and fill Zion with eternal life, joy, and gladness.

## A BIBLE STUDY

### On the Kingdom of Heaven, or of God

BY O. L. TINDALL.

#### What Is It?

The Kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. Rom. 14:17.

For the Kingdom of God is not in word, but in power. I Cor. 4:20.

#### Where Is It?

The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Matt. 3:2.

But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the Kingdom of God is come unto you. Matt. 12:28.

Know ye not that the Kingdom of God is nigh at hand? Luke 21:31.

For behold the Kingdom of God is in the midst of you. Luke 17:21.

#### Conditions of Membership.

Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God. John 3:5.

. . . the Kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel. Mark 1:15.

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for their's is the Kingdom of Heaven. Matt. 5:3.

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 who is in Heaven. Matt. 7:21.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the Kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. Mark 10:15.

No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God. Luke 9:62.

. . . flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. I Cor. 15:50

. . . the unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God. Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the Kingdom of God. I Cor. 6:9,1.

#### What Does it Cost to Gain It?

The Kingdom of Heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof, goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. Matt. 13:44.

. . . when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it. Matt. 13:46.

. . . Go sell that thou hast, and give to the poor.

. . . verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. Matt. 19:21,23.

. . . whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be My disciple. Luke 14:33.

#### It is Small at First, But Grows.

. . . like to a grain of mustard seed . . . the least of all seeds; . . . becometh a tree. Matt. 13:31,32.

. . . Like unto leaven . . . hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened. Matt. 13:33.

It is like seed a man sowed on good ground and it grew and brought forth a hundred fold. Matt. 13:8.

#### Parable of the Pounds.

Thy pound hath gained ten pounds. Thy pound hath gained five pounds. Luke 19:16,18.

#### The Kingdom: How Extended? By Preaching and Work.

And as ye go, preach, saying, The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils. Matt. 10:7:8.

#### Parable of the Sower.

Sow the good seed, the Word of God. Matt. 13:3,9.

#### Parable of the Fishermen and Net.

Matt. 13:47.

#### Parable of the Talents.

Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same and made them other five talents. Matt. 25:14-23.

#### The Kingdom is Not Yet Perfect.

It has tares among the wheat---"children of the wicked one." Matt. 13:24-28.

It has some bad fish in the net. See Matt. 13:47.

#### It Will Be Clean and Triumphant.

The tares will be gathered and burned. See Matt. 13:30.

Bad fish will be cast away. See Matt. 13:48.

The wicked husbandmen will be destroyed, and the vineyard given to others. See Luke 20:16.

And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a Kingdom, which shall never be destroyed; . . . it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. Dan. 2:44.

The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever. Rev. 11:15.

"And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful Witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the Prince of the kings of the earth. Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, And hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy."—Psalm 107:2.

"For this purpose the son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the Devil."—I John 3:8.

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He sendeth His word

and healeth them.



# 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 Faith That Heals the Sick Why So Many Failures?

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MANY people stumble over the many failures of those who pray for the sick and those who are prayed for and do not get the healing. The Word of God says plainly, "The Prayer of Faith *shall* save the sick." This must be true, and always true. Why, then, are not all healed, and what kind of faith heals the sick? I answer, first, that a general faith does not do it. It must be a particular faith. To say, "Yes, I believe in Divine Healing, and that the Bible is true," is one thing, and to say "Yes, I believe *now* that God will heal me," is quite another. Christ made it personal: "Believest thou that I can do this?" that is, open *your* blind eyes, and more, do you believe that I am willing *now* to do it? The woman said, "If I may but touch his garments I shall be whole."

That was present, particular, personal faith, and not a general one. Until a person has that kind of faith, he need not expect present healing, for it is "according to your faith be it done unto you." Most people do not have this. Many go to the Elders or call the Elders and never expect anything in particular. What they need is to pray, "Lord, increase our Faith," and "Lord, I believe; help Thon mine unbelief."

Some people seem to think that it is repentance that saves and heals them. No, "Thy *faith* hath made thee whole. Repentance is only a preparation to, or for faith. Judas repented, but had no faith; so have many poor sinners repented and never gone any further; so have many saints who are seeking healing.

What about the Elder's faith? Will that save you? No. Two must be agreed as touching anything that they shall ask, before an answer is promised of the Father, said Jesus in His teaching. The sick man and the Elder must be agreed in their faith, both believing for an immediate answer.

How can an Elder know or believe that a person will be now raised up as he prays? He knows there are *certain conditions that must be met* before God can heal the man. Have they been met? The man says they have, and thinks so; but is it *true*? What saith the Word? It is here a man must have help. It is here many are troubled. They dare not say to the impotent man "Stand upright on thy feet" No, for many times it would be presumptuous and would fail. Just here comes to our relief what Paul says on this point: "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities, for we do not know what to pray for as we ought." We do not know whether we can pray absolutely for immediate healing of that man and believe that God will raise him up then and there, and say to him, as Christ did, and as Paul did, "Thou are made whole: arise, take up thy bed, and walk. But the Spirit maketh intercession and knoweth the mind of God the Father. He makes it known unto us. No man can properly pray without the help of the Spirit.

We have a perfect illustration of this point, I think, in the case of the man at Lystra who was impotent in his feet and had never walked. He listened to Paul preach, and Paul, it is said, "steadfastly beholding him, and *perceiving* that he had faith to be healed, said with a loud voice, *Stand upright on thy feet*; and he leaped and walked." Acts 14:8-10.

This shows that the man must have had faith, and Paul had spiritual discernment to see his faith.

We have seen many similar cases in Zion when instantaneous miracles of healing have been wrought, quite equal to the one at Lystra.

I am the Lord; I change not."

## Prayer and Steadfastness in the Work of the Kingdom

An Address Delivered at the Early Morning Meeting, Lord's Day,  
October 4, 1908, in Shiloh Tabernacle

By General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva

Hymn No. 167: "What a friend we have in Jesus" was first sung.

The General Overseer then announced Hymn No. 173:

I have a Savior, He's pleading in glory,  
A dear, loving Savior, tho' earth-friends be few;  
And now He is watching in tenderness o'er me,  
And oh, that my Savior were your Savior, too.

General Overseer: Every individual needs to pray for himself, and stands in need of the earnest prayers of others for himself. What an important place in the Scriptures does prayer occupy! Always, in reading the Gospels, and especially the Gospel according to St. Luke, I am very strongly impressed with the references to the times that the Savior prayed. One time He prayed all night. How often He prayed! You know that Jesus was the Son of man as well as the Son of God, and in the Garden of Gethsemane He prayed. He said, "The Spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." And I always like to sing this hymn, "For you I am praying." When you are praying for a person you are not criticising or finding fault.

### The Great Question is, How to Save Men and Establish the Kingdom.

The great question that presents itself to me is how to establish the Kingdom of God and make this work what it ought to be, and at the same time lose none. It is not a very pleasant thing to any man who occupies an office in the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ to contemplate the loss of any; and the great question is how to establish the work, how to maintain it and extend it, and lose none. You remember that Jesus, just before His crucifixion, commented upon the fact that of all those whom God had given to Him he had lost none, save the son of perdition—Judas Iscariot. The ultimatum of all teaching and all preaching and discipline is the salvation of the individual. No greater sorrow can come to one who bears office under God than to feel and to have to say, "Well, he is lost," or "She is lost." What we need in Zion today is more prayer. We need more prayer in private. I am very sure that a good many things that I am having to bear would never come up if we had more prayer in private. Now the time has come when, humanly speaking, I must let up, because I can see that there are enough people still who are not praying—not keeping close to God—to wear a man's life out.

### Prayer the Solution of All Difficulties.

The solution of all difficulties is, first of all, private prayer. You go to God in private prayer every day, and pray for your brothers and sisters, and you will not have any time to find fault with them. There will be no place for the spirit of envy and jealousy. You will not have time for criticising them. What God wants is praying men and women; not people who are fault-finders.

Pray in public. Study God's Word, and do not lose sight of the important place that prayer occupies in the Word of God. All great, wonderful and good things that ever have been accomplished have come about through prayer. The one distinguishing characteristic of Dr. Dowie's early ministry was, he was a man of prayer. This work was established through prayer.

It was built up through prayer, and it must be saved through prayer. There is no other way.

Let us sing "I have a Savior." That is a beautiful thing to be able to say. When a man can say that from the bottom of his heart, he ought to be very happy. "I have a Savior:" that is a positive declaration; there are no "ifs" about it; it is a positive declaration. "I have a Savior, He's pleading in glory;" -He is at the right hand of God. He is continuing the work there that He began here.

And now He is watching in tenderness o'er me,  
And oh, that my Savior were your Savior too.

Many people find comfort through hearing the Word of God sung as well as through hearing it preached. It does not matter whether the Word of God gets into a man through singing it, through reading it himself, or through hearing it preached. Many people have been melted and brought to God through hearing it sung. It is just as necessary in the house of God that the singing be inspired of the Holy Ghost as that the preaching be inspired of the Holy Ghost. God must be well pleased with all parts of the service.

Study the chorus: First of all, "For you I am praying." What does that letter "f" stand for before the word "Chorus?" That first part must be sung with a great deal of force. What does the letter "p" stand for? It means that the second "For you I am praying" must be sung softly; the next time loud again; and then, as you close the chorus, very softly. I remember that much of my music lessons, if I do not remember any more.

I tell you what I like in singing (of course we are at a disadvantage in this large place), but you can just sing that chorus so as to remind you of the waves of the sea--if you have ever stood on the sea shore and seen the waves coming in. That is what I like to hear--these little, gentle, delicate touches. I do not know what musicians call them, but I can put it in my own way. A man's spirit wells up within him. I remember one man who said, "I like to hear that fellow sing. It comes from his boots." But I like to hear a person sing when it comes from his spirit. When it is simply from the lips it does not amount to anything. What does the Word say? To sing with the spirit and understanding. The mouth, the tongue and the vocal organs are like the strings on a violin. Behind the violin must be the person--the individual, or you would get no music. The same is true of the vocal cords and lungs. They only express what the spirit wants to sing, Preach with the spirit; sing with the spirit; pray with the spirit. Isaiah says, "This people honoreth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me." May God forbid that that should ever be true of us. Let us draw nigh to God with our hearts, and put our hearts into the work.

We will sing the first and last stanzas, and I hope you will sing it well. They are wonderful words, full of meaning, rich in thought and expression. Then we will bow our knees in silent prayer.

The Hymn was then sung.

With heads bowed the congregation then sang, also:

There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus:  
No not one; no not one.  
None else can heal all our soul's diseases:  
No not one; no not one

#### CHORUS:

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.

A season of quiet, earnest prayer then followed, interspersed with the following beautiful hymns:

"I have heard my Savior calling; I'll go with Him all the way."

It may not be on the mountain's height,  
Nor over the stormy sea;  
It may not be at the battle's front,  
My Lord may have need of me.  
But if, by a still, small voice, He calls,  
To paths that I do not know,  
I'll answer, Dear Lord, with my hand in Thine,  
I'll go, where you want me to go.

## CHORUS:

I'll go, where you want me to go, dear Lord;  
O'er mountain, and plain, and sea.  
I'll say what you want me to say, dear Lord;  
I'll be, what you want me to be.  
Not my own; not my own,  
Savior, I belong to Thee.  
All I have, and all I hope for,  
Thine through all eternity.

**General Overseer.** We have sung some very beautiful choruses. I remember the first time I ever heard the Consecration Hymn. I remember the first time I ever read it in the Leaves of Healing, and God only knows how many have been blessed through the reading and singing of that Consecration Hymn; and God only knows what it would mean if there were a body of people on this earth who would sing it and live it. It is one thing to sing, "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord," and it is another thing *to go*. It is one thing to say, "I'll say what you want me to say, dear Lord," and it is another thing *to say it* when an opportunity is given. "I'll be what you want me to be."

Then that beautiful chorus, "Not my own." I heard that for the first time, Zion, in an officers' meeting.

Not my own; not my own,  
Jesus, I belong to Thee.  
All I have, and all I hope for,  
Thine through all eternity.

I thank my God that I can say from the bottom of my heart that that chorus is true in my life, and I am not afraid, in the name and in the strength of the Lord, to sing those hymns, because, by His grace, I am ready to carry them out. If I were not, I would not sing them.

The Word of God tells us that in the last days they will have a form of godliness but denying the power thereof; and today, for the most part, it is only "a form" of godliness.

**Longings For Victories.**

There are some tremendous struggles going on in my spirit at the present. I can only stay and go on with the consciousness that God Almighty has put me here and is with me. I can see the great world wide field and the multitudes—the millions—that are in need of the beautiful Gospel of the everlasting Kingdom; and when I read the other day that 15,000 little boys and girls in Chicago went hungry every day—that they go to school without anything to eat, the tears came into my eyes, and I said, "My God, where is Christianity!" How dreadful to think that there are people who are not only rolling in luxury, but wasting millions of dollars worth of God's products, while 15,000 little boys and girls in a land that is called a Christian land, are going to school every day with nothing to eat.

**The Unjust and Unmerciful Landlord.**

When I read the other day of a rich landlord who served an eviction notice on a poor man who had a wife and little children, my blood boiled. The next to the last day came: they had no money; they had no where to go; and that night in order to get something to eat for his wife and children, he broke into a man's house, and the man shot him three times and killed him; and when the wife stepped into the scantily furnished little home from which they were to be thrown out that evening, she was confronted with the corpse of her husband. The man who

shot him did a noble thing, according to the newspapers: he was an intruder. O, I tell you, the wretched system that passes for religion is to blame for that.

**An Example of Inequalities.**

Deacon Forby was telling us yesterday in the conference of two cases that came under his observation in a western city. In front of a bakery stood a couple of cans of milk. A starving man came along, and he broke through the window of the bakery, and helped himself to bread and cookies and then to the milk. He was arrested and sent to the penitentiary for five years. About the same time a well-to-do respectable (?) man forged a note. He was arrested and sent to prison for twelve months.

**Workers Chosen. Their Equipment and Confession.**

Now, in keeping with these choruses, I want to read you some passages, and then I have a practical thing to say. Turn first to the tenth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew. I never tire of reading this chapter and the tenth of Luke. One is the story of the sending out of the Twelve Apostles, and the other the story of the sending out of the Seventies.

As I want to read a number of selections, I will have to omit the greater part of the chapter and begin with the 32nd verse.

I am not aware, my brothers and sisters, that the way to Heaven is any different now from what it was then; or that the way to Heaven is any easier now than it was then; or that God has ever changed an iota since those days.

I am not aware that the Devil has changed.

I am not aware that human nature has changed. It is just the same.

**Mock Christianity.**

I am getting very tired of the "thing" in this world that is labeled Christianity; and for my part I will do what I can to help kill it, and in its stead to give to the world the genuine Gospel of the Kingdom as taught by Jesus the Christ.

**Confessing Christ and the Father Before Men.**

After Jesus has given the commission and assigned the field, and told them what they might expect, He says:

Whosoever, therefore, shall confess me before men, him will I also confess before My Father who is in Heaven.

There is a world of meaning in that sentence. It does not mean much today to the average Church member to confess Christ, because they know practically nothing about Christ, and they are so linked up with the things of this world and so much a part of the warp and woof of the present iniquitous order of things, that it is never a very difficult matter for them to parade whatever little false religion they have. It means just as much to confess Christ today, properly, as it meant then. We have religion in theory, plenty of it; but religion in practice, there is precious little of it.

I want you to follow me very closely because I am going to ask you some questions. You have to decide these questions as well as myself.

Confess Jesus the Christ as the Healer, and what does that mean? Well, it means to be laughed at; to be called a fool; to be threatened with imprisonment; and so on and so forth.

Some have stood nobly; some have not. Some have failed. I am willing for anybody to take my record in Australia and say whether I ever compromised one iota, or whether I stood up boldly for Divine Healing, as boldly as I ever have in Zion City, and defied them, and gave them to understand that I would go to jail; that I would be burned at the stake, before I would deny my Lord and Savior. It is a very serious thing to deny Jesus Christ and to want to come to Zion City through fear.

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## General Overseer's Notes

HEADQUARTERS OFFICES OF THE  
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Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! Psalm 133:1

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word;

That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me. John 17:20, 21.

Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing. 1 Cor. 1:10.

The above passages of Scripture present to us:

First: A simple statement of a sublime truth.

Second: An important part of the supreme prayer of Jesus the Christ.

Third: An earnest entreaty to the Church at Corinth--a burning exhortation, that has come ringing down through the centuries to one and all who have named the name of Jesus.

You will observe that there is no reference in the statement,

the prayer, or the exhortation, either immediate or remote, direct or indirect, to the possibility of any union or fellowship between the sons of God and the sons of the Devil.

In the statement, it is "brethren who dwell together in unity."

In the prayer, it is believers in Jesus the Christ.

In the exhortation, it is the members of the "Church of God which is at Corinth."

The Word of God draws very sharply the line of distinction between the righteous and the wicked, the Kingdom of God and the kingdom of the Devil.

Moses said, when the Children of Israel apostatized and went into idolatry, "Who is on the Lord's side?"

Joshua said, "Choose you this day whom you will serve."

Elijah said, "How long halt ye between two opinions?"

Jesus said, "He that is not for Me is against Me."

Paul said, "What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness?"

"What communion hath light with darkness?"

"What concord hath Christ with Belial?"

"What part hath he that believeth with an infidel?"

"What agreement hath the temple of God with idols?"

There is a vast difference between divisions among brethren, and the division between Christians and sinners.

The preceding Notes I have dictated to prepare your minds and hearts, and to pave the way for the emphatic statement:

ZION IS NOT DIVIDED. ZION IS UNITED.

There exists today sweet Christian fellowship among Zion people in Zion City, and with Zion people everywhere throughout the world.

There are divisions in Zion City, but these divisions are of God, who, in His own way, has separated those who are not Zion from those who are Zion.

Paul says, in writing to the Church at Corinth:

"For there must be also heresies among you, that they who are approved may be made manifest among you."

I have been repeatedly asked to unite with others in earnestly praying that Zion City might be united, but I have always refused to respond to the request for the simple reason that Zion is not divided, except from the world, the flesh and the Devil, and I do not care to effect any union with them, but to overcome them by the grace of God.

The Zion People in Zion City worship in Shiloh Tabernacle. The Zion traitors, haters and would-be destroyers, in little guerilla bands, meet everywhere they can, and bite and devour each other.

Poor Bryant came all the way from South Africa as the Apostle (?) of Unity, the Devil having deceived him into thinking he was something when he is nothing (except in his proper place), and in making him believe that he could unite into one body individuals who were at sixes and sevens with each other, and united on one thing only, viz., How to down Voliva.

He found John A. Lewis with a little company of people apparently living in harmony, and before many weeks, he had succeeded in splitting them into four parties.

He found the Parhamites, or the crazy so-called Gift of Tongues people, apparently getting along with some harmony, and ere long he split them into nine parties.

Poor man! He himself has been astride the fence, under the fence, through the fence, and on both sides of the fence, and the Lord only knows where he is now.

A man who recently attended a number of the different meetings in Zion City said to me, after attending the meetings at Shiloh Tabernacle, "It is easy enough for any one to see where Zion is, and there is no doubt that you are the one man who represents Zion, the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion; it is to be found nowhere else."

Jesus the Christ likens the Church to the human body, which consists of many members.

Suppose the little finger should say to the head, "I do not propose to be under your direction any longer. I am going to separate and go off on my own."

Suppose the left ear, hearing the remarks of the little finger, does likewise, and then one of the toes joins in the schism, and these three members, each having separated from the body, attempt to go their own ways.

After a short period of time, the finger begins to realize that he cannot get along very well separated from the body, and then later the ear realizes the same, and still later the toe, and then each of these members addresses a communication to the head recommending a prayer meeting that unity may obtain, and asks the head to come over and join with them in praying for the destruction of the conditions existing, and for unity in the body.

Do you not think it would be perfectly right and proper for the head to reply, "You separated in a spirit of rebellion, and now, if you want to be a part of the body, all you need to do is to repent of your conduct, return, and ask forgiveness, and take your proper places?"

Of course, the head may receive some communications which demand careful investigation as to whether they are from the finger, an ear, or simply from some corn or bunion, and most surely, when corns and bunions have once been separated from the body, it would be very foolish for the head ever to want them to return and unite.

I am satisfied that some who have stepped aside from Zion's pathway may be fingers, ears, or toes, and I am also fully satisfied that some of them are nothing more nor less than corns, bunions and warts who attached themselves to the Zion Movement for the sake of the loaves and fishes, or interest and dividends, and prospective fat jobs.

Let no one be worried for a single moment concerning the situation in Zion City. God's hand is over all, and in His own time you will see the Zion Movement standing ready, purified, and equipped for the greatest fight ever waged against the world, the flesh and the Devil by any body of people under the leadership of Jesus the Christ.

There is, and can be, no question as to Zion's teaching. Zion is a Theocracy. Democrats, Republicans, as such, have no place in her ranks.

The rule of man must give way to the rule of God. Zion must go forward, fully realizing that the time is ap-

proaching when "the kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ."

### FIGHT!

The mere mention of the word "Fight" causes a shudder to run through milk-and-water, wishy-washy, good-for-nothing, putty, soft-soap, jelly-fish, backboneless monstrosities who, in soft, sweet, nauseating tones, proclaim themselves lovely.

Men and women can go to hell on "flowery beds of ease." Men and women can never go to heaven on "flowery beds of ease."

God is at war with all evil.

Zion is at war with all evil.

How many have been deceived, side-tracked and wrecked by the silly cry "He is too harsh?" May God help Zion everywhere to catch the spirit of the Prophets and the Apostles!

How many you will hear say, "O I am tired of this fighting." Thanks be unto God, I am not tired of this fighting, but I enjoy it, and by the grace of God I intend to fight as long as there is breath in my body, or just so long as there is one person in rebellion against God.

Listen to John the Baptist: (?)

"Oh ye dear, darling, beloved Pharisees and Sadducees! I am so happy to see you, and to enjoy sweet fellowship with you. You have certainly bestowed a great honor upon me by coming to my service. I do trust nothing has been said to hurt your feelings, for I believe in being charitable, and allowing others to think for themselves, and therefore I would not, for anything in the world, say anything that could reflect upon either your theories, or your practices."

No, indeed, John the Baptist said:

"O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

Jesus the Christ said to the Scribes and Pharisees: "Hypocrites, whited sepulchres, serpents, generation of vipers."

Paul said: "Thou child of the Devil. Thou enemy of all righteousness."

Jesus said: "For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie."

These are days like the days of Noah.

These are days like the days of Sodom and Gomorrah.

These are days when evil men wax worse and worse.

These are days when Zion must cry aloud and spare not.

Oh Zion in the strength of the Most High God, smite the apostate churches.

Oh Zion, smite the accursed liquor traffic.

Oh Zion, smite the accursed drug traffic.

Oh Zion, smite tobacco, and by wielding the Sword of the Spirit, cause smokers, chewers and spewers to realize how dirty, filthy and stinking they are, dirtier than dogs, dirtier than hogs—filthy human skunks that they are, destroying not only their own lives, but the lives of their wives and their children.

Oh Zion, smite secretism.

Oh Zion, smite dishonesty.

Oh Zion, smite every sin in the catalogue, and let us fight for the destruction of the Devil's kingdom, and for the establishment of the Kingdom of God our Heavenly Father.

The present fight between the sons of God and the powers of darkness centers in and around Zion City.

Who shall have the victory, God or the Devil?

In the name of the Most High God, whose I am, and whom I serve, I defy the whole outfit who are fighting for Zion City's destruction.

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Let every Zion heart throughout the world be set on fire, and let one and all cry with tears day and night that God will drive out the powers of darkness, and set His people free, and redeem Zion City for Himself and for Zion people.

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You can pray.

You can pay your tithes.

You can give your offerings.

You can support LEAVES OF HEALING and THE ZION HERALD.

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You can pray that God will open the eyes of the investors that they may take their interests out of the hands of Zion traitors, haters and would-be destroyers.

How often John Alexander Dowie used to cry to Zion:

"Lift your heads, ye sons of light;  
Zion City is in sight.

Today, let the cry go forth,

Lift your heads, ye sons of light;  
The redemption of Zion City is in sight.

God only knows what John Alexander Dowie went through in order to establish the City, and God only knows what must be gone through in order to save the City from the Devil's foul hand of destruction.

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You cowards! who have run away, and have withheld your tithes and your offerings, your words of sympathy, love and confidence.

May God smite you with deep conviction, and bring you to repentance. Unless you do repent, and that speedily, you will soon cry for the rocks and mountains to hide the face of God from you.

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Zion's ministry is a world-wide ministry.

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Zion realizes that the day is drawing to its close, and the night is approaching, and she wants to proclaim the Everlasting Gospel of the Kingdom of God to earth's remotest bounds.

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Let one and all be assured that, as Zion's leader under God and His dearly beloved Son, Jesus the Christ, I have taken my stand, and there, by the grace of God, I shall stand.

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My eyes are upon God and not upon man, and God helping me, I shall do right if I have to stand, humanly speaking, alone.

There is one course, and absolutely one course open before those who have gone away from Zion, and that course is to repent, acknowledge that they were tricked by the Devil, apply for fellowship, and be willing to take the humble place assigned to them.

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I say to Zion in all the world, GO FORWARD. Stand by Zion at headquarters. Do not permit self-appointed leaders, who have no authority from myself as General Overseer, to persuade you to send your tithes to them, but send your tithes and offerings straight to headquarters, where they will be used in the proper way for the extension of God's Kingdom.

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The Zion Movement will have a Theocratic form of government, and I shall never vary an iota from my present position.

The cry of the "one-man-rule" is the cry of the Devil, taken up by envious, jealous, narrow persons who are longing for places and positions for which they are in no sense fitted, and for which God, by His Holy Spirit, has never called them.

If John Alexander Dowie, who for many years was greatly used of God, had controlled his family instead of permitting them to control him, and had exercised strict economy in handling the finances of Zion, there would have been very little in his work to criticise.

Leaders in God's Israel are seldom side-tracked by outside people. Their worst enemies are often supposedly their best friends.

I give God all the glory, for it is He who has taken care of Zion, but I humbly, and without hesitancy say that had He not enabled me to stand for Zion principles and truths, then, today, there would be no Zion Movement on the earth.

Shame on those who have gone away?

I am impressed that the time has come to go straight for the individuals in all parts of the world who have at any time been connected with the Zion Movement, and say unto them, one and all, "If there is a spark of Zion in your hearts, take your stand. Be men and women of principle, and then, in the Day of Judgment, you will not need to be ashamed."

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God bless Zion in all parts of the world!

Morning, noon and night I pray, "God bless Zion everywhere, and give victory over all opposition."

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Pray! Work! Wait! Watch!

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Again I exhort you one and all to pray.

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WATCH YE, THEREFORE, AND PRAY ALWAYS.

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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; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

# Prayer and Steadfastness in the Work of the Kingdom

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Jesus Christ is in Europe as well as here, and He is in Africa. Compromises are dangerous and destructive. You will never get an answer to prayer where you compromise. Never. There are many people in Zion City for whom I tremble: and the way they are living, when the Devil strikes them there will be no answer to prayer. The Heavens will be as brass.

## Divine Healing Ought to Keep Men Near to God.

I have often said that Divine Healing ought to keep a man closer to God than anything else; and the great question that I am beginning to ask in the great struggle that I am passing through is, How many people in Zion City are here from principle and for principle, and how many are here for something else? A man or woman will be of no use in this organization who is not a man or woman of principle. A man or woman of principle will go to the stake for principle's sake.

## To Deny the Christ Fixes Doom.

To deny the Son of God settles it. He will deny you. He will not own you. You must confess Him if you die for it; and the man who goes with the crowd is unwise; the crowd will go to Hell; and, as in the days of Noah, they have crowded God out of all their thoughts and plans, and from morning to night God never enters their thoughts. They are "lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." Confess Christ everywhere; it is a tangible, material, literal thing.

Men and women will stand up and say "religion and business will not mix," while all God has to say is that a man who will deny the Son of God in his business or in his politics, Christ will deny him. That is one thing certain.

A man can deny Christ with his mouth closed. He does not have to speak it in so many words.

## Christ Came to Send a Sword.

Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.

The Christian religion has nothing in common with the systems and governments of men. Absolutely nothing. The Christian religion is a revolutionary movement, and it means the overturning and destruction of every plan and purpose of man and the establishing of the plans and purposes of God the Almighty.

There were many things in Dr. Dowie's ministry that were truly remarkable. What the seed that he sowed will develop into, time will tell.

## Peace Obtained Only By Obedience.

For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.

And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.

Some people are always wanting peace and love. Yes, you can have peace with the Devil by letting him have his own way, can't you? And you can have peace with naughty people by letting them have their own way. You can have peace with a bad boy or a bad girl by letting them do as they please.

## Sure Destruction Out of God's Way.

Poor Bryant, hemmed in now by the Parhamites, told them last Sunday that if it had not been for Voliva and his unholy course everybody in Zion City would have been lovely today and all standing together. Well, what about his course? He has chosen his course and is very close to the pit. They are

going to land in the pit; and very shortly too, because they are not in God's way.

I will guarantee that Overseer Voliva's unholy (?) course will bring out of this thing a remnant of true people that have the love of God in their hearts, and the sifting process is not over yet. It has only begun, and when I get the men and women of principle rallied, there will be a people that God can use. Now I want you not only to listen but to do some good hard thinking.

It is not worth while to talk without thinking. I am leading up to this question that has got to be settled. It is a question some people have got to settle:

## IS A ZION COMMUNITY POSSIBLE?

That is the question that has to be answered. That is the question I put to these four men yesterday morning. Is a Zion community possible? If it is not, why then, we are a lot of fools to be trying to save this place or talk about a Zion community.

How many of you people came into Zion before Zion City was ever established? (A large number arose.)

Well, a lot of you came in after it was established.

Then you did not come into Zion for Zion City. Well, you are fortunate. I think I can do something with you people. I might be able, God helping me, to do something with those who came in after the founding of Zion City, but the people who came into this movement before Zion City ever started, I think there is very good hope of them; because a greater blunder never was made than to confound Zion City and the Zion Movement. Zion City to the Zion Movement is just what this coat is to my body. I can throw this coat away, but I have still the body. Zion City might perish tomorrow, but we have still the Zion Movement.

## No Peace When There Is Sin Present.

The worst thing, my brothers and sisters, we could have in Zion City would be peace. There is not anything that could be worse than to have peace in this city. God forbid! That is where people are tricked of the Devil. As long as there is one iota of the Devil in this city, God forbid that there ever should be peace. Is that sound teaching? Sound doctrine?

I am at war with all error.

I am at war with everything that opposes the Kingdom of God; and I want no peace with them, and I do not intend to have any.

The prophet said they will cry "Peace! Peace! when there is no peace."

When God Almighty calls upon a man to stand, he must stand, no matter what father or mother, brother or sister, uncle or aunt or cousin may say. Take your stand for God and Zion and never compromise. There is no half-way business about it.

## Why Prayer Not Answered.

I can see many hindrances to answer to prayer. It is no wonder that prayer is not answered. I do not think these officers are perfect, but I have been out making some sick calls myself, and I am not surprised that their prayers are not answered. I tell you, my brothers and sisters, we have got to get down to business; and either God wants a Zion community, and it is a part of His plan, or He does not. I want to help you see some things.

He that loveth father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

What a foolish thing to allow father or mother to come in between you and your God.

## In Zion For Principle's Sake.

I did not come into Zion because somebody else did. Some people have come in because certain relatives came in. When

the relatives go out they go, too. Where is the principle? I came into Zion for principle's sake.

For what did many people come in? If a man has discovered that the principles were false, there might be some reason for him to change his position; but they all say, do they not, "We are for Zion?" Yes. . . Zion. Well, what is a Zion man? A Zion man is a man against everything in the World; that is a Zion man. That is about as good a definition as I can give. A Zion man is a Kingdom of God man. I want to tell you that the kingdoms of this world—the republics of this world—have not anything in common with the Kingdom of God. Therefore, you are against them. All of them have to perish and go under. Then there is a chance for a Zion settlement.

I hope you are thinking. I want you to think. Do not ask me to decide everything for you. Think for yourselves.

#### **Serve God and His Son Christ Jesus First.**

Notice: When it comes to choosing between Jesus Christ and father and mother, it is Christ, is it not? When it comes to a choice between Jesus Christ and your son and daughter, it must be Jesus Christ.

And he that taketh not his cross and followeth after me is not worthy of me.

He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for My sake, shall find it."

The average Church member knows just about as much about this verse as a new-born baby knows about Greek; and the whole thing makes a man who is thoroughly alive to God sick when he looks at it; and when I hear preachers read it, it always disgusts me, because they are mouthing something they do not know anything on earth about. It is hypocrisy of the rankest type. Talk to me about a preacher who draws a fine salary of \$6,000 to \$8,000 a year and has everything that he wants in the way of luxury; what does he know about it. He is only a minister to a fashionable club of hypocrites. But then, you know some people have said, "Zion is too hard on the Churches!" And that was said from this platform a few months before I got back here. Do you remember an Overseer's face when I took that matter up from the platform? It turned as red as a beet. If we are living in the last days of the Gospel age, then God Almighty has spewed the Churches out of His mouth. That is the only consistent thing.

#### **Will Christ be Followed? Will Zion be Built Up?**

Look at the ninth chapter of Luke.

I am going to call upon you people to decide this question as to whether a Zion community ought to be established—whether it can be, and then, if you say yes, I think I can accomplish some things that I cannot accomplish now. If you say yes, then your lives will have to conform with that answer.

Let us look at the 57th verse. The Bible is not a little toy to play with and dangle around. It is something to be lived, and we should have only one purpose—to devote our life to the practice of the principles and tenets of the Kingdom of God.

#### **The Religious World Dead in Cold Formalism.**

The religion that the world has is up yonder in the air, and they are quite satisfied as long as it does not touch their business or politics, or home life, or interfere with them; and when you bring them the Zion message they cry, "You let us alone!" That is what the Devil said to Christ; and that is what people say today: "Let us alone! What does it matter about fifteen thousand children in Chicago starving to death; that is not our concern." They go up to a beautifully furnished Church and spend half an hour, and what does it matter? Ah, that is the question.

"And it came to pass,"—now I am not responsible for this. There is no use to get mad at me. This is a statute that I, as the minister of God, am called upon to enforce.

#### **Will Christians Do As Commanded.**

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.

Now that is a very easy thing to say. It is just as easy to say as, "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord; I'll say what you want me to say." Suppose God Almighty, by the Holy Ghost should call upon you to go into some Heathen land; what would you think about that? The man who sings that, he has got to be prepared to follow the Holy Ghost wherever He calls him. That is what that man has got to be prepared to do. Did you ever hear an audience sing, "I surrender all to Thee." Yes; I have heard it sung by a lot of hypocrites and liars.

I remember a Church I used to go to when a boy, and they used to sing very often, "Lord, I care not for riches, neither silver nor gold." That was the Church where there was an old fellow of immense wealth who would give seven dollars a year to the Church. It was the richest Church in the County, and yet it paid the preacher only \$240 a year, and they had hard work to raise that. They had a membership of between two and three hundred, and there were men in that Church who owned six thousand acres of prairie land. Yet they would sing that hymn, "Lord I care not for riches," when money was their god. The fact of the matter is that money is the god of ninety-nine out of every hundred.

#### **What It Means To Be A Disciple.**

After we determine whether a Zion community is according to God's plan, and possible, then we are going to go to work to dissect this thing to find out where the trouble is. You can say, "Well, Dr. Dowie did this, that, and the other thing." Yes; but Zion, there were others who had something to do with it. Can a man fix a watch until he finds out what is the matter with it. I am determined to find out what is the matter.

And Jesus said unto him, the foxes have holes—

How often Jesus mentioned the animals.

And Jesus said unto him, the foxes have holes, the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.

He was poorer than the foxes and the birds.

I wonder what that man thought. Then he was not so jubilant about following whithersoever He went, was he. There is the meaning of discipleship. Jesus came to establish the Kingdom of God. When He went away He left it in the hands of the Apostles, and they made a fair beginning; and I believe that Dr. Dowie stood in such relation to God that he could have done more even than the apostles did if he had only measured up to it. It is easy enough to talk about measuring up; it is easy enough to talk about following the Voice of a Vision, but when it comes right down to actually following there is where the trouble comes. He had the vision all right, but he never followed it. He was afraid to face it; he sidetracked. One of the rashest things he ever did, one of the things that caused the most misery, was his false teaching—"Get rich as fast as you can." Wherever people obey that exhortation they start on the straight road to hell. That is the plain word of God.

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.

There is a verse that is deep enough to keep you busy the rest of your lives. You get a glimpse there of what it means to be a disciple; and you can see how far short we fall; and you can get some idea of the spiritual condition of this people, can you not?

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.

Those are very strong statements, and they give you an idea of what it means to be a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

He sendeth His word

and healeth them.



# 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 Spirit Also Helpeth Our Infirmities"

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THAT is a great truth for Christians to think about. What a comfort to know this. If we knew how to avail ourselves of this help, more and better work would be done, and less blunders and mistakes would be made by God's people. How few people realize this privilege.

How many are like little Samuel. When the Lork spoke to him, he thought it was Eli the priest. It is a great thing for a man to know the voice of the Spirit of God. There are other spirits calling men also. They often imitate and counterfeit the Spirit of God, and so deceive good-meaning people and cause them to follow strange voices.

God has always had a way of directing His people. He spake to Moses. How often is it written, and "the Lord spake unto Moses," saying. Just think how many things He told him to do. His directions to Moses were not confined to any one line of life. He gave him directions about all the affairs of His people, secular, as we call them, sanitary, business, social, political, domestic, educational, legal and ecclesiastical—not much theological, theoretical, or philosophical. Now-a-days, men seem to think that God is only interested in the theoretical, and so-called theological. Hence the kind of preaching we hear, and the cry of hypocrites who do not want God to have any hand in their every-day affairs of business, politics, etc.

They admit that Holy men of old spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost, and that the Bible was given by Inspiration of God, but that it stopped with that.

My text, if I may so call it, teaches that the Spirit has a great mission among men yet; and more, it is not confined to apostles or prophets or holy men of old, simply.

When it says "The Spirit helpeth our infirmities," it covers an immense field, as anyone will readily discern when he goes into the subject of "our infirmities."

They begin with our birth and only end with our demise, if then. Infirmities physical, infirmities mental, infirmities spiritual, infirmities to right of you, infirmities to left of you, infirmities behind you, etc., etc. Infirmities in all the walks of life. O how infirm and weak and imperfect is man!

"I have seen the end of all perfection," said the Psalmist.

Does the declaration of the Apostle mean that the Spirit will help us in all these infirmities? I answer "Yes." Does not the good Word declare that "He is a present help in every time of need?" How strange that Christians would ever want to rule God out of the walks of life! You say, "I am guided by my reason, or by wise men, or even by the 'Bible.'" None of these are sufficient alone without the help of the Spirit. He was given to supplement all these. Even the written Word does not go into the details of life and give minute directions for my every-day life. It gives the rules of life, and so is the man of our counsel and, as it says, "a lamp to our feet;" for example, when Paul came down to Troas he assayed to go into Asia to preach, but was prevented by the Spirit. He could not find in the Bible a solution of that question where he was to preach. No man could tell him, nor could his reason, only a revelation from God. There are many things in life that can be determined only by the Spirit.

The Spirit had to direct Philip to leave Samaria and go on

the way to the South to meet that Eunuch for which God had a special message.

It was the Holy Spirit that had to point out to the teachers and prophets the men that God wanted to go on His mission when they selected Barnabas and Saul and made them Apostles.

What bungling work we would make in God's service if the Holy Spirit did not help us. Yes; but it is not confined to selecting Apostles or making Elders and Overseers of the flock that we need the help of the Spirit. We need Him, as Jesus indicated, when we go into court and are taken before the magistrates. Think of the Holy Spirit playing the advocate or lawyer in a modern Chicago Court-room! But it is verily true. The Master said, "Take no thought (or anxiety) what you should say, for the Holy Spirit would be mouth and wisdom to you and give you the right words, and such as they could not gainsay." I wonder how many lawyers today ever think of that when they go into court with their wicked pleas for iniquity. Lawyers need the Holy Spirit. But I am afraid He would spoil the business of most of them.

#### The Holy Spirit Senior Partner in Business.

James says a man has no right to say he would go to such a city and buy and sell there for a year without first finding out what the Lord's will was concerning it. [Read James 4:15.]

If men would follow that rule we would not need be concerned about the business of Zion City, for God would not send these devils here to buy and sell, and curse our beautiful city with their iniquitous business systems. He would have none but Zion men—men who pray over their business.

How did Paul know how to manage in regard to the voyage to Rome when they got into that awful storm and ship-wreck? How dared he, a prisoner on board, presume to give directions to the captains and centurions and ship-masters?

How could he tell them when to sail, and where to winter with their crew? How came he to stand up in the midst of the darkness and gloom and despair and tell them to be of good cheer; that not a hair of any of them would be injured, when the rest of them had lost all hope of ever seeing land again? Why, it was revealed unto him, from Him who rules the storms.

#### The Spirit Helps in Prayer.

"We know not what to pray for as we ought." "Lord, teach us to pray" cried the disciples unto the Master. So say we yet. "Teach us to pray." Here comes the Holy Spirit, to do His most important work—to help us to pray. There would not be so many fruitless prayers if we remembered that the Spirit indited true petitions. "He maketh intercessions." He knoweth the mind of Him who searcheth the hearts of men, and He knoweth what is the will of God. He leads a man to ask according to the will of God. Then we are told that we shall receive if we ask anything "according to His will." A most important thing for Christians to study and consider. A man should not pray at random, hit or miss, and for everything that he may think of.

How would Elijah dare to pray for the heavens to be shut up for three years, had not that prayer been inspired of God's spirit? How could Moses pray for the plague of lice, and frogs, and murrain and locusts, etc., unless those prayers had been inspired of God? How could Paul pray for blindness to smite the sorcerer, unless he had been led to so by the Spirit? It is said, "Saul or Paul, being full of the Holy Ghost," said unto him so and so.

How can a man pray intelligently or acceptably to God unless he has the Spirit to teach him?

What kind of a preacher is a man who depends only on his own wisdom? Paul said he preached in "the demonstration of the Spirit," and of course, "with power."

That is what gives power to a sermon, or message, or witnessing. "Ye shall be witnesses after the Holy Ghost has come upon you," said the Christ.

How much could be said on that subject!

"The Spirit also helpeth our infirmities"—

## Prayer and Steadfastness in the Work of the Kingdom

An Address Delivered at the Early Morning Meeting, Lord's Day, October 4, 1908, in Shiloh Tabernacle

By General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva

CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK

#### Lusting for Things of the World.

I hear men around this town say, "Well, we have got to furnish entertainment of some kind for the young people so that they will not go to Waukegan,"—In other words, the way to keep a man from drinking whisky is to bring the whisky home and give it to him! That is logical. Very logical. The young people of Zion City—some of them—are not a whit better than the young people of the world. They will not stay at home fifteen minutes. They swallow their supper and are off.

#### Elders Not Permitted to Unite in Marriage Non-Christians.

I want to say this to you officers: That you will not be permitted as ministers in this Church to marry anybody except those whom you know are Christians. You will not be allowed to marry any couple unless they are a son and daughter of God. We have not any right to join the Devil's children nor have anything to do with their offspring. I do not purpose to do it.

#### Restore the Home to God.

The restoration of the home, that is the first thing, and if you cannot have true homes you will never have true anything. A mother told me the other day that one of her own children was never at home before ten and eleven o'clock at night, and that is in Zion City. It is running after the things of this world—after pleasure. We have people in Zion City that, if they could not hang around near Chicago, would go to Hell. They just imagine that if they cannot keep somewhere near Chicago, they would not want to go to Heaven. Well now, except for doing God's work, I would never want to go near Chicago. I feel for Chicago just as Lot felt over Sodom and Gomorrah.

The young people of Zion will have to find their enjoyment in serving God. I tell you there is something radically wrong with sons and daughters who are never content at home with father and mother. I am going to diagnose this case.

#### Foundations Examined.

What is there in the foundation of this City that is not right?

I asked these brethren this question yesterday morning: If the whole earth were swept clean of all the present order, and God Almighty put it in your hands to reconstruct it, how would you go about it? They did not know. I think they would make a pretty bad mess out of it.

We know the details of the arrangement of this community. Why, of course, if I asked you if a Zion community is desirable, you would all say, "Yes;" and thousands of people not in this movement would say, "Yes, a community inhabited by Christian people, wanting to serve God, and keeping out the vices of

the world, is certainly a very desirable thing." But, IS IT POSSIBLE? I want you to show me.

We have arrived at the meaning of good discipleship, and I want to read in the Sermon on the Mount a little.

#### Treasures to be in Heaven.

This nineteenth verse of the sixth chapter of Matthew is one of the most wonderful statements ever made, and it is a statement violated by almost every Church member in Christendom; and I would just like to know how many people that came into this community, or into the Zion Movement, have any real, true conception of the force of what Jesus Christ said and what He means by it. The majority of the people you meet have only one thing to think about, and that is hoarding money. They will point to a bank account with the same pride that a little boy will point to his red express wagon. I believe the Word of God: that they are hoarding up treasures for the last days when they will throw their gold and silver to the bats. We can never found a Zion community with people who violate the Word of God. Jesus said:

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth where moth and rust doth corrupt and where thieves break through and steal."

Nearly all that the people think about is laying up money. That is almost their sole thought. I want to know if a Zion community is possible, and if so, how are we going to establish it.

#### Earthly Treasures Make Trouble.

Your treasures in Heaven do not bother you, but your treasures on earth give you a tremendous lot of trouble. How many sleepless nights have your treasures on earth given you? Money will make a man insane.

I had a letter the other day from a man in New York who has a few hundred dollars invested in Lace Stock. The thought of having lost this, he said, was enough to make a man curse God Almighty. We should have no troubles like that; none whatever. Such people deserve to worry.

Everything today is steeped with commercialism, is it not? Things are fixed up and put on the market, because people need them, is that it? Because they are necessary for them? Because they furnish nourishment for the body and are for the honor and glory of God? No; because there is MONEY in it. The day is coming when Zion will have to throw all that kind of thing off, and the spirit of commercialism has got to go. We must get on the Kingdom of God basis. When people get on a common-sense basis, then one hundred and one troubles will be removed. What does that mean? You take every last trouble in Zion, and I will trace it directly or indirectly to money. There is not a case we have before us for adjustment that is not traceable directly or indirectly to money. Money is involved somewhere.

#### How Lay Up Treasures in Heaven.

How does a man lay up treasures in Heaven? If I find a poor little street urchin, (to illustrate that,) who never went to a Bible class, and never went to Church, who was brought up in vice, and I take that little dirty street urchin and put him into a good Zion home, educate him and make a lovely Christian character of him, what is that? Suppose that Zion spent \$500 dollars in developing that jewel; what is that? A treasure for eternity. But if you take that \$500, gloat over it and stick it in the bank, when the bank goes under you lose it, and then you moan and groan.

I tell you that we have people who are lovely people in many respects that love money better than a baby loves milk. Some of them are here this morning. Money! They love money. What a fool a man is that loves money instead of loving his God.

#### Life Shortened by Greed.

Why do farmers kill themselves? To furnish the necessaries of life for themselves and families? No; to make money. They will go out and sit on the fence waiting for daylight, and work as long as it is light. A farmer may have 300 acres of land, but he will work and work and try to get 200 acres more. Why? To do good? To extend the Kingdom of God? No; to say, "I own 500 acres," when he does not own a foot. Dr. Dowie was right when he said, "It will own you. It will fill your ears and mouth. You do not own a foot of it." There is not a man in this house who owns a foot of ground. God Almighty owns it. You did not bring it with you, and you cannot take it away when you go.

#### Zion in Fact, Not in Name.

I want to tell you, the thing I am getting at is, what is the matter with this community; and where is the trouble, and how to go about to save it; and, if it cannot be saved, how to establish a community that could be maintained. That is what I would like to have you answer. I would just like to see how you would establish such a community. I will give you a chance. We will get out the blackboard, and you can show us what is the cause of all the trouble.

Here we are in this community. We have some people in here that are as mean as the Devil. There are about 25 little guerrilla meetings going on to-day. The Lewis people are split into three now, and there is not much to any of them. The Parhamites have twenty-five or thirty divisions. I understand now that some of them have gotten back to "the Adamic condition." They will probably be going around without any clothes on, shortly. That is about what that accursed, demoniac staff leads to. "But if Voliva had only pursued a different course everybody would have been in line perfectly lovely," and all of them would have had Zion on a little piece of pasteboard there. Well, we do not want Zion on a piece of pasteboard. We want Zion stamped on the forehead by the Holy Spirit. We want Zion down deep in the hearts of the people. We have to have it there.

#### Self to be Subordinated to the Kingdom.

Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth." That is the Sermon on the Mount. We can never establish a Zion Community with a lot of people who are all the time thinking of hoarding up money—accumulating money.

#### God and Mammon Cannot Both be Served.

"But lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body will be full of light.

But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!"

If you have an eye on Mammon and try to have an eye on God at the same time, it is double and you are full of darkness. Here is an axiomatic truth—a truth that cannot be made any plainer by demonstration.

You cannot serve God and Mammon—God and the world at the same time. There are a lot of people in Zion City—and they are in this Tabernacle, too—who are spending their time trying to serve God and Mammon at the same time. You cannot do it. I tell you, the way things were going for some time here, it was principally Mammon: high salaries, fine clothes, fine furniture, and God's servants rolling in luxury, while the masses of the people were almost starving. Do you call that the Kingdom of God? I call it Hell, and a trick of the Devil.

#### Let Thought and Service be Godward, Not Upon Food and Clothing.

Therefore I say unto you, take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink.

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HEADQUARTERS OFFICES OF THE  
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**FAITH!  
 FIGHT!  
 OVERCOME!**

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Heb. 11:1.

"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." Heb. 11:6.

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." Rom. 10:17.

The foregoing quotations present to us:

First: A clear, concise definition of faith;

Second: A declaration that faith is absolutely necessary to please God;

Third: A specific answer to the question, How does faith come?

The steps which every sinner must take in his return to God are in regular order as follows:

#### I. REPENTANCE.

- (1) Confession.
- (2) Restitution.

#### II. FAITH.

#### III. OBEDIENCE.

- (1) Obedience to the Christian Ordinance of Baptism by Triune Immersion.
- (2) The bringing of the whole tithe into the storehouse—in brief, keeping all the sayings of Jesus the Christ. (John 14:21, 23.)

#### IV. HOLY LIVING.

Thus you will see that the obtaining and the exercising of faith is the second step in the Christian life.

To walk by faith is one thing;

To walk by sight is another thing.

Zion people must be pre eminently people of great faith:

Faith in God,

Faith in His Son, Jesus the Christ,

Faith in the Holy Spirit, the Comforter and Guide,

Faith in the Bible.

Faith in each other.

The more extensive and thorough your knowledge of a good man, the greater will be your faith in him.

The more extensive and thorough your knowledge of a bad man, the less will be your faith in him.

The more extensive, thorough and genuine your knowledge of the Word of God, the greater will be your faith in God.

Christian husbands are called upon to exercise faith for the conversion of unconverted wives.

Christian wives are called upon to exercise faith for the conversion of unconverted husbands.

Christian parents are called upon to exercise faith for the conversion of unconverted children.

Christian children are called upon to exercise faith for the conversion of unconverted parents.

You are called upon to exercise faith for the salvation, healing and cleansing of many.

I therefore exhort one and all, both young and old, to be diligent, earnest, prayerful students of the Bible, and to be faithful in reading and studying LEAVES OF HEALING and THE ZION HERALD, and other Zion literature.

"I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel." Matt. 8:10.

"And Jesus seeing their faith." Matt. 9:2.

"Thy faith hath made thee whole." Matt. 9:22.

"Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto Him, 'Sea Lord.'" Matt. 9:28.

"O woman, great is thy faith." Matt. 15:28.

"And Jesus answering saith unto them, 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." Mark 11:22-24.

In Hebrews, the eleventh chapter, we have presented a long list of the mighty heroes of faith.

By faith the worlds (ages) were framed by the Word of God.

By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain.

By faith Enoch was translated.

By faith Noah prepared an ark to the saving of his house.

By faith Abraham went out, not knowing whither he went.

By faith Abraham became a sojourner in the land of promise.

By faith Sarah received power . . . since she counted him faithful who had promised,

By faith Abraham offered up Isaac.

By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau.

By faith Joseph made mention of the departure of the children of Israel.

By faith Moses was hid three months by his parents.

By faith Moses refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter.

By faith Moses forsook Egypt.

By faith he kept the passover.

By faith the Children of Israel passed through the Red Sea.

By faith the walls of Jericho were thrown down.

By faith Rahab perished not.

By faith God's servants subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned the armies of aliens to flight.

Faith is the victory that overcomes the world.

Have faith in God!

Zion people are called upon to fight some great battles.

Zion City must and will be saved if the people will exercise an unwavering faith in God who is able to deliver.

Fight the good fight of faith.—I Tim. 6:12.

Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.—II Tim. 2:3.

Finally, my brethren, be 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.

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.

Therefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye

may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench the fiery darts of the wicked.

And take the helmet of salvation, and the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God:

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.—Eph. 6:10-18.

The Christian armor consists of:

1. The girdle of truth.
2. The breastplate of righteousness.
3. The sandal of peace.
4. The shield of faith.
5. The helmet of salvation.
6. The Sword of the Spirit.
7. Prayer and supplication.

Overcome the enemies within, and the enemies without.

Overcome the temper, the appetite, the world, the flesh, and the Devil.

The Christian life is a life of overcoming, and all who overcome will ultimately enjoy the privilege of sitting with Christ on His Throne. (Rev. 3:21.)

WATCH YE, THEREFORE, AND PRAY ALWAYS.

## Prayer and Steadfastness in the Work of the Kingdom.

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As to whether it is Postum, coffee, tea, chocolate, cocoa, or a hundred and one other things, God Almighty gave us only one thing to drink: cold water; pure water. There is some very fine water in this City. We have some of the best wells here I ever saw anywhere. Pure water! He did not even tell us "to boil" it before we drink it. No; it is a good thing to drink what God gives us to drink. The fact of the matter is that if we were simply to take what the body needs, we would get along with little trouble. If you could find a hickory nut tree and an apple tree, and drink cold water, you would be provided; but the only trouble is that by the time you reach out to get the fruit some fellow will yell out, "Here, you, get out of there! That is *mine*." I remember one time in New York when I was a boy, I went up into a tree—a hickory nut tree—and my word, didn't I catch it! I tell you I was nearly arrested. God Almighty made that tree, but if some poor fellow reaches out to take an apple some old crank will yell out, "That is *mine*!" That is a funny arrangement. "Keep off! That is *mine*!" A man cannot eat without being interfered with. [Laughter.]

Now, my brothers and sisters, is it not a fact that the people put in most of their time thinking about what they shall eat, drink and wear? Is not that true? You poor women rack your brains day and night—"O dear me, here is dinner. What shall

I have for dinner!" Then you no sooner get through dinner and washing dishes, than you look at the clock and exclaim, "What can I get for supper! Fried potatoes, stewed chicken, etc." Then you wash dishes, and sleep a little, and then it is breakfast. What a hum-drum of life! "Civilization" is the greatest curse on the face of the earth. I tell you, when I look at the South Sea Islanders, I envy them. No doctors, no drugs, no hats two feet in diameter! You never see a man bald headed there. They do not wear hats; but when civilization strikes them, then come drugs and doctors, saloons, horse racing, and all sorts of paraphernalia. And fancy Zion---Zion---Kingdom of God---Zion people, eating, drinking, dressing, living, just exactly like the children of the Devil---precisely, not one bit of difference; not an iota; all drinking, eating, acting just like the Devil's children do.

**To Live More than to Eat and Dress and Pass Away Time.**

Nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

I'll warrant some women have added several gray hairs to their heads thinking about what kind of hats they will get for the winter. You women have my sympathy; my heart-felt sympathy. I have a little old black hat there that I have worn two years, and it is good yet. When I look at the Dunkard women, I think, My, aren't they saved from a lot! What a God's blessing for Mrs.—— if she had worn a little Dunkard bonnet and a plain dress all made in one piece hanging from the shoulders! What a God's blessing! There would have been no Parisian gowns then. It would be the best thing for women to have their clothes made in one piece hanging from the shoulders. May be some day they will have. But no, that would not do, because "people would laugh at me." Yes, and people will make clothes racks out of their bodies just because somebody might laugh. Let them laugh. It does not make any difference how much they laugh. That does not matter; not a particle

Now, there is just the whole thing. The people's time and their thoughts are on these three things, when Jesus says positively that they should give no thought—no anxiety.

Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit to his stature?

And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

And yet I say unto you; That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall He not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

Therefore take no thought, saying, what shall we eat? or what shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

In a Kingdom of God Community, where everybody seeks "first the Kingdom of God," nobody need lack for anything. There would be plenty for everybody and a whole lot to spare. There would be plenty for everybody in the world, the only trouble is that a few scoundrels build a fence around it and put the price so high that the rank and file of the people cannot get it. You just let the Post Office Department get into the hands of a corporation like the Standard Oil Company. I'll guarantee you would not send a letter to 'Frisco for 2 cents.'

**Zion is a Nation and Must Have Statesmen.**

I tell you, Zion must have Statesmen—greater than all the statesmen put together. What is a statesman? A statesman is a man who knows how to create, maintain, and foster a nation. A statesman, generally speaking, is a man who deals with ques-

tions of state and proposes solutions that solve. A man who does not solve questions of state is not a statesman; and Zion must decide everything in accordance with the plain Word of God: and a Zion community is a nation. Dr. Dowie told you that. Even when you used to come out from Chicago, he would say, "Zion is a nation." Zion is a nation, but Zion is a Kingdom; and I tell you that the policies of the kingdoms of this world will never be the policies of Zion.

We have members in this Church, and even Deacons, who will stand right up and say, "Well, I do not believe in Zion having anything to do with business at all;" and then you talk about building a Zion community with people of that kind. It is an absolute impossibility. "Except a man be born from above he cannot see the Kingdom of God."

**Zion Ruled by Grace and by Law.**

A Zion community must be ruled by grace and by law. Launching a Zion community is one thing and maintaining it is another. We have hundreds of undesirable people here at the present time. What are we going to do with them? They are here and what are we going to do with them? And as long as they are here it is not a Zion community. The all-important question is, "What shall we do with them?"

Dr. Dowie, in his editorial notes, wrote once, "All that is necessary for the maintenance of Zion City is to have it so arranged that a Democrat"—that meant a good deal more to him than you might think—"That a Democrat could be immediately expelled."

**Individuality in Zion Submerged in the Community Life.**

A member said to me, "I do not believe in Zion owning all the business. I believe in individual business houses. Let every person run his own business—his individual business—in harmony with the community idea." What a flat contradiction! What a flat contradiction! Yes. When you talk about forming a community, it is made up of individuals, but you must sink your individuality for the sake of community life. That is a Zion community. The fact of the matter is, there are a lot of people that do not even understand the first principle of what community life is; and there is where the trouble comes in. You can never have a Zion community with individual business in it. If you can, at another meeting you may take the black-board and demonstrate it. It cannot be Zion.

**In the Kingdom Ideal there is no Private Ownership of Land.**

Another thing, you can never have a Zion community as it ought to be with private ownership of land. If you can, I would like to have you show me how. You think into this question, because there is no use to indulge in a lot of sentiment about saving Zion City or establishing Zion community settlements.

Sentiment does not count. Face hard facts. My life is before me. I know there is a marvelous work to be accomplished, and facts have to be faced; but show me how you can ever have community life with individual business and private ownership of land, or with competition.

Dr. Dowie gave some beautiful teaching. He said the land was God's and was never to be sold; it was to be held in perpetuity. He would not give deeds, but he gave 1100-year leases having certain covenants, arranged so that a man violating these covenants had to take the value of his property, as fixed by a board of arbitration, and go out of the city. He thought he had it so that he could maintain the community, but that remains to be proved.

**Keep the Membership in Harmony With the Ideal.**

What I am after is some good hard thinking. Here is our Section Seventeen Prophet.(?) He hoists a banner, "Mt. Zion." How are you going to get him out?

There is no use to establish a community to be a Zion com-

munity unless you get rid of those who get out of line with the community life; and I will never open my mouth. I will never spend one ounce of my strength in establishing a community or in saving this one unless good sound sense is used in doing it. There is no use to knock one's head against a stone wall just to see which is harder, the head or the stone wall. There is no use to call a thing "a Zion community" when it is not a Zion community; and so far as the Zion Movement is concerned, rather than have a hodge-podge of a community, I would rather have none—ten thousand times, because Zion's great power is in preaching the Gospel, and this city was established to demonstrate the principles and tenets of the Kingdom of God, was it not?

#### **The Kingdom More than to Pray and to Sing.**

I tell you, my brothers and sisters, it takes more than simply prayer meetings and a singing school to run Zion. We have some people whose whole religious life is made up of a little prayer meeting and a little singing school, and that is all they see in the Kingdom of God—only that.

#### **How to Establish a Zion Community and Keep it Pure.**

If I had time, I would like to go on the rest of the day. Now, how are you going to establish a Zion community? I am going to preach on this this afternoon. This is going to be settled shortly, too. I am thirty eight-years of age, and I want to be working—doing something for God and humanity. I am not going to waste one second. It would have been better twenty years ago to have lost an hour than to lose a single second now. I cannot afford to waste a single second of time.

If you establish a community, where you permit private ownership of the land, there is (as I look at it) an element of destruction; because, for example, Dr. Sayers buys a lot and he owns it. Then he can sell it to the dirtiest Devil in the State, if he elects; and once the gate is open, the disintegration begins.

Another thing, with the private ownership of land in that settlement, the law of inheritance will ruin that settlement. A godly father and mother may have two godless sons. The father and mother may die and the sons inherit that house and land; they move into it, and the community is again gone. You will see I have thought into this thing.

#### **Zion Communities Part of the Kingdom of God.**

I strongly believe in Zion Communities. I believe a Zion community is just as much a part of the Kingdom of God as is the preaching of the Gospel; and it is a wonderful thing that on the day of Pentecost, just as soon as the sermon was preached and the three thousand converted, they went right to work to establish community life. That is the first thing they did. Why? God Almighty says, "Come out from among them and be ye separate." I want to tell you that a few thousand people on 10,000 acres of rich farming land could snap their fingers at the rest of the world and could be absolutely independent. You could grow your own potatoes and cabbages, and so forth, and raise your own sheep and grow cotton and make your own clothes, and be absolutely independent. Give a man two Jersey cows and a few sheep, a few acres of potatoes and beans and cabbages and onions, corn and wheat, and he can snap his finger at the rest of the world, can he not?

#### **Zion Communities a Preparation for the King's Coming.**

I would like to know what a Zion community is if not a part of the preparation for the coming of the King. Is not that the purpose?

What will you do when State Street runs in blood up to the heavens? The elements are there now. Zion men going out for work have to join the labor unions. I am a strong believer in a Zion community that is independent of the world, the flesh and the Devil, and it can be. And I believe a Zion Community is possible; but it can be organized only in a certain way.

#### **Zion People not Afraid of Rules and Regulations.**

True Zion people are never afraid of rules and regulations and covenants. It is the man that calculates to do wrong that is afraid. I can outline a plan for a Zion Community that a Zion man will want to live under until the breath goes out of his body; but a man who is not a Kingdom of God man will never want to live under it.

I am a strong believer in Zion communities, but I would like to know now many people there are in Zion City (and they are said to be the best people on earth) who, if called upon to do what they did on the Day of Pentecost, would do it. I'll guarantee that there would be many disciples who would walk with us no more.

#### **Let the Community Life be Studied.**

I will tell you, we can start a Zion community with ten people, can we not?

I want to say a few things more here. Every time I hear of a man going off to Texas, or to North Dakota, and another going over to Michigan, a terrific struggle goes on in my spirit. I think, What a pity that these Zion men should be allowed to go north, east, south and west, and separate, and disintegrate! There is one of two things: The farmers in this community must be provided for in a Zion community, or sooner or later we will lose the majority of them, and that is just what is happening now; and I propose to get together in a band every Zion man; I do not want the others. These selfish, greedy folks I do not want. They can go to Texas, or Dakota, or wherever they like, and the sooner they go the better; but men that love the Kingdom of God, men who are not bothering about themselves or their families, or about getting farms for their sons and daughters, but who want the Kingdom of God on this earth—I want to get all these farmers together, for I have some things to say to them. I want to talk to them. It is a pity, a great pity to have men that know how to farm sitting around here for the next twenty years picking their fingers. When Zion ought to be producing immense wealth for the extension of the Kingdom of God, we have got to stand around like dummies.

I want to get at the right time the true Zion men together who are farmers, and if we cannot do something here to get them again on the land, then I am going to establish an agricultural colony, and get you onto land together where we can do something.

I will take say ten men, and we will get ready and go out and take up claims. That will be Zion land; and then we will allow Zion farmers to have the use of it for life, as long as the Zion man does what is right. Zion men who seek first the Kingdom of God, you cannot be too strict for them. There is no true Zion man or woman here that has any complaint to make against any restrictions, is there? It is only people who do not want to do right who complain of restrictions.

I tell you another thing: It seems mighty hard, God knows how heavy my heart is, but people ought to be admitted by selection. A woman might be the best woman on earth, but her husband is not right; they ought not to be admitted into a Zion community. That would only destroy the Zion settlement. That would only ruin. Then there are men who are lovely Christian characters who have very mean wives. They will tell you with the greatest impudence that they did not want to come here, that they never had any use for Zion City. It is such a pleasure to meet such people; such an inspiration!

Deacon Forby has suggested that a Zion community be founded with a basement, and first, second and third stories. Certain people will be admitted to the basement, and then after they prove themselves we can let them go up into the first story, etc. [Laughter.]

#### **Zion Communities as Places of Refuge for the fallen.**

What I am after is not only Zion communities for God's people, but settlements so that we can send our Seventies out to the large cities and rescue the fallen and put them on a nice acre of land and help them Godward.

## Witnesses to Divine Healing and God's Keeping Power

Given in Shiloh Tabernacle, Lord's Day Evening,  
October, 25, 1908.

### Testimony of Miss Myrtle R. Clarke.

2317 Gilead Ave., Zion City, Ill.

I have lived in Zion City six years. I came from Corning, New York, and have been a member of the C. C. A. C. in Zion eight years.

It is nearly eight years since I accepted Divine Healing, and I have had better health than ever before. When I was first healed, I had perfect health, but I did not know how to take care of my health, nor how to use it for God, therefore I have not been as strong as I should be; but during these years that I have lived without doctors and medicine, I have been happy—they have been happy years.

I have been very happy in Zion and in Zion City, and I praise God for the great privilege of living here.

I thank God for keeping me physically and strengthening me.

I thank Him for the privilege of being in Zion Choir. Sometimes I have been so sick and tired and discouraged that it seemed to me as though I could not stand up to robe, but I have gone to the service, and God has helped and strengthened me and blessed me.

I do thank God that the Seventies are going out again, and that we can tell the story of God's healing and keeping power.

Pray for me that God will keep me strong and well to serve Him.

### Testimony of Mrs. Ellen Graham.

2905 Elisha Avenue, Zion City.

#### Healed of Inflammatory Rheumatism and Heart Trouble.

I have been in Zion City seven years, having come from Ontario, Canada, and have been a member of Zion nine years.

I accepted Jesus as my Healer about ten years ago.

About three years ago I had severe sickness. I trusted God and He healed me.

I have attended nearly all the Zion meetings. God wonderfully healed me of inflammatory rheumatism this last spring. I was healed some time before of rheumatism, also. I was very low last spring, but God graciously healed me. I am almost as well as ever.

I have also been healed of heart trouble. At one of the Divine healing meetings I was wonderfully healed of this trouble. I praise God for it.

I have had no desire for doctors or drugs since I was healed of heart trouble.

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; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

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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

THE WAY OF HEALTH  
BY THE ASSOCIATE EDITOR

WHAT a world of thought in the little word "Health!" In it are the germs of "righteousness, joy and peace," the very essence of the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Psalmist, in discoursing upon the goodness of God to Israel while in Egypt, and of the plagues to Pharaoh and his people, and of God's deliverance of His chosen people, says:

"He brought them forth also with silver and gold; and there was not one feeble person among their tribes." Psalm 105:37.

What a commentary for a whole nation—"not one feeble!"—and from a land full of scourges, and there were of the children of Israel several millions. Think of the "Way of Health" that kept them!

At the bitter waters of Marah, when the Israelites thirsted for several days, God had mercy and caused the waters to be sweetened that their burning thirst might be allayed. Here God put before His people a test and the "Way of Health," saying:

"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 put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought [permitted to be] upon the Egyptians: for I AM THE LORD THAT HEALETH THEE"—(i. e., "I am the Way of Health.")

Consider that perpetual health was promised TO THE WHOLE NATION in consideration of:

1. Diligently hearkening to the voice of the Lord;
2. Doing right in His sight (being in a state of righteousness.)
3. Heeding His commandments and keeping all His statutes.

RESULT: Freedom from disease—health.

The door to "The Way of Health" is OBEDIENCE. Christ is "The Way, and the Truth, and the Life," and all who find the Way and keep Him shall live in perfect health.

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness [i. e., Keep within God's Covenant made at Marah] for they shall be filled." Matt. 5:6.

The thirst allaying at Marah was temporary, while on their journey (John 4:13); but they soon came to Elim [i. e., trees, or a place of refuge] "where were twelve wells of water, and threescore and ten palm trees" [why "twelve" and why "seventy?"] "and they encamped there by the wells of water." Ex. 15:27.

In the Way is perpetual water. "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," [eternal health]. John 4:14.

The Marah Covenant is true in Christ:

"For the bread [strength] of God is He which cometh down from Heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

"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 6:33, 35.

"If any man thirst, let him come unto Me and drink." John 7:37.

From Marah, on through the years, went Israel, sometimes faithful to the Covenant and sometimes complaining. How marked it is all through their history, not only as a nation, but

also as individuals, that when they heeded God's voice and kept God's commandments and statutes and did righteously that they prospered and none could stand against them; and it was not until they apostatized—fell back and away from God—that the scourges of the nations came upon them and as a nation they fell, and as individuals they lost power with God. But God's mercy endureth forever, and the cry of His Son echoed throughout the land. "If any man thirst [*i. e.*, lacks strength, health, life] let him come unto Me and drink." John 7:37.

"Repent: for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

Oh, how anxious God is to get His people into perfect health—even the nations!

He opened the way—the fountain of health—in the house of David for sin and uncleanness, and Christ cries, "Repent—remember the Covenant at Marah—the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

"And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness, and all manner of disease among the people." Matt. 4:23.

"That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses." Matt. 8:17.

Health for all and joy forevermore is God's plan.

## The Good Shepherd

An Address Delivered in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, at the Divine Healing Meeting, Tuesday, Nov. 3, 1908.

BY ELDER F. RICHERT

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I would like to turn your thoughts, for a little time, to the Gospel of John, the tenth chapter, beginning with the twenty-seventh verse:

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand.

My Father, which gave them Me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of My Father's hand.

I and My Father are one. John 10:27-30.

Jesus the Christ, the Good Shepherd, is our Leader and our Guide. As He was a child Himself, He is our Leader in childhood, too.

What a blessing for the families, for the mothers who have dear children, to know that Jesus the Christ was a child Himself.

When these dark and sorrowful nights come into the home where the mother has to watch over the cradle of the baby, it is well to know that the same glory which enlightened the night when the shepherds watched over their flocks, filling their hearts with Divine confidence and blessed assurance, will be manifested; and we can remember that Jesus was a little child, too, and that He has compassion for His own. Through the still and solemn hours of the night you will hear the voice of Jesus the Christ saying, "Let the little ones come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of heaven."

Hope will enlighten your heart with new confidence, and you will be led to the Throne of grace, and there you will lay down the sweet child whom God has given you, and ask God to heal and bless.

How often has God heard the prayer! How often has God given the victory, and turned seeming defeat into rejoicing!

### Death Defeated, and Zion Won.

This is what brought us to Zion. When our little boy was very sick and near the gate of death, we had no other hope but in God. I went to the depot and forwarded a message to Dr. Dowie, asking him to pray. When I came home, having about four blocks to walk, I found the boy sound asleep—the angel of death had passed away. The voice of the Blessed Redeemer said, "Fear not: it is I." That was heard at the very moment the doors of eternity seemed to swing open, and the invisible but almighty hand of the Blessed Redeemer gave unto us the victory over sickness and the Devil, and the little boy is here with us today.

I said to my wife, "Mamma, there is a mighty power in prayer. The prayer of faith will rise to the Throne of God, and those people in Chicago have found the beautiful gate of Divine Healing through which they enter and will lead us. We want to go and walk with those people, and follow our Blessed Redeemer."

### God's Ear Always Ready to Hear Our Humble Cry.

I never regretted that I came to Zion. [Amens]. I have always found the door open through which to enter and pray. I have always found that God will answer when we ask aright. I have always found His loving and smiling face when I have been seeking Him. You will find your Heavenly Father, for He will always answer when you go to Him and pray aright.

### The Wicked Tremble at the Voice of God.

When the Children of Israel were near Mount Sinai, they began to tremble and get fearful when they heard the thunder and saw the lightning flashes. God said to Moses, "The people have spoken well. You come up and meet me, and I will give unto you the law."

Sooner or later the nations who are not in Jesus the Christ will have to meet their God before His Judgment Seat, and then they will hear the voice of His righteousness, as rolling thunder, speaking their doom, and then they will tremble and pray for the mountains to fall upon them and cover them and hide them from the face of Him who sitteth on the Throne.

### The Righteous Rejoice Under the Savior's Keeping.

Jesus the Christ will lead you under the gloom and the Judgment, and upon the mountain top of Zion, and there the clouds of God's wrath will be rolled away and the thunders will cease, and His curse will be taken away, and His love will enlighten and the faithful will stand in the broad sunlight of God's redeeming love. Your faith will look up to Him, and you will know that there is a God in heaven who is your Father. You will know that God does not send you your sickness, and you will see that sickness is the work of the Devil, and that Jesus the Christ came down from heaven to take away your sins and sicknesses, and carry them upon the Cross. He died to deliver you from the bondage of sin; to heal you with His merciful hand, and to give unto you the glorious victory which He has promised you from the beginning to the end. He will be faithful and true to every one who trusts Him and who walks in His way.

### Wonderful Leadings of the Savior.

Look at the people of Israel, how God led them so wonderfully out of Egypt.

As I look at you, and think of the different places from which you came, I marvel. Some of you never belonged to a church before you came to Zion. You received the LEAVES OF HEALING, and you read them and compared the truths in the LEAVES OF HEALING with the Bible, and you said, "It is true;

this teaching is true; it must be a revelation from God, because the Bible sustains everything that Dr. Dowie teaches." In studying your Bibles, and in reading the LEAVES OF HEALING, you have found the Son of God. You have heard the voice that calls you out of bondage into the glorious liberty of the sons of God. You have seen the outstretched hand of the Blessed Redeemer, willing to lead you even over the mountains of difficulties, or through the depths of tribulation, or through the hosts of enemies, or the burning desert, or through the cold blasts of the world. He will be faithful to you, and will give unto you the grace to follow Him; and today, you can glorify your Heavenly Father, because Jesus the Christ has led you out of bondage, out of the terrible yoke of sin, out of the service of the Devil, and He has made you free.

If there is any one here who is not free, may God grant that Jesus the Christ may deliver you from all sin. Draw near to the Throne of God, and present your petition to the Father of Mercies, and He will hear and answer, and give you the victory.

#### Christ Promises Power to Resist Temptation.

Jesus the Christ will also lead you through every temptation.

As we go along, we have to fight the Devil. Sometimes he comes like a roaring lion, and sometimes as an angel of light. Sometimes he comes in tribulation, as in the case of Job. Job was a consecrated man. He loved his God, and was a prayerful man, but the Devil came when the angels or the the sons of God came to the Throne of God. He came to that meeting also. The Devil goes to every prayer meeting. It is never too cold for him. He never gets tired. Some people get sleepy when they sit down, and when the preacher speaks, they say "Yes" to everything he says. They are "so consecrated" and assent to everything the preacher says. The Devil attends the prayer meetings just as he did when the sons of God came before the Throne of God.

#### The Devil a Schemer.

God asked him, "Devil, where didst thou come from?" "Well," he said, "I was roaming about and walking around the earth." God said, "Didst thou see My servant Job?" "Certainly I did." The Devil knows. I think you see the point. He is always ready to strike you and take you in the weakest spot.

The Devil said, "He is a good man because You reward him and You give him everything he wants, and he has plenty, and he pays to be a good man. God said, "He is in your hand; do not touch his life." Then the Devil came along and took everything away from him. But Job was consecrated. The Devil says to God, in our days, "Now those Zion people have put everything on the altar, every dollar and every cent, and they have stood and said, "We want to consecrate everything to our God, and we want to stand by Zion with the last penny. We want to give our lives if need be."

Then I think of the wonderful congregations which we had when we sang, "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord," and everybody seemed to be inspired, when everybody seemed to be led by the unseen hand of God, when everybody seemed to go over the mountains of difficulties, and through the depths of tribulation, everybody seemed willing to go down into the furnace, and into the fiery furnace. They seemed to be willing to give every dollar upon the altar.

#### The Killing Power of Money.

The Devil said, "Devil, you have got those people in your hand." The Devil said, "I cannot attack those people. I cannot make them give up their money. But I will attack the Leader. He loves money." That was the same. He said, "Dr. Dowie, you are a great man." The Devil said, "I believe it." The Devil said, "You are a

rich man. Look at that twenty millions." It was rising and rising higher and higher until the glorious Sun of righteousness was being obscured.

That mountain of gold filled him with worldly desire and worldly honor and glory, and he lost sight of the glory of God. Therefore the Devil came at you dear people; and now it is up to you whether you will remember the days when you consecrated your all to your Heavenly Father, when you sang and shouted that you would go where God wanted you to go, "O'er mountains or plains or sea." Are you willing to face the Devil and say, "Although you have taken the last dollar away, although you have assailed me, I will face thee with the faith of God, and I will fight to the last ditch, and He, who has permitted this to come upon us, is Mightier and more powerful than thou, and will turn this into a victory for us. We stand upon the promises of God."

#### Fidelity to Truth and Principle Rewarded.

The eternal truth of God is always the same. [Amen].

When Jesus the Christ sees your determination and consecration, and that you are willing to lay hold upon the glorious gold mines which God has given to you in His Word, and that you are willing to take your pick-axe and shovel and to work in those gold mines and bring the pure faith to the sunlight of God's eternal love, and to toil day and night for the poor, He will lead you onward unto good works; and then, when you follow Him in regard to those beautiful thoughts in Matthew the eighth and ninth chapters, you will find how the Lord Jesus healed the sick and blessed the people when they came to Him, and how He revealed unto them His eternal love. You will find that He entered the homes of the poor, the down-trodden, and the sick; that he brought the sunlight of eternal truth and power into the homes of the destitute, and opened unto them the treasures of the House of God, revealing the righteousness of God and the Kingdom of His Heavenly Father.

#### The Transforming Power of the Christ Life Within.

As you follow your dear Lord and Redeemer, He will lead you on and transform every one of you into His own glorious image, and fill you with His Divine Spirit, so that when on life's journey you find a poor man who has fallen among the rubbish and into the company of those who come to steal and rob the people of what they have, you are perfectly willing to take the man and care for him and pray for him and help him out of every difficulty.

#### Christ Leads in Sacrifice.

In the next place, you will find that Jesus the Christ leads you as a good Shepherd upon the highway of sacrifice. When He comes to the steep place of sacrifice (you remember that in the sixteenth chapter of Matthew Jesus the Christ tells His disciples how the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men) you think of the many people in Zion who shouted "Hosanna" and "Hallelujah" when everything was bright and prosperous, but when they heard those words, they said, like Peter, "No, Lord, do not do that. You remember that you came to erect the Kingdom of David again, you came and called us and we have left everything, and you promised that we should have ten-fold, and now, if you are crucified, if you die, where is our hope and our gain?"

#### The Way of Self-Sacrifice Too Much for Some.

From that very day, when, as recorded in the sixth chapter of John, Jesus said that they must eat His body and drink His blood, many left Him and walked no more with Him.

We have the same thing today. All shouted "Hallelujah" when they sang about the great and wonderful Salvation spoken of in the thirty-fifth chapter of Isaiah, when the eyes of the

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**General Overseer's Notes**

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 CITY HALL BUILDING, ZION CITY, ILLINOIS, U. S. A.,  
 January 28, 1909.

**PRAY!**

Pray without ceasing.

Men ought always to pray, and not to faint.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

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.

For I am the Lord, I change not.

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever.

God, in times past, spake unto His servants as follows:  
 To Abram, He said: "Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward."

To Joshua, He said: "There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."

"Be strong and of a good courage.  
 "Only be thou strong and very courageous.

"Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

"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; and their righteousness is of Me, saith the Lord."

"Saying, touch not Mine anointed, and do My prophets no harm."

The following letter, just received, from Elder F. M. Royall, Elder-in-charge of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion in China, speaks for itself.

Let all readers give it careful and prayerful study.

SHANGHAI, 24 HASKELL ROAD, }  
 December 28, 1908. }

REV. E. L. CAREY, Ecclesiastical Sec.,  
 Zion City, Illinois, U. S. A.

Dear Elder Carey:

Peace to Thee!

I am glad to say that I have received the two packages of Application blanks for which please accept my thanks. I am returning to you ten which have been made out on new blanks. In addition, there are twelve which were our Christmas present, for they were baptized the Lord's Day before Christmas. Among them are two of Miss Hoskens' little girls, one of whom had a terribly poisoned head and most fearful sores. She said she was sure that she would be healed at her baptism, and Christmas, praise God, they were about all gone.

The last Lord's Day before Christmas was one not soon to be forgotten in Zion in Shanghai. The day was full of blessing. On account of the death of the Emperor our processions were discontinued for a time, so we began them again on that day. There was a crowd of boys, as usual, and with Zion colors and flags we created a great stir. When we returned to the Tabernacle Mr. Ehtman and a Chinese friend of his were there. They witnessed all the service with the boys, and afterward the baptism of twelve people. I saw he was much moved. The baptism was very impressive.

On Monday morning Mr. Ehtman came to my home and put in my hands a hundred Mexican dollars to be used for the work. In addition, he asked if he could have some garments made for the boys. I said, "Why, of course." That was all that was said. He never says much. In the afternoon a tailor appeared and said that Mr. Ehtman had ordered *two hundred and fifty garments*, three different sizes, for our boys, and he wanted to see the boys to take measures. I was amazed. They are to be blue serge—an upper garment semi-foreign. Yesterday I received one hundred and twenty of them and we used them in the procession. The boys were delighted, for many of the children are neglected ones and never had any chance only to grovel in the dirt. We marched on some broad streets and business was practically stopped as long as they could see us. Thou-

ands of people filled the shop doors and streets to see what was going on.

They were amazed to see these poor boys "dressed and in their right minds" and carrying the gospel on flags and banners and boards.

Many followed us to the Tabernacle and thirty more boys enlisted to join us at once and to attend the service and go in the procession. It was glorious. Then at the night service men and women from other parts of the city were there to hear the blessed gospel. Women with their children strapped to their backs, walked long distances and sat in the services with the children on their backs to hear the words of light and life and truth. It was an interesting sight to see them filing into the service.

On Christmas Day we had a most interesting service. The Christians decorated the Tabernacle with wreaths and flags, and it was a most interesting sight. At the close of the service they brought up to the platform a large basket filled with confections all in small red paper sacks, and they gave each one of the Christians one of these and they were all very happy.

The only words the Christians say, and the heathen, too, are "It is wonderful! It is wonderful!" Just like Zion, we are already crowded out of our Tabernacle, and need a larger place. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Christians from other churches come and say, "You have a living church; you make things hum." The denominations are dead. They are mortally afraid, and watch every movement we make.

We shall carry the battle to the very gates. We have got the Devil on the run, and he keeps looking back to see where we are going to hit him next. We strike in the most unexpected places, in the solar plexus, so that makes him afraid. He is beginning to cry and howl to let up and not be so hot and hard after him.

The denominations say, "Don't talk about us in that way." We say quit your Masonic Mah-hah-bone-Hiram Abiff heathen worship, which is one and the same as Sun worship, Ancestral worship of China and the old Egyptian worship of "the point within the circle." There is no one else to make this fight and God helping us we shall go on with it. I was asked by a young man recently, perhaps a reporter, "How long are you going to keep this up?" I said, "Till you quit your meanness." He smiled and walked off.

I am glad that Zion has installed a new press. You ask that all pray for THE HERALD and THE LEAVES. Why, we pray while you sleep.

Are some crying to do away with the leases in Zion City? That makes my blood boil. After years of toil, persecution and pouring out one's life blood like John Alexander Dowie and others have done, and fighting the Masonic devil throughout the world, through almost seas of blood, in order to establish a clean city where God's people could gather and live and be caught and prepare a people for the coming of the Christ, then for some to try to destroy it! Even some of Zion's enemies say "SHAME! SHAME! on such deeds": for even the most degraded people are delighted to see a clean place. People of Zion, fight, fight, pray, pray, work, work, by night and by day. Move heaven and storm hell in order to save Zion City.

I see that some say they want 'liberty of conscience'. I ask, "To do what? To serve the Devil? Then go back to Beer or Babel or Waukegan, either one, and don't defile the only spot on God's green earth that is consecrated to God for a clean city. Zion City was established for God and not for the Devil."

John Alexander Dowie said that if he was good enough he hoped that God would let him go to hell to have it out with the Devil and lick the Devil there. I think, perhaps, that God has let him go to hell to finish up his fight, for he is the only one I ever heard ask God to let him lick the Devil even in hell. I

think that John Alexander Dowie has made it so hot for the Devil in hell that the Devil has turned on Zion City to try to destroy the work done there. That is the only way I can account for some people wanting the hog to come to Zion City. Hogs eaten in Zion City! Will Jesus come again with His whip of cords to cleanse His dwelling place? Will He send the hogs into Lake Michigan? Did you say hogs in Zion City? Devils in Zion City? O God, what does it mean? Is self-respect and honor gone?

It is said that China's baby Emperor cries day and night. He must have heard of some people wishing to do away with the leases and let hog come into Zion City, for that is enough to make the sun turn cold and the moon turn black.

Every man and woman in Zion City, I send this message to you across the sea: Repent of your sins and come into Zion and follow Zion's flag and let her banner float high and do the work of God under the leadership of Wilbur Glenn Voliva. Stand as one man and never let a single man or woman, boy or girl tremble or be afraid. Keep step together, and you will feel the old world sway under your feet. The angels of God will fight for you. The mighty armies of heaven will fight for you. The stars in their courses will fight for you.

"Moses, what holdest thou in thy hand? "Only a little reed. "Consecrate it to God and smite the rock and give water to famishing people."

"Shangar, what holdest thou in thy hand? "Only an ox goad. "Consecrate it to God, *smite the Philistines and save the people.*"

"David, what holdest thou in thy hand?" Only a little sling and a few stones. "Consecrate them to God, *slay the giant and save the people.*"

"Little boy, what holdest thou in thy hand?" Only two loaves and a few fishes. "Consecrate them to God and feed the multitude.

People in Zion City, what holdest thou in thy hand?" It may be a bit of paper for a vote, or it may be your lease. In the name of High Heaven, consecrate them to God, vote for the right, stand for the leases, cleanse the City, your hearts and your homes, and save Zion City for God and humanity. Send the message around the world that Zion City as a city still stands for God, free from pigs and pills. Send the message that Zion City is saved from the United Order of Nicotine Stinkpots, and from the World, the Flesh and the Devil, and from the Masonic Ma-ha-bone Methodist. That would awaken hope and joy and gladness in the hearts of thousands of people throughout the world.

We were amazed to receive a shower of Post Cards from hundreds of friends. We thank them every one; for every one brought with it joy and good cheer. We thank them for the deep love that prompted them. When we received the first lot, we laughed for joy. Then in a few hours there was a flood of them. And we laughed again. Oh it is wonderful that He should care enough for me to die for me! Oh it is wonderful, wonderful to me! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise God for Zion!

We shall be praying in the Tabernacle at eleven o'clock on New Year's Day, which will be nine o'clock in Zion City the last night of the old year.

Excuse this long letter but these things were on my heart and now that they are off I feel better.

With happy greetings from all to Zion City and Zion throughout the world,

Faithfully in the Master's service,

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

WATCH YE, THEREFORE, AND PRAY ALWAYS.

## The Good Shepherd.

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blind shall be opened, and when they heard of the wonderful promises and prophecies in the sixtieth chapter of Isaiah, of the gold and silver being brought into Zion, etc., and that Zion shall be a glorious nation; but when Jesus the Christ takes you by the hand and tells you, "Now, we are on top of the Mountain of transfiguration. It is true that the glory of Zion, as it is going to be in the future, will be manifested to you at certain hours, but listen, Peter; listen, John; listen James; I must be crucified. I have give My life, for flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of heaven. Between the place where you are now, and the glorious place of the Father's House which will be prepared for you, there is a bottomless pit, and there is no way and no bridge which leads across the bottomless abyss. I have to go down and fight the terrible enemies which are standing between you and your heavenly Father. I have to remove the high mountains of sin and transgression which separate you from your God. I have to go down into the realms of death, into the dark valley of the shadow of death. I have to go down and fight the Devil, and the hosts of hell, and I have to lead captivity captive. I have to lead you captives and set you free, and you follow Me."

### Faith Severely Tested.

When He calls upon you to leave the broad sunlight of worldly glory, and enter into the valley of the shadow of death, to leave the broad highway which leads down into destruction and enter the narrow gate and walk upon the narrow way, sometimes climbing, sometimes crawling because you cannot walk any more, sometimes clinging to the Cross with the last power, because you have no more faith to go forward, then it is that many leave the Lord Jesus the Christ, for, in following the Lord Jesus, you will find that He leads you through the valley of the shadow of death; He shows you the suffering, sins, sickness and groans of the multitudes, and that there is no ray of life or sunshine in those homes of sorrow.

### The Disciples to Carry the Message of Hope to the Oppressed.

He calls upon His followers to go out and bring the word of hope and truth and life to those who are oppressed, sick and and sin-stricken, and who are longing for the liberty of the children of God. He calls upon you to lay every talent and all that you are upon the altar; to give yourself as a living sacrifice to God in order to bring hope and salvation and healing, and to induce people to live holy lives.

### The Joys of Following Christ.

It is so glorious to follow Jesus the Christ.

He says, "My sheep hear My voice, and they follow Me." Day after day you hear the voice of your God. Day after day you can go to Him in prayer, and open your Bible and read the blessed Gospel. Day by day the light of the Holy Spirit will enlighten your pathway, and the power of God will be revealed unto you, and you will know that Jesus leads you onward and forward in the work, and all is well.

### The Power of the Resurrected Christ.

It is a glorious life to follow Jesus the Christ, and to be sure that He leads. As you follow Him through the narrow way of self-sacrifice you will behold His glorious resurrection. He will lead you to the empty grave. You will get the assurance, through the power of the Holy Spirit, that Jesus the Christ has risen. What a glorious knowledge! What a glorious assurance! Christ has risen, and the tombstone has been rolled away by the mighty and powerful hand of God. The

glorious Easter morning of Divine life is revealed in the heart of every one who follows Him and trusts Him.

### Christ Our Great High Priest.

As you look up to Heaven, you will see Him, by faith, ascending to heaven to His Father's glorious Throne to be a great High Priest who has given His life for you, who has said, "My sheep hear My voice, and they follow Me."

Today, you will see Him as Stephen saw Him. Your eyes will be opened, and you will see the Lord Jesus the Christ at the right hand of God, a great High Priest, presenting you washed in His blood.

As you are praying today for one another, and as we pray for the sick, the great High Priest is bending over, and He presents the prayer of faith to the Throne of God, who, in His infinite mercy and love, will answer, and will give unto you the overcoming life. As Christ overcame, you will overcome, also, and you will see, (although we have to go through tribulation, temptations, the Red Sea, and through the narrow way), a glorious victory.

### Christ the Door of the Sheep.

There are some glorious truths in these verses which I present to you. "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me."

I have to go to the very beginning of this tenth chapter of John and show you something which has been made very clear to me.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

As I considered these words, I said, "O Lord, what did Christ want to say?" It occurred to me that He spoke to those Pharisees who tried to cast Him out and kill Him, and wanted to be lords over God's heritage. Jesus the Christ makes it very plain that there is not only a door in heaven, but that passage in Revelation 3:21, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock," and Matthew 28. (before ascending to heaven). "All power is given unto Me," make it clear that He gave to them the solemn charge "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

### The Christ to be Heralded to All Nations.

According to this, we ought to teach the nations. This is a solemn trust which Christ has delivered unto us. What has this connection to do with the verse I have mentioned? I will show you. As we are sent out by our heavenly Master to go into all the world, we have to go in the name of our Lord Jesus the Christ, and when Dr. Dowie landed in California in 1888, he came in the name of the Lord Jesus the Christ. He knocked at the door of humanity in the name of the Lord Jesus. They came, and he appealed to the loyalty and faith of the people who were in sin and in the darkness of the night of despair, who were without hope, and who did not know the way of Divine Healing, who had not seen the gate of Divine Healing opened to any one. They never knew there was a God in heaven who heard and answered prayer, therefore he came in Jesus' name and knocked at the door of America and preached the Gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit, and these words, all at once, "were spirit and life."

Multitudes saw that the glorious day of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living had dawned for every one who comes in Jesus' name, and who prays the prayer of faith.

### The Gospel Message to Be in the Name of Jesus the Christ.

John Alexander Dowie came in the name of Jesus the Christ. Many come in their own names. They do not teach the people in the name of the Lord Jesus the Christ and in the power of the

Holy Spirit. They do not come before the people of God with a message from God, but they come with their own message. All those who come with a message which they claim to be sent by God, all those who say, "We are prophets and you have to hear and do what we tell you" are thieves and robbers. That is what Jesus the Christ meant at that time. It means exactly the same thing today. If any man teaches the people of God *in his own name*, he has no message from God. They go before the people with their own message, and lead them away from God into darkness and gloom. Those thieves and robbers, who rob the people of their faith and hope, rob the fold of the sheep also. We do not need to fear, because He has given unto us all power on earth and in heaven.

While I was reading this chapter last night, I said, "Oh God, there is a justice in Heaven." The eternal God who has sent His servants out to teach all the nations, the eternal God who has said, through the name of Jesus the Christ, "Lo, I am with you alway," this God who has sustained His cause will still overrule everything not to His name's honor and glory.

#### Hope to the End. Deliverance Will Come.

There is a glorious hope in the Word of God. You dear people generally look at the gloomy surroundings. It sometimes looks as though the door was locked, like it was when Peter was in prison. There was no earthly hope for him, but, when those dear people prayed, did not God send an angel to open the doors? Cannot He do the same today? The doors seemed to be locked, and those terrible locks were made of solid iron. We have no key to the situation, and cannot open the doors. Those servants of Herod are guarding the doors. I do not know the names of these servants. I only read in the Bible those soldiers who guarded Peter were responsible for him, and that they had to keep watch over him. Well, let their names be what they may, God confounded those scoundrels, and opened the doors and led Peter out, and the next day the guards were led away to execution and their heads were chopped off.

God gave a wonderful deliverance. We are appealing to you, and knocking at the door of your heart in Jesus' name, and we are sure that God has called us, and we know we stand here upon the eternal truth which God laid down when He founded Zion, and we are willing, ready to lay down our lives for those principles, and we are willing to say to the flock of Jesus the Christ, "Follow us as we follow Jesus the Christ. Walk in the way of duty, prayer, faith, consecration and work. You are in the way of victory. Then God will give you the glorious assurance, and the hand which has led Peter out of prison will lead you out of tribulation; that hand which has healed will heal you, and the hand which has raised the dead will overcome death today.

#### Christ's Sheep Will Hear and Follow Him.

Let us listen to these words: "My sheep hear My voice." How does Jesus speak? In the first place through His Word. It is all true, but I will tell you, dearly beloved, that the greatest blessing which the Christ bestowed upon lost, sinful, sick and dying humanity was the ministry which He left before He went to His heavenly home.

When He sent out His disciples He told them to go into all the world and "preach the Gospel," and when He sent them out and said, "Lo, I am with you every day," He sent them as the Heralds of the Kingdom to proclaim that the night of sorrow and suffering and despair will soon be over; to proclaim that the morning of eternal life, joy and victory will soon come, and although, when we look back through the centuries, we see the dark night of those things which I have named, yet we can see the glorious rays of Divine victory, the morning which God has

proclaimed for an eternal day of blessed life and communion with God where there will be no evening. The sun will set no more, for we shall see Him face to face, when we will know Him as He is with His people and where there will be one flock and one Shepherd.

#### Ways of Speaking to Christ's Flock.

Jesus the Christ speaks to His flock through His Word and through His ministers. He says, "My sheep hear My voice." This is the very first qualification of those who follow Jesus the Christ. Those who are worshipping over there (referring to a certain place) hear the voice of hirelings. They do not hear the voice of the Blessed Redeemer. In 1895, 1896, 1897 and 1898, how wonderfully God healed the people who were carried in upon cots when the Gospel of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living was proclaimed with Divine Power, when John Alexander Dowie came as an angel of light, when he lay down his life, so to speak, for the sake of the sick, when he toiled day and night for those who were suffering and did not know their God; then the voice of God sounded through the stillness of the hour, and you could hear the voice of God in the innermost depths of your heart, and faith rose up to the Throne of God, and hope came down to those who were suffering. They took the hand of the Blessed Redeemer, and were set free.

#### Christ the Same in Zion Today.

Is not Jesus the same today? Have we not the same Zion, the same eternal truths, the same power, the same Almighty hand which can heal the sick, and the same Word of God which is living, the same Holy Spirit and the same Father to whom we can pray in Jesus' name, and bring all our burdens and sorrows?

If God has not changed, if we have the same Word of God which Dr. Dowie presented to us in the power of the Holy Spirit, and in the name of the Most High God, I say boldly, Zion is the same, and she has never changed; never.

#### Living the Laws of the Kingdom of God.

We have the same eternal Kingdom of God, and we are standing upon these foundations which God Himself has laid down. Let us be true and faithful to God, true and faithful to our vows and to Jesus the Christ and Zion, and also to our leader, the General Overseer, who will safely lead us through all these dangers, and bring us, as Moses led the hosts of Israel, through to the Promised Land. We are very sorry to see the bones of the untrue and unfaithful ones bleaching in the desert. If they do not repent they cannot enter the Promised Land. God will break down the walls of Jericho, and we can cut down those Canaanites and all those nations which God has commanded us to cut down, and not even an ass can be spared. All must be cut down. God has given us the Promised Land. He has promised us an inheritance which will be ours throughout eternity.

Dear friends, let us fight manfully. You have to face the Amalekites and fight, that is true, but Jesus, the good Shepherd, will lead on to victory.

#### The Appointed Shepherd Must be Obeyed.

In the first place, the sheep must hear the voice, and they must follow Jesus the Christ through the leader whom He has called and sent to lead and to feed the flock. They must look to God alone for help, protection, life and everything they need. The sheep must look to God alone.

What a glorious hope we have in Zion which God has revealed to us, a faith which the Devil can never take from us.

It is glorious to know that He, who has died for us, will be true and faithful.

**Christ's Atonement Covers Man's Every Need.**

As we pray for you that God may heal you and bless you, and give you the victory, remember that the blood of Jesus the Christ has been shed not only for your sins, but for the healing of the sick. Remember that the Holy Spirit is dwelling in you and He will help you to pray. Remember that you have a Father in heaven who is willing to hear and answer, and that the Mercy Seat is free. You can come with all your sicknesses and burdens, as Dr. Dowie used to say, and do not take them home with you again, but leave them with your Father, and trust God, and the invisible and the powerful hand of the Blessed Redeemer will take away your troubles. The Savior loves you, and the Holy Spirit will lead you. We can take hold of the hand of God and claim the protection and promises contained in His Word. He will lead us through the still waters of his eternal grace, and there you will find that God is the same today as He was yesterday, the same as He has always been, and that the Good Shepherd will never, never leave His flock to be devoured by the wolves or torn to pieces by the lion or the bear. He will kill those thieves and set you all free.

May God bless you and give you the victory in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Benediction was then pronounced by Elder Tindall.

**Testimony of Mr. Geo. H. Mann.**

3110 Emmaus Avenue, Zion City, Illinois. Lord's Day Evening, 10-25-'08.

**Healed of Indigestion.**

I came from Chicago to Zion City about one year ago, but have been a member of this Church ten years. I was formerly connected with the Episcopal Church. I have three children, who have been trusting God all their lives. My wife has trusted God for ten years.

When I first came to Zion, I was given up by two doctors. One said I had indigestion, the other said cholera. Since coming into Zion I have had one attack. Quite a number of Zion people saw one side of my face when I was working in the Bakery. It was burnt almost to a crisp. One side of my face was one mass of blisters. I was perfectly healed. I have had several answers to prayer. I thank God for it.

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## The Gospel of the Kingdom

### CONFESSION versus PROFESSION

BY O. L. TINDALL

THE two words may be used in mostly the same sense, but they are different in meaning. I shall not attempt to explain the shades of difference in meaning as given by the lexicographers.

As I shall view the two acts, confession and profession, there is a wide difference between them, and a very important difference. I shall confine them both to a Christian use.

Shall I say a man confesses Christ, and professes himself? This is about the thought I have in mind when I contrast the two ideas. Christ, and the Bible generally, lay great stress and importance upon confessing Him. He made a great promise on the condition that we "confess Him before men." This is a duty, and one much neglected by men generally; and also by professed Christians.

If a man or a friend do them a favor they are quick to acknowledge it in a proper way. It would be a great breach of good breeding, and of etiquette not to do so. But do men acknowledge God for all His benefits? No, they are often ashamed to do so. Often they attribute the giver and benefactor to someone else.

They have success in their business, and say it was luck that did it. They escape some peril that was threatening, and attribute that to luck, also. They go through another year and

enjoy health for themselves and family, and all they say is, We were very fortunate, or, We took good care of ourselves—no God in it all. If they get sick, a doctor comes and ministers unto them. They are not afraid, or ashamed to give him praise for it, and recommend him to all their neighbors. See the testimonials in your papers every day, and whose almanacs full of them are sent broadcast over the land, and over the whole world, praising some miserable nostrum compounded with whiskey, or deadly drugs. What matters it to them if it does cost a million dollars to advertise it; there's money in it.

What has it cost to make Hood's Sarsaparilla, and Ayer's Pills, and Winslow's Syrup—household words in all lands? Fortunes have been spent in printers' ink sounding their praises. What have we spent sending out our testimonials for our Lord and the Great Physician, who heals all our diseases? Are you singing: "Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing, my great Redeemer's praise," and then keep the tongue you have as silent as the grave?

How do men get their favorites elected to office? Why, by sounding forth their praises among men—among friends and foes. They are not silent. Why don't men confess Christ as their Saviour more, and praise Him as their healer, and talk more about Him? "With the heart man believeth unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation"—yes, from sin and from sickness.

Why did Jesus say they should receive the Holy Ghost? "That ye may be My witnesses." Where? "Both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

Confession of Christ is not telling what you have done for Him or anyone else, but it is, Go tell what great things the Lord has done for you.

Christ said He would confess you before the Father, so you do not have to confess or testify of yourself—only that you were

a miserable wretch and a wreck, and that God had mercy upon you and saved you and healed you.

God is calling for witnesses. What we want is a witnessing Church to spread the tidings far and wide, over hill and vale, till all the earth shall know about our Lord and His Christ. Don't tell half the story, as so many do. Tell them that He saves your spirit, your soul and your body, just as the Bible teaches. Tell the old, old story. We want none of your "new theology," nor your "New thought." If it is *new*, it is not true.

Let the Pharisees, and Christian Scientists, and hypocrites, and infidels do the professing.

We have a good sample in the one Christ Himself gave us of the man who went up to the temple to pray. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself: "God, I thank Thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers. I fast twice a week. I give tithes of all I possess." It is all *I*. He professes great things. God despises a haughty spirit.

The proud boast of Nebuchadnezzar: "Is not this great Babylon that I have built . . . by the might of *my* power, and for the honor of *my* majesty?" brought the voice from heaven saying, "O King Nebuchadnezzar, . . . the kingdom is departed from thee. . . . Thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field."

## God's People a Nation in Community Life

An Address Delivered at the General Assembly, Lord's Day Afternoon, October 4, 1908, at Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Ill.

By *General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva*

REPORTED BY T. FROST

The Zion Junior and Senior White-Robed Choirs sang the Processional "Who is on the Lord's Side," after which the General Overseer pronounced the

### Invocation.

God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause His face to shine upon us; that Thy way may be known upon earth. Thy saving health among all nations. For the sake of Jesus. Amen.

Hymn, No. 55—"A Shelter in the Time of Storm"—was sung, when the General Overseer spoke as follows:

Those of you who were here this morning will remember that I talked on a question which is of supreme importance to this people. [The address was printed in *Leaves of Healing*, Jan. 13, 1909.]

This afternoon I want to read two other selections of Scripture to you, and continue along the same line.

This morning I touched particularly upon the questions:

Is a Zion Community Desirable?

Is a Zion Community Possible?

You will at once recognize that a man or a company of people would be very foolish to undertake to do that which was plainly an impossible thing.

I shall, also, in these preliminary talks leading up to something else, ask why communities that have been launched from high and lofty motives and with laudable purposes, have failed; and also the question, How is Zion City to be made, in deed and in truth, a Zion community?

What I want from the pew is some good thinking. These are the days that demand thinkers. These are the days when great and important problems confront mankind. These questions are not to be settled except in the light of God's Word by thinkers. When I can get a man to think, that is worth a good deal more than for him to do something simply because I say it. I want you to think for yourselves.

### Peter's Sermon at Pentecost.

Now we will read Acts two, beginning with the thirty-seventh verse.

Now when they heard this (the sermon of Peter) they were pricked in their heart,—

It is not sufficient merely to reach a man's intellect, but it is necessary to reach a man's heart. So it is written here that "When they heard this, they were pricked in their heart." Peter had hurled arrows of truth that went right to their hearts.

Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

I presume all of you have been in places and circumstances in your lives when you have said the same thing, "What shall I do?" It is a very trying situation not to know what to do. Some people say, "Well, I don't know which way to turn, I am so perplexed." So this is not an uncommon question. It is a very common question. Peter had preached the Word, and they were pricked to the heart, and they said, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Peter gave the answer.

### Peter's Answer to Perplexed Hearts.

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

You can at once see the divine order. God is a God of order; not of confusion. Peter did not put baptism here before repentance, nor did he put the reception of the Holy Ghost before baptism. What is the use, then, for the impenitent, stiff-necked and rebellious to cry to God day and night to bestow the gift of the Holy Spirit upon them when they have not taken the first step in the Christian life?

Peter said, "*Repent*, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

### God's Promise to Believers, and Their Call.

For the Promise is to you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

You want to couple with this little word "call" another very remarkable statement, "Many are called, but"—what?

Voices: "Few are chosen."

Then you want to add to that another one—an exhortation—that we should make our "calling and election sure."

As to whether I am "elected" depends altogether, from one standpoint, upon myself. Here is an election where everybody is a candidate, and your election depends upon yourself. You can make your calling and election sure by being "steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

"Many are called, but few are chosen," simply because they utterly fail, and God has to cast them aside just in the same way that the stonemason, who has chiseled away and polished and worked, has to say, "Well, I cannot do anything with this piece of rock at all."

It is true that all are called, but not all are chosen, and many that are first shall be last, and many that are last shall be—

Voices: "First."

It is a matter of loyalty and devotion.

### Urging Men to Repent and be Saved.

And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

I am sorry we have not all of Peter's sermon, but it is quite near from this fortieth verse that we have just a small portion of his sermon preached on the Day of Pentecost. We have the greater part, probably, of the sermon that pricked them to the heart, but the words of exhortation that followed we have not.

#### Christian Work Becoming More and More Difficult.

It must be apparent to every Christian worker that Christian work becomes more and more difficult every twenty-four hours. There are some of you sitting before me whose minds are easily run back fifty years—that is a long time, half a century—and, as you review the events of the past fifty years, and contrast the present with the past, so far as vital religion is concerned and so far as earnestness in Divine things is concerned, you must see that with each passing day Christian work becomes more and more difficult.

The very first difficulty that the proclaimer of the Everlasting Gospel has to meet is the inattention of mankind. So full are the minds of men with the things of this world that you cannot get them to give any serious attention to their spirit's salvation and their eternal welfare.

I remember a story about a certain man of whom it was said that, while the preacher was preaching, he was figuring up on his cuff how much his steers would come to at so many cents per pound. It is impossible to get "steers" and the Gospel into a fellow's mind all at the same time. In order to do people any good you must have their ear. "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear" what?

Voices: "Hear."

Inattention! So strong a hold has the world upon the minds of men, and so engrossed are they with the cares of this world, that it is next to an impossibility to get any attention whatever from them to the Gospel of the Kingdom of the Son of God.

I would like to know how much a teacher would accomplish with a class in mathematics if the pupils gave no more attention to the instructions than does the average person today who sits in a church where a sermon is delivered. They might spend twenty years in college under a good instructor and they would come out at the end of that period unable to solve a difficult problem.

That leads me to say, my brothers and sisters, that it is impossible for a man to *hear* the Gospel and SLEEP at the same time.

#### Obedience Follows Receiving God's Word.

"Then they that gladly received His word were baptized:"

I do not believe that people who are soundly converted have been driven to do their Christian duty. I do not believe that an individual, who, in deed and in truth, has turned with his whole heart to God, has to be eternally coaxed and forced to perform the simplest Christian duties. On the Day of Pentecost they that *gladly* received his word were baptized."

I can understand that an individual, who has not been enlightened, would not be in a position to respond; but the moment the light shines upon a man's pathway he is responsible if he does not walk in that light, and men and women are accountable not only for what they do know, but also for what they might know.

Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added—"

That "unto them" does not belong there.

\* \* \* "the same day there were added about three thousand souls." That is quite a crowd. "Three thousand souls" in a day! Quite a company, indeed. I suppose at one time Zion City had a population of seven thousand. The population of Zion City at the present time is a few over four thousand, so you see that on the Day of Pentecost there were within one thousand of as many people converted as there are in Zion City at the present time.

#### Believers Continue Steadfast in Doctrine.

"And they continued steadfastly in" whose doctrine?

Voices: "The Apostles'."

It does not say they "continued in their own doctrine," or "in the doctrine of some itinerant," but "they continued steadfastly" in the doctrine they had received from the Apostles. There was unity. It is easy enough to learn, if you will only study the Word of God, how they had unity in those days! They did not always have it, but there were places and there were times when they did have it.

The Lord did the "adding." You cannot do it. I cannot add any one to the Lord. I cannot add any one to the Church. God must do that. Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me." Jesus said, at another time, that "no man can come unto the Father, except," what?

Voices: "The Father draw him."

So you see that to be truly in the Kingdom, God must do the drawing. No man can do it. God must do it.

"And they continued steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine" and something else, "and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers."

#### The Genuine Word Preached Produces Fear of God, and Results Follow.

And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the Apostles.

This is a wonderful record of what took place, and I want you to notice it very carefully.

And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the Apostles.

A praying people can accomplish wonders. I cannot emphasize too strongly, in the light of God's Word, the importance of prayer. Oh that God would set this people on fire with the spirit of true prayer! (Amen)

"And fear came upon every soul:"—fear to do wrong. Ah! my brothers and sisters, there are some, today, who venture to tread where angels would fear to tread.

#### Signs and Wonders Follow Right Faith and Practice.

And many wonders and signs were done by the Apostles.

It is well for you to notice in this connection that the signs and wonders following depend upon a number of things. Where the conditions are right and propitious, then you will see the signs and wonders follow. You will remember that it is written of Jesus the Christ, after He had been in a certain place, "He did there no mighty works" because of what?

Voices: "Their unbelief."

The hindrances to prayer are very many. In the home there may be many hindrances, and in the Church there may be many hindrances. You may rest assured that anything that grieves the Holy Spirit is a hindrance to the answer to prayer.

#### Christian believers Form a Community—a Nation.

"And all that believed were together, and had all things common."

I want to say, in reading this portion of God's Word, that it is one of those simple statements which leaves the student considerably in the dark. Was it not a wonderful thing? I simply want you to take the statement. Was it not a wonderful thing that, at that time—at this time we are looking at the scriptures—that three thousand people all believed, were all together, had had all things in common, sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to every man as he had need?

Was not that a wonderful thing? I do not know that I would want any more proof of the baptism of the Holy Ghost than that. That was certainly tangible evidence. That was certainly something that would prove conclusively that something had taken place that was very remarkable.

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## EDITORIAL NOTES

BY O. L. TINDALL

O Zion, yours is a great work.

It is always necessary for a man to be inspired with his work before he can become a good workman.

God not only wants workmen, but he wants men and women who do their work heartily as unto the Lord, and not unto men.

Remember, God looks at the heart of a man, as well as at the hand that does the work.

God loves not simply a giver, but a cheerful giver.

Don't give your money grudgingly, nor your time, nor your talents. We are not to be hirelings.

Zion's mission and call from God is no ordinary one. It is unique. She is to be a City set on a hill, that cannot be hid.

Her banner is not inscribed as are other churches.

Zion has a twofold work. She has to maintain sound doctrine, and Holy Living.

She believes in theory as well as practice.

It is the cry of the Devil and of an Infidel age that says, "It matters not what a man believes, as long as he does what is right." That is the cry of this age of so-called utility.

It is a false principle. It is a specious argument to break down sound doctrine, and to discredit the fundamental principle of our religion. It strikes at our corner stone.

As if a man could hold false views and have a right life! If he does that he is only a hypocrite. He is dishonest, for he believes one thing and does another.

If a man believes it is right to cheat and take advantage of his fellowmen in trade, would you trust him? Why certainly not. He wants only an opportunity and he will put his views into practice. So it is in religion. A man who does not love God cannot love his fellowmen. An Atheist (if there be such) cannot be trusted when the real test of life comes.

Maintain sound Doctrine, says the apostle, and Jesus the Christ laid down the universal principle, that men are to be saved by Preaching.

He gave us the example when He went about in all their villages and cities teaching first, and preaching and then healing.

The world needs teaching. "My people perish from lack of knowledge" said the old Prophet.

Divine Healing, that glorious teaching which we got from our old leader in Zion, must be preached and men must believe it, and believe it strongly before they will discharge the doctor and pitch the medicines into the gutter where they belong, and learn to trust God absolutely. It took some persistent teaching, as well as practice, to establish this teaching, in this age patent medicines and so called medical science.

God gave Zion some most wonderful teachings and doctrines, through a mighty man, if he did have some faults and infirmities, as was said of the first Elijah, "He was a man of like passions with ourselves; yet he prayed and it rained not for the space of three years and six months, and he prayed again and it rained." If God never answered any prayers except of perfect men, there would be much less answers than there are now.

John Alexander Dowie was a mighty man. His voice was heard throughout the whole world, and it gave no uncertain sound.

Zion, today, in spite of her short existence, is better known, and her teaching better understood, than any church in existence, although they have stood for centuries, some of them.

John Alexander Dowie made the world listen. He made even the enemy the carriers of his message. They spread it abroad, not for love's sake, but for spite and envy in many cases. Paul said there were some in his day that "preached Christ of faction, not sincerely, thinking to raise up affliction for me in my bonds."

Many of the Chicago newspapers and others throughout the world told the story, yes, and many of the teachings of Zion, to mock and ridicule them.

They brought many to Zion to see and to investigate, and they came and saw, and they were convinced by her great truths.

Are not these truths above rubies and diamonds, or would you, O Zion, part with them for a mess of pottage, as some would do.

Do you say it costs too much? What is the Law of God worth? His Commandments, and Statutes, and even His Judgments. Did not the sweet singer of Israel say of them:

"More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb?"

The great pioneer work has been done by our former leader. He was a kind of John the Baptist, to say the least, to blaze the way.

Will any man say that God made a mistake in choosing such a man to do that work? None could have done it better, what-ever failing he may have had. He was a mighty promoter, and

his teachings will stand. His works will follow him. They, like our own, will be put to the test. Every man's work shall be tried by fire, said Paul. The hay and stubble will be consumed, but the gold and silver and precious stones will endure.

Let Zion know that we have a glorious heritage left us. It belongs to us now to "Guard the Deposit."

It is a precious Trust. Guard it as carefully, to say the least, as you do that ten thousand dollars that you fell heir to. How careful you are to safeguard your money!

Zion must build like old Nehemiah did—with a trowel in one hand and a sword in the other. You must watch the Devil with one eye, while you keep the other on the goal, on the "prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

It is like the good seed that has been sown. The birds are coming to devour it. How they are flocking to Zion City, the Headquarters of Zion for the world!

Zion today is like old Zion. She is built on a Rock and one that is impregnable. Neither the old Roman legions, nor her battering rams, can break down her walls nor carry her ramparts. Zion's gates are Salvation, and her officers Righteousness. God is her Refuge!

Zion is one. We are not divided. We believe in the unity of the Body, as well as the unity of the Spirit. There is One Body, which is the Church.

"For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one Body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit:" says the apostle.

God has called Zion to establish and to maintain the teaching of the Christ, and of Paul, and of our old leader. That there is to be but one Fold, one Body—one Church. God's people must come together into one Body, as Christ taught and prayed, on that last memorable night. How He prayed that they might all be *one*, as He and the Father were one. And why, did He say? So "That the World may believe that Thou hast sent Me." That refers to an organized body of men and women. The world could not see any other kind of a union.

Zion was quite right in saying that these sects, and divisions, and denominations must be destroyed as organizations, and out

of them must be gathered a church, "a glorious church without spot or wrinkle." This, I believe, must be done before the Christ will come again.

These are the last days. The signs are not hard to discern.

Let Zion have on her garments and be ready to meet her King. May she have her lamp trimmed and burning, with plenty of oil in her vessels, for the cry will come, not many days or years hence, "Behold the Bridegroom cometh. Go ye out to meet Him."

## God's People a Nation in Community Life.

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There is nowhere on God's earth today a company of people, so far as I know, that would think of doing what they did then, much less of actually doing it. You will find people, who have not anything, who are ready to do it. There are a lot of people, who have not a cent in the world, who would give me a million dollars certain if they had it—so they say. But if they had it, I would not expect a cent. They would act like the people act who do have it.

I would like to ask you, Zion, what would have been the difference in this community do you think—I am not asking you to say—if it had been started as they started their's on the Day of Pentecost? This community was not started in the same way they started their's on the Day of Pentecost. There is a very radical difference. Here is an actual historical fact of what three thousand people did on the Day of Pentecost.

### The Apostles Taught the People what Christ Taught the Apostles.

I tell you what I believe about it, I believe they did exactly what Jesus the Christ told them to do. I believe that during the forty days intervening between the Resurrection and the Ascension, Jesus the Christ gave those apostles positive instructions as to details, what they were to do in carrying out His instructions, and His plans and His work.

### Unity Brings Favor of God and Wins Men.

And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added those that were being saved."

No man can say that he is completely saved. No man can say that he is altogether saved. He "added such as were being saved." You and I are *being saved*. What will happen before the work is completed I do not know, but we are being saved. "Those that were being saved,"—that is the correct idea.

When the Lord adds people there are no mistakes made. When I undertake to add there will be a great many mistakes made. God the Almighty knows. He looks upon the heart. We look upon the outward appearance too often. God makes no mistakes.

### The Formalists and Law Officers object to the Apostles' Doctrine.

I will now read four verses of the 4th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, and then I will pass on to the 31st verse.

And as they spake unto the people, the priests and the captains of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them,

Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

And they laid hands on them, and put them in hold (that is in prison) unto the next day: for it was now eventide.

Howbeit many of them which heard the Word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand. Acts 4:1-4.

On the Day of Pentecost there were three thousand souls. On the day this lame man at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple was healed, we are told there were five thousand men. "And the number of the men was about five thousand." No one supposes for a minute that the converts at that time were men only. There must have been a great number of women converted, because, as you go through the Acts of the Apostles, some of the most earnest, devoted followers of the Lord Jesus Christ were women. That was true during the Lord's own ministry. He had no supporters more loyal and more devoted than Mary and Martha, and Mary Magdalene.

That just leads me to say a word here. You know that a Zion preacher is always at liberty to shoot in any direction he likes.

The moment I mentioned the name of Mary Magdalene I thought of a number of people in Zion. Do you know that some of the most loyal and devoted members of Zion this day in this Tabernacle are men and women who were rescued from great depths of degradation and sin? Just think for a minute, and see if that is not true. One of the most devoted members of this Church today is ——. I just happen to see him over there. Perhaps no man in this audience was saved from more than he was, and while Overseers, Elders, and his own brother, and father, and mother have gone back on Zion, how thankful to God he ought to be that He has kept him steadfast in Zion.

I can think of many others.

### How Establish Zion Communities?

Ah! yes; some people say, "I would like to know how Overseer Voliva would ever run a Zion community like he advocates. All poor people would want to come into it and sponge off the rich." Let me tell you that the danger from a Zion community is not so much from the poor, as from the rich. The Word of God says it is just as possible for a camel to go through the eye of a needle as for a "poor" man to enter into the Kingdom of heaven, does it not? Voices: No, no. (Laughter)

What is the matter? Was Jesus the Christ indulging in sentiment or did He state a fact? He said that it is just as possible for a camel to go through a needle's eye as for a RICH man to enter the Kingdom of heaven. He told the truth, and I know it as well as any man on God's earth today. Right at the present time you will find an old widow with thirteen children who invested everything in Zion, and has not got a dollar, praising God and shouting "Glory, Hallelujah!!" That fellow over there invested \$1.75, and he has \$40,000 worth of property outside, and he is cursing Zion all around. Oh, he has had the horrible loss of \$1.75!

### Mammon Worship and Greed Destroy Life and Hinder the Kingdom.

I want to tell you that the gravest danger to a Zion community is not so much from the poor who have been rescued, as it is from the class of people who worship mammon instead of God; and it is mammon worship that ruins communities. The worship of God never ruined any community. It is the worship of mammon, the spirit of selfishness and the spirit of greed. That is where the trouble comes in.

### The Slowness of Men and the Readiness of Women to Accept the Gospel.

There were five thousand "men" that day. At the present time there are about ten women who belong to Church for every man. Go into any prayer meeting in the churches, and you will find just two men present, and all the rest are women. The two men are the preacher and the janitor. (Laughter.)

If there were ten women that day for every man, then there were fifty thousand women converted, were there not? Just think what a crowd! Fifty-five thousand—five thousand men and fifty thousand women—converted, because, I say, nowadays, there are ten women converted for every man. How many women there were the Bible does not say; there must have been a good many. The men are, for the most part, a dirty, low-down, stinking lot. They smoke, they stink; my, how they stink! They drink whiskey and chew and spit tobacco, which is something no hog would be guilty of doing. I have seen thousands of hogs, and I never saw one chew tobacco and spit it around yet. The fact of the matter is, a man away from God gets to be an animal, lower than a pig, and by the time that a man has smoked and chewed tobacco, and drunk whiskey, and served the Devil for thirty or forty years, he looks like his master. Then if they add to that the spirit of grab, selfishness and greed, what a picture you have!

Well, keep that in mind—five thousand men.

#### Power From on High Gives Boldness.

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.

How did they speak?

Voices: "With boldness."

How many were there?

Voices: "Five thousand."

Five thousand at least.

#### The Spirit of God Guides to Unity of Thought and Action.

And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul:

They talked alike. There was unity there.

And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

I tell you when people act like that something has taken place. If one of you men had ten thousand dollars' worth of property and said, "This is not my own", I would not say I would drop dead, but I do not think I should recover for a few days. When a man comes with ten thousand dollars for twelve per cent interest and dividends, that would not give me a scare. There is nothing extraordinary about that. The biggest scoundrel in Chicago would loan ten thousand dollars at twelve per cent interest.

#### True Cooperation and Help Accompany the Spirit of Truth.

You have to face the facts. On that day something took place. It was a marvelous thing. "Neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was" what?

Voices: "His own."

"But they had all things," what?

Voices: "All things in common."

If you talk about a Zion community today, a lot of people say it is impossible.

The early Christians had them.

#### Christian Communities and Growth Destroyed by Selfishness.

If you want to know what destroys communities, I will tell you in a few words. You may launch the most beautiful Christian community possible, and the one thing that will ruin it is the one thing, "selfishness." That is the reason Zion City is where it is today—the spirit of selfishness—and any arrangement that creates and fosters the spirit of greed and grab in men will make a Zion community an absolute impossibility.

#### How Zion City May Be Saved.

Brothers and sisters here this afternoon, the time has come

to do some good sound thinking. You pray for Zion City to be saved. You say, "O God, save Zion City for Thyself and Thy people." When you pray that you have got to do some thinking and to remember that a revolution must take place before God can ever answer that prayer.

I ask you this afternoon to answer this question: Would you rather go back to your respective cities and localities and be as you were before, or do you desire a Zion community? That is the question.

Once, not many years ago, not only this body of people sitting here, but thousands of others who have been in this City, were living in hundreds of different parts of this and other lands. Some were in Chicago; some in London; some in Germany; some in Switzerland; some in New Zealand; some in Australia; some in portions of this country, all the way from coast to coast from the Gulf to the great lakes. You were part and parcel, warp and woof of the old order of things outside.

The question is: Do you want to go back to that former state and condition, or do you really and truly desire a Zion community? I do not want you to answer that question today, because if a man has not got a desire in his heart for anything better than the world's order of things, there is not any use of calling upon that man to take hold and help create something different.

#### Illustration of the Effect of Earnest Desire.

When a certain young man was brought to me some years ago, I was told he was threatening to take his life. I took him into my little office and he told me how many cigars he smoked a day, and how often he drank whiskey. I said, first of all, "Do you, from your heart, have an honest conviction that your smoking and drinking are wrong?" "Yes", he said, "I have been smitten with that conviction." Then I said, "Can you say, before God, that you desire, with all your heart, to give up smoking and drinking?" He said, "Before God I can." I said, "Then kneel in prayer." He knelt in prayer. I prayed for him. God delivered him. I heard a few days ago, that from that night to this day he has not touched either tobacco or liquor.

So when a man comes you must find out whether he desires a thing or not. Christ said, "Whatsoever ye desire when ye pray, believe ye have that for which ye pray, and ye shall have it." The desire must be there.

My brothers and sisters who are in sin today, you must be convicted of the wickedness of your sinfulness. So long as there is no conviction there you will never take the first step toward God. When you are convicted of your sinfulness, then I want to know whether you desire salvation? If you do, then you can pray the prayer of faith.

My brothers and sisters, you who are in need of healing and deliverance, do you desire, with all your hearts, a perfect deliverance from your diseases and from your afflictions? If you do, then the next thing is to ask, believing that you have that which you ask for, and Jesus said, "Ye shall have it." There is not any, "possibly you shall have it," or "perhaps you shall have it." Jesus said positively, "You shall have it."

#### Have Desire Based Upon the Word of God.

I tell you, the first thing is for that desire to be planted there by the Spirit of God through the study of the Word that all hell cannot root it up—the desire for the conversion of a son, or a dear one, the desire for the healing of loved ones, that all-consuming and overwhelming desire that sets a man on fire so that he can cry to God until the very gates of heaven shall swing open for him.

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

People are not going to take mere statements.

How wonderful when Jesus said:

**Only Those Doing the Will of God Enter Heaven.**

Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy name? and in Thy name have cast out devils? and in Thy name done many wonderful works?

Then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity.

It is he that does the will of God who will enter heaven. I want to point out that on the Day of Pentecost, and on the day when the man was healed at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, something must have come over those people. There is no question about that. Something took place which I do not know of having taken place on any such a scale since the Day of Pentecost. Five thousand men! More people than there are in Zion City now. Look at that if you please!

(TO BE CONTINUED)

**Anxious for Zion.**

BOULDER, COLORADO, January 24, 1909.

E. L. CAREY,  
Zion City, Illinois,

Dear Brother in the Christ:

Your letter of the 21st inst. is just received.

I am glad to know that there is a Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion, true to the principles of the Church when first founded.

Your letter, with its enclosed tract, "A Message from Zion," is the first word that I have received since the decision of Judge Landis; or, in fact, since the suspension of Leaves of Healing. I have written for information concerning affairs in the Church and received no reply, and thought the Church must be broken up and thought there must be a change of Church policy.

I am glad to hear that Wilbur Glenn Voliva is General Overseer. I did not know that LEAVES OF HEALING had been republished, and I will soon send in money for it. I indorse everything you have said in your letter and in the message. I have been greatly blessed since I joined the C. C. C. in Zion,—blessed more than I can express.

I did not receive a copy of the call to those who desire to continue with you. I now signify such desire by sending for a Renewal Application form. Perhaps one was sent to my home in ——. If so, my friends failed to forward it to me. Before I came here, sickness in my daughter's family called me from home.

Please send application form to Boulder, Colo.

Faithfully yours in Jesus,

(Signed) —. —. —.

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### God's People a Nation in Community Life

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#### Witnessing With Great Power by Ministry and Membership.

And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

You see God has need of a Holy Ghost made ministry. Yes, God has need of a Holy Ghost made Church. What I say to you today is this, that it is not only necessary that there should be one man, or a dozen men, or a hundred men, set for the defence of the Gospel; but there should be a Church, an organization filled with the Spirit of God to go forward to carry to effect the teachings of our Lord and Saviour Jesus the Christ.

#### Poverty Abolished.

Neither was there any among them that lacked.

Where will you find a community today of whom it can be said, "There is not one among them that lacks?"

Go into a little town of three hundred inhabitants anywhere in the United States, and you will find people who lack clothing and food and shelter. Ah! shame on you who, without any thought, say "They are a lazy, good-for-nothing, shiftless lot."

I want to tell you, no such thing. When I look back to the little country town where I used to go to school, I see a man with a wife and many children. That man was as willing to work as any man I ever met, and though he was between sixty and seventy years of age he would work in the harvest field, or he would dig ditches, or do anything he could get to do, and what magnificent wages he earned! A man will go out to one of those rich farmers, and he will get the magnificent sum of eighteen to twenty, sometimes twenty-four dollars a month, and a house to live in, and he will cultivate a large farm and make thousands of dollars for that farmer, and he draws the little pitance of a couple of hundred dollars a year.

#### Why Communities Are Necessary.

I want to tell you the reason why hundreds and thousands of the people have not the common necessities of life is because the Devil has control of things, and it is an impossibility for a considerable portion of humanity to make a decent living, and that is the reason why, as I believe, on the Day of Pentecost, and on the day when the lame man was healed at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple, communities were formed; and Christ intended His people should build communities. He never intended that His people should be mixed up and linked up with the world, the flesh, and the Devil. You will remember how the Apostle Paul, in words that cannot be misunderstood, in Second Corinthians, the sixth chapter, emphatically declares that God's people *should separate themselves*; that they should have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, that they should understand that there was no concord between Christ and Belial.

#### God's People "A Peculiar People."

In the Old Testament times, why do you think the Children of Israel were called apart and separated from all other nations? Simply as typical of God's children through the Lord Jesus the

Christ. The promises made unto the fathers through the prophets are promises that come down to God's children today, and God has never changed. God's people ought to be "a peculiar people," a separated people, and they ought to be showing a very different condition of things from what we have.

One of the most wonderful things in the Bible is, my brothers and sisters, that with five thousand men they formed a community larger than Zion City. What about all the women? If you allow only five thousand women, they had a community of ten thousand. What about all the children? They formed a community where they had all things in common at that time, and there was not one in that community that lacked. It does not say that every family had an automobile, and it does not say that every man had a silk hat, nor a fine pair of coach horses. It simply says, "Neither was there any among them that lacked." Lacked what? What they needed—food, shelter and raiment. A man's needs are very few, but his wants are very many. Today, in all this broad world, with all the high-sounding professions of Christianity, there is not one single attempt made even to approximate what they had nineteen hundred years ago.

#### The World's Ideas Liberal.

The so-called religion of the present time is a poor miserable hodgepodge, ephemeral, chimerical, ethereal, soap-bubble nothing. You are a lovely preacher just as long as you confine your remarks to the hereafter, but the moment you bring the Gospel of the Son of God right down to *terra firma* and apply it to a man's acting and working, then a great howl goes up from Dan to Beersheba, and they say, "The Church and State must be separate. The Church and politics must be separate." As a very unwise writer in one of the Waukegan papers, under the heading "Zion City always with us" says, that "when the people of Zion City get some sense, and show a broad religious tolerance, they will prosper, that the Zion City experiment proves that the church and state will not mix." In other words, the Devil must run the State, and God Almighty the Church.

#### The Theocracy to Rule All.

Well, God Almighty refuses to go halves. He is determined to rule all, not only in this world, but in the Universe; and the movement that is going to live and attract the attention of the world is the movement that can give them something better than political socialism. That "something better" is the proclamation of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God lived out in the lives of those who profess to believe it.

#### How Power and Influence are Lost.

I want to read that again. They had a prayer meeting, and the place was shaken. You cannot shake a place with a lot of old worshipers of Mammon. You cannot shake a place with a lot of people who are as greedy as the Devil. You cannot shake a place with people who cry to God with the tip end of their finger, and hang onto the world, the flesh and the Devil with a death-like grip. The Holy Ghost cannot come into, permeate, nor work through people of that kind.

#### The Real Gospel the Power of God Unto Salvation.

I have made up my mind that the only way for the powers of Heaven to shake this place is to preach the Gospel, and cry to God to burn the love of money out of the hearts of all the people. [Amens.]

#### The Christian Community Cares for the Needy.

Now, once more, there was no one in that community that lacked. Did you get that? That was a wonderful community. There is nothing said here about the kind of houses they built. My opinion is there was no "Section Seventeen." [Laughter.] I

have never seen any photograph of the "Shiloh Stables" they had there, either. They had too much sense to spend their money in such tonifoolery. The reason why nobody lacked was because they put the money to proper use. For anybody to lack in a Zion community is a burning shame and is a serious reflection upon the one that established it. If I had all that has been wasted in Zion City I could make you all comfortable and get you all a piano apiece, that is, for each house. [Laughter.]

Yes, God gives enough to supply our needs, but He gives us nothing to waste.

This is a wonderful thing to me, and I marvel that you are not all set on fire with it. We believe the Bible. We are looking for the coming of the King. Our only joy is in the Holy Ghost. It seems to me that we all ought to say, "Here am I; take me. I will do all I can to establish Thy Kingdom among the children of men."

The reason the United States of America exists today is because men were not afraid to take their lives in their hands, and face a rock-bound coast and an untrodden country inhabited by fierce Indians, and disease lurking on every hand, and willing that their bodies should be buried beneath the sand that a nation might be born.

So I tell you, my brothers and sisters, when this people are set on fire of the Holy Ghost, this "nation" will be saved, and will never die. There were not any of them that lacked. Was not that a beautiful community? Was not that a lovely community? Not one of them lacked. There was a fellow down there by the name of Barnabas who had a big farm. He said, "I am not going to help these lazy fellows. They are a low-down shiftless lot. I have worked for this farm, and I am going to keep it. I am not going to the poorhouse. I am going to have something for my old age. Why should I help any of those fellows there? Let them work. I have earned my money, and I am going to keep my own."

That was a good speech Barnabas made. I am making it for him. I am bringing it down to date. Is that the way Barnabas talked?

#### A Noble Stand for Principle

And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas (which is, being interpreted, the son of consolation) a Levite and of the country of Cyprus,

Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

He sold it and invested it in Bank Stock? (Laughter). No; invested it in heaven. As I told you this morning, treasures on earth give lots of trouble, but treasures in heaven never cause you to lose a minute's sleep, do they?

I had eighty acres of land, and I sold it just before I went to Australia. I had a nice lot of books which I sold to buy the clothing I went in to Australia. I am glad I did. My treasures are in heaven. I have not any on earth. You say, "Well, thank God I am not in that fix." "What are you going to do when you get old?" Trust God. "What are you going to do if you fall and break your leg?" I am not in the business of breaking legs. The Bible says, "Not one of his bones shall be broken." He says, "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High," what?

Voices: "Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."

I believe that with all my heart. God's Word is true. Did not Christ say, "Take no thought what ye shall eat?" I will ask you candidly, How many thoughts have you had within the last fifty years as to how much you will have to eat? Is it not a fact that the rank and file of the people give more thought to what they shall eat than they do to their spirit's eternal salvation? There is no use of getting mad about it, and looking cross, not a bit. Is it not a fact that the rank and file give more thought to their bodies, what they shall put into them and on

them, than they do to God and eternal things? I am glad to see you people are honest and will own up.

#### Seek First the Kingdom of God.

Christ said, "Seek first" what?

Voices; "The Kingdom of God."

You will never build a Zion community with people not doing it. There is no use trying it. If any considerable number of people in this town are not meeting that condition, this community will suffer, and it will be a long time before it can be saved.

"Seek first the Kingdom of God and" what?

Voices: "His righteousness."

And what shall happen?

Voices: "All these things shall be added unto you."

I believe it. The time I preached that sermon (some time ago) it was the last time, I think, that ——— and ——— ever came to hear me. That sermon settled them. It was too much for them. They never walked with me any more. Do you remember the time when I drew a circle on the blackboard representing the Kingdom of God, and wrote the Scripture "Except ye be born from above," etc.?

#### The Kingdom of Heaven Defined

The Kingdom of Heaven is not something up in the air, but a community of Christian people living in accordance with the Law of God. That is where people make great blunders. There is one thing you all have to face, and that is the fact that on the Day of Pentecost and a few days afterwards, two communities were formed, and not one in that community, which was probably two or three times as large as Zion City, lacked anything. Do you believe it? You have it to face.

#### Lovers of this World.

I remember, when in the Administration Building, Mr. ——— said, "I do not believe in Zion communities at all. It was a mistake when Zion City was established. There is no scriptural proof for God's people to get together. They should scatter in the cities."

A Deaconess in Zion City came to my house and said, "I do not believe in Zion City. A man who does not know how to pass a saloon without going in and getting drunk is a weak character, and will never develop and get strong." I thought to myself, what logic, what wonderful logic! I am sorry to say she is an Australian, although she was born in the old country. (laughter) I hope so, anyway. What argument! "It is better for the husbands and fathers and sons and brothers to live in a town where there are saloons, otherwise they won't know what is to resist temptation."

That would make a beer garden out of Heaven. The angels must be very weak characters, because they have no saloons up here to tempt them. What an argument!

#### Zion Community Life Free From Saloon Suggestions.

I am told,—and you know, perhaps—that there are boys, young men—in Kansas who never saw a saloon. What a wonderful thing for a man to say, when he hears some talk about the accursed liquor traffic, "I never saw a saloon." What a wonderful thing to be able to say! What a wonderful thing for an army of boys and girls to be born in a Zion community, and brought up in a Zion community!

I wish the world was a Zion community, if it were no better than Zion City is now. Zion City is a long way short from what it ought to be, because it has proven true in Zion City, as in the case of Job, when the sons of God came together, the sons of the Devil assembled themselves also. No sooner had the sons of God come in here than the Devil came, also.

#### The First Church Community Life.

I will say as the blind man said, "There is one thing I do know, that whereas I was blind, I now see." There is one thing I do know, through my Bible, and that is, in the beginning, on the very birthday of the Christian Church they formed a community. I would just like to know why it is not in direct line with God's plans and purposes that His children should all form communities, and keep themselves away from the world, the flesh and the Devil. That is the Word of God.

#### Individual Property Surrendered to the Kingdom.

Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold,

And laid them down at the apostles' feet; and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

If I had a million dollars here I would hate to have to distribute it according as every man "wanted." If I distributed it as every man "had need," I would have a good pile left.

What a wonderful thing. That is the kind of Christianity I believe in. That kind of Christianity amounts to something. There is something tangible to it, something that people can see. "Behold, how those Christians loved each other!" not "Behold, how those Christians skin each other!"

Then we have the story of Barnabas. He had a farm and sold it, and laid the money at the Apostles' feet.

#### The Half-Hearted Love and Service.

Ananias and Sapphira belonged to the Church in those days. They had a little farm just down south of "Waukegan", and sold it, and they—I think it was Sapphira who put Ananias up to it—agreed together that they should tell the Apostles that they sold it for so much. They were saying to themselves, "This is a pretty risky piece of business. If we are not careful we will come to want. We will put away half of this, and tell them that is all we got for it." They got homes at once. Yes, sir; they lied to the Holy Spirit, and paid the penalty with their lives. Money-cursed them. Today it is one thing or the other. There is Mammon; do you see him? I received a picture the other day, sent me through the mails, illustrating the greed of the present time. It is a very interesting picture, drawn, I think, by a man in Boston. There is Mammon; don't you see him? There is God Almighty, and Christ said, "Ye cannot serve God and Mammon." A man is a fool who tries to do it. It is an impossibility.

My brothers and sisters, you are here this afternoon, and you are here to think. Your one thought ought to be the Kingdom of God.

#### Why People Forsook the World's Ways for Zion's Paths.

Let us go back. I want to lead you up to something. How do you account for the fact that you ever went to the first Zion meeting? How do you account for the fact that in the years following 1896 you became members of this Church? How do you account to your relatives and friends for the fact that you left the Roman Catholic Church and came into this Church, that you came out of the Methodist Church, where your grandparents belonged, and your parents also, and came into this Church? How do you account for the fact that you left Ireland, Scotland, England, Switzerland, Germany, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the different states in the United States, and from other lands?

I want some good hard thinking done right there. I want every man and woman, before his or her God, to answer that question, not particularly this afternoon, but in the quietness of your homes.

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## EDITORIAL NOTES

BY O. L. TINDALL

O Zion throughout the world, "Peace be unto you."

How we thank God that we are able to give you this blessed salutation, which Jesus Himself taught us, as we go out into this sad world that knows no Peace, except such as the hollow world gives. It is the Peace that came to the world when the Heavenly Host said it to the shepherds on Judea's hills. "Peace on earth, good will to men."

How we should thank God for the Printing Press that enables us to greet you, as it were, face to face though separated by hundreds of miles.

My brothers and sisters, pray for Zion's press that it may be ever used for the Kingdom of God; that her messages may ever be inspired of God.

Zion has only one message. It is the same one that Jesus gave His disciples when He sent them out to preach.

It is the same one He gave to the Seventy and told them to

give it to every home in every city and village to which they should go.

The Kingdom of Heaven. Christ gave his preachers only one text to preach from.

He used the same subject Himself. His fore-runner, who came to prepare the way before Him had the same theme.

"Repent ye: for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

The pulpit of today, as a rule, preaches instead of a Kingdom, a Democracy. This is especially true of the American pulpit.

A somewhat noted minister, now a bishop, said in a public address, "What we need is an American Church," up to date. That is not the church of Jesus Christ.

Nothing could be farther from the truth than that. God never made any kind of an organization that was to be governed by the people. Does not He know, and do not we know that the people are not fit or capable to govern themselves? If you want proof go read the story of Babylon, and Ninevah and the Roman Empire, and the Republic, and the Greek Commonwealth. Read their epitaphs in the cemeteries of buried nations. There is only one Kingdom that will stand forever and that is the one that good old Daniel saw in his vision that was like the "little stone cut out of the mountain without hands," that would crush and grind to powder all kingdoms of gold and silver and brass and iron. That is all any of the kingdoms, or republics of today are. They are based on gold, and silver and iron. Most of them worship the gods of gold and silver, etc.

Zion comes onto the field, and she boldly declares that God's Kingdom must be set up among men, which simply means that God must RULE in all the affairs of men.

This is what the Kingdom of God means.

Do you say "It is a hopeless task; it cannot be done?" That is the cry of the coward, and of the one who does not trust in his God. God has said through His prophets and through His Son, that His Kingdom must prevail, and all enemies must be put under His feet.

You say, "We are a feeble folk and our enemies are giants, and their cities are walled."

True, but it is not more true than when the obscure man, clad in camel's hair and whose food was locusts and wild honey, proclaimed the Kingdom of God. It is not more true than when the Master sent out His Seventy as lambs among wolves, without money or scrip, and said: "Go, Preach, the Kingdom of God is come nigh unto you."

Will you not remember Pentecost when in one day three thousand were born into this Kingdom, and five thousand soon after when God stretched forth His hand and healed the impotent man at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple?

Are we not told that "a nation shall be born in a day?"

All God needs is a faithful people who dare trust Him and not be afraid. Fear makes cowards of men.

"Wherefore didst thou fear?" The Devil and the host of hell are attacking Zion, or the Kingdom of God, by trying to break down her authority and her unity.

They say you have no right to speak with authority. You should say, "It is simply my opinion of things," and "every man has a right to his opinion." That sets men free to do as they like. This simply means anarchy in the Kingdom of God.

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In the Kingdom of God there is authority. A man has no more right to a wrong opinion or a wrong teaching and to preach it, than he has to carry a lighted torch and expose your property.

God rules through men.

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A Kingdom means Government. It does not mean a conglomerate mass of men. It means order and discipline. Otherwise it would be like the heavens and the earth were in the beginning---without form, and only chaos.

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The Devil has succeeded in dividing up the Kingdom of God, shall I say? Yes, in so far as the Church of Jesus Christ is concerned, or we may say the "form of godliness," as Paul puts it. They say it does not matter about the Form, only the "Power" is important, which means that it makes no difference about what kind of a boiler or engine you have, only get up the steam and have plenty of fire and power.

"Don't mind anything about the machinery." The form of Godliness is the machinery, the power is the Holy Spirit.

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Zion says we must have a body as well as a spirit. If the body is sick and weak and crippled, what can the spirit do?

Think of turning a flood of water in upon a city without any pipes to convey it to your houses and then call that "water works."

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That is the teaching of men who go about preaching the Holy Ghost and Power, and fire, etc., and say "We do not have any government or organization among men." They believe in no rule, or authority in the church.

They deny the scriptures where it says, "Obey them who have the rule over you." They deny the scriptures that teach that an elder is to rule in the Church, not lord it over the flock, but as Paul says, "Let him that rules, rule with diligence."

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The curse of the apostate churches is that they have trampled this teaching under their feet, so they have nothing but confusion and disorder, and disgrace the very name of their Lord, our Ruler. They present to the world a broken and divided Kingdom. The world and the Devil despise it as a weak thing and well they might.

Why is the Roman Catholic Church strong and no church able to cope with her? Simply because she has maintained that one Divine element, Authority, and taught her people, from childhood, obedience in the church reverence, and respect to those in authority. To say they have abused this power is not to condemn the principle any more than it would destroy parental authority or governmental authority, because they have been shamefully abused.

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Zion is to guard her Discipline as well as her Doctrine.

## God's People a Nation in Community Life.

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tolic Church, from the beginning, have been four in number. The first one is: You believe the Bible to be the all-sufficient rule of faith and practice. That is a great deal. In the second place: That you must repent of your sins; and thirdly: That you must have the witness of the Holy Spirit in a measure that you are a child of God. The fourth condition is: That all other matters shall be matters of opinion that are not essential to Church fellowship. Those were the simple conditions.

I will ask you, Why were you attracted by Dr. Dowie's ministry away from the ministry of scores, and in the aggregate, hundreds of preachers of the denominations? What was there about his ministry, what was there about the Christian Catholic Church that drew you out of life-long associations, that led you to take a decided stand which cost you much thought and sacrifice and self-denial? If you will only answer these questions, my brothers and sisters, in the fear of God, and answer them correctly, it will settle a great many other questions. You will find yourselves anchored.

### Zion City But an Incident to the Zion Movement.

The Christian Catholic Church existed long before Zion City. The Headquarters in Chicago grew rapidly. Branches of considerable size were launched in different cities and in different lands. The Zion literature was sent to all nooks and corners. In the leading hotels, on the great ocean steamers, at the large railway stations, in the Y. M. C. Associations and Y. W. C. Association rooms, and elsewhere, Zion literature was to be found. The ministry of Zion attracted world-wide attention, and the Zion Movement was growing at a tremendous rate, long before Zion City was ever established. I want you to think of that. The Zion Movement existed before Zion City. The Zion Movement did not depend upon Zion City. Zion City to the Movement is just the same as this coat is to my body. If I threw this coat off, and it was destroyed, my body would still exist. If Zion City were swept off the earth tomorrow, the Zion Movement would exist just as it did before Zion City was established.

### Was the Establishing of Zion City a Wise Move?

My brothers and sisters, this brings me to the presentation of another question: Did Zion make a mistake when she launched Zion City? Second: Would it have been better for the Zion Movement, for her work throughout the world, if Zion City had never been launched?

In the next place: Do you conscientiously believe, from your study of the Word of God, that God's people in Zion ought to launch Zion communities, or do you not believe it? One says Zion made a mistake and never should have launched a Zion City. Another one says that the one thing about the Zion Movement that makes it *the* movement of the twentieth century is the fact that she advocates the practical demonstration of the truths and tenets of the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus the Christ.

My opinion is that in talking about saving Zion City the cart has been put before the horse, and until you people answer these questions and answer them properly, it is only beating the air to talk about saving Zion City. Is that sound reasoning? Do you see through that? I believe that position is as sound as possible.

If you answer me "No, Zion made no mistake in launching Zion City; the Word of God teaches that the Zion people should have communities." When you answer "Yes", then I ask you the next question: My brothers and sisters in Jesus the Christ,

tell me what is the matter? If I take my watch to a jeweler, the first thing he does before he tries to repair it is to find out what is the matter. I ask you, Is Zion City all right today?

Voices: "No."

No. Is this a healthful Zion community? No. Then what is the matter? Wherein were the blunders made in the foundation stones of the settlement? Mr. ——— said to me, "It is all very well for you to talk about launching communities, you can launch them all right, but you will never maintain them." But my God is all sufficient, and I tell you if it is God's will that Zion communities should be launched, God will maintain them if His people will do right.

#### Why Was Zion City Launched?

Let us look for a minute as to the way this City was launched. You have all been criticising. You have all pointed out Dr. Dowie's mistakes. I want you to do something better than that. You know so much about it, I want you to tell me how a Zion community ought to be launched.

In the first place, John Alexander Dowie preached those wonderful sermons, and I will say this, that his are the only sermons I have read in literature, outside of the Bible, that I could read many times and never get tired of them. I could sit down and read those pamphlets a whole day and never get tired. The secret of the power of those sermons is that that man was called and trained of God to do a mighty work (Amen), and he had something for the world that nobody else could give.

Voices: Right.

He preached those wonderful sermons. He pointed out to you that God's people ought to get together and they ought to be in communities. Then he proceeded to get money. He formed the Land and Investment Association, and sold shares for \$100.00, which shares were to be accepted at par value for land.

I am not going to say it, but I will ask you that you may think: Did John Alex. Dowie make a fundamental mistake when he called for money *in the form of investments* to buy this land, instead of calling upon you people *to give* the money to buy the land?

Now, members of the Ecclesiastical Cabinet, you must answer this question at the next Conference. I will sit in a chair and listen. I am hastening on. My life is short, and my time is precious, and I have not a second to lose, and I propose to force this thing now to an issue, (Amen) because millions want Zion's message, and, God helping me, millions shall have Zion's message. (Amen.)

I do not intend, if it is a corpse, to stand sentinel over the corpse much longer.

I repeat the question:

Did John Alex. Dowie err, as all human beings do, when he got the money in the form of INVESTMENTS to purchase this land, or did he not err? That is the first question. I want you to answer it, but not now. May it not be possible that God set him on fire and gave him a vision of the plan, and told him to call upon the people as they did on the Day of Pentecost, and his heart failed him, and he was afraid to do it?

In the next place, the statement is a fact. After consultation with the lawyer, and having taught you people that the earth belonged to the Lord, and that this land should never be sold in perpetuity, he decided upon an eleven hundred year-lease, containing so many covenants, and when the stock was accepted for land, you were given a lease for eleven hundred years, the lease containing certain covenants, on violation of which, by a paragraph inserted therein, Zion, through her proper officials, could tender to you, in money, and by promissory notes, the value of your holdings fixed by a board of arbitration, and then you would be compelled to move out of the City.

I will ask you this question:

Did Dr. Dowie not decide upon an eleven hundred year lease with covenants? Did he make a mistake, or did he not? Was the arrangement made sufficient to maintain a Zion community, and enable the officials to expel from that community any objectionable characters who would come into it, and seek to destroy it?

In the third place: He told you that Zion City should be unlike the cities of the world, that every family should have a plat of ground where they should have sunlight and air.

Further, Did not all the people come into Zion City saying that they were coming to help establish a Zion community?

Voices: "Yes."

Did they not all come to Zion City understanding what the arrangements were? Did they not all come, understanding that there was one Church—the Christian Catholic Church in Zion City? Did they not understand that no other meetings were allowed in this City?

What are you going to do about it? That is the question. I will tell you what I would do before six o'clock tomorrow night in a community I would establish: I would line them up and march them up to the edge of the City and tell them never to return.

#### One Heart and Purpose Necessary for a Happy Community.

A Zion community! Now I go back.

Many people have been, and are members of this Church who have never lived in this community. It is one thing to be a member of the Church, and it is another thing to be a member of a Zion community. Do you see that? Men and women may live in Chicago, Cincinnati, London, Paris, and anywhere else, and may be members of this Church; but whenever men and women make up their minds to launch a community to live a community life, then I want to tell you there is something to be required more than the four conditions of fellowship. You can never have community life unless men and women are all of *one heart and one soul*. It is the height of absurdity to talk about it. You cannot do it. You have got one man, with a house and lot howling, "We want an American town." He has just as much right here as the Devil has in heaven. Cannot you people see that? When a man joins a community he knows that he has got to give up a great many things, and forego a great many things for the sake of the community which before, when he stood off as a single individual, he did not have to give up.

One thing that surprises me is the statement made by different people about a Zion community. They simply show that they have never thought into the subject, that they have never given it any real serious, earnest consideration. What is the use to found a community, and open the gates for the enemy to come in and ruin that community?

You may have one hundred men and women form a community of one heart and one soul and one mind, and let half a dozen foreigners come into it, and they will permeate it and leaven it and ruin it, and you have had all your work for nothing. If Deacon ——— takes in four boarders into his house, and he has no authority in any way by which he can order them out of that house, and they make up their minds to raise the Devil there, they can do it, and stay in spite of him. A Zion community is just the same thing. You launch a community, have everything lovely, and then have somebody come in serving the world, the flesh and the Devil, and they will ruin that community. I am afraid a lot of people who came in here had no understanding at all of what community life meant.

As a man of the world pokes his finger at you and says: "Men and women can never have a community with the selfishness, greed and avarice there is in them. They will ruin it sooner or later." That is what men of the world say.

I ask you now this question—and I have said enough to give

you something to think about for a month—Is a Zion community possible, or is it an impossibility?

If you people say a Zion community is an impossibility, I am done with this thing and done with it now. I have no further time nor strength to spend on it.

If you say a Zion City is possible, then I say, "Line up to a man." (Amens.)

#### Who Stands for Zion, the Test.

I want to tell you, my brothers and sisters, there is not any question as to who in this City stands for Zion. There is no use for men and women to pray for God to save Zion City, and then furnish fuel to a lot of devils to burn the City down. There is no use to continue in wretched hypocrisy saying, "Yes, I want Zion City saved," and "pray for Zion City to be saved," and then, if you can get an article two cents cheaper anywhere else than Zion Stores, you will go and get it. I am done with that kind of business. You do not save Zion City by refusing to support Zion institutions. Loyalty! Many people do not know what loyalty means. Devotion to principles and helping to fight a battle and win a victory for God, some people know very little about it.

#### The Kingdom of God More Than Property.

The Kingdom of God is more than dollars and cents. Let us look at things in a calm, straightforward way. I do not propose to spend my life in a community and call it a Zion community with a lot of the Devil's representatives stalking abroad in it. I do not propose to do it. Every individual in this community, who is not Zion, is an eyesore, and it cannot be otherwise. Community life is one thing; individual life is another.

In closing this address, I for one say, most emphatically, that I believe with all my heart, spirit, soul, mind and all, in Zion communities. I believe they are possible. (Amens.) I believe they are needed. I believe they must be launched. The plan is plain. It needs only a man brave enough to carry out the plan.

It would not matter to me if there had been fifty failures, I would be just as enthusiastic in going forward, because I tell you the greatest success is often right on the heels of apparent failure.

#### Individualism Never Helps the Kingdom.

Men with individual business, talking about a Zion community! I am a reasonable being, but I think a Zion community with individual business, is an absolute and eternal impossibility. Anything that is individualistic is just as far from the communistic as the north pole is from the south pole.

You people who talk about having individual business in a Zion community just show me how you can have a Zion community with individual enterprises in it. That man does not breathe the breath of life who can show how to run a Zion community with individual enterprises. You cannot do it. It is an impossibility.

There is another thing: You cannot maintain a Zion community unless it is so established that when people go to the Devil, if they will not repent, you can put them out. Do you know that? If there is anybody here so wise that he can show me how to run a Zion community without an arrangement of that kind, I would like to know it.

A man who is not willing to put what talents he has got on the altar for the community life has no business ever to enter a community.

#### Hope of Aggressive Work.

I hope I have made you see some of these things. I think some of you have been doing some thinking. I have said some things this afternoon that will stir this whole people to earnest thought and earnest prayer. I tell you this: I am not going for ever to ask the men of this town to sit around and pick their

fingers. Zion men ought to be producing for the Kingdom of God. You Zion men who want to farm, if we cannot arrange to do it here, I am going to take up a tract of land and arrange to do it somewhere else. I am going to put you to work. Every Zion man ought to be producing.

I tell you another thing, and I say it from the soles of my boots to the tip end of the longest hair on the top of my head: Zion people are not going to be slaves for somebody else all their lives. Every ounce of Zion's earning capacity must be for the Kingdom of God. That is community life. In other words, these questions that I have propounded are of great importance, and I am not going to sit keeping watch over a corpse while a lot of you good people die of starvation. In the true Zion community there is work for all; not a man would have to go outside for work. In a true Zion community not a man would look for anything outside.

#### The Joy of Saving Sinners and Showing the Sick to Christ the Healer.

I believe God's Word with all my heart, every word of it. God will save the sinner. God will heal the sick. One of the most wonderful things on this earth is to pray and reach the ear of God for yourself and for your loved ones. God's Word is all true. John Alexander Dowie's teaching was the most beautiful the world has had since the days of the Apostles. Is not this people then going, by the grace of God, to live that teaching and work it out? Shall we go back to Egypt and return to the pits from whence we were digged, or shall we set our faces to the future and go forward by the grace of God, even at the cost of our lives? Nothing great is accomplished without self-denial and self-sacrifice. You have not lost a wink of sleep too much for Christ. You have never lost a meal too much for Christ. "What shall it profit a man if he should gain the whole world, and lose his own life?" "He who would be My disciple, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me."

O, the Word of God, if it is only lived! That is all that is necessary to shake the world. All the preaching in Christendom does not amount to anything if it is not lived. We must LIVE the Word of God. We must work it out in our lives, and show that we differ from the people who profess to believe, but do not LIVE it. God burn all the love of money out of you. (Amens.) I would like to ask you if you could say, with uplifted hands before God, "I am seeking first the Kingdom of God. I have no love for money." Be very careful before you answer it. It is a very serious matter to say things because God will test you before you get out of this house. Men and women have said before, "I will stand by Zion with the last drop of my blood, and the last dollar." God has tested you. God has proven you. I can see today hundreds scattered north, south, east and west, who in days gone by have lifted, in a way, the shingles off this roof in shouting "Yes, I will stand by Zion with my last dollar and last drop of blood," and they are cursing Zion today. God took them at their word. A man had better count the cost.

#### Sing and Confess Honestly.

This morning we sang that song:

"I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord" etc. I always tremble when I hear that song sung. What an awful thing for a man, if he is not prepared to pay the price, to say, "My God, I will go where you want me to go. I will say what you want me to say." He sent Moses to stand before the King of Egypt.

"I will be what you want me to be." Give me five thousand people who will sing that from the heart and mean it, and the whole world will be stirred.

That Chorus: Not my own, Jesus, I belong to Thee;

All I have and all I hope for,

Thine for all eternity.

Ah! I can never get away from the force of that chorus. But

what is the use of singing it if a man does not mean it? When the Kingdom of God is looked at, it is one of the mysteries to me what on earth all these "Zion" people want to be fuming and fussing about their investments for. The best thing for Zion investors to do is to put the last dollar of investment on the altar for the Kingdom of God as they did on the Day of Pentecost. Then all the world would tremble before the tread of Zion. Are you afraid of claiming the Word of God for food, shelter and raiment?

Look at the humble life of Tolstoi. When a man reads his books—his expositions of the teachings of the Christ—it puts professed Christians of all the world to shame. Tolstoi said, "I refuse to live in luxury while Russia's millions can scarcely get enough to eat." I honor that man for his position.

While I cannot help it, O, I would to God, John Alex. Dowie had taken the same position! He could have been the mightiest man on God's earth, and have done a work that would have revolutionized the world.

One magazine writer, in describing Zion City, said, "You talk about the Millennium, and say it is a long way off, but I tell you that John Alex. Dowie made a practical beginning toward the Millennium. Who can tell what that generation will be coming from ancestors who trusted their God for everything, free from whisky, drugs, tobacco, and other vices?"

#### The Seed From Which the Millennium Will Come.

He was right about that. John Alex. Dowie sowed the seed from which the Millennium can come all right.

No matter what mistakes he may have made, and no matter what errors he committed, the principles and truths he gave us, or that God gave us through him, are heaven born. Woe to the man that surrenders them and forsakes them! When he stands before God he will have to give an account of his stewardship. I want to be faithful, God helping me, even unto death, and be able to say, "My God and Father, I did what I could to establish Thy Kingdom among the children of men." (Amen.) "I never consulted my own ease, or thought of paltry gain, but only of honoring Thee, my God." Then it will be well. May God stir you today, and set you on fire.

#### The Holy Spirit Not in a Selfish Heart.

As I have read over some of my sermons on the Holy Spirit, and as I have been going into that subject and studying the Sermon on the Mount day after day, and pondering over single verses for hours, I have felt that the Holy Ghost will not come upon this people until all selfishness and all greed, all love of filthy lucre is burned out. Never. There is a lot of it here. O, my brethren in the ministry, if you have an iota of love for filthy lucre I do not want to fellowship you or associate with you. I am done with that kind of business. May God help us today in my earnest prayer.

The General Overseer then offered prayer and made some announcements, which were followed by the Lord's Supper.

Elder Carey then pronounced the

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## The Gospel of the Kingdom

### TITHING

A Brief History. Its Importance. Is It Still Binding Upon Christians?

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Tithing, which means giving or paying one-tenth of a man's income for sacred purposes, has a long history. It is sometimes applied to paying of taxes for secular uses as well as for religious purposes. We wish to speak of it only as applied to the religious use.

The first mention made of tithing in the Bible is in Genesis 14:20, where Abraham is said to have paid tithes to Melchisedec a tenth part of the spoils taken in battle.

Jacob also offered unto God a tenth of his property which consisted of the fruits of the ground and increase of cattle.

In the law of Moses we find it carefully enforced. Everything was tithed among the Israelites.

The tithes were used for the support of the Levites who served about the Tabernacle, and who received no inheritance in the land when they came into Palestine, as did the other tribes. They, in turn, paid a tithe of their tithes to the priests who attended at the Altar, and the priests had no allowance of land. This second tithe was carried to Jerusalem.

After the exile, the people grew careless about their tithing and we see the rebuke the Lord gave them in Nehemiah's time, and again in Malachi. "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings." (Malachi 3:8)

Little is said in the New Testament about tithing. This perhaps, was not necessary, for it was probably strictly observed, as we see from the testimony of the Pharisee that he paid tithes of all that he possessed, even of the mint and anise and cummin. Christ said to them, "But these things ought ye to have done, and not to have left the other undone;" that is, the weightier matters, such as judgment, mercy, and faith. Thus Christ Himself approves the paying of their tithes which was one of the oldest of God's laws and regulations and one well understood.

In regard to the payment of tithes in the Apostles' time, Schaff & Herzog Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge says:

"When the epistles of the Apostles never mention tithes, the reason is simply that in their time voluntary offerings of the members still sufficed for the wants of the Church. But complaints arose as soon as the zeal began to grow lukewarm. In the East, all soon agreed in demanding the introduction of tithes in accordance with the precepts of the Old Testament, and in the West Jerome and Augustine spoke in favor of the same idea. It was recommended in the Second Council of Tours in the year 567 A. D. and commanded under penalty of excommunication, by the Second Council of Macon 585. Even the Confessional was used to enforce the decree. Not to pay tithes was represented as sin by the Church. During the Carolingian Age the institution became firmly established in the Frankish Empire, that is in France and Germany. Charlemagne imposed it in 785 upon even the newly converted Saxons. At the same time, tithes were introduced into England. In Portugal and Denmark they were introduced in the eleventh century; in Sweden in the thirteenth.

With the Reformation the tithing system was not immediately abolished; on the contrary, in most places it was retained for the support of the Evangelical church, as it had been established for the support of the Roman Catholic Church. Luther

spoke in favor of it. In course of time there was strong opposition to the system, partly from reasons of political economy and partly from antipathy to the Church; and in France it was entirely swept away by a decree of the National Assembly of 1789."

Among the old nations, you will find the Carthaginians, Greeks and Romans offering tithes to their gods.

Thus we see it is a scriptural custom or law, approved by the old patriarchs and by Moses, and by Christ and the Apostles, and by the early fathers, and by the Romish Church, and by the Reformed Church under Luther. Not only that, it is one of those laws that commends itself to our common sense and justice. It is required of us that we honor God with our substance. The Gospel requires men to serve the Lord with all their means and talents, and to recognize that all belongs unto the Lord. We are only tenants, leaseholders, and the Lord of the Vineyard will send His servants and demand His portion of the fruits; and all must admit that we owe Him a tenth, to say the least. This is a debt and not a free-will offering, merely. The offering is something over and above the tithe. Some one says, "Oh, this regulation belongs to the old law and we are not under the Law but under Grace." No; *tithing was before the law*. It was under the priesthood of Melchisedec, and Christ is a priest after that order.

"For he testifieth; Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchisedec." Hebrews 7:17.

Tithing, mark you, was an institution under that order and it has never been done away with. It was an infidel France that swept it away by a political decree, just as they did the Christian Sabbath.

Zion has done a great work in restoring tithing to the Church. She has put away a great disgrace to the cause of Christ. The way the apostate churches manage all their financial matters is a shame, and so is the way they hire their ministers, and the way they raise money, and the way they are in debt. The simple, scriptural plan of financing the Church is the best. It makes every man do his duty, which is plain. He is to pay into the treasury of the Lord *according as the Lord has prospered him*. It should not fall upon the poor to bear the burdens of the Church as so often happens under the old rule of men paying as they may happen to feel. Rich men should be taught the duty and privilege of stewardship that God does not accept a widow's mite from them. They must pay according to their prosperity. Zion has proved God in this matter as He promised, that, if we would bring in the whole tithe into the Storehouse, He would open the windows of Heaven and pour out a blessing upon us, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

It does not pay to rob God. It is not paying tithes to give to the poor and to the needy as you may see fit and as it may suit your fancy. God made other provisions for that besides tithing. Tithes go into the Storehouse that "there may be meat in My house," saith the Lord.

It is for the support of the work of the Lord's house, and for the support of His ministry.

If God's Israel was guilty in Malachi's time, what about her now? Are they not robbing Him now? Vastly more money is paid to the tobacco god than there is to God and His work.

Let Zion be faithful along all of these lines. The world needs her example, and God will bless now as of old if we fulfil and pay our vows, and bring the whole tithe into the Storehouse.

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Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

## Christ's Intercessory Prayer

An Address Delivered at the Divine Healing Meeting, Tuesday Afternoon, December 15, 1908, in Shiloh Tabernacle

BY ELDER F. RICHERT

REPORTED BY T. FROST

### Invocation.

Our God and Father, in Jesus' name we pray Thee wilt Thou give unto us the Holy Spirit, and through the Spirit, insight into Thy Word. Fill every heart with prayer, and help us to understand the great love which Thou hast toward us, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and for His sake. Amen.

I want to give you, this afternoon, a brief exposition of the seventeenth chapter of the Gospel according to St. John. It is a glorious chapter.

As we draw nigh to these wonderful truths, it seems as if God is saying to each and every one, "Put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground."—Exodus 3:5.

### Prepared for the Testing Time.

We are standing upon the ground where Jesus the Christ lifted up His eyes to heaven. That indicates to us that He had communion with His Father in heaven. He said, "Father, the hour is come; glorify Thy Son, that thy Son may glorify Thee."

It was a dreadful and very trying hour which had come for the Lord Jesus the Christ. Before Him were His terrible agony in the Garden, His suffering at the Cross, all the loads of guilt and sin, and also enemies in the form of human beings who hated Him. He was just about to bear the sins of the whole world.

The hour comes for each and every one of us to fight the very same enemy. There is sin and sickness to fight, and the world, the flesh and the Devil.

In order that we may comprehend what Jesus the Christ meant when He said, "The hour is come," and that we may be able not only to resist, but to overcome, the Lord tells us, in the sixteenth chapter of John,

In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

What does it mean? He did not overcome the world for Himself, but He says, "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world;" and He will overcome the world in each and every one of us.

Paul said, "Christ in you the hope of glory."

When Christ is in us, the glorious, wonderful Conqueror, who has overcome sin, death, hell, the Devil and the Cross, then we can look forward with confidence and childlike trust and faith in our loving God to all the trials and temptations, sufferings, battles, and the world, the flesh and all hell combined; and we can lift up our eyes to heaven and say, "Although the hour is come and the battle, my God in heaven will sustain me, and give unto me the victory."

### The Temptations Which Came to Christ are Common Today.

In Zion City, the hour has come when we have to fight, has it not?

Voices: Yes.

We have the same howling devils around us which Christ had to face. We have the same enemies of uncleanness against us. We have the same kind of hypocrites and the same class of Pharisees and Sadducees to fight. The powers of darkness have been let loose in order to destroy the life of Zion City just as

those devils were about to destroy the life of Jesus the Christ. But we can lift up our eyes in calmness, believing that the Lord who has fought those battles and overcome, will not only give unto us the grace to pray the prayer of faith, but will make each and every one of us a battle axe. We will see these Battle Axes every day and not only on Saturdays, and we will make the people acknowledge truth. It is a glorious thing when we can stand and testify for the truth, and can say, "I know in whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day."

#### How Much is Committed Unto the Lord.

I will ask you, Zion, what have you committed unto the Lord?

Voices: Everything.

Can you say that?

Voices: Yes.

Can you say what the Lord Jesus Christ said just before He left that upper room: "The Prince of this world cometh and hath nothing in Me?" Zion, can you say that? Jesus meant, "Are you all free from sin?" When you can face the enemies with a clear conscience, then let the lions roar and the devils howl. Stand up in the faith of a man of God like Daniel.

You can open your windows toward Jerusalem and go down upon your knees and pray to God. You can implore His assistance. I tell you when Zion goes down upon her knees, hell will be trembling, and death will be overcome, and sickness will be conquered, and the Banner of the Cross raised, and the name of Jesus the Christ must be glorified.

#### God to be Glorified by Each one Obeying.

"Glorify Thy Son, that Thy Son may glorify Thee."

Zion, it is all right to be on the mountain top of Transfiguration; to be in the sunshine of prosperity; to receive twelve hundred dollars a month, and two or three hundred dollars a month, then you may shout as loud as you can, "Hallelujah for Zion;" but let me show you the way the Lord Jesus the Christ was glorified. He said, you will remember, "Take up your cross, and follow Me." Zion, every one of you, if you want to be glorified with the glory which Jesus the Christ had before the foundation of the world, you have to follow your Lord and Redeemer. There is no other way.

#### But One Way to God.

I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.

Jesus the Christ is the only Way. In order to be glorified with the Lord Jesus the Christ, we have to take our cross and follow Him.

That means, in the first place, a battle in the garden. We have to go through our Gethsemane, each one of us. We have to fight in the darkness, in the night of sorrow, and sometimes we feel like crying to the living God, "Oh God, if it is possible, remove this cup from me," but it is impossible.

#### The Spiritual Birth Required.

You remember what Jesus the Christ said to Nicodemus, in John 3:3-5: "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God." You cannot see the Kingdom of God without being born again, and you cannot enter the Kingdom; in other words, you cannot be glorified. It is impossible.

To enter the Kingdom of God means the crucifixion of the old man. Let us crucify him. I think I ought to take myself instead of you. The old man must be crucified, and we must be buried with the Lord Jesus the Christ into His death. Where do you find this passage? It is in the sixth chapter of Romans.

We must be buried with the Lord, and be raised up with Him in newness of life.

#### Victory Over All Things in the New Life.

Zion, here you will find the great victory. Unless the old man is crucified, unless we are all buried with Jesus the Christ, unless we are raised with Him, and walk in the newness of life, there is no use of talking about the salvation of Zion City. You can never save Zion City with a dead people, can you?

Voices: "No."

We must have the life of God in order to go forward and to conquer and to win the victory.

Jesus the Christ had to be glorified in the same way. He was crucified, and Oh, what a dreadful battle waited for Him. The darkness of sin, sickness, the grave and hell were around Him. It was terribly dark. He suffered and cried to His God. What did He say on the Cross, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me."

After a terrible conflict with the hosts of hell, He finally said, "It is finished." Then He was laid in the tomb.

As you see by the conversation of those two disciples who went to Emmaus, the hope of His followers was buried in the same tomb. They had no more hope. On the third day, you saw the glorious Easter morning break through the gloom and night of despair, and bring the glad and glorious sunlight of God's eternal love upon this world of sorrow, sadness, suffering, sickness and death. The glorious Easter morning revealed unto them the life-giving power of the risen Savior. Once more the angels came down and rolled away the tomb stone, and then Jesus the Christ was with His disciples, how long?

#### Christ Instructs His Disciples for Forty Days.

Voices: "Forty days."

And He spoke unto them about the Kingdom of Heaven, and He led them out to Bethany, and there, as He stood, He lifted up His hands, and blessed them.

Cannot you see the Lord Jesus the Christ looking down and blessing you? After He blessed His disciples, He ascended into heaven. That was the glorification of our Lord Jesus the Christ.

Oh, what a glory was revealed! When He ascended to heaven, all the angels came down and escorted Him to heaven, His home, and to the throne of His Kingdom.

#### Christ's Glory Shared with the Redeemed.

Christ wants you to be glorified with the same glory that He has.

As Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as Thou hast given Him.

You see, all those who are received have been given to the Lord by the Father who is in heaven. We belong to God the Father, the sinner as well as the child of God. We are all the offspring of God the Father.

When a sinner repents, there is joy with the angels in heaven, and the Father gives them to the Son who has shed His precious blood for all. Jesus the Christ, having power over all flesh, will give you power to become the sons of God. How glorious it is!

Think what it is to look over a congregation and say, "Here are sons and daughters of God assembled in the name of the Most High, in the name of the Lord Jesus the Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit before the Throne of God. They are praying for blessings to come down upon them, for the gift of the Holy Spirit, for the glorious victory which can be won under the Cross of Jesus the Christ; praying for the light to break through the darkness and the gloom of a sinful world which is writhing under the curse of the Devil, of the flesh, and of hell;

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"This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:

"That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Savior." (2 Peter 3:1,2.)

"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

"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 Cor. 15: 57, 58.)

The above words are the inspired words of God given to the children of the Kingdom through the Apostles Peter and Paul, and through His loving watch-care preserved and handed down to us as a part of the Bible.

The Apostle Peter recognized the proneness of humanity to forget the words and the blessings of God, and therefore he

wrote primarily that he might stir them up and cause them to recall the words which God had spoken by the holy Prophets, by the Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ, and through the Apostles.

The Apostle Paul refers primarily to the victory over death through Jesus the Christ, and uses that fact as a basis for the exhortation to steadfastness.

Realizing that humanity is the same today as it was when the Apostles Peter and Paul wrote, and receiving the instruction given by them, it is my desire, in these Editorial Notes, to stir up the minds of all the Officers, Members and Friends of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion by calling their attention to the fact that Monday next, February twenty-second, nineteen hundred and nine, will be the Thirteenth Anniversary of the organization of the Church, and to call upon one and all to render praise and thanksgiving unto God, who hath given so many victories over the world, the flesh and the Devil through faith in His dear Son, our Savior, Jesus the Christ.

The Christian Catholic Church in Zion was formally organized in Zion Tabernacle No. 2, in the City of Chicago, on February 22nd, 1896.

The most important events leading up to the organization of the Church were the appearance of John Alexander Dowie on the Pacific Coast, later at Western Springs, and still later in the City of Chicago; his scathing and uncompromising denunciations of sin of every kind in both low and high places; his faithful presentation of many lost and long neglected divine truths; and rejection of both the messenger and the message by the apostate churches.

God so wonderfully owned and blessed the ministry of John Alexander Dowie that in a comparatively short time hundreds were saved, healed, cleansed, and blessed, but when they returned to their Churches from his meetings, and attempted to testify to what God had done for them, their testimonies were rejected, and they were told either to keep still or get out.

From the foregoing, it will be clearly seen that the organization of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion was an absolute necessity, and that the step was in order in the working out of God's wonderful plans soon was made plain by numerous tokens of His love and manifestations of His power.

Approximately five hundred persons responded to the call and became charter members, and during the years of 1896-7-8-9 especially, the growth in membership was very rapid.

The word ZION, during those years, attracted world-wide attention, and provoked much earnest discussion. From multitudes came the question:

WHAT DOES THE WORD "ZION" MEAN?

The apostate preachers and teachers replied:

"O, NOTHING BUT AN OLD HILL BACK OF JERUSALEM."

John Alexander Dowie answered in tones that shook the world:

"ZION MEANS THE KINGDOM OF GOD."

Zion's messengers, in the name of the Most High God, commanded all men everywhere to repent.

The Name "Christian Catholic Church in Zion" soon appealed to hundreds and thousands as a very appropriate one, while others wailed and gnashed their teeth because he made use of the word "Catholic." He simply replied:

Christian means Christ-like,

Catholic means general or universal,

Church means called out—not out of the world, but out of the Kingdom.

And he laid special emphasis on the fact that it was *Christian Catholic*, and not *Roman Catholic* nor *Greek Catholic*.

The basis of fellowship from the beginning was as follows:

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.

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.

Fourth—That all other questions of every kind shall be held to be matters of opinion and not matters that are essential to Church unity.

There is, I am sure, in every Zion heart throughout the world, the divinely inspired conviction that the name was all right, and that the basis of fellowship was a good one.

Some wicked people, who came in not from principle, but simply for position and money, have tried to take advantage of No. 4, viz. "That all other questions of every kind shall be held to be matters of opinion and not matters that are essential to Church unity."

They have sought to seize upon this as a license for setting themselves up as teachers of all kinds of doctrines, but all Officers, Members and Friends of the Church know that John Alexander Dowie simply meant by this fourth condition that individuals would not be barred from membership simply because they did not see eye to eye with the leader of Zion on all questions, but never, under any circumstances, was any Officer or Member to be permitted to teach anything contrary to the position taken by Zion's leader.

The Apostle Paul, in writing to the Church at Corinth said: "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

It may be necessary, at some time in the future, to add a simple explanatory note to this fourth condition, otherwise it is doubtful if the basis of fellowship could in any way be improved upon.

Many of the charter members of the Church, and in fact a large number who came into the Church during the years 1896, 7-8-9 and 1900 have a great desire, in view of the fact that the word "Apostolic" was added to the title during the year 1904, to drop the word and return to the first name, simply "Christian Catholic Church in Zion."

This is a matter which will be taken up in due time, and prayerfully considered so that the mind of God in the matter may be ascertained.

In closing these Notes, let one and all give prayerful attention to the following announcement:

The Thirteenth Annual Convocation of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion will be held, God willing, beginning Lord's Day morning, July 11th, and will continue for ten days, the closing service being held on Wednesday night, July 21st, 1909.

Pray: "Thy Kingdom Come."

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness."

Remember that Zion's Message is the same old Message---  
THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM.

WATCH YE, THEREFORE, AND PRAY ALWAYS.

## Christ's Intercessory Prayer.

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praying that the Lord may soon send out the laborers into the harvest field." (Amen.)

### The Power of Prayer.

O Brethren, pray! Time is going; "eternity is drawing nigh." Dr. Dowie used to impress us so much. Eternity is drawing nigh. It is coming. The sands of time are falling. Soon we shall stand before the throne of our God. Therefore the hour of prayer, such as we have this afternoon, means more for time and eternity than you think.

By prayer you can move the mighty hand of God and shake the world, the flesh and the Devil. You can tread down lions and stand upon the adder, and by prayer overcome the enemy. By prayer "we are more than conquerors, through Him that loved us," and gave Himself for us.

Brethren, pray! It is so glorious to know that we are here in the name of the Lord Jesus the Christ, and can pray to Him who is the Resurrection and the Life.

### Appropriated Knowledge of God Through the Son is Eternal Life.

And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus the Christ, whom Thou hast sent."

Jesus the Christ came to reveal unto us the Father. When

Moses desired to see the glory of the Father, God said, "Thou canst not see My face." No mortal face can see the face of God and live, but He hid him in the secret cleft of the rock, and then He passed by, and as Moses looked upon the Lord as He was passing by or had passed by, He saw the goodness of God. This is just what the Lord Jesus the Christ has revealed unto us, only we are not in the cleft of the rock. We are now face to face with the revealed glory of our heavenly Father which Moses could not see. We are face to face with His grace and love, and with His wonderful salvation. Jesus the Christ came to reveal unto us that God is love. We, in Zion, have especial reasons to be thankful for the wonderful teachings which we have received through Dr. Dowie.

#### The Churches' Teaching on Healing Contrasted With God's Word.

While we were taught in the churches that sickness comes from God, and that God sends sickness to all those whom He loves, and that we were to submit patiently, and that we have to take from the loving hand of God all the sicknesses, horrible cancers, dreadful consumption, etc., and when we are sick we are to call in doctors and take their drugs and poisons to get well again, Dr. Dowie taught us, according to the Word of God, that there is no sin in God, but that sin is of the Devil.

Dr. Dowie used to tell us this: "Let us go to the City of our God, and enquire of the angels of light, 'Is there sin in this City?' They would say, 'No.' 'Is there sickness here?' They would say, 'No, there is no sickness here.' Therefore God cannot sin; He cannot send what He has not. Sickness is the work of the Devil."

#### Zion Accepts Jesus as the Healer Sent of God.

Jesus has revealed unto us in Zion, through Dr. Dowie, the truth that God is indeed love, and that Jesus the Christ came down from heaven to destroy the work of the Devil. Where do you find that statement?

Voices: In I John 3:8.

Where do you find the passage that Jesus was anointed to heal?

Voices: Acts 10:38.

Let us repeat those words together-

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.

Do you not see what a wonderful revelation of the name of God we have? The Lord Jesus the Christ says here in this seventeenth chapter of John's Gospel:

And this is life eternal; that they might know Thee the only true God; and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent.

#### Who Cannot See God.

The world has no conception of God. What can those people who are day and night in the saloons squandering their money, their time, and ruining their spirits, souls and bodies in the service of the Devil, know about God? Think of those people who go to the theatres, looking at those obscene terrible things which cannot be described! Those people rejoice in the lusts of the flesh and of the eyes and of the world. Can they know God! Can those people, who smoke and chew tobacco, and eat swine's flesh, who give their bodies to the service of the Devil, know God? It is simply impossible. It is those who have come to Christ, whom the Father has given to the Christ, those who have been led by the Spirit into all truth, who will see God in the glorious revelation of His wonderful love. They will know that they can come to God and worship Him in spirit and in truth. We can come to our heavenly Father in Zion and do exactly what the Lord says in Matthew 7:7—

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall find, knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

Here we have the wonderful promises of our Lord Jesus the Christ, and we can come to the Throne of Grace and ask our heavenly Father, in case of sickness, to give unto us His Spirit, the spirit of prayer and faith and trust, and ask Him for the victory which He has promised to each and every one.

#### An Example of a Father's Love and Willingness to Forgive.

In Luke 15 you will find the parable of the Prodigal Son, who came home and sought the house of his father, and the gracious and merciful face of the living God.

You remember when you and I came home to our heavenly Father, how He was standing before the door? He was standing ready, waiting for His people to come and receive Him as their Savior, Healer Keeper and Shepherd, and as their Guide to eternal life.

God has been waiting a long time for us to draw nigh to Him and say, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before Thee, and am not worthy to be called Thy son." The Lord then puts His arms of love around us and we can feel the warm glow of God's eternal love flowing into our spirit, soul and body; and many a time I have heard the people say, "When the Elder prayed for me, it was just as though a warm glow went through my spirit, soul and body, and I was healed."

What is that? It is the love of God. It is the love of Jesus. It is the love of the Holy Spirit. It is the life-giving power which flows through you, and casts out and destroys the power of the Devil, and disease, and death, and gives the grace to stand in the name of the Most High God upon His promises and His everlasting truth.

#### Truth a Sure Protection.

The Psalmist, in the 91st Psalm, says "His truth shall be thy shield and buckler." When you have this shield to ward off the fiery darts of the Devil, and this buckler, let the enemy come on, let the lion roar and assail us; they will not hurt us, for God will protect us and give us the victory as sure as there is a living God.

My brothers and Sisters, the Bible is true. There is the eternal truth we stand upon. It is just like a rock.

#### The Word of God Giveth Light.

"The Word of God is a light unto our feet." It is the light which shows unto the way of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living. We can walk in that light "as He is in the light," and then we shall have fellowship one with the other, and the blood of Jesus the Christ, the Son of God, will cleanse us from all sin. Glory to God!

There is so much in this seventh chapter of John that if I wanted to finish it today, I would have to preach as long as Paul preached. I wonder how many of you would sit up all night. It is a joy to preach to people. In the Gospel there is the power of God, and it is present, and God will reveal it to each and every one. So we have the revelation of God's eternal truth.

#### What is Eternal Life?

I will show you. In the fourth chapter of the Gospel by St. Matthew, you will find, in the 23rd verse, the following words:

And Jesus went about Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

In the eighth chapter of Matthew we have the story of Christ cleansing the leper; healing the centurion's servant and Peter's wife's mother; and in the ninth chapter of the same Gospel we have the curing of the one sick of the palsy, and the calling of Matthew. We also have, in this ninth chapter, the resurrection of Jairus' daughter, and the story of the woman who had the issue of blood, being healed. As she made her way to the Savior, she said, "If I can but touch the hem of

His garment, I shall be made whole." Then we have the story of the healing of the blind man.

As you follow the Lord Jesus the Christ, and see Him preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, and healing the sick and raising the dead, and observe His perfect obedience and His holy life, do you not think, that by getting acquainted with the Master, and following Him, you will be more and more like Jesus the Christ?

In the first place, when you follow the Lord, you will be convinced that this Man must be the Prophet of God; He must be the Son of God otherwise He could never heal those people and raise the dead. You will be struck by the mighty power which will flow out of the Word of God which He preached. You will see the glorious power which Jesus the Christ revealed in healing the sick. You will see how the Lord Jesus the Christ came to set the captives free, as prophesied of Him in the 61st chapter of Isaiah, and in the fourth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke.

You will see Jesus the Christ coming to set the captives free and opening the prison doors, and giving grace to them to walk in the newness of life. He came to preach the Gospel to the poor. He came to heal the broken-hearted.

When you walk with the Lord Jesus the Christ, you will see that His power will give unto you the grace to become more and more like Him every day. As the Devil is cast out of you, and your sin is forgiven, and you are cleansed in the blood of the Lamb, and as the peace of God comes down, and the calmness of heaven fills your heart with divine hope, you will find the more you become like Christ, the more you will be filled with eternal life.

"This is life eternal" *to know God.*

In order to know God, you have to read your Bibles. Nobody can know God without reading his Bible. We can come to these meetings day after day, and kneel down, or roll around like the Parham people in the dust, and howl like those priests of Baal day and night for the gift of the Holy Ghost (When we do that we simply open the door for the Devil to come in) but we can find no God. You must study your Bibles. Nobody knows God without studying the Word. By studying the Bible you will become more and more Christlike, and walk in the light. Then the glorious promises will be fulfilled which Christ gave before He ascended into heaven when He said, "I will not leave you comfortless. I will pray the Father, and He shall send you another Comforter, the Holy Spirit who will abide with you forever."

So you see eternal life is wonderful. Eternal life is the gift of God. How glorious it is to think that after we pass out of this life, we will be raised again in the glorious resurrection when Jesus the Christ shall call His own. We shall see the Christ in His glory. We shall see death disarmed, hell conquered, sin overthrown. You will have eternal life in you like a well of living water.

#### Witness to Salvation and Eternal Life.

I felt this when I came into Zion. I heard the people tell of the wonderful healings and blessings in Zion. They used to talk of the wonderful salvation of the drunkards, of people delivered from tobacco, swine's flesh, and unclean lives, and how they consecrated themselves to God. They were glorifying God. Unless we get to the place where men and women meeting in the Tabernacle here, talk more of God and His works, in other words, glorify God, we shall not have the power of God manifested as in those days, because you cannot glorify God in gossiping. If it had not been for those people telling one another what God had done for them, I would not be in Zion. It meant my salvation, and the healing of my wife and son. It meant wonderful blessings which we have in Zion. I heard a woman

tell of how she was healed of sixteen (I think it was) cancers on her left breast. A man who had been paralyzed talked with me, and many others talked with me when I first went to the Zion meetings, all telling of their deliverances. I did not hear a word of gossip.

I said to my wife, "Mamma, here is a people who are very much alive. They have something I have not got. They have a power of which I do not know. Those people can pray, and I cannot. It is wonderful. Let us investigate it." I went to the Home and subscribed for Leaves of Healing. I said, "I want to know more about this wonderful thing. I never heard anything like it in my life." I took my Bible and compared the Leaves of Healing with it. I said to my wife, "That is true."

#### Be Filled with the Spirit and Joyful in the Lord.

We must get to the place where every one of us will be filled with the Holy Spirit in such a measure that it is a joy and a glory to talk about the Word of God. We can talk about something else outside. Paul said that they were to pray for him that God would give him power to proclaim the Word of God with all boldness and power. A praying congregation makes a good preacher. If I could look into your hearts, what would I see? There is one thing sure, your thoughts would not all be here. Some people wonder if they locked the door at home. Then some say to themselves, "I did not make the bed. I did not sweep the floor," etc., etc. So they expect to be able to tell what the preacher says with their thoughts somewhere else. Many of you people are guilty. Get your thoughts on God. Never come to a meeting without first kneeling down and praying for one minute that God will go with you and bless you and give you the Holy Spirit. I would never think of going to a meeting without praying. I pray every time that God will bless me and bless the speaker. I pray, "O God, grant that I may uphold the speaker's arms by prayer. Help me, Father, to be a blessing, and let the Holy Spirit come with mighty power so that the house may be filled with Thy glory, and that God may bless, and the people be edified." You come with that prayer.

I know when the General Overseer steps before the people, and then lifts his hands and says, "God be merciful unto us and bless us" etc., that the waves of blessing will come down. You will feel the presence of the living God. The mighty power of truth will fill the hearts of the people with divine faith and hope, and the people will look up to the hills and say, "I know from whence my help cometh. My help cometh from the Lord who has made heaven and earth."

If you Zion people come in such a spirit—in the spirit of prayer and consecration, in a spirit of faith and hope, God will bless and then we will have more healings again. God will heal the lame, and make this sister get up out of her chair and walk. God will fill every heart with divine faith, and we shall be able to reach forth and touch the hem of His garment. We can look to the Throne of God and implore His blessings. God will bless and fill every heart with divine faith so that we can pray the prayer of faith believing that what we ask for we shall receive.

#### Never Let Doubt or Fear Enter the Heart.

When a man gets down in bed sick, some people say, "I wonder if he will get his healing or not?" We have to persevere and keep on praying. How Dr. Dowie prayed for some people! He kept on praying for them until they got the victory. He taught the people to do the same thing. Keep on praying, and if you do not get the blessing today, do not be discouraged; keep on believing and God will fill you with divine power. Believe that He will fill you with divine life, and that He will give you the victory.

When my wife was sick in Switzerland, I kept on praying

for ninety days and nights. I said, "There is a living God in heaven, and we are in His hands." Keep on praying. Do not be discouraged, although there are clouds in your view, although there are mountains to be removed, and although you have a pathless way to travel over, and there is a Red Sea to cross, God will be unto you a shining light and a wall of salvation.

**Zion is God's Movement for the Age.**

Zion is a glorious Movement, a Movement which God has founded. It is the wonderful Movement of the Kingdom of God. It does not matter what the people say. God's power is just the same today. Zion has been founded in these latter days not only to reveal the truth to the people, but to take the Cross of the Christ and go forward into the ranks of the enemy, and into the night of darkness and gloom and despair of suffering humanity, to proclaim that the Lord Jesus the Christ has come to set the captives free.

**Zion to Wear the Whole Armor of God.**

Zion must keep on her armor, as given in the sixth chapter of Ephesians.

How Dr. Dowie faced and fought these enemies! There was no fear in his heart so long as he was faithful to his mission. Every enemy went down before him. God filled him with divine courage, divine faith and divine power. No weapon formed against Zion can prosper.

So God will fill you with divine courage, faith and power. We have to put on the armor and go forward in the name of the Lord Jesus the Christ. We have to fight enemies. We have to go out and proclaim to a sin-cursed world, to dying humanity, to the sick, and those who are far away from God, that there is a God in heaven who is Love, and who sent His only begotten Son "that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life;" a God who will fill every child of His with divine truth and faith; a God who will give unto you the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and who will teach you how to pray; a God who will make holy men and women out of you, and shining lights in the darkness of this world; a God who will sustain you in every battle, and who will be with you and help you to overthrow the enemy, and who will give you the victory. O for such a faith!

**Be Faithful Unto Death and Receive the Crown of Life.**

Cling to Him who stands before you in the name of the Most High God. I admonish you, cling to Jesus the Christ, and He will lift you up with a mighty arm and show you the wonderful salvation which He has brought down from the Throne of God.

We are standing in the presence of the great High Priest who sanctified Himself and gave Himself for us that we might live. He will give Zion the wonderful victory for which we are praying.

The 60th chapter of Isaiah is also a wonderful chapter. You remember how often Dr. Dowie used to read it. It speaks of Zion's glory in the last days, and how her sons should come from far and near, and all the treasure should be brought into Zion, and the nations should come to Mount Zion to worship.

The time will come, as you find in the book of Zechariah, fourth chapter, when the Lord Jesus the Christ shall come down as He ascended to heaven, and stand upon Mount Olivet. We are looking forward to Him who has promised unto us that we should finally conquer in His name.

May God grant that we may be better men and women. Elder John Taylor pronounced the

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## The Gospel of the Kingdom

### DIVINE HEALING

An Address Delivered in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois,  
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By General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva

REPORTED BY T. FROST

#### Invocation:

God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause His face to shine upon us; that Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations. For the sake of Jesus. Amen.

The opening exercises consisted of the Processional; Hymn No. 156, "I am Thine, O Lord;" Scripture Lesson, James 5:13-20; Selection by the Junior White Robed Choir, "I'll be a Sunbeam for Jesus;" General Supplication by Elder John Taylor; Hymn No. 181, "I need Thee, Every Hour;" Announcements; Selection by the Junior and Senior White Robed Choirs (sung antiphonally) "Art thou weary, Art thou languid?" and then three stanzas of Hymn No. 223, "Nearer, My God, to Thee."

The General Overseer then spoke as follows:

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, by Thy strength and my redeemer.

Let me read to you again the simple Scripture lesson in the fifth chapter of James, beginning with the thirteenth verse:

Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.

Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him (or as the Revised version translates

it "having anointed him" that is, the anointing is first in order) in the name of the Lord:

And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. (James 5:13-16)

In the time at my disposal, I want to present to you in a clear and concise manner, the subject of Divine Healing as set forth in the Word of God.

#### All Have Broken God's Law—Are Sinners.

The very first lesson that must be learned by all mankind is a very simple one, and yet, for many people, a very difficult one. It is simply this, that "all men have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

The briefest and best definition of sin is the one given in the Bible, viz., "Sin is the transgression of the law."

There is little use to talk to men and women about anything else in connection with the Plan of Redemption until they have learned the lesson that *all are sinners*. One of the most horrible things in this world is self-righteousness.

This afternoon, if there are people here who fancy that they are perfect, then nothing that I say, relative to sin, will they take as having any application to them. It is a singular thing how many people, when they hear a sermon, say to themselves, "Well, it did not have any reference to me."

But I wish, first of all, in a simple, direct and emphatic manner, to impress upon your minds that the first of all fundamental lesson that must be learned, is that *all men are sinners*, until they have found forgiveness from God their Father in the name of the Lord Jesus the Christ.

#### Sin the Cause of Sickness and Disease.

As we are dealing particularly with sickness and disease,

some stranger within the walls of this building may wonder what sin has to do with the subject of affliction and disease. Well, it has everything to do with it, for the simple reason that sin is the cause of all disease and of every affliction. How few people there are who know this! The rank and file of church members have never learned the lesson. The world, of course, has never given it any consideration. The first thought of the world and, I am sorry to say, of the majority of church members, when they are sick, is not of Christ, but of some doctor, so that today the atonement which Jesus made is trampled underneath their feet and counted as a worthless thing.

#### **Zion's Mission to Point Out Dangers.**

My brothers and Sisters, it is an important part of Zion's mission to say again, and to continue to say until all the world learns it, that all the sickness in this world, and all the disease in this world, are attributable to transgressions of God's Laws.

As I preach the beautiful truth of Divine Healing, my heart goes out in loving sympathy to all the sick and all the afflicted; but there is something better. As I think of Divine Healing, I see the great company of little children born, and yet unborn; the great company of youths and maidens, all of whom, if they will only learn the truth of Divine Healing, will know how to claim God's keeping power, and they need never be sick.

You people here today, who are sick and afflicted, had you only known God's truth in your childhood days, today you would be sitting here strong and well.

#### **Lack of Knowledge Kills.**

People are perishing through ignorance. It is only by knowing God's Word that we can have life, health, vigor and strength.

So I want to impress upon your minds today, Zion and visitors, that the whole world must be taught that their afflictions, and their diseases are the result of sin—the sins of themselves or the sins of their parents, or the sins of somebody. It does not make any difference whether it is consumption, or cancer or some other horrible disease, there is sin at the basis of all disease and affliction.

#### **God not the Author of Sickness and Disease.**

The people are perishing through lack of knowledge. They have been told by false teachers that God has afflicted them. If I were to ask, this afternoon, all who were taught in their churches that affliction and disease came from God, to stand, probably you would all stand up.

So long as men and women believe that their troubles are from God, why should they want to get rid of them? Why should men and women want to get rid of something God has given them or put upon them? It is the height of absurdity.

A word to every one who is here seeking healing from God: No matter what your trouble is, whether it is small or great, you for ever get away from that false teaching that God the Almighty, who loves us better than our earthly parents, ever gave to you any affliction or any disease.

#### **The Remedy for Our Ills and Troubles.**

The next thought is this: What is the remedy?

I have read to you a portion of Scripture. It is so simple that a little child could understand it. Yet, my beloved hearers, while it is the Word of God, it is shamefully neglected, and, for the most part, you would not know that it was there in the Bible if you simply listened to the average preacher and attended the average church.

John Wesley, one of the mightiest of all the servants of God, said that the whole course of treatment in the early Church was described in the lesson that I read.

When a man is sick, the Word of God tells us to do a specific thing. See how simple a thing it is: "Is any sick among you? let him call for"—whom?

Voices: "The Elders."

Where, in the Word of God, does it tell you to call for anybody else? From Genesis to Revelation I do not remember a single passage authorizing one to call for anybody else. If there is any good brother or sister here who knows and he can tell me where, from Genesis to Revelation, God ever told His people to call for anyone else but the Elders, then I would like to know the chapter and the verse. The fact of the matter is, I am not afraid to make an offer of \$500.00 reward for one passage of Scripture in favor of doctors, surgeons and drugs.

Surely, if Zion is wrong, all of the great army of theologians ought to be able to point out the book, the chapter and the verse, and show where we are in error.

#### **God the Healer and Keeper.**

As we study the Old Testament, we find how God dealt with His own Chosen people. He told them that if they would obey His voice, walk in His statutes and keep His commandments, they would never be sick.

It is said that at one time, in all of the great company of Israelites, there was not a sick one, nor a weak one.

God said, "I am the Lord that healeth thee."

#### **The Story of Asa's Infidelity.**

There is a very interesting story of what happens to people who turn to doctors. There was a man by the name of Asa. He had a disease in his feet. You may think that is not a serious matter. I have heard it said that in time of war, to be shot through the heel is one of the most serious kinds of wounds that can be inflicted upon a man's body.

Dr. Sayers: "That is right."

Asa was a king. He was diseased in his feet, the Bible says. "Yet in his disease he sought not unto God but unto," whom?

Voices: "Physicians."

"And Asa died and slept with his fathers."

There is the simple story of Asa. When he was sick, he did not go to God. He went to the physicians of his time and he died.

#### **Ahaziah's Call Upon the God of Ekron.**

There is another very striking case where a man fell down through the lattice work. What was his name?

Voice: "Ahaziah."

He sent messengers to enquire of whom?

Voice: "Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron."

The Angel of the Lord told Elijah to ask the messenger: "Is it not because there is not a God in Israel that ye go to inquire of Baal-Zebub the god of Ekron?" and because of his folly he died.

#### **Patrons of Physicians Ignore God's Plan.**

So I say today, why is it that professed followers of Jesus the Christ are all the time sending for doctors, surgeons, remedies, drugs, etc.? Is it because there is no God in the churches? It seems to me that it is the same old question.

Some people laugh when you talk of trusting God for healing. Brothers and sisters, it is a very serious matter. Is it not true that God provided Divine Healing in the sacrifice of His Son?

Voices: "Yes."

"Surely He hath"—what?

Voices: "Borne our sicknesses, and carried our sorrows."

Where?

Voices: "Upon the Cross."

He sacrificed Himself that we might have the forgiveness of

our sins and healing of our diseases, and cleansing from all iniquity and all uncleanness.

Brothers and sisters, if, according to the plain Word of God, a remedy has been provided for disease; and you ignore that remedy and trample it underneath your feet, have you not committed a great sin in the sight of God?

Voices: "Certainly." "Yes."

#### Our Bodies Temples of the Holy Spirit.

It will be well to note here the relation our bodies sustain to God. Our bodies, cleansed by the blood of Christ, are the temples of God, and of the Holy Spirit. Then what must God think of His professed children who take their bodies—the temples of the Holy Spirit—and fill them up with arsenic, strychnine, laudanum and other kinds of poison? What must God think of taking the temple of the Holy Spirit and cutting it to pieces and carving it with the greatest irreverence and disrespect? That watch was made by someone, and the most likely man on earth who would be able to put this watch in order would be the man that made it. Who made this body?

Voices: "God."

When it is out of order, who can put it right?

Voices: "God."

God, and nobody else. This whole question has to be faced. In preparing the Church "without spot or wrinkle," this idolatry must be given up. (Amen.) The worship of men must die. The worship of drugs must die. Men and women must turn to the one true and living God and turn away from trusting in the arm of flesh.

Jeremiah says, "Cursed be the man who trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm."

God is displeased with all idolatry.

#### Test of Fidelity to God's Way of Healing.

Here is the test: Shall we trust God for healing, or shall we go to men? Let us face the situation.

When a person dies without the attendance of a doctor, you will see an article in the papers that Mr. So and So "died without medical attendance." In the same town, you have a number of people, young and old, dying, all of whom had the best doctors they could get, and there is not a word said. I want you to think of that. Why is there such a howl in the newspapers when somebody dies "without a doctor being in attendance," when *ten thousand die with doctors in attendance* and here is nothing said?

O yes; there is something said. Beautiful resolutions are drafted, a nice obituary notice is written up, a lovely funeral service is conducted and a tomb-stone erected. All kinds of falsehoods are told.

The reason why such a howl is made is because Divine healing belongs to God; these other things belong to the Devil, and it is the Devil's business to make a howl, and he makes a howl about Divine Healing.

#### Records of Healings in New Testament.

Let us look at the New Testament.

We read the four Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, and follow the ministry of Christ. We find twenty-six cases of healing recorded in detail. We find the Savior, first of all, healing the leper.

The next case is the Centurion's servant who had palsy (paralysis) grievously tormented. Then, in the ninth chapter of Matthew, we have another case of palsy. We have one case of dropsy; a number of cases of blindness; some of deafness and three resurrected from the dead.

Then we follow the ministry of the Apostles, in the Book of Acts. There we have one case of resurrection from the dead,

perhaps two. Aeneas was raised from a bed where he had been for eight long years.

#### Zion Accepts God's Plan.

Zion says "We believe in the Word of God."

One man says that he does not believe in the Word of God, and lives a fairly good life. Another man says he does believe the Word of God, and he lives a bad life. The consistent thing to do is either to live the Word of God or to renounce it and denounce it and put it aside. You have a right to say that to every one who calls himself a Christian.

Facing squarely the Word of God, what are we going to do? "Is any sick among you, let him call for" whom?

Voices: "The Elders of the Church."

When the Elders come, the first thing they are to do is what?

Voices: "Anoint with oil."

Oil is the symbol of the Holy Spirit. After they have anointed with oil, they are to do what?

Voices: "Pray."

What kind of prayer saves the sick?

Voices: "The prayer of faith."

Does it say, "The prayer of doubt?"

No; "The prayer of faith" does what?

Voices: "Saves the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up."

"And if he have committed sins, they shall be"—

Voices: "Forgiven him."

What is the next thing? "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be" what?

Voices: "Healed"

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

Could words be more simple? This afternoon, in this congregation, there are those who are sick and afflicted. You have been prayed with a number of times. You have received blessings, but you have not received as yet a complete deliverance. I want to point out to you, my brothers and sisters, that the essential thing is to be like little children. If you will only get to the place where you can exercise the simple, childlike faith, and take God at His Word like a child takes the words of a mother or a father, you will receive the blessing and receive it very quickly.

#### Healing is for Us Just as Much as Salvation.

A lot of people say they have salvation, but they have not. Some people are healed; some are not. Now, there are reasons. I know the difficulty with many people is that they do not remain steadfast. The moment doubt enters in, trust goes. The moment fear comes, then there is trouble. At the very time when you need to trust the most, and have the greatest love of God in your heart, is the time when you are going to have the victory. As I said to a sick person this week, "Lie still. Be quiet. Preserve your strength. The way to fight a battle is to be calm. Pray to God to smite this disease and kill it. Do not be excited. Remember what Jesus said, 'When you pray, believe you have that for which you ask.'" "Ask, and ye shall have," what?

Voices: "That for which you ask and pray."

God's Word is true. "If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you can say unto this mountain, Be thou removed; whatsoever you say shall come to pass if you do not doubt," where?

Voices: "In your heart."

#### Don't Try to Do God's Work.

My brothers and sisters, we are trying to do a lot of things which, if you would just quit and go to God in prayer, how

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 THE CLEANSING!!!**

Of humanity—the establishment of the Kingdom of God—is the glorious work in which all of God's children should be engaged.

It has been the trick of the Devil, lo, these many centuries, to get God's people to spend their time in putting out false, foolish and utterly absurd interpretations of different prophecies, and to indulge in splitting hairs over matters of little or no importance, instead of proclaiming and living faithfully the Gospel of the Kingdom.

The secret of the marvelous success given to Zion during the years of 1895-6-7-8 and 9 was simply that in Zion the Gospel was preached as nowhere else in the world. Sinners were pricked to the heart and brought to repentance. The sick were led to give up all trust in doctors, drugs and surgeons, and to turn to Christ, the Great Physician.

Scores of times did John Alexander Dowie, in talking to the Officers, warn them against spending their time foolishly, and with great emphasis did he say:

**"YOUR WORK IS TO GET THE PEOPLE SAVED, HEALED, CLEANSED AND BLESSED."**

Just think of the precious time wasted—as an illustration, the hours, days, weeks, and, in the aggregate, months spent by preachers preaching and writing books trying to show that when people are dead, they are dead, viz., to establish the abominable doctrine of Soul-Sleeping, or the unconscious state of the dead!

Think of scores and hundreds spending their time trying to convince people that they ought to keep Saturday instead of Sunday!

Think of the scores and hundreds spending their time trying to establish the doctrine of Annihilation!

Let Zion everywhere spend the time in preaching Repentance, Confession, Restitution, Faith, Obedience, and Holy Living—get the sinners saved; get the sick healed; get the polluted cleansed, and get all to live holy lives for God.

The whole world is Zion's today, if she will only go forward in the name of the Most High God to possess it.

Zion's ministers, under God, are absolutely free to proclaim the whole Gospel, and to denounce every sin in the catalog.

John the Baptist came preaching, "and saying, Repent ye: for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." Let Zion's workers follow his example, and cry unto all men everywhere:

**"REPENT YE, FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND."**

Jesus the Christ "began to preach, and to say Repent: for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

Let Zion's workers everywhere take note and follow the blessed Saviour of mankind, preaching and saying unto all men,

**"REPENT: FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND."**

"Jesus, when He sent out the twelve Apostles, commanded them saying, "And as ye go, preach, saying, The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

Let all Zion's workers heed the command, and cry unto all the people:

**"THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND."**

The Kingdom of Great Britain,  
 The Empire of Germany,  
 The Despotism of Russia,  
 The Republic of the United States,

Are all topics of absorbing interest to thinking men and women throughout the world; but of far greater importance than all of them put together is the KINGDOM OF God, which simply means THE RULE OF GOD in the affairs of men.

Paul said to Timothy:

"Preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears."

Let all Zion's workers heed the exhortation of Paul, and bear in mind that the time concerning which he spoke is upon us in its fullness.

Outside of Zion, the members of the apostate churches will not endure sound doctrine, and the majority of them simply want preachers who are "ear-ticklers," and they are willing to pay them so much per tickle.

How many preachers are there, outside of Zion, who would dare to denounce dancing?

How many preachers are there, outside of Zion, who would dare to denounce card-playing?

How many preachers are there, outside of Zion, who would dare to denounce Freemasonry, an Antichristian and Unchristian abomination?

How many preachers are there, outside of Zion, who would dare to denounce tobacco?

How many preachers are there, outside of Zion, who would dare to denounce sins of any kind?

The position of the ministers of the apostate churches is well illustrated by the following:

A certain man went to a town to preach in a certain church. He was a stranger to the members of the church, and no sooner had he taken his seat, awaiting the time to arrive to begin the service, than he was approached by an individual who introduced himself as an officer of the church, and who said, "I just wanted to warn you against saying anything in regard to the liquor traffic, because while we are opposed to it in a way, yet there are a number of contributors to the finances of the church who are in different ways connected with the traffic, and we do not want them offended."

As quickly, as this officer had vanished and gone his way, another officer approached the visiting parson, introduced himself, and stated that he did not want him to say anything against tobacco, for if he did he would offend some of the leading members of the Church who were engaged in the tobacco business.

No sooner had this second officer gone his way, than a third official approached the poor preacher, who, by this time, was beginning to scratch his head, and said to him, "I do not want you to say anything against theatre-going, dancing, or card-playing, for there are some members of the choir and some

members of the congregation who indulge in these things, and do not believe there is any harm in them."

By this time, the visiting preacher's head was beginning to ache, and then a fourth official approached him, and said, "Please do not say anything about the Roman Catholics, for we are on very good terms with them, and we do not want them offended. Then the poor preacher, in utter despair, looked up and said, "Well, my friend, I have been warned against the liquor traffic, against tobacco, theatres, dancing, card-playing, and against the Roman Catholics, what on earth shall I preach about? Whereupon the last visiting official said, "Give it to the Jews. There is not one within five hundred miles of the church."

Thank God for Zion!

Some people writhe and twist in their chairs when they hear scores of men and women rise one after another in a Zion Praise, Prayer and Testimony Meeting and say, "I thank God for Zion."

It was indeed wonderful to hear, last Lord's Day morning, in Shiloh Tabernacle, one after another speak as follows:

"I came into Zion thirteen years ago. I went into Zion Tabernacle an awful sinner, a user of tobacco and a drunkard, and an infidel, and as I sat and listened to John Alexander Dowie, I was deeply convicted of my sins, and led to cry out to God for mercy."

Others said: "I was taken to Zion Tabernacle dying from disease. I listened to John Alexander Dowie, repented of my sins, and accepted Jesus Christ as my Physician. He prayed for me and I was healed."

The good old days of Zion are returning.  
 The services in Zion City are well attended.  
 There is a deep interest, and thank God, a wonderful simplicity characterizes Zion's work.  
 The spirit of unity that prevails is beautiful.

God is blessing the people, and fulfilling His Word unto all who put their trust in Him.

Zion Stores, under the general management of Deacon W. Hurd Clendinen, reports sales for ten and one-half months of \$168 618.62. with a total net gain of \$7,447.69.

The report for the Ecclesiastical Department, February 24, 1909, shows \$8,921.30.

As the General Overseer, I thank, with all my heart, all of the loyal, faithful, steadfast men, women, youths, maidens and little children who have made these magnificent results possible.

I feel that I can never praise God enough for what He has done.

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The day is not far off when every one who has remained steadfast and faithful will rejoice with joy unspeakable, and praise God that they never wavered nor stepped aside for a moment.

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On last Lord's Day morning, one brother rose and said, "I have been in Zion twelve years, and I have never attended any meeting outside of the Zion meetings."

A remarkable testimony! and I would to God all the members could say as much, This man was brought up a Roman Catholic, and, as I have often said, The Roman Catholics who came into the Christian Catholic Church have made some of the best members.

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The Overseers who drew from \$250.00 up to \$400.00 a month have all gone—Excell, Brasefeld, Speicher, Piper, Cantel, Bryant, Mason, Hodler,—and thank God they are gone.

Whenever they truly repent, and reapply for admission into the Church, they will be received on six months' probation, and if, at the end of that time, they have proven themselves, they will be received and given a back seat, and then, after another period, if they prove themselves humble enough, they may be ordained Deacons, and sent out to different places with just enough money to pay their expenses to their various fields of labor, and they will be given a chance to root for themselves, and show that God has called them to the ministry, and equipped them by the Holy Ghost for service.

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All of the old Elders, that is, all who were Elders on April 1, 1906, have gone, except Tindall, Richert, Royall, Viking and Kosch; Tindall having been one of the first company to be ordained.

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Thank God they are gone! When they truly repent, and bring forth fruits meet for repentance, they will be shown proper consideration.

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In the future, the work will be done principally by Seventies. A faithful man and his wife will be selected and sent to a City to visit every house, to scatter literature and talk to the sinful and pray with the sick.

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Out of the large membership, some of whom came in for principle's sake, and others for twelve per cent. interest and dividends and fat jobs, there stands today a little company true and tried, ready to go forward and be faithful, God helping them, even unto death.

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May God, the Almighty, give these ex-Overseers, Elders, Deacons, Deaconesses and Members no rest day nor night, but show them that they have been traitors and cowards, professing to stand with Zion, when there was great prosperity, and forsaking her as soon as trouble came.

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Some people are sorry that they are gone, but I am not. After they have had a few years of experience outside Zion, they will be only too glad to return and beg for admission.

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These Overseers and Elders are some of the fellows who did not believe in the one One-man-rule—but God only knows where Zion would have been today had her affairs been in the hands of twelve of these Overseers and Elders of equal authority and power.

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God's hand can plainly be seen in Zion's affairs, and everything will come out all right. I have never hesitated one moment to say that none of those who paid their money into Zion for the extension of the Kingdom of God, will ever lose a dollar. If they are faithful, true and steadfast, and have acted from the right motive, and with the true purpose, God will never forsake them, but will overrule all that has taken place, and make it work out for their good, and for His honor and glory.

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John Alexander Dowie was a mighty leader in Israel, and in some respects, his equal has not been seen among men, but he was only human, a man of like passions with ourselves, and it is our business to hold on to all the gold in his ministry, and to go forward to establish the Kingdom of God, and destroy the Kingdom of the Devil.

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Be faithful in studying God's Word.

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Be faithful in daily private prayer.

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Be faithful in paying your tithes to a cent.

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Be faithful in giving your offerings as God has prospered you.

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Be faithful in living what you profess.

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You have no time to spend attending meetings of the apostate churches. Better a thousand times go out and find some poor sick, suffering one, and read to him a sermon from the Leaves of Healing, and show him Jesus as his Savior, Healer, Cleanser and Keeper.

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The Thirteenth Annual Convocation will begin, God willing, on Lord's Day morning, July 11th, and continue until Wednesday night, July 21st.

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My brothers and sisters, faithfulness in the performance of every duty will bring a rich reward.

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WATCH YE, THEREFORE, AND PRAY ALWAYS.

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## Divine Healing.

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quickly they would come to pass! The older I get the more I think, as I look back over my ministry, that one of the greatest mistakes has been, trying to do things myself that I should have asked of God, and asked in prayer and in faith, believing, with no fear and no doubt; and God would have answered. We have enough to bear without bearing the burdens that ought to be placed upon Jesus the Christ.

So, my brothers and sisters, as my heart goes out in loving sympathy to humanity today, I see before me all of the sin-smitten. What a wonderful army it is! I thank my God for every good man and woman, wherever they are to be found. I thank God for every one who has his face set "toward the mark of the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus."

### The Great and Sad Company.

What a terrible scene! What an awful company it is, the great multitude of sin-stricken, the great masses of people, who have no thought of God! On this beautiful day, while a few, comparatively, have found their way to places of worship, the great surging throngs of people have gone to pleasure resorts, to the baseball grounds, and they have no thought of God this day. They have put Him entirely aside. What an awful scene it is! May God, this afternoon, by the Holy Spirit's power, cause to pass before our vision the awful scene presented by the sins of humanity in low and in high places.

If you will think of it today, there will come to you, in a measure, the same feeling that came to Christ in glory, and you will pray, "Father, here am I, send me. What can I do to help some poor sinner to God?" God forbid that you should be bothering about what you shall do to get wealthy, to get a position, honor, and the plaudits of men. All those things are as a bubble. They soon go. One sinner saved through the blood of the Lamb will be a bright and shining star in your crown in the Day of Judgment.

This afternoon, the one great burning desire of my heart is to be used of God in saying something that will set you people on fire to be used of God in proclaiming the Everlasting Gospel to earth's perishing millions. They are all around us. You will find them everywhere. You will find them in Zion City, Waukegan, Kenosha, Chicago, hundreds and thousands of them, almost at our every door. May God help this people not to lose the greatest of all opportunities ever given to mankind, the opportunity of telling the old old story of Jesus' dying love for perishing humanity.

When you think of all the disease-smitten! Ah, my brothers and sisters, look at the great multitudes of little children today, some with distorted limbs, afflictions, diseases of numerous kinds. See all the hospitals and all the sanitariums and homes where those little sufferers are! Look at all the youths and maidens; the middle-aged; the old. What an army! Hundreds and thousands, yea millions in all parts of the world suffering. How often, as I have talked with people and shed tears over them, I have been compelled to say, "My God, how sad! This man has not seen a well moment in the last thirty years." There are some of you sitting here today, who scarcely know what a pain is. You have always had good health, and been robust and vigorous. In your health, you have forgotten the suffering millions who want to know that Jesus died for them.

### What Can the Doctors Do?

Look at the great army of doctors and nurses! Look at the great piles of bottles and boxes of drugs and medicines! Look at the great ocean of patent medicines and mixtures! Look at

all the different kinds of treatment! We have the allopath, homeopath, hydropath, etc., etc. While we are standing well within the twentieth century of the Christian era, with all the army of doctors, surgeons, hospitals, nurses, drugs, appliances, etc., how much better off is humanity today? Is there one disease they can cure? No, not one. Read the Chicago papers for a single week and you will see there that hundreds have died, and they had the best doctors, as they call them. They have the latest treatment, the best surgical appliances, the druggists, and yet the little child dies, the young man passes away, the middle-aged man and the old man; death claims them all.

What can the doctors do? Sin can be destroyed only by the blood of the Lamb. Disease will go only as the life of God comes in.

### What Are the Churches Doing?

When I look at this great multitude, I think of the churches. O yes, this is a Christian land. The British Empire is a Christian empire. Australia and New Zealand are Christian lands. We have thousands of churches and thousands of preachers and thousands of religious periodicals, but in all the thousands you will find only a few who are telling the sick and the suffering that Christ died to heal them. The others send them to the doctors or some other place, anywhere except to God the Almighty.

### What a Wonderful Field is Before Zion!

Before you can sing a song, you have to learn it. If you want to sing the Song of Moses and the Lamb in the last great day, you will have to learn to sing it here. It is the Song of Redemption, of Salvation, Healing, Cleansing and Holy Living. If you want to tell the people about Salvation, get Salvation yourself. If you want to tell them about Healing, go to God and get healing for yourself. Learn the story and go out and preach it to others.

### The Great Remedy.

My friends, what have I got to do? Just one thing—to preach the Gospel. What will the preaching of the Gospel do? It will bring people to God. What does it cover? Salvation, Healing, Cleansing and Holy Living. That is all the work we have to do. God never called a man to delve into philosophy or to become a man of letters. God never called a man to try to pose as a great orator. God called His ministers with the Holy Spirit to tell of Jesus' love to a dying and sin-cursed world. That is all He has ever called any minister in Zion to do. What we want is a ministry set on fire today who will go out and tell the sweet old story to earth's perishing millions, and get down before them and take them by the hand and lead them to God.

### All are Preachers.

I am so happy today to know that the time has come when we can organize the Seventies, and when they can go out like they did years ago and tell the simple story of how Jesus came from heaven to earth, lived, loved, suffered and died to save, heal and cleanse humanity.

My brothers and sisters, no man has a corner on preaching the Gospel. You all ought to be preachers. The man who follows the plough can preach a sermon. The man who stands behind the counter can be a preacher and preach a sermon. The man who pushes the saw can be preaching a sermon. The greatest sermons are preached by men's lives. Do not try to be great. True greatness only comes by true service. He that will humble himself God will exalt. He that exalts himself God will humble, and He does it every time.

One of the chief traits of the Word of God is its simplicity. "God so loved the world that He gave His only Begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Take the Twenty-third Psalm which you all know and per-

haps could repeat, it has one hundred nineteen words in it, ninety of them monosyllables. The Word of God is so simple in its fundamentals that a little child can understand them.

How many of you are saved? Is there one in this entire congregation today who knows that he is a sinner and without hope? Then I plead today that God, through the Holy Spirit, may move upon your minds and hearts and convict you that you are a sinner away from God. I would rather see one sinner saved this afternoon than to see ten million dollars in gold put on this platform.

My brethren in the ministry, *Our true reward is sinners saved and the sick healed.* A man or woman who, under God, is used in saving one sinner, what a rich reward! The world cannot take it away. It is worth more than all the gold of Ophir or anything the world can give. Just one sinner, one sinner! Cannot you pray now, my brothers and sisters in Christ, that God, by His Holy Spirit will touch every heart here in this congregation? (Amen) Did you come here this afternoon praying? Did you come here expecting that some sinner would be saved? Did you expect some sick one would be healed? If not, what have you come here for? I came here with one great desire that God would save somebody, that God would heal somebody, that God would deepen the spiritual life of every one present. (Amen) "Grow in grace and in the knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus." If you are not better men and women than you were yesterday, you have lived beneath your privilege. May God help you this afternoon to cry to Him, to pray until the very place shall be shaken and the Spirit of God shall come upon all and the sinner will cry out. "What shall I do to be saved?" (Amen)

#### Repentance is the First Step.

Sinner, the first step that you must take to God is repentance. How I would like to take you by the hand and help you take that first step toward God! If you have sinned against God, against your fellow-man or against yourself, you are a prodigal son. You have been feeding upon the husks. All you have to do and say today is, "I will go to my Father." The Father stands with outstretched hands to receive you. Won't you come today and give yourself to God? Ah! What does the Bible tell us? "There is more rejoicing in heaven among the angels over one sinner that repenteth than over ninety and nine that need no repentance." So I say, sinner, if you will only give yourself to God today, the sons of earth and the angels in heaven will rejoice. Take that first step and take it this afternoon. You can do it if you will only say, "I have served the Devil long enough; henceforth I will serve my God." Make up your minds now that you will put all things right; and if you have told a lie, you will confess it, and if you have stolen anything, you will pay it back; and if you have wronged anybody, you will make it right with that person. May God help you. That is the way to get to heaven. It is the only way. It is not hard. A man is never happier than when he makes a wrong right. I say to you, brothers and sisters, you are very unwise to leave a single wrong not made right. Some day, as you enter the deep, dark valley of the shadow of death, all those things will come up before you in an instant, and then you will find it is too late to make them right. Make them right now. Get right with your fellowman, then you can get right with your God.

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#### SPECIAL NOTICE

In view of the present legal complications, let all tithes and offerings be sent to Wilbur Glenn Voliva, and all envelopes simply addressed "Wilbur Glenn Voliva."

These tithes and offerings, together with all moneys, as has been the case for a considerable length of time, are held not as funds of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion, but are placed in the hands of a trustee as a special trust, and every cent carefully and prayerfully used for the Extension of the Kingdom of God.

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## A Great Clearance Sale of Zion Literature.

Zion Printing and Publishing House, not the old one established by Zion's late leader, John Alexander Dowie, but the new one established by Wilbur Glenn Voliva, Zion's present leader, has just purchased from the old Printing and Publishing House approximately twenty tons of literature.

In this literature are some of the Choicest Gems to be found outside of the Bible.

It is the intention, in this notice, to call your attention to one book, and ONE BOOK ONLY, viz., the book entitled

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This is a book of three hundred thirty pages.

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Reap, for the Harvest of the Earth is Over-Ripe.

The Beauty, Glory, and Power of Jesus the Christ.

The Beautiful Gate of Divine Healing.

Christ Crucified, Glorified, Sanctified.

Zion's Cry in the Midnight Hour.

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This book has been sold for years at the price of thirty-five cents. The new Zion Printing and Publishing House will offer ONE THOUSAND copies of this book for the NEXT THIRTY DAYS at 20 cents per copy or three copies for 50 cents, purchased at the Publishing House or at Shiloh Tabernacle; by mail, 25 cents per copy, or 3 copies for 65 cents.

Let all take notice that the number of copies to be sold at the above prices is just ONE THOUSAND, and the time just THIRTY DAYS.

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He sendeth His word

and healeth them.



# 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 SUBLIMITY OF HUMILITY

*By the Associate Editor.*

THE sublimest faith has its foundations in the deepest humility. Our Great exemplar, Jesus the Christ, "made Himself of no reputation and took upon Him the form of a servant humbled Himself and became obedient unto death."—Gal.2:7,8. The glory which was His from eternity, He was willing to forego for a season that He might enter into man's condition and lift him from the bondage of sin, sickness and death. True love is humble. What service will one not do for love! The dignity of humility is a preparation for the highest achievement. Christ's humility fitted Him for His exaltation. "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."—Colossians 2:9-11.

Humility is the result of complete surrender to the will of God, the desires of the flesh being subjected willingly to the control of the Spirit of Truth whom Christ promised would be given to every one to set him free,—Colossians 2:18-23.

The humble one can appropriate God's gifts; the proud will level in his own vanity.

"Do ye think the Scripture saith in vain, The Spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? But He giveth more grace. Wherefore He saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble."—James 4:6.

"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time: casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you."—1 Peter 5:5.

Strength will come to the contrite heart. Such an one will be crowned a victor.

"For thus saith the High and Lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the contrite ones."—Isaiah 57:15.

"Though the Lord be high, yet hath He respect unto the lowly; but the proud He knoweth afar off."—Psalm 138:6.

The promise of the earth's possession is for the meek ones, as Christ said in His wonderful discourse, outlining the blessings of the Kingdom of Heaven: "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth."

Meekness is a fruit of the spirit against which there is no law.—Galatians 5:23.

Meekness is a necessary element in keeping "the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace," (Ephesians 4:3) and will lead a person to be lovable, obedient, and long-suffering (Colossians 3:12,14.)

True meekness is a sure sign of the beginning of knowledge which will ripen into wisdom, the first gift of the Spirit.

"Who is a wise man and endowed with knowledge among you? let him show out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom."—James 3:13.

# DIVINE HEALING

An Address Delivered in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois,  
Lord's Day Afternoon, September 27, 1908

By *General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva*

REPORTED BY T. FROST

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK)

Here is a home for every Christian. When the Christian Catholic Church was organized, the idea was to have a broad, catholic church which would be a home for all of God's children, Christian character being the test of fellowship.

## Baptism a Sign.

You know, my brothers and sisters, when we baptize by Triune Immersion, we do not baptize people to make them Christians, but we baptize them because they are Christians. Just as a little child puts his arms around mother's neck and kisses her, not in order that he may love her, but because he does love her, so the newly-born child in the Kingdom of God descends into the baptismal waters and is buried there to show to all the world that he has renounced the world and all of its works and started for God.

## Joys of the Gospel.

Zion, let us thank God for this day. Let us thank God that we have come through so many things. Let us get ready to go down to Chicago. Let us go down as a large company of Christian workers to do Seventy work and preach the Gospel. Last Lord's Day afternoon, though it was so oppressive, six hundred people sat and listened in the Whitney Opera House. How they listened! How they listened as I spoke on "Theoretical versus Practical Religion!" That sermon was reported in part in all the daily papers all over this Country.

Next time we go to Chicago, we will take the Choir, Orchestra, Band, and a large number of Seventies. Let us do something for God and humanity.

Some people say—"But what is a fellow going to do for recreation?—for a little enjoyment? Seventy work. Well, I tell you, my brothers and sisters, young and old, you have no time for the things of the world, the flesh and the Devil. If you do not enjoy yourself more in the prayer meeting or in God's work than anywhere else, there is something wrong with your spirit. The way to find joy, peace and happiness, is in God's service.

I want to put my foot down today, before my God, upon the accursed idea that you have got to furnish some kind of pleasure. No such thing. Let the world run after pleasure; I will follow God. You had better heed the warning that "in the last days men shall be lovers of pleasure, more than lovers of God." Let us go forward. We need the Word of God, the House of God and work in the Master's vineyard, while it is day. The night comes when no man can work. There is no time to fool away. This company of people here today, consecrated to God, seeking first the Kingdom of God, in the next two years can be used in creating a movement that will shake the world, and stir it as it has not been stirred for centuries. God will use you if you will only let Him. Put yourself in His hands today. Re-consecrate yourselves here today to God, young and old.

## Don't You Want to See Zion City Saved?

Voices: "Yes."

I cannot save it and you cannot save it. If it is ever saved,

God Almighty has got to save it. My business is to pray. Your business is to pray and then live in accordance with God's Word and be Zion to the heart's core.

Zion City is sick. I do not know what the disease is, but I think it is an overloaded stomach. (Laughter.) That is my opinion. You have got to approach the case just the same as you would a sick person. It will not do any good to be always talking about the sickness, or about the symptoms. Cry to God to save it. He can save it in His own way. It is not for me to say, nor for you to say.

As I look around this afternoon, I can think of many people for whom I feel very sorry. I can only pray for them. I can only cry to God to show them, by His Spirit. We must go forward. If there is any Zion in this world, here is where you will find it. A man who was here a few weeks ago said, "Well, there is one thing certain, if there is any Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in this world, you represent it." I believe that man's witness was true. So I say, let us meet here from week to week and grow in grace and keep together and go forward and fight the battles of the King. Let us go down to Chicago in full force and proclaim the Gospel.

## Where Will You Get Your Money?

God will furnish the money.

Zion got her money before from the common people; from the hard-working people. There is where she will get it again—from the very common people. You are a common looking lot. I hope I look just as common as you do. (Laughter.) I will try very hard, anyway. I want to look as common as an old shoe. It was the common people who heard—who was it? Voices: "Jesus."

It is the common people who will hear Zion's message gladly today. (Amen.) It is the common people that made Zion what she was, and it is the common people who will make Zion the glory of the earth again, on the human side. God will do it through the common people, a lot of old clodhoppers. I sometimes think it would be better to get out in the country than go into Chicago; to get out among the farmers. An old farmer is worth a hundred of these city fellows. Of course, that is no reflection on you city gentlemen, none whatever; (Laughter) because once in a while, when you cast your net in the city, you will get a good man; but take the rank and file of Zion people, they are clodhoppers, and they are as stable as a rock. All these old farmers are, for the most part, a stable class. So are the farmers' sons and daughters. Give us a thousand daughters brought up in the kitchen and in other house work; they are worth ten thousand brought up at the piano while mother hangs out the clothes in the back yard.

Voice: "Quite true."

If we are faithful and do right, our God will not leave us without something to eat and we shall have food, shelter and raiment if we do not have any more.

## The True Sheep will Come Back.

Zion, I want you to think, this afternoon, of the many weary, wandering, sore-foot sheep of Zion out in the deserts and on the mountains cold. They are coming back one by one. I tell you right here in Zion City there are hundreds who have Zion in their hearts. May God touch them today wherever they are. Shiloh Tabernacle is the place for them all. We will pray for them and give them the bread of life. May God bring every sheep back safe home all over the world. As my mind goes to the North Side, Chicago; Cincinnati, Ohio; and to Australia, I can see a large company. They love Zion. They were willing to die for Zion. Their hopes were centered in Christ and in Zion. How they worked and went from house to house!

## But Zion's Principles Are Eternal.

Her truths are just the same. If Wilbur Glenn Voliva, a

poor, frail, weak human being, falls and passes away, you have Zion principles and truths left, and God will never leave this people without a leader. God will always supply this movement with a leader till the Christ comes. I will have something to say on that some other time.

There is where many people have gotten away. A person who was in my office the other day, and who cried like a child, said, "I have Zion in my heart. Just let me alone a little while. Pray for me." Many say that. I say, "Certainly I will pray for you. If you have Zion in your heart you will have to come back into line."

Here is the Bible.

#### God the Almighty Will Call Zion's Leader.

A lot of these people have lost that faith and some of them say, "We will never follow a man again." We are all following some man or some woman. Some of you men are following a woman. They won't admit that (turning to the officers on the platform.) It is not a very nice thing to admit that—that a man is bossed by his wife—but it is so, in some cases. There are exceptions to all rules. I have seen men who would stop at the first saloon and blow in every cent. It is a mighty good thing that that man has a wife who can take him in hand and straighten him out. I have known some women who could do it.

Where would Zion be without a leader? This Council and get along magnificently. Where there is no envy or jealousy, but brotherly love, how nicely you can get along. God is blessing us, and very richly blessing us, too. I tell you, praising the name of my God with all my heart, there is more Zion in Zion City than there ever was at any time before. I thank God for it. Let us all reconsecrate ourselves today to God and to His Kingdom. Let us follow the Lord Jesus the Christ. Let us do right. I am your brother. I am your servant. I want to work for you, and when my life ends, I want to be able to say, "I served them; they did not serve me." Every Zion minister is called upon to serve the people.

We are getting well organized. Let us keep close to God. Let us economize and be honest stewards. I want to call upon my officer or member that knows of one thing in connection with the Institutions or the handling of money that is not absolutely and strictly honest and business like, to stand up and proclaim it. By the grace of God there shall not be a repetition of the hundred and one things that were done that a sixteen-year old boy ought to have had better sense than do. Let us show them, Zion, that God's people can take hold of all the activities of life and make them a success. Let us show them that Zion stands for everything that is right.

We will now stand and sing "Blest be the tie that binds." (the whole hymn was sung).

After the Doxology had been sung, the General Overseer pronounced the

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## Editorial Notes by the Associate Editor

### SALVATION!

What thoughts the word brings to one's mind!

The past, with all its pages of personal history, stands out fresh and clear, and the record, but for the light of the Blessed Saviour through the Gospel, would be anything but pleasant to recall; but from the Christ light has shined forth, and upon each page is written Salvation!

"Praise waiteth for Thee, O God, in Zion." Only he who has a conscience void of offence can praise God whole-heartedly. When the cleansing power of the life-giving blood of Christ is applied to a polluted spirit, and the records of transgression are all blotted out, then the heart can well up in praise. Then it is that the hungry heart can look up to God and be filled with de-

sire for a more intimate knowledge of holy things, and praise bursts forth because of God's goodness and mercy.

Witnessing for God's love is the most natural thing in the world. How can a good thing be kept from others?

"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy."

Salvation for the lost world was such a good thing that even the Christ left Heaven's Throne to come to earth and offer it unto men that their joy might be full.

O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon His name; make known His deeds among all people.

The Christian's business is to witness to the lost of earth the news of Salvation. The confines of sin are to be invaded by those who have been rescued from destruction, and the proclamation of Salvation for all is to be delivered by voice and hand.

"Ye are My witnesses," saith the Christ.

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."

All things belong to God by inherent right, and to establish His undisputed rule over all is His purpose. "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof," and the desire of each should be that God use and control His own.

Lord, teach us to pray!

"Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.

"Thy Kingdom come.

"Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."

Zion, does this prayer inspire you to be an active citizen of the Kingdom of Heaven? Do you see the place of your labor? Do you see an earth whose inhabitants are lost in sin, groping in darkness, writhing in sickness and crying out in anguish?

There is hope for them in the Gospel of Peace. It has for its essence righteousness, joy and peace. How will they get it?

Every saved man can help to establish the will of God on earth: first, by *living* the laws of the Kingdom; second, by bearing audible witness to the goodness of God.

Faithful living and faithful witnessing will bear fruit. God hath said, "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."

Zion Seventies find great joy and blessing in giving out messages.

From many places comes the cheering news that the Tracts and leaflets are attracting much attention.

A problem for Headquarters is to keep printed the messages as fast as the Seventies call for them.

God continues to hear Zion's cry, and in every testimony meeting one may hear many witnesses praising God for deliverances.

Zion's meetings are all occasions of great power and rejoicing. This joy is not alone on the surface, but the very hearts of Zion people are aglow with that rich pleasure which only the Christian, conscious of being in line with God's plan, can have.

God's Spirit is striving with people all over the earth. It is astonishing to know of the wonderful words of unanimity received from Zion's membership scattered here and there. The isolated ones away in Africa, or Australia, away from Christian associations other than Zion literature, testify to God's gracious leadings and blessings.

The cry of Zion, as of one voice, is, "Save Zion City for Thy honor and glory and that Thy people may have a refuge from the ways of the wicked world."

Some, who in the months and years past left Zion City to live elsewhere, are restless in their present localities, because there is no protection for themselves or their children against the evils which curse the world. Seldom do they hear a word of protest against the filthy habits which are exhibited to their children by the thoughtless people; and, away from Zion, even those who call themselves Christians and belong to so-called churches, disgrace the name of their Lord by indulging in evil practices--tobacco chewing and smoking, dancing, attending theatres and gambling parties, and general worldliness which is idolatry.

Oh that men were as eager for the welfare of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth as they are for the politics of their respective countries, or the success of their favorite candidates for office!

If all Christian workers desired the salvation of men with as much zeal as politicians manifest to secure place for themselves and their friends, the flag of Zion would soon be waving over all the land, and the prayer of Jesus, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," would become an established fact.

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Watchfulness is a condition of mind and spirit, yes, and of body, which many neglect.

The mind and the spirit can be kept clean and strong only by feeding upon proper thoughts and by being subject to right influences.

Many good things are let past because people are not alert, and many evil things creep in while one is unaware.

Christ recognized the necessity of watchfulness when He said to the sleeping disciples:

"Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation."  
"What I say unto you, I say unto all, WATCH!"

The faith--the teaching--which Christ and His Apostles have given is a treasure to be carefully guarded, therein Christians find their rules of conduct and practice. Therein men may find food for thought to the strengthening of the only true laws of bodily and spiritual health and power.

"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

Steadfastness in the love of God, and obedience to His laws, will insure the crown of life.

There is no defeat for the righteous man.

WATCH YE, THEREFORE, AND PRAY ALWAYS.

But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

Therefore I say unto you, take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink.

Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit to his stature?

And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

And yet I say unto you; That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

## The Lord Our Strength.

Address Delivered at the Divine Healing Meeting Shiloh Tabernacle,  
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By *Elder F. Ricbert*

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### Invocation.

Our God and our Heavenly Father, we pray Thee wilt Thou bless the words which we are about to speak, and grant, O God, that they may be fraught with Thy Divine grace, love and kindness, and wilt Thou grant that the Holy Spirit may fill each and every heart with Thy peace and Divine faith. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

You will find the following words in Isaiah 52nd chapter:

Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy City: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean.

Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

For thus saith the Lord, Ye have sold yourselves for naught; and ye shall be redeemed without money.

For thus saith the Lord God, My people went down aforetime into Egypt to sojourn there; and the Assyrian oppressed them without cause.

Now, therefore, what have I here, saith the Lord, that My people is taken away for naught? They that rule over them make them to howl, saith the Lord; and My name continually every day is blasphemed.

Therefore My people shall know My name: therefore they shall know in that day that I am He that doth speak; behold it is I.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing; for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion.

Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the Lord hath comforted His people, He hath redeemed Jerusalem.

The Lord hath made bare His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the Lord.

For ye shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight: for the Lord will go before you; and the God of Israel will be your reeward.

God says to Zion, "Awake, awake!"

### Impenetrable Night of Sin.

The dreadful night of sin had separated Jerusalem, or the people of Israel, from God. As long as they were keeping the commandments of Jehovah, God was in their midst. He blessed them, and filled their hearts with divine faith and courage so that they could overcome. He gave unto them blessings abundant.

The night of sin, sorrow and death settled over the doomed City of Jerusalem when the people forsook their God, when they left their Father--the Father of mercies, and remembered His love no more.

When they bowed down before idols, when they worshipped the heathen Gods, when they forsook their heavenly Father, when they broke the covenant with Jehovah, then God withdrew His protecting hand, and the enemy came in from all sides and broke down the walls of Jerusalem, and destroyed the holy city, destroyed the temple and the altar, and calamities and judgment from God came upon the doomed city.

I have been reading the reports of the earthquake and how many people perished. There is no doubt that a fearful doom is coming upon those nations who do not know their God. If you people had lived in Europe, and seen the terrible condition

of affairs, you would not wonder that the judgments of God are coming down upon the nations.

All those nations--France, Italy, Russia, and even Germany--are ripe for judgment. When I look into the conditions, sometimes my heart trembles. When I was in London, I read a book entitled "London by Night." You have no idea how dreadful it is, how many young lives are crushed down under the terrible burden of sin, how many young girls are led into sin and go down into perdition, how many young men spend their lives in the service of the Devil, and the flesh, and the world. The night of sin is very heavy over those large cities. I have seen women go into saloons with babies in their arms.

You go to Paris, and you find a horrible condition of things in that doomed nation. It is no wonder that the judgments of God are resting upon the people. From the River Seine, which flows through Paris, they take every year about ten thousand babies from one day to one year old--laid aside--the mothers do not want them. Some women, when the babies are born, give them to somebody, or take them themselves to the river, when they are able, and throw them in. Just think: in a city with a little over two millions of inhabitants, they take ten thousand babies out of that river every year! They are recorded. What about those that are not recorded? When you go to Berlin, St. Petersburg, Rome, or Spain, you find the same conditions there. The dreadful sins which I cannot mention, the terrible night, the depravity under which the nations are living! The light of the Gospel cannot penetrate the dark clouds of man's depravity, and the thunders of Sinai are rolling. Some day God will say, "It is enough!" His patience and longsuffering will have an end some day. The heavens will be rolled away like a scroll, the stars will fall, and the sun will loose his light, and the moon will be like blood. Some day this wicked world shall know that God is Jehovah, that He is sitting in the heavens on His Throne of Glory, and that He has not given this world over to the Devil; that He has not given His possessions to the demons of the earth to possess them as they please. Some day the Gospel light will break forth like a glorious morning, and the salvation of Jehovah will once more enlighten the valleys and the mountains.

God will reveal His saving power to the nations, but meanwhile He is calling to the people to "Awake, awake;" in other words, "Repent and return unto God."

### The Penitent Prodigal.

You can only understand these words when you turn to the fifteenth chapter of Luke. It is the chapter about the prodigal son. You remember, when the prodigal son came to himself, after being a long way from his father's house, and after keeping the swine for the Devil, he said to himself, "How many servants has my father at home who have enough and to spare, and I am dying?" He was in a land where there was a famine. He scarcely had enough to eat. He said, "I will go home." He woke up. He saw where he was going. When a man sees his doom, when he sees the open pit, the power of the Devil ruling his heart, and that he is starving, that he has no grace and no part in the promises of God, and that the door of grace is closed on account of his sins, he comes to the Cross of Calvary, and makes up his mind to come home to his heavenly Father.

He said, "I will say to my father, Father, I have sinned against heaven." Yes, "I have sinned." When God hears a sinner repent, there is rejoicing. The angels in heaven rejoice. What a rejoicing! The son came home, but his coat was all worn, his garments were threadbare.

He said, "Father, I have sinned." but before he reached the father's house the father was standing before the door, and had been looking for his return. His heart was broken, but it was still filled with Divine love toward the prodigal son. This

poor, fallen son was still his own child. He had not forgotten him. How often the father must have said, "O, if my son would come home!"

Do you know the name of the prodigal son? Did you ever read it? His name was Richert, Moot, Benckendorf, etc., etc.

It is wonderful. I suppose it never occurred to you that God has been looking in His grace and mercy upon those poor prodigal sons and daughters who have been wandering away from their father's house. When the prodigal came home, O how the heart of the father was overflowing with love and mercy! He fell on his neck and said, "Take those filthy garments away. Give him a robe of righteousness. And he put a ring on his hand. O, what great joy there was when he took him and had prepared a great feast for him!

**The Joys of Reconciliation.**

Now, we have all had the same experience. You remember when you came home, God took you by the hand, how He took the soiled garments away, and how He led you into His presence, and how the streams of mercy and blessing flowed down to your heart! I never forget the day I gave my heart to God. I never had such a longing to go home to my Father. I was not a boy when converted, but my mother and sister were at home, and I had such a longing to go home to them. I had no home on this earth; all was gone; but thanks be to God, He has permitted me to labor for His glory, and for the building up of His Kingdom. When I go home I will not go empty-handed. I believe that when I do go home to my Heavenly Father hundreds of people will welcome me and greet me, and before the Throne of God they will tell Him that I have been the instrument of leading them to the Christ. I would not give this joy for all the gold in this world. One soul saved is of more value than all the gold of this world. I would not exchange places with the millionaires of America for one minute. Only a little while, and we shall all stand before the Throne of God.

**The Throne of Glory.**

I will take the time to tell you about the fourth chapter of Revelation, to depict to you the glory of the Throne of God, as I have seen it through the Word of God revealed to me.

Jesus the Christ, in the brightness and the glory of His Heavenly Father, will come down upon this earth, on the glorious Throne of God's holiness, and underneath that throne you will see the crystal sea, and around the shore of the crystal sea you will find innumerable hosts who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb.

Around the head of our Redeemer you will find a rainbow. I thought of what that meant to Noah when God promised that He would never again destroy this world with a flood. In the rainbow over the head of our Redeemer you will see all colors.

**Zion Shall Rejoice.**

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs, and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The glory of the Lord will fill the universe like the morning light scattering the darkness with daylight from on high.

In those days the hand of the Lord shall wipe away all tears from the eyes of His children, and pain shall be no more, neither death, which shall be swallowed up in the glorious victory of our Redeemer.

What a revelation of our Father! What a joy there is in the presence of God over one sinner that repents and comes home!

Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion.

As I was meditating, last Lord's Day evening, over the

word "strength," I asked my Father to show me what that really meant. What is the "strength" of the people of God? I will give it to you just as God gave it to me. In the first place, it is the Word of God as God has given it to us. What a wonderful revelation! What a privilege it is for a man to go before the world and preach the living Word!

The "strength" of the Church, or of Zion, you will find in a faithful ministry. You remember that before Jesus the Christ went to heaven, He commanded His disciples to go out into all the world and preach the Gospel. Some of you remember the wonderful days of Dr. Dowie when he began his early ministry, when he stood up before the people in the name of Jehovah, and in His strength proclaimed the glorious Gospel of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living. The Gospel then penetrated the hearts of sinners; it filled every heart with divine confidence, and it lifted up the eyes of those who were downcast and disheartened. The hearts of the sick were filled with divine faith, for God revealed unto them that it is not His will that they suffer, but that Jesus the Christ came to destroy the works of the Devil.

**The Power of the Preached Word.**

What a wonderful power there is in preaching faithfully the Word of God! Then the strength of the people of God is in the Holy Spirit filling every man of God and every woman of God with divine power. When we are united before the Throne of God and pray, when we are filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, and the ministry of God is filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we can pray the prayer of faith, and we will find wonderful power in the prayer of faith. We will find that the Lord is with us, and He will raise up the sick. You will find that the Devil will have to let go; that the captives will be set free; that God's wonderful salvation will be revealed to humanity, and that the people will praise Jehovah for the wonderful work which He is doing among the children of men.

**Zion's Beautiful Garments.**

O Zion, put on thy beautiful garments.

You will find the beautiful garments of Zion to be the righteousness of our blessed Redeemer. He suffered for us, and we can come to Him and He will give a new garment.

I will repeat what Dr. Dowie used to say: "We are created in the image of God, spirit, soul and body. The body and the soul are the garments of the spirit."

When you come to your heavenly Father, and God reveals, through the Holy Spirit, that you have sinned, you will find that your garments are unclean, and God's Word says that no unclean thing can enter into the Kingdom of Heaven or heaven itself.

What shall we do?

The Pool of Siloam is open.

God will give you grace to go to the fountain, and you can wash your robes in the blood of the Lamb, and they will be as white as snow. You can then stand before the angels, before the whole world, and the Devil can never find out any sin in your life, for it is forgiven for the sake of Jesus.

No other Church has preached with such power against every sin. Dr. Dowie went for the preachers, for the doctors, drugs, surgeons, and taught that only the righteousness of God will enable us to draw nigh to our Heavenly Father and pray the prayer of faith; for God is a consuming fire, and He will never bless nor heal unless all sin is repented of and forgiven.

The heart of humanity is corrupt. When I look to myself, I have no hope that in myself I shall go to heaven. It is a very hard saying, but when I look at the mercy of my God, to the Cross, and take the promise of my Father that God will create

in me a clean heart, that He will take the stony heart out of my body, then my faith rises above the clouds.

God is love.

**The Good Tidings.**

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings.

These wonderful words reveal unto us the Gospel.

The messenger who brought the good tidings from heaven was Jesus the Christ, the Son of God Himself. He came down upon the mountains, and as the Prophets looked upon Him through the ages, and saw Him laying down His crown and leaving the realms of peace and the glorious Throne surrounded by angels, and coming down upon this sin-cursed earth, they could say, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of Him that bringeth good tidings."

**The Shadow of Death to be Removed.**

In the ninth chapter of Isaiah, the Prophet says that the people have been dwelling in the shadow of death and living in darkness, but they have seen a great light. You remember, in the twenty-third Psalm the Psalmist says, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death." You and I were in "the valley of the shadow of death" before we were converted. All at once, through the clouds, we saw the wonderful Son of God, the Sun of Righteousness, breaking through the clouds of sin and sorrow, and the loving hand of our heavenly Father reaching down. You felt the presence of your Redeemer, and God gave unto you the grace to lay down your broken and burdened heart beneath the Cross of Calvary. The promises of God were unfolded to you through the preaching of the Word, and through the Holy Spirit. You came to your heavenly Father a trembling child, with quivering lips and sought His face, and His face shone upon you in grace and mercy, and filled your heart with Divine confidence although you were in the miry clay, and eventually you found yourself upon the Rock of Ages. Then you could experience the grace and mercy of your loving heavenly Father abiding with you. Then you could leave the world behind, because it will be burned with fire. The peace of God filled your heart, and divine hope and assurance enabled you to see your heavenly Father.

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!

Oh what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchased of God,

Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

You have to experience that. Words are too poor to describe it. I cannot describe it to you. God will be with you and guide you. He promises that when you are sick, you can go to Him and pray the prayer of faith, and "the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up" etc.

This is a wonderful chapter. I would never get tired of it. I feel this afternoon that God has been with us. I have felt His presence. I knew He was going to be with me before I came. I asked Him to bless you and fill you with the divine peace, hope and life which Jesus the Christ has brought down from heaven.

Elder Moot then pronounced the

**BENEDICTION.**

Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall He not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

Therefore take no thought, saying, what shall we eat? or what shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

## Witnesses to God's Healing Power

**Mrs. D. MacLachlan.**

**At Divine Healing Meeting, February 2, 1909.**

I praise and thank God for His many blessings to me and to our family since coming into Zion.

When Zion's teaching was brought to us over eight years ago, I was a physical wreck, after having been twice operated upon inside of one year in St. Luke's hospital, Chicago. For a year afterwards I was scarcely able to go from one room to another, and was a great sufferer, and was in this condition when Zion came to me. I thank God that He brought me to see the great truth of Divine Healing as taught in Zion, and that I was led to accept it. I forsook doctors and medicines, and turned to God, determined to trust Him whether I should live or die. I said, "If I must die I will die trusting God." But He did not permit me to die, and today I am a witness that Divine Healing is a present-day reality, and that God is still true to His promise.

I wish also to testify to blessings received through tithing. We have proved that God does bless those who honor Him in this matter. One year from the time we commenced, God had so abundantly blessed that we were enabled to pay three times as much in tithes as when we started, and He has continued to bless us in tithing.

I have been greatly helped in reading the life of Samson, and in applying it to the conditions in Zion. He was a man who did many strange things, but yet God used Him, and He judged Israel twenty years. There were many good men in Israel in his days, but God called Samson, and used him for a certain purpose. So is Zion, though there may be things we cannot understand, and may think strange, yet God will take care of Zion, and His purposes will be fulfilled in her. I am more and more convinced each day that "God has founded Zion," and that He has not forsaken her. It is my earnest prayer that God will save Zion City. No sacrifice is too great for us to make in order that it may be saved. May God grant it.

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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

### "The Great Cloud of Witnesses"

BY O. L. TINDALL

The words at the head of this article are taken from the first verse of the twelfth chapter of Hebrews as all will recognize.

The illustration is taken from the Olympic games of the Greeks which were of very great note. It was a national affair. All classes engaged in these games. To be a winner in these games was a great honor. The witnesses were the throngs of people who gathered from all parts of the country to witness the games and contests of all kinds. They attracted greater crowds than do our foot ball, and base ball games of today. We wish only to call your attention, at present, to this one part of the figure or illustration, and that is the witnesses. Should we adhere strictly to the figure, then we must make the witnesses refer to those who observe us in the Christian race, or life. This was what the spectator did in the games. In that sense, then, we could speak only of the influence that men have upon each other as they watch their lives and actions which, no doubt, is very great. A man's actions are much influenced by the crowd around him. Men naturally love the praise of their fellows, and hate their condemnation. A man's life is quite different in public than in private. What an influence. Ask the speaker in public if an audience does not inspire or else awe, or frighten him.

As witnesses of our fellowmen we either encourage or discourage them in their efforts to do good, or evil.

What a sad comment was that of Jesus when He said,

"Nevertheless many of the chief rulers believed on Him, but they confessed Him not because of the Pharisees, . . . for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God." The young men today when they go to their contests are very anxious to have a lot of "rooters" or friends in the galleries to encourage them.

Well, we are all in the Race and we are, at the same time, all observers of our neighbors, either to encourage them, or to dishearten them. We can cheer them on to victory or help them on to defeat. How often the Apostle uses this illustration for life. We do all run in a race, for a prize, they for a corruptible crown, but we for an incorruptible Crown. Which side are you on? Which do you cheer for?

Which color do you wear, the white, or the blue, or the black? Do you show your colors? This I am aware, is not the common interpretation of this image of these witnesses. It is true, however, that we are witnessed or observed by a great crowd of spectators. All our actions are witnessed not only by men, but, more important, by God Himself, and it would seem, by the heavenly hosts, for Jesus said there was rejoicing in heaven among the angels over one sinner that repented. They must know what is going on among men. What a thought that heaven itself is watching, and is interested in us!

Witnesses are used in a somewhat different sense, as those who bear testimony to certain facts, by their words and, what is better, by their lives. This seems to be the sense in which the Apostle uses them here. He has given us in the previous chapter a whole galaxy of witnesses of various character, and to numerous great events.

Why does Paul, whom we assume is the author of this epistle, summon to the witness stand those old worthies? What good are their testimonies to us at this late day? Are they not all back numbers? Do you believe Moses ever walked, and marched his great host across the Red Sea on dry ground by faith? Do you believe the walls of Jericho fell down without a

gun being fired or an engine of war being brought into use, all by faith, prayer, and obedience on the part of the people, that such a miracle as that was ever performed? that Enoch was translated and simply "was not, for God took him,"---no death at all? Do you believe all those strange stories about Samson? and that Daniel stopped the mouths of those savage lions by faith? That they quenched the violence of fire, subdued kingdoms and wrought righteousness, etc., all by simple faith in God without any magic, or arts, or tricks, or might, or power except that of God?

All of these statements of Paul are today challenged by our so-called wise men, preachers and all.

What good are they as witnesses if their testimonies are not true?

What good are they if they never happened as recorded?

Had they remained in the Old Testament we might have thought they belonged only to that age. But no, the Apostle brings them forward to date and puts them in the New Testament and leaves them there for us of this last age of the Gospel. He must have thought them true and not mere cunningly devised fables. He says they were written for our examples upon whom are come the ends of the world.

Paul believed as Zion teaches, that the "God that lived in Moses' time is just the same today."

Infidelity is very rife in this day and age, and the critics and preachers are explaining away all the miracles, and saying "The day of miracles is past; we do not need them. The truth is we never needed them more. Christ's plan of promulgating the Gospel was, and is by witnesses; by living witnesses. That was Christ's great mission, to witness. He witnessed to God the Father. He was a living witness of the Father. He came to manifest the Father. He was the Father manifest in the flesh. He said to Philip, "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father." That is the way to know God, study Jesus Christ, His life and His words, and then you see and hear exactly what the Father is. He was the exact image of His Father. He lived out His principles. He lived the Sermon on the Mount. He showed us just how to do it. He told us to go and do the same thing. "The works that I do shall ye do also." The world wants proof the same as does a Court before He decides a case.

Tell us what you know about this matter. One fact is worth a bushel of theories. The blind man healed could "stand off" all the wise Scribes and Pharisees and doctors with their theories, that it was not possible for a man born blind to be healed. The like was never known, they said. It was not recorded in any works on medicine, and therefore it could not be true; it is contrary to reason or to experience since the world began; but the poor ignorant man knocked all their theories into nought by standing before them and all the people and saying, "One thing I know, that whereas I was blind, now I see. Gain-say it if you can."

Witnessing is what we want. You can make no headway on Divine Healing today unless you can bring the witnesses. Thomas is a fair sample of the men of this Age. "I will not believe except I can see the prints of the nails in His hands and thrust my hand in His side.

Zion was built up on witnesses. She made no progress until she produced the goods, as a business man would say. Divine Healing won its way in this manner and men believed. Even the doctors, though it spoiled their gains and endangered their craft, had to say with one of old, "that a notable miracle hath been wrought we cannot deny." The doctors admitted it more readily than did the divines. These D. D's were the blindest class of men we found, the last to confess the truth, the worst enemies Divine Healing has had, although it is one of the clearest taught truths in the bible.

Zion has proven Divine Healing. The preachers and the Devil are now trying another method to bring it to naught. They don't dare deny it so they are getting up a counterfeit. Bishop Fallows of Chicago, with some other noted (?) divines, are trying to palm off upon the people a Divine Healing which is nothing more, nor better than that accursed and diabolical delusion and snare falsely called Christian Science which is neither Christian nor Science. Bishop Fallows & Co. take the doctors into company with them. The doctor must first have a chance at them and have a fee before their Divine Healing is allowed to take a hand in it. Imagine Jesus Christ, or Paul, or Peter, when they met a case of disease, or sickness of any kind, sending for a doctor to come and diagnose the case and do what he could first and then give them a license to proceed with the impotent man, and the woman sick with the fever and stricken with the palsy!

## The Story of the Christian Martyrs

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### Invocation.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, and richly blessed unto this congregation, Oh Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. Amen.

"Yea, and all that would live Godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."—2 Timothy 3: 12.

### The Gospel of Suffering.

In relating the story of the Christian Martyrs, I must begin with the Lord Jesus the Christ Himself.

In the Gospel, we have told, in a very brief, vivid manner, the story of His apprehension by wicked men, the story of the mock trial, the sentence of condemnation and the cruel death which He suffered upon the cross, a death, which in those times, was reserved for the vilest and most hardened of all criminals.

The very thought that the Son of God, the Savior of all the world, was crucified between two thieves, is enough to keep one meditating for hours and days.

As He hung there upon the cross, the professedly prominent religious leaders marched by and said, "He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He be the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him." But no, the Father had sent Him. He had come, and in order to fulfill Scripture and His mission, He must die the cruel death upon the cross.

In talking to His disciples, He did not conceal from them one thing—that they were to suffer. In the tenth chapter of Matthew He made it plain to them that they would be hated of all men for His name's sake, that they would be brought before kings and tribunals, and that the time would come that whoso-

ever would kill them would think he were doing God service.

#### The Apostles Were Martyrs.

After His resurrection, He foretold the crucifixion of Peter, which prediction came true, and when Peter was crucified, he said to the executioner, as they started to fasten him to the cross in an upright position, "Put me with my head down, for I am not worthy to be crucified in the same position as was Jesus my Lord."

It is said that all the Apostles, unless it was one, suffered martyrdom. The Apostle Paul had his head severed from his body by a keen-edged sword, and only one, perhaps John, the beloved Apostle, died a natural death.

#### Persecution By the Jews.

As we study the story of the Christian Martyrs, the history easily divides itself into so many clearly defined portions. First of all, we have the persecution of the Christians by the Jews, and in the Acts of the Apostles, you will find numerous references to the shameful persecutions meted out to the Apostles by the Jews, who were inspired by envy and jealousy.

In the fourth chapter, we have the story of the apprehension of the two Apostles whom God used to heal the man at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple.

#### The First Christian Martyr, a Deacon.

As we go on through the Book, we have the story of the persecution and martyrdom of Stephen, who is recognized as having been the first Christian martyr.

My brethren in the Diaconate of the Church, the thought that the first Christian martyr was a Deacon ought to inspire you to consecrate yourselves to God, and to fulfill the duties of your office in the fear of God, knowing that the man who will fill the office of Deacon well, shall purchase to himself a good name, and I believe a rich reward.

How Stephen died! He saw the heavens open, and he cried to God to receive his spirit as they hurled the cruel stones and put him to death.

How thankful I am that God caused that story to be recorded upon the sacred page. What an inspiration to a Christian today to read the story of Stephen.

#### The Martyr Spirit Needed Now.

O, My brothers and sisters, if you and I will only have the same spirit that he had, Zion City can and will be saved, and multitudes will rise up in all the world and call us blessed for having stood steadfast, loyal, and true for one spot of earth where the little children could be reared free from the curse and the vices of this sin-cursed world.

My brothers and sisters, it is a mystery to me—I cannot understand it—how any man or woman, who came to this City, understanding a little of what Zion meant, dares lift his voice today for the destruction of Zion City. I tremble for the men and women who yield to the Devil, and are used, even in the slightest degree, for the destruction of Zion City. God have mercy upon them! I would not be in their shoes for anything the world can offer.

#### Better to Suffer Martyrdom than to Suffer Hell.

The men and women, the fathers and mothers, who are advocating an open town, if God should permit it to come to pass, will be the first ones to suffer, like the Jews who said, "His blood be upon us and our children." The consequences of throwing Zion City open to drug stores, doctors' offices, theatres, secret societies will fall upon the men and women who have used their influence to throw the gates open.

Zion, we are endeavoring to build the walls of righteousness around Zion. I always think it is a compliment when I

hear some one say, "Well, you had better build a fence around Zion City." Thank God we are, in His name, engaged in building a fence. If you people will only stand firm and true, every last opponent will pack his furniture in the night, and take to the station before daylight. There ought to be enough of the Spirit of God in us, there ought to be enough of the Zion spirit in Zion City either to bring them to time, or send them to their own place. But you won't do it by compromise, or by saying, "How-dy-doo", and dropping the beautiful salutation "Peace to Thee."

Ah, Zion! the parents who are sending their children down there to the Sunday School, where they use the old apostate green back quarterlies, will be the first ones to suffer for their spirit of rebellion. I do not wonder that they stick their hands in their pockets, and say, "I don't believe Zion is of God." They try to ease their guilty consciences when all the time they are scared out of their wits. Zion is of God. It is just like the infidel who says there is no hell, but that won't keep him out of hell.

I believe God founded Zion, and that God will see Zion through, and I believe it is my duty to stand for God and Zion principles and truths if I have to stand alone. (Amen.) It is our business to die for Zion City and Zion principles and truths if we are called upon to do so. (Amen.) Let us not be afraid.

The story of Stephen will inspire men to nobler deeds, and will enable men to go to the martyr's stake for principles and truths.

In the Acts of the Apostles, we have also references to the persecutions, first of all, of Saul against the Christians, and then against Paul on the part of the Jews. Was not Paul stoned and left for dead? Why was he stoned? Because he dared to tell them the truth.

#### Pentecost Brings Persecution and Conflict.

There was never a bigger lie preached than the lie that is being preached in Zion City, that when a man is baptized of the Holy Spirit, he does not strive, and he does not fight, and it is all love.

Let me tell you, when a man is baptized with the Holy Spirit he is all right; he fights every devil that pops his head up. If I run up against a man baptized with the Holy Ghost, it is like playing with a lightning rod in a thunder storm. A man or woman baptized with the Holy Spirit will fight every evil thing in sight. Do not be deceived. On the Day of Pentecost Peter stood up and said things that made the Jews cry out. He told them they were murderers. Was he not baptized? Why did not Bryant, the other night, pitch into that old usurer who soaked the people for fifteen per cent. interest? Why did not Bryant pitch into that man who, when he thought Zion was not going to pay her way, sold his stocks to a widow for property?

O love! love!! love!! The old scoundrels sat there and got just enough to ease their guilty consciences. No building can hold a man who is baptized with the Holy Ghost. He will preach and make it hot for every sinner in sight.

This baptism these people have here is not the baptism of the Holy Spirit. That is the reason they are like dishcloths.

Why was the Apostle Paul stoned? Why was Jesus led out of the city on to the brink of a precipice? Why were Paul and Silas put into that old Philippian jail? Why did those people in Ephesus shout for two hours, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians?" Why? Let all Zion learn why. Because those men were set on fire of God, and when they went into a city they attacked every sin in sight, and they turned the world "upside down." The people wanted to kill them. In Damascus they had to let Paul down in a basket. On another occasion Paul's sister's son, under God, saved his life.

The trouble with the people is, they do not read their

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## General Overseer's Notes

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 March 12, 1909.

PRAY!  
 WORK!  
 WAIT!  
 WATCH!  
 FOR the Second Coming of the Christ.

Theoretical Religion simply talks.

Practical Religion not only talks, but acts—does something.

A Theoretical Atheist is one who says "There is no God,"  
 and then lives as though there is a God.

A practical Atheist, is one who says "There is a God" and  
 then lives as though there is no God.

All hypocrites are sinners; All sinners are not hypocrites.

All Christians are moral.

All moral persons are not Christians.

Morality never did and never will save any person.

There is but one Way to God—Jesus the Christ.

Just One Way.

For the Rich Man.  
 For the Poor Man.  
 For the High Man.  
 For the Low Man.  
 For the Educated Man.  
 For the Uneducated Man.

There is no "upper ten" heaven.

There is no "Special Set," nor "Four Hundred" in heaven.

All preachers who, for fear they will offend some one in  
 their preaching, walk on soft-shelled eggs or on the points of  
 cambric needles, are doomed to bitter disappointment.

Do something.  
 There is something to do.

The world is the field.

Cultivate the field nearest your own door. There are acres  
 waiting to be cultivated.

Let your light shine.

A lamp that will not light up the kitchen will never light the parlor.

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A person who will not work for God in and near his own home will never work for God in China or anywhere else.

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What are we to do?

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- Get the sinner saved.
  - Get the sick healed.
  - Get the polluted cleansed.
  - Get all to live holy lives.
  - Get the Liar to confess.
  - Get the thief to restore.
  - Get the unclean to turn to God.
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It is the work that counts.  
It is the result that convinces.

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The devil would rather have you do any other thing on earth than proclaim—

- Repentance.
  - Confession.
  - Restitution.
  - Faith.
  - Obedience.
  - Holy Living.
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How the devil must laugh when he sees multitudes of professed Christians spending their time splitting doctrinal hairs.

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God is speedily bringing all of the officers, members and friends of Zion to see the necessity and beauty of Proclaiming first, last, and always the simple Gospel of the Kingdom—getting the people saved, healed cleansed and blessed.

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A large number of cranks have been cleared out, and they have gone their own way.

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False teachers there have always been, and false teachers there are now. Some people there are who want anything and everything except the plain Word of God and practical religion.

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Zion is going forward along practical lines.

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What are you doing?

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Do you read, daily, the Bible?

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Do you pray {  
morning,  
noon,  
night?

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Do you pay, faithfully, Tithes into the Zion Storehouse?

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Do you give offerings as God prospers you?

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Do you distribute Zion literature to the sinful, sick, and dying?

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Do you realize the tremendous battle now going on between the Sons of God and the children of the Devil for Zion City?

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My brother pray.  
My sister pray.  
Little children pray. Zion City must be saved, and God will save it through a faithful people.

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Important elections are approaching. Township election on Tuesday April the sixth.

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School election on Saturday April the seventeenth.

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City election on Tuesday April the twentieth.

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Pray that God will give Zion victory in every conflict.

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Please accept my heart-felt thanks, in the name of the Lord, for your love, confidence, loyalty and support.

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Last Wednesday, March tenth, was my thirty-ninth birthday. Much of life is yet before me, and I ask all to pray that God will keep me true and faithful to Himself and to Zion.

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Let All go forward.

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WACH YE THEREFORE AND PRAY ALWAYS.

## The Story of the Christian Martyrs

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Bibles enough. Turn to the Book of Isaiah and read it through, then Jeremiah, then Ezekiel, then Daniel, and then Malachi. I tell you you will be a new man and a new woman. When you see Isaiah in the power of God saying to the Jews, "The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib, but Israel doth not know, My people doth not consider."

"Ah, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity . . . From the soul of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores."

He told them the truth. So it is all the way through the Prophets. The average preacher takes fine care not to say anything to make anybody mad, to keep himself out of all trouble.

### The Marks of an Apostle—What?

One of the marks of an apostle or a prophet, one of the marks that a man is called of God to preach the Gospel, is, he makes people so mad they could kill him. I thank God I can do a little, if I cannot do much. Some one told me the other day that a woman in this City said that the trouble with me was, I stirred up every bit of devil a man had in him. [Laughter]. Thank God for that. If there is any little devil in you asleep, I want to rouse him, and wake him up. It is a high compliment. If there are any devils around sleeping, let us stir them up and get them out. You might as well say to the maid, "Miss, you are not going to work here any longer; you have stirred up all the bedbugs around." The bedbugs were there before she came. It is a good thing to have a girl who can stir up the bedbugs.

### A Good Sermon Stirs Up the Devil.

When I see an old sinner writhing and twisting in his seat in torment, I thank God for that. When I see a man yielding to God, I thank God all the more. Bryant never will have any trouble unless he changes. In South Africa, according to his own paper, he had an audience made up of all people. In Australia, the harlots on Swanston street would have shot me at sight. I thank God that by His grace Australia was stirred, and they will never forget it as long as they have breath in their bodies. What a joy to see women on the chairs waving their handkerchiefs and howling at you like demons. I can see Queen's Hall now when three women with parasols acted like devils. They screamed and jumped up and down, and the devils all around howled and hooted. What good is a sermon that does not stir up the Devil? That is the reason they stoned Paul, and cried out for two hours, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians." That is the reason they put him in prison at Philippi. He roused the Devil.

Talk about being baptized with the Holy Spirit, and keeping on good terms with everybody, it is sickening, nauseating, disgusting to hear, after all the warnings and teachings that I have given—well, that is the kind of teaching those people want.

A fellow came into an office in Adelaide to get a job. The man in the office said, "If I wanted a man like you, you would be just the man I would want."

### What the People Want and What They Need.

Foolish people. That is the kind of stuff they want. They say they get spiritual food, and that Voliva does not feed the people. (Holding up a copy of the Leaves of Healing) There is a sermon in that number of the Leaves of Healing that Bryant could never preach, and never did, and never will. There is more in it—and all glory to God—than he preached in five years. There was more instruction and edification in that address of Elder Richert's this morning than you will get out of Bryant's

sermons in the next five years. You can put down a piece of silver cake and a plug of tobacco, and ask the people of the world to come forward, and they will break their necks to get that plug of tobacco. (Laughter) So it is with some of those people down there.

Ah, why was Stephen stoned? Let us have a little bit of Stephen's nice, little sermon. They say, "Voliva is such a hard fellow! He fights." They say that I have not got the love of God in my heart. "Ah, no love at all."

Girls, let me give you some sound advice. If any young fellow comes to see you, and he acts like a softy, just show him the door. You look out. When you see a little fellow coming around with his "Dear humpty-dumpty darling" and all the rest of it, and he tells you he has "the loveliest house: you will never have to put those little hands in dish-water" etc., take the chair to him. (Laughter) That is the proper thing to do. He is a rascal. I have the same opinion of a preacher, exactly.

### Stephen's Sermon.

Now, listen to good old Stephen! If God will only let me go to heaven, one of the very first ones I want to meet is Stephen, the first Christian martyr. How his words come ringing down through the centuries! Listen to him!

After he has talked a long time, he says:

"Ye lovely people! I have love in my heart. I love everybody. Oh you are nice people! You are all good people. Oh you "dearly beloved, darling people!"

Ah, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit said:

"YE STIFFNECKED AND UNCIRCUMCISED IN HEART AND EARS, YE DO ALWAYS RESIST THE HOLY GHOST: AS YOUR FATHERS DID, SO DO YE.

"WHICH OF THE PROPHETS HAVE NOT YOUR FATHERS PERSECUTED? AND THEY HAVE SLAIN THEM WHICH SHEWED BEFORE OF THE COMING OF THE JUST ONE; OF WHOM YE HAVE BEEN NOW THE BETRAYERS AND MURDERERS:"

Think of that, will you? A man before an audience, and one that threatened to take his life, yet he calls them "Betrayers and murderers."

Where does your love come in, brethren? There is a man filled with the Holy Ghost.

### Christ's Severe Words.

Was not the Son of God filled with the Holy Ghost when He turned around to those fellows that had dogged His steps, and He said:

"YE SERPENTS, YE GENERATION OF VIPERS; HOW CAN YE ESCAPE THE DAMNATION OF HELL?"

Did Jesus have love in His heart? (Voice: "Sure.") You talk about love! They are deceived and tricked of the Devil. When God clothes this people with power from on high, then Zion will shake the world, (Amens) by witnessing against iniquity of every kind.

### Paul's Stern Rebuke.

Take the Apostle Paul when he fastened his eyes upon that man and said:

"O FULL OF ALL SUBTILTY AND ALL MISCHIEF, THOU CHILD OF THE DEVIL, THOU ENEMY OF ALL RIGHTEOUSNESS, WILT THOU NOT CEASE TO PERVERT THE RIGHT WAYS OF THE LORD?"

Did he have love in his heart? The trouble with the people is they do not know their Bibles. They have not one iota of the spirit of the prophets or apostles.

### Persecutions of the Early Church.

After you pass out of the New Testament, we come to the persecutions of the Christians by the heathen. Oh what a terri-

ble story! As one reads it, it makes him sick at heart. The Ten Persecutions under the Roman Emperors begin about 64 A. D., and continuing for two hundred and forty-seven years—from 64 to 311. The Christians were imprisoned and their property confiscated; they were sewn up in bags of skin, and thrown to the dogs; they were taken to Rome and placed in the arenas before vast crowds in the amphitheatre, and the lions were turned loose to break every bone in their bodies and devour them. That period of history is one of the most thrilling in the history of the entire world. The wonderful stories of endurance and fortitude are enough to inspire and set on fire every one who professes to be a Christian.

They were brought up and told that if they would recant, they would spare them. Whenever a Christian renounced Christ, they dressed him in a certain form of dress. What an awful thing! There were some men and women, too, who, when they were persecuted, said, "We will no longer believe in Christ," and they let them go. The dress they wore was a sign that they had renounced Jesus the Christ. I was just thinking, if we had to get a special form of dress for all the traitors of Zion, what kind of dress we should put on them.

God has marked those who have renounced Zion, and sold themselves to the world, the flesh and the Devil. He knows every last one of them.

As you go through this period of persecution, you find the story of Simon. He was cruelly tortured, and crucified at the age of one hundred twenty.

Ignatius, the venerable Bishop of Antioch, after standing trial before the Emperor, was also put to death.

When any calamity came to the Roman Empire, the Christians were accused of being responsible for it.

Under Nero, when Rome burned, they at once raised the cry, "The Christians to the lions." They blamed the Christians for the City of Rome being set on fire. Nero declared a holiday, climbed into his chariot and drove up and down in front of the surging multitude, and they paid him homage, when it was he himself who set Rome on fire purposely to get up a persecution against the followers of Jesus the Christ.

I will have to close at this point: On next Lord's Day I want to continue, and take you through the persecution of the Christians during the Reformation.

May God this day set us on fire for Zion.

Do you never think I feel the weight of my responsibility?

When I pray in private, I sometimes find myself crying out, "O God, if I did not believe with all my heart that you put me here, I would want to run away from the fight." But, my brothers and sisters, if I give my life to redeem Zion, then I shall feel that my life has been well spent.

#### A Heroic Example.

You have all read the story, have you not, of a brave man at the wheel of a steamer on Lake Erie when the fires broke out, and the whispers went around that the whole ship was enveloped in flames? The Captain shouted and asked, "Can you hold out? Can you hold out?" Finally one hand was so badly burned that it dropped from the wheel. Gasping for breath, and as the captain shouted once more, "One minute more! One minute more!" he set his teeth and grasped the wheel again, and finally the boat began to grate upon the sand, and all the passengers were saved; but the brave man who had stood at his post at the wheel, fell dead.

My brothers and sisters, I would willingly die tonight to save Zion City that the world might have one clean spot where God should be honored. Are not you willing to do what you can to save Zion City?

Voices: Yes.

#### God Will Save Zion City.

God will stand by us, and save Zion City. How will it be saved? some one asks. I am not bothering about that. God will take care of that. God can send the money. God can, if He wishes, send Elder Tindall to the lake to throw out a fish hook and get money out of the fish's mouth. The very moment you and I prove ourselves worthy sons and daughters of God Almighty, the money will come, and Zion City will be saved.

O may God set us on fire today. [Amens].

Let us stand and sing that chorus, "Go Forward, O Zion! Great shall be thy triumph when the King shall come."

Now just keep on praying, my brothers and sisters. The Red Sea is before us, the Egyptians are behind us, the mountains are on the right hand and on the left hand; but our God will give deliverance if we are only true and faithful. Amen.

#### B E N E D I C T I O N .

## Important Notice

To All Officers, Members and Friends of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion Throughout the World.

It is my sad duty to announce to one and all that John Taylor, formerly in charge of the Branch in Chicago, and later a Parish Officer in Zion City, has been expelled from Eldership and membership.

Although this man has been suspicioned by several Officers and Members for the past twelve months, yet, as the General Overseer, I have accepted his profession of loyalty, and shown him mercy and great love; but for all my love and kindness I have simply been stabbed in the back in the dark by this man who, no later than last Wednesday night, March 3rd, knelt in prayer, and asked God to bless the "dearly beloved General Overseer."

Some time ago, in a very wonderful meeting in Shiloh Tabernacle, he acted in an impulsive manner, in a way that his expulsion was asked for by different officers and members; but I forgave him, and permitted him to continue as a parish officer.

For several months back, every few weeks, an anonymous paper was mailed from Evanston and Chicago to different people in Zion City.

Some time last week another copy of this anonymous sheet was mailed from Chicago to many of the officers and members.

On Wednesday afternoon, March 3d, I called to my office Elders Richert, Carey and this man Taylor with some others, to make investigations in order to discover who was the responsible party for the appearance of this paper.

Taylor, in the presence of these officers, declared that he knew nothing about it, that he had not seen it, and did not know who the authors were.

Notwithstanding this statement, in the meeting held on the evening of the same day in Shiloh Tabernacle, when I asked all the people who knew nothing regarding the paper, especially nothing as to who the responsible parties were, to stand up, he sat still, thus showing that he had lied when he said in the afternoon that he did not know who the authors were.

At the close of the meeting, I called him into my office, and in the presence of a number of officers, he finally confessed, after a tremendous amount of pressure, that he knew the authors. Then later on he confessed that he had used some of his allowance in helping to pay for the printing of the paper.

He was then suspended from office and fellowship until

twelve o'clock Friday, and given an opportunity to make a full confession and to repent of his conduct which all honorable, fair and just men must denounce as diabolical in the extreme.

On Lord's Day afternoon, in Shiloh Tabernacle, the facts relative to his conduct were presented, and he was then expelled from both office and membership, my action being endorsed by all the members of the Council, and, so far as could be observed, by practically all of the membership present.

In conclusion, I wish to assure one and all in the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion that all offenders will be dealt with in the fear of God, and simply because an individual may occupy a high position, it will not make any difference to me. The humblest man or woman in the Church will, God helping me, receive the same consideration as an Elder, Overseer, or anybody else, no matter how high in Zion's ranks he may stand. For a man to pose as an Elder, to take money out of the Store-house, to kneel in private and in public, and pray to God to "bless our dearly beloved General Overseer", and at the same time use his money in helping to print and circulate an anonymous sheet, attacking the General Overseer in a wicked manner, stamps that man as being guilty of the basest kind of treachery.

I earnestly pray for John Taylor's repentance, and when he does repent, and brings forth fruits meet for repentance, there will be some hope for him.

The meetings in Shiloh Tabernacle on last Lord's Day were glorious meetings for everybody except those who are not right in the sight of God. The attendance at all of the three services was unusually large, and my heart went out to God as never before, in praise and thanksgiving for a Church where the principle of Divine Authority obtains, and where discipline of the proper kind can be administered to every offender.

The texts chosen for the afternoon's discourse were Romans 16:17 and 2 Thessalonians 3:6.

Beloved brothers and sisters in Zion throughout the world, there are many battles to fight, but God is giving victory, and showers of blessings are being bestowed.

My life is consecrated to God for the preaching of the Gospel of the Kingdom; for the declaration and maintenance of Zion principles, truths, ideas and ideals; for the Salvation of Zion City, and for the Salvation, Healing and Cleansing of mankind.

Pray for all the Officers, all the Members, for every department of the work, and for myself that God will sustain me by His grace, and make us one and all more than conquerors over all opposition.

WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA.

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O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy.

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### The Story of the Christian Martyrs

Address No. Two

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By General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva

#### Invocation.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, and richly blessed unto this congregation, Oh Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. Amen.

YEA, AND ALL THAT WILL LIVE GODLY IN CHRIST JESUS SHALL SUFFER PERSECUTION.—2 Timothy 3:12.

I will continue the address of last Lord's Day afternoon.

The principal reason why I am relating to you the story of the Christian Martyrs is that God, by the Holy Spirit, may bless the narrative to your good, to your encouragement, edification and inspiration.

#### Be a Student of Men.

A man who wants to achieve success along any given line will find it very profitable to go through history, both sacred and secular, and study closely the lives of men who have achieved success along the same line. No man who aspires to be a preacher of power, can find other than great help in studying the lives of, Talmage, Spurgeon, Moody, John Alex. Dowie,

and many others whose names I could very easily mention.

A man who aspires to be a great lawyer may, with profit, study the lives of such men as Gladstone, Blaine, Harrison, and Vorhees, and many others, not only in this but other countries, whose names are familiar to all students of history. The same is true of a man who wants to become a great sculptor, a scientist, an orator, a philosopher, or whatever line he may have chosen for his life's work; he should study history and become familiar with the lives of the prominent men who have achieved success along that particular line.

I cannot think other than that the story of the Martyrs will be a great help to you in fighting for Zion City, and with all modesty, and weighing carefully what I have to say, I boldly declare that this people is called upon by God to fight a fight in some respects greater than any fight that God's people have ever been called upon to wage for principles and truths eternal and Divine.

#### We Fight Against Liquor.

We are standing here today fighting for one clean spot upon God's earth, where the accursed liquor traffic cannot come—that awful form of iniquity which has caused an ocean of tears, sent hundreds and thousands of persons prematurely to their graves, broken the hearts of multitudes of wives and mothers, sons and daughters, husbands and fathers.

There never lived, and there does not live, an author sufficiently gifted to portray the awfulness of the accursed liquor traffic. I tell you, Zion, a highway robber who dashes out from behind a building on a dark night, and thrusts a revolver into a man's face and commands him "Hands up!" is a gentleman in comparison to a saloon-keeper who stands behind the counter and sells the accursed stuff. A highway robber only takes a man's money, while a saloon keeper robs a man of his money and his manhood.

Zion, we must hate liquid fire and distilled damnation with

all our strength, and pledge ourselves, by the grace of God, to fight it early and late. [Amens].

#### **We Fight Against Tobacco.**

We are fighting for one clean spot that shall be kept clean from the accursed alcohol and tobacco. The average audience smiles when the preacher hits tobacco, and they look at each other and wonder where they are. Why, they have been to church, and the very idea of a preacher having the audacity to hit lady Nicotine. Think of a man who had so far forgotten himself as to strike tobacco. The average church man will stand up and prate about the liquor traffic, and have three or four cigars in his pocket and an old stinking pipe. It is a difficult matter to determine which does the most harm, whiskey or tobacco. I would rather be in the company of a man who takes whiskey, than a man who chews tobacco and squirts it in all directions. I would rather sleep with a man who drinks whiskey than with one who smokes, and I would rather sleep with a hog than with either of them. [Laughter].

This little City was established with the idea of preventing a man from polluting the atmosphere, and there is an ordinance in this town, the violation of which means a fine possibly of twenty-five dollars. If I had my way I would take every dirty, low-down stinkpot and put him behind prison bars. No man has a right to pollute the atmosphere with smoke. He has quite as much right to spit in my water bucket. God never gave him the right to puff tobacco smoke in ladies' faces and leave a trail of stink behind him.

Take the smoking coaches on our trains: I have never seen a hog-pen worse than those coaches. I have seen some horrible hog-pens that I could smell half a mile off, but the average smoking car on our passenger trains is dirtier, filthier and "stinkier" (if there is such a word) than a hog-pen. How human beings can sit in one of these smoking coaches, and breathe the dirty, stinking, filthy atmosphere, I cannot understand. I can only explain it by the fact that they have lost their manhood, and have become degenerates. You never saw a monkey, nor a dog smoke, but you see so-called human beings with cigars stuck in their mouths, and it is about the silliest and the most ludicrous thing I ever saw. How silly it looks. Think of a man so low down as to anoint his beard with tobacco juice, the dirty pig. Who would drink out of the same cup? I do not wonder that people want individual cups to drink out of at the Communion service. In Zion, there are no smokers, chewers etc. Take a man who has taken whiskey for forty years, smoked tobacco thirty years, and eaten pork for twenty years, Oh my, what a mess! Some women have to sleep in a bedroom and in a bed with a dirty hog like that. (Laughter).

We are fighting for a clean spot free from tobacco. Take a man chewing tobacco and churning it all day long—think of it! Zion, we cannot hit it hard enough. May God increase our power and give us words to smite them hip and thigh.

What a joy it is to live in Zion City. I tell you, Zion women, if we cannot conquer them any other way, we will send out five hundred of you women just to walk around shouting "Here goes a stinkpot. Stinkpot! Stinkpot!!" (Laughter and applause.) We are going to keep this a clean spot.

#### **Zion Wants No Theatres.**

Another thing, we are going to keep this City clean from theatres. Oh the theatre! It almost makes me sick at the stomach when I mention the word theatre. It is a cesspool of rottenness. To sit down and talk with people who have been behind the scenes, it is too horrible to tell. One of the Devil's principal hell-holes on earth for the ruin of women and men is the theatre. All I have to say is, any actor or actress who can retain their virtue, congratulations to them. We want no low-

neck women, or high-neck men in Zion City. Every year the theatre goes lower and lower. They are sensual and more devilish because that is what the people want, and, of course, they are going to give what the people want. No theatres for Zion City. (Amens) God forbid. Zion City was founded to be free from drug stores!

#### **Drug Store Worse than a Saloon.**

Every time I look at a drug store. I think of a gilded hell. The poor saloon-keeper is bombarded all the time, but he is a gentleman compared to a druggist. What does the saloon-keeper sell? Alcohol and tobacco. What does the druggist sell? Alcohol, tobacco, strychnine, arsenic, opium, morphine, rat poison. (Laughter) You call a saloon-keeper a devil and a druggist a gentleman?

Voice: "No"

There is no hell lower than a drug store. I would just like to have one of the drug stores in Waukegan spread out on this platform, everything they have got in stock. I would like to tell you of some things they have in stock. Who is the man who sells the accursed inventions to destroy the unborn child?

Voice: "The druggist."

The Bible says that no sorcerer can go to heaven. The best thing a druggist can do is to repent and flee for his life. It is a devilish business, horrible business. It is a thieving business. They will take three cents worth of nothing and sell it for a quarter. They have a "Safe Cure" which never cured anything. There is a very large percentage of alcohol in most patent medicines. Is it not a fact that whiskey and beer are two of the principal causes of Bright's disease? Drinking men nearly all have kidney trouble, yet they take these accursed things, which are the very things that cause it.

The whole patent medicine business is a thieving business from the beginning to the end. I do not know of anything more dishonest. We want no drug stores.

#### **Zion Needs No Doctors.**

Take a doctor's office. They know themselves that they are engaged in a dishonest business. Just think how they have gotten the people under their power. These little medical gods how the people worship them!

We want no doctors in Zion City. We have a right to be born without doctors, without their written consent. We have a right to die without their consent.

When somebody in Zion dies, they say, "She died without the assistance of a doctor." (Laughter) A doctor sent a bill in once to a widow, like this: "To curing your husband until he died.....\$75.00." (Laughter) The miserable wretches! You ought to rejoice, and praise God for the Zion Movement. Look at the issues we have. We have issues, red hot.

#### **Hiram Abiff No Zion Man.**

We want no liquor, tobacco, drug stores, doctors' offices, theatres, and then no secret societies. We want no killing Hiram Abiff and resurrecting him on the five points of Masonry. Secret societies are from hell. We do not want them.

That gives you an idea of what we are fighting.

#### **Persecution By the Jews.**

The first topic of the Story of the Christian Martyrs is the persecution of the Christians by the Jews.

You do not need to say, "I have no books. I cannot read up." The whole story of the persecution of the Christians by the Jews is to be found in the Acts of the Apostles, and you all have Bibles. You will be surprised to know how many chapters there are devoted to telling the story of the wicked persecution of the Christians by the envious and jealous Jews. You start out in the fourth chapter where the two apostles healed the lame

man at the beautiful Gate of the Temple. The Word tells us that the priests and captain of the Temple and the Sadducees came upon them, being grieved that they taught the people and preached Jesus, and the resurrection from the dead. They laid hands on them and put them in prison until the next day. It is the same old story. Why was John Alex. Dowie put in prison in Australia and in Chicago? Why did all the newspapers fight him and lie about him? Because he taught the people that doctors were no good and that druggists were of the Devil. They did not like it. Their craft was at stake.

Officers of Zion on this platform, and you Zion people, what John Alex. Dowie gave them, and what we ought to give them, by the grace of God, will be as bird shot compared to dynamite bombs. We ought to do better than John Alex. Dowie. He blazed the pathway.

In founding Zion, under God, he did work for God second to no man since creation's dawn. We have the example. Let us go forward, and witness against all these iniquitous things. We have a glorious work. There is good fighting everywhere, all along the line.

Well; they put them in prison, but they had to let them go. They threatened them that they should not spread it any further. They were awfully afraid that it would spread.

#### Fight With Zion Literature.

You just take hold of these papers, and send them north, south, east and west. Send the Leaves and Herald everywhere. When you go away, stick the messages in your pockets, and every man you see, give him one and say, "Here is Zion's message, my friend. Put it in your pocket: it will do you good." Every railway station you go to, distribute the messages. Sow the seed everywhere, so that when a man looks up, he sees Zion, when he looks down, he sees Zion, when he looks east, or west he will see Zion. It will be Zion, Zion, Zion all the time. (Laughter).

#### Apostles Put in Prison.

When you go over into the fifth chapter, and the seventeenth verse, you see that.

Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is of the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation,

And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison.

But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said,

Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.

Who was the Life?

Voices: Jesus.

I am the Way; the Truth, and the Life.

You go on in the sixth chapter and the eighth verse:

And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.

Then there arose certain of the synagogue of the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and Alexandrians, and of them of Cilicia and of Asia, disputing with Stephen.

#### You Cannot Win by Arguing.

I never argue. My brothers and sisters in Zion, you have no business to argue. I argue no question with any man. There is only one side. Do you know that? There are not two sides to every question. That is a lie. When a man speaks with authority, there is nothing for him to do but speak it, give his message in the fear of God, and stand before God in the Day of Judgment. You have no right to argue. They wanted to dispute with Stephen, and then Stephen delivered his sermon.

#### Stephen Did Not Argue.

What was Stephen's sermon? What are all the sermons

in the Bible? He simply quoted from the Old Testament. He did not say, "Now, you dearly beloved people, Oh you are so nice, and we ought to be brethren. I can fellowship anybody. It does not matter whether it is even a low-down dog, or religious vagabond, or who it is.

Stephen got down to the last part of his sermon and said, "Ye stiffnecked"—think of a man calling them stiffnecked! Stephen had not a bit of sense. A man who talks like that will never have an audience. Nobody will support him. You want to have molasses running out of your mouth. You want to be loving to everybody. You should tell them they are dear, sweet things.

No, sir. "Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears." Ye devils. (He gives it to them.)

Then he looked up to the heavens and they were open, and he saw Jesus sitting at the right hand of God. He said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God."

Then these fellows stuck their fingers into their ears, and ran around in a foolish manner. They threw him out, and took stones and put him to death for telling the truth.

#### Plain Speech Needed.

A man, who if right, need not be afraid of plain speech. When I say, "You dirty, low-down stinkpot," there is no need to writhe, for if you do, then I know you are a stinkpot.

I remember a certain woman writing me a letter in which she said, "I heard you last Sunday, and your talk was something horrible." I do not understand how people could sit and listen to it." In about a week after, she went up to a member of the Church and said, "I have murdered seven unborn babies." The only trouble with that woman was she was in hell that Sunday. She writhed in torment as I denounced the horrible, world-wide crime of women in the churches with their hands stained with the blood of innocents in tens of thousands. All the devils in her rose up.

They stoned Stephen and put him to death. He knelt kown and cried with a loud voice, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge." No, it was the leaders. The people, for the most part, are all right when they have the right kind of leaders. When they are led by false, cunning, and self-seeking men, then they are in for a bad time. When they are led by men of God, they will be all right. It was the leaders who said to the people, "Ask for Barabbas."

You then go on into the eighth chapter, and Saul comes before you. In the ninth chapter we have the story of Saul's conversion. Then as we go on into the twelfth chapter, we find more and more about the persecutions.

#### James Put to Death.

Herod the King stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the Church.

And he killed James the brother of John with a sword.

What for? To please some of the people. He saw it pleased the Jews, and they proceed to take Peter also.

Then were the days of unleavened bread.

And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quarterions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people.

Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of"—

Whom?

Voices: "The Church."

Zion, you pray with tears, day and night, that God will save Zion City. As the queen said about John Knox, she feared the prayers of John Knox more than an army. Zion, through prayer, we will conquer. That is the way we shall save Zion City. Let Zion pray without ceasing.

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By O. L. TINDALL

TO ZION EVERYWHERE. PEACE TO THEE!

I feel constrained to give you some of the solemn warnings and exhortations that Peter gave to the Church in his day, and then ask you this question as did he:

WHAT MANNER OF PERSONS OUGHT YE TO BE?

Peter reminded them, and also us, that the Lord was not slack concerning His promises, nor of His warnings, although they tarried long in being fulfilled. The Lord was coming, and His coming would be like a thief in the night.

The earth and all the works therein would be burned up, as the old world was destroyed by the flood, which came upon the people unawares.

While they sneeringly said, "Where is the sign of His coming?"

God says he did not spare the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell.

Nor did He spare the old world. He "turned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes and made them an example unto those that after should live ungodly."

In view of all these things, what manner of persons ought ye to be?

I answer with him that ye ought to be a "Peculiar People," zealous of good works.

If we live godly, like Zion people ought, the world will say "ye are a peculiar people."

We ought not to be conformed to this world; we ought not to follow the foolish fashions of the world.

A Zion woman ought not to buy a new hat every five months so as to conform to the fashion, set by voluptuous Paris.

We should not follow the ways of the world in business—to cheat, and defraud, and devour one another.

Very few of the world's ways are worthy of imitation for Zion people.

To begin with, we ought to be a spiritual people. We should be born of the Spirit, made new creatures in Christ Jesus.

Let old things pass away and all things become new. Our citizenship is not in this world, but in heaven. We are children of a King, and heirs of a kingdom.

You ought to be born into the Kingdom by baptism into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

You ought to be examples to the world. The Light of the world and Salt of the earth.

For alas, how many have lost their savor! The world is becoming so corrupt.

Zion was raised up to send out a great light to the world.

We ought to preserve this beautiful City which God gave us, a great beacon light that cannot be hid, set on a hill.

Zion should be a holy people, a clean people; their bodies washed with clean water and their spirits made pure through the blood of the Lamb.

We should be a healthy people. We should live in the Ninety-First Psalm, so that no plague should come nigh our dwellings.

If we grow slack and careless, and our whole armor be not kept on and the wicked one hurl one of his fiery darts and pierce us with disease, then we should go to the Great Physician, and not to doctors and drugs, to be healed.

We should eat clean food and "look not upon the wine when it is red and moveth itself aright," for at the last it "biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder."

We should not corrupt these bodies, for they are the temples of the Holy Ghost.

We ought to be a working people. We should work while the day lasts, for the night will soon come when no man can work.

"Why stand ye here all the day idle? Go work today in My vineyard." There is plenty to do. The harvest truly is great, and the laborers are few.

Sting all the drones out of Zion's bee hive. "If a man will not work, neither shall he eat."

Let Zion be a witnessing people. Go and tell your friends what great things the Lord hath done for you, whereof you are glad.

Encourage some sick one to trust in Him. "I was sick and ye visited me. I was hungry and ye gave me food; thirsty, and ye gave me drink."

You should keep yourself unspotted from the world. Avoid even the appearance of evil.

Love not the vain and foolish and hurtful lusts and pleasures of the world. Be not lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; Those pleasures which drown men in perdition, as the theatre and the dance.

Be not lovers of filthy lucre, for the love of money is the root of all evil.

"They that *will* be rich fall into divers temptations and a snare, and into many and foolish lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition."

Trust not in uncertain riches which take to themselves wings and fly away. But trust in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy, and be rich in faith and good works.

Neglect not the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is.

You should be in your place in the sanctuary, for there are blessings there that you cannot get at your home, nor anywhere else.

If you are alone, as some say, then make a gathering of two or three. The Lord has promised to be in your midst, if you are only a few.

You should grow to many. The Kingdom of God always starts in a small way, like the tiny mustard seed; but it will grow if you pray the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into His vineyard.

Don't live to yourself.

Pay your tithes into the storehouse.

If you don't, God says you rob him, which is worse than robbing a fellowman. We are to honor the Lord with our substance.

Why is this blighting curse we see upon so many lands and so many people?

Why, it is but the fulfilling of the prophecy, 'Ye are cursed with a curse, for ye have robbed Me.'

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, then I will pour out a blessing upon you that there will not be room to contain it.

If Zion does her whole duty, she shall be a rich and prosperous people and a glory to the Lord in every land.

Zion has the right message for the world as no other church, so-called, has.

Zion must be true to her trust, or she will fall as has so many others.

Zion must watch and pray lest she fall into temptation.

She must be as the wise virgins and have oil in her vessels, for the Bridegroom will come, the door will be shut, and then our cry "open unto me" be in vain.

They that be wise shall enter in.

Zion people must not be afraid when they come to the conflict.

The Christian life is a warfare. It is folly to expect to be carried to the skies on "flowery beds of ease."

They must fight if they would reign. Increase our courage, Lord.

Fight the good fight of faith. Zion should have the same dying testimony that the old and brave soldier had.

"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, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing."

Zion people should die well, and so they will, if they live well. They will be like the ripe shock of corn.

They will be like the ripe fruit ready to be gathered, and the grain ready for the garner.

Zion people should have an *abundant* entrance, as Peter calls it, into that Everlasting Kingdom.

We should not be saved as by the "skin of our teeth."

They that have the abundant life which Jesus promised us, will have the abundant entrance and the abundant Joys of the Kingdom prepared for them from the foundation of the world.

Zion ought to live up to these God-given privileges.

I ask again, with the Apostle:

What manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

Nevertheless, we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Wherefore, beloved, seeing that we look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found by Him in peace, without spot or blemish.

## The Story of the Christian Martyrs.

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In the thirteenth chapter and the forty-fifth verse we read:

But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming.

You see envy at the bottom of it all. "When the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy" and jealousy. I tell you, my brethren, knowing that I must answer to my God in the Day of Judgment, every man I have had to fight has been a man who has had jealousy and envy in him. What a fool a man is to be envious. You find it everywhere; among lawyers, judges, professional men. May God take all envy and jealousy out of every heart. It will ruin you. Look at the nations today. They are envious and jealous. They watch each other with a hawk-like eye. They are ready to pounce upon each other and tear each other to pieces. If one nation builds a large war vessel, then the other nation builds a larger one.

We are face to face with the same problems as were the Apostles of old. Will we quit ourselves like men, or will we lie

down and die? I want to read to you again the story of the Atlantic cable. I never get tired of reading it. I want you to see in it a lesson for us today.

#### The Story of the Cable.

"There is a faith so extensive and a hope so elastic that a man having them will keep on believing and hoping till all danger is passed and victory sure. When I talk across an ocean 3,000 miles, with my friends on the other side of it, and feel that I may know at any hour of the day if all goes well with them, I think with gratitude of the immense energy and perseverance of that one man, Cyrus W. Field, who spent so many years of his life in perfecting a communication second only in importance to the discovery of this country.

The story of his patient striving during all that stormy period is one of the noblest records of American enterprise, and only his own family know the whole of it.

"It was a long, hard struggle; Thirteen years of anxious watching and ceaseless toil. Think what that enthusiast accomplished by his untiring energy. He made fifty voyages across the Atlantic, and when everything looked darkest for his enterprise, his courage never flagged for an instant. He must have suffered privations and dangers manifold. Think of him in those gloomy periods pacing the decks of ships on dark, stormy nights, in mid-ocean, or wandering in the desolate forests of Newfoundland in pelting rains, comfortless and forlorn."

Oh may God take this people today, and baptize them with a heavenly zeal, that their courage may never fail even in the darkest hour, that they may surmount every obstacle. Let us go forward to the day of victory.

"I saw him in 1858, immediately after the first cable had ceased to throb. Public excitement had grown wild over the mysterious working of those flashing wires, and when they stopped speaking the reaction was intense. Stockholders, as well as the public generally, grew exasperated and suspicious; unbelievers sneered at the whole project, and called the telegraph a hoax from the beginning. They declared that never a message had passed through the unresponsive wires, and that Cyrus Field was a liar. The odium cast upon him was boundless. He was the butt and the byword of his time."

I stop here for a few remarks. The writer says that when Cyrus Field started out the people were all enthusiastic, and their expectations were high, but when the time of failure came, the stockholders were wild, and denounced him as a scoundrel. The people called him a fraud. What about the Zion Movement? There was a day when all were at white heat with enthusiasm, and people in all parts of the world were intensely interested, but trouble came. Zion is not dead. As surely as the Atlantic Cable was perfected, so Zion will rise again stronger than ever before. (Amens) May God put that faith in our hearts. Notice what the writer says.

"It was at this moment I saw him, and I well remember how cowardly I acted, and how courageously he appeared."

There is his own confession—the man who wrote this article. He met Cyrus Field at the time the whole country was down on him, and he said, "I acted like a coward." Field showed himself a man. What about Zion? How many have acted the coward and run away? How many have been brave? Everybody can shout "Hurrah" when everything is prosperous. It takes a man to stand for principle in days of adversity and trial.

"I scarcely dared face the man who had encountered such an overwhelming disappointment, and who was suffering such a terrible disgrace. But when we met, and I saw how he arose to the occasion, and did not abate one jot of heart or hope, I felt

that this man was "indeed the master of the situation, and would yet silence the hosts of doubters who were thrusting their darts into his sensitive spirit. Eight years more he endured the odium of failure, but still kept plowing across the Atlantic, flying from city to city, soliciting capital, holding meetings, and forcing down the most colossal discouragement."

Zion, we will hold meetings, and fight on, and the day of victory is sure to come. Then how about these fellows who have turned coward and run away?

"At last day dawned again, and another cable was laid out, this time from the deck of the Great Eastern. Twelve hundred miles of it was laid down, and the ship was just lifting her head to a stiff breeze, then springing up, when, without a moment's warning the cable suddenly snapped short off and plunged into the sea, says the published account of this great disaster.

"Mr. Field came from the companion-way into the saloon and observed with admirable composure, though his lip quivered and his cheek was white, "The cable has parted, and has gone from the reel overboard."

Nine days and nights they dragged the bottom of the sea for this lost treasure, and though they grappled it three times, they could not bring it to the surface.

In that most eloquent speech made by Mr. Field at the Chamber of Commerce banquet in New York, one of the most touching recitals on record, he said: "We returned to England defeated, but full of resolution to begin the battle anew." And this time his energy was greater than before.

Ah Zion, if this little City were swept off the earth, could not we begin anew?

Voices: "Yes, sure."

Yes, indeed.

In five months another cable was shipped on board the Great Eastern, and this time, by the blessing of heaven, the wires stretched, unharmed, from continent to continent. Then came that never-to-be-forgotten search, in four ships, for the lost cable. In the bow of one of these vessels stood Cyrus Field day and night, in storm and fog, squall and calm, intently watching the quiver of the grapnel that was dragging two miles down on the bottom of the sea.

At length on the last day of August, a little before midnight, the spirit of this brave man was rewarded. I shall here quote his own words, as none others could possibly convey so well the thrilling interest of that hour. He says:

"All felt as if life and death hung on the issue. It was only when the cable was brought over the bow and on to the deck, that men dared to breathe. Even then they hardly believed their eyes. Some crept toward it to feel it, to be sure it was there. Then we carried it along to the electrician's room, to see if our long-sought treasure was alive or dead. A few minutes of suspense, and a flash told of the lightning current again set free. Then the feeling long pent up burst forth. Some turned away their heads and wept. Others broke into cheers, and the cry ran from man to man, and was heard down in the engine rooms, deck, and from boats on the water, and the other ships, while rockets lighted up the darkness of the sea. Then with thankful hearts, we turned our faces again to the west. But soon the wind rose, and for thirty-six hours we were exposed to all the dangers of a storm on the Atlantic. Yet, in the very height of the gale, as I sat in the electrician's room, a flash of light came up from the deep, which, having crossed to Ireland, came back to me in mid-ocean, telling me that those so dear to me, whom I had left on the banks of the Hudson, were well, and following us with their wishes and their prayers. This was like a whisper of God from the sea, bidding me keep heart and hope."

While the Bible has been my main encouragement and stay, that story of Cyrus W. Field, with many others, has helped me

during the past two years, believing that in time God will reward the efforts, and this Tabernacle will again be filled with an enthusiastic audience of Zion people, and all the world will wonder more than ever that Zion has risen again with greater power to fight for God against the Devil. [Applause].

How is it that in Zion City any man or woman can get so far away from God as to be an obstacle in the road? It is more than I can understand. May God have mercy upon them, for unless they repent they will be ground to powder in Zion's onward march. Let them not think they can destroy God's work. God is watching over us, and all in this audience, every one young and old who will this afternoon say to God, "I will do what I can to save Zion City," stand up and let us pray together. [Practically all stood.]

Prayer of consecration repeated clause by clause after the General Overseer:

My God and Father, in Jesus' name I come to Thee. Take me as I am; make me What I ought to be, in spirit, soul and body. Give me power to do right. Help me to draw nigh to Thee. O God, I love Thee. I want to keep Thy Word. Father, hear our prayers. Save Zion City and redeem her with judgment and make her a joy to our hearts and to multitudes in all the world.

Now, my brothers and sisters, the fire is burning. May God fan it into a flame that will sweep over this City and over the world. I will ask you to bow your heads in silent prayer while the Choir sings the Recessional.

After the Recessional—"Abide with Me"—The General Overseer said,

I am very grateful to God for this audience and for the good attention. Let all be in earnest prayer, and ask God to sustain and guide by His Word and Spirit, and to give us the strength to perform the duties that are now devolving upon us in guiding this work. We do not want to make any mistakes, much less do wrong. I tell you; Zion, everything is coming our way. If we are only true and faithful, God will undertake for us.

The General Overseer then pronounced the

#### B E N E D I C T I O N

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever.

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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

### Lay Aside Your Weights and Easily Besetting Sin

(By O. L. TINDALL)

IN LEAVES OF HEALING of March 13th, I wrote about the "Great Cloud of Witnesses," taken from Hebrews 12:1.

It was taken from a figure, or image of the Olympic games, illustrated the subject of witnessing in the Christian race or the influence of men upon each other for good or evil; also the power of testimony, and the importance of witnesses.

The figure goes on and says the contestants in the race could lay aside every weight and the easy besetting sin, so that they could make a successful race and win the much-coveted prize. When I read the many illustrations and figures in the Bible, taken from everyday life, it reminds me that the religion of Jesus the Christ is not such a mysterious thing as many would make you think. It is built upon the most common sense principles that you find among men.

#### All Nature Teaches of Christ.

Everything around you teaches some lesson in our beloved christianity. Everything you come in contact with preaches you a sermon. Christ seldom took a text from the Bible to preach from. He took the birds, the flowers, the man at work in the field, or trade, at the fishing nets, the banker, the merchant, the farmer, the soldier, the housewife, the virgins, the peasant used in baking your bread, the games, war, the peaceful shepherd with his flock, and even things of a doubtful character,

as in this case of the games and contests. They all speak to the man who has ears to hear.

How beautiful that we can see God and His Kingdom in so many things! The pure in heart see God everywhere. These images and figures and illustrations give great vividness to our religion. They are like living pictures before our eyes. How plain they make this otherwise mysterious subject! Oh, if people would keep away from these mysterious things and not try to solve what God has not revealed, nor has He tried to explain them.

#### Avoid Speculation.

That is where men get into trouble in religion—trying to pry into things and become wise above what is written. It is the old question "How can a man be born when he is old?" Don't try to explain too much. Paul saw things in the third heaven that he would not tell us about. It was not lawful, he said, or it was impossible to do so, or not wise to do so. Jesus forbade the disciples to tell what they saw on the Mount. Moses and Elijah did not talk of their experiences in the other world where they had been for centuries. What a story they might have told on the Mount that day! But no, they talked of Jesus and His demise and left the great unknown future state alone. Some people seem to know, or are more anxious to know about the future world than they are about the one in which we now live. Jesus' answer to Nicodemus was a good and wise one. "If I told you earthly things and ye believe not, how shall ye believe if I tell you of heavenly things?" "We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen."

This speculation about things you don't know is poor business. Let us keep to the plain facts of the Gospel and be content to know what is revealed.

#### Be Equipped for the Race.

The Apostle teaches some very important lessons by that part of the illustration when he says:

Let us lay aside every weight and the sin that doth so easily beset us.

This has reference to the severe training those athletes underwent before they entered the race. They would never carry any weights that they could avoid. They did not run with a great overcoat, nor with long robes, nor stogy boots. They wore no superfluous garments. It makes me think of the instructions that Jesus gave to His disciples when He sent them out. He said:

Take no silver, nor gold, no scrip, neither two coats, nor shoes, nor staves. Salute no man by the way.

Let everything give way to the main work. The king's business requires haste. Paul would shame the Christian by contrasting the careless way of men who profess the cause of Christ and the earnest self-sacrificing way of these athletes who run for a mere crown of laurel leaves. They deny themselves of everything that would hinder in any way. A racer, or a boxer, or a fighter does not indulge in liquor or any unwholesome food. He eats only that which is good. He keeps regular hours. He goes not to excess in eating and drinking, nor in work. He works, however, and practices and trains severely.

He puts himself under a trainer and obeys orders. Christians don't like to do that. One of our hard lessons in Zion is to teach men that they need trainers. God puts men over His racers and tells them to do like these athletes in the world.

God sends men to take charge of His people and to train them the same as the government puts officers in the army to drill the boys for battle. They must submit to orders and do as they are bid.

Think of the months and years of discipline and drill, and training these men have to endure before they are fit for a hard battle. Raw recruits are of but little use in a battle. They must submit to discipline and learn to obey orders. It is no less true in the army of the Lord. Men use sense in other things but are foolish when it comes to the work of the Lord. The armies of God are nothing but a mob. The churches have never taught the people the first principle of the Kingdom of Heaven, which is Obedience.

"Order is heaven's first law" is an old saying. Zion insists that her soldiers should be trained and drilled by proper and efficient officers the same as an army that goes out to kill men. Should we not be as willing to submit to discipline and self-denial to save men as the world is to kill their fellowmen?

We think it the proper thing to have masters and trainers for our children in order to educate and train them in the things of this world; why not do the same thing in the religious world?

#### **That Easily Besetting Sin.**

Every man has an easily besetting sin, I suppose. One man has one and another has something else. Liquor may be the besetting sin of some men. Tobacco may be the sin that annoys another. Profanity hinders another. Covetousness, skepticism like Thomas', instability and fear like Peter', love of money like the young ruler, envy and jealousy, licentiousness, love of pleasure, man-fearing spirit, laziness, love of preeminence, like the apostles', "who shall be the greatest?" Timidity, carelessness, love of power, high temper, and a score of others that might be mentioned may be the besetting sins and weights to a man.

"One thing thou lacketh" may be said to most, or all men. One trouble above all others. It is like a disease in one member; heart trouble, or lung trouble, or something else. The spiritual man is subject to sickness of various kinds. One sin may ruin a man spiritually as one disease may prove fatal to your whole body. It is like the tap root of a tree. If you cut that the rest are easily managed.

It is well for us to get rid of our hindrances: then we can run well the race before us.

"Looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our Faith."

## The Miracles of Healing in the Bible

*Address No. Two*

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*By General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva*

REPORTED BY T. FROST.

#### **Invocation.**

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, and richly blessed unto this congregation, Oh Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. Amen.

Immediately following the narrative of healing read to you on last Lord's Day afternoon, we have the following words in the thirty-second, thirty-third and thirty-fourth verses of the ninth chapter of Matthew's Gospel:

As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a dumb man possessed with a devil.

And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel.

But the Pharisees said, He casteth out devils through the prince of devils.—Matthew 9:32-34.

The story read to you last Lord's Day was that of the approach of two blind men unto the Savior, and their heart-rending and persevering cry, "Have mercy upon us, Thou Son of David."

You will remember that a few years ago there was a great deal of talk in regard to the address of Henry Drummond on the subject of "Love, the greatest thing in the World." I am not inclined to take issue with the statement, for the love of God to mankind most certainly must be very great, for He gave Jesus the Christ, His only begotten Son to die for us while we were yet His enemies.

#### **The Proof of God's Love.**

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

But Christ laid down His life for his enemies.

If you, sinner, ask me this afternoon—you who are away from God—what proof can I give that God loves you, and stands with arms outstretched to receive you, I answer, "The highest proof of God's love for you is the fact that He gave His only begotten Son to suffer and die for you."

What would this world be without the religion of the Lord Jesus the Christ?

What will this world be like when He, who restraineth, is taken away, and the righteous-living are transformed and taken away to be with the Lord?

#### **A Senator's Remark.**

In yesterday's papers there appeared a statement, not made from a Zion platform, not printed in a Zion paper, but made by a Senator, and printed in the daily papers throughout the country, a remark based upon the introduction of a bill in one of the State Legislatures making it a crime for a man or a woman to violate the marriage vow punishable with a maximum penalty of twenty years in the penitentiary.

This Senator said, among other things, that if his bill were passed and became operative, sixty per cent. of the husbands and wives of one of the large cities in the United States would go to the penitentiary.

If that remark had been made by a Zion man, he would have

been denounced as a hare-brained enthusiast, a man who talked without thinking, a man who had schooled himself to look upon the dark side of life, but the man who made the utterance is so thoroughly alive to the crime of home-breaking that he made the statement without equivocation, reservation or qualification that sixty per cent. of the married people of one large city would go to the penitentiary under the proposed law.

#### The World Without Religion.

So I ask you, Zion, what would the world be without the religion of the Lord Jesus the Christ? What would we be today but for the grace of God? Can you imagine what this world will become when the Holy Spirit is withdrawn and all the saints are taken out of it, and iniquity is allowed to go on unrestrained with no salt left and no light in the world? What would it be like? What is it now? What is our own beloved little City, the place we dreamed about, that we talked about, that we looked forward to as a place peopled by God's people with one Church, with one temple, with every foot on the Lord's Day turned toward that solitary temple?

We have a company of people—how large, I do not know, God knows the hearts of the people—who are earnest Christian men and women. There is not a better company of people on God's earth. But there is another side to the Zion City picture. There are—how many I do not know, but—hundreds upon hundreds of people who have forsaken the House of God, who stay at home all day on the Lord's Day, and never assemble themselves for worship; young men who are as filthy and depraved as any young man to be found in Waukegan or Chicago; young women with no serious thoughts of life, frivolous, light and foolish; a company of backsliders, traitors who have crucified the Son of God afresh, and have taken their stand (God have mercy on them) for they are trying to ruin the only city on God's earth where an honest attempt has been made and is being made for purity and righteousness.

The man who stands by in this day, and does not lift his voice for God and Zion, has lost all Christianity and all manliness. (Amen.)

The world is bad enough after all the preaching. When the Holy Ghost goes back, and God's saints are taken out, then the Day of Tribulation will come.

#### This May Be Your Last Prayer.

As I knelt in family prayer last night, I thought, as I never thought before, so deeply, "Father, this may be the last prayer before we are ushered into eternity into Thine own presence." God only knows at this moment what the next twenty-four hours may bring forth. On a certain night a few weeks ago, more than two hundred thousand people retired as you and I retired last night, but before the sun disappeared again behind the horizon, they were asleep in death without a moment's warning. Since that awful catastrophe, earthquake shocks have been felt in numerous parts of the world, even on our own Pacific coast, seven cities being shaken last week. The City of Cincinnati had two or three distinct shocks, and in Italy for weeks thousands of people have met in the churches crying, "The world's at an end." God only knows. Therefore the exhortation to watch and pray should be heeded by every brother and every sister. (Amen.) The only safe way, Zion, is for us every day to be ready so that whenever the Christ comes we shall be ready. The only way to be ready when He comes is to be ready all the time. I cannot tell you what is going on in my own spirit. You think you have troubles, trials and struggles, but I tell you, my brothers and sisters, the fight that is on in Zion City, if I mistake not, is one of the greatest fights of all the ages, and means more for the future in some respects than any ordinary fight that has ever been waged in the past.

I trust that this afternoon you will all be quickened in spirit, soul and body. I trust that, as you hear those two blind men crying, "Have mercy upon us, Thou Son of David," you will cry, too, that Jesus will open your eyes that you may see clearly.

#### Signs That God Founded Zion.

Oh, it is so plain to my mind and spirit that God has founded Zion. It is so remarkable that satan and all his hosts should be marshaled against Zion City for its overthrow.

Not only God's love but satan's hatred mean much to me and shows that God founded Zion. Let all be true-hearted, whole-hearted and realize that the combined efforts to put me down is not because of the fact that my name is Voliva, but because these fellows recognize that I stand in a position where their desires and aims will be contested at every step, and therefore they would like to get me out of the road.

They are not fighting a man, but principles and truths. If I passed away today, and John Brown took my place, he would be hated just the same, because if God is with him, as Zion's leader, he would stand up for Zion, and he would preach the principles and the truths of Zion.

Another good sign, Zion, is when our enemies link up with the world, the flesh and the devil. What does the Bible say?

"The friendship of the world is" what?

Voices: "Enmity against God."

Can you be a friend of the world and God's friend at the same time?

Voices: "No."

Can you serve God and mammon?

Voices: "No."

Never! It is impossible.

They say to the outside people, "Come in and build your churches. Come along. We invite you all. There is going to be a new Zion now." That was the chief point in Rominger's speech—The New Zion, founded on a broad and liberal spirit that takes in everybody, the Waukegan Press, doctors, etc. "Come along, come along, only we will have a clean City!"

That is just like asking fifty saloon-keepers to come along and establish saloons, and then say, "We are going to have it a Prohibition town."

There is just as much sense in one as the other.

May God hear the cry today, and open the blind eyes. Whenever I see an earnest, faithful man it rejoices my heart. When I see one wavering and ready to give up the fight, and be set aside I feel very sad for him.

Zion, some one is right in this town. Some one is wrong.

The nice,(?) sweet,(?) fellows are wrong, and have been all the time.

Did not I tell you a long time ago, my brothers and sisters, that these fellows that were so sweet and nice were hypocrites? Now they are giving up their sweet, lovely spirit. It did not work. They are now going to begin to fight each other. So you have Lewis pitching into Bryant telling him he is a hypocrite and a slobberer. When Voliva told them that six months ago, they said he was a terrible fellow and a harsh man. Lewis says that Bryant stands only for one thing and that is a comfortable job. I think he is right.

#### Someone Is Wrong.

Oh that God would open the eyes of these people to see that someone is right. Either Voliva is right, and God put me here, or He did not. If He did, what is the use for them to kick? There is one thing certain, I can look up to my dear Heavenly Father and say, "He is blessing us richly in every particular. Thanks be unto His Holy name."

God will never leave nor forsake His own work. Never.

I would like to know where is the rest of them getting any

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ONE THING!

I will ask you One Thing.

But One Thing is needful.

Yet lackest thou One Thing.

One Thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.

But this One Thing I do.

But, beloved, be not ignorant of this One Thing.

The importance of One Thing in the Bible is shown by the above quotations.

Spread out less—go deeper into Divine Principles and Truths.

One question—the place, the time, the circumstances all considered—is of more importance both for time and eternity; both for the questioner, and the questioned, than any number of thoughtless, foolish questions.

Think more.  
 Talk Less.

Most people are continually perplexed by many questions, and beset with fears and doubts.

A man of few words,  
 But of many noble deeds, will be  
 a blessing in his  
 day and generation.

There is a time to talk.  
 There is a time to keep silent.

Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak.

Do things—but not useless things.

The doing of the One Thing needful is of infinitely greater value than the doing of any number of useless things; or, things you are not called upon to do.

Calculate, if you can, how much time and strength are wasted by useless talking and foolish acting.

Attend strictly to your own business.

Honor God in every thought.  
 Honor God in every word.  
 Honor God in every deed.

Every person should, without a moment's delay, ask One Thing: What shall I do to be saved?



On every hand you hear:  
What shall I do to get money?  
What shall I do to get property?  
What shall I do to get wealth?  
What shall I do to get an Education?  
What shall I do to get honor?



One Question, my brother,  
One Question, my sister.  
Time is passing, and soon you will stand before God in judgment.



Do One Thing---the important thing---Give yourself to God, and do it without delay.



Behold the young man---yet lackest thou One Thing.



How sad that a person should be ready for acceptance with God---all but One Thing. One Thing---just One Thing has proven fatal to many persons. The One Thing may be a great thing: but the smallest and most insignificant thing is of importance in God's sight.



Think of it---just One Thing between a man and the Kingdom of God.



One Thing---Riches!  
One Thing---Pride!  
One Thing---An opposing relative or friend.



Will you allow One Thing to keep you out of Heaven?



A solemn question directed straight at you:  
What is the One Thing thou lackest?



Are you being saved?  
Have you received your healing?



One Thing between you and God.  
Is it money?  
Is it property?  
Is it a violent temper?

Is it pride?  
Is it unbelief?  
Is it envy?  
Is it jealousy?  
What is it?

Put it away. Seek daily for a closer walk with God.



One Thing I know. Do not bother about a hundred and one things you do not know.



The man in the ninth chapter of John, knew One Thing---and that was that whereas he was blind now he could see.



Do not spend your time working out some far-fetched, foolish, and fanciful interpretation of the prophecies in Daniel or Revelation.



Get Salvation!  
Get Healing!



Be a witness that God Saves, Heals, Cleanses, Blesses and Keeps.



Christianity is a Life.



Doctrinal Hair Splitters are not wanted, and will not be tolerated in Zion.



The world needs Zion. Zion must be practical.



The wretched sects simply revolve around some doctrine.



One Sect revolves around Saturday as the Sabbath.



Another sect revolves around water baptism.



Zion throughout the world  
Get the sinners saved.  
Get the sick healed.



Pray "Thy Kingdom Come," and then help establish the Kingdom of God.

Zion is going forward.  
The pot is boiling.  
The fire is burning.

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The time of testing is not over.

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Let all readers of Leaves of Healing be faithful in every particular.

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No true Zion man or woman here at Headquarters in Zion City has any doubt regarding the final outcome.

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The greatest fight on earth today is in Zion City.

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Woe unto the traitors!  
Woe unto the cowards!

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God is with Zion, and her enemies will be defeated and put to rout.

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It speaks volumes for Zion that she is beset on every side by the powers of darkness. A host of wicked spirits seem to have been let loose, but in the strength of the Most High God she emerges from every conflict with victory written upon her banner.

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God will save Zion City, and the Day of Judgment for a number of offenders is rapidly drawing nigh.

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WACH YE THEREFORE AND PRAY ALWAYS.

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## The Miracles of Healing in the Bible

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blessing? They are all at sea. I did not tell you this afternoon that when Rominger finished that speech, Bryant reached over and congratulated him. I have said it in Cincinnati, in Australia and wherever I have preached, "If a Zion man does his duty and preaches the Gospel, the Press and the pulpit will be down on him." (Voice: "Sure.")

Zion can have no unity with the world, the flesh and the devil. Zion can have no unity with the apostate churches. Did not they try for years to kill Zion? Zion, if you and I are all right, if we are faithful to God, He will be with us. May God open their eyes.

I pointed out to you last Lord's Day that Jesus said, "Believest thou that I am able to do this?"

They said, "Yea, Lord." Then He touched their eyes and said,

**Faith Is Necessary.**

"According to your faith, so be it unto you."

There is the secret. God is looking down from heaven this afternoon. He is looking upon you and me. He is saying to every one of us, "You are praying for Zion City to be saved. Do you believe it? Do you mean it? Are you dead in earnest, or are you playing at it? Do you believe it?"

My brothers and sisters, we are up before a harder proposition than the Red Sea. I feel, in some respects, that Moses at the Red Sea had an easy problem compared to the problems that face us today.

Oh Zion, will you, by your fears and doubts, bring defeat?

If we are right, what about the people that listen to the voice of the tempter, and run after this fellow and that fellow? There will be only one result. They will go down when their leaders (?) go down, and they have all gone down. These fellows are going down very rapidly. I love them but I love Zion City more. I love them. I would like to see them saved, but I would rather see them swept out in a bunch than see Zion City lost. (Amen.) The salvation of Zion City means the salvation of thousands of mankind in years to come. The redemption of Zion City, and the lifting up again of Zion's head means the salvation and healing of thousands from all parts of the world. By an eye of faith, Zion, can you look forward to the time when we shall have that Hospice? God gave us this Tabernacle, and God can give us that Hospice. I do not propose to abate one iota in my determination, in my fight to have it. I believe that God will give it to us. The day will come when we will fill it up with children of God who want teaching. We will meet them morning, noon and night. We will hold Zion Receptions there, and the children of the devil will be swept out if we will only be faithful.

Have you faith to open the Red Sea? Have you faith to open the waters of the Jordan? Have you faith to close the lion's mouth, to heal the sick? Have you faith to open the blind eyes? "According to your faith be it unto you."

Oh that God would take this people and set them on fire, and give us all the faith that will never shrink before any foe. Then we shall triumph by faith. Then we shall sing the song of Triumph over all the enemies of Zion.

**"Praise Is Comely."**

This little story I read to you is about a dumb man, not two blind men. I have told you the story before, of the preacher giving out the Hymn "Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing, My Great Redeemer's Praise!" A man by his side opened to the hymn and pointed to it. The dumb man took out a pencil and wrote on a piece of paper. "I would thank God with all my heart if I had one tongue to sing my Great Redeemer's Praise."

Ah, there are some who have one tongue---but do they use it "to sing the Redeemer's praise?" Our hearts ought to be full of praise all the time. We ought to be praising God up to the very last breath at night and the first breath in the morning. You fathers and mothers who have dear, sweet little children which God has kept, and you have gone on year after year, and you have the precious jewels with you, as you go about your work, wherever you are, you ought to be praising God for His lovingkindness and His goodness to you. One of the basest of all sins is the sin of ingratitude. God forbid that one of us should ever be guilty of the sin of ingratitude to our God and Heavenly Father.

You, my brother, whom God has saved from tobacco, from drink, from various habits, should praise Him all the rest of your lives for what He has done for you.

We all ought to praise God. Praise God all the time. Praise

God as well as pray. Do not be always asking. Spend some of the time praising God for what he has done for you.

#### Demon Possession.

In this story we are told that the man was possessed of a demon. Oh that God would help us understand. (Amen). I hesitate to talk about this subject, I know so little about it. I only know that the Word tells me that this poor man, who was dumb, was possessed of a demon. I know that it continues by saying that when the demon was cast out the dumb man spoke. So I can say very plainly that that poor man, being possessed of a demon, was deprived of the power of speech, and when the demon was cast out the man spoke.

The multitudes marvelled, saying, "It has never been so seen in Israel." Then the Pharisees criticized and committed the sin of blasphemy against the Holy Ghost.

The sin of blasphemy against the Holy Ghost is resistance to the Holy Ghost and His influences, turning back upon the light that shines upon one's pathway, until at last they went so far as to attribute Christ's miracles to the agency of the Prince of Demons. When they did that, they committed the sin of blasphemy.

#### Your Body the Temple of God.

My brothers and sisters, I know this much: that my body was created as a temple of the Holy Ghost. Every person is possessed either by the Holy Ghost or by an evil spirit. Every thought we think and treasure, every word we speak, and every deed we do, ought to be inspired by the Spirit of God. They are inspired either by the Spirit of God or the spirit of evil.

My brother and my sister, it is impossible for a person truly born from above to be possessed by a demon. A man who gladly obeys God will be possessed by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is given to them that obey God, but if there is rebellion, if there is a disinclination to obey God and His Word, then the spirit of evil is there, and not the Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit will come when you invite Him. He will come when you pray for Him to come, and open up your heart and life for Him. He will come in and take possession of your spirit, soul, and body. As I said a while ago, when Deacon Forby writes an article and deals with the enemies of Zion, he does it filled with the Spirit of God, moved by the Spirit of God to speak the truth, and that is the reason God so richly blesses.

#### The Right View of Christ.

Some people think, you know, that a man possessed by the Spirit of God will never rebuke anybody or reprove anybody. They think that he will use very sweet, nice language, and be very soft, but ah, just the opposite! The most terrible man that every trod this earth was the Son of God. People who only see him at the tomb of Lazarus and behold His sympathizing tears, you do not know Him. You have a one-sided Savior. You have a distorted Savior. You have not the Savior of the Bible. The conception that many have of Jesus is, that He was a very effeminate character, very small in stature, a very fine little whiney voice, and that He was just a weakling.

I tell you that is not the Christ of the Bible. The Christ of the Bible--you must see Him at the grave of Lazarus, at the tomb of the widow's son, and then as He talks to the religious leaders of His time. You must see Him in the Temple when He drove out the money-changers. You must hear His voice as He thunders and roars at the Scribes and Pharisees.

When a man says, "Home," "Mother," "Heaven," he says them in a very different way, does he not, from when he says "hell," or "devil?" Or in other words, when a man is going to break the news of the sudden death of a loved one, he breaks it as he breaks the news that your house is on fire, is he not?

The Savior felt deeply. I guarantee, if you could only have seen Him in the Temple, or in the twenty-third chapter of Matthew, and then have seen Him at the grave of Lazarus, you would have the right conception of the Savior and of the Word of God.

I will tell you where a number of people have gotten sidetracked: they do not know the Prophets. The Book of Hosea was written for terrible times of apostasy. Do you know that God told him to join himself to a harlot as a rebuke and reproach and as a complete object lesson to the Children of Israel?

Isaiah declared to the Children of Israel that they did not know as much as an ox, and that they did not have as much sense as an ass. He told them they were corrupt from the crowns of their heads to the soles of their feet; that there was no soundness in them. The most terrible things in literature are in the Bible.

#### Foolish Criticism.

Some people are criticizing because I have said something about a man in this City who has grievously sinned. That is my business and none of yours. Some people say, "Why, Jesus would not do that." I tell you, God Almighty caused the story of David's sin to be written and handed down to us in the Bible, did He not?

Voices: Yes.

And He handed it down to millions of people to read, did He not?

Voices: Yes.

When David repented, God forgave him. When these sinners, repent, I will forgive them, and I never will forgive them until they do. God can never forgive the sinful until they repent; neither can we. As long as they form their old "Handel Clubs" and their "Bay View Reading Circles," and all the rest of their devilish organizations, I will fight them to a finish. (Amen.) They are all the enemies of God and Zion. But it is hard to convince some people. Paul tried that, and he said, "I have told you day and night weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ."

These fellows are far more dangerous than any foe that ever fought John Alex. Dowie. Why don't you let me alone. Keep your hands off. Do not hinder. Attend to your own business. God Almighty never called you to do this, and you may be thankful to Him that He did not. I know as much about putting this work in order as any little girl in the kitchen knows. She may know more about washing dishes than I do. That is your business. Nothing pleases me more than to see a little girl washing dishes. I would not give you a cent a hundred, wrapped in brown paper, for girls who could play the Piano, but not know how to wash dishes.

Do you not want Zion City saved? Why don't you then do everything you can to save it?

#### Do Your Duty and Stand Fast.

One of the signs of being filled with the Holy Ghost is stability. A man who has the Holy Spirit in him is a man who can stand for at least twenty-four hours.

Before my heavenly Father, and you yourselves, if you are honest witnesses, you must say that "Voliva has stood his ground all the way through." I have not been a jumping jack. One of the last things an ex-Overseer said to me was, "I will give you credit for this, you have not changed one iota since you came to Zion City." I wish I could say the same of him.

A man filled with the Spirit of God is stable. Peter was a very different man after Pentecost from what he was before. When Christ said to the Apostles, "The Son of Man must go up to Jerusalem. He will be delivered into the hands of wicked men and crucified," Peter said, "It shall never be unto Thee,

Lord." Christ then said, "Get thee hence, satan." But you must not call a man a devil, must you? What did Christ do with Peter? "Get thee hence, satan, for thou savorest not of the things that be of God, but the things that be of" what?

Voices: "Men."

Never say "Get thee behind me, Satan," because it is always best to have the devil in front of you.

A man filled with the Holy Spirit is stable. He is not the author of criticizing or fault-finding. The Apostle Paul says, "Having done all, to" what?

Voices: "Stand."

#### God is Blessing Zion.

Take your stand for God and Zion. May God open your eyes. May God help you to see. May God grant it for Jesus' sake. I want to help you. I want you to see the right. I am sorry any have been led away by satan. I pity them. God knows that deep down in my heart I shed tears over them and weep for them and sorrow for them. Some of them say, "I can be a Christian without coming to Shiloh Tabernacle." Well, you try it. I tell you straight that you cannot do as you please, or go as you like. If I were going to say you could, I would walk off this platform and never preach another sermon, for if I have been called of God to the Christian ministry, and placed in this position to lead under God, Christ and the Holy Spirit, this people, it would be the height of folly, and I would be doomed to utter failure. If God had not been with me, I would have been down long ago. All the brains (?) are on the other side, they have all the intellectual (?) giants. Where are they? We are winning. Has not God done wonders for us? Yes, there is a new Zion rising, but it is not Rominger's. It is the Zion God is helping you people to create. We will launch other institutions if you people are faithful to God and do your duty, and we all pull together. The institutions will come one by one, and if I do right, won't God give us thousands of precious souls? Yes, and they will bring in millions of dollars. That is the way Zion is going to be built up. There is only one thing, Zion, and that is to do right. Do right! A man who has the favor of God, and the disfavor of men is infinitely better off than a man who has the favor of all men and the disfavor of God. Our God is a great God. May God open your eyes, and may God give you all the power of speech, and when you have the opportunity to pray and praise God, open your mouths. Use your

tongues and praise God and your gracious Redeemer. May God grant it, and may He bless you.

I praise God for this day in Zion. I thank God for this attendance today, and I thank God for your love, confidence, and loyalty.

After the Recessional, the General Overseer pronounced the

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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

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Processional, No. 194 (In Excelsis) "Who Is On The  
Lord's Side?"

#### Invocation.

God be merciful unto us, and bless us, and make Thy face to shine  
upon us, that Thy Way may be known upon the earth, Thy saving health  
among the nations, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Hymn No. 217, "How Firm a Foundation."

Twenty-third chapter of Joshua read by Elder O. L. Tindall.

Hymn No. 213. "Jesus shall Reign."

Prayer by Deacon Theodore Forby.

Announcements by Elder E. L. Carey.

Tithes and offerings. Hymn No. 237, "From Greenland's  
Mountains."

Anthem by the Choir.

#### SERMON.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart,  
be acceptable in Thy sight, and profitable unto this people, O  
Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. Amen.

I will ask you to turn to the twenty-eighth chapter of Deu-  
teronomy, and the first verse.

And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the  
voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all His commandments,

which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on  
high above all nations of the earth.

There you find a covenant, a covenant between God and the  
people of Israel; an obligation on the part of Israel, and an obli-  
gation on the part of God. That makes a covenant—an agree-  
ment between two parties. "If thou shalt do so and so, and so  
and so, I will do thus and so."

#### Obedience—Effects of Obedience and Free Will.

In looking at this verse I see three things standing out.  
Those three things are obedience, the effect of obedience, and  
the free will of man.

In some passages of Scripture you will find a straight out  
command. Thou shalt do so and so, and thou shalt not do  
so and so. In this passage as in others, you will find that the  
free will of man is brought in. The little word "if" signifies  
this, and so we will read this. "If thou shalt hearken unto the  
voice of the Lord thy God." You can please yourself entirely  
whether you hearken to God's voice or not. It is a matter of  
choice on your part and on mine. God honors our free will.

Now you take another passage where you read these words:  
"Come, let us reason together, saith the Lord." God honors  
the free will of man and the intelligence of man. He is a rea-  
soning creature. God has given him powers of thought and of  
reason. He expects him to use them and to make his conclu-  
sions, but He expects him to decide in a reasonable and right-  
eous manner.

The words that we have taken for our text, as I have said,  
bring before us the law of obedience, the law of God, obedience  
to the law,—the law of God; and you will find that by obeying  
God, obeying the law of God, there are many blessings.

#### The Blessings of Obedience.

Just look at those blessings for a few moments. Let us  
glance over them in this chapter. First of all, let us look at the  
text for a moment. "If thou shalt hearken diligently unto the

voice of the Lord thy God." You will notice the phraseology. "If thou shalt hearken *diligently*." There is listening, and listening earnestly—diligently. "And *observe*," not only to listen, to listen diligently, to *observe*, but to *do all His commandments*; not one or two, but *all His commandments*. Then if you will hearken diligently, if you will observe His law closely, if you will put your heart into it and do all His commandments, then I will set thee, says the Lord, on high above all the nations. They had not reached that place, you will observe. They were not there. And many times they were far from there. They were at times disgraced before the nations and ridiculed and were a by-word and a reproach though they were God's people; but there was the goal, there was the mark which God set before them as a people. If they would attain to that mark, then there were innumerable blessings. They would be brought up from the ashes and from the dunghill and placed high and above all the nations round about.

God's Word is true. God stands by the compact that He makes. God is not a man that He should lie, neither the son of man that He should repent. He has always kept his Word and whenever man has come up to the mark God has always fulfilled His promise.

What other blessings are there enumerated? Just look at them for a moment. "All these blessings shall come on thee and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God."

"Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.

"Blessed shalt be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

"Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.

"Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out."

And when your enemies come up against you, to smite you, they shall be smitten before thy face.

"The Lord shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways."

"The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thy hands to do."

That is a sweeping promise. It is a promise for Zion today. It was a promise for Zion before. It was for Zion, if Zion would come up to the standard. There are the promises before us today. "In all that thou settest thy hand unto." There is not an exception. Everything that you touch will be blessed. Why cannot you and I claim these promises?

I have been thinking quite a good deal this past week about these promises of God, these wonderful promises, and I have said, "By God's grace, so far as I am concerned, I will obey thy Word. So far as I know how I will keep Thy commandments. I will do what Thou dost tell me to do, and I will prove Thy Word so far as I am concerned." That is the obligation that every man should assume, and prove God and see whether He will carry out His promises.

"In all that thou settest thy hand unto." There is no exception! "The Lord shall establish thee an holy people unto Himself--if thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God and walk in His ways."

#### Zion Should Be a Holy People.

A holy people. That is what Zion ought to be. That is what Zion must be if she is to have power and to be used of God. She has got to be a holy people, a separate people, a sanctified people, used of God for His purposes. If not, why then we had just as well be where we were before. If that is not what we are going to be, what's the use of our staying any longer to-

gether? But we may be, and if we obey His commandments we shall be, a holy people and used of God.

#### Jesus Christ is the Only Teacher.

Jesus said on one occasion, "Take my yoke upon you and *learn of Me*." Learn to do His will. Learn to follow the pattern which has been placed before us by the Man Christ Jesus "for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls." There you have a condition again. If you will 'take My yoke upon you and learn of Me.' The world has got to learn of the Christ!

He has been despised and rejected and is rejected today by the world. We have to learn of Christ. Men are putting up their gods of different kinds for the people to worship. They have got their plans of evolving the salvation of this world. One has one way, and another some other way. The Socialist thinks his way is *the* way, and others think some other way is a better way. There is only *one* way, and that is the Way, the Truth and the Life, Jesus Christ, and He is to be learned of and to be followed by all mankind and owned and worshipped. Then the world will find rest from all its troubles.

The cause of unrest today is because of the terrible conditions that exist simply because man will not learn of Christ. But the day is coming when they must all come to that one Way of thinking. We shall all think alike some day; we shall think like Christ and we shall follow Him and He shall be our Law-giver. The paths of the Lord are mercy and truth. Yes. Unto such as keep His covenants and His testimonies.

There is a great sphere for mercy today. There is great room for truth today to operate; and only will mercy come and truth operate to the uttermost parts of the earth when men learn to keep the statutes and testimonies of God.

#### Obedience Requires Self-Denial.

Obedience spells self-denial. Obedience to the law of God spells self-denial. The law of God requires man to come up to the standard, and men are below that standard because of the evil that is within them; and because of those conditions there is opposition in the hearts of men to the law of God and a dislike to deny themselves of those things which they are at the present time enjoying and which make up their life, but the law has gone forth, and that law has got to be obeyed some time or other.

#### Lawlessness is Rife.

At present there is lawlessness. Men are going their own way, making their own laws, obeying their own commandments and doing their own will, and it seems a stupendous task, and from the human side it seems impossible, for man to be brought to know the Lord and to keep the commandments of God. Human nature kicks against what it calls restriction. That is what made Saul of Tarsus kick. He didn't want to give in. Jesus told him that it was hard to kick, but he had to give up his kicking and he had to be smitten down before he could see that it was useless to kick against God and His laws and against the Christ whom he had been persecuting. It took a stroke from the hand of God the Almighty which felled him to the earth to bring him to see that he was fighting the law of God as it was in Jesus the Christ.

The law of God has the effect of disciplining every man and that is what men don't like. All of us I suppose have more or less a dislike to be disciplined, but that is the effect of the law of God. That is what God is going to do with this world of ours until He can get it straight; until He can get it where it ought to be. And so He has started with us here. That is the way I see it. He is starting with you and me, with my brethren on the platform, with my friends in the choir. He is starting with us all, and He brings His law before us and He wants

that law to operate in our hearts and minds, and in all our life, but our human nature sets up against it and we resist it.

**Resistance Against God Must Cease.**

We often resist. All the resistance, some time or other, has to stop and if it doesn't cease today it has got to cease some time.

If I resist God's way, if I want my way, God may allow me to have my way, and may allow me to have my way for quite a while, but the time will come when I will have to see that there is no use kicking and resisting. The law will have to operate in my life and make me what I ought to be.

**Our Self-Denials Nothing Compared to Our Gains.**

We talk about losing this and suffering that by being Christians. Yes. You say, "We will lose, and we will suffer this and we will suffer that, and we have lost and suffered so." Yes, but how often does man forget what he gains by yielding himself to God and by letting the law of God come into his life and work.

What does he gain? Consider this today. What do you gain by allowing God Almighty to do His work in your life and heart? *What will you gain?* That is the question. Not "What will I lose?" but "What will I gain?"

When you come to balance up you will find there is a gain, my brother, and a great gain, a wonderful gain. It is a question of profit and loss. "What shall a man profit if he should gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" What will he gain in that case? He will gain nothing. He has lost all, everything, as many poor souls have discovered when they came to the close of life. They have had all they wanted in this life. Yes, riches, position, honor, pleasure, society, everything, but they missed the mark. They left the Christ out of their life. The day came when the dark waters rolled near and there was none to help; no, not one. Even of the dearest ones, none could help. It was all loss and no gain.

My brethren, if you and I are to be used of God in this life, if you and I are to be used in the service of God in Zion, we have got to learn to obey the law of the eternal God. It will mean denial, self-denial.

**Words of Professor Drummond.**

Let me read a few words here from Professor Drummond, on this.

"The penalty of evading self-denial also is just that we get a lesser instead of a larger good. The punishment of sin is inseparably bound up within itself. To refuse to deny one's self is just to be left with the self undenied. When the balance of life is struck, the self will be found still there. The discipline of life was meant to destroy this self, but that discipline having been evaded—and we all to some extent have opportunities, and too often exercise them, of taking the narrow path by the shortest cut—its purpose is balked. But the soul is the loser. In seeking to gain its life it has really lost it. That is what Christ meant when He said: 'He that loveth his life shall lose it, and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.'"

Those words are worthy of our consideration. My brethren, the most deceived man in this world is the man that thinks that Christianity stands for all that is doleful and gloomy and sad. A man is a fool to think that. But they think it. They believe it. They are blinded. They are short sighted. They cannot see. Obedience to the law of God brings blessing, not cursing.

**Curses Follow Disobedience.**

But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all His commandments and His statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:

Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field.

Cursed shall be thy basket and thy store.

Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

Cursed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and cursed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

Do you want to be there? That is where some people are today—disobeying God, putting the law of God aside, helping to frustrate His purposes.

How can you read, my brother, your destiny in any other way? God's law states that if you are not in unity with His plans and purposes there is no blessing and there must be cursing. There is no middle place.

Just look at the thirty-second verse in this chapter for a moment.

Thy sons and thy daughters shall be given unto other people, and thine eyes shall look, and fail with longing for them all the day long; and there shall be no might in thine hand.

**Zion Stands for God's Law.**

And yet there are people today who are doing all they can to destroy the one spot on God's earth that is the hope of our children and the hope of their children. I warn you in the name of God, my brother, that if you are out of line with God's plans regarding this City the day will come when God's Word will be fulfilled in your case and your children. Your children shall be taken by the evil power and you shall look in sorrow and dismay for them and they shall be no more. What a responsibility! And yet with all the responsibility, what a joy to know that you are all cooperating with all that is good, right and noble.

I wouldn't today, for all the wealth of this world, be on the side against Zion in this City---not for one moment. Why? Let me ask a question: What has been Zion's work in the past? I am talking about opposing God's plans and laws and disobeying God's Word. I am talking about Zion's work, and the ideas and ideals of Zion. Let us answer the question. What is Zion striving for today? Is it for that which is right, or it is for something that is not right? Is it to carry out the law of God, or is it not?

These are questions that I ask and that ought to be asked by every intelligent man and woman in this City.

**Vote For God's Laws.**

May God help every man and every woman who has the privilege of voting at the coming elections to ask himself and herself these serious questions before they write upon those ballot papers. Will you be ashamed of what you will do, or will you not? Will that act of yours help in the extension of the law of God and in the cause of this City as the City of God Almighty, or will that act help to frustrate that purpose?

Vote as you like! for you have your own free will. God Almighty will allow you to do just what you will! But God's judgments will come, and God's law, if not kept, will bring the penalty to every transgressor.

**Is Not Zion Needed?**

Now, let me ask again, Is Zion needed today? Is it necessary for this organization to operate, or is it not? I bring it right down to this question for every man and woman to settle before God.

Some of you have been in the work of Zion for many years, and have seen the power of God in Zion through His servant, and you know the blessings that came upon Zion. You know the power with which the message of Zion was delivered. Is it necessary for this organization to operate, or is it not? Are the Churches doing what is necessary? Was it unnecessary for Zion to be created and to come into the field when already there

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## General Overseer's Notes

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 April 2, 1909.

### Jesus

"And thou shalt call His name JESUS:  
For He shall save His people from their sins."

JESUS was named before His incarnation.

He came not to receive a name, but to fulfil a name, and His mission to the world is set forth by the name JESUS, which means SAVIOR.

Jesus was not only sent by God, the Father, but He, Himself, willingly came, lived, loved, suffered and died that humanity might be saved from sin and all of its consequences.

Sin is the transgression of God's law.

The wages of sin is death.

All have sinned.

As the mission of Jesus the Christ was to save the people from their sins, just so the mission of one and all, who have been saved from their sins, is to get others, in like manner, saved.

The life of every child of God is simply the life of Jesus the Christ in miniature—for He was "God manifest in the flesh."

As His work on behalf of humanity began with SELF-DENIAL, so must we deny ourselves, take up our Cross, and follow Him.

Any study of the life of Jesus, which does not begin with His pre-existence, is incomplete, and is certain to disappoint the student, no matter how earnest and sincere he may be.

"In the beginning was the Word."

A word is a sign of an idea, or an idea is conveyed by means of words.

Jesus the Christ was the highest and most complete expression of God's ideas concerning mankind.

He, Himself said, "Before Abraham was, I am."

In the supreme prayer of His earthly career He prayed:

"And now, O Father, glorify Thou Me with thine own self, with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was."

The prayerful study of the following verses will revolutionize, quicken and deepen the spiritual life of every one who studies them:

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name:

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.—Phil. 2:5-11.



Every good and every perfect gift comes from God, and Jesus the Christ, His only begotten Son, the Gift of His Love, was the greatest of all His gifts to the children of men.



SELF-DENIAL was the beginning of the Plan of Salvation.



JESUS was in the form of God, but He did not look upon equality with God as a thing to be grasped and held on to.



In the form of God.



He made Himself of no reputation.



He laid it all down for humanity's sake.



He came, toiled, suffered and died; and then took it all up again, for it is written, "God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name."



What a wonderful example!



He took upon Him the form of a servant.



He was made in the likeness of men.



He being found in fashion as a man.



He became obedient unto death—even the death of the Cross.



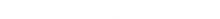
The first step in His self-denial, condescension and humiliation was from the form of God to the form of a servant.



Who can measure the distance? Who can give an illustration that would be anything like adequate? The stepping down of a king or queen from a magnificent palace into a miserable hovel would be as nothing compared with the self-denial of Jesus.



Let us imbibe His Spirit.



Let us walk in His footsteps.



Let us suffer with Him; then we shall be permitted to reign with Him.



All good laws are laws of God, and the laws of the Kingdom of God should be learned and obeyed by every person who desires to inherit the blessings promised to the obedient.



The poor in spirit—theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.



The mourners—they shall be comforted.



The meek—they shall inherit the earth.



Those hungry and thirsty after righteousness—they shall be filled.



The merciful—they shall obtain mercy.



The pure in heart—they shall see God.



The peacemakers—they shall be called children of God.



The persecuted for righteousness' sake—theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.



humbled Himself.

The reviled, the persecuted, and all falsely accused of evil--  
great is their reward in heaven.

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Theoretical religion talks.

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He that findeth his life shall lose it.

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Practical religion acts.

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He that loseth his life for Christ's sake shall find it.

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Theoretical religion simply theorizes.

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Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

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Practical religion demonstrates.

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He that soweth to the flesh shall reap corruption.  
He that soweth to the spirit shall reap life everlasting.

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These are exceptionally busy days at headquarters in Zion City.

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He that overcometh shall sit with Christ on His Throne.

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Three important elections are soon to be held; one on April 6th, one on April 17th, and one on April 20th.

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All would like to receive the crown, but few are willing to take part in the battle.

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Hundreds of earnest prayers are going up to God daily that He will confuse and confound Zion's enemies.

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Jesus has set the example. Let one and all follow Him.

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In addition to Leaves of Healing, Zion Herald, and Zion Battle Axe, which are published weekly, a daily paper is being printed and circulated freely throughout the City.

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He denied Himself.

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God is good, and is richly blessing.

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He humbled himself.

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Let all Zion everywhere join with us in earnestly praying that Zion City may be saved, and that God may take all of us, and make us what we ought to be in spirit, soul, and body.

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He lived for others.

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Zion believes that "Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever"—the same Savior, the same Healer, the same Cleanser, the same Keeper.

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Praise God, His Word is true, and as we are faithful, the beautiful promises of the Bible will be verified unto us.

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Let Zion everywhere be wide awake, and go forward.

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The next payment on Shiloh Tabernacle will be due July 1, 1909. It is my intention to meet this payment on June 25th.

The amount is Principal and Interest, \$2,687.50. Cash in hand toward this payment on March 31st, 1909, \$1,616.79. You will see from this that the balance needed is \$1,070.71.

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The sin-stricken are on every hand.

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Let one and all in Zion everywhere contribute toward this as they are led so to do by the Holy Spirit.

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The disease-smitten are everywhere about us.

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Zion has a loyal people. May God richly bless them everywhere.

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The sick, sorrowing, the troubled, and the distressed appeal to us for help.

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We are going forward to victory.

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Zion must be practical.

WACH YE THEREFORE AND PRAY ALWAYS.

**Ex-Elder John Taylor's Duplicity, Lying, Hypocrisy and Real Character Set Forth in the following Article.**

It is neither my intention nor practice, at any time, to advertise in the columns of any of Zion's papers such men as John Taylor, to whom I referred in Leaves of Healing Vol. 23, No. 10, in an article entitled "Important Notice;" but this poor man, instead of repenting of his wickedness, seems determined to fill up his cup of iniquity and go to complete destruction.

He has already had printed an unspeakably wicked, shameful, lying notice, and mailed it to different Zion people throughout the world.

I refer to him, not because he is worthy of any notice, but for the sake of any weak or troubled brothers or sisters, that they may be on their guard, and not be deceived by this man.

I am quite willing to part company with any person who can endorse his conduct. A man who can pose as an Elder in the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion, receive an allowance, kneel repeatedly and pray for God to "bless our dearly beloved General Overseer," and at the same time be working on the sly, assisting in bringing out an anonymous paper, using a part of his allowance to support the paper, and then, when confronted with the paper, deliberately lie about it, is unworthy of the respect of even a man of the world, much more so of any officer or member of this Church.

On January 31st, 1909, he wrote a letter to me which he closes with "Ever yours for God and Zion;" and, mark you, at the same time he wrote this he was going around confusing the minds of the people by telling them that Wilbur Glenn Voliva was the man with the measuring reed spoken of in the eleventh chapter of Revelation, and that his ministry would end next July.

From this you can get some idea of the delusions with which the poor man is afflicted.

Up to date, he has shown no signs of any willingness to repent and acknowledge his wickedness, but is engaged in writing another stupid paper, thinking that he is going to influence some people.

In order to warn any and all persons throughout the world who may receive any of his trash, I call your prayerful attention to the following letters which will show that he has been under the power of the devil, and that his word has not been worth the snap of your finger.

Let him repent and make a full confession, and acknowledge his wickedness, and then there will be some hope for him; but if he goes on as he is at present, inevitable destruction awaits him.

A short time before he was caught and proven guilty of the charge of assisting in bringing out the anonymous sheet, he was confronted, before the Ecclesiastical Cabinet, by Elder Richert with having said to Deacon Thauer, "I have given up and blown up the work in Milwaukee and in Madison," and he, with great vehemence, denied that he ever said it, and denounced Deacon Thauer as a liar.

The following are three letters, one from Mrs. J. Matzenburg, one from Christian Thauer, and one from Elder Richert; and quotations from two other letters.

Let one and all readers of the Leaves of Healing read every prayerfully these letters, and settle once and for all that anything that John Taylor may send out, either in letter or in

print, is unworthy the notice of any person with a spark of Zion in his heart.

Zion City, March 25, 1909.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:

In April, 1906, John Taylor said to Mr. Kerkherker in Milwaukee, "I have blown up the Branch in Milwaukee, and will go to Madison and do the same."

When I faced Mr. J. Taylor and rebuked him, he denied ever having said anything of the kind. But the same evening, at a prayer meeting at our home, Mr. Kerkherker faced John Taylor and said, "Deacon, I give you your own words, don't tell a lie," then J. Taylor confessed before all the people present that he had said it.

Your sister in the Christ,  
MRS. J. MATZENBURG.

Zion City, March 25, 1909.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:

In April, 1906, Mr. John Taylor came to my home in Zion City, and did stay for supper. He talked for several hours against Overseer Voliva, and said that he had given up and blown up the work in Milwaukee and in Madison, and that he does not think that Voliva will be Overseer in Zion City.

Your Brother in the Christ,  
CHRISTIAN THAUER.

Zion City, Ill., March 25, 1909.

REV. W. G. VOLIVA,

*Dear General Overseer:*

Several weeks ago, when Mr. John Taylor was called before the Ecclesiastical Council, in the office of the General Overseer, I confronted him with the statement which he had made in the home of Dea. Ch. Thauer, that he had said: "I have given up and blown up the work in Milwaukee and in Madison." John Taylor answered before the Ecclesiastical Council, "I have never said that," and he called Deacon Thauer three times a liar.

Respectfully submitted,  
(Signed) ELDER F. RICHERT.

**John Taylor Proven to Be a Liar.**

QUOTATIONS: I have before me two letters, one written from Milwaukee and the other from Evansville, Wis. In the former one there appears the following statement:

"At the time you (referring to Overseer Voliva) were having such a strenuous life revealing the financial affairs of Zion for the good of the people, I came to Milwaukee for a little visit. I went to Wauwatosa to a Zion meeting at the home of Mrs. Hart and daughters. Mr. Taylor came from Zion City angry with you and full of import and information obtained from some officers. He poured out a torrent of abuse about you and Zion. I could hardly express my indignation. He remarked that he would smash Zion in Milwaukee. I think he added Madison. He did great harm. I did not meet him for weeks. Afterwards on the steps of the administration building I saw him. He grasped my hand, and said, "I want to take back all I said," meaning at the meeting in Mrs. Hart's home.

"I rejoiced when I thought he had truly repented.

"The fact that he cannot be trusted is evident. The decision of yourself and Council is eminently right before God and man. Mr. Taylor was not fit for Eldership." In the second letter, the following statement appears:

"Last year Deacon John Taylor came to this City, and called upon me and others. He said that he had resigned his office as Deacon, and the only reason he retained his membership was that he wished to have fellowship with some of the good people he knew to be in the organization. He told me and others he had no confidence in Mr. Voliva. Mr. Taylor promised the Free

Baptist minister to preach for him the following Sunday. I saw him on Saturday morning and talked with him. He left on the noon train. I was very much surprised at his leaving so suddenly. He did not take time to see the Baptist minister, but simply left a note for him. I learned afterwards that the reason he left us was he had just received a letter from Mr. A. F. Lee, Secretary to Mr. Voliva, telling him they thought they could again pay him an allowance if he would take up the work again."

Readers, it is no wonder that a man, who was guilty of the above, could, at the same time he was shouting "Amen" and "Praise the Lord", and taking \$60 a month out of the storehouse, be assisting in bringing out an anonymous paper and using part of his allowance in paying for the same.

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## The Promises of Jehovah.

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were so many religious organizations? That is the question. When you answer that question it seems to me you have gotten the thing settled as to how you are going to act and as to where you stand.

### Are the Churches Doing What is Necessary?

Are the churches doing all that is necessary? Are they? Is there any need for Zion? Here is what a minister of the Lord Jesus Christ (?) and of His church said recently in support of theatres, balls, and all that sort of thing. "Christ attended a dinner party and a wedding feast and they said He was glutinous and a winebibber. This was quite untrue, but like many untruths, it pointed a truth. That is, that our Lord had no aversion to social gatherings." You will observe what the hypocrite says. Zion does not have any aversion to social gatherings. Zion believes in developing man all around. But that is the way these hypocrites always talk. He continues: "The Christians will do well here as elsewhere, to emulate the example of Christ. The Christian ought to go into society. Do I mean theatres; afternoon teas, balls and banquets? Yes. Why not? There is no reason why a woman should not be a society woman and a good Christian at the same time. There is no reason why a man should not be as religious in a dress suit as in a surplice."

That is the twaddle that the people are getting outside, and that is not an isolated case, either.

Is Zion needed? That is the question. Are the churches sufficient? Are they, or are they not? There is only one answer. Zion's work has been, is, and shall be, to *call men to repentance, everywhere--to repentance!* To repentance from what? You say the churches preach repentance. Yes. How do they preach it? You have heard it preached. I have heard it preached. Then I heard Zion preach repentance, and I saw the difference, and it didn't take long to see it.

### Zion Came to Overturn.

Zion has been called by God to overturn, and overturn, and overturn, and to demand that men shall repent from every evil way. Let us have that hymn, "This is the message that I bring." Let us have a couple of stanzas.

The Choir then sang the following:

I am a stranger here, within a foreign land,  
My home is far away, upon a golden strand;  
Ambassador to be of realms beyond the sea,  
I'm here on business for my King.

### Chorus.

This is the message that I bring,  
A message angels fair would sing:  
"Oh, be ye reconciled,"

Thus saith my Lord, and King,  
"Oh, be ye reconciled to God."

This is the King's command, that all men ev'rywhere  
Repent and turn away from sin's seductive snare;  
That all who will obey, with Him shall reign for aye,  
And that's my business for my King.

Amen!

May God grant that every man and woman in this place to-day may be reconciled to God.

My brothers and sisters, if you are outside the fold today, remember that whilst God is a God of vengeance and a God who will demand that His law shall be kept, yet the moment that you surrender and lay down your arms of rebellion, the moment you repent and turn to God He will forgive you. May Zion ever remember then that our work is to call men to a new life and to repentance. Are the churches doing this? Are the religious organizations doing this? Then who dares give up his task and leave this place, that loves his God and Zion and who desires at this time especially, to go from this City just at the time when there is to be a contest between Zion forces and the forces of those who have forgotten their God and who have turned aside? I say to you, do your duty!

### Do the Churches Preach Repentance?

Do you say they preach repentance? Do they teach the people to repent of their stealing? I say, No. They do not. I say they hurt nobody. What about the stealing that is going on from day to day in the business houses? Do they teach men to repent of their wickedness, and their abominable living? Do they declare against the divorce laws of the land? They do not. Do they teach the people the seventh commandment in its entirety? I say No. They stand by the wicked divorce laws and they do not declare faithfully to the people how important it is to adhere to God's commandment. They do not raise their voices against the abominable drugs and medicines that are killing the people. But the people are opening their eyes and finding out that they are mistaken after all in regard to their medicines and physicians. Dr. Dowie used to teach the people that the physicians knew the evil effect of their remedies, and quoted largely from their books. Here is what one of them says.

### Physician's Testimony on Medicines.

"Many women lapse into the drink habit from the use of patent medicines containing large percentages of alcohol. Many a clergyman can date his downfall from his first dose of Jamaica ginger. The step from 'disguised boozes (upon which \$75,000-000 is annually expended) to whiskey—their main constituent—is more than easy."

That is what he says. Do the preachers raise their voices against these things? They leave it for some layman. They do not protest. Do they raise their voices against the dance hall and theater? No, excepting a few good men. Why? Because some of the members of their own Board go to these places. That is why, and in some cases the ministers themselves have seats in the theater. Do they raise their voices against filthy food, such as pig? No. Why? Because they like to eat pig themselves. Things are in a terrible condition all over the world to-day.

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the Lord that healeth thee.

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## The Gospel of the Kingdom

"I Have Learned Both to be  
Full and to be Hungry, Both  
to Abound and Suffer Need"

BY O. L. TINDALL

### The School of Prosperity and Adversity.

This is a very important lesson for a Christian to learn. In all men have to learn this if they ever get on much in life. A man who cannot stand defeat or disappointment without giving up and being discouraged will never succeed in this life. "The course of true love ne'er runs smooth," it is said.

#### Life Is a Battle.

Life is a battle all the way through. Business men find it so does the man who would be a scholar or an artist. One falleth to them all. In the Christian life it is the same. God has not promised us all sunshine on the way. It would not be good for Christians any more than the farmer. Too much sunshine is ruinous to your crops. You pray for clouds and the sun. But in religion men seem to want all sunshine and a perfect calm. They cry "Peace" when really it is war they want and must have.

#### Churches at "Ease in Zion."

How the churches have settled down into a perfect calm. They are all "at ease in Zion." They avoid all conflicts. They do not know how to plan or fight a battle. There is no fight in them.

God has promised us no rest until the work is done, no peace until the battle is fought and the victory won and the enemy conquered. Then come rest and quiet and peace. "When the battle's over, we shall wear a crown," and not till then.

If you do not bear the cross you will never wear the crown.

#### We Are Learners.

Paul found this out. He says he learned it. One of the best characteristics about a man is the capacity or faculty to be able to learn. Some men never seem to learn anything, especially in religion. They seem to know as much the first day they are born as they do when they are gray-haired. A disciple is a learner. The word means that. Our word "discipline" comes from the same root. Let us get back to the original meaning. A disciple of Christ is as good a title as any man ought to covet. Christ called His Apostles "disciples." It is a much better title than Apostle. Apostle simply means sent. A disciple is a man who learns of Jesus, the greatest of all Teachers. If you have no capacity of growth and improvement then you are a dwarf. A disciple is a man who is taught and one that will stand it to be disciplined and trained, and in this way will learn. He will never cease to learn. The more he knows the faster he will learn.

#### We Do Not Graduate in Christ's School.

The disciple will never graduate in the school of Christ. He will always be a disciple, or learner. At best, as Paul said, we will only "know in part." Now we see as through a glass darkly. Alas for the man who thinks he knows something, or everything! We know nothing as we ought to know it. Not one of the virtues or graces have we in perfection.

Has Patience had her perfect work in you yet? Have you fathomed the height and the depth, the width, and the length of the love of Christ which passeth knowledge? Which of the graces, or fruits of the Spirit have you in perfection?

It is an old saying that "There is always room in the upper story."

#### Paul Learned Two Things

Paul said he had learned two things, viz: to abound, and to be abased, to be full and to be hungry. I do not think he learned that in the school of Gamaliel, nor in Tarsus, nor could he if living now learn it in our modern universities. Paul said "I am what I am by the grace of God."

#### Saul of Tarsus versus Paul the Apostle.

Notice the difference between Saul of Tarsus, the persecutor of the Church of Jesus Christ, and Paul, the Apostle of the Lord. Notice the different spirit manifested. See him breathing out threatenings and murder, and then mark the men enduring persecution, patient in tribulation, unmoved by all these things. A man of honor and position restless under restraint, proud and haughty, now enduring all kinds of opposition and undergoing all kinds of hardships, without murmuring, taking even the spoiling of his goods and the loss of all things, and counting them only as gain.

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## The Spirit of Praise OR Acting on the Promises

An Address Delivered at the Divine Healing Meeting, in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, Tuesday Afternoon, February 23, 1909

By General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva

REPORTED BY T. FROST.

#### Invocation.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, and blessed unto this congregation, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. Amen.

I will speak to you for a short time using as a basis the Scripture lesson, Psalm 103 and Mark 11:11-26.

#### The Preciousness of God's Word.

I praise God for His Precious Word, and as I was sitting here with my head bowed, humbling myself in spirit before God, I thought how helpless we would be without the Word of God.

On last Lord's Day morning, as we were singing those beautiful hymns, and on last Wednesday night, I thought, If such a thing should or could happen that we were robbed of our faith in God, if Jesus the Christ were taken entirely out of our lives, and the Word were swept away, what an awful thing it would be!

There is an old saying that we never appreciate the blessings we have until they are taken away. There is some truth in that statement. Many people do not appreciate good health until sickness comes; hence many people do not get close to God while in health, but only when sickness does come--not that I would have you understand that sickness is from any other source than from Satan. It is through the convicting power of God that men and women are brought to their senses, and made to realize that the only safeguard is to be in the Ark of Safety, Jesus the Christ.

#### Sources of Knowledge of God.

There are three principal sources from which we derive our knowledge of God;

First of all, we know God intuitively, or there is in man, by creation, a spark of divinity which is ever reaching out after God and never finds satisfaction this side of God.

All people believe in God. Men talk about being infidels, but they are liars; and, as the Bible says, they are fools who say, "There is no God." While it is true that some persist in saying, "There is no God," yet, if you will only watch them closely, you will find them giving utterance to thoughts which betray them into admitting that there is a God.

Second, we know God from nature. The Psalmist says:

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

Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.

It is true that nature leads us to God, but if we had not the Bible, the third source of knowledge, comparatively speaking, we would be in ignorance of God's thoughts, ways, plans, and purposes, and of His will concerning the children of men. So let us praise God for His Word. I used to think I knew something about it, but the older I get the more I realize that I have just begun to study the Bible. Oftentimes I select texts I preached on fifteen years ago, and I think I understand them, but when I begin to examine them and study them closely, I find that I have, in the past, known very little concerning them.

Salvation will come when people learn the Word.

Healing will come when they learn the Word.

There is no salvation without receiving and believing and acting upon the Word of God. There is no healing for any one without receiving the Word of God, believing the Word of God, and shaping the life in accordance with the Word of God.

"Ye are clean *through the Word* which I have spoken unto you."

A sinner becomes clean only through hearing the Word preached, and accepting it.

"If my words abide in you," Jesus said. You must get the words of Christ. Paul said to Timothy, "Preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season."

The Word of God is "sharper than any two-edged sword." There is very little danger of any one emphasizing too strongly the importance of the Word of God. They talk about people getting salvation, but people get salvation only where the Word of God is preached. Mere excitement, joining the crowd, counts for nothing in the sight of God. There is only *one* way to be saved, and only *one* way to be healed, and only *one* way to be cleansed, and only *one* way to the Father—Jesus the Christ who Himself said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life."

#### Praise, and Conformity to God's Word.

The first Scripture lesson read teaches a great many things. First of all it brings before our minds the privilege of praise.

Bless the Lord, O my soul (or my life): and all that is within me bless His holy name.

Let the entire life be in conformity to the Word of God. Let everything be done with an eye single to God's glory. How absurd it is for men and women to say that they do not believe in the Church having anything to do with business. They do not believe religion and business will mix. They want their own individual business; but the Word of God calls upon us to put the Kingdom of God first, and I hope the day will come when there will be no individualism in Zion City, and no individual business; when all the people will cooperate with an eye single to God's glory, seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness; then God will bless us. We ought to sleep for Christ's

ake, and eat for His sake. We ought to walk and talk for Christ's sake. We ought to do everything for Christ's sake. Until we have reached that place, we have fallen far short. The man who follows the plow ought to do it with Christ constantly in mind. The man behind the counter and the man who works at any legitimate business ought always to have one thought--the honor and glory of God.

Fancy a man getting down to the level where he simply boils in order to get food, shelter and raiment, and to hoard up money. Christ said, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and food, shelter and raiment will be added." These things are only secondary; they are not primary. That is what the Word says. He looks after the sparrows. We are more important than the sparrows. He will look after us if we will only put our trust in Him.

I want to say, Zion, that the spirit of praise ought to get more and more into the people; but there are some that need to be touched by the Spirit of God and set on fire with the spirit of praise.

#### Fretting and Lamenting Deprive of Power.

One thing that vexes, provokes and grieves me as I go to these desperate cases to pray with the people, is to find them moaning, groaning, lamenting and dwelling upon their sufferings, and saying, "My faith is almost gone. I am so tired and so weary," etc. Then some people wonder why there is not any answer. You had just as well expect a new-born baby, hurled into the center of an iceberg, to live and thrive as to expect the Holy Ghost to come in and work a miracle in such surroundings.

#### The Power of Suggestion.

There is great power in suggestion. There is not any question about that. My opinion is that we have just crossed the border-line into the great territory of God's truth. In these days of electricity, of marvelous inventions, of wonderful discoveries of the power of God, of wireless telegraphy, wireless telephony, graphophones, etc., I believe there are many, many wonderful things from the spiritual standpoint to be revealed.

We know very well that when some people come into our presence it always does us good; it cheers us up, and makes us look on the bright side of life; and when they go away we say we feel much better.

Another one comes along, and you say, "I do wish he would stay away. He always gives me the blues when he comes around."

Those illustrations will show to you the power of suggestion.

There is great power in a look. The way some people look would make one sick. When you see them coming down the sidewalk, you feel as though you would go around the block to avoid them. They look as if they had eaten pickles or screws. They are always looking on the dark side of life; everything goes wrong with them, and they are moaning and groaning and thus destroy life. They sow disease and death wherever they appear. To have them go into a sick room acts like a dose of poison. The power of suggestion! When a man keeps saying to himself, "I am sick;" and to his wife, "Well, wife, I am sick. Son and daughter, I am sick. Brother Brown, I am sick," should think he would be sick, and everybody else around him, too.

"O, that terrible pain I have. I never had such a pain before. I wish you to send for some one to tell me what it is, and where it is." Some one comes and says, first of all, "Where is your pain?" Then he says, "How does that pain feel?" That reveals a marvelous knowledge of what the matter is.

"I am so weary; my faith is all gone. If I do not get healed

I will pass away. Send for Elder Richert to come and pray with me."

How often have I heard people say after a certain Elder has been in, "Well, I feel so much better." Then a neighbor comes in. You hear the sick say afterwards, "I wish he had stayed away; I feel so much worse."

Those people come in with a face as long as a broomhandle, and tread on tip toe, and say, "You look a good deal worse than you did yesterday." Then they send for another Elder, and they say, "Why cannot these Elders get answers?" You cannot expect any victory in such cases.

A wise general, you know, drives his enemy from one position to another. If a general could deprive his opposing army of all ammunition, would he not have them? So the devil comes along and says, "You cannot sleep." Then the Elder comes in and you say, "O Elder, I cannot sleep." Then he says, "In the name of Jesus the Christ, I command you to go to sleep." You then say, "O, I cannot sleep. I have not slept for two weeks. I cannot sleep." The devil, sitting on the corner of the bedstead says, "I did not know that before. I have got him there."

As I said to a woman yesterday, "The old devil would not have known anything if you had kept still. You told him."

You say, "Elder, I cannot sleep any more." Then very soon you say, "I declare I have got distress in my stomach. I cannot eat any more." In a few days you cannot eat. You have gotten where you cannot sleep or eat. You have walked right into the devil's trap. When the devil gets a man where he cannot sleep and eat, he has about got him licked. Then he says, "I can only lie on my right side." (That is different to a good many people: they can lie on any side). Some people say, "I have been lying on this side for the last four weeks." The Elder says, "Look here, why don't you give that devil a lick and tell him you will lie on the other side."

The devil says, "He cannot sleep or eat, or lie on one side. I have got him."

Such is the power of suggestion. There is a wonderful truth there.

#### A Willingness to Obey.

Peter said to the man at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple, "Rise up and walk." They took him by the hand, (and he had not walked for forty years, in fact he had never walked), but did he say "I cannot walk," and shout, "O, I have a pain in my ankle, it hurts me to walk?" No, sir, he responded to the call of those Apostles, and he leaped up and walked.

When Christ told that man to "Arise, take up thy bed and walk" he did so. When Mrs. Ruby was healed in Zion Home, she did what she was told--she got up and walked. "I cannot" never did anything. "I cannot" never bought this Tabernacle. "I cannot" will never buy Elijah Hospice. "I cannot" never started Zion Stores. A year ago this time we were up at Winthrop Harbor; then a little later we were on Sheridan Road; then we were in town. In ten months and one half we have taken in \$168,000 in cash.

"I cannot" never did anything. It never saved anybody; never healed anybody; never saved Zion City and never started institutions; never sent missionaries across the sea, and never accomplished anything. It is the divine "I will" that conquers the world, the flesh, and the devil. That is the only way.

#### Hypnotism is of the Devil.

The power of suggestion! Hypnotism, you know, is of the devil. Some people hypnotize themselves. I notice one or two here who go sound asleep like this (imitates them). They never

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**EASTER!**

Its mere mention fills the mind of every true follower of Jesus the Christ with many thoughts of His glorious RESURRECTION; but the worldly-minded, thoughtless, foolish, frivolous, and indifferent think only of gaiety and gluttony.

In a very important sense, Easter Lord's Day is the most important of all the Lord's Days in the year, and, in fact, the most important of all the anniversary days observed by God's people.

The pre-existence of Christ is a very important truth; and

he who would find, in Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God, the manifestation of God in the flesh, the Savior of the world, must, of absolute necessity, perceive, receive, and act upon the wonderful fact that Christ existed with God, the Father, before His Incarnation in the flesh.

Following the great fact of His pre-existence, there must be accepted, by one and all who would see and find in Him the Son of man, the fact of His Incarnation—that He was begotten by God, the Father, through the Holy Ghost and born of a woman; that he took upon Himself the form of a servant; that He was made in the likeness of man, in order that He might, in all respects, be an all-sufficient Savior.

His life, His love, His words, His works, were all indeed wonderful, and must be carefully studied, considered, and grasped, as far as it is possible for mankind to grasp them, by every one who would fully accept Him as SAVIOR, HEALER, CLEANSER and KEEPER.

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son"—Jesus the Christ.

He loved! and what wonderful love, leading to such supreme self-denial, self-sacrifice, condescension, humiliation, and glorious triumph!

He lived! the only perfect life among men, free from all sin and all guile.

His Words!—or, correctly speaking, the Father's Words through Him—(even as He Himself said): "They are spirit and they are life."

His enemies even confessed that He "spake as never man spake;" that He spake not as the Scribes and Pharisees, but with authority.

His works!—the Father's works through Him—indeed marvelous; and the passing of time only serves to reveal their true greatness.

He was persecuted.  
 He endured indescribable suffering in the Garden of Gethsemane.  
 He was put to death on Calvary.

Please note the great facts—His Pre-existence, His Incar-

nation, His wonderful Life, His Crucifixion—but without the great event which we shall commemorate next Lord's Day, April 11th, all would have been in vain.

Let us sing hymns of praise, and give sincere thanks unto God that Jesus the Christ, His only begotten Son, triumphed over death and the grave, and that now we have hope.

Thanks be unto God, Jesus has trod the way before us; He has become our Great Example; He is our Savior; He is our Healer; He is our Cleanser; He is our Keeper.

Let us talk to Him.  
Let us walk with Him.  
Let us follow in His footsteps.  
Let us suffer with Him—and then we shall have the hope of reigning with Him when He comes.

May God make Easter Lord's Day a day of great blessing to one and all.

May God bless all of the officers, members and friends of Zion throughout the world.

Zion is now in the throes of a red-hot political campaign. Every year, during the first three weeks of the month of April, three elections take place. One has already been held—the Township Election, on Tuesday last, April 6th. This election was won by Zion's enemies by a very small majority. It was won by means unfair, foul, and disgraceful; but Zion's enemies having sold themselves to the world, the flesh, and the devil, cannot be expected to do other than serve their master faithfully.

These enemies, within the borders of Zion City, linked up with practically all the outsiders in the township; and, for the present, they have a small majority.

The School Board Election will be held on Saturday, April 17th, at which time the President of the Board and two Members will be chosen—the four holding over all being true, loyal Zion men.

Let one and all pray that God will give Zion the victory in this conflict.

On April 20th, the City Election will be held, at which

time the Mayor, City Clerk, Attorney, Treasurer, and five Aldermen will be chosen.

Zion's enemies are already pursuing the same methods followed by the lowest-down politicians in the slum districts of Chicago; and it is quite evident that they are willing to stoop to anything in order to gain their purpose and destroy Zion City.

Let all be fully consecrated to God and His service, earnestly praying three times a day that God will bring their plans to naught and give unto Zion victory for Jesus' sake.

All will understand that these are exceptionally busy days at headquarters, and that those of us who are bearing the heaviest burdens are in daily need of the earnest prayers and loyal support of every Officer, Member and true Friend of Zion throughout the world.

Peace be unto you! and may God bless you.

WATCH YE THEREFORE AND PRAY ALWAYS.

## The Promises of Jehovah

An Address delivered in Shiloh Tabernacle, Lord's Day  
Afternoon, March 28, 1909, by

ELDER E. L. CAREY

[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK]

Just let me read a little bit here. One who ought to know says in regard to the drunk question:

"Especially alarming is the growth of the practice among our women. When the American woman gives herself up to anything, she pushes her devotion to the utmost limit. She makes a god of her very religion, and if she affects a habit she affects it in a superlative degree.

"The punch bowl figures at all their functions, and women dip freely therein; ten of them drinking today where one drank a dozen years ago. School misses and college girls are conspicuous among the throng.

"Debutantes, not necessarily of the fast set, unblushingly assert a right to drink wine and smoke cigarets at luncheons and levees, to say nothing of private indulgence, and not a few of this class, as well as young married women, have been brought to my office in a state of intoxication. Such has become the vogue, and worse than this, girls in their teens see no impropriety in drinking publicly with men companions."

What a shame, what a horror! No need for Zion?

Fix in your heart and mind the great principles of Zion then it will not be easy for your enemy to have power over you. It is because men and women have not got the proper conception of Zion that the enemy has such success against them. That is why. It is because in many cases men have not really repented. There is a godly sorrow and a sorrow of the world. Godly sorrow, we are told, worketh repentance. You may be very sorry, but that is not of necessity repenting: Many have wept bitter tears. I have been in revival meetings where tears have flowed and what has it amounted to?

Godly sorrow worketh repentance. The sorrow of the world worketh death. Godly sorrow is a sorrow which comes from above, produced by God's Holy Spirit; worldly sorrow is a sorrow produced by the flesh only. Godly sorrow worketh to repentance, and repentance means a turning away from everything that is evil, and Zion's work is to teach true repentance, to bring men and women to give up evil as far as they know, then to bring God's people together into a community life where they may demonstrate the law of God and follow it; a place where stealing shall be no more; where those horrible divorce laws shall have no effect; where covetousness is protested against as I thank God it is in Zion today; where drugs and surgery are done away with; where there is not a secret society, and where the name of Jesus Christ is exalted above every name; where dancing and theatres and all that is filthy and bad shall be discountenanced. That is the work of Zion. But, my brethren, it means a great fight; it means a continued contest with the powers of darkness ruled by satan, who is bound and determined to fight God, and who has been fighting Him all along, and will fight Him to the bitter end.

Zion stands for law. Zion stands for discipline, and these evil things will go. Discipline may seem not to be joyful for the time being, nevertheless afterwards it yields the fruit of righteousness and the world has got to learn that, and you and I have got to begin to learn it and keep on learning it, and teach others. Then Zion City can teach the world.

Who, then, is on the Lord's side today? Who will be prepared to obey God? Sometimes you know, we have to obey when we do not understand altogether. Do you and I understand all the law of God? Do you and I understand all His plans? Then because you and I do not fully understand the law of God are we going to say, I am not going to obey? Is that the right way? You know that the child has to obey when he does not understand, sometimes, but some day he will understand if he is wise, and so will you and I. God has brought you out of the world, out of the religious organizations, because we were not being dealt right by, because the shepherds were not true, because God's law was not being upheld in its entirety, that is why. God said, The time has come when I must call My people together, and I must bring them out of these organizations and train them and show them My law and then I will use them to evangelize the world. But you and I have got to be ready to obey, to hearken diligently, to observe and to do the commandments of God. Obey the Word of God.

To do this, as I have said, has meant sacrifice, and it has meant, in times past, death. It may be that the moment that you have come to the point where you have made up your mind (and God knows that you are true) that you are going to be His child, you have virtually sealed your decision with your own blood. It may be that you will have to die for God, but what then? Jesus Christ shed His blood and died; and because He died I have life; because He died, Life has come into this world. Thank God! We must be ready to obey even as Christ obeyed.

There was, on a certain warship, where there was a great battle being fought, a young lad who had been placed by his

father, a superior officer, at a certain post. He had been trained to obey, and not to be afraid. His father told him he was to stay at his post and on no circumstances whatever to leave until he heard the word from his own lips. The father, in the awful carnage that was taking place, was slain, but the lad knew it not. As the ship was burning and going down and the sailors were leaving right and left, the lad called out, "Father, may I go?" But there was no voice, and he stayed on and held his place and went down with the ship.

That was obedience. God will have obedience and if you obey His law you will gain the smile of approval from your Heavenly Father. What hath He laid up for you and me? We cannot tell and neither hath it entered the heart of man to understand. We cannot see beyond the veil. We do not know what that life really is, but we do know that to have His smile and His benediction and to be in His service will be heaven. And it is heaven below. May everyone here rise and go home determined by His help that he will serve God, that he will stand by Zion; that he will help God's work; that he will have nothing to do with the forces of darkness nor with men and women who have betrayed the Christ and who count it as nothing to open the gates of this beautiful little place for the devil and all his angels to come in and to destroy the hope of this people. May God forbid. The work is yours. The work is mine. The work belongs to us all. We are brethren. Let us take each other's hand. Let us stand shoulder to shoulder. The reward of obedience and loyal service will be your reward, and hundreds and thousands will rise up in the years to come and call you blessed, and say, "God is in Zion." Amen.

I will ask you to rise and repeat the prayer of Consecration.

#### Prayer of Consecration.

Oh God, my Father, in Jesus' Name I come to Thee: take me as I am, make me what I ought to be in spirit, in soul, in body. Help me to do right. Help me to obey Thy law and then I know I shall have Thy blessing. Oh God, bless Zion today and give victory in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

The Recessional, "Abide With Me," was then sung. Benediction was pronounced by Elder Fred Richert.

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## The Spirit of Praise, or Acting on the Promises

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heard a word I said, they are completely hypnotized, they hypnotize themselves.

What an awful thing if the trumpet should blow, and Jesus should come while some people are asleep!

A man went to rescue a drowning man, and as he got to him he shouted, "Do you believe in Jesus the Christ?" The drowning man shouted "Yes." "Well," said the other man, "I will drown you while you are in the faith."

#### Evil of Self-Centered Thought.

Elders, the one thing necessary is to get the people close to God, and get them where they will not be sick, and break them of the abominable habit of talking to themselves.

When some persons have a little pimple on their face, they will lie awake all night brooding over it, thinking it is a cancer or tumor, or something else. There is a connection between the mind and the spirit and the Holy Ghost, don't you believe that? I believe a lot of people have those things because they feed them and nourish them.

You have all heard the story, and it is a true one, of how some medical students blindfolded a man, and put him on the table, pretended to cut an artery, and had water drop into a pan. He thought it was his blood dropping into the pan. He died.

You have all heard my story of the old woman who saw a dove of foxes. She ran into the house and said to her husband, "I just saw a great big dove of foxes." He said, "You didn't." She said, "I saw fifty." He said, "You didn't." She said, "I saw thirty." He said, "You didn't." She said, "Well, I saw twenty." He said, "You didn't." She then said, "Well, I saw ten." He said, "You didn't." She said, "Well, I know there were five." He said, "You didn't see five." She said, "Well, I am sure there was one." He said "There was not one." "Well," she said, "I saw the bushes shaking."

It is the same with people who have a pimple—they believe it is a big cancer. Unless you can get people out of that atmosphere, and clear away from it, you will not be able to help them any. I receive multitudes of people die simply because they give up.

I know of a woman who, when she was dying, called her husband to her bedside. She said, "If I die will you marry again?" He said, "Yes." She said, "Well, I am not going to die." She got up and dressed. (Laughter.) A lot of people die just because they make up their minds they are going to die.

My brethren in the ministry, when a person says to you, "I am going to die," what is the use of praying for their healing? If a man is determined to die, is God going to work arbitrarily and keep him from dying. A lot of people have been trying to die for the last fifteen years, and they are not dead yet. There is the trouble. We have got to get this people in the Spirit, and away from the flesh.

Some people when they sit down at a table to eat, pick a little something up, and say, "I am afraid this is going to hurt me." A man's stomach ought to work so that he does not know he has one. Some people know that this is the only thing they have got. It is all they think about from morning to night. They do not live in the Spirit. They talk to themselves and the devil gets them!

When you travel in a suburban train, you will hear a woman say, (about the first thing they talk about), "I have been down to take little Johnny to the Doctor. He didn't sleep very well last night." Another woman says she has had an operation for appendicitis. They talk that kind of stuff all the time. Somebody calls and says, "How are you?" Then you dissect and analyze. "Well, I have got a terrible headache, and have had it for three days." The other person says, "Well, I know of a good headache powder." That is what you hear outside of Zion. You also hear a lot of it in Zion City.

How many of you people say, when you meet somebody, "How are you? How do you feel?" I feel with my fingers. By the time a fellow has dissected his feelings about fourteen times, I should think he would feel like something. The reason why I use the salutation, "Peace to thee" is, I do not need to add to it, "How are you feeling?"

The power of suggestion!

Take a case like Mrs. Ruby's: Dr. Dowie said to her, "So far as you know your own heart, have you repented of all your sins?" She said, "I have." She told the truth, as was proven by the prayer being answered. He said, "So far as you know your own heart, have you made right all wrongs?" She said, "I have." "If any wrongs come to you that you have not made right, do you promise God you will make them right, and that you will live the rest of your days for His honor and glory?" He wheeled around and said, "Where is your husband?" He then said, "Have you given up medicine?" He replied, "I have." He said to Mrs. Ruby "Do you believe that when I pray for you, you will be healed today?" She said, "I do,"—not

from the lips but from the heart. He said, "Let down that foot board to the wheel chair." Then he said, "In the name of the Most High God, I command you to walk."

A lot of people, when you say, "Do you believe you will be healed when you are prayed for?" reply faintly, "Yes." What does that amount to? It is one thing to say "Yes" from the lips, and another to say it from the heart.

John Alexander Dowie took one fellow around the Tabernacle very lively once. He had rheumatism. They were all kneeling around in a circle. He walked a few steps and then gave up. Dr. Dowie looked around and went to him and almost kicked him. He said he would kick the devil out. That is the way to get results.

Why do not people, when they get a measure of healing, praise God? The Elders do not have a very easy time with the sick. It is no wonder a fellow sometimes feels like speaking in tones of thunder when he goes in to fight for the life of a sick person, and finds the people standing around with long faces, their faces all screwed up into a little knot.

#### The Crime of Covetousness.

Then you see some people puzzling about how much they are worth. They say, "I wonder how much all this sickness is going to cost me."

People die as they live. Do you not know that?

If a man has been living like a stingy dog, and has been grasping and covetous—bless your life, I have been through this world quite a little, and I have been in homes where they were so devilish stingy they begrudged every bit of butter one took. They look at you so funny when you take a little bit of sugar. I have been made to feel so comfortable (?) that I have been anxious (?) to go back the next week and take dinner. Stinginess! It is one of the most common sins. How stingy some people are! They begrudge themselves every bite they eat.

What is the matter with these fellows that are snapping and snarling and calling me everything in the catalog? I hit them in their pocket books. I preached some sermons on the Kingdom of God they did not like. All they think about is dollars and cents. There is no Zion in them, and never was. I think it will be a long time before there will be any. Ah! Stinginess, grasping for money!! Covetousness!!! A mighty hard people to pray the prayer of faith with! It is a mighty hard thing to go to the bedside of a man who is dying when you cannot get him to stop a second to think of God, but he is all the time thinking of money. We find that in a number of cases.

#### People Die as They Live.

People die just as they live: they are just the same over there as on this side. There is only one way to be healed. Let us get rid of all this talk, this talking to ourselves, making suggestions to ourselves. That is the reason diseases spread. It is the spirit of fear. If we would praise God more, and think of God's Goodness and of His blessings more, instead of talking about every little ailment, we would be better off. I have known people to talk over a month about a corn on their little toe. I have known men to howl from Dan to Beesheba over a little attack of earache.

Let us get like little children. Let us get away from those things, and quit talking about them. In other words, we have got to be revolutionized—changed. The whole course of life must be changed.

Christian Science, which is the devil's system, a counterfeit, tells you to deny that you have got any disease. That is a lie, but it is a counterfeit of the truth that you are to cast your burdens upon Him "for He careth for you." Christian Science gives "absent treatment." That is another counterfeit, a counterfeit of a glorious truth.

**Effect of Mind Upon Mind.**

There is no question about the effect of mind upon mind. There is no question but that there are well-authenticated cases of where communications have passed from mind to mind over thousands of miles. I know of a case where a man was on a visit in a distant State. As they were going in to dinner, quicker than a lightning's flash it came to him that one of the members of his family had been killed. He started immediately back to Ohio, and at the very time he made that statement, the barn door had fallen upon one of his sons and killed him. That is called a presentment. I do not know the exact explanation of it in the light of God's Word, but such things have happened.

For instance, if I could get everybody in this Church to speak the right kind of words, and to think the right kind of thoughts, and create the right kind of atmosphere, I tell you, you would see some wonderful things take place.

Instead of gossiping about this person and that one, why don't you pray for them? Why are you not exercising faith for them, instead of sitting around and saying, "She is so bad; she is going to die?" There is no faith there. How do you know but your attitude of mind affects persons wherever they are? I believe it does. That is my opinion. I think I know of some very good cases where that has transpired. Elder Carey knows very well that it is not an uncommon thing for people to be healed at the very time they are prayed for. Of course, the very second you send the prayer up, God can send the answer down.

I have touched on principles in this talk, which, if they were only grasped and lived, would make this Church equal to the Apostolic Church, and then it would be that the people would be healed by the very shadow of a man of God, as in the days when they carried out the sick, and the shadow of Peter was cast on them, and they were healed. Those were the days when they took handkerchiefs and aprons to Paul, and laid them on the sick, and they were healed.

God is the same God. Christ is the same Christ. Principles are the same principles. Truths are the same truths. All that is necessary is to get the people out of the flesh into the Spirit, and get them to live for God.

**Have Faith in God. Believe the Promises.**

I would like to talk about the second Scripture lesson, Mark 11th chapter. Christ said, "Have faith in God." He did not say, "Have doubts and fears." He also added:

Whosoever shall say to 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.

That is what Jesus said.

Where is the faith to kill the cancer? Where the faith to kill consumption? Where is the faith to banish disease? If we had as much faith as we have fear and doubt, we would have everybody healed. There is plenty of fear and doubt, but where is that faith that never says "No."

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## The Gospel of the Kingdom

"I Have Learned Both to be Full and to be Hungry, Both to Abound and Suffer Need"

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[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.]

### Paul Overcame Circumstances.

Paul conquered his surroundings. Circumstances made no difference to him. If it was hot, he was happy. If it was cold, he rejoiced just the same. If the sun shone, he basked in it and was glad. If it rained, he bathed in the shower and was refreshed. If he had a good meal, he gave thanks to his Heavenly Father. If he went hungry, why he fasted gladly and rejoiced that a man did not live by bread alone and he feasted on that manna that came down from above.

When he preached, and the people heard gladly the Word, he was delighted. When they stoned him and dragged him out of the city for dead, he had friends who prayed for him and he was soon restored and went on his way rejoicing that he had such a Savior and that he was counted worthy to suffer for Him. When he was put in prison he did not lose faith. He and Silas sang praises at midnight, with their feet made fast in the stocks and their bodies lacerated with cruel stripes. "None of these things move me," was his triumphant testimony in the midst of it all. "I have learned to be abased." I know how to take adversity, and better, I know how to turn defeat into victory. I do it, not by growing gloomy over it, but by keeping right on praising my God and knowing that all things will work for good

if I love my God and trust Him. I know how to triumph and rise out of my prisons and chains.

### The Same in Prison as in Prayer Meeting.

"I sing praises in prison, the same as I do in my prayer meetings. My faith doesn't flow and ebb with the tide. It flows on forever. A tent or a cottage, why should I care?"

Was not my prison life an experience worth having? Would I ever have seen the great deliverance by the hand of my God had it not been for the cruel hands of my persecutors? Would the jailer and his household have been converted had I not been in that prison that night? Had I grown discouraged and said, "Oh my God has forsaken me and given me over into the hands of my enemies; why has He left me?" Would the glory of God have been manifested to the people who looked on? Did I not make the wrath of man to praise Him? "I have learned to be abased"

I count it all joy.

Oh, you weary one, and fainting one, and discouraged one, because of persecutions, you learn to be abased and learn how to be in want and how to suffer for His sake, and how to turn the tables against your foes. Know that when you are at ease in Zion nothing is being done.

A good sailor must know how to manage his vessel in a storm as well as in a calm. You have to learn by experience. I glory in tribulations said Paul. He had come really to enjoy them. He said it was a real luxury to have a first-class row with the devil. See the bold and brave swimmers out among the breakers. Don't you think they enjoy it? Does not a strong, vigorous man like a crisp fresh morning breeze? It is only a sickly, puny, decrepit invalid that wants to stay in shelter all the time.

### Abasement Before Exaltation.

A man that is never abased can never be exalted. Paul

learned to be abased and to suffer and to be hungry. He was the man that was taken up into the third heaven and saw things too wonderful to be uttered or told among men. He is the kind of a man that God came to in visions, and with revelations. He could stand them, without "losing his head," without being exalted above measure. Most men love to be exalted, but can't stand it to be abased. Such become easily puffed up. Some men do very well as a deacon, but are spoiled when they become an Elder or Overseer.

**First Prove a Man.**

Paul warned Timothy against making an elder out of a novice. Let them first be tried and proven in a lower place and if they prove to be efficient, then promote them. God wants a tried people. Tribulations are like a grindstone, to sharpen an ax. They are like sandpaper, to put on the polish. You need not shrink from them. Only pray for strength and grace to endure, and to overcome them.

**Paul in Shipwreck.**

Go, in your imagination, with Paul over the stormy sea on his perilous journey to Rome. How his courage and faith in God showed themselves in those dark hours of danger. He, a prisoner bound by chains to a soldier, a lone prisoner on board that storm tossed vessel, was resolute.

Yes; that was a trying place, but he was equal to it. Did not his God stand by him and give him finally all on board? Did not his God get glory out of it? Was not he true to his

colors? Did not he let his light shine out in that dark hour and save the whole crew? Did not he keep his faith?

Are you in a worse place than that, you discouraged Zion man or woman? Are you saying, "I am discouraged. The storms are more than I can endure. I have lost all and am now ready to perish. I alone am left. All Thy prophets are put to death. Let me die also."

Is that the language of faith that is the victory?

Is that the lesson you have learned? It is not the one the Apostle learned. "I have learned in whatsoever state I am therewith to be content." "I can do all things through Christ Who strengtheneth me."

**Some Plans Better Broken Than Kept.**

Your plan may be better broken than preserved. Your disappointment may be just the thing for you. You have to learn to take things as they come and make the best of them. You don't know what the morrow will reveal to you. God has made it so. This earth is not a dead level. It has ups and downs, hills and valleys and mountains. You must learn to climb the one and to pass smoothly over the other. Who wants the same thing all the time?

Who goes about crying "Peace, Peace" forever? God does not. He says there will be war where my Gospel goes. Father will be arrayed against son even, and mother against daughter, and so on.

Let us learn our lessons. There are many to learn in the school of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ.

## The Spirit of Praise OR Acting on the Promises

An Address Delivered at the Divine Healing Meeting, in Shiloh  
Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, Tuesday Afternoon,  
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*By General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva*

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**Remove All Things Which Tempt.**

The thing for people to do who are trusting God is to clean out of their houses anything that the devil could make a temptation. As long as you have idols around, you need not be surprised that when the day of testing comes, the devil brings them out to you and says: "There is your god, bow down." Do you not recall how you used the camphor bottle when anybody had a dizzy spell? A little sniff of the camphor restored (?) them. People today have so great faith in these dirty, filthy, medical concoctions, that they think they can almost restore an amputated arm. But where is the faith in the One True and Living God?

**Doubt Not.**

"And doubts not in his heart." O, yes, I cannot see doubt in your heart, but I can see it in your looks. I can see it in your answer. God Almighty can see it in your heart.

Do you really believe, or do you not? That is the question.

Now notice: "Mountains" there stands for difficulty; for any difficulty.

**Desire Satisfied by Faith.**

The next verse, the twenty-fourth, reads:

What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them.

Did you ever get the full force of that?

What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Now, when we pray for the healing of that cancer, when you ask and pray, believe that you have it, and you shall have it.

Well, then, faith is believing you have the thing you are going to get; is not that the point? Anybody can walk by sight, but the children of God must walk by faith.

Look at the cases of gangrene that have been healed in Zion, but these accursed doctors want to cut off an arm, or a leg, or dig into the body.

Dr. Wm. J. Bull, the greatest cancer specialist in the United States and the world, died of cancer. He refused absolutely to let the doctors operate on him. They wanted to perform an operation on him, but he would not let them do so on any account; but he would take other people's money for performing operations.

When a man said to a doctor who wanted to operate on his wife, "Do you really think there is anything in an operation?" "Yes," he said, there is \$100."

It is a thieving, robbing, murderous business from start to finish. "Ephraim is joined to his idols. Let him alone." The rank and file of the people are joined to their idols.

**Effective Preaching.**

Someone told me that somebody was mad last Lord's Day. I never signed a contract not to make anybody mad. I feel so happy when I hear that somebody is mad at my preaching. I always rejoice when I hear that. It is a good thing to stir up the devil. Stir up the devil! If there is any devil in you, I hope I will stir him up. You hear someone say, "O, she is such a lovely creature;" but just step on her toe, and you will say, "O, what a devil of a temper!"

It is a good thing to stir up all the devil there is in a per-

on, and get the devil out. When you stir up the devil of lying—how some people lie!

That is the kind of preaching that makes people mad, that makes them get up and go out. I have seen them in Melbourne most butt their heads against the wall as they went out.

I think about the happiest days I ever had were in Queen's Hall, Sydney, where a woman came right down with a parasol, and was going to hit me on the head. I simply looked at her, and I felt sorry for the parasol, for she would have had to buy another one, if she had hit me. I remember when a dozen people were on their feet—one woman said, "You look like the devil." I thank God for that glorious day.

**Popularity a Bad Sign.**

It is a bad sign to have people like you. (Laughter). I know of scores of people who would have murdered me at first, who are now in Zion, and good members of Zion. Elder Carey did not like things at first. Don't you forget it. He had about what he could do to stand it. I remember seeing him sitting down in the congregation a long time before I ever knew who he was. He stood it out. His wife was pretty stubborn about it, too: She did no use for me. I tell you it would be a good thing for some of these sick people if they would get so mad that they would say, "There is the door; get out of here!"

**Pride and Unwillingness Hinder Blessing.**

In Zion home Dr. Dowie went around and turned the searchlight on them. He got results, too. I shall never forget a certain lady from New York who was there in a wheel chair. He said to her, "Did you listen closely to me?" She said "Yes." "Will you do what I tell you?" She said, "When the Lord shows me." He said, "Answer my question; will you do what I tell you?" She said, "When the Lord tells me." He said, "Take her out. I will not pray for her." She went back on the next train, just as Naaman felt like doing. Naaman was proud. He had made up his mind how Elisha would meet him in a chariot with a brass band, etc. "O, my, I am greatly honored!" When he drew up to the house; the old Prophet never even said, "How do you do?" He told Naaman to go out and take a bath. He told him that one was not enough, but that he must take seven. Old Naaman got as mad as a hornet. He said, "I did expect he would come out, and that he would do so and so. That is a pretty way for him to act!" He got mad and started off home. The servants with him had good sense. They said, "If the old Prophet had bidden you do some great thing, you would have done it." They said, "You go and do what he tells you." He thought the matter over, and went down there and kept saying, "Well, it is a funny thing I cannot get back home and take my bath in Abana and Pharpar in my own country." But the Prophet had told him. He went down and dipped once; still he was a leper. Then he dipped a second time; still he was a leper. He dipped himself seven times, and his flesh "became white like a little child's"—because he did what God told him to do.

Then Gehazi thought Elisha was wrong because he would not do certain things. Naaman had offered to give the man of God some presents, and Gehazi thought the Prophet of God was very foolish for not taking them. So he went after Naaman and Naaman said, "Is all well?" And Gehazi said, "My master hath sent me," etc. He lied (Read 2 Kings 5). He got the leprosy at Naaman had. Lying is a dangerous business. Miriam got the leprosy because she murmured. She did not like Moses' wife because she was a colored woman. There are people today that have murder in their hearts toward colored people. (Voice: "Shame.") Yes, there are. But I will tell you that in this church we will carry out the teaching of Dr. Dowie that there is no distinction between white, black, or yellow people in Zion—every one in Christ Jesus. (Amens).

If any member of this Church mistreats a colored person, I will be down on him good and hard. I will treat a colored person just the same as I would treat you. I would rather have a black face and a white heart than a white face and a black heart. You know the old saying, "Pretty is as pretty does." Beauty is in actions. Some people with ugly faces are pretty people.

**Care in Ventilation and in Breathing.**

Well, it is a glorious fight. Elder Richert and I were out yesterday praying with two of the worst cases in Zion City. One of the places we went to I told them when I first went in, "This room is hot enough to kill anybody. God could not answer prayer in this room if He wanted to. Don't you recognize that?" My, the way some people keep their houses! You cannot live without food and water, neither can you live without oxygen.

Another thing, the rank and file of people never breathe deep enough. You ought to breathe deep, right down to the diaphragm. God Almighty never made your mouth to breathe through, but the nostrils. Consumption always starts right up here—around the throat. Everybody should get out in the fresh air as much as possible, and breathe deep. Deep breathing has a good deal to do with good health. People ought to learn how to breathe. Learn to throw all the air out of your lungs, and then fill them again by breathing slowly. Get out and do it fifteen or twenty times a day. That makes the voice; it gives you power. It is just as essential, if not more essential, than food and drink. Pure air! Oxygen!! Do you notice that sweat on the windows? That is poison. That would kill a horse. That little blue blaze in the coal fire will kill a person very quickly. That is a rank poison burning.

There is one thing we have in Zion City, thank God, and that is pure air. When I go to Chicago, I try to quit breathing until I get back to Zion City. Thank God for Zion City air. It is pure air. Spend all the time you can out of doors. Ventilate the sleeping rooms.

"My people perish for lack of knowledge." I am trying this afternoon to impart knowledge. I know just a little bit how to live.

**Christianity Should Give Cheer.**

There are a great many things I would like to say. Cultivate a bright, cheerful disposition. Christianity never was intended to make people sour, and sober, and long-faced. That is a trick of the devil. I will tell you that the biggest liars and hypocrites out of hell are the most sober and sanctimonious and longfaced.

**Zion Works for the Incoming Kingdom of God.**

Zion is marching on. Zion must cry out for the new order of things. That is what gives the Zion message such power. There is no other church on God's earth where a minister dare talk like I talked last Sunday. What a privilege you Elders have! It is a wonderful privilege. Some people do not like you to get up and say, "I thank God for Zion." I do. I thank God for Zion. (Amens.) There is no man that ever lived I thank more than John Alexander Dowie. He will get his reward for all the good God did through him. Some people cannot understand our thanking God for Dr. Dowie. Why? We do not accept everything he said and taught, but I follow him as far as he followed God, and no further. That is what you are to do with me—as far as I follow God, follow me. Except for his financial affairs, there is little fault to find.

**Zion is Rising in Power.**

I thank God that Zion is rising. If this people will only do as they are told, and behave themselves, we can have an organization in five years that will shake the world.

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## EDITORIAL NOTES

By O. L. TINDALL.

Zion throughout the world, watch!

It behooves every lover of Zion to work and pray! Zion is in peril among false brethren, as Paul said he suffered. The assaults on our bulwarks were never more violent and relentless.

The "gates of hell" have besieged us as really and as truly as ever they did old Zion in the days of the Judges, or of the Kings, or in the days of the Christ, or of the Apostles.

If Zion prevails, she must watch and pray and fight as she always has had to do.

Persecutions should not discourage or frighten any one.

The true signs that men are true Christians and are really "Contending for the faith once delivered to the saints," are that they are "hated of all men," and that they are persecuted "for righteousness' sake." So says the Word of our God.

If a man will live godly, he shall suffer persecution.

None of the apostate churches have suffered persecution for ages, and the world shows it.

The condition of the churches is deplorable. If Zion does not come to the rescue then there is none in sight; that is certain.

One man cannot save the world. It requires a good body of men, well organized. The conflict will be a strong and a long one. The enemy is well organized. He is well entrenched. It is like Israel going up to take the promised land against giants and well walled cities.

Zion must keep on the armor of righteousness. She will have to possess the old-time faith of the fathers, the faith that Abel had to make his sacrifice acceptable unto God, and the faith of Enoch, who quietly walked with God for three hundred years and had the evidence and assurance that he pleased God.

All will need the faith like Abram had that made him go out from his home and kindred and trust God as a stranger in a strange land.

We need the faith of brave old Joshua which shook the walls of Jericho, and made them to fall though no visible hand was seen or used. No modern faith will answer.

Zion has a mission to show the mighty power of God that will convince the world. The world has had nothing from other sources than Zion, but arguments and philosophies and nicely written essays, for lo, these years, to prove the power of prayer. The world has seen but little else than theory and written creeds, to convince them that our religion is true and from God, and that God is ever with us.

What was the difference between the Christ and His preaching and work and that of the Scribes? Why did the people marvel at Him and pay no attention to the Scribes? They said He taught and preached and worked differently from the Scribes. They and the Pharisees were learned men, and preached eloquently, and prayed often and long, and fasted, and paid their tithes, and preached Moses, and were of the seed of Abraham; and yet their preaching was treated much as that of today. Their churches were empty. Their words fell as empty sounds upon the ears of their hearers. Why all this? Simply because there was no power, or life, or spirit, in them. They had no food for the poor, perishing people. The people were hungry and crying for bread and they gave them stones.

The people were weary and heavy laden and ready to fall down by the wayside, and the priests only laid heavier burdens upon them. The people were sick, but they found no balm, nor physician to heal their hurt. The physicians relieved them of their money, but not of their diseases. Like the poor woman who had suffered for twelve years from the issue of blood, they left the sick worse than they found them.

That was the condition of things when Jesus came on the scene. Is it any better now? Is it not the same thing? Does not the world need some relief more than the churches are giving? What did Jesus do? Why, the most sensible and simple thing in the world.

He did just three things, just what Zion was commissioned to do, is doing, and must do. He went about Teaching, and Preaching and Healing the sick.

Oh, Zion, will we not take up the old commission that the Christ gave the Twelve, and the Seventies, and carry it out? If that is done in the name of our God and of His Christ the world will be blessed as it was then. Then will we have fulfilled our mission and our God will have been glorified. This is the remedy for this sin-cursed and disease-smitten world.

Our God is able to supply all your needs, according to the riches of glory in Christ Jesus. Divine Healing must be taught and preached and practiced carefully, and faithfully. If it is not, then Teaching and Preaching will avail but little.

The signs must follow or the Word is vain. He hath said it. "These signs shall follow." If Divine Healing is left out then one of the cords in the three-fold cord is broken. A three-fold cord is not easily broken. What was it that convinced the ruler of the synagogue, Nicodemus? Why, the miracles. Said he, "No man could do these except God was with him." The old hypocrites could pray and preach eloquently and long but they could not heal the sick, for God had to do that, and He was not with them.

What was it that shut the mouth of the carpenters and the blasphemers and spiked their tongues? Why, it was that "a notable miracle had been wrought." A man impotent from his birth had been healed, and the lame was leaping for joy. The blind man was seeing. The deaf were hearing, and the dumb were speaking and praising their God and His Christ.

Zion today, everywhere must give to the world this three-fold Gospel for spirit, soul, and body. If she does not then she must perish from the earth.

What a mission, O Zion, is ours!

Watch ye, stand fast in the faith; quit ye like men, be strong.

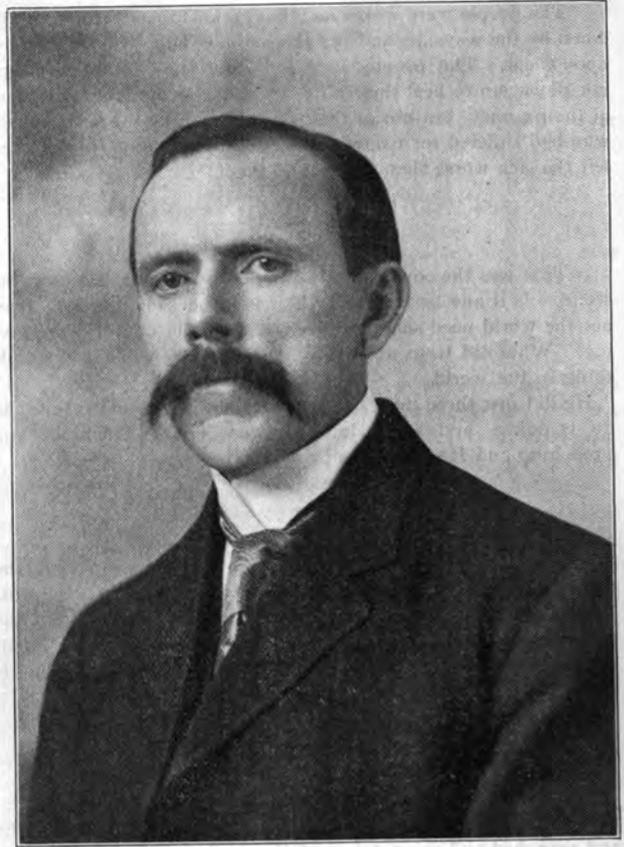
On This and Following Pages You Will See The Type of Men Who are Fighting for The Salvation of Zion City



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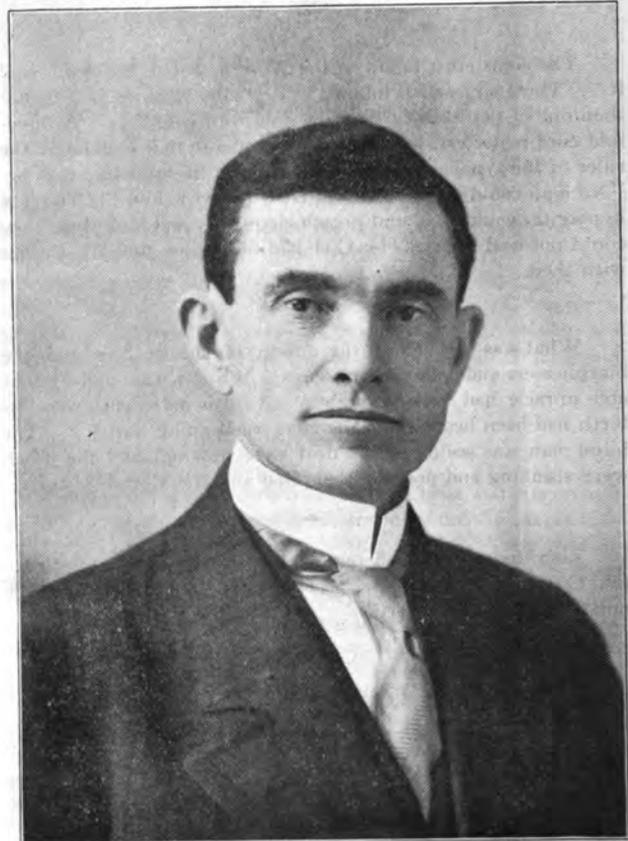
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## The Spirit of Praise or Acting on the Promises.

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I was just counting up today, before I left the office, how much we have got in tithes and offerings over and above all expenses. We have got nearly five thousand dollars. You read the financial report on the handbill I gave you last night. I suppose you accept and approve it? Those poor fellows who are going to "down Voliva" cannot get enough to pay for the salt that goes in their mush. On Wednesday night we will give you a pamphlet with a full report of Zion Financial Institutions. I thank God we have got seven thousand dollars to divide among the employees and investors and customers. If this people will only get close to God, every last one of them, and quit criticizing and finding fault and all pull together, we can conquer Zion City, every shingle in it, and conquer the world. At the rate we are going, we will build an estate here in a few years of a million dollars. We received in this Tabernacle last Sunday \$595. That is right in the midst of winter, too, and when it is raining and thawing out. (Laughter). It is remarkable! Last Sunday the poor enemies of God and Zion down there had to get up and say, "I had nothing to pay Brother Brannen. I had nothing to pay Mr. Rice. I had nothing to pay the Janitor, and we are \$381 behind, and there are rents coming due \$83, and we owe the Zion City News money and I need \$125 tomorrow morning. You people have been well-trained in tithing, etc."

Yes, the hypocrites that they are. Who trained them in tithing? John Alexander Dowie. They got little old Parham here to laugh at tithing, and they thought "He will knock tithing in the head, and that will knock Voliva." They cut off their noses to spite their faces. They went around saying, "The people won't tithe." "You people don't appreciate your own leaders." I thought they did not believe in leaders.

This same speaker said, "If twelve men would leave us now, that would ruin us." That included Forby and Voliva, etc.

Don't I pray every day, "O God, smite them, bring them to naught." Is not God doing it? (Voices: "Yes.")

The wanderers are coming back home. They have been off feeding pigs and eating husks.

If our people only hew to the line, we will put up factories in less than five years that will cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. If our people will just do right, pay up their tithes, give their offerings, and save their money. If our people would only save a few dollars every month in the year it would make quite a large sum of money. Our people have spent, as I have told you, in Zion Stores in ten months, \$168,000—a lot of poor paupers! Think of that! Our pay roll is close upon two thousand dollars a month. All have been paid, and we have paid \$2500 out of the tithes on the Tabernacle, and we have still got \$7400 today. In three funds I have over ten thousand dollars this afternoon. If all our people will do their duty, every one faithfully tithe, then we shall be powerful,

You do not know what a hard fight I have to keep this money. Some people cry, "Let us have it." The same fellows who cursed Dowie for spending it, curse me for keeping it.

We must save our money. We must build up headquarters and make it a strong organization before we undertake to go out and do a lot of things.

God has been so good. I know His Word is true. He can heal you. He has promised to bless His people, and He is doing it. Let us be right. Let us do right.

The General Overseer pronounced the

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WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA.

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

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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

### Unbelief is the Root of All Evil

By O. L. Tindall

The Word of God looks upon unbelief, or lack of faith in God as the root of all the evils that come to the world. On the other hand, faith in God produces all the fruits of righteousness. Faith is the tap root of every good tree, and consequently of every good fruit.

The Bible says, "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin." When men lose faith in God, then they have lost the one thing that keeps them from sins of all kinds. When satan succeeded in getting Eve to doubt the Word of God, then he had accomplished her ruin; for had she still believed that what God said was true, and that she would die in the day that she ate thereof, then she would not have eaten. The devil said plainly, "Thou shalt not die," but just the opposite will take place.

Eve doubted God's Word and believed satan, and the sinful act followed. All sin comes in the same way. God condemns all kinds of sin and evil, and says explicitly and emphatically that "The wages of sin is death" now, but in some way, men doubt, and are persuaded that it is not true and that to eat the forbidden fruit will be better; that they will feel better and they will be wiser and stronger men. God's Word says, "Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come."

The Word says it pays better to live godly lives even in this

life, if there were no hereafter for a man. But men don't believe it. They say one can't succeed in business by following strictly the commandments of God; that one can't run politics by the golden rule, nor by the Sermon on the Mount. The Bible says we would all be happier and far richer in all things if we kept His commandments; but men don't believe it. They say we must sin in order to have a good time; that true pleasure comes from the theater, and the dance, and from the wine when it is red.

The Word of God says Christ is still the Healer of all our diseases and He is just the same today; but the world and the churches don't believe it, so they call doctors when they are sick.

Why don't men follow the Bible? Simply because they don't believe it. They say they do, in many cases, but their actions show that they do not.

The Apostle sums up all the sins of the children of Israel, for forty years, in the wilderness in this one word "Unbelief." Why, said he, entered they not in? "Because of their unbelief." Didn't they have many other sins besides unbelief? Didn't they murmur and complain of Moses? Didn't they rebel and refuse to obey? Didn't they make a golden calf and worship it? Didn't some of the leaders, and even Aaron and Miriam become jealous of Moses and think they might lead and prophesy as well as Moses? "Has God spoken only by Moses?" Are we not as smart as Moses?

Yes, all this is true. They committed all these grievous sins and provoked God, said the apostle, forty years, and then, he adds; it was unbelief that kept them out of their rest, or promised land.

Why did they make an idol-god? Because they had lost faith in God. Why did they murmur and complain about food? Because they were afraid God and Moses could not, or would not, supply their daily bread. Lost faith! Why did they not go up and take the beautiful land which flowed with milk and

honey and enter in? Simply because they were afraid of the giants and their walled cities, and doubted God's promise, which said, "I will be with you and fight for you, and deliver the enemy into your hands."

"Cowardice" is only another name for unbelief and lack of confidence in God and His promises.

If a man has faith in God he will fear no evil, nor anything that man can do unto him.

Unbelief makes men steal. They say, "Ah, I and my family will now perish; we are without food, and the heavens are shut up against us." They have forgotten that God has said: "These things shall be added. Be not anxious about what you shall eat or what you shall drink, or wherewithal you shall be clothed. Your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things."

Have you forgotten these promises, or don't you believe them? The latter is the truth in most cases. It is not confined, either, to the heathen and publicans. You find unbelief among God's professed followers. Unbelief stalks forth as a many-headed monster. It is found very rife in our great universities, professedly Christian. You find it in our theological seminaries (or, more truly, "cemeteries"), as was seen lately in the case of three young men of the senior class of the Union Theological Seminary, who were examined by a committee of the Presbytery of New York for licenses to preach. Some of the older ministers wept tears of sadness when they saw the infidelity of those men about to enter the ministry of the church of Jesus Christ, so-called. They doubted the Divinity of Jesus Christ, and the genuineness of the miracles of the New Testament, and the real bodily resurrection of our Lord and Savior.

Infidelity is in the pulpit and in the pew. Why are the churches empty? Infidelity.

Why this Sabbath desecration and Sunday amusements, and theaters? Because the common people have lost faith in the churches, and, to a great degree, in God and the Bible.

Said the beloved John, "They have made God a liar." Why? "Because they have not believed the Record which God gave of His Son."

To doubt the Bible, the Word of God, is to make God a liar, and false to His promise.

"Have faith in God."

## "Faith is the Victory"

Report of Early Morning Meeting, Lord's Day, September 27, 1908,  
held in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois,  
conducted by

General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva

REPORTED BY MISS B. MACLAUCHLAN

The meeting was opened by the singing of Hymn No. 1, the General Overseer remarking, "It is a good thing to give thanks unto God for His goodness to the children of men."

Hymn No. 264 was then announced:

Hide me, O my Savior, hide me  
In Thy holy place;  
Resting there beneath Thy glory,  
O let me see Thy face.

General Overseer: Now you notice, my brothers and sisters, that this hymn is in the form of a prayer. Let each one as he sings make it in deed and in truth an earnest prayer to God.

What is the 1st verse of the 91st Psalm?

### Hiding Under His Wings.

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

May God grant it! If there ever was a time when we all stood in need of being hid under the wings of God Almighty, it is now as we approach the day of God's vengeance upon this earth; and who will stand? How many of us will stand? "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." Let us make this an earnest prayer. I think it is one of the most beautiful hymns that it is our privilege to sing. (The hymn was then sung by the congregation).

### Study God's Word Daily.

General Overseer: It is very important that we should pray. If you have read the notice of yesterday you will observe that I have placed for your guidance this morning: "Studying God's Word daily; Praying in private; Forsaking not the assembling of yourselves together." The gift of the Holy Spirit must be claimed and appropriated by each one in prayer through faith in God.

We are all interested in a great many things. It would take some time to enumerate them. We are interested in the Zion movement because it stands for the Kingdom of God; and, when I look at all of you, and my mind very quickly runs back over the history of God's people, I am so thankful that God has never left Himself without a witness. How happy men and women ought to be to be counted worthy to be witnesses for God and for His truth. Then, when I think of others, I feel very sad, and especially sad over those who are really sheep.

### Difference Between Wandering Sheep and Wicked men.

There is a great difference, my brothers and sisters, between men and women who are really wicked, and men and women who are discouraged, distressed and downcast; and it seems to me that there is a great work to be done by us yet before we shall be able to branch out and cast again the Gospel net into the sea of humanity: and that is, to seek for and find those who have Zion in their hearts, and win them back. The worst thing in this world is not to sin: it is a far worse thing to sin, and when the sin is pointed out, to refuse to repent. Now, the Word of God makes it very plain that if a man be overtaken in a fault, "ye which are spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself lest thou also be tempted." The Word also says, "Bear ye one another's burdens." Now, we are not all constituted alike. It does not take much to knock some people over, but they are good people just the same. It takes a good deal to knock others over, and one thing you certainly must have observed: you never saw two people tried in the same way. Now I have had people say to me in the last two weeks, "I have not been to a service for a year," and I never was more deeply touched than when I sat and saw the tears rolling down the cheeks, and heard them say, "We still love Zion." Now, there are many, not only here, but in different parts of the world, in whose hearts the spirit of the Kingdom of God dwells, and I have a firm faith that all men and women who have Zion in their hearts will again take their stand.

### Reproving Necessary, but Not Pleasant.

My brothers and sisters, there are some things I do not like to refer to. It would always be a much greater joy to me if I could be excused from some things; but there are some who have been very bitter in their denunciation that are beginning to see that I have been perfectly right from the beginning in the position I have taken. (Just a few minutes before we proceed), what an awful thing it would be for me, as an humble, earnest shepherd, to permit any of you to be deceived and taken off on

the devil's territory to be imposed upon by satan. My brothers and sisters, it is very true that satan counterfeits God's truths, but let me tell you, you never saw in any of Dr. Dowie's Divine Healing meetings satan counterfeiting his work. It is only where you open the flood gates, only where you open the door and let satan come in, that he will come in.

#### **Spiritualism--Satan's Counterfeit.**

What a dreadful thing for your children if you let them go to a meeting where they will be exposed; because when men and women get into satan's clutches, as in Spiritualism, very few are ever delivered. I remember one woman in Chicago, a very good woman, who was at one time a spiritualistic medium. She came into Zion and was one of the best Seventy workers we ever had; and she said that it was a constant battle; that when she was a medium she used to be in trances for three hours—in communion with evil spirits; and that when once they get hold of victims they never like to let them go. And I want to tell you, my brothers and sisters, that if ever we had occasion to weep, it is now, to think that men and women, and little children, that belong to this family, brothers and sisters in Jesus the Christ, some of them among the most earnest workers we ever had, to think that, according to their own admission, they have been tricked by the devil! The admission that many of these demonstrations have been the work of the devil is a very serious matter. It is a far more serious thing than most of you realize this morning. Now I wish to say that I thank God that He led me, and that I was right. I would not be fit to be a leader if I let a snake bite you in order to determine whether it was a snake or not. I have told you during the last two years, scores of times, that my safeguard and your safeguard was the Word of God; and you take John Alex. Dowie (whose work was a wonderful work) as long as he kept close to God's Word nothing stood before him, and we have letters now from people outside of Zion who say, "Dr. Dowie's teaching was the most beautiful that I have ever heard."

#### **Good Men May Fall.**

A man can be a very good man today and in a year from now, if he does not keep close to God, he can get away from God. The Holy Spirit is here: He was poured out once for all,—that is the Word of God. In other words, here you are, dying of thirst. There is the water. Now what you have got to do is to take the water and quench your thirst. God poured out the Holy Spirit once for all. My brothers and sisters, you claim Him, and claim Him in accordance with Luke 11:13, in prayer:

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?

It is not a matter of feeling any more than salvation. Let us lay hold of God's Word. That is the most important thing: God's Word; and let us never, by word or action, cast any discredit upon the Word of God. When you do that you are undermining the very foundation of your faith.

#### **Why Does God Permit Apostasy?**

The question that comes to my mind is, "Why does God permit apparently very sincere and good people to be imposed upon?" I have but one answer for that question; that is, that they have strayed away from the guide Book. That is the only answer that I know to give; and that there are some very sincere and earnest people that have gone astray and got on satan's territory, we know from observation. It is because they do not follow closely the plain Word of God.

#### **Zion City Must Be Saved By Prayer.**

As I think of Zion City this morning, how can it be other than with a very sad heart; and yet, God still lives, and if this

city is to be saved, it will have to be saved through prayer. No man, I do not care how great he may be or how much wisdom he may have, can save this situation. It will be done through prayer. And now, when you think today of the spirit of separation, and the different little meetings that are being held around, my prayer to God is to bring them all to naught. You never can have a Zion City with that kind of thing. What do you think of the beautiful advice that has been given. Here you people have come from all parts of the world to establish a certain kind of a city—what do you think of the advice that all you need is "commercial competition."

#### **Competition is not of the Kingdom of God.**

Why, I could find thousands of men in the world who would tell you that competition in business does not belong to the children of God. It is an absolute impossibility for Elder Carey and myself to be in competition with one another. Two children of the Kingdom of God, instead of being in competition, should unite and all work to one end. Competition among the children of God is entirely out of the question. Now, I do not say that we can have all these things in a minute, in a day, in a year, or in one generation. "You must open up things on a little more liberal line;"—yes, that is the voice of the devil. "Invite outsiders to come here." Why didn't they stay where they were? What did they come here for? What did you move here from Mansfield for? What did you leave Toronto for? What did you come from Indianapolis for, and scores of other places? What did they come here for? It is a singular thing to me that a great body of people should come from all parts of the world to establish a city of God, and then turn around and create the same conditions they came out of. I used to tell you in Australia, "I will make it as hard for you as I can to go to Zion City. Are you willing, if called upon, to break stones on the streets for the extension of the Kingdom of God?" All said they were. And I said to them, "Now it is a good deal cheaper to go to the devil here than to go to Zion City and go." I said, "You may just as well save your money instead of going there and paying out all that money and go to the devil there. It is far cheaper to stay here and go to the devil."

Is it possible that there is one man or woman in this city that is not intensely desirous of seeing it maintained and built up as a Kingdom of God settlement? How it is possible that there can be one is a mystery to me. Make them welcome? We will never make them welcome to this city.

#### **Outsiders Don't Help to Build the Kingdom.**

We will fight every outsider that comes into this city, to a finish. We do not want them here. They would never be of any assistance to us. The Word of God is, "Be ye separate;" is it not? We separated ourselves once. What is the use to move out of the old house to get rid of certain fellows, and then, as soon as we get into the new house to send an invitation to those same fellows to come over and live in the new house.

"Be rational in your municipal government." We are very rational, and I am going to make a motion in favor of the City Council passing an ordinance that will kill these wretched plays.

#### **Theaters Belong to the Devil.**

I tell you, if there is anything on God's earth that is from Hell, it is the theater. Theaters are among the worst places on earth. I sat one day and talked to an actress. O, what a story! If you could only see behind the scenes. There that poor girl's life was wrecked; completely wrecked. It was a horrible story, and it is the story of thousands, and I tell you that accursed thing on Thursday night, in its essential elements is just as bad

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## EDITORIAL NOTES

By O. L. TINDALL

Beloved brothers and sisters in the Christ and lovers of God's Kingdom, Zion men and women, and little children, and youths.

I desire to address you all in the name of our Lord, and of His Christ.

The fellowship of kindred minds and spirits, and the great purpose for which Christ has shed abroad His Spirit, should make all men as one family.

How I thank my God that we can all be fellow-laborers with God. What a blessed thought that we are one family. We are not divided. What a fellowship is that!

It is far greater and stronger, than the tie that binds kindred of the flesh. So said the Master.

This fellowship of kindred minds is greater and far above any earthly tie. For this, a man will forsake mother or father or even wife and children.

This seems a severe test to man who is so tied to this world and to the things of time and sense.

But this was the law laid down by our beloved Savior. He

set us the example. He left all the glory of Heaven and came down to this dark and sin cursed earth, all for us.

He didn't come to us because we were good and lovely, or lovable. No, we were quite the opposite. We didn't even thank Him for His love and sacrifice.

How few men and women know much of the deep things of God.

If we would ascend high we must go down low. The highest buildings have the lowest and deepest foundations. They go down to the solid rock.

Men who live only for time, build on the sand. It answers every purpose for the time being. But oh, how short!

Then comes the time of testing, and alas! the foundation gives way and the whole fabric, often very elaborate, goes down in a great wreck.

A few cities were recently destroyed, with all their valuables, by a terrible earthquake. Whole cities were swallowed up with their inhabitants. The whole world stood aghast, and was shocked as if they, too, had felt the vibrations.

And yet, my beloved friends, the destruction of a thousand cities is not equal to the loss of one human soul who dies in his sins.

Why should we not fly to the rescue of the perishing that fall by the hundreds and thousands every day, and in our own midst, and in our own homes? Why not send cargoes, and help, and men to the aid of our fellowmen who perish in multitudes in every land?

Zion must awake to her work. When she settles down to care only for herself and talks about her own woes, which are as nothing, then she has lost her glory and must perish too.

Zion has not suffered as yet. Think of the Christ and then ask yourself whether you know anything about suffering or not.

Think but a moment of Him. No home, nor place to lay His head, sad and lonely and rejected. What about Paul and all of the Apostles? What did the Christ promise them? Was

it ease and comfort and home and friends? or persecution and hatred and evil speaking and bitter cups?

Zion has suffered some, 'tis true. If you have taken it and borne it in the spirit of the Christ and said, "I gave it for Christ's sake; I put my money and life in Zion for God and His Kingdom," then you will get your reward.

If you complain and growl about it, and lose faith in God and go back on God's great truths and His work, then you have not only lost your money, but you have lost your reward in Heaven and the Spiritual blessings which God promises to those who willingly give themselves and their all to Him. If a man gives his property to God in the right spirit, then he gets his reward; it matters not what becomes of the property.

Christ gave His life for the world, but the world was not saved by it. Alas! how few received Him. But think you His self-denial and sacrifice and consecration were not just as acceptable and well-pleasing to His God and Father as if the whole world had been saved at once?

Think you the dear Father chided Him and said, "My Son, you are a failure. What about your mission? Where are your followers and what about Your converts? You are not even a good Evangelist. You don't even get a thousand dollars a week, or even a month. Billy Sunday can beat you, or R. A. Torrey. You couldn't have been very popular. You must have displeased the churches and couldn't have worked a great 'Union' meeting that caught all the Methodists and Mahabones," etc., etc.

"No," says the Son, "My message lacked the 'suave' way. They hated Me when I denounced the hypocrites and went counter to many of their ways. Even My disciples, some of them, betrayed Me and sold Me for gain. They loved money. Some of them loved place and power and left Me.

"Many of them left Me when I gave them strong meat; too spiritual. They said 'Tis a hard saying, who can stand it?' Many turned away and walked no more with Me. At the last, when the great day came, they all fled, and gave up in despair and went back to their fishing, and various occupations." So ended His spotless life.

But think you, dear discouraged one, that He lost His reward? Was it not still, "This is My beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased?"

Zion; get the Divine life. Get the Christ life. Get the

consecrated life that knows how to forsake all to follow Him. Don't waver because offences come, because the storms beat upon your house. What matters that?

Dig a little deeper. Your house shakes, perhaps, when these cold winds blow.

## Faith Is The Victory.

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as any theater in Chicago; and it is to a lot of our young people here just what the first glass of whiskey is to a young man.

### Can We Not Have One Clean City on Earth?

My brothers and sisters in Christ, I believe that a change is coming. I believe that many people are beginning to think, and to think seriously. Cannot we have one clean little spot for God? Is it not worth living for? Is it not worth dying for, to have one clean little spot for God? Ah yes, it certainly is. I have told you, my brothers and sisters, if this estate had been left in Zion's control it would have been a thousand times better off than it is now. We are the only people that could handle it, that only in that way would the investors get even a small return for their investments. How could we manage it? By maintaining Zion City and bringing in thousands of Zion people---not outside people. Can outside people tell the children of God how to solve their problems? It is the height of absurdity. Then when you think---well, my question, "What next?"---that is the question: What next? What next will they do? Well, I am glad to see this company here this morning, and I am thankful to know that there is a faithful, loyal people not only here, but in all parts of the world; and I want to tell you, the Zion movement is all right and it is growing in every particular; but I am more and more convinced---I have been all the way along, but I feel more so now than ever---there is only one solution, and that is prayer.

### Faith is the Victory.

The walls of Jericho fell down through faith in God, and I think that one of the most suitable chapters for us this morning is the eleventh chapter of Hebrews, and before we pray we will just go through this hurriedly.

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

For by it the elders obtained a good report.

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God---

The Centurion said to Christ, what? "Only speak the word." I tell you God will only need to say the word and Zion City must be saved, and God will only need to say the word and these sick people will be healed, and there are some very sick ones. Two particularly that I have in mind are very sick. O, may God heal them today; but after all, my brothers and sisters, the most beautiful thing about Zion teaching is that it will bring people closer to God, and you and I will be saved from many sicknesses that would come upon us if we had not had Zion teaching.

### Save the Children.

That is the most beautiful thing---and then the teaching of the little children. Ah, some of these parents are going to pay for their conduct! The little children are only repeating what

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they hear the parents say. They will pay for it. You will pay for every transgression. Every one.

So that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

#### Heroes of Faith.

The first one brought before us in this chapter is Abel.

By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts, and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony that he pleased God.

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.

What wonderful blessing comes from walking in accordance with God's Word. What a comfort it ought to be to every one of us to know that our ways are well-pleasing unto God. That is our privilege; and just as we are true to God, God will bless us very richly.

By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

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.

By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.

The story of Sarah is one of the most remarkable in the Old Testament. There is where we find the question, "Is anything too hard for God?" Nothing is too hard for God.

Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.

These all died in the faith, not having received the promise, but having seen them afar off.

I presume this is perfectly plain to your minds. It is simply this, that these men were acquainted with the promises which looked forward to the coming of Christ and the plan of redemption. See, they saw them afar off. The Apostles saw things and heard things which men of old longed to see and hear.

#### Learn Patience and Obedience.

And were persuaded of them and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.

And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

There is a wonderful thought in that verse for Zion. All of you came from different countries and different localities. Now you notice this 15th verse: "And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned."

Why it is that any one who has tasted of Zion should ever want to return to the world is a mystery. It does not pay to go back. Now why should any one want to go back? I tell you, my brothers and sisters, I do not believe (I never have believed) that the people who came here with the right motive and who put their money in, and who love God and are earnestly seeking to serve Him, I do not believe God will permit them to lose it. You may have suffered hardships and had to pass through trials,

but all these things, if you keep close to God, are going to be overruled and you will be all the better by God's grace.

#### Money Ruins Some Men.

I think one of the most awful curses is the love of money. I have in mind now a certain person, I do not care to let you know who it is, a man who used to claim to be a very staunch Zion man. He is making money now, and, if I am a judge, I think the devil has pretty well got him. He has not any use for Zion now and he does not pay tithes. How few people there are that can stand prosperity! Jesus knew what He was talking about when He said, "How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the Kingdom of Heaven," What has ruined multitudes? Money. Pride also comes with money, although it sometimes exists without money; and people who are humble and meek without it usually lose their humility and meekness when they get it.

#### Pride Goes Before a Fall.

Pride is another thing that has ruined many. Some people do not like me, because I do not care for them because they have money. If I can always keep this Church in as good condition as it is right now I will have no need for their money. Some people who have come into this Church think that because they have a little money they ought to be given a lot of attention. They fancy that they ought to do a lot of bossing. I do not know that a few thousand dollars gives a man any right to have anything to say in the counsel of Zion. Probably a man or woman who has nothing could give better counsel. Riches usually bring a domineering spirit. "Everybody exists to serve me"—that is the way they look at it.

#### Pray Lest Ye Enter Into Temptation.

Well, you pray. That is the only way. There is no other way. You have simply got to pray. My brothers and sisters, are you as earnest in prayer as you ought to be? Do you cry to God at the family altar? Do you cry to God in private worship to save this City and to bring it to pass that it will come back into Zion's hands? Zion City means a city controlled absolutely by Zion. Anything else is not Zion.

We will go to God in prayer. Pray for yourselves; pray for your unconverted sons and daughters, and I have a great desire in my heart for the young people of this City. May God help them to be Christians; to give themselves to God. By doing so they have nothing to lose, but everything to gain.

#### If the Lord Delight in Us, He Will Save.

This morning let us cry to God to save Zion City. From a human standpoint it is a hopeless case; no man can save it; God Almighty only can do it, and it can only be done through crying to God in earnest prayer. Cannot God put these people out? He could do it inside of twenty-four hours. If this place was as it was intended to be, every last man and woman that does not come under authority could be put out of this City in short order.

#### How Can Two Walk Together, Except They Be Agreed?

That is the only way to maintain a Zion City; you can see that, can't you? What is the use to start a city and then have it ruined by a lot of rebellious people. Why is it that Clendinen, Tindall, Carey, and scores of others are in line for God and Zion and always happy, and yet these other fellows, look where they are. And why is this so? I tell you there is a deep-seated reason for it. Make no mistake about it. A man that is Zion once, he is always Zion. A man who is a man of principle is always a man of principle; but the way of the transgressor is hard and I want to tell you today that I do not hesitate to say that these men who have hauled down Zion's banner and have

trampled it under their feet will go to the wall; and God Almighty is not dead—He is longsuffering, He is patient, He is kind, He is loving, He is merciful. Ah yes, but every transgression will bring its own penalty, make no mistake about that. He that will deny his Savior, he will pay the penalty. Yes, if

Zion City is to be saved it will be saved through prayer, and in no other way.

(The General Overseer then offered prayer, after which the Doxology was sung and the Benediction pronounced.)



On the same day of his condemnation he was led forth and bound to the stake. His resolute spirit faltered not even to the last. The flames rolled around him; the voice of his supplication ceased, and the spirit of John Huss was gathered home. He and thousands of others sacrificed their lives for the cause of Christ. What will you sacrifice for the salvation of Zion City?

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He sendeth His word

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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

### Paul.

The Jew, The Persecutor, The Christian, Apostle of Jesus Christ.  
A Living Example of the Gospel.  
A Zion Man.

By O. L. Tindall.

A distinguished historian said, "Biography is history, or history is biography. Men make events."

It is not my object to write a biography of simple, cold facts and dates of the great man Paul; for they are quite familiar to all and are of easy access. They are very few in number for so great a man. I may say, no greater man has lived since the Christ Himself. No man has left a greater legacy to the world. He lives still. Though dead, yet he speaketh. In many respects we can get more good from the study of the life of Paul—say it reverently—than from the life of Jesus Himself. Many things that the Christ did were not intended for us to imitate. He was the author of the Gospels. He was the author of life, and of salvation. He died for mankind, to redeem the world from sin and iniquity. He made atonement for the sins of the whole world. His works and words were, many of them, far above us and could not be repeated by any of us. He was not only man, but God-man.

Jesus gave us the teachings. He laid the foundation and gave us the specifications which we are to follow. He gave us the exact pattern of the building, as God gave to Moses the pattern of the tabernacle and told him to build it as He had directed. So was the pattern given of the great temple by the Great Architect. Christ gave us the pattern of life, and we are to build a great spiritual house after the pattern given us. I

may say, also, that this includes what men are wont to call temporal, or secular. Life is not made up of spirit alone. We have directions for all our physical life, as well as for our spiritual life, in the pattern which Christ gave us.

Zion emphasizes this last part, because it has been grossly neglected by Christians. A gospel for spirit only has been preached. The body and the business life have been entirely overlooked.

With this thought in mind, I wish to call attention to the life of Paul, the great apostle of Jesus Christ. I wish to bring before you this great man as an example of the Gospel in active operation, not simply as a theologian. I am not after theology. Paul's theology, as interpreted by many, has given us most grievous errors. It gave us that horrible doctrine of election, foreordination, and predestination, that sentenced men from all eternity to eternal destruction and death; and sent babies, who had never known evil, to punishment, all for the glory of God. Most of the churches have been cursed with this accursed theology, all taken from Paul, as they supposed. If these wise (?) men had been out working as Paul worked, and fighting the devil and mobs, and running up against flying rocks, instead of wrangling over dark sentences and things, as Peter said, "Hard to be understood," the world would never have been cursed with such dogmas as we find in these great works on theology.

Paul was "a man of like passions with ourselves." He was a strong character. He had great natural ability, and evidently he was a man of strong will power. There are only a limited amount of facts, concerning this great man, within our reach. We know nothing of him that is authentic, except what we find recorded in the Acts of the Apostles written by Luke who was his attendant and companion in his travels, and what we can learn from his own statements in his epistles.

#### His Early Life.

We learn from himself that he was a native of Tarsus, a

"no mean city," of Cilicia, a province in Asia Minor, a Roman Colony. By some means Paul was "born free," as he says, and so was a Roman citizen, with all the rights belonging thereto. We see that in after life, he made good use of this citizenship. It shielded him from the mob and from injustices. He had the education of his native city, no doubt, which made him acquainted with the Greek language. Afterwards we find him reasoning and confounding the Grecians, with whom he came in contact. Paul, whose other name was Saul, was not only a "free born" Roman citizen, but he was a Jew, or, as he says, "a Hebrew of the Hebrews," by birth, of the tribe of Benjamin, as touching the law a Pharisee of the strictest sect. After he became a youth of some age, it seems he went to Jerusalem and there studied in the Jewish schools, and sat, as a disciple, at the feet of Gamaliel, the distinguished doctor of the law. Paul's Jewish name was Saul, by which he was called until he started on his first missionary journey. While on the island of Cyprus we first hear the new name of Paul, just after the healing of Sergius Paulus, the proconsul of the island. It is doubtful that, as many have supposed, Paul took this name from the Roman proconsul of that name. It is more likely that Saul was his Jewish name and Paul his Gentile name, as in the case of Peter—a Greek word or name, and Simon the Jewish name. The same is true of many others.

From the fact that Paul was educated under the great Jewish doctor and a member of the Sanhedrim, and from what we learn from his addresses to his own people, and from his epistles, we see the Apostle was thoroughly trained and versed in the old law and the prophets, and all the customs and traditions and ordinances of the Jewish religion.

Paul had every natural advantage and equipment for a great man in the world in which he lived.

This is a very important matter for us to consider. God does not ignore these things when He calls men for a great work among men. God does not work miracles unless it is necessary, we may say. Man has his part to do. Paul by nature and training was better equipped to be a great leader in God's work than any other of the Apostles.

He was not only a Jew, as were the other Apostles before him, but he was a Gentile also, in his education and citizenship. Paul was an all-round man. He was at home among the Greeks, among the Romans and among the Jews. He could speak and confound the old philosophers on Mars Hill, in Athens, the seat of learning, art, science, philosophy and oratory. He could quote from their own poets. He knew the laws of Rome and knew when his legal rights were trampled on, and he appealed his case to the higher court at Rome—to Caesar.

I mention these things in Paul's life and lay it down as a rule that God calls men to His work who are fitted for it. Many make a mistake and use the Scriptures to their own hurt, when they suppose that God takes the foolish things to confound the wise and the weak things to confound the mighty in the sense that He prefers an ignorant man to an educated man, other things being equal. It is true that many able men and many mighty are not willing to obey God's call and give themselves to His service; therefore God is forced, so to speak, to use what He can get.

The greatest leaders in history in the Kingdom of God, were strong men by nature. It was true of Abraham. It was true of Moses. It was true of Jacob. Why did God reject Esau and take Jacob? Because Jacob was a much stronger character than was Esau, the man of impulse.

Luther, in modern times, was a trained man and a man of good parts and of sterling qualities. God could not use a weakling for such strenuous times. John Wesley, a great reformer was a highly educated man. The strongest men are only weak creatures compared with God, or compared with the great work

they are called to do. Well can they all, or any of them, say, "I am undone; who is sufficient for these things?"

Not many mighty are called, do you say? Why? Simply because they will not go. They love the world and their own things and their own glory. They love and serve Mammon rather than God.

God calls every man and woman and child to be a Christian, but He does not call them all to be leaders and teachers, in religion, any more than all men are called to be teachers in our schools.

I desire, in subsequent articles, especially to emphasize, by Paul's life, some very important and vital doctrines or teachings; some which the world especially needs at this time of great apostasy.

## Steadfastness

An Address Delivered at the Divine Healing Meeting, in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, Tuesday Afternoon, March 30, 1909.

*By General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva*

REPORTED BY T. FROST.

Let us think, this afternoon, of God's great love for the world. Surely no one, who is reasonable, could ask for any further proof that God loves the world than that He gave His Only Begotten Son, Jesus the Christ, to live, suffer and die for the world.

There is a great deal said about Christ dying for the world, but I have never heard very much said about Christ living for the world. We must remember that He spent a little over three years in fulfilling his earthly ministry, and during those years He lived for humanity.

**Christ Lived as Well as Died For the World.**

His words are spirit and life.

His works will abide.

While, of course, His living would not have been sufficient to have given us the Plan of Redemption, and it was necessary that He should die, yet His living for the world should not be lost sight of.

He lives now for us, and He is filling the office of Intercessor. He sits at the right hand of God, the Father, and He will continue to sit there until the time comes for the Holy Spirit to be recalled.

**Signs of Christ's Second Coming.**

The ministry of the Holy Spirit covers the period from Pentecost to the time of Christ's second coming. We are told that certain signs will precede His appearing, signs just as unmistakably indicating His near approach as the putting forth of the fig tree is of the near approach of summer. It is not given to us to know the exact day, neither the hour, but the period which probably covers a considerable number of years; and we are told there will be signs in the heavens, signs in the earth, signs in the civil, social, religious, and political worlds, and signs on every hand.

One of the signs will be the almost universal disobedience of children; another sign will be the disrespect for old age; and an-

Other will be that the masses of the people will be lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God.

We are also told that men will be haughty, proud, boastful. There was never a time in the history of the world when men were so proud of their achievements, and when there was more boasting of what man has done and is doing, and when men were more haughty and inclined to call themselves "independents." Well, I am not independent. I am a dependent. God is the only independent Being. We depend upon Him for every breath of air we breathe; for every morsel of food we eat; for the sunshine; for the rain; and for all blessings, both temporal and spiritual.

It is a very sad thing when an individual forgets that he is absolutely dependent upon God.

#### Man Is Not Independent.

I want to impress upon the minds of all in this Church that God is not a beggar; that we are not of such importance that we are indispensable. We must, so far as God enables us, disabuse the minds of all people that it is an honor to God to have them come and yield themselves up to Him.

I count it a glorious privilege, as a minister of this Church, to be able to say to one and all, "God can get along without you: He can get along without me; but we cannot get along without Him."

Some people talk as though they were conferring a great honor upon God by coming to Him to heal their bodies. Such is not true. You and I are worthy only of death. If we had our just deserts, we should die. We can claim nothing from the hands of God because of any worthiness on our part; we are not worthy of the least of His blessings. We merit nothing from His hands. We have all sinned, and the wages of sin is death. It is because of God's great love and mercy that we have not all been cut off long ago. It is because of God's great love that salvation, Healing and Cleansing are now placed within our reach.

#### God Can Get Along Without Us.

If we were to step off the stage this afternoon, God could get along without us; but you and I will never have Salvation except as God gives it to us. We shall never have healing except as He grants it. I want you, then, to think of His great love. All the love that is in every human breast is only a fraction of the love of the Father. If all the love that has been in the hearts of all God's children were put together, it would not equal the love of God.

#### We Should Live the Christ Life.

We, who have the love of God, are simply living in miniature the life of Christ. The life of the child of God is simply a repetition, in a measure, of the life of God as manifest in Jesus the Christ. Paul said:

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me.

I am very fond of that hymn which begins:

As lives the flow'r within the seed,  
As in the cone the tree—"

There are some very wonderful thoughts in those stanzas:

As lives the flow'r within the seed,  
As in the cone the tree,  
So praise the God of truth and grace,  
His Spirit dwelleth in me.

Christ liveth in me,  
Christ liveth in me,  
O, what a salvation this,  
That Christ liveth in me!

God loved us while we were yet sinners.

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

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners—His enemies.

#### To Love Your Enemy is Not to Compromise With Him.

In the Sermon on the Mount, He exhorts us to love our enemies. That does not mean compromising with them, nor lowering the standard of righteousness, nor surrendering principle. A father loves his boy when he has to take a stick to him. A mother loves her daughter when she has to correct her. We can love our enemies when we reprove and rebuke them with all longsuffering and patience. The best friend that any person has is the one who will tell him the truth; and point out to him that which stands between him and God.

God is very merciful; if He were not so, all would be cut off. God does not desire one to perish, but that all should come to repentance: hence His longsuffering.

The thought that comes to me at this time with greater force than ever before, in view of some things that have transpired, is that we should examine our lives closely in the light of God's Word, and make sure, as far as we can possibly know, that we are right in God's sight.

#### Men Should Show Their Colors.

People are without excuse when they say they do not know where to stand. They do know where to stand. There are hundreds in this Church who have never been troubled in the least. They have known where to stand all the way through. A certain officer, when he was here last summer, said that it ought to be perfectly plain to anybody, who represents Zion. When you ask them if they have filled out a Renewal Application form, they will laugh at you. It is not a laughing matter: it is an important matter. I suppose some laughed when Moses cried, "Who is on the Lord's side?" I suppose some said, "Well, I was with you when you came out of Egypt. If you are not satisfied with me without taking my stand now you may go." There are some today who say, "Well, I joined the Church ten years ago, and I am not going to fill in a Renewal Application form: it is not necessary; I do not have to." Well, I think it is necessary. I think it is very necessary for you to show your colors.

#### Why I Came Into Zion.

I came into Zion for principle's sake. I did not come into Zion for John Alex. Dowie: he was only the instrument in God's hands. I knew, when I came into Zion, if the Lord tarried, John Alex. Dowie would pass away. I came into Zion because Zion stood for the inspiration of God's Word, and made it the rule of faith and practice. I came into Zion because Zion demanded repentance, and that all men should submit to God—a practical repentance, a religion down here on this earth. I came into Zion because of the high standard of righteousness.

Did anybody come into Zion because there was something said that there would be some apostles some day? I never came into Zion for that, and I do not think that question bothers anybody now, except a few people who imagine they are apostles. If a man is an apostle, he does not need to worry about it, or proclaim it, or lose any sleep about it. Let him be content to do his work, which will testify before all men as to what he is in the sight of God. That never had anything to do with my coming into this Church. I looked upon this Church as being far ahead of any other church in the world. I believe it is today. I love Zion. It is an intense joy to toil in Zion. I never get tired or weary of my labors in Zion. I said today, "Zion is the most interesting place in the world; there is always something going on. There is no time to get lonely in Zion." There is always plenty to do, and the devil takes fine care never to give

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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., }  
 April 29, 1909.

"COME YE AFTER ME, AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN."

"AND AS YE GO, PREACH, SAYING, THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND."

"GO YE THEREFORE, AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL THE NATIONS."

Thus Jesus spoke, first: when, at the very beginning of His ministry, He called Simon Peter and Andrew to follow Him; second: when He sent out His twelve disciples; third: when He was speaking His last words just before His Ascension.

The great mission of Jesus the Christ to this sin-cursed, disease-smitten world was to seek and to save the lost—precisely this and nothing more.

The angel of the Lord said to Joseph, "And thou shalt call His name Jesus: for it is He that shall save His people from their sins."

He came; He lived; He loved; He suffered; He died. He triumphed over death and the grave. He finished the work which God gave Him to do.

The life of Jesus the Christ is reproduced, in a measure, in the life of every Christian.

Christianity is not a doctrine, but a life. It is something not merely to be talked, but to be lived: something that has to do with the present as well as with the hereafter.

As you read these Notes, do you fully realize that Jesus died to save you; to heal you; to cleanse you; to reconcile you to God, His Father and your Father?

Are you conscious of Salvation through faith in His name, the only name given in heaven or on earth whereby the children of men can be saved?

Are you a living witness to the Saving Healing, Cleansing and Keeping power of God?

Reflect upon the things which, in the teaching and preaching from the Zion platform and through LEAVES OF HEALING, attracted your attention and led you out of the Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, Congregational, Roman Catholic and other apostate churches.

One of the first things that attracted you was the bold command unto all men everywhere to REPENT. Rebels were commanded to lay down their rebellion, and submit themselves to God.

Zion's mission today is just the same as it was then: to call upon all men to repent and to turn to God.

I often ask the members assembled in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, why they are in the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion in preference to any other of the religious bodies in existence.

The answer is always quickly made, "Because Zion preaches repentance, and fights sin everywhere in both low and high places."

Zion stands for the rule of God; and says that the professed followers of Jesus the Christ should take their religion with them every day, and wherever they go.

The cry of my spirit today is that all the Officers and Members in Zion everywhere will become "fishers of men;" will, by their words and lives preach the Gospel of the Kingdom; will, wherever they have the opportunity, make disciples, teaching them that they should be baptized by triune immersion "into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

Christianity has never failed for the simple reason that Christianity has not yet been tried. The world is sick and tired of theories; and the church which will give a practical demonstration of the Christian religion, the principles and laws set forth in the Sermon on the Mount, will be the Church that will receive thousands upon thousands of truly converted, saved people.

Multitudes of people are today wasting God's time and squandering an immense amount of money in trying to convert somebody to a doctrine. Let Zion arise, put on her strength, and go forward in the name of the Lord to get sinners saved, the sick healed, the polluted cleansed, true homes established, and to bring about the reign of Christ in the hearts of the people, in their homes, in all business, in all politics.

The poor people today are starving for the plain, simple Word of God; and it is my earnest prayer, daily, that God will make the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion such a glorious Church that all the saints, who still remain in the apostate churches, will come and find in it the home they have long been seeking.

Be fishers of men.

Preach the Gospel of the Kingdom.

Make disciples everywhere.

Call sinners to repentance.

Take a bold stand against every sin in the catalog.

See to it that you are fully clad in the Gospel Armor.

Any one can criticize and find fault, but it takes a thoroughly saved and consecrated man or woman to win people to Christ.

Zion at headquarters in Zion City is faithfully toiling for the establishment of God's Kingdom. The time of severe testing has left a noble consecrated band; and, so far as man is able to judge, practically all those who came in "for the loaves and fishes," have gone to their proper place, and the Church is now all the purer and stronger because they are gone.

It is not quantity, but quality that counts. "Man looketh on the outward appearance; God looketh upon the heart."

The following services are held regularly each week:  
 Lord's Day—7 a. m., 9:30 a. m., 2:30 p. m., and 8 p. m.  
 Tuesday—Divine Healing Service at 2:30 p. m.  
 Wednesday—Mid-week Assembly at 7:45 p. m.  
 Zion Choirs (Junior and Senior), Zion Orchestra and Zion Band are well organized, and are doing a splendid work.

These services are all well attended, and there is a deep, quiet, earnest work going on.

LEAVES OF HEALING and The Zion Herald are printed regularly every week, and are being richly owned and blessed of God to many people.

There should be an earnest, consecrated effort on the part of all who love God and Zion to increase the circulation of both papers. I am earnestly praying that God will speed the day when Leaves of Healing can be made a sixteen-page paper, but it is impossible to increase its size at present. A certain number of subscribers will be absolutely necessary before it would be wise, from a financial standpoint, to increase the size.

The next CONVOCATION, God willing, will be held July 11th to 21st. There should be a large attendance from outside of Zion City; and all persons intending to be present should write to Elder Carey, not later than June 1st, in order that satisfactory arrangements may be made for accommodations, inasmuch as Zion has no central boarding place. Room and board may be had with private families at reasonable rates.

The Editorial Notes in the Leaves of Healing, from now on to the time of the Convocation, will be devoted largely to the consideration of some of the important questions that will be answered at the Convocation.

Let all read earnestly what is written; and pray daily that God may guide by His Word and Holy Spirit.

Keep Daily in mind that Zion's mission is to proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom; get the people saved, healed, cleansed, and blessed.

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WATCH YE THEREFORE AND PRAY ALWAYS.

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## Steadfastness.

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you rest day nor night. That is a good sign. I believe the devil realizes that he has got to concentrate upon this people, because here are the people that endanger his kingdom, and satan knows it.

I expect, Brother Cummings, to remain in this Church if everybody else goes. You will only do it by God's help. How often people say, "Though everybody else should leave Zion, I will not," and they are the first ones to quit.

God hears everything you say, and so does satan. It is well for one to take heed lest he fall. We are getting a training here which means much for time and eternity. It is only when people listen to strange voices, and go off on speculative subjects that they get into serious trouble.

### Zion is the Same Everywhere.

Real Zion people are the same the world over. What does an Elder want fooling around and spending his time in trying to discover who I am and what I am? I think a fellow that spends his time that way is not so much concerned as to who I am as he is in trying to make somebody believe he is something when he is not.

Zion, every twenty-four hours deepens my conviction that we are going to have a complete and final victory in the conflict in Zion City. (Amen) (Applause)

This morning, I received a registered letter, with a "Special Delivery" stamp on, and marked to be delivered into my hands and to nobody else under any circumstances. The letter informed me that I had been unanimously elected a member of the North Shore Gun Club. (Laughter). You say Zion City is not an interesting place? When I read the letter, and put it on my table, I thought to myself, "You poor fools, you will pay for your hilarity sooner or later!" They will pay for their conduct.

### Transgressors Will Pay the Penalty.

Do not you think that because it does not come in a day or a week or a month that these transgressors will not pay the penalty.

A man in a saloon, when you tell him that whiskey is injurious, will laugh at you, and say, "Look at me. I believe in liberty. I have been drinking whiskey for thirty years." Before six months, he came down with delirium tremens of the worst type.

Last night, I never felt more strongly impressed in my life of the necessity of people getting right. Some of these people, when trials and troubles come, cannot pray: they do not know how to pray. You may exhort them lovingly to keep all fear and doubt out, but unless there has been a preparation, fear will come in.

In writing for today's Battle Axe, the Covenant in Exodus 15:26 came to me with very great force. If you want to receive what God has provided for you, then you have got to do what

God tells you. Salvation is in our reach; so is Healing; still better is God's keeping Power, but there must be obedience.

My brothers and sisters, let us not think that we are perfect: we are far from being perfect. When I see those that you would have thought would have stood of all people in Zion, knocked hither and thither by satan, then I am led to ask, "Who next?"

A Brother: "The first shall be last."

The most stupid thing any one ever did was to allow what somebody else did to lead him away from God. When people are deceived, and do wrong, let them acknowledge it, and ask God to forgive them. Then there is hope for such an one. When a transgressor persists in his wickedness, then there is no hope for him.

### No Respector of Persons.

In dealing with offenders, I do not propose to show respect of persons. I have one condition for everybody. My ruling is that I do not propose to have any confusion in this Church. I am here to preach Christ, to help you get the Bread of Life and the Water of Life, and to make a pleasant, lovely Church home for you, and to have you, when you come, receive strength and comfort and help. I am not here to confuse your minds. I do not do that in my preaching.

### Speculation in Religion Not Profitable.

If Elder Carey and his wife want to get off in a room at home and study these speculative subjects, I am not going to deny them that privilege; but if they want to talk it outside, I say, "No; they will not be allowed to do that." That is something I will not permit. Any one who does not want to stand with me can stand somewhere else.

Some people are all the time talking about the twelve apostles. The devil has deceived them. They think they are one of the twelve. Let us go ahead and do our work. I had a glorious time on last Lord's Day in Chicago. I never enjoyed preaching more in my life.

I do not think there is one here who joined this Church because Dr. Dowie declared, in 1896, that some day there would be twelve apostles. If they did, they were foolish. Did John Alexander Dowie ask you to accept that as a condition of fellowship?

Voices: "No."

Zion, let us be men and women of principle; let us get established. I do not like to lose one. If I did not have that desire, I would not spend the time I do with individuals to straighten them out.

Shall we permit Zion's enemies to be in the majority in Zion City?

Voices: "No; never."

They would be tickled if they only had the majority here. God, in His great goodness, has kept Zion so far, that in Zion City, she is in the majority.

Previous to 1901, John Alex. Dowie was a man simple in his ways, preaching the Gospel, and praying with the sick. It was not until 1901 that anything was said about these prophetic offices—many years after some of you came into fellowship in this Church.

I give the largest liberty in non-essentials, but I am not going to allow people to preach and teach them and disrupt the Body. Let us speak the same thing and think the same thing and walk together; and wherein we do not see eye to eye, let us forbear and be patient.

When any man or woman comes around me and begins saying, "Well, I have the courage of my convictions," I know it is about time to fire that one. I know what he means by that. He wants to make believe that he is not afraid of Overseer Voliva. I do not want anybody to be afraid of me.

Let us attend to our work and preach the Gospel and be content. [Amens].

#### How a Job Affects a Man's Religion!

It is wonderful how loyal some people are as long as they have a job; but just as soon as they lose their job they lose all their Zion, and act as though the General Overseer has no right to cut anybody's allowance; in fact, no right to do anything. I have the right, and I will do it. If I find a man not measuring up to his position, I will put him out. That is just what I do, not because I do not have confidence in him, but because he is not competent. I am not in the business of creating jobs. No man can be Zion's leader and not have all these troubles. Zion is not going to be established upon a flowery bed of ease.

I believe with all my heart that Zion will triumph.

It does not make any difference who it is, God's work is God's work, and men and women cannot do as they like and say what they please. We have got to do right. Let us walk in the light as we have it. I believe that our people, generally speaking, are measuring up well. God has wonderfully kept them and blessed them.

#### Sickness the Result of Carelessness.

I notice, however, that there are a good many prayer requests during the month of March. I account for a good deal of this sickness by reason of the lack of wisdom on the part of the people. During this month you find me with the same clothing on and overshoes that I wore in January. I have noticed some people with light clothing on. Just the moment it begins to be a little warm, they throw off their overshoes and put on lighter clothing. March is the most dangerous month of the whole year.

There is a great difference between studying the Word of God in the sense of feeding upon it; and studying it simply to dissect it and analyze it and work out some fine-spun theory.

#### Dr. Dowie Kept Out Fanaticism.

One thing that made John Alex. Dowie's ministry a mighty power was that for many years he withstood every onslaught and made this movement absolutely free from all fanaticism. How often I heard him say to the officers, "You get the people saved and healed and cleansed, and get the family altars erected. That is your work." That is our work—a practical work.

Avail yourselves of the means of grace, and do not allow Satan to make shipwreck of you. I do not believe that God makes a man out of Zion, do you?

Voices: No.

I believe God permits them to be taken out. I long to see this City far better than it ever was at any time. May God grant it. [Amens.]

Brother Cummings arose and said: "Will not God save Zion City just as He saves a sinner? A sinner has to yield himself to God and lay all on the altar. It is yield up all, give all. Obey God. I think sometimes that is the way He will save Zion City."

#### Sacrifice is Necessary.

Everything great in this world is attained only through sacrifice. All that God wants is to see people make sacrifices. God could not create this world until there was a sacrifice offered—the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. The sacrifice had to be provided before this old world was created. I believe God will save this City as quickly as you can snap your finger if you make sacrifices, and bring all we have and lay it all upon the altar. Let God have His way."

General Overseer: Our people are at rest. I have been in Zion ten years, and I never saw Zion more at rest than she is now. Our services are lovely services. I enjoy every minute

on the Lord's Day in this Tabernacle. Our people are happy. They have the joy of the Lord in their hearts. What is the matter with these other people? We have two companies in this City: one in touch with God, and the other fellows are simply tools of the devil—they are now just what they always were.

Let Zion keep together. Some of our people are talking of going out of Zion City. Well, I have done all I can to keep them here. I guess they will be glad enough to get back after they have been out a while.

Elder Carey pronounced the

#### BENEDICTION

## Witnesses to God's Healing Power

#### One With God a Majority.

Louisville, Kentucky, February 14, 1909.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:

Peace to thee!

Please find enclosed — for tithes and — cents for offering. I am doing my best, and may God bless my small offering. I wish it were more, but I send it with a true and faithful heart.

I am very happy to say that the Lord has given me great strength, alone here, to battle with the evil one. My limb is getting better slowly. I am always told that if I would only give in and not be so contrary, and get a bottle of liniment, I would soon get well. I tell them the Lord will attend to me. He knows my trouble. I think the thigh bone was cracked a little. I can walk around the house and in the yard without the crutch, but I have to use it when I go anywhere. Dear Overseer, pray for me at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday afternoon, and I will join with you to God, my Heavenly Father, to help and strengthen me in faith. May God give wisdom and strength to fight for Zion, that no evil power may enter the city, is my prayer for you all.

Your sister in the Christ,

(Signed) Mrs. ———

#### Thanks God for Victory Over Severe Cold.

Arkansas City, Kans., March 9, 1909.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:

Peace to thee!

I thank God and rejoice for victory over a very severe cold which settled on my lungs and threatened pneumonia. I am so glad to have learned to take my troubles all to God. I wish I were near some Zion people. Some day I hope to live in Zion City.

Enclosed please find \$——, tithes for months of January and February.

Praying God's blessing upon you in your labor for the Kingdom, I am

Faithfully Yours,

(Signed) Mrs. ———

**The Prayer of Faith Saves the Sick.**

Moline, Ills., April 9, 1909.

ELDER CAREY:

Peace to thee!

I want to thank you for requests asked, and prayers answered in my behalf as I am much better than I was. I was relieved in about twenty-four hours after sending the request and I know that was about the time it reached you; and as for my friend she has passed to the beyond.

She did not exercise faith for healing. She trusted to the arm of flesh and today is in her grave. Medicine certainly did its deadly work. The doctor gave her arsenic pills, and iodine both inside and out. I told her it would kill her and I am sorry it has.

Oh, I am so thankful that I can see farther than the arm of flesh. I thank God that the light has dawned upon me.

Praying God's blessings upon you all, I am

Your sister in the Christ,

(Signed) Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_

**The Children Praise God for Healing.**

Zion City, April 9, 1909.

DEAR ELDER CAREY:

I wish to give my testimony for God healing me many times. I have never taken medicine since I was two years old, when I had my first Divine healing.

I was very sick with croup, choking till I was black in the face, and God instantly healed me. I was poisoned with ivy on my hands, arms and face. God healed me instantly when we prayed the prayer of faith.

On Lord's Day I took a severe cold in the illustrated song service, and again had croup. I coughed very badly and could not sleep till God healed me, and I want others to know how good God is.

I am eleven years old.

Your loving friend,

(Signed) JOHN HAROLD ZWEIZIG.

**SPECIAL NOTICE**

In view of the present legal complications, let all tithes and offerings be sent to Wilbur Glenn Voliva, and all envelopes simply addressed "Wilbur Glenn Voliva."

These tithes and offerings, together with all moneys, as has been the case for a considerable length of time, are held not as funds of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion, but are placed in the hands of a trustee as a special trust, and every cent carefully and prayerfully used for the Extension of the Kingdom of God.

WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA.

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

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That the Thirteenth Annual Convocation of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion will be held, God willing, in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, from

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Begin your preparations now to attend.  
Full Program will appear later in Leaves of Healing  
and The Zion Herald.

WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA  
(Successor to John Alexander Dowie)  
General Overseer

He sendeth His word

and healeth them.



# 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

### PAUL

The Jew, The Persecutor, The Christian, Apostle of Jesus Christ.  
A Living Example of the Gospel.  
A Zion Man.

BY O. L. TINDALL

[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK]

#### Saul the Sinner.

There are a few important lessons I wish to point out from the life of Paul, or Saul, before he was converted. As a sinner, we find him a great violent persecutor of the Christians, and as the Voice said to him of the Christ, "Why persecutest thou Me?" Which meant simply this: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of My disciples, ye have done it unto Me." That is true whether you have done good or evil unto them. You cannot reject God's servants without rejecting Him.

We look upon Paul as a very wicked sinner because he persecuted the Christians. Saul was not a sinner, in the common use of the word. Paul was a great saint. He was a great church man. He was scrupulously religious. He was an earnest and devoted worshiper of the true God. He abhorred idolatry, the prevailing sin of the times. He was a devoted student of the old Bible and knew the Law and the Prophets, and kept them the best he knew. I don't believe he was a cruel man by nature. I imagine he was kind to the poor. I think he was an honest man. His bond or note was good on the market. He was no fool intellectually, but bright and clear-headed. All these, Paul

claimed for himself, even after he was a converted man and saved, and had become an apostle of Jesus Christ.

He said boldly before the Council when speaking for himself, "Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day." Again, when before King Agrippa, in his defence, he said:

"My manner of life from my youth which was at the first among my own nation, at Jerusalem, know all the Jews. \* \* that after the most straitest sect of our religion, I lived a Pharisee."

Paul declares that even when he persecuted the Christians unto death, putting them in prison, giving his consent to the stoning of Stephen, the first Christian martyr, he was acting in all good conscience, thinking he was doing God's service. He says, "I did it ignorantly."

I affirm that Paul was no hypocrite, that he was an honest doubter, if ever there was one, in reference to the Gospel and to Jesus Christ. The most of the Pharisees, or at least many of them, were not sincere and honest. They were hypocrites. They knew better, therefore Christ denounced them in most scathing terms, and withering invectives. No language could be stronger. Paul was another kind of a Pharisee. I am of the opinion that there are not a great many "honest doubters," as they are called, nowadays. The most of men in Gospel lands come under the ban: That their deeds are evil because they love darkness rather than light. They are not willing to come to the light. Paul's case is a most notable one. He was most thoroughly and conscientiously religious and sincere, and yet most diametrically wrong and false and evil in his work and doings, and guilty of the most atrocious crimes; killing innocent people, men and women, and those who were doing the most good in the world.

#### What Was Paul's Sin?

It was purely the sin of ignorance, if there be any such. He verily thought he was doing God's service.

What a comment on misguided zeal. Because Paul was honest and sincere he found mercy and forgiveness, he said. There is little hope of men who wilfully do wrong and justify themselves. After a time, God gives them over to believe a lie. He says: "Let them alone, they are joined to their idols."

Again, I believe that God will show sincere men the error of their way in some way, even if He has to work a great miracle to do it. God has promised:

"If any man will do My will he shall know of the doctrine whether it be from God or not." On this ground I believe many of the heathen, so-called, will be saved even though they have not heard the Gospel preached. No man is without some light, and enough to be saved if he will improve all he has.

#### Is Conscience a Sure Guide?

The life of Paul as a persecutor is a most wonderful and clear commentary on the question "Is conscience a guide of life?" It smites forever such a fallacy. Men have been deceived by this false teaching and many a sin has been covered by its subtlety. What was the trouble with Paul? Wasn't his conscience all right? Surely; just as good as it ever was. He was entirely conscientious, he says of himself. A hypocrite is the only man that does not follow his conscience. A man violates his conscience when he acts contrary to what he believes to be right, whether it is right or wrong. The poor heathen who acts according to his convictions, absurd and wrong as they may be, is conscientious. The heathen are, perhaps, quite as conscientious as we are, and yet they are idolaters. It will be more tolerable in the day of judgment for them, I believe, than for millions of men in our Christian lands, because they live up to their light better than do men among us.

#### What was the Trouble With Paul?

I aver, it was in his education, and not in his conscience. His conscience was well trained. He showed that in his early life and in his later life when he learned the true way of life in Jesus Christ.

Had Paul had the right kind of teaching in the law and prophets he would have accepted Christ when He came. Paul was true to his teaching, just as Roman Catholics are true to their training. They go and pray to the Virgin Mary, and to saints, and go to a priest for pardon of their sins, and believe that the bread and wine of the Sacrament are made into the very body and blood of Jesus Christ, after they have been manipulated by the hands of their "holy fathers."

This is the rule of life and it is God's rule too, I may say, that a man is what he is made to be by those over him. You can train a child to believe almost anything, and God intended it to be so. God put your child into your hands to mold and make him a child of God, and not a child of the devil. You are responsible to teach that child and bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. It is like parents, like child. If you are a heathen, your child will be a heathen, and so on down the line. This is God's law. "Faith comes by hearing." If your child hears nothing else but the truth he will believe the truth. If he hears error and evil and is told black is white, and white is black, he will believe it. The Word of God teaches that men get where they call good evil, and evil good, and never know the difference.

There is only one Guide for men and that is the Bible. The Holy Spirit helps us to interpret the Word. He makes no new revelations. After that God has sent men to teach the Scriptures and put them over His people to teach them, it is, and always has been, *like priest like people*. That is true in doctrine and in life. That was true in Paul's case.

It was said of Israel, that "Israel was without God, and without a teaching priest, and without law for a long season."

Paul was what his fathers and teachers made him. He did carefully and conscientiously just what he was taught. His conscience taught him nothing. It was not put in him for that purpose. That is not its office.

Zion is built on that principle. She believes in having a teaching priest, and in having the right doctrines and truths taught to our children and to avoid and discard and reject and keep away forever from false teaching and false teachers. They are the most dangerous men in the world. How long will this city keep clean and right if every false kind of doctrine is brought in.

Down forever with that devilish doctrine that you should let your children go and hear everything and then choose for themselves. They are frustrated and confused, and more likely than otherwise to choose the evil way, for the heart is prone that way and how easy for the child to be led wrong, for the way of sin seems beautiful.

Oh, how easy for men to go in at the broad way and the wide gate that leads to death and destruction, and how many go in thereat!

Zion, teach your children the truth, and teach the people the truth. Zion has the truth as no one else has.

## "Let Your Love Be Without Dissimulation"

Romans 12:9

BY ELDER FRED RICHERT

For the Lord shall comfort Zion; He will comfort all her waste places; and He will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like a garden of the Lord. Isaiah 51:3.

#### God's Children Must Bear Fruit.

Every true and faithful member of Zion is "like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season." The rivers of living waters are flowing with refreshing, reviving, invigorating, and fructifying power from the Word of God, and through a faithful ministry. If the fields and pastures of Zion are not fruitful and blooming with living green; if the trees which cover these fields don't bear plenteous crops and fruits of (Phil. 1: 2) **righteousness**, it is because they are corrupt, rotten and decaying and because the enemy did sow tares in the Garden of the Lord. According to Isaiah the fifth chapter, God has done all He could do to make Zion like Eden, and therefore our Lord and Master is seeking fruit from the trees and fields of Zion. Mark 11: 12, 24. In John 13:34, Jesus says to His disciples; "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another."

This divine life, which transforms the waste places of this world into a garden of the Lord, is not a native plant of this sin-cursed earth. It was brought down from heaven by the Lord Himself. Christ had to break up the rocky soil of depraved humanity in the bloody sweat of His brow, and with His bleeding hands He planted and did sow the seed of the Word of God, watered it with His blood, and under the benign rays of His eternal love and grace this Divine love is growing, and makes the wilderness like Eden.

#### They Must Sacrifice.

The love of God implanted through Christ and shed abroad

into our hearts through the Holy Spirit is a sincere and efficacious desire to do as much good as possible to our fellowmen, to bear one another's burdens, to labor and toil for the salvation and for the welfare of our needy brethren, to pray without ceasing, to sacrifice our talents, our time, our possessions; yea, our lives, if needs be, for the redemption of this lost world.

#### The Fruits of the World are Selfishness and Gain.

The love of the world is demon inspired and its fruits are selfishness and worldly gain. "If any man teach not the wholesome words of our Lord, he is proud, knowing nothing, but dotting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railing, evil surmisings, perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness; Zion, from such withdraw yourself." 1 Tim. 3:5.

Many came to Zion, "not because they saw the miracles, but because they did eat of the loaves and were filled." John 6:26.

The love of God, as revealed in the sublime teaching of Zion, is just contrary from the love of the world. Her goal and desire is to do good, to bring the consolation of the Gospel to our needy fellowmen, who are walking through the valley of the shadow of death, to their terrible doom, to relieve the weary and heavy laden of their heavy burdens of sin, sickness and sorrow, and to bring unto them the rest of our Lord.

"God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God; and God in him. "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son." John 3:16.

Jesus has loved the world with the same self-sacrificing love. He came not to receive tribute, or honor and homage, and to make humanity subservient to His ambitious, pleasures, and worldly glory like the princes and kings of this world. But He came to be obedient unto death, and to give His life for the redemption of a dying world. Christ has revealed His eternal love to a lost humanity in giving, and in sacrifice.

How few of the professed followers of Christ have learned the lesson of Divine love which flows like a river of living water into the wilderness of this world, and makes it like Eden. You will learn the lesson of well-doing, of giving and of sacrifice only at the feet of Jesus, and under the Cross of Calvary.

#### Thou Shalt Open Thy Hand to Thy Poor Brother.

"Thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother: but thou shalt surely open thy hand unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need in that which he wanteth." (Read Deut. 15:1-11).

The reference to the release led to a prescription regarding readiness to lend to the brethren. Loans were to be acts of charity, and the idea was distinctively kept in view, that a person should sometimes lend to the brethren. In that tenth verse God admonishes the people of Israel to give cheerfully. "Thine heart shall not be grieved when thou givest."

Be not loath to part with your money on so good an account; support the cause of God freely; and grudge not a kindness to your brethren in Christ, and distrust not the Providence of God, as if you should want that yourself which you give in charity, but let it be a pleasure and a satisfaction to you to think that you honor God with your substance, doing good, and laying up for yourself a good security for eternity. "For this thing the Lord thy God shall bless thee."

#### An Open-Handed Life is Good Business Policy.

An open-handed life is the best business stimulus. A child of God works that he may have the more to give for God and for His brethren and thus be the more God-like. The reward is in the cheerful giver's own heart, the consciousness to have done the will of God the Father, and to follow the lofty example of Jesus the Christ and to obey the commandments of the

Word of God is the highest reward for a faithful member of Zion.

You will find the Golden Rule of love which Jesus has laid down in Matthew 7:12. "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets."

Put yourself in another's place and then act to him as you would wish him to act towards you under the same circumstances. Here you may be a judge, and yet not be judging others, but judging for others.

This is the sum of the Word of God. If the whole world will follow this Golden Rule of love there will be no more worldly slavery, no Babylonian captivity, no war, no hypocrisy, no falsehood, no lying, and no deceit, but all will be justice and love. The Kingdom of God will be established on earth, the peace of God will flow like a river, sparkling and clear as crystal, the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose, the righteousness of God shall cover the earth like the waters of the sea, and Zion will be enthroned in the never fading glory of the rule of God.

#### God Abhors Hypocrisy.

"Let love be without *dissimulation* or *hypocrisy*." Paul reveals in the word "dissimulation" the detestable character of hypocrites, which fills every true and faithful member of Zion with horror and contempt. Jesus says: "Woe unto you hypocrites; for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him two fold more the child of hell than yourselves. Ye fools and blind, hypocrites. Ye are like unto whited sepulchres. Fill ye up then the measure of your father, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell? O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, . . . how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold your house is left unto you desolate."

#### Beware of False Prophets.

Zion, "Beware of false prophets which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire."

Zion, let your love be without hypocrisy. "Though I speak with the tongues of men and angels, and have not charity I am become as sounding brass, or as a tinkling cymbal." 1 Cor. 13:1. Charity is the parent of all virtues; humility, truthfulness, patience, magnanimity, chasteness of temper which is the true nobility of redeemed humanity, the spirit of forgiveness which makes you God-like. Follow after charity, the sweet and salutary bond of the true Zion of God, without which the millionaire is poor. Love is patient in adversities, temperate in prosperity, strong in persecutions, cheerful in good works; secure in temptation, liberal in hospitality, divine in pardoning the sins of penitent brethren.

#### The Essence of Man's Sins is Selfishness.

"Love seeketh not her own." The essence of man's sin, the sum of his moral depravity is to himself supremely, to seek himself first and last, to make self the center of the whole world. Self is the great idol which mankind worships from Dan to Beer-Sheba and selfishness their grand interest. But the grace of God breaks down these idols in the hearts of penitent men and women and plants into the hearts the principles of divine love. "Charity never faileth." Yes, see its eternity, its immortal sway and rule in the heart of a true child of God. The brightest lights and celebrities of this world have been extinguished, the greatest empires have crumbled to pieces, all worldly glory,

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"WHEN THE LORD SHALL BUILD UP ZION, HE SHALL APPEAR IN HIS GLORY."

Zion means the Kingdom of God.

"But ye are come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels.

To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect.

And to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel." Hebrews 12:22-24.

Zion, at first, was simply the name applied to one of the hills on which the City of Jerusalem was built, and later came to be used as synonymous with the name Jerusalem; and the earthly Zion or Jerusalem, therefore, was the type of the Kingdom of God, the heavenly Jerusalem, the new Jerusalem, the bride, the Lamb's wife.

Wherever, therefore, you find a company, no matter how small, of persons who have been born from above, and who are living in accordance with the laws and principles of the Kingdom of Heaven, there you will find Zion.

It was John Alexander Dowie who, towering spiritually above any other man of his time, declared, as the nineteenth century was drawing to its close, that Zion, in the Scriptures, meant the Kingdom of God; and from that day to this, the mere mention of the word "Zion" stirs, within the hearts of many, feelings of intense joy and appreciation; and awakens, within the breasts of satan's agents, intense hatred and fierce opposition.

The first article in Leaves of Healing, the first number printed in Chicago bearing the date of August 31, 1894, is headed, "Zion Tabernacle." This was the Tabernacle erected for a World's Fair Mission, and the first service in it was held on Lord's Day, May 7, 1893. This was the Tabernacle contemptuously dubbed by an apostate parson in Chicago as "The Little Wooden Hut."

John Alexander Dowie, in describing the reception accorded him in his earnest efforts to proclaim the Everlasting Gospel in this Tabernacle, writes as follows:

"But it attracted very little attention at that time, although vast multitudes of pleasure seekers passed its doors. Still it was open, for the greater part of the time, every day, save Saturday; and gradually, toward the end of the Fair, many began to attend the meetings. A severe winter, and widespread depression and destitution in the city and country followed the shameful scenes of wasteful extravagance, unbounded licentiousness, and inordinate vanity of that Vanity Fair. Our Tabernacle stood silent guard at the gates of the deserted "White City," and all through the winter the services were patiently continued, in the once thronged, but then deserted, region around the Fair Grounds. It was sometimes weary work; but we waited for the morning, and it came. We knew the Tabernacle had not done its work. Yes, it came, a steadily rising tide of blessing, until long ere the snow and ice had disappeared, thousands and tens of thousands, not only from Chicago, but from distant cities and states were thronging it, and all the surrounding buildings, almost to suffocation. Multitudes gathered far beyond its capacity and were glad to get a place outside a window, or within hearing distance, while hundreds stood within the Tabernacle, crowded the platform, the prayer-rooms, etc. Wave after wave of Divine power swept over these throngs, and God was glorified in thousands of conversions and healings through Faith in Jesus Christ."

In order to relieve the pressure at the little Tabernacle, meetings were held in the very center of Chicago, the first one being held on Lord's Day afternoon, April 15, 1894, in the Central Music Hall. This meeting was described as follows in the daily Inter Ocean of Monday April 16, 1894:

"Central Music Hall was packed from floor to ceiling yes-

erday afternoon with persons drawn either by necessity, sympathy, or curiosity, to hear the Rev. John Alexander Dowie and the testimonies of those who had been cured of their diseases through his ministry. If the hall had been twice its size it would have been filled easily by the crowds that were turned away. For three hours, from 2:30 to 5:30, those who were fortunate enough to obtain admission were content to sit and drink in the proceedings, and the few empty seats left by those who went out during the service were speedily filled by others from the outside."

In the first of probably a number of addresses delivered on Lord's Day Afternoon, May 2nd, 1909, in Shiloh Tabernacle, on the subject of "Zion—the Christian Catholic Church in Zion historically—during the years 1893-4-5-6-7 and 8," not only were the above events alluded to, but many other important events in Zion's development were described. Not only was I, as the speaker, but, so far as could be observed, practically all of the congregation were impressed with the fact that the first volume of the Leaves of Healing, covering the period from May 1, 1893 to October 4, 1895, reads more like the Acts of the Apostles than any other literature ever printed.

The Zion Movement—the Christian Catholic Church in Zion—attested by a thousand facts and more, had a most remarkable beginning; and, as four persons in the entire congregation present last Lord's Day stood up, thus signifying that they were present at the meeting held on May 7, 1893, I was impelled to say, "You may count yourselves happy indeed, for you enjoyed a privilege, the importance of which eternity alone will reveal."

It was during the period covered by Leaves of Healing, Volume One, that such unique and wonderful sermons as "The Opening of the Beautiful Gate of Divine Healing;" "The Sweet Redemption Song;" "If It Be Thy Will;" "He Is Just the Same Today;" were delivered.

Those were, indeed, glorious days. The old path was brought out, and the people walked therein; multitudes were saved, healed, cleansed, and blessed; and one thing that was very striking was that the entire work was characterized by a simplicity and an earnestness born of God.

Let all of the Officers, members, and friends of the Christian Catholic Church—since 1904 called the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion—bear in mind that God placed me in charge of this work at a time when some departures had been made from the good old path, and that it has been my daily desire and prayer that God will use me in leading the people, one and all, back to the good old path where all will come to see that Zion's mission is to preach the Everlasting Gospel; get sinners saved; the sick healed; the polluted cleansed; and to establish the rule of God in all the affairs of men.

There never has been but one perfect man, and that was the man Christ Jesus. God's servants, in all ages—even the Apostles and Prophets themselves—have had their imperfections, and have made their mistakes; and some of them, after having been mightily used of God for many years, departed, as in the case of Solomon.

Well do I remember, when a little child, having read the story of the Kings of Israel and Judah, and as I read saying, in my simple childlike way, "This king was a good one," and "This king was a wicked one;" and sometimes there would be one good king, and then two or three bad kings, and then another good king who would put away idolatrous worship, destroy the groves, restore the altars of God, and bring the people back into line with God's will.

The important thing for all Zion is to do the work, and not stop to discuss the work: in other words, let the work do the witnessing, and do not stop to write out and tack up labels.

One and all can understand the following illustration: A house wife has before her on a table a number of vessels. In one there is flour; in another, there is milk; in another, there are eggs; and in others, various ingredients. She takes a large vessel, and into it she places all the foregoing articles, and then stirs them thoroughly—at this point two neighbor women come in and say to her, "What is that you have there?" and she answers, "I don't know, but I hope finally it will be a cake." But these women insist upon her stopping and discussing with them the advisability of deciding at once what it is, and writing out a label and attaching it.

That is just the way some people acted toward John Alexander Dowie, and the marvelous works which God was doing through him. They said, "Now, stop a while and let us label the work, and let us label you, and then we will go forward."

Readers, cannot you see plainly that the proper thing for the housewife above mentioned would have been to have gone right on with her work, and ultimately she would have had a fine cake? Just so with John Alexander Dowie and the wonderful miracles of salvation and healing which God wrought through him: he and all associated with him should have gone right forward with the work; and time would have revealed what the movement was which God used him in inaugurating, and just what His purposes were in calling the Christian Catholic Church into existence.

My brothers and sisters, the fields are now already white unto the harvest. Faithful workers are needed to proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom; to show the sinner the way to God; to lead the sick away from their idols—doctors, surgeons, drugs, and surgical appliances—and to point them to Jesus the Christ, the Lamb of God, the Savior, the Healer, the Cleanser, and the Keeper.

In the name of the Lord, I cry unto one and all, Be practical! Do something for the establishment of God's Kingdom. Get Salvation yourself; get Healing yourself; get Cleansing from all iniquity. Put on the whole armor of God.

Be workers—work while it is day, "for the night cometh when no man can work."

The age is drawing to its close.

The King is approaching.

The Lord must build up Zion, not man; but the Lord will do the work through faithful, earnest, consecrated men and women.

WATCH YE THEREFORE AND PRAY ALWAYS.

## “Let Your Love Be Without Dissimulation.”

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greatness and pomp are fading away. When I stood at the sarcophagus of the kings of England, and before the throne upon which these kings were crowned in Westminster Abbey, the history of the British empire passed in a great panorama before my spiritual horizon.

I thought of Harold, William the conqueror, Alfred the Great, Henry the VIII, Elizabeth, Marie Stuart, the long and bloody wars of the Roses, the Hanoverian kings, Victoria. Where are they? Where is their glory? They all sleep in the quiet slumber of death. When I saw their mausoleum and thought, “Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane, but the love of Jesus constant will remain; gates of hell can never gainst that love prevail.

### Thrones and Kings Perish.

When I stood at the tomb of the great Napoleon in Paris and saw the trophies of war and the standards and banners which he had taken as trophies from the conquered enemies, I thought of his campaigns in Italy, Egypt, Spain, in Austria, Germany and Prussia. All his earthly glory has passed away. The great Napoleon, who at one time made Europe tremble, was silent in the sleep of death. At his grave I thought of his testimony upon St. Helena, when he said: “Alexander the Great, Caesar, Charlemagne, and myself have founded great empires, but we have founded them upon blood and they have perished. Jesus has founded His Kingdom upon love, and millions are bowing before Him, and worship Him. His Kingdom endureth forever.” When I traveled through France I thought of the noble martyrs, the Huguenots, who have laid down their lives for the love of God. 64,000 perished in one night. Tens and hundreds of thousands sealed their faith with their blood because their love was stronger than death.

### 20,000,000 People Fall in One War.

When I traveled through Germany, Switzerland, and visited Austria, I thought, “My God! how often has the soil of these fertile lands been drenched with blood.” In the Thirty Years War alone, 20,000,000 people perished. O Lord, how long? When shall the time come, when the angels of heaven shall join with redeemed humanity in the celestial anthem, “Peace on earth.” When shall the never-fading glory of Divine love transform this world, which has become a pandemonium of demons, into Eden?

When shall her desert places become like the garden of the Lord?

The answer comes from the very throne of God, “Comfort ye, comfort ye My people, saith your God. Speak ye comfort-

ably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned.” Zion, prepare ye the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

“O Zion, that bringest good tidings. Get thee up into the high mountain; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! He shall feed His flock like a shepherd: He shall gather the lambs in His arms, and carry them in his bosom.”

Pure, holy Christian love furnishes no soil for the roots of error; nor does it ever baptize truth in the waters of strife.

They that are indeed lovers of God are united, and meet Him as one center. They cannot but love one another. And as the Christian's love is pure in its cause, so in its effects and exercise, Zion's highest ideal is, that the brethren may further one another in their way to full enjoyment of God. And this is truly the love of a pure heart that both begins and ends with God.

“Charity suffereth long and is kind: charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up; is not easily provoked; thinketh no evil; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth.” 1 Cor. 13: 4-8.

### Love Makes Duty Easy.

Love makes all duties agreeable and easy. “For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments, and by this we know that we love the children of God when we love God.” 1 John 5:2-3. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto all good works, which God hath before ordained, that we should walk in them.” “Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and keep himself unspotted from the world.” James 1: 27.

The love of God revealed in the true Zion is without vanity, without pride and self-glory. It is modest and humble and wants only God as a witness of her benign and benevolent works. Charity does not expect any praise, acknowledgment, or thanks for her work from any human being, knowing that God will reward the giving of even a glass of cold water in the Name of Christ. She humbly says, with Christ: “I did but do the will of our heavenly Father, to work while it is day. To give the last dollar, the last drop of blood, if needs be, for God, for Zion, and for the brethren, is the greatest and sublimest reward of charity. Dearly beloved in the Christ, why don't you accept the free gift of Divine love that cometh down from the Father of lights? James 1:17. Rev. 3:20. Jesus says: “Behold, Christ brings heavenly gifts to you without money and without price through His servants.” Is it possible that you will not receive the love of Christ, who bled for you on Calvary? Will you really close the door for ever? Let the Savior in. He knocks at your door through the works of love of His servants. Remember the words of Jesus, “What ye have done unto one of these little ones that believe in Me, ye have done unto Me.”

Paul has given a noble example of self-sacrificing love for Christ's sake. He says: “But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in tumults, in labors, in watchings, in fastings; by pureness, by knowledge, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.” 2 Cor. 6:4-10.

“Now the end of the commandment is charity, out of a pure heart.” 1 Tim. 1:5. Divine love can dwell and abide only in a regenerated, and in a pure heart; and in the heavenly beatitudes Jesus says, “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”

# A Timely Warning and Important Instructions

By the General Overseer

As the General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion, I am ever alert, watching and guarding the interests of the Officers, Members, and Friends of the Church.

The supreme test of any person's love for God is clearly set forth in the Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter, and the twenty-first and twenty-third verses:

"He that hath My commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me: and he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him.

"Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love Me, he will keep My words: and My Father will love him, and We will come unto him, and make our abode with him."

As you will readily see after a prayerful study of these two verses, the supreme test of a man's love for God is his willing, faithful, and obedient obedience to God's commandments; and just so the supreme test of a man's love for the people is his self-denial, self-sacrifice, and untiring labors on their behalf.

I want the people, at all times, to realize fully that I am their General Overseer: they are not mine. As the General Overseer, I want to be a blessing to you and all the people. God is very richly blessing Zion at this time, and with the dawning of each day, the indications become stronger and stronger, plainer and plainer that the words uttered some time ago were wisely spoken, viz: that God would bring Zion out of her troubles, purer, stronger, and, in every way, better prepared to claim the Everlasting Gospel, and be a blessing to sin-stricken, sorrow-smitten humanity.

It speaks volumes for Zion that God is richly blessing; and it speaks volumes that Satan is, if possible, fiercer than ever in his determination to destroy Zion. Satan tried to destroy Jesus, the Christ, when He was an infant. Satan tried to destroy Him in the wilderness. Satan put Him to death upon the Cross—but God gave the victory, and Jesus came forth triumphant over death and the grave, and brought life and immortality to light.

God established Zion, and the day will come when one and all who have remained true and faithful, will praise God day and night, and they never wavered, but walked by faith, knowing all the time that God was able to deliver His people.

Zion City was established by God, and no one should in the least be surprised that Satan and his hosts are doing all in their power to hinder, to turn back, and to destroy.

There is in Zion City a large, noble company of true, faithful, and loyal people, and the time has now come when, without any hesitancy, they are ready to true, loyal Zion people everywhere, if you feel led of the Holy Spirit to move to Zion City, then by all means follow His lead.

But I would warn all Zion people, not only in Zion City, but everywhere: do not under any circumstances take any steps without consulting me in writing into consultation (either by letter or in person) with Elder Deacon O. W. Farley, or myself.

My advice to Zion families who would like to come to Zion City is to come. If Zion people now living in Zion City, or any outside Zion City, want to come to Zion City, wish to buy property, they should, in all cases, consult Deacon O. W. Farley either by letter or in person. My advice should be heeded by one and all, as we want to help you to protect you, and show you how to make the wisest possible use of your money.

Personally, I should be glad to see good, loyal Zion families come to Zion City and, after seeing Deacon Farley, arrange to buy from the five acres or more of land from the Zion estate, and establish

homes, and assist in creating a large farming constituency. There is employment for boys and girls, as will be seen by the following ads, which appear on the fourth page of the Zion Herald.

YOUNG LADIES sixteen and over desiring employment apply at Handkerchief Factory, Phone 32 or see Mr. Curtis.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY: Boys and Girls. Apply at Lace Factory Office.

You will all understand when I say with the greatest possible emphasis, that one of the distinctive tenets of Zion has been Zion in business, and this principle, assisted by many earnest helpers, I am carrying out. Zion Stores, Zion Barber Shop, Zion Printing Plant, Zion Coal Yards, and other institutions have already been launched, and the expectation now is that other institutions will be launched at no far distant date.

The policy of Zion people should be:

EVERYBODY AT WORK;

EVERYBODY FAITHFULLY PAYING TITHES;

EVERYBODY FAITHFULLY GIVING THEIR OFFERINGS

AS GOD PROSPERS THEM;

EVERYBODY SAVING A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF THEIR EARNINGS EACH MONTH; and in this way within a few years the Zion people could accumulate hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The Zion commercial institutions are under the immediate direction of Wilbur Glenn Voliva, W. Hurd Clendinen, and I. J. Thurston, assisted by the other members of the Zion Council, and the institutions are run on the profit-sharing basis. Zion stands uncompromisingly against competition, and advocates Christian cooperation: one and all cooperating for the extension of God's Kingdom. I shall endeavor God helping me, to carry out all the legitimate promises of John Alexander Dowie so far as profit-sharing institutions are concerned; and I believe, with the loyal support of the Zion people, many important and excellent things can be done which he did not promise.

You should read Zion Herald and Leaves of Healing carefully every week.

Again I warn you one and all, both in and outside of Zion City: DO NOT INVEST A DOLLAR UNTIL YOU HAVE FIRST COUNSELED WITH DEACON O. W. FARLEY EITHER BY LETTER OR IN PERSON. He is a faithful Zion man, and a thoroughly up-to-date real estate man, and any advice that he may give you in real estate matters you may rest assured is good advice.

We want true Zion people to come to Zion City,—no others are wanted, and they will find themselves out of their proper place if they come. Zion City was established by God, through Zion people, for Zion people and Zion people only.

Earnestly praying that God may guide you, one and all, by His Word and Holy Spirit, I am

Faithfully in Jesus' Name,

WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA, General Overseer.

## ZION IN CHICAGO

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### The Thirteenth Annual Convocation of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion

will be held, God willing, in Shiloh Tabernacle,  
Zion City, Illinois, from Lord's Day, July 11th to  
Wednesday Evening, July 21, 1909. . . . .



**A**ll of the Officers, Members, and Friends of Zion should begin their preparations, immediately after they read this notice, to come to Zion City, and be present throughout the entire Convocation.

The program, in full, appears this week in Leaves of Healing and The Zion Herald.

All persons planning to come should write to Elder E. L. Carey not later than June 1st, so that arrangements can be made for room and board in various private houses.

This Convocation will mark the beginning of another period of a great onward movement in Zion's work. Let one and all earnestly pray that God will call and train two workers to be sent to the United Kingdom; two workers to be sent to South Africa; two workers to be sent to Australia; and many earnest workers to be sent to different parts of the United States and Canada.

Expecting to see you at the Convocation, and earnestly praying God's richest blessings upon you, I am,

Faithfully yours in Jesus' Name,

**WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA**

(Successor to John Alex. Dowie)  
General Overseer

He sendeth His word

and healeth them.



# 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 Our Righteousness

A Divine Healing Address Delivered in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, Tuesday Afternoon, March 9, 1909.

By Elder Fred Richert

REPORTED BY T. FROST.

Will you please turn with me to Isaiah 51:3 where you will find the following words:

For the Lord shall comfort Zion: He will comfort all her waste places, and He will make her wildernesses like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

You will notice that the chapter begins with the following words:

Hearken unto Me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged.

This chapter was written as a consolation and comfort for Israel in the captivity in Babylon.

You remember that the Children of Israel had been taken from Jerusalem, for God permitted them to be taken on account of their sins. But God's love followed His people even to the Babylonian captivity. There was a remnant left in whose heart was the truth, and who had a longing for the living God.

Let us look for a little while at the righteousness which God has revealed unto us through His blessed Son, Jesus the Christ.

The righteousness of God is a free gift to each and every

one of us. In order to understand it perfectly, you have to turn to Calvary where Jesus the Christ has died for every one of you. There it will be revealed unto you on the one hand the awfulness of sin; and on the other hand, the love of our Father—His eternal love.

The blood of Jesus the Christ has been shed for each and every one, and the promise has been given to all who are far away from God, their Heavenly Father, that God, in His infinite love and mercy, will seek them even if they are in Babylon, and bring them back again to the fold of God. The Good Shepherd, who came down from Heaven and gave His life as a ransom for many, will go out into the cities of the world where people are in captivity, the dreadful captivity of the devil, the flesh, and the world.

#### Christ's Glorious Work.

How glad and glorious is the Gospel! How it makes the heart rejoice when we hear that Jesus the Christ has brought the Glad Tidings that the walls of Jechicho must crumble to dust, the doors must be opened, and the devil's power be broken. Death and hell must be destroyed, and the captives must be set free. God will change the desolation into Eden, where He can enter your heart and turn your heart to Him and fill it with His eternal and divine truth.

Therefore, I do thank my heavenly Father for this glorious and wonderful promise:

For the Lord shall comfort Zion: He will comfort all her waste places, and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

God says here, furthermore,

Hearken unto Me, My people, and give ear unto Me, O My nation: for a law shall proceed from Me, and I will make My judgment to rest for a light of the people.

My righteousness is near; My salvation is gone forth, and Mine arms

Take these words into the sick room and take them to the people who are suffering, who are in the night of sorrow, and tell them God will make their desolation become like unto Eden.

The Tree of Life is in Eden. You can partake of the fruits of the Tree, and you will be made whole. Your Heavenly Father will heal you as surely as there is a living God in heaven.

#### God Still Heals His People.

How I rejoice as I hear how God delivers, heals, and sets the captives free—how this sister and that brother have been healed, and as the people write to Elder Carey saying, "I have been sick for a long time, and God set me free." How I rejoice that the hand of God is once more able to strike blows of truth at the enemies, and set the captives free. How I rejoice that God is hearing the prayers of Zion, and that the prayer of Zion is a mighty power, and that the prayer of Zion will rise to the Throne of God, and that the devil cannot hinder it, and the captives are set free.

The time will come, while we here at headquarters are praying, that people living in London, Paris, Asia, Africa, Australia, etc., will be set free as they were when Dr. Dowie prayed. The day will come, when we lay hands on the sick, that God will set the captives free and will make the very desolation and wilderness like Eden. The River of Life will flow again, and God will give unto us a wonderful and glorious deliverance.

But He cannot do it unless we are willing to give up our sins and everything, and be crucified with our Savior. It is simply impossible. I can pray for you until Doomsday, but if we are not right God will not hear. Remember that the foundation of God's Throne is righteousness and holiness.

Very often I say to my Father, "What am I?" when I remember that I am before the Throne of God. We are told in the sixth chapter of Isaiah that even the angels cannot look upon the glory of God, they having to cover their faces with their wings.

I look to Calvary and see my Savior and Redeemer shedding His precious blood, and dying for me. I see His eternal love which is greater than my unworthiness. So it is with you. When you feel you are unworthy to go to your Heavenly Father, when you feel that your sins are more than you can bear, like Cain said, look to the Cross of Calvary where Jesus the Christ has bled for you, where He has died for you, and then you will see the revelation of God's eternal love, and the life flowing from the very heart of your Redeemer. There you can bow down and adore and worship your Heavenly Father. Then you will feel your heart being filled with joy and once more, as it is said here, you will sing songs of praise and adoration which will rise to the Throne of Heaven. You will find what will happen, in the 51st chapter of Isaiah: the captive exiles will come home. O, what glorious promises!

#### When Zion is Right, Her Children Will Come Home.

Zion, when you are right with your Heavenly Father, your sons and your daughters will come home. What a joy! There are many sons and daughters in Zion City who are not saved. There are some of your daughters who do not know what salvation means. When you are right with God and can pray the prayer of faith, when you can lay hold of the promises of God, your husband, your daughter, your son who is not saved will come home. God will set the captive free. Have you got faith to do that? Can you pray the prayer of faith? You come to these meetings expecting God to heal you, but can you pray the prayer of faith for your healing?

When these lost ones are brought to Zion and saved, I tell you songs of praise and glory to God will rise to the Throne of God and the hearts will rejoice, and there will be rejoicing among the angels because those sons repent.

Do not give them up even if you have been praying for a

long time. Pray as long as you can pray, as long as you are on this earth. My heart goes out for the young people. I cannot tell you what I feel like on Sunday evenings at the Young People's Meeting. I cry to God to save them for His honor and glory. The devil is sowing the seed of sin and temptation. He is taking them away from the faith. He is like a roaring lion devouring all whom he can deceive.

When you pray to your Heavenly Father, and ask Him to reveal His Almighty hand and save those people, to remove the mountains of difficulty and open a way through the Red Sea, to deliver them from the hosts of hell, I tell you the chariots of heaven will come down and God, in His infinite love and mercy, who gave His Son to die for them, will hear and answer your prayer, and if you are faithful and true, that prayer will be speedily answered. God will do it.

They will "come unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away."

We have this promise. When you have the promise that all the captives shall come home, those who are not saved will be saved, and the sick will be healed. When you have that promise, should you not rejoice and make up your mind today to be faithful and true, come what may? It does not make any difference to me who may go. It does not make any difference what the circumstances are. I do not live for time, but for eternity. It would not make any difference whether I got any allowance or not, that does not cut any figure with me. Be faithful unto death, and God will give you the crown of life.

#### Follow Your Leader and Pray For Him.

I want to impress upon you the importance of the people following leadership. (Amen). Overseer Voliva, our leader, is a man of God. It does not make any difference what those hypocrites say, or what they write or do. I want to be faithful and true and obedient as long as I live, come what may. I know it won't last very much longer. I know that Jesus the Christ will come soon. We shall soon stand before the Great White Throne of our King, and every one will have to give an account of every word spoken.

Do not criticise your leader. Do not make his work any harder. Pray for him. Pray that God may bless him and his family. Pray that God may strengthen them all and keep them close to Himself and keep sickness from their home.

I stand here upon the eternal truth of God. I believe that He gives us His Holy Spirit and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. I believe that one of the gifts is the Discerning of spirits, and Wisdom from on High. Through the grace of God, and through the Holy Spirit's power, I can discern spirits. I tell you that I do know that God has called our leader, has qualified him, and has been with him and led him so far, and enabled him to stand and fight the battles.

As long as we follow our leader, God will bless us. The day will come when He will reveal the power of His mighty arm, and Zion will again shake the world.

In my heart there is no fear or doubt as to the future. I know God's Word is true. I know He has been with us in the past. He is with us today, and all the devils in hell cannot overthrow us.

Sometimes we may be weak and make mistakes, but when we rectify them, then again, by the grace of God, we can stand up and go forward as men and women; but when a man sins against the light, against his conscience, against the Bible, we can have no pity for him.

While I would give my life for every one of you, in my heart there is no pity for a traitor and a hypocrite of the rankest type. God may have mercy upon him, but I cannot, unless he

repents. When a man repents I am perfectly willing to forgive him.

What I mean is this: if a man goes on with his nefarious work, and tries to overthrow the Kingdom of God and the leader whom God has chosen, and does not repent, should we show him any pity?

Voices: "No."

**Traitors Should be Removed.**

Pray that God may remove him. That is what we want—for him to be taken out of the way, so that when Zion goes forward, and the ship of Zion plows through the waves, God may remove him and take him away that he may not be a stumbling-block to any one. I have some names here. I do not want to mention them. I want to visit these people who have been misled. I feel sorry for those people who go astray. Pray for them. I pray God may remove those traitors. They do their very best to stab our Overseer in the back. I had to take this time and opportunity to let you know where I stand. It is well for you to know where I stand. It is my prayer that God will keep me faithful and true to the end. If I should be a stumblingblock, it is my earnest prayer that God may take me out of the world. God will hear and answer prayer. I have to give an account in the Day of Judgment for every word I have spoken, all I have done and said. I have to face you before my

God at the Judgment Seat. I want to be right when God calls me. I pray for every one of you. Be faithful, and if you do not want to be faithful, may God take you out of the way. God knows your heart and mine. This is a time of heart-searching. The devil tries every way to overthrow us. Let us take the hand of our Savior and let Him lead us on. Let us be one—united. If there is any difficulty in the way, let it be buried for time and for eternity. If there is any sin in your heart, let the blood of Jesus the Christ take it away. If there is envy or pride there, let it be taken out of your heart. Let us go to God and pray the prayer of Consecration. Elder Carey will lead you in praying the prayer of Consecration. Let us go earnestly to God in prayer.

Prayer of Consecration led by Elder Carey and repeated clause by clause by the people present:

O God, my Father, in Jesus' name I come to Thee. Take me as I am; make me what I ought to be in spirit, soul, and in body. Take me, O God, help me that I may serve Thee with singleness of purpose and trueness of heart. Forgive my sins; let them be all covered by the precious blood of Jesus. Now help me day by day to keep my eye of faith on Thee. I am weak, but Thou art strong. Guide me with Thine Almighty Arm for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Elder Carey pronounced the

**BENEDICTION.**

**PAUL**

The Jew, The Persecutor, The Christian, Apostle of Jesus Christ.  
A Living Example of the Gospel.  
A Zion Man.

BY O. L. TINDALL

[CONTINUED FROM MAY 1ST.]

**Paul a Christian.**

**HIS CONVERSION.**

I wish in this article to speak of Paul's conversion especially, and point out some lessons which I think are most important in these degenerate days of apostasy all along the line of true and genuine Gospel teaching and experience, and practice.

Zion must stand for a genuine and radical conversion, as she does for a genuine repentance. All the fundamental doctrines of the true Christian life are, today, to say the least, loosely taught by the churches, and more loosely practiced. Zion has something more to do than merely to teach Divine Healing, as important as that is. Her strong teaching and practice on repentance has made quite as much stir among the "dry bones" and dead churches, and wicked sinners, as her teaching and practice on Divine Healing. It stirred the devil even more, if anything. No other church dared to say to her members, as well as to the outside world, you must stop your liquor, and your tobacco, and your theaters and your dances, and your secret societies, etc., all of which are clearly condemned in the Word of God, and condemned by good common sense and good morals.

Zion's preaching on these lines would smash up any church in Christendom. They would not endure such strong doctrines, or meat.

Paul's conversion and experience furnishes some good lessons and teachings on this subject. We could give some of more recent date. Zion has seen many of them. So has the church all along down the ages. Our fathers in history, like Augustine, Chrysostom and many others who had most remarkable experiences and most radical changes wrought in their lives by the Holy Spirit; men of profligate lives, men of infidel beliefs were changed in an hour's time to sober men, and to men of faith in Jesus Christ, whom they had formerly persecuted. Zion, in these last days, has seen scoffers changed to lovers of our God and believers in the Lord Jesus Christ.

But I prefer to use Paul, or Saul, as an example of this subject rather than any man of later date, because he was an Apostle and an inspired man. We look upon his utterances and statements as more authoritative than ordinary men. We build on the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, in a sense, higher than we do on other men and teachers. It is most important that we lay well our foundations. Don't try to study geometry and higher mathematics before you can add up a column of ten figures or multiply two common numbers together.

The devil is trying in many ways to switch Zion off into foolish questions which they know but little about, and to neglect the weightier matters of the law. What do we care for the "Peter question," for instance, or for the "Elijah question," even, when men are dying all around us for the Bread of Life and have never come into the Kingdom of Heaven? No; let Zion beware of these questions that gender strife and contention and do not edify.

**What Shall I Say of Paul's Conversion?**

I wish to emphasize especially the spiritual or Divine side of it, the supernatural, the God side. Like all questions in our religion, conversion has two sides: the human and the Divine.

The human side is simple and easy. The Divine is mysterious and cannot be explained. It can only be stated, as Christ said to Nicodemus: "You must be born again," of the Spirit, but you cannot tell how. I can tell what I did. It is

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## General Overseer's Notes

HEADQUARTERS OFFICES OF THE  
CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC CHURCH IN ZION,  
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May 21, 1909.

Taking it for granted all of the officers, members and friends of Zion—especially those who are alive to the importance of an aggressive forward movement for the proclamation of the full Gospel of the Kingdom—have read, and re-read, and prayerfully considered the Editorial Notes in Leaves of Healing, Volume 23, Numbers 18 and 19, I now call your attention to the Basis of Fellowship as clearly set forth at the time the Christian Catholic Church in Zion was organized. This Basis of Fellowship is set forth in the Second Section of the Resolution passed on February 5th, and recorded in Leaves of Healing, Volume 2, Number 17, Page 267.

The Basis of Fellowship is as follows:

- (1) That we recognize the infallible inspiration of the Holy Scriptures as the rule of faith and practice.
- (2) 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.
- (3) 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.

(4) That all other questions of every kind shall be held to be matters of opinion and not matters that are essential to Church unity.

This Basis of Fellowship is simple and brief, and yet very wide in its scope: making, in fact, Christian Character the test of fellowship. Thirteen years of experience has proven that it is workable, and there is now no reason to doubt that, with the faithful proclamation of the Gospel of the Kingdom, God's people from every religious body and from every nation can be brought into sweet fellowship on this Basis.

Many, if not all, of the readers of these notes have heard and witnessed the simple, beautiful and impressive service held on the first Lord's Day in each month for the reception of new members. For many years in Central Zion Tabernacle, Chicago, not a single first Lord's Day in each month passed without the right hand of fellowship being extended to a large number of new members, sometimes the number being as high as three hundred and forty.

The questions asked those entering into fellowship were as follows:

- (1) So far as you know your own heart can you truthfully say that you have repented of all your sins?
- (2) So far as you know your own heart can you say that you have made right all the wrongs that you have committed against your fellowmen?
- (3) So far as you know your own heart can you say that you are conscious of salvation from God, in the power of the Holy Spirit, through faith in Jesus the Christ?
- (4) Do you believe that God has called this Church into existence to effect certain purposes in this period of the dispensation of His grace?
- (5) Do you believe that God has called me to the office of General Overseer of this Church?
- (6) Are you prepared to obey me as the one who has the rule over you, so far as I follow God and obey His Word?

During the course of a few years thousands upon thousands stood up and responded to these questions and were received into fellowship; and the Christian Catholic Church in Zion was most wonderfully blessed of God, and its membership increased very rapidly.

At the time the Church was organized, John Alexander Dowie was the only officer, but later on hundreds of Overseers, Elders, Evangelists, Deacons and Deaconesses were ordained. Some of these proved themselves to be faithful servants of God, but many gave abundant proof that they had no qualifications whatever for the offices which they were attempting to fill.

As the successor of John Alexander Dowie and General Overseer of the Church, I have settled, after prayerful study and earnest seeking for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, this question, viz: That no woman should ever be ordained either to the office of Overseer or Elder; and henceforth in this Church, at least while I am the General Overseer, no woman will be ordained to either office.

God, the Almighty, established the home and declared that the man should be the head of the house. Inasmuch as one of the principal qualifications for the office of Overseer and Elder is that of rulership, therefore to ordain a woman to the office of Overseer or Elder you make her the ruler in the Church in which the husband may be a member, and she then becomes his ruler in the Church, while, according to God's order, he is supposed to be the ruler in his own house. God is not the author of such confusion, and there is no lack of unity or harmony in His plan from the beginning to the end.

This Church must have officers made so by the Holy Spirit. As the General Overseer; I shall not ordain any further officers until it is plain that all who are now officers have been made such by the Holy Spirit, and when this is ascertained we shall then be

in a position to go forward, and trust God to add other officers to go to different parts of the field and direct the work under the guidance of His Word and Spirit to His honor and glory.

The purpose of these notes in the two preceding numbers, is to get all the officers and all the members to the place where they will have broken hearts over the sad condition of humanity, where they will make an absolute and unconditional surrender to God, and where they will be willing to deny themselves and take up the cross and follow Jesus.

The sin-stricken are all around you. Proclaim unto them the Gospel of the Kingdom and show them the way back to God, their Father.

The disease-smitten are everywhere, and in their ignorance they are trusting to drugs, doctors and surgeons, and, like Asa, are passing away. Go to them and tell them that Jesus is their great Physician: that it is their privilege to touch the hem of His garment and be made well.

The attention of all readers is once more called to the forthcoming Convocation, to be held, God willing, from July 11th to July 21st. Special meetings will be held with all visitors to the convocation, and the opportunity given to ask questions; and addresses will be delivered, making many matters plain which cannot be dealt with at length in these Notes.

These are very busy days at Headquarters, and I ask all to pray very earnestly that God may give wisdom, guide and direct by His Word and Spirit, so that Zion shall indeed become a joy to multitudes throughout the world.

WATCH YE THEREFORE AND PRAY ALWAYS.

## Paul.

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Example, like the blind man said, "I went and washed at the pool, and came seeing, but I don't know how He opened my eyes. That is as much a mystery to me as it is to you." Skeptics, today, and most men are skeptical, fall in with the wise teacher's doubts and say, "How can these things be?"

### What Was God's Method?

The first thing God did to or with Saul was to convict him of Sin. No one had been able to do this before. He was sure he was doing God's service when he consented to the death of those heretics, as he called the Christians. It took God to convince him of the error of his way. No argument would do it; no appeal from the most eloquent preacher, or Apostle. But God did it in His own way, as He always does and must in all cases. No man would be convicted of sin were it not for the Holy Spirit. In this, Paul's case was no different from yours or mine. The voice may not be as loud, the light may not shine about us, but God's Voice is there and He must show us our sins, or sin, as the case may be. Saul had but one, we might say. He hated the name of Jesus of Nazareth, as did the old Jews, Pharisees, and Scribes. He was a moral man. He was not a whoremonger, nor a fornicator, nor a profane man. As soon as Saul was shown his sin the case was solved, the knot was cut, the way was clear. There was no holding back on his part. He listened to orders and directions and took them

humbly and obeyed them gladly. He followed on. The obedient spirit was all that was necessary. "I'll go where you want me to go; I'll say what you want me to say; I'll be what you want me to be." God did the rest. Said the same directing voice from on High, "Go into Damascus." To Damascus he went, not knowing what awaited him there. He was blind, but God furnished guides for his feet, who were eyes for him; but no word of complaint falls from his lips; no regrets. He is a conquered rebel, and his "hands go up." "I yield," cries he. He went to Damascus and found lodgment and awaited developments. He abode in darkness, neither eating nor drinking for three long days and nights. They were serious days and wonderful hours, shall I say, of suspense? No, but of calm waiting, hard, it may be.

Then the Lord resorted to human means. No angel, or Heavenly Voice is any longer needed, but only a man; a common man, but a devout man. He can now tell the rest of the story.

A "Seventy" only is needed to tell the great man how to be saved and healed. How simple is the story! A man up there at Damascus, Ananias by name, of good report among all the Jews in those parts, was sent by the Lord to teach the old persecutor. With fear and trembling he went. God sent him. Let us remember that God sends His workers; not only Apostles, but the humblest men. We may all be apostles in that sense. The word in the original simply means "Sent," "the sent ones." Zion must not forget this plain Gospel teaching that God sends forth His workers.

### What Does He Do For Saul?

The rebel is in the right frame of mind for the Father to work with. He is ready to receive. He is humble and teachable, and willing and obedient: then God can do something for him, and Saul doesn't care who gives him the Bread of Life. He is not fastidious. The Heavenly Father comes to him now through His disciple. Ananias lays hands on him. Paul receives his sight. He receives also the Holy Spirit. Who receives the Holy Spirit? They that obey Him. He has now the Divine witness that he is accepted of God. He was pardoned before. God forgave his sins. Paul says of himself, "I obtained mercy." It was mercy and not merit that he got. He immediately obeyed in baptism. There is the simple story of a man's coming to Jesus and being saved from a vile persecutor to a most devoted follower and defender of the faith that he once persecuted unto the death.

### Conversion the Need of All.

There is nothing in Paul's conversion but what is common to all. We simply strip off the outward manifestations and all the essentials of a true conversion remain.

What were the changes that took place with Paul? They were marked. If you study the 7th chapter of Romans you can see the travail of his soul while he was under the law, before he found the Christ. How he struggled in his efforts to find rest to his spirit. How the "old man" buffeted him and thwarted him in his efforts to do good, and to keep himself under. Oh, the agony, he describes, which he passed through, like a drowning man, battling the fierce waves, and struggling for breath. Almost in despair he cries, "O, wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from the body of this death!" Then he tells of his glorious victory through our Lord Jesus Christ, and how condemnation all vanishes as he arises a "new creature in Jesus Christ," with old things passed away and all things become new. He is set free from an awful bondage, worse than the one his forefathers suffered in Egypt.

What a changed man! What a wonderful experience! Study it and compare it with the wretched teachings of the present day; when the only regeneration men have is by water baptism, or by a confirmation, by an adulterous old priest, or a mere change of mind, or by an adoption of a new creed, or by

the putting of a name on a new church record, or by one's saying he believes the Bible and that Christ was the Son of God, while his sins remain as they were. How are the mighty fallen from the old Gospel standard! Let us go back. Let us see that repentance is genuine and that our people are well born and then we can go on to perfection and good works.

## The Things That Last

By O. L. TINDALL

The fate of all things in this life is, as we may say, to pass away and to perish. The question with us is, are there any things that endure? If so, what are they?

Men in business ask the question, what is a safe and sure investment? They pick on land because they say you cannot steal it and run off with it, neither will it burn up. You don't have to insure against thieves, nor fire, nor lightning, nor tornadoes. It is the only thing that has withstood the ravages of time.

Government bonds sometimes break, for many nations have risen and fallen in the past. Some are falling today. Russia, one of the oldest and most powerful of nations in the past, is tottering. So is Turkey, the great empire. It is a common thing for our neighbors on the south of the equator to wake up in the morning and find the government gone—took ship for other climes for their health as we have now an example in the case of President Castro of Venezuela.

But few things endure in this world. There are only a few, so-called, elements that constitute the whole material world, less than one hundred. Everything in the earth, or on the earth, or under the earth can be reduced by analysis, or a reducing, or a dissolving, back to one or more of these elements. Dissolve water and it becomes hydrogen and oxygen. Burn a house down and it goes off into smoke and ashes and various other elements. This whole earth will sooner or later be entirely dissolved with a fervent heat and the very mountains will be melted away.

### What Then?

It will not be annihilated. There will be a new earth, says the Apostle, and a better one.

In Religion it is the same as in Nature—only a few things remain.

This is the thought that I got out of that most wonderful chapter, the thirteenth of First Corinthians; in many respects the most remarkable between the lids of the Bible. It is a treatise on "The Greatest Thing in the World,"—Love. It concludes with these words:

"Now abideth Faith, Hope, Love," or Charity as we have been accustomed to read it.

It seems to me as if the Apostle was analyzing all the Christian life and reducing it down to its very essence or last analysis and showing us the absolute essentials. All the rest were to be looked upon as simply appendages, or as a scaffolding around the main building to help us to construct these three graces, or virtues, for they alone abide.

Some very remarkable, and as we are likely to suppose, very essential things in the Christian life he says are only for temporary use and then will pass away.

Everything clusters around these three things to strengthen them and to cultivate them. These three elements constitute the Christian character. The rest are tributary to them. They make the great and important stream of life, and the rest only flow into it, as the streams and creeks, and rivulets flow into the great "Father of Waters," the mighty Mississippi.

### Prophecies Shall Fail.

How important are they! What could we do without the Prophets and their wonderful messages to the world? What kept up the spirits and courage of the old fathers under their fierce trials and persecutions except the Prophets and their words of hope and cheer and promises of better days when their hopes and the "Desire of all Nations" would come, and He would restore their lost estate? They wandered on and endured, and why? Because of these cheerful and cheering prophecies of better times to come.

Prophecy has played a most important part in our religious life and history, and yet, says the Apostle, "though there be prophecies, they shall be done away." That is, they will have fulfilled their mission and be done away. We need them no longer after we have the thing already promised and foretold. We do not go back to Isaiah to look for the Christ. We have Him, already come and we look for Christ again. Those prophecies have passed away.

### Tongues Cease.

Tongues have only a transitory purpose. They are for a sign, says the Apostle. That was their main use, a sign to unbelievers and not for much else besides; useful in their place, but not to be perpetual. Signs are not for believers. Those who seek signs belong to an adulterous generation, said the Christ. They show that they lack faith as did Thomas. "Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet believed;"—believe God's word without a sign.

### Knowledge Shall Vanish.

Knowledge is a great thing, a good thing; but, as we have it, it is a very imperfect thing. What is our knowledge of the Christ now? Only a mere shadow as to what it will be. We see now dimly through a glass—a smoked glass—as when we look at the sun. It is too bright for us. Our eyes are too weak to view the brightness. Our knowledge is quite imperfect. We have only the dim light of the stars, or, at most, of the moon. We are like children. The Sun of Righteousness will arise, and then we will see and know Him as He is and we will know other things as they are.

### Good Men Pass Away.

Men, the best men, are only for a certain purpose, of short duration. God only uses them to help men on in their spiritual lives. Abraham, the father of the faithful, had his day and then passed on; but the faith of Abraham stayed. We see it and are helped in our faith. Abel gave us an example of faith, and then he died; but he speaks to us through his faith and we are built up. Daniel, the brave man, died also, but his courage and faith are left to us as an heritage more precious than gold and above rubies. So good men have come and gone, but they have not died.

### The Great Temples Have Gone.

The houses of God where He showed Himself to His people, have crumbled to dust and not one stone is left upon another.

They were good and of God, but not essential. They are only stepping stones as we pass on over them. Our rituals and our robes are mere adjuncts. Even our Bibles are transient. Faith and Love are not dependent upon them.

Riches may be a means of grace and of great help to build up the Kingdom of God among us; but they take to themselves wings and fly away. They are intended only to help to strengthen faith and love and hope among men. When they

...in this they are useless. If men possess these three graces everything else that they need will come. They are the seed which will produce every good fruit. They underlie all right living. If a man have these he is equipped for life. He will have health and happiness, and every good thing is promised if he have these. God will do the rest.

**Love Is the Greatest.**

There will come a time, shall I say, when we will not live and walk by faith, but by sight, and we will no longer hope for these glorious things, for we shall have them. Why does a man still hope for the things which he already sees. Faith shall turn to sight, and hope shall be realized.

But what about love? It shall never cease. It will only grow more and more, and the more we know and the more we see of Him and His glory, the more will we love Him and praise Him; therefore, "The greatest of these is Love."

**Loyal to Zion**

RATHBURN, ONTARIO, MARCH 31, 1909.

r. Voliva,

*Dear General Overseer:*

I am the only one here to hold up for Zion, but with God helping me, I hope to do my work. I am giving the Leaves of Prayer when I read them.

I have used no drugs for seven years. I feel so happy to know God is with me in my every day life.

Last winter our boy fifteen years of age had appendicitis and through my prayers and his own he was healed.

Oh, I cannot praise God enough for His goodness unto me and mine.

I have never written my testimony of what God has done for me. I sometimes feel I ought to do it now.

I am thankful for your kindness unto me. I am praying and to bless you and keep you true to Himself, to do His work.

With love to all in Zion and also yourself and family, I remain.

A sister in Christ,

(Signed) Mrs. Lavona Leigh.

**Shiloh Tabernacle**

<b>Cash Payment to be met June</b>	
25, 1909	- - - \$2,687.50
<b>Cash in hand, May 21,</b>	
1909	- - - \$2,061.28
<b>Balance Needed</b>	- - - \$ 626.22

**A little help from each Zion officer member, and friend, will erase this balance. 11 days more should settle it.**

# 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**; Services 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."

**WEDNESDAY, JULY FOURTEENTH**

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 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.,

**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."

**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.

# You Can not Afford to Miss It

## The Thirteenth Annual Convocation

### of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion

will be held, God willing, in Shiloh Tabernacle,  
Zion City, Illinois, from Lord's Day, July 11th to  
Wednesday Evening, July 21, 1909. . . . .



**Q** All of the Officers, Members, and Friends of Zion should begin their preparations immediately after they read this notice, to come to Zion City, and be present throughout the entire Convocation.

The program, in full, appears this week in Leaves of Healing and The Zion Herald.

All persons planning to come should write to Elder E. L. Carey not later than June 1st, so that arrangements can be made for room and board in various private houses.

This Convocation will mark the beginning of another period of a great onward movement in Zion's work. Let one and all earnestly pray that God will call and train two workers to be sent to the United Kingdom; two workers to be sent to South Africa; two workers to be sent to Australia; and many earnest workers to be sent to different parts of the United States and Canada.

Expecting to see you at the Convocation, and earnestly praying God's richest blessings upon you, I am,

Faithfully yours in Jesus' Name,

**WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA,**

(Successor to John Alex. Dowie)  
General Overseer

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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## The Gospel of the Kingdom

### PAUL

The Jew, The Persecutor, The Christian, Apostle of Jesus Christ.  
A Living Example of the Gospel.  
A Zion Man.

BY O. L. TINDALL

[CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS ISSUE.]

#### Paul an Apostle.

I desire now to speak of Paul as an Apostle. We have spoken of his early life when a Jew and a persecutor of the Church of Jesus Christ, and as a Christian, and of his wonderful conversion.

Well, Paul became an Apostle, and a very distinguished one, as all must admit. As far as history goes, he was "in labors more abundant" than any of them. He was a campaigner for God and His cause and Kingdom. He said of himself as an Apostle that he was "not a whit behind the chiefest" of them.

#### Paul Defends His Office.

Paul did not allow them to despise his position as an Apostle. The people tried to pit one man against another, and one said, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Peter (or Cephas)," and another, "I am of Apollos." Some felt called upon, I suppose, to disparage Paul, and then it became necessary for him to defend his authority in order to maintain order and the right kind of teaching. He did not allow any and every kind of a man to come into his Church and teach, nor to make divisions in his flock. He knew the difference between a wolf in sheep's clothing and a true shepherd, and he fought the wolf away as

would any true and brave shepherd in the Church, the same as a man who guards sheep.

#### Apostles in Zion.

This subject of Apostles has made considerable stir in Zion. We do not wish to discuss it, only in a limited way. We do not deem it of such tremendous importance as do some Dr. Dowie, in his organization pamphlet, discussed it cautiously, only saying that the office should be continued in the Church—that it never should have been taken out; but any further than that he did not say only this: that God had to make Apostles, and that man, or the Church could not manufacture them to order. They are not machine-made. He said he did not see any in sight. He afterwards thought he saw some, but God evidently did not, and did not make them, nor did Jbhu Alex. Dowie. All, I think, agree that it would have been a great mistake if he had foisted upon the Church the men he had selected for Apostles. The most of them have proven false to their trust and are now out of Zion and denying the faith once delivered to us.

Dr. Dowie never solved the question either as to how we should get Apostles in the Church, or exactly what were the qualifications of an Apostle, or what were his duties in the Church. These are very important questions to settle before a Church should rush into an experiment of that kind.

#### Some Bible Facts Concerning Office of Apostle.

I wish only to call attention to a few facts as recorded in the Bible on this subject. They may help us in our study of the question and in settling our position in regard to the office of Apostles.

Some men are anxious to become Apostles—that is a very good sign that they are not fit to be chosen to the office. The signs of an Apostle must be shown before a man is fit to be chosen to the office by the Church. This is one rule, I think that is clear. For the Church to choose, or for the General Overseer to select a lot of men and lay hands on them and say they are Apostles, would not make them so. God must call

way they act. Look at the way they treat me. It will come after a while." So he went on having respect unto the recompense of the reward.

Seeing Him who is invisible. (Verse 27.)

How could he see the invisible? Yet he saw that which was invisible. A man has two sets of eyes, if he has faith. He sees some things with one set which he could not see with the other.

Moses saw invisible things which he could not see with the natural eye.

Hymn No. 167, "What a friend we have in Jesus," was sung, after which Elder Moot offered prayer.

Elder Richert then announced Hymn No. 181, "I need Thee every hour."

Special prayer was offered by Elder Richert for a sick baby in response to a written request.

Elder Richert: The General Overseer will be here in a little while.

So we will look up to God. We have one great consolation that He who promised, "Lo, I am with you"—how long?

Voices: "Always."

Elder Richert: He is here today. He will never leave you. When the General Overseer is not here some people complain that he does not take care of them. He has very much work to do. You have not to complain. You should never do it. If he possibly could he would be here. I know he would, but we have so much to do these days that I would like to exhort you to pray for him every day.

#### PRAYER BY ELDER RICHERT.

Our God and Father, in Jesus' name, wilt Thou bless the words which we are going to speak, and wilt Thou grant that, through the power of the Holy Spirit, they may be words of eternal life, so that all persons here may be blessed. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Elder Richert: The Elder has read to you a beautiful chapter about that glorious saving and conquering faith. I have been led to talk on that subject today. I have an old book here called "Seed Thoughts." I do not know how many hundred years old it is, nevertheless it will do. You will find in the ninth chapter of Matthew, the twenty-ninth verse, the words:

According to your faith be it unto you.

Do you know to whom the Lord said that?

Voice: "Everybody."

Elder Richert: Yes, but I mean especially here.

Voices: "The two blind men."

Elder Richert: Yes. They had heard about the wonderful works and miracles of Jesus Christ, and faith was kindled in their hearts. They had never seen the Son of God and never had seen His glorious works. They had never seen the beauties and the wonders of nature, and they had a longing to be healed.

You have never seen Christ and you have never seen His wonderful works performed by His loving and blessed hand. Yet we hear about the wonderful saving love of the blessed Redeemer who came to save and heal all those who are lost and who are sick.

Those blind men had never seen Him. They heard and believed, and in their own hearts they had faith that the Son of God could heal them.

Although you have never seen Christ, yet in the blessed Bible we read about Him and His wonderful grace and mercy, and His power to heal, and His love to sustain and to keep to the end. This blessed Bible tells us how Christ came down from heaven to take our sins and our infirmities. You read of the glorious baptism of Jesus Christ. There Christ was anointed as our great High Priest to bear your sins and your sicknesses. You remember in Isaiah 53:5—who can give me that verse?

Voices: But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised

for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed.

We are what?

Voices: "Healed."

Elder Richert: Certainly. The great High Priest stands before you today. You hear the voice of God the Father, "This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." The great High Priest will take every sin that is still in you heart. What did John the Baptist say when he began to preach?

Voices: "Repent."

Elder Richert: Why?

Voices: "For the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

Elder Richert: Yes, it is right here. "The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand," therefore when you repent and come to the great High Priest, although you have never seen Him or heard His voice, you will be filled with divine faith as you look to the "Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world." He will take away your sin if you will repent. He will go to God the Father of us all and present you blameless and faultless so that you will be able to see your Father by faith. What does Christ say in Matthew 5:8?

Voices: "Blessed are the pure in heart."

Let us all repeat that together.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God," was repeated by the people.

I would like Elder Tindall to explain to us what Christ meant by "seeing God." He always knows these things. How can we see God?

REMARKS BY ELDER TINDALL: That is rather hard to make plain, perhaps. I think we know by experience better than we could explain it, probably. A great many things happen in our lives in little matters which one who did not believe in God would say that they "happened" or that it was just "chance," or that it was "luck," etc. They do not recognize God. But a Christian who prays and believes in God will say, "It is very mysterious." The doctors would explain it one way. You say, "I prayed and God did it." You got the healing. You were very sick, prayed, and got healed. The doctor would say it was a convulsion of nature or his pills he gave you that cured you. He did not see God at all in it. He says it is nothing but the works of nature. Some people in this city talk that way against Divine Healing. You believed in God and you realized that God did those things. What is the difference. It was God who did it.

We see God in nature. David was watching his sheep, and looked on the face of the heavens and saw the stars and the moon and the sun and the firmament; and looking at those wonders of God's work, he saw God's hand in them. David said that the firmament was His handiwork.

The infidel does not see God at all in that. He attributes it to a law of nature. Mrs. Eddy, the Christian Science leader, says it is not God; it is a principle. Men who believe in God and have God's Spirit, and the Word of God, believe it is God. Why? Because they see God. [Amen.] It is through the heart, and not through the head. We must be pure in heart to see God.

ELDER RICHERT: I am very thankful for the explanation. You have heard how you can see God: It is by being "pure in heart." Those blind men could not see Christ. They heard about Him. We hear about Him when someone teaches or preaches.

What do you find in Matthew fourth chapter? I would like to get the Bible into your hearts.

Voices: "The Temptation."

Yes, the Temptation. That is what I am driving at. Christ was in the wilderness for how many days?

Voices: "Forty days."

Who came to Him?  
 Voices: "The Devil."  
 Did the Devil ever come to you?  
 Voices: "Yes."  
 Did he ever tempt you?  
 Voices: "Yes."  
 Did he ever make you sick?  
 Voices: "Yes."  
 Is your sickness from God?  
 Voices: "No."  
 Certainly not. Do you think that God, in His infinite love mercy, made you sick?  
 Voices: "No."  
 We know since God has opened our eyes, that sickness is work of whom?  
 Voices: "The Devil."  
 Where have we proof of that? In Acts 10:38. "Jesus was tempted with" whom?  
 Voices: "The Holy Spirit."  
 And what did Jesus do?  
 Voices: "He went about doing good and healing—"  
 Healing whom?  
 Voices: "All those who were oppressed of the Devil."  
 Yes, Jesus Christ, in the wilderness, fought the very enemy oppresses people who are sick. In those days when people sick they were "oppressed of the Devil." How about to-day? They are oppressed of the Devil today, are they not?  
 Voices: "Yes."  
 The Devil oppresses and binds you. Where do you find the age about the woman being bound for how long?  
 Voices: "Eighteen years."  
 Where do you find that passage? It is in the thirteenth chapter of Luke, sixteenth verse. You will find that that woman bound for eighteen years. That was a long time. Some people think when they have been sick for half an hour it is a long time and that God cannot heal them any more and beyond hope. When Jesus the Christ was in the wilderness the Devil came and tempted Him. I want to impress upon you that Jesus Christ did overcome. He conquered the very foe that oppresses you. He overcame the evil one.  
 The glorious Christ stands before you as a mighty Conqueror and He says to each and every one of you, Matthew 11: "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." [The people repeated this together.]  
 Why can the Christ give you rest? Because He has fought the evil one. He has conquered sin; He has conquered sickness; He has fought the Devil. The Devil is a conquered foe. He has crushed him beneath His feet, and now He stands before you. Although you have never seen Him, yet He stands before you today and through His glorious promises to each and every one of you He promises the sweet rest and peace of heaven. You go on to read in Matthew, eighth chapter and also the ninth chapter, you will find the wonderful miracles of healing. You have not seen the Christ, yet it says there that Christ healed—whom?  
 Voices: "The leper."  
 "Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean." What did Jesus the Christ say?  
 Voices: "I will."  
 When the Christ says, "I will," have you any reason for doubting Him?  
 Voices: "No."  
 Why, certainly not.  
 What do you find in Genesis, the first chapter? The world was created. Is He not the same powerful God, the same omnipotent Creator? Cannot He give you *new* life? Cannot He

give you, by faith, the overcoming life and give you the grace to get the victory today as you look to Him?

Then the centurion came to Jesus the Christ. What did He say?

Voices: "Only speak the word."

"Only speak the word and,"—what?

Voices: "My servant shall be healed."

I pray to God that you may have that conquering and humble faith and trust in God your heavenly Father to say "Only speak the word," and all those who are oppressed of the Devil shall be healed. Now, tell me, have you got that faith? Where can you get it?

Voices: "Faith cometh by hearing."

Certainly by hearing. Those two blind men had never seen the Christ. Perhaps they had heard him teach the wonderful truths of God. Perhaps they had heard the disciples or other people who had been healed. That is the way I came to Zion. I heard the wonderful testimonies in Central Zion Tabernacle, Chicago. I heard about the wonderful works that God had wrought, and when Dr. Dowie stood upon the platform and told the people what God had wrought it made such a mighty and powerful impression upon me that I felt the presence of the living God.

May God grant that you today may feel the presence of the living God. [Amen.] May God grant it. [Amen.] May God grant that you may also perceive that He is willing to heal you and willing to set you free, for His truth shall set you free.

The next one healed was who, in the eighth chapter of Matthew?

Voices: "Peter's wife's mother."

You have that very well in your minds. I want simply to lead you to believe that Jesus Christ has overcome the Devil; that He has borne your sicknesses, sorrows, sins, and with His stripes you are healed.

He entered the home. How often when you pray to God in your homes, when sorrow and sickness becloud your sky, when your heart is full of sorrow and you look to Him, to the great Father of love, and you pray and send word to Him like Mary and Martha did, "He whom Thou lovest is sick," He will come.

Let the blessed sunshine of God's eternal life fill your heart with new hope and with the assurance that Christ who comes will destroy the Devil and heal your loved ones, as He has healed our son. How many times has He entered the home where there has been sighing and weeping and how many times has He wiped away all your tears and led you to pray to God your Father, and then He promises, "Lo, I am with you." "Be not afraid, it is I."

He healed that sister, and she arose and was well and was perfectly healed. May God grant this afternoon that you may be made perfectly well. I like to see people healed like they use to be, not to wait until tomorrow, or to drag along till next week, next month, or next year. No; I like to see the power of God manifested in the healing of the sick *now*. When I pray for people I expect the eternal Almighty hand of God to move, and to kill the disease, whatever it may be, and to set the captive free. Oh, how full of joy the people of Israel were when they returned to Jerusalem. Should you not much more be filled with the joy of God when He sets you free. Praise your Heavenly Father and thank Him for His loving-kindness and for all He has done for you.

There sits a brother for whom I have been praying. How often did we fight together imploring God our heavenly Father to bless and to heal! One evening, as I sat by his bedside, he said that God would call him home and that the time had come. I said, "I do not believe that. God will heal you once more and will give unto you the glorious victory, and today he is in

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HEADQUARTERS OFFICE BUILDING OF THE  
CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC CHURCH IN ZION,  
ZION CITY, ILLINOIS, U. S. A.  
July 10, 1908.

Zion people everywhere, so far as the word has reached them, are rejoicing that Shiloh Tabernacle in Zion City, which for thirteen months has been in the hands of Zion's enemies, has been purchased, together with all the furnishings therein, and will now again be used for the purpose for which it was erected and dedicated.

Why God permitted Zion to be driven out of her own building, thus compelling her to worship for thirteen months in a tent, is still a mystery, for the most part. It is apparent to all that the fierce persecution which culminated in Zion's lease for the Tabernacle being cancelled, through the overruling power of God, effected, among other things, the complete separation between the Zion people in fact, and the Zion people in name only, and cemented and unified the faithful, steadfast, and true.

God's ways are not man's ways, and He knows best what is necessary for the discipline, correction, education, and development of His people.

Zion, simply a tenant of Shiloh Tabernacle, through the decree of the powers that had control at the time, marched out of the Tabernacle on Decoration Day, 1907; but thanks be unto God, He, in His own marvelous way, brought it to pass that Zion, as the owner thereof, marched back into the Tabernacle, and took possession on the Fourth of July, 1908.

The honor, however, of first using the Tabernacle after its purchase, fell to Zion Senior Choir, under the leadership of Conductor John D. Thomas, with Deacon Hyland Em. Wilson presiding at the organ.

Last Lord's Day, July 5th, the Tabernacle was re-opened for the service of God. The day's services had been announced by many thousands of notices circulated by faithful Zion Seventies in Zion City, Waukegan, Kenosha, North Chicago, Lake Forest, and other near-by towns. The Early Morning Service of Praise, Prayer, and Testimony began at 6:30, and closed at 8:30. The service was well attended, the people came in the spirit of prayer and of true worship, and the response in praise, prayer, and testimony was very inspiring, oftentimes as many as half a dozen would be standing waiting for an opportunity to tell of God's goodness and of His blessings in Salvation, Healing, Cleansing, and Keeping Power.

The principal service of the day was held at 2:30 p. m. This was begun with the Processional, Zion Senior and Junior White-robed Choirs—the total number in the Choirs, Orchestra, and Band being 379. The service was, in every particular, a very blessed one, and many were heard to say, "This service makes me think of the good old days in Zion." God was present; His power was felt, and Zion was glad.

On Lord's Day, July 19th, which will be the second Lord's Day of the Twelfth Annual Convocation of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion, the Tabernacle will be re-dedicated to God, and a Sacrificial Offering will be taken to help pay for the property. Zion has agreed to pay \$12,500 for the property—\$2,500 down, \$2,500 January 1, 1909; \$2,500 July 1, 1909; \$2,500 January 1, 1910; \$2,500 July 1, 1910. Two Sacrificial Offerings per year, one during the Convocation in July, and the other at the All-Night Meeting, December 31st and January 1st, will be taken to meet these payments. It is but right that every Zion man, woman, youth, maiden, and little child should be given the opportunity to have a part in recovering this Tabernacle, the place of so many sacred memories, for the service and use of Zion. A very small amount indeed from each member of Zion throughout the world per year would easily meet the payments.

For months I prayed most earnestly to God that if it was not His will for us to have the Tabernacle He would prevent us from getting it. God, in a remarkable way, has made it possible for us to take possession: and I do not hesitate to say that the undertaking is a very small one for the faithful, loyal, true Zion people throughout the world. Jesus said, "Ask, and it shall be given you."

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.

If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you.

Paul the inspired Apostle wrote:

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.

God bless the Zion people!

How often do I say that God gave to John Alexander Dowie, to co-operate with him in establishing the Kingdom of God, one of the most wonderful, devoted, loyal companies of people that ever blessed this earth with their presence.

It fell to my lot to take up the work when these faithful people were sad, dispondent; but, God helping me, I shall, by being their true servant and faithful shepherd, win their love and confidence; and then may God forbid that I should ever do

anything that would give them just cause for saying that I had not been faithful to my trust.

Let us, now, one and all, turn our faces to the future, remembering all that was good, noble, and true in the past, and forgetting all other things, burying them deep beyond all possible hope of a resurrection.

The world sadly needs Zion, and there are thousands in all parts of the world who were at one time ready to take their stand under the Banner of Zion, but did not do so because of the cursed aristocracy which crept in, who, when they see the truth being taught faithfully practiced, will come and take their stand and go forward with us in this great battle against the world, the flesh and the Devil.

The Twelfth Annual Convocation, God willing, will begin next Lord's Day morning with the 6:30 service, and will be continued until Wednesday, July 22nd. Already a few visitors from the outside have arrived in the City to attend the meetings. A number of others, as indicated by letters received, will arrive on Saturday, and there are many indications that the meetings will be well attended, and that the future of Zion's work is bright with promise.

No doubt by the time of the next Annual Convocation the same interest and enthusiasm will have returned, and then we will go forward to witness against every form of iniquity, and the whole world will be shaken as it was in 1895-6-7-8.

Let all who cannot be present in body at this convocation be present in spirit, and remember us daily in earnest prayer that God will guide and bless, and make us a blessing.

Every true Zion heart bleeds for Zion City, and thousands of earnest prayers weekly ascend to God beseeching Him to save Zion City for Himself and for Zion people. Zion City can be saved only through a faithful people. Zion City will be lost only through a faithless, stiff-necked and stubborn people. There are still a number of rebels in Zion City determined to do as they like, and go as they please, holding meetings at any place, anywhere, and in any way they please. These people must either be brought to repentance or swept out of here if this City is to be saved. Tricked by the Devil, they are the enemies of Zion, and from present indications it looks very much as though God would have to drive them out before the City can be saved.

Is Zion City needed? Yes, a thousand times yes! Ten thousand times yes! The Gospel Age is rapidly drawing to a close. The signs upon every hand indicate that the crisis is at hand, and the approach of the King is near. God has never permitted this age to close without providing a place of refuge for His people. At the close of the Antediluvian Age, through one faithful man, He provided the Ark, and all who heeded the warning voice of His servant and entered the ark were saved. At the close of the Jewish Age, He provided Pella, the place to which the Christians fled from Jerusalem, and after they fled, the great prophecy of Jesus Christ, as given in Matthew the 24th chapter, was primarily fulfilled, and Jerusalem was destroyed, hundreds of thousands slaughtered, the streets were red with blood, and mothers, driven to desperation by famine, ate the flesh of their own children.

The adverse winds which blew upon this old world at the

close of the Antediluvian and Jewish Ages were as gentle zephyrs compared to howling hurricanes in comparison with the awful time of trouble which will soon come to this sin-cursed and disease-smitten world, which trouble will mark the end of the Gospel Age, and the ushering in of the Millennium.

Zion is the Kingdom of God. Zion is a nation. Zion is a peculiar people. Zion must be separated in every respect from the world, the flesh, and the Devil. Zion must fight to establish the rule of God. Zion must rule everything, Ecclesiastically, Educationally, Commercially, Politically. Zion must ever bear in mind that the time is coming when the glorious shout shall ring forth in heaven,

The kingdoms of this world are become the Kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ.

Let all Zion arise, reconsecrate themselves to God and to His service, and let us go forth proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom of God to earth's remotest bounds.

Pray for Zion in the United States. Pray for Zion in Canada. Pray for Zion in the United Kingdom. Pray for Zion in the Continent of Europe. Pray for Zion in Africa. Pray for Zion in Australasia. Pray for Zion in Asia. Pray for Zion in the Islands of the Sea. Pray for Zion everywhere.

Pray "Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is done in heaven," then submit yourselves wholly to God, and work while it is day for the establishment of the Kingdom of God.

WATCH YE, THEREFORE, AND PRAY ALWAYS.

## FAITH IS THE VICTORY

(Continued from Page 3.)

our midst and once more praises his God for all He has done for him. God did set him free and he is rejoicing in the broad and glorious sunshine of God's eternal love and proclaiming wherever he goes that he is a living monument of the eternal love and eternal power of God.

When praying for sick people I remember many times I have seen the glory of God revealed. I have seen people blessed. Zion's eternal God is the God of all truth and the Father of all love and He will bless those who come to Him, and He will heal them and give unto them the victory.

In the ninth chapter, who was brought to Jesus?

Voices: "A man sick of the palsy."

They brought him to the Lord Jesus the Christ. We have never seen Jesus healing anybody, but we have seen the mighty works of God. Those blind men never saw the Lord until they were healed, but they had heard about the mighty works of the blessed Redeemer. The man was brought to Jesus the Christ, and those men carried him up to the roof and let him down before the Lord Jesus the Christ, and He said when He saw—what?

Voices: "Their faith?"

What did Jesus say?

Voices: "Son, be of good cheer. . . . Arise, take up thy bed, and go into thine house."

Now the Lord Jesus the Christ looks into your very hearts. Can He see faith in your heart when He looks at you? Can you

trust your heavenly Father whether life or death, or whatever may come, can you trust Him?

My wife was dying. The very last minute, after a battle of three long months, I was resting quietly in my God. It was a case of life or death. I said, "Father we are in Thy hands." We are in the hands of our heavenly Father. God will never leave nor forsake you. We have the glorious promise in Isaiah 41:10. If you cannot give it to me now, look it up when you get home. Then you can answer in the beautiful twenty-third Psalm—all together.

[Psalm twenty-three was then repeated together.]

Does not that inspire you with new faith? Does not that bring the faith of God near to you? Does not that give you new and shining and glorious help that God, who is your Shepherd, will also give unto you whatsoever you need, so that you can stand up before the whole congregation and in the face of the future, although it seems very dark sometimes. Although sometimes you have to fight very severe battles, you can say, "I shall not want." I know it, because the Lord will prepare a table before you. He will give unto you all that you need. If you need healing He will give it to you. If you need power to overcome the Devil He will give it to you. If you need guidance of the Holy Spirit He will give it to you. He will give you *all you need*. You can, therefore, trust your heavenly Father and you can say, "I shall not want." Oh, may God grant that when Jesus the Christ looks upon you today He may see your faith and you can trust Him implicitly.

"Son, thy sins be forgiven thee." Have you all the assurance this afternoon that God has forgiven your sins? I trust you have. If your sins are not forgiven, although we pray for you, God cannot bless you. The prayer of faith will either be a blessing or a curse to you if there is sin in your heart. It would be ten times better if you never came near this prayer-room; ten times better if you never ask an Elder to lay hands on you and to pray for you if you are not born again, or if you do not repent, and if you do not leave your sins. God will bless you in His infinite love and mercy if you are a child of God and He will heal you. He will accept your promises if you will give yourselves to Him and surrender all to the Lord Jesus Christ, but if you have some known pet sins in your heart which you love so much and which you will not give up, this meeting will not be a blessing to you. Brother, sister, it will be a curse to you because God cannot bless you; it is impossible.

People in Zion City do not realize when they have the light and do not walk in it, but rather turn their faces toward Sodom that they will be transformed into a pillar of salt; that is, their hearts which were filled with love and the truth of God will become just as hard as a stone. They can go to meetings and they can listen to the most profound teaching of a minister, but they will never be touched by the Holy Spirit because they turned away from the light and the truth. I pray to God that you may not turn away because God, in His infinite love and mercy, is not willing that you should be lost, but that you should have eternal life and all the divine blessings which He has promised unto you and, therefore, in the name of my Redeemer, I plead with one and all to surrender all to Christ. I love that song, "All for Jesus."

When I heard that song I said, "Oh, Lord, it is true Thou hast died for me. Thou hast given Thy life for me that I might live beneath the Cross where Thou hast died upon the sacred altar. Lord, I surrender all to Thee."

Will you not today give all to Christ and make a full consecration of your spirit, soul, and body, your talents, your time, of everything that you are or will be? Will you not surrender your all to Jesus the Christ that Christ may be all in your heart, all in your life, all in your faith, all in your hope, and that Christ may fill your time and that Christ may fill your eternity?

If you give yourselves to your God He will bless you with divine blessings and fill your heart to overflowing with His glorious truth and with His eternal love. God grant that you may be blessed and that you may receive the boundless mercies of your heavenly Father.

Then in the ninth chapter you will find the wonderful story of the resurrection of—whose daughter?

Voices: "Jairus."

He came to the Christ, and oh, his heart was burdened. When you come to these Divine Healing meetings come with the purpose of pleading for those who are sick. When I enter the sick room I feel with the sick people. Dr. Dowie used to say: "You will be successful only so far as you feel with the sick." When they realize that you sympathize with them, when your life goes out to meet them, and you feel their sicknesses and their burdens then you will be a blessing. That is one of the reasons why Christ could reach those who were lost, because they felt that His heart was full of love. That is one reason why He could help the faith of those who were sick, because they felt that His heart was full of sympathy. When He looked over the multitudes His heart was filled with sympathy. He sympathized with those people; and when you come to these meetings come with the purpose of praying. Do not think when the Elder prays that that is enough. No; let the prayer of faith rise from *every* Elder and from *every* heart to the throne of God in Jesus' name. The great High Priest who is standing before the throne of God will present the prayer of faith of each and every child of God in divine presence before God and before the angels and the windows of heaven will be opened and showers of blessings will be poured down upon this meeting, upon this people, and showers of blessings will fill every heart with divine faith and with divine hope and we will look up to our God with joy and God's hand will be moved and the Devil will be destroyed and he will have to flee.

Can the Devil remain in the congregation of the saints? It is impossible. He ought not to be here. Why is it so many are bound? These sisters ought to get up from their chairs and walk. You need to have the same feeling as Jairus had for his daughter, the same feeling as if it were your own child. You know what that means. When your own child is dying—I know by experience what that means. My child was sick unto death. It seems as though somebody had taken hold of your heart and was turning it round. You feel the pain of the child yourself more than the child. Why? Because it is your own life.

Are not we all one in Christ? Is He not the Head? Are we not members of the Body? Should we not feel for these members, these dear and afflicted ones who are sick? They come on Wednesday afternoons to be prayed for. Cry unto God like Jairus did. I do not think he made many words, but he meant what he said. You could see by his eye that he was full of earnestness. You could feel it in his voice when he said with quivering and trembling lips, "O Lord, come. My daughter has passed away," or "she is dying," something like that. God knows the condition of your heart. Jesus said, "I will go with you." He *never* refused. When they were going to the place where the angel of death had filled the house with sorrow, a woman came who had been sick for how long?

Voices: "Twelve years."

Yes, twelve long years she was sick. She had heard of the blessed Christ. She said, "If I can only" do what?

Voices: "Touch the hem of His garment,"

You who are here today, exercise your faith. If you can only get near enough to "touch the hem of His garment." She knelt down and touched the blessed Savior. He stood still. Every time you touch Jesus the Christ He will stand still. He has time for everybody who is sorrowful. He has the time for every one who is sick. He is always filled with tender compas-

When He asks this afternoon, Who has touched Me?—  
 Have you all touched the blessed Redeemer? You come to these  
 meetings and go home again, but if you touch the hem of His  
 garment, you will be healed.

Are you sure your prayers rise to God, and have you com-  
 muned with your God while you sit here, or do you come only  
 to listen to what I say? May God forbid that any one comes  
 only to listen to what is said here. I trust you come here with  
 a sincere prayer to meet your God, and with the sincere desire  
 to be filled with the Holy Spirit, and that His truth may enlighten  
 and strengthen your faith, that you may be able to reach out  
 your hand by faith and touch the blessed Redeemer through the  
 power of faith, and receive blessing from on high, and be filled  
 with the benign power to overcome the Devil and to go home  
 healed. That is the way people were healed when Dr. Dowie  
 was preaching. May God bless you in His infinite love and  
 mercy, and grant that you all, although you do not see your  
 blessed Redeemer, may be filled with overcoming life, and may  
 be filled with blessed assurance.

What does Christ say in Matthew 7:7?  
 Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and  
 it shall be opened to you.

What a glorious promise! Have you faith to believe that  
 whatsoever you ask in Jesus' name it shall be given unto you?  
 May God bless you and give you the glorious victory in the  
 name of Jesus the Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and  
 in accordance with the will of God our heavenly Father. Amen.

I will ask Elder Reder to pray.  
 Elder Reder then offered prayer.

I thank God for the glorious promises He has given unto us  
 and I pray that you all may, by faith, receive divine blessing.

Arrangements were then made for the sick to be seated con-  
 veniently to be prayed with and the meeting for instruction was  
 dismissed with the benediction by Elder Tindall, after which the  
 officers prayed for the sick.

**MISSIONARIES IN CHINA LOYAL TO ZION—INTERESTING LET-  
 TERS FROM ELDER AND MRS. ROYALL.**

SHANGHAI, 24 HASKELL ROAD, June 2, 1908.

ELDER E. L. CAREY,  
 General Recorder and Ecclesiastical Secretary, Zion City, Illinois.  
*Dear Elder:*—Peace to thee be multiplied!  
 Yours of April 25th was received today. Thank you for allowance  
 May. I regret that the General Overseer was not able to write me, for  
 have often wished for a letter from him. But we realize the strenuous  
 that he has to live, and we pray for him daily and go forward.

As to Bryant, let me say I was sorry that he left South Africa for, as  
 the General Overseer said, he was doing a good work there, and here we  
 were sorry to see him take the step he did. After he made the move  
 we all prayed that, as he was going to Zion City, he would turn all his  
 efforts toward gathering the scattered ones and bring them together under  
 the leadership of the General Overseer, Wilbur Glenn Voliva. I received  
 a letter from him telling me of his acceptance to go to Zion City. I thought  
 that I would write him and tell him what I have said to you above,  
 then I decided not to write him. I am aware that to down the Gen-  
 eral Overseer is the policy of Zion's enemies. Yes; I think I understand  
 the situation in Zion City, and the fight that Zion is making to keep the  
 land clean and free from all evil; and we pray for you daily that God will  
 use you to redeem the city.

As to Bryant's remarkable letter I was amazed at its contents. I have  
 written him anything as to his move. All I have written him doubtless  
 I saw in his paper, and it was accounts of my work, hoping it would  
 help toward bringing the scattered back to Zion.

I was amazed that Bryant said he was done with commercialism; for  
 on must rule in everything. I agree with you that Zion is to rule "all  
 the activities of life, whether commercial, educational, or political, shall be  
 dominated by the spiritual."

You ask for my opinion in this controversy. I must confess I am  
 surprised at that, for I have written you that I am standing firmly with the  
 General Overseer, notwithstanding what Bryant said he had written to

China. He also said that I was on his editorial staff. Why he should say  
 that, I do not understand. I was amazed at that, for I never was on his  
 staff at any time. How could he say it, is a mystery to me.

Last Lord's Day we opened our new tabernacle, though it was not  
 quite finished. There is seating and standing room for three hundred and  
 more. We had three services and there were at least a thousand people  
 during the day, and I believe we would have had five times that many if  
 we had had room. The Taotai, the largest official here, sent a representa-  
 tive to express his gratitude at what we are doing for the people. At one  
 service we had only children—nearly two hundred. They were all heathen,  
 but they sat for an hour as we taught the way of life and how to pray and  
 to sing. They were all very happy. Then at the 3 o'clock service a fine  
 crowd of men and women, the most of them heathen, but they seemed glad  
 to be taught. As soon as the lights are put in we will have meetings every  
 night. Then as soon as the pool is finished there will be a baptismal ser-  
 vice, for some are waiting for baptism now. One woman was recently  
 healed of a very bad trouble with her eyes.

We had a glorious day last Lord's Day. An evening service in English  
 at our house was a joyful one. Only a few in attendance: One Indian, a  
 Russian, an English lady, a Eurasian, some Americans, the Vikings, and  
 ourselves.

Please thank the General Overseer for his kind wishes and say to him  
 that we pray for him daily. Praying God's blessing on him and that He  
 will sustain him in the battle for the right. I, too, prayed that God would  
 not permit Bryant to leave Africa, and, as he says, I love Bryant and be-  
 lieve in his proper place he can be a blessing to humanity, and I believe  
 that his place is South Africa.

May God bless you and keep you is my prayer.  
 Faithfully in the Master's service,  
 F. M. ROYALL, Elder in Charge.

24 HASKELL ROAD, SHANGHAI, CHINA, June 4, 1908.

REV. W. G. VOLIVA,  
 Zion City, Illinois, U. S. A.  
*Dear General Overseer:* Peace to thee!

I feel I must tell you, in brief, the experience I have had personally  
 about where to stand in the present controversy in Zion City. It was a  
 bitter trial to have to "take sides," or to recognize that there was more  
 than one side to the Zion question. I just waited as patiently as I could,  
 believing God would lead. I did not like the Heralds at first. One copy  
 I burned. Neither did I care for the papers that opposed you—the attrac-  
 tion about the News being the items telling of the whereabouts of Zion  
 friends of former days. It soon became apparent that those fighting you  
 proved (?) too much. One article, for instance, made you responsible for  
 all the trouble and confusion in Zion City! Perhaps one who had not lived  
 in the city before you left Australia might believe that!

About the time for filling out the blanks for renewal of fellowship I  
 was convinced that it was the right and only thing to do to follow your  
 leadership. For weeks before this time Mr. Royall was standing entirely  
 alone on this question. He has pigeon-holed or burned the rubbish that  
 has piled in upon us. Please forgive me for ever thinking that any of the  
 accusations made could be true.

I am glad God gave you the grace to rebuke your dear leader. I be-  
 lieve that you as his successor are a man of God and as such follow your  
 leadership, appreciating the liberty in the Spirit in which those who follow  
 have the privilege of working.

May God keep you from getting caught in any of the enemy's snares,  
 He will likely set a trap for you very different from the one which tripped  
 Dr. Dowie. May God help you. Many dear friends have fallen by the way  
 in this fight. Some whom we trust will come back, cling to us, and be-  
 lieve in the message we are giving the Chinese. From some of these and  
 from my home people I receive gifts of money which are used for the work.  
 You may have heard of the children's home called in memory of our little  
 one gone on, "The Dorothea Children's Home." Miss Hosken has taken  
 the oversight of that work, having felt for years that God would have her  
 gather in these little ones. I hear that solicitations for this work are being  
 made in Zion City. With this we have nothing to do. It began through a  
 private letter in which was written something of the work.

We are a much stronger party now than Elder and Mrs. Viking, Miss  
 Hosken, and ourselves see eye to eye about Zion. Elder and Mrs. Viking  
 are like people all made over. We thank God and hope for like unity in  
 many places.

Letters from those who worship at the Tent breathe the spirit of love  
 and hope and strength, and are a blessing to us.

With all good wishes to you and yours,  
 Yours sincerely in the Christ,  
 MARY S. ROYALL.

**BEAR YE ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS.**

WESTBURY, QUEBEC, June 26, 1908.

MR. W. G. VOLVIA.

*Dear General Overseer:*—Peace be unto you!

I am thankful, very thankful, that not for one moment since I became a member of Zion have I had a doubt that Zion was of God. And I do thank Him with my whole heart for the blessed teachings of Dr. Dowie. It is not only what we think about a thing, for I know that my own opinion is nothing at all, but when we feel with our whole person, spirit, soul, and body, that a thing is *true*, when we feel ourselves fed and nourished upon the blessed truths of Zion, let what will happen, there is something we *cannot* let go of—something we must have and cannot get anywhere else. . . . I cannot remember when I did not try to live a Christian. All the teaching I got was in going to different churches, and you know the confusion. At one time I thought I knew a thing was right; another time I thought it all wrong. Though tempest tossed, I could in my weakness come to Him, and I thank Him today that He permitted me to live to know the blessed truths of His Word through the teachings of Zion; and I do pray that God will abundantly bless you and keep you firm, and give you wisdom and strength and power through the Holy Spirit to overcome all the enemies of Zion, and will also give you helpers who will be true and faithful.

I once more ask you to pray for me. Ask God to open the way for me to receive a true baptism and to enable me in some way to get money to give for His work. I am sending you \$1 as an offering to use for Him.

Pardon this long letter, for I do feel the need of sympathy, and I know that Zion does sympathize with those who are in trouble.

God bless thee, O Zion!

(Signed) MRS. EDNA CHESTER.

**FATHER DOES IT.**

Behold the one clear gauge of the boy's endeavor—what father does. Mothers' clubs may make motions divine in wisdom and in goodness; mothers' congresses may form all elements of virtue into laws; mothers individually in the home may talk, work, struggle, to make their sons models by which to shape a new heaven and a new earth. But the boy's world is in the man who is his father, and the boy believes that, whatever may be right on Sundays or at prayer time, the things that are really good, that really count in life, are what father does.

Moreover, it is what father does which defines the means with which the boy shall work, the sphere wherein his efforts shall be shaped. In a word, what father does is the beginning as it is the end of the boy's achievements. This is not a menace, either, to the mother's higher aims or the boy's best endeavor. It is simply one of the rather neglected facts of human experience.—Ex.

I believe that love reigns, and that love will prevail. I believe that He says to me every morning, "Begin again thy journey and thy life; thy sins, which are many, are not only forgiven, but they shall be made, by the wisdom of God, the basis on which He will build blessings."—Exchange.

**PROGRAM**

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: JULY 12TH TO 22ND, 1908 :

"Ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations." Lev. 23:2.

"Tarry ye in the City of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." Luke 24:49.

They were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1.

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together." Heb. 10:25.

**LORD'S DAY, JULY TWELFTH**

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.

9:30 a. m. Junior Bible Class. Superintendent, Deacon John H. Sayrs.

2:30 p. m. GREAT GENERAL ASSEMBLY. Service conducted by the General Overseer, assisted by Officers, Zion Choir, Orchestra and Band.

8:00 p. m. **Cantata "Daniel"****MONDAY, JULY THIRTEENTH**

2:00 p. m. Bible Reading.

8:00 p. m. Address Elder Fred Richert  
Subject, "Zion and Her Mission."**TUESDAY, JULY FOURTEENTH**2:00 p. m. Divine Healing Address  
Special service for Teaching and for Prayer with the Sick.8:00 p. m. Address Elder John Taylor  
Subject, "Zion's Work in Chicago—Past, Present, and Future."**WEDNESDAY, JULY FIFTEENTH**

2:00 p. m. Bible Reading.

8:00 p. m. Rally of all Zion Seventies.

Addresses by different speakers

**THURSDAY, JULY SIXTEENTH**

2:00 p. m. Bible Reading.

8:00 p. m. Addresses. Subject, "Zion Ecclesiastically."

**FRIDAY, JULY SEVENTEENTH**

2:00 p. m. Divine Healing Address.

Teaching and Prayer for the Sick

8:00 p. m. Addresses. Subject, "Zion Educationally."

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Visit to Zion Stores—Address by the General Overseer.

**LORD'S DAY, JULY NINETEENTH**

6:30 a. m. Song, Prayer, Praise, and Testimony Meeting.

2:30 p. m. GREAT GENERAL ASSEMBLY. Service conducted by the General Overseer, assisted by Officers, Zion Choir, Orchestra and Band.

8:00 p. m. Interesting Exercises by Zion Juniors—under the direction of Deacon John Henry Sayrs.

**MONDAY, JULY TWENTIETH**

2:00 p. m. Bible Reading.

8:00 p. m. Addresses. Subject, "Zion Commercially."

**TUESDAY, JULY TWENTY-FIRST**

2:00 p. m. Bible Reading.

8:00 p. m. Addresses. Subject, "Zion Politically."

**WEDNESDAY, JULY TWENTY-SECOND**

2:00 and 8:00 p. m. Closing Meetings.

During the Convocation Elders Carey, Tindall, Richert, Reeder, Moot, and Taylor, and Deacons Clendinen, Forby, Sayrs, and others, will deliver addresses.

There will be a Consecration Service for young children. The Lord's Supper will be observed. The Christian Ordinance of Baptism by Triune Immersion will be administered, and Officers' Conferences held.

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Landing 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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### CONVOCATION ADDRESSES.

Weekly Morning Meeting, Lord's Day, July 12, 1908, Held in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, Conducted by General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva.

#### ADDRESS BY ELDER E. L. CAREY.

General Overseer and Christian Friends: I have listened this morning with great interest to the testimonies and addresses that have been given, and they have done me a great deal of good. I have been greatly inspired by several of the addresses. I thank God for the address given by Deacon Peckham, and I thank God for the address given by Elder Taylor—particularly those two. I thank God for the all the others, too. It reminds me of the old-time fight. My brethren, one thing we must recognize is that if Zion is anything at all *she is a witnessing power*. My brothers and sisters, if Zion is not going to witness, and witness in a stirring and powerful manner, against the conditions which exist today, then she has lost the favor of God and had better give up her business. God has called this people to witness against the evils of today, and He called a man to lead that work who was alive to the situation, as we all know well; and in my experience in Australia the same thing existed. The leader of Zion there had to be a man seized of the situation. It was the lack of that vision that was the cause of Zion's being so utterly insignificant before Overseer Voliva arrived there; but when the man came, upon whom God had evidently set His seal, and, as I said, a man who was seized of the situation, who had the proper conception of Zion and her work—from that moment the work there went forward, and the work was in the demonstration and power of the Holy Spirit. Were you to ask the churches, however, they would not agree with that statement, for they are in just the same position that the Pharisees, Sadducees, and Scribes of olden time were, who hated the new order

and the progress of truth; and today Zion has been hated and will be hated again worse than ever.

I thank God for the liberty of Zion. There is no organization on the face of the earth today which is so broad in her liberty as Zion. Some do not agree with me. I say that, after due thought and deliberation. I love Zion, because when a man gets right in Zion, and Zion gets right in him, he has love for every man and there is no hatred and malice back of it, even if he does talk out and say some strong things. The great thing is to be sure that back of what we say is the love of Jesus Christ. No one spoke in stronger terms than Jesus Christ. His enemies said He had a Devil. That is what they have said of our leader. When the world begins to say nice things and to be friendly with Zion, set it down that Zion is not what she ought to be, and that there is a letting down of the standard and a lack of the power of God. If you and I desire to be true witnesses—and I thank God for the witnessing today, because it has the true ring—we must be sure that in our hearts there is the great love of Jesus Christ for every man. I love every man. I love every man on the other side, although I do not agree with their positions.

If this is Zion, then there is only one leader. Now my brethren, if that be a true proposition, then every man opposing that leader is opposing God. Now, either they are right or we are right. Either we are wrong or they are wrong. If they are right I am going over to them today, and if we are right and they are wrong, I will stay where I am, and I will do all I can to fight them—in the right spirit, of course. I must do my duty. If that be so, I must do my duty. We must come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty. Every day that I do not do this I am doing wrong. That is the position I take and I cannot get away from it. Now I know that God has His purposes to fulfill and God works in different ways. I am not going to judge any man. I know that God's ways are sometimes mysterious and I leave these things with God. If my brother feels that at the present time his actions ought to be so and thus, and

his attitude be right, I do not judge him—I do not understand—I leave him with God. God works in different ways and God's purposes are fulfilled in His way, and we are all brethren—never forget that. That applies to the individual and to the movement. There are some people over there very sincere and who want to do right. May God bless them, and may He by His Holy Spirit bring them to the place where they ought to be—with all who truly love Him.

My brethren, God's Spirit is not divided. He knows His own loved ones and in His own time will bring them together as sure as Christ uttered that prayer. May God be praised for that. It will be so, and you and I, if we do not agree on every point today, will be able to take hands, and, knit together by the love of Christ, know that we are one, and go forward. So that all this disorder, and all disease, and sin, and misery, and death shall at last pass away, and Jesus Christ will reign supreme, and God at last be All and in All.

#### ADDRESS BY ELDER JOHN TAYLOR.

Beloved friends: I give thanks and praise to God this morning for the privilege of living in these last days and enjoying the advantages of the latter day Zion, and that is simply what it is and nothing else.

I remember the words of a young soldier lad in South Africa. You know LEAVES OF HEALING went everywhere. The Gospel of the Kingdom, we might say, has been preached to all the nations as a witness. LEAVES OF HEALING found themselves on the cruel battle-fields of blood-soaked South Africa, where I was in South Africa for six years. God called me to minister to those boys on the field of battle, and I was with them for one year and eight months. A soldier lad came one day to me and said, "Brother Taylor, Zion is of God, and he who fights Zion fights God," and sitting here today I thought how true that simple, short statement was.

I am going to give you another incident from experience in South Africa. While sitting in the Superior Court of Natal Colony in the month of —, 18—, I saw a man win his case and he had no right to win it. The evidence was all against him. He won his case, however, (not a criminal suit, but a civil suit) with three judges on the bench, and that man won his case when he stood up and gave the sign of distress in Freemasonry, and I saw it.

I remember one day when strolling on the Town Hill with a man, an attorney, who had practiced in old Scotland and came out there, a friend—well he was rather an enemy, an enemy of Zion—he said, "Taylor, you will never pass the final bar examination, you will never be admitted as a barrister at law, an attorney at law, in the Superior Court unless you become a Free Mason." I made that man my enemy, for I told him a few things.

I may say further that I was asked to take a part in the politics of South Africa and I refused because it was honey-combed with Freemasonry. I am very sorry for Ex-Overseer Bryant. He is "Ex" to me with a big line under it. He comes here and in his first sermon from this platform he thanks God for the noble "Christian politicians" over there who have done so much for the heathen, and especially those of Basutoland. Now, you can draw your own conclusions, but I stand for the Theocracy, and I thank God with all my heart, beloved friends, for Zion, and that verse of Scripture comes again into my mind, "And thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments or no."

Oh, beloved friends, this is a real fight, and I believe more than ever that John Alexander Dowie was sent of God, a mighty prophet, a mighty apostle; and I believe that God, in His own

good time, will open up the way and Zion will go forward once more, but you and I cannot do two things at once. It is very evident to me, as I look over the past two years, that God has sent Wilbur Glenn Voliva to do a certain work.

When I was up in Wisconsin, I said, "Devil, no! No, sir; no, Devil, I shall not!" Do what? I was asked to go back into business, to get into the legal department of some of those banks, to join hands with them in business, but I said, "Devil, no! I know how corrupt the outside world is." During my six years in South Africa I never touched a gold share personally—I was so sick of it. Zion had reached my heart and I saw the Theocracy. I saw the dawn of the Millennium, when the Christ shall come to reign. That is what we are getting ready for; that is what we are waiting for. I am certain of it to-day more than ever. I do not believe in setting down figures and studying statistics and fixing the very day, but I believe what we see all around us at the present time is enough to make us see that the coming of Christ is near at hand and say, "Look up for our redemption draweth nigh!"

I thank God for the privilege of living in these last days. I thank God that He kept me in Wisconsin, and we had glorious times in Milwaukee and Madison straight along. I said to the people up there when the trouble came upon Zion, "If I have done anything to incriminate myself in connection with this whole thing, I am willing to go behind prison bars." Why not make a clean breast of it? Stand for the truth no matter what it costs. We had a good time in Wisconsin. My mind goes back to the meetings that our beloved General Overseer Voliva and his party had in Milwaukee. We had a great time in the Lincoln Hall, Evansville, that Saturday night. God blessed and the words spoken will live. Many of the ladies had to go away. Then on Sunday in Madison; in the Kelly Hall, we had great crowds and a glorious time. Thank God for all these things.

I thank God for the past year or more in Chicago. God used Zion there, through all these peculiar times, to unmask the "white slave traffic," which has not only shaken Chicago, but the whole nation. Our Seventies have put facts and evidence into the hands of the judges and into the hands of the Mayor and into the hands of His Excellency, President Roosevelt, and we have called upon them in the name of the Most High God to do something. We do not care whether they do anything or not—it is our business to herald the coming of the Kingdom and to call the people to repentance in the name of God.

I told you last Sunday morning of the little boy in the Kimball Hall with his parents the last Lord's Day of June. Zion in Chicago rejoiced to see that poor boy, who had been a cripple with consumption of the ankle bone, walking up and down the room. I know that God is going to bless Zion and Zion is going to go forward no matter who shall rise or fall. As I look over the enemies of Zion and think of the many officers who have dropped out—well, I do not know what to say. I tell you, beloved friends, it is a real fight and means more than we are really aware of until we are right into it.

In Milwaukee on a Lord's Day evening I preached a good, straight Zion sermon. We had gotten out and distributed a small hand-bill. A reporter came to me at the close of the address and said, "I have got down here some of the things that you protest against, 'Freemasonry, Christian Science, doctors, drugs, etc.' I want to get a few of the points of your address, because I was not here during your talk." I gave it. The wonderful thing was that nearly all of this appeared the following morning in the Milwaukee Free Press under the heading, "Dowie's successor comes to make war," and that little article concluded by giving a few facts concerning Divine Healing, stating that the gifts of the Holy Spirit had not been withdrawn, and saying that there was no verse in the Bible from Genesis to Revelation telling you to use drugs or call upon a doctor. It

is a splendid article for a newspaper. I thought the postmaster on the south side that Monday morning would not sell me my stamps. He looked at me like a devil.

The two monster evils that Zion must smite, and smite, and smite are Freemasonry and Roman Catholicism. No doubt about it and I ask you people that you will pray for us as we go forward that God may strengthen us and give us great wisdom, and may for us the prayer of the apostles of old, "And now, Lord, withhold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants that with boldness they may speak Thy Word, by stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done in the name of Thy holy child Jesus."

No doubt about it. Healings and signs will follow every faithful minister and every faithful messenger in Zion, and may I help us that we may go forward till Jesus comes. Amen.

**ADDRESS BY ELDER RICHERT.**

I thank God in this morning hour for Zion. Deep down in my heart is the deep conviction that God founded Zion.

While Elder Taylor was talking I was looking back to the time when Dr. Dowie was fighting heroically in Chicago. I was thinking of the time when he stood up and faced the world, the world and the Devil, and while He stood faithfully, God gave him the victory. I was thinking of the year 1895, when he was arrested one hundred and five times. O, how Zion was blessed! The streams of mercy were flowing; the power of God was manifested; the sick were brought in and healed, and the great eternal truths were proclaimed. . . . I thank my Heavenly Father these great truths found me, and I am standing upon the very same ground and standing for the principles of Zion. I do believe that we have the same Zion today which Dr. Dowie, Elder God, has founded. I do believe that God still hears and answers prayer. Divine Healing has not ceased. If Divine Healing had ceased my son would have been in the grave today, my wife, also. We fought a bitter fight for their lives, and prayer was heard and answered. I do not look to the walls of the monuments of Divine Healing, but I look to the people who see the living monuments of Divine Healing. If I should see for those who had been healed to stand up and testify to the healing power from on high, I believe that nearly every one in this Tabernacle today would arise, and that we can prove to anybody that Divine Healing has not ceased but that God is still in and answers prayer.

We still believe and have confidence in our leader, and there is only one leader. When Dr. Dowie led us, Zion, why were we a power, a tremendous power. Only under one leader can we prosper. I knew Overseer Voliva and Bryant almost from the beginning. As I am looking back now, I think of the time when Overseer Voliva first stood on this platform. I was sitting there in that gallery. As he stood up and faced the people and looked up to his God, I saw that he was determined to fight the Devil and that he would not go wrong, but would stand true and faithful to the Zion banner. And I am so thankful that when he was called to go abroad he never forgot Zion, but went and proclaimed the Gospel of the Kingdom, and he has proven true and he has proven faithful. He came back and stood for the same principles on this platform. You all stood up and promised to stand by him and he stood for the very same thing that Dr. Dowie brought us.

I remember Overseer Piper was sent to Boston. He stood before the people and wept and said, "I cannot say very much. My heart is very heavy, but I will go and promise God that this people that I will be faithful unto death." Where is he now? He has gone back on his promise.

I remember when Overseer Bryant was sent to South Africa.

Did not he promise before God and before the people to be faithful and true? Where is he now? Why does he not come and line up with us now? . . . In my heart I have the deep conviction that these people are doing the work of the Devil, are trying to destroy Zion City; and my prayer today is to save Zion City, that God may clean her up. He has founded Zion for Zion people, and if there are only a few of us left, if we are only three hundred, or even less, He can give unto us the victory if we are only true and faithful to our convictions, to the principles laid down by God, and to our Father in Heaven.

Why are these people not all here this morning? Is there not room enough in this Tabernacle? Why is Bryant not here this morning? Why are those people not here this morning? Why cannot they associate with us? I believe, as I said to a lady on the other side last night, we would give our lives, Overseer Voliva would give his life, for the salvation of you people in this city. Why cannot they believe it and associate with us. We stand for Zion and Zion principles. Why cannot they associate here with us? Why? Because in their hearts there is rebellion and pride . . . and they cannot prosper. I love these people and pray for these people, that God may convert Bryant, and that he may convert these people who worship in the Hospice or take them out of Zion City. One of the two.

May God bless you.

I do thank Him for Deacon Peckham standing there like a monarch for the truths of Zion, and for Elder Taylor in Chicago. I know what it is to stand alone on the battle field. May God bless these men. I thank Him for all the Seventies and all those from the outside. I thank Him for the faithful ones from Chicago who have lifted up the Zion banner and fought the battles of Jehovah, and for His eternal truths. I thank Him for every one who is here this morning. May God bless you at this Convocation and fill you all with Divine love, and may you go back with the determination to be true and faithful to Him, to your leader, and to Zion principles; and the day will come when once more the flag of Zion will wave over all the nations of this earth. Look up, O Zion; be faithful to God, and soon Christ will come and take possession of this earth. Then God, if you have been faithful and true, will prepare for you a home in the Zion above. Amen.

**CLOSING REMARKS BY OVERSEER VOLIVA.**

I feel very strongly tempted to preach now. I scarcely dare trust myself to begin. There are two things, however, which, in view of a number of the addresses, I want you to get into mind, and then I think you will be able to get something like a correct view of the situation in Zion City.

We all believe in a place called Heaven. There is a great deal said in the Word of God about it, who is there, and who can and will go there. You are all more or less familiar with the fact that a rebellion took place there once, are you not? And it was a rebellion against the government of God, was it not? It was an effort to make Him share up the government and divide His leadership and His responsibility. Was not that it? [Voices: "Yes.]"

Now, what was at the bottom of that rebellion? Was it not pride? If you will read in 1 Timothy 3, you will get a clue, in the sixth verse, in regard to the qualifications for a bishop or leader. God says through His servant Paul, "Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the Devil." Over in the Book of Jude, which is a very wonderful book, in the sixth verse we have these words: "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation,

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General Overseer's Notes.

HEADQUARTERS OFFICE BUILDING OF THE  
 CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC CHURCH IN ZION,  
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 July 17, 1908.

VICTORY!

"Faith is the victory that overcomes the world."

"But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

One year ago Zion was compelled to hold her Annual Convocation in a tent at the foot of Enoch avenue, across Thirty-third street, outside of Zion City. This she was compelled to do by reason of the shameful, wicked, and unparalleled persecution waged simply because Zion's leader and his supporters would not surrender the very principles and truths which brought them together to establish a City for God.

Through it all Zion has remained steadfast, loyal, and true, and last Lord's Day morning, July 12th, it was the blessed privilege of the Officers, Members, and Friends to hold the first Praise, Prayer, and Testimony Service of the Twelfth Annual Convocation.

This Convocation has been widely advertised through LEAVES OF HEALING and ZION HERALD for months, and while glorious meetings were expected they have surpassed the greatest hopes of Zion's most earnest and faithful workers. Up to and including the meeting of last night eleven meetings have been held, and these, all things considered, have been well attended, and the interest has been very good. During the first three and a half days of the Convocation 140 visitors from outside of Zion City registered their attendance.

On Lord's Day, July 12th three services were held,—6:30

a. m., 2:30 p. m., and 8:30 p. m. The morning service was devoted to praise, prayer and testimony, and incidentally a number of very important addresses were delivered. The people present showed by their hearty responses that their hearts were full of praise and gratitude to God for His Saving, Healing, Cleansing, and Keeping power. The spirit of true prayer was plainly manifest, and many were the earnest petitions that went up to God to save Zion City, and to bless Zion throughout the world.

The afternoon service was opened with the Processional by Zion Senior and Junior White Robed Choirs. The sermon was delivered by the General Overseer, the following two passages being used as a basis for the address:

What shall one then answer the messengers of the nation? That the Lord hath founded Zion, and the poor (or oppressed, or afflicted) of His people shall trust in it.—Isaiah 14:32.

Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, least at any time we should let them slip.—Hebrews 2:1.

At 8:30 p. m. the beautiful Cantate "Daniel" was rendered under the leadership of Conductor John D. Thomas, assisted by a portion of Zion Orchestra and Choir. The story of Danial, as all Bible students know, is one of the most interesting and inspiring in the Old Testament. The rendering of the cantata was done in a creditable manner, and was greatly appreciated by the audience.

The Monday afternoon service was devoted to Praise, Prayer, and Testimony, and the time was altogether too short to permit all who wanted to speak to do so. It was a very blessed meeting, one never-to-be forgotten by those present.

Monday evening a very interesting address was delivered by Elder F. Richert upon the subject "Zion and Her Mission."

Tuesday afternoon's service was devoted to teaching and prayer for the sick. The attendance was the best by far of any of the afternoon meetings up to date. The subject of Divine Healing was clearly presented as set forth in God's Word, and at the close a large number were prayed with in the name of Jesus the Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and in accordance with the will of God, and for His honor and glory.

On Tuesday night at 8:00 o'clock Elder John Taylor, in charge of the Branch of the Church in Chicago, delivered an address on the subject "Zion's Work in Chicago, Past, Present, and Future."

Wednesday afternoon's service was led by Elder Richert, and the time was spent in Praise, Prayer, and Testimony, and, as was the case on Lord's Day morning and Monday afternoon, the time was too short for all to express their gratitude to God for His goodness to them day by day.

The Wednesday night's service was devoted to the work of Zion Seventies. The attendance was very good, and the meeting proved to be one of instruction, edification, encouragement, and

inspiration to the many earnest workers who are eagerly waiting for the time to come when they can again go forth into the cities from house to house proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom of God to earth's sin-stricken and disease-smitten ones.

The Thursday afternoon service was led by the General Overseer, and many interesting addresses were delivered. After the usual preliminary exercises the subject of Christ's Second Coming was announced as the subject for consideration during the service. The following Scripture lessons were read:

Daniel twelfth chapter,  
Matthew twenty-fourth chapter,  
Second Peter third chapter,  
John 14:1-6,  
Acts 1:1-11.

The key-note of the service, as struck by the General Overseer, was to the effect that the Kingdom of God was the all-important subject of the ministry of the Christ, His Apostles, the Seventies, and the early workers in the Master's vineyard. The people were warned against becoming one-sided in their views, and were exhorted to be well-balanced. It was pointed out that various so-called religious movements were doing great damage to many people by reason of the fact that they emphasize one thing, and in many cases the one thing emphasized was an error and not even a truth, as, for instance, the body of people who emphasize continually in every address water baptism by single immersion, and thus lead the people to look away from the all-important things to water baptism for salvation. A body of people are forever harping on keeping Saturday instead of Sunday, thus leading many people to think that because they keep Saturday they are sure of an abundant entrance into heaven.

There is no doubt that the Zion Movement is God's movement for the close of the Gospel Age, and the preparation of a peculiar and specially trained people for the Coming of the Kingdom, in her teaching and preaching from the platform, and through her papers, holds up before the whole world God the Father, Creator, Preserver, Provider of all mankind, the One to whom we should pray, and to whom all praise, thanksgiving, honor, worship, and adoration should be rendered.

Zion holds up before all His only begotten Son, Jesus the Christ, the Savior, Healer, Cleanser, Keeper, truest and best friend of all, for He was God manifest in the flesh, and the words which He uttered, and the deeds which He did, were not His words and deeds, but the words and deeds of God the Father.

Zion, of all movements, presents in a clear, straightforward, and credible manner the person and mission of the Holy Spirit, and boldly proclaims that His first work is not to make people happy, but to make them miserable, as the Scriptures declare the Holy Spirit came into the world "to convict the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment to come."

The Holy Spirit is given to all who obey God. The world does not know Him; the world cannot see Him; the world cannot

receive Him. A rebel against God and the laws of the Kingdom of God may howl from morning till night, week after week, month after month, and year after year for the Holy Spirit to come down, but the Holy Spirit will not come, and you had just as well stand up and cry for a current of electricity to go through a wooden block as to cry for the Holy Spirit to come in and take possession of an impenitent, stiff-necked, stubborn, rebellious man or woman.

Zion declares, in accordance with the Word of God, that all men have sinned and come short of His glory. Zion demands, in the name of the most High God, that all men should repent, confess their wrongs, make restitution, and teaches them that "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God;" and further, that no man or woman does love God and Jesus Christ His Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, Who proceeds from the Father, unless He is truly and willingly obedient to all the requirements of God's Word—obedience in baptism by triune immersion "into the name of the Father, and (into the name) of the Son, and (into the name) of the Holy Spirit,"—obedience in tithing—paying at least one-tenth into Zion Storehouse—and giving free-will offerings as God prospers him.

Zion fights self-advertised Holiness, and declares that it is of the Devil. Zion proclaims Holy Living, which is known by what it does and not by what it says.

Zion demands truthfulness, honesty, three feet to the yard, two thousand pounds to the ton, sixteen ounces to the pound, just as large strawberries on the bottom of the box as there are on the top, and just as sound apples on the bottom of the barrel as there are on the top.

Zion teaches the people to pray for the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. Zion holds up before her people the Nine Fruits of the Spirit, the Christian Graces, and all of the laws of the Kingdom of God. Zion neglects no truth, neither does Zion unduly emphasize any truth.

Zion, which is the Kingdom of God, teaches her people not to think more of the movement than they do of the King, Jesus the Christ. Zion teaches that her leader is called and trained of God, and that while he should be loved and respected, and his should be held up in earnest prayer and hearty Christian cooperation, yet, after all, he is only an instrument in the hands of the eternal God, and that God should have the honor, and the glory for every good work that is accomplished.

The Thursday night meeting was given up to an address by Elder Richert "Zion Ecclesiastically." He read a portion of the first chapter of the Book of Joshua, and drew some very beautiful lessons from the life and work of Joshua, emphasizing especially that Zion's leader, Overseers and Elders should be called of God, and made such through the Holy Spirit, and that, like

Joshua, they should be of good courage, having in their hearts that perfect love that casteth out all fear.

The Convocation will continue until Wednesday July 22nd.

Shiloh Tabernacle, which was recently purchased has indeed proven to be a splendid place of meeting, and a great blessing to the people in more ways than one. The people have shown their intense appreciation of the purchase of this property by many expressions of their determination to sacrifice and help pay for it. Already, without even asking for money, \$111.00 have been placed in my hands during the past few days, and on next Lord's Day, July 19th, at the afternoon service, a Sacrificial Offering will be taken up, and every man, woman, youth, maiden and child will be given an opportunity to help in acquiring this splendid property for Zion's work in Zion City and throughout the world.

Those who have no money, if such there should be, are asked to drop into the barrel, which will be placed near the platform to receive the contributions, a slip of paper containing the words, "I have no money, but I am earnestly praying God that He will bless Zion with every needed blessing;" and it is well for all readers to know that I have added, that if there should be any one who is standing around criticising and growling, that such an one should also deposit a slip of paper containing the words, "I am growling", and sign his or her name and address.

God bless Zion people not only in Zion City but throughout the world. A nobler, more self-denying, sacrificing people never lived, and it is a joy for any servant of God to serve them, and to give his life for them.

I have fought a hard fight, and many times the flesh has become weary, but now the work is becoming an intense delight and joy, and the hearty responses of the people for whom I have poured out my life is a sufficient reward for all that I have gone through.

God bless Zion everywhere throughout the world.

Zion is rising purified, soon to go forth to be used of God as never before. Let one and all thank God and take courage.

The future is bright with promise.

Thanks be unto God for what He has wrought.

Let one and all pray earnestly morning, noon and night.

## CONVOCATION ADDRESSES

(Continued from Page 11.)

He hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day."

I want you to understand that he who is called the Devil, Diabolos, Satan, Beelzebub, Prince of the Power of the Air, Leviathan—I want you to understand that he who is now called by these names was once an angel of a very high order. I think there is no dispute on this point. He rebelled against God in Heaven. I want to ask you, Did God love His angels and all the angels that rebelled against Him? Did God love them? [Voices: "Yes."] I will ask you further: Is it not a fact that He threw every last one of them out of Heaven? [Voices: "Yes."] Can you reconcile that conduct with His love for them? There is a great deal in the way you look at things. Love is known principally by what it does rather than by what it says. There are a great many people who are so good that they are good for nothing—they are so soft—like the Dutchman's meat ax, they are too dull to use and too soft to grind.

Another thing I want to point out to you is in Revelation 3:21, (I will give you the sword of the Spirit): "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."

Did Jesus Christ overcome? [Voices: "Yes."]

Let us look at the temptations in the wilderness for a minute.

The first temptation was directed to the appetite, was it not? How many millions are ruined through yielding and becoming slaves to their appetite. There is where the Devil trips a good many.

Now the second temptation: The Devil tried to get Christ to commit the sin of presumption, and he misquoted a part of the Ninety-first Psalm.

The next temptation is the most interesting of all to me. The Devil tried to show Him a short route. The Devil said to Him, "Now look here: what is the use of all these years of toil? What is the use of Gethsemane? What is the use of the Cross? What is the use of all this suffering and self-denial in order to get the kingdoms of this world?" Because God had shown the Son before, while He was yet with the Father, what was to take place: that the suffering, crucifixion, and death was necessary to bring the sons of God back to their Father. The Devil said to Christ, "Look here; there is no sense in this. I will show you a short route. All these nations and kingdoms belong to me. Just fall down and worship me and I will give you every one of these kingdoms right now, and there will be no further trouble. All that is necessary is to form a partnership with me. Your Father up in Heaven treated me very mean. I wanted to show Him a few things and He simply put me out. I will fix this thing up with you. You can run the prayer meetings, and I will run the education, business, and politics. If you will keep in your own place and attend to your own affairs I think we will get along pretty well;" but the Savior rebuked him, saying, "It is wrong; thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve;" and the Savior went on with His work, and He suffered and He died, and it is written in Philippians the second chapter, "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name."

Christ overcame, and if you are to sit with Him on His throne so must you overcome. I will tell you, my beloved hearers, there must be no compromise. There must be no sacrifice of principles and truths. There must be no letting down of the standard. There must be men and women who will stand as firm as a rock—though all the world should scoff and Satan and hell oppose and stand alone with God.

I stand for Zion uncompromisingly, without fear or favor,

and I know no man after the flesh. I have taken my stand and here I stand if all forsake me and leave me, and there is only one thing for all the people in Zion City to do and that is to stand firmly for every Zion principle and truth.

**ZION A NATION.**

That God has called Zion to be a Nation—His Nation—must abundantly appear to every careful observer. That He ever intended to have a peculiar people is everywhere manifest in the sacred record. The dramatic call of Moses, in the mountains of Horeb, out of the burning bush, to go to Egypt is significant; there the Lord said, "I have surely seen the affliction of *My people* which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; and I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land into a good land and a large, to a land flowing with milk and honey. . . . Come now, therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh that thou mayest bring forth *My people*, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

Israel was His people by promise. To Abraham their father God said: "I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered. And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. And I will establish My covenant between Me and thee, and thy seed after thee, in their generations, for an *everlasting covenant* to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee." "Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him."

The promise was confirmed in Isaac and in Jacob, and to Jacob God said, "Israel shall be thy name. . . . I am God Almighty; be fruitful and multiply; A NATION and a company of nations shall be of thee."

After four hundred and thirty years in Egypt, Israel's cry to Jehovah was heard, and He chose a leader, in the person of Moses, to demand of Pharaoh their release, and to lead them to the land of their inheritance.

The memorable passover feast was established, and they departed for Canaan, "and the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud, to lead them on the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night: He took away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people."

The cloud and the fire may be regarded as a visible manifestation of God's direction, and it never failed. They (or it) led Israel to liberty. In conflict the cloud and fire stood between Israel and the enemy. God fought their battles. "The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace." Pharaoh and his hosts were overthrown in the sea, and Israel exchanged masters and became a nation, the Theocracy, for God was their ruler. Hence it was that Moses and the children of Israel could sing in triumph:

"I will sing unto the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath He thrown into the sea.

"The Lord is my strength and song, and He is become my salvation: He is my God, and I will prepare Him a habitation; and will be a dwelling place for Him. Ephesians 2:22; John 4:23]; my father's God, and I will exalt Him.

"Thou in Thy mercy hast led forth the people which Thou hast redeemed: Thou hast guided them in Thy strength unto Thy holy habitation."

"Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of Thine inheritance, in the place, O Lord, which Thou hast made for Thee to dwell, in the Sanctuary, Lord, which Thy hands have established.

"The Lord shall reign for ever and ever."

How unchangeable is God; but how fickle is humanity! How forgetful of mercies shown, deliverances given, and blessings bestowed!

The last echo of their song of deliverance from Pharaoh had scarcely died away, when they murmured, saying, "What shall we drink?"

Their eyes were taken off the cloud and the fire. Even three days' march toward Canaan wearied them and they feared there would be no good water to drink, for the waters of Marah were bitter. But God was leading, and no sooner had God's tree been applied to the water by God's chosen Moses that the bitter waters become sweet. There Jehovah God became the legislator and proved His people and made for them one of the most wonderful statutes and ordinances ever enacted,

THE COVENANT OF DIVINE HEALING,

the first recorded law under the new conditions, as follows:

"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 put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians, for I AM THE LORD THAT HEALETH THEE."

God's people were to be free politically and also physically. They were to be a people full of happiness and health. All their joys hinged upon their obedience.

- They are diligently to hearken,
- They are to do that which is right in God's sight,
- They are to give ear to His commandments,
- They are to keep all His statutes;
- Be obedient!

Result: Freedom from disease.

The usefulness and destiny of an individual, or of a nation, depends upon fidelity. The dividing line between life and death is OBEDIENCE.

God's law is the absolute standard. He says to his appointed leader: "Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: "If ye will OBEY my voice indeed, and KEEP my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine.

"And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and AN HOLY NATION."

ZION A SEPARATE PEOPLE.

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth! "And I have put My words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of Mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, THOU ART MY PEOPLE.

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness. "And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God: as God hath said, I will dwell in them and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

WHO ARE THEY?

"Know ye therefore, that they which are of faith, the same are children of Abraham.

"For ye are the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

"For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ.

"And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

## HOW HEIRSHIP IS PROVEN.

"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirits, that we are the children of God.

"And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together."

## WHAT ARE THE HEIRS TO DO?

"Wherefore come out from among them [who? the unrighteous, the worshipers of Belial, unbelievers] and *be ye separate*, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean; and I will receive you, and will be a father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

Obedying God's direction and becoming a separate people, what is to be the order of their conduct?

## THEY ARE TO FORM A NATION.

Caiaphas the highpriest prophesied that Jesus should die for the Jewish nation "and not for that nation only, but that also He should gather together in one [nation] the children of God that were scattered abroad." Peter, addressing the elect strangers, says: "Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, AN HOLY NATION, a peculiar [purchased] people; that ye should show forth the praise of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light: which in time past were not a people, but are now *the people of God.*"

## ZION THE NATION'S NAME.

"O tower of the flock, the stronghold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the *first dominion*; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem.

"And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

"And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob: and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths; for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."

## THE ALL CONQUERING POWER OF ZION'S RULE.

"And He shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

"Q house of Jacob (all ye that serve the Christ) come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord.

"When the Lord shall build up Zion, He shall appear in His Glory."

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**ZION IS THEOCRATIC.**

BY J. A. D.

Are you Democrats? Are you Republicans? Are you Popocrats? Zion is none of them. Zion is Theocratic! We believe in the rule of God: God in the heart, God in the home, God in the business, God in the City, God in the State, God in the Legislature, and God in the executive and in the judicial offices. That is what we are fighting for: Theocratic principles.

We do not believe in democratic principles. We say it plainly. When you tell me that you believe in "the rule of the people, by the people, and for the people," I tell you that is a rule we fight against.

Why? For the reason that the people are mostly bad, the people are mostly drunk, the people are mostly ungodly, the great mass of the people hate God. They drink, they smoke, they lie, they steal, they commit abominations. Even in the best cities they are still ungodly. If the majority are to rule, the worst will rule.

**TO HEAL PART OF CHRIST'S MISSION**

"When the even was come, they brought unto Him many that were possessed with devils: and He cast out the spirits with His word, [He sent His *word* and healed them, and delivered from their destructions, Psalm 107:20] and healed all that were sick. . . . Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses." [Matthew 8:16, 17.] The Apostles were commissioned to heal the sick. [Matthew 10:8.] The Seventy were commissioned to heal the sick. [Luke 10:9.] The faithful are commanded to trust God for healing. [James 5:14.]

The following testimonies are evidences that Christ's healing power is just the same today:

**Healed of Cancer.**

MOLINE, ILL., JULY 7, 1908.

*Elder Carey:*

Peace to thee! You will remember, late in the winter I sent a request for prayers with regard to a cancer I had which had been on my nose for fifteen years, but had never given me any trouble until last year. About the time I wrote, it had broken out in my face as well as my nose, and no one but those that have been through with one can describe the suffering. It is something I hope I shall never experience again, and, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow," as I believe I can fully say, I am healed in answer to prayer and obedience to God. I could feel, when prayers were being offered for me in Zion City a power going through my body, and it thrilled my whole being and the growth stopped at that time. But I had a hard time after, as the devil tried hard to get me to think it would not go clear away: but thank God it has at last gone, and this morning the last scab came off and it is as smooth as the face in any other place, and all there is different is a scar. Thank God! I have been praying that it might be entirely removed before the Convocation, so I could send in my testimony that God does heal yet in Zion.

I want to thank you all for prayers that have been offered for me. How I wish I could come up and spend the Convocation, but cannot this time.

I am so thankful that Zion City is being saved. I feel sure that it will be. Never but for a few minutes at a time have I let the thought into my head that it would be overthrown. What God has founded cannot be overthrown; and I am thankful we have a place we can send our requests and God hears and answers prayer.

Pray for me that I may always keep my face Zionward, and my eyes on God.

Praying that God will keep and bless all the faithful ones in Zion,

I am your Sister in Christ,

MRS. CLARA TRIPLETT.

**Thanksgiving and Praise.**

ESMOND, SOUTH DAKOTA, July 3, 1908.

*Dear General Overseer:*

It is written, "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth Me." It seems but right that we should praise God by testifying to some of the many mercies He has given us recently: Healing of a painful swelled finger from blood poisoning; also strengthening of weak spine, and immediate relief when suffering from a strained back when I could scarcely breathe.

Baby has been greatly blessed and kept from suffering after an abscess had started under his chin until it came to a head and ran out. His brother had one in nearly the same place under the jaw sixteen years ago, while I depended on the doctors for help, and he suffered terribly both while it was gathering and at the time it was lanced.

I am so thankful for Zion. Oh, that all might know how much better it is to trust God in all our afflictions!

I wish to add also that we received rain here early this spring at the time we requested you to pray for rain; and that we thank God for protection from the heavy wind and storms.

I thank you for praying for us so many times.

Your Sister in Christ,

MRS. G.

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

### BENEFITS OF DIVINE KNOWLEDGE

Report of Divine Healing Meeting Held in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, Wednesday Afternoon, July 8, 1908, Conducted by General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva.

[REPORTED BY THOMAS PROST.]

The service was opened by singing the first two and last stanzas of Hymn No. 5, "I Know Whom I Have Believed." This was followed by the singing of the first, second, and last stanzas of "I Need Thee Ev'ry Hour."

**GENERAL OVERSEER:** Before we go to God in prayer, for our general Scripture lesson, please open to the One Hundred and Third Psalm. Let us read together five verses, then we will bow our heads and spend a season in prayer.

Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with kindness and tender mercies;

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is increased like the eagle's.

#### Comments by the General Overseer.

According to this Psalm, which comes first, forgiveness of sins, or the healing of our diseases?

Voices: "Forgiveness of our sins."

It coincides with the Gospel as preached by Jesus Christ and the Apostles. The first thing every one should seek is Salvation. Sometimes people, through lack of knowledge, are far more anxious of getting their healing than they are of salvation. Salvation is something we take by faith; so is healing; so are all the blessings of God—the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. We take God at His Word. To illustrate this thought, it is written that if we confess our sins—What?

Voices: "Faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

According to that, man's part is to do what?

Voices: "Confess his sins."

God's part is what?

Voices: "To forgive and cleanse—"

From how much unrighteousness?

Voices: "All unrighteousness."

#### Salvation Precedes Healing.

It should be the prayer of every one that all dross should be burned out. This is one of the most important things to teach the sick. They must first of all obtain salvation. There is not, and there cannot be healing where salvation has not been granted. God works from the spirit to the body, not from the body to the spirit. God's work begins with the spirit, extends to the soul, and then to the body. The proper thing is to get the spirit right. It is far more important to have the spirit right than to have the body right, and the spirit wrong.

There are five things enumerated here for which the Psalmist blesses God:

First, the forgiveness of his iniquities, the blotting out of his transgressions;

Second, the healing of all his diseases;

Third, the redemption of his life from destruction;

Fourth, crowning him with loving kindness and tender mercies; and,

Fifth, satisfying his mouth with good things.

#### Praise and Prayer.

This Psalm is one of the outbursts of the Psalmist. It is all right to pray. We are exhorted to pray without ceasing, but the man who prays and does not praise is making a very great mistake. In our private devotions we should praise God as well as pray to Him. We should praise God for all blessings.

Every breath we draw is by God's kind permission. We are absolutely dependent upon God for everything. Every mouthful of food we are dependent absolutely upon God for. Man is utterly helpless. Suppose the sunshine were withdrawn, then where should we be? Suppose no rain was sent, where should we be? Although man is the highest of God's creations, yet how frail he is. A baby is the most helpless creature in the world. You know that. Take a little colt, and when it is twenty-four hours old it will run and frisk around, and it will kick you in the face if you do not get out of its way; but a little baby has to be handled very carefully, and have such great care for a long time. God says that a man's life is like the flower of the field. If a brick were to fall upon his head it would probably kill him. Our lives are held by very slender threads, yet man is the greatest of God's creations.

Praise God for taking care of us during the night.

#### **Soul-sleeping Unscriptural.**

Praise God for permitting us to behold the light of another day. While I am sure we would all like to be in heaven, yet if our lives are hid with Christ in God, we want to be here as long as He wants us. I am very happy, although I would rather be in heaven than here. When I come across some of those wretched "soul-sleepers" around Zion City—the Devil's favorite doctrine, you know—I am betwixt two opinions whether it is better to depart and be with Christ, or remain here in the flesh. Paul also said, "To be absent from the body is to be—"

Voices: "Present with the Lord."

Jesus said to the thief on the Cross, "This day shalt thou be with Me in paradise. I wonder what the soul-sleepers do with those passages of scripture? They pervert and twist them to suit their own doctrines; but let them stand just as they are, and you will find out that it is as plain as anything can be that, when the spirit goes out of the body, it goes to God, and man is just the same on the other side of the line as he is on this side, and just as much alive as ever.

Now in regard to the body, the Bible says there are celestial and terrestrial bodies. You put a grain of corn in the ground. It dies and wastes away; but out of it the germ comes, and God gives it a body. This spirit is to this body what that germ is to that germ of corn.

I always like to meet people who say, "Life is very sweet, and very precious to me." I never like to meet people who are always saying, "Well, I wish I could die." There are some people who are everlastingly wanting to die; they are tired of life. Then some fellows say, "Oh, dear me! I do not know what to do to kill the time." Fancy a creature of God Almighty having to study up some way to kill the time. Murderer! Killing time. What is more precious than time? When a day has gone you will never get it back. You may have another one, but you will never bring yesterday back.

#### **To Be Right the Secret of Happiness.**

The secret of a happy life is to be right with God; then it does not matter what anybody says; that cannot effect you. People who do wrong are never happy. They may appear happy, but it is artificial and put on. True happiness comes from a clear conscience. Let us get to the place where we can say that life is very precious to us, and we are enjoying a foretaste of heaven, and we want to stay here just as long as God wants us to. Heaven is a better place any time. I expect when my life closes to be in heaven with God. I do not expect to be in a cemetery, and lie there for ten thousand years. This body is a very good one, I am very glad to have it, it serves the present purpose very well; but the moment the spirit goes out of it, I am done with it, and God will give me a better one.

This is a good general scripture lesson. It will beget within your hearts the attitude of praise. I like to hear people praise God. We are always asking God for something, pleading with God for this, that, and the other thing. That is all right. I want Zion to be made up of people whose hearts are full of praise and gratitude to God; that praise will find expression in various ways.

I have been asked whether I think a person can shout and be sincere. Most certainly I think he can. In the early days of Methodism there were many people who shouted that were just as sincere as any of us, and I think that was the way they had of expressing their praise and gratitude. I used to be a Methodist myself when I was a little boy, and they used to make all kinds of fun of me when I would sit in a class meeting with a lot of old men and women. I always was an old man. When I look back thirty years ago, I remember those class meetings. They were very good ones. A person may give expression to his gratitude by saying "Hallelujah," "Praise the Lord," "Glory to God." When a person is full of praise he cannot keep still, and in a Church that is alive—a living Church, the moment you throw a meeting open for praise, everyone wants to be first there to praise God. You never have to say, "Now, don't let the time go to waste." That is all right for a cemetery, for a dead Church, but you never have to say that in a living Church. Live people do not want to be exhorted to praise God; they are only glad to get the opportunity to do so. One reason why we do not get more is because we do not appreciate more what we do get. God wants us to appreciate what He gives us. God wants us to be thankful. The Psalmist says, "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord." Let us be full of the spirit of praise.

There has been a good deal of praying in Zion, and God has answered a great many prayers and richly blessed a great many people. What I want to see developed in this people now more and more is the spirit of thanksgiving, and of praise to God for His blessings and for His goodness.

There are people who scarcely know what a pain is, and yet, while you would think they would just jump up and down for joy, and shout praises to God for the past twelve months, they rarely think of praising God. It is often said we do not appreciate a good thing until we lose it. That is often true. Now, my brothers and sisters, what a pity that God should have to bathe our eyes in tears before we can see clearly what our duty is. As I said to a person the other day, Zion was not right in some things, and God was angry. God was displeased. God hated the accursed aristocracy that fastened itself upon Zion, and the distinctions that were made. God was angry because the money was not used properly. God permitted these things to happen; and I thank and praise His name that He did permit them to happen. God will help us to get Zion right again. Why should we not get Zion right? It is not necessary for me or you to go wrong. Get on the track and keep close to God. Why not get close to God? There is no necessity for you to tell a lie, or to be dishonest, or to mistreat or defraud anybody. You know right from wrong. Why should God have to put you or me through hell before we do right and behave ourselves? God is no respecter of persons. Eli was a mighty man of God, yet God let him miserably perish because his own sons, at the very door of the Tabernacle, committed unspeakable crimes.

My brothers and sisters, I stand here today with greater love, if possible, than ever, for my God and Heavenly Father, with greater reverence for His Word, and faith in His eternal promises, and what happens around me never bothers me. Why should it? God is true, though every man be a liar. I like to see people get as close to God as possible. I like to see them growing spiritually.

A mother says, "My son John made five thousand dollars

st year." She jumps around for joy, but her son John is on the road to hell.

Another one says, "My daughter graduated in art and music last year."

Yes; but is she saved? The all-important thing for your sons and daughters is salvation.

Well, I thank God there is growth in this people. I want to see in twelve months from now a most marvelous growth. That God would help us every one to get at the feet of Jesus Christ to be taught of Him, and just become what He wants to be. I am so thankful to God for what has taken place, and for the development, but I want to see a greater development. We talk about these beautiful things, but how much do we live them! I want the time to come when there will not be a member of Zion who is not first seeking the Kingdom of God. That is the use for me to stand on the platform preaching, teaching, and pleading with people, and writing, unless I can get them to live these things? You can find plenty of people who are seeking for pleasure, and gold, and notoriety, and the praise of men, but what we want is a people who are seeking after the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness.

When some people talk to me about buying this Tabernacle for \$12,500.00, what does that amount to? Not to the point of sin. It does not amount to the snap of your finger. If our eyes please God and we are all consecrated and do right, God will take care of all that. God will continue to give us money and we use it properly.

God gives the money for the extension of His Kingdom, and as He not?

Voices: "Yes."

God is good. I tell you, if everybody had been right in the beginning, millions would have come in, and this place would have been the wonder of the world. Let us make it such now. God will give us lives. All He asks for is a faithful people. When His people are not faithful you know what happens. Read the story of Israel. Let us ask God to take away all murmuring, fault-finding, all growling and complaining, and to take away everything that is not in accordance with God's Word and will.

The laws of the Kingdom of God are eternal. If you live in them you will have life, health, vigor, power. The only reason we are not any further along than we are is either we have not learned the laws of the Kingdom; or if we have we are not living in accordance with them. He said that if we will keep His laws and commandments and statutes He will bless us in the City, in the store, in the field, in the cattle, etc., and "I will bring you victory over your enemies. You shall be the head and not the tail," etc. You will find that in the 28th of Deuteronomy.

#### Selfish Motives Will Not Secure Blessings.

For what do you want to be saved? Some want it from a purely selfish standpoint; they are afraid to go to hell. You can never get anything from God through selfish fear. You have to respond to God's love. What do you want salvation for?

That is the question. What do you want healing for? Is it a selfish reason? You ask and receive not, why? "Because you are unfaithful." You are prompted by selfish motives, and God is not going to bestow His blessings upon selfish people. There is no use to quarrel with me if I preach the plain Word of God. God made these laws. If I stick my hand in the fire, it will be burned, no matter whether I am the greatest saint on earth. If I take hold of a live wire I shall be electrocuted. A man who smokes tobacco will reap certain results. Many reap the fruit of the lip. When a man takes a glass of whisky, and you tell him that it will finally make him poverty-stricken, and that he will wallow in the gutter, he will laugh at you, and turn his back on you. How many thousands of them are there today?

A man always takes the first glass of whisky before he takes the second.

#### Secret of Health and Long Life Is Obedience.

The secret of long life, of health, is the discovery of God's laws and strict obedience to them. There are other things in this world that are killing the people just as much as tobacco and whisky, and drugs. A great many diseases are gotten at the table—over-eating. Why do people do it? Because it gratifies the taste for a time. You Americans are good cooks; there is no doubt about that. You can make some very rich dainties, fix up a great many dishes, etc. The Word teaches us to eat that which is good. I would not drink a cup of tea for fifty dollars, because I do not care to be drunk. I would not take coffee. Of course, it would not keep one out of heaven. If you want your stomachs tanned like shoe leather, all right.

Some one says, "There is a man 110 years old, who smoked, chewed tobacco, and drank whisky ever since he was 17 years of age." That does not prove anything. Do you mean to take that as a case to prove that using tobacco is a good thing. There is a boy only 18 years old died the other day through cigarette smoking. Put one case against the other. In this country people do not live: they hurry too much. What do they get out of life? They die thirty or forty years before their time simply because they are always in a hurry. They are chasing the almighty dollar at the expense of health and of life.

God will finally have a people—whether in this generation or not; I do not know—but God will, finally, have a people who will not know anything about sickness, absolutely nothing. God will have a people where there is not a sick person nor a weak one. Zion has made a practical beginning. Dr. Dowle took an old generation, tobacco-whisky-pork-soaked generation didn't he? It is a wonder what, under God, he made out of a great many of them. Take a man who has eaten swine's flesh, smoked tobacco, and drunk whisky for fifty years, and you have gotten a pretty hard subject to deal with. There are some in Zion who were all that, and even worse. God, through the blood of His dear Son, has cleansed them, and no doubt many many years have been added to their lives. There have been opium and morphine fiends who have been delivered. They were made so by the doctors. I saw a man the other day who was healed of a rupture almost as big as your head, and he was a terrible morphine fiend more than fifteen years ago, and he is perfectly healed to this day.

This is Zion's work, to go out and teach the people, and to get them to get rid of their sins, and not only to get salvation, but to get health as well. That is our mission. That is what we are here for. Just think what it will mean after four or five generations. Take Zion people born without Doctors, and who never had a taste of medicine in their lives, and know nothing but to trust God, what will their children be? What will their grand-children be and what will the next generation be? In that way, and in no other way, will you get "a royal generation," as I shall show you after a little when I talk about the beginning and the ending of things. You will see a glorious start was made in the Garden of Eden. Humanity has gone down about as low now as it can get. Humanity is very low indeed. I could tell you things that have happened the last week that would put to shame the people of Sodom and Gomorrah.

#### Zion Training a Royal Generation.

Beautiful is the turning point, and the movement has been launched by God for the scale to be ascended and to bring about the restoration of a royal generation. Anybody who is honest, and will think will see that Zion is on the track to bring up a royal generation. Train up a people who trust God fully, and you have a royal generation. I do not know but that all this generation will die. The next generation, the rising generation,

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## General Overseer's Notes.

HEADQUARTERS OFFICE BUILDING OF THE  
 CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC CHURCH IN ZION,  
 ZION CITY, ILLINOIS, U. S. A.  
 July 22, 1908.

The Editorial Notes in LEAVES OF HEALING bearing the date of July 18th covered the meetings of the Twelfth Annual Convocation of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion beginning Lord's Day morning, July 12th, up to and including the eight o'clock meeting Thursday night, July 16th.

Friday afternoon, July 17th, at two o'clock, a very blessed service was held for teaching and prayer for the sick. This Divine Healing meeting, as was true of the similar meeting held on Tuesday afternoon, was well attended, and the earnest, prayerful attention given by the people to the teaching was very noticeable.

At the close of the address three different rooms were used for the prayer service, a number assembling in the regular prayer room, and were prayed with by Elders Carey, Moot, and Reder, and others assembling in two other rooms were ministered to by Elders Richert, Taylor, and myself.

The privilege of ministering to the sick and afflicted is one of the most blessed granted by God to His servants, and, indeed, the salvation, healing, and cleansing of humanity is an infinitely richer reward than all the gold of Ophir, the wealth of the world,

and the empty praise of the fickle world, which one day will cry "Hosannah," and the next day "Crucify."

There are many signs of God's returning favor to Zion, and ere long, no doubt, the signs and wonders will accompany the faithful proclamation of the Gospel of the Kingdom.

The teaching of Divine Healing is certainly beautiful for the blessings which it will bring to the sick and the afflicted, but it is far more beautiful for the blessings which it will bring to one and all who receive it, that they may so live as to claim the keeping power of God, and thus be protected from the snares of the Devil.

Zion stands uncompromisingly for the whole Word of God, and boldly declares that Doctors, Drugs, and Devils are the foes of Jesus the Christ, who is the Healer of all mankind.

Your attention is called to the two following passages of Scripture:

And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.—Mark 16:20.

God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to His will.—Hebrews 2:4.

Divine Healing is simply taking God at His Word; nothing less and nothing more. All those who profess to believe the Bible to be the Word of God, will, sooner or later, be compelled to accept and to practice Divine Healing, or admit that their professed belief in the Bible is insincere and hypocritical.

Zion believes in Divine Healing not merely because people are healed in answer to prayer, but because it is plainly taught in God's Word. Divine Healing is part of the Atonement made by Jesus the Christ, and those who, in the face of light and knowledge, turn away to the arm of flesh—doctors, drugs, and surgeons—trample the blood of Christ beneath their feet.

Divine Healing is no hobby in Zion, but, as a part of the plan of Salvation, and one of the great truths of the Kingdom of God, it does, and will continue to receive proper consideration.

Zion stands for the whole Kingdom of God—the rule of God in the individual heart, in the home, in the state, in the nation, in the world, in education, in business, in politics, in all the affairs of mankind.

The meeting announced for Friday evening was recalled in order that the Senior Choir might have the use of the Tabernacle for their regular weekly practice.

On Saturday, July 18th, at 3 p. m., a very interesting service was held at Zion Stores. The addresses delivered at that meeting appear the Zion Herald of the 22d.

Zion boldly challenges every claim of the Devil, and has nothing but contempt for the silly talk of the apostate churches, and the church should attend to the "spiritual" needs of mankind, and let the world, the flesh, and the Devil run the education, the business, and the politics.

Zion is in business for God, and proposes to put to the test every promise found in the Bible; and I would recommend one and all to study carefully the twenty-eighth chapter of Deuteronomy.

The meeting at the Stores was enlivened by music furnished by the Zion Band, which has recently been organized, and has always been a great help on a number of occasions. Let one and all pray for Zion Band.

On Lord's Day, July 19th, four services were held, and it is in the truth when I say that the choicest words are not adequate to describe the meetings.

The Early Morning Meeting of Praise, Prayer, and Testimony began promptly at 6:30, and so hearty and enthusiastic was the response of the people that the meeting had to be closed because many were still standing waiting for an opportunity to testify.

The Junior service was held at 9:30 a. m., and a more beautiful scene does not exist anywhere than the crowd of Zion children assembled to study the Word of God.

The principal service of the day and entire week held at 11 p. m. was opened with the Processional by Zion Senior and Junior White-robed Choirs. This Processional was very impressive, and it is my earnest prayer that every member of these choirs will prove himself and herself to be a true child of God, and that never again shall it come to pass in Zion that there is "no form" of godliness without the power.

The Senior Choir, accompanied by the Organ, Orchestra, and Band rendered the Anthem entitled, "The Radiant Morn," and also the "Gloria." Elders Taylor and Tindall delivered addresses, the latter, at the close of his address offering a most earnest Rededicatory Prayer, rededicating Shiloh Tabernacle to the service of God.

The Lord's Supper was then observed, and at the close of this beautiful service—the commemoration of the Lord's death, the exhibition of unwavering faith on the part of the people in His Second Coming—the same old barrel, which had been used for years gone by in the taking of special offerings for special purposes, was brought out and placed upon the small platform in front of the large platform. A scene then took place which will never be forgotten by those who witnessed it. It had already been announced both in LEAVES OF HEALING and ZION HERALD, and on the Saturday notices distributed throughout the city, that two sacrificial offerings would be taken up this year and next year for the purpose of paying for Shiloh Tabernacle. The people had been exhorted to prepare for the first of these sacrificial offerings on Lord's Day, July 19th. As I sat on the platform and witnessed the beautiful spirit of the people, I said to my God, whom I have served the best I knew, "This is sufficient reward for all my toils and sacrifices, during the past ten years particularly." I had made two statements to the people, first, that I intended to place in the barrel the last cent I had; second, that every dollar contributed would be sacredly

guarded and used absolutely for the purpose for which it was contributed.

Deacon John H. Sayrs, Superintendent of the Zion Junior Bible Class, and a faithful member of the Zion Council, was placed in charge of the congregation, and, under his directions, the people marched past the barrel, and deposited their offerings, a number of beautiful inspiring hymns being sung by the Choir and the congregation.

When all who desired to contribute had done so, the offering was carefully counted, and it was found that in tithes, free-will offerings, and special offerings, \$2,368.98 had been contributed, and \$123.75, which had been received during the two or three days preceding Lord's Day, most of which was handed in by persons attending the Convocation, but who had to leave before the Lord's Day, brought the total amount up to \$2,492.73, and on Monday morning, other persons who were not present on Lord's Day afternoon, contributed more, making the amount between \$2,500.00 and \$2,600.00.

Not a day passes but that letters are received from different parts of the world with special offerings for Shiloh Tabernacle. Zion everywhere is rejoicing with joy unspeakable that God has again placed in Zion's hands Shiloh Tabernacle, that place of so many sacred memories.

The Second Sacrificial Offering will be taken up at the All-Night Meeting, and my heart has been made to rejoice by the statements of people that they intend to save systematically during the next five months in order that they may have something to give at the All-Night Meeting towards the purchase of Shiloh Tabernacle.

In the name of the Lord I thank one and all from the greatest depth of my spirit, and assure you that every cent contributed will be used absolutely in payment for Shiloh Tabernacle. God bless you, and richly reward you in time and eternity for what you have done.

In the future I hope to be able to print a large special edition of LEAVES OF HEALING from eight to ten thousand copies containing two pictures of Shiloh Tabernacle, and send these copies throughout the world.

Let one and all thank God and take courage. Pray morning, noon, and night that God will save Zion City, and make Zion yet the glory of all the earth. A people must be prepared for the Coming of the KING.

On Lord's Day evening the Zion Juniors rendered a special program. The attendance was large, the program an excellent one, and the children acquitted themselves in a very creditable manner. The exercises were intensely enjoyed by the people.

God bless Zion children!

It just now comes to my mind that in my report of the Lord's Day afternoon service I have neglected to call your attention to the Consecration of thirty-nine sweet, little Zion boys and girls. May God richly bless Zion, and hasten the day when there shall be a royal generation!

Monday night, July 20th, notwithstanding the four services on the preceding day, there was a very large audience present to listen to a graphophone sermon by Zion's late leader, John Alexander Dowie. The address was based upon the forty-third chapter of Isaiah, and, on the whole, was very distinct. The service was a solemn one, and many eyes were moistened with tears as they listened again to the voice which, for a long time,

rang around the world, and was mightily blessed of God in bringing multitudes to repentance.

At the close of the graphophone address a beautiful Baptismal Service was held, twenty-two persons descending into the baptismal waters to obey the great command of God through His dear Son, Jesus the Christ, "baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

This baptism was witnessed by a large number, and many declared that it was the most glorious baptismal service since the glorious days of Zion in the old Central Zion Tabernacle in the City of Chicago.

It has just occurred to my mind that I have again omitted another important service: the meeting held with all the visitors from the outside to the Convocation, Monday afternoon at 2:30. This service was well attended, and was a very interesting one in every respect. A large number of these visitors promised that they would write letters to the HERALD giving their impressions of Zion at headquarters, and of the Convocation. These letters, no doubt, will appear in the HERALD in the near future.

Yesterday (Tuesday) afternoon a very helpful service was held, the Scripture lessons being Matthew 28:16-20, and Revelation 3:14-22. The address will be printed, as soon as it is prepared, in the HERALD and LEAVES OF HEALING when space will permit.

The principle of Divine Authority was very clearly presented, and the necessity of obedience to every requirement as set forth in the Word of God emphasized. It was pointed out that the signs upon every hand indicate the approach of the King, and, therefore, that we had reached the Laodicean period of the Church, that God had spewed them out of His mouth, and that He had established Zion as a refuge for the afflicted of His people.

The evening service was attended by a goodly number, and, in addition to the hymns sung, three very beautiful selections were rendered by a quartette. Two addresses were delivered by Elders Taylor and Richert on "Zion Politically."

With all my heart I praise God for all His goodness, and for what He has wrought. This Convocation has been far beyond my expectation, and now that it will soon close, I leave the record made with God, and turn my face to the All-Night Meeting, December 31, 1908-January 1, 1909. I know the next twelve months will be wonderful months for Zion.

I thank God for every loyal Zion man, youth, maiden, and child throughout the world, and my heart rejoices as I think of them, but I am sad, and with difficulty restrain my tears, when I think of the many who, during the time of testing, have gone astray. It is the sincere desire of my heart, and earnest prayer that God will use me in gathering again, under the Zion banner, every true, loyal, steadfast, and earnest Zion person throughout the world.

For twelve months it was indeed very dark in Zion City and, from the human standpoint, there was not a ray of hope; but

today, thank God, the clouds are lifting, and the light of the Son of Righteousness is beginning to shine in upon us, and, O, I earnestly plead with any one who has, at any time, been in Zion: take your stand for God and for Zion principles and truths, and let us go forward to establish His Kingdom. I grieve over Piper, Speicher, Brasefield, Cantel, McCullagh, Hawkins, Cossum, and Bryant. They have been deceived for the time being. A sadder spectacle has never presented itself to Zion people in Zion City than the present spectacle of Daniel Bryant in his efforts to do what? God surely knows. I have my opinion, and I know that he will surely come to naught. Poor Boy! He was one of the first to begin to criticise me, and well do I remember the first time. It was then that I bowed my head in sorrow for him, and earnestly prayed to God. He has made statements concerning me and my ministry which he knows are false. I do not say that he intentionally did misrepresent, but he was mistaken; and if he wants the favor of God he must confess and make them right.

I told my readers that the men who were asking him to leave his work in South Africa were Zion traitors, haters, and would-be destroyers, and that they were grossly deceiving Bryant. He himself has sent out the word that one thousand adults in Zion City were calling him back, and that he was coming to unite the people; or rather, that they were already united; but O, Zion in Zion City, what a spectacle! Has Bryant's coming to Zion City united the people? No! a thousand times no! He has simply added confusion to confusion, and has made division.

The little company of people who remained with our late leader to the last,—and I will not say that they were not sincere, although I know they were mistaken,—the people who have been with John A Lewis, and whom he, in his folly, attempted to turn over to Bryant, have refused to be sold out, and many of them have been meeting under the direction of Elder Taylor, at his home on Eshcol avenue, Elder W. D. Taylor is, no doubt, fairly well known to Zion people, as he was for some time in charge of the Branch of the Church in San Francisco.

While I believe these people are mistaken in their refusal to recognize John Alexander Dowie's mistakes and errors, yet they are Zion people, and I say, "All honor to them for refusing absolutely to be sold out to Bryant, for refusing to sit and listen to the milk-and-water preaching in meetings where Zion truths and principles are not mentioned, and where a sickening attempt is being made to pande and to palaver to a lot of Zion traitors, haters, and would-be destroyers.

At the same time that these people under Elder Taylor have been holding meetings in his residence on Eshcol avenue, Mr. Bills and a few others who have supported Lewis, have been holding meetings in a room in the College building.

The poor, wretched, deluded Parhamites, as you will readily see from Elder Royall's letter published elsewhere regarding the poor deceived party that went to China, have been holding meetings in different parts of the City, and running riot. Oh, that God, in His infinite mercy and love would speedily bring to naught every meeting in Zion City except the *true Zion* meetings! Not a day passes but I pray for the destruction of certain things, and I know that God will answer; indeed He is answering now.

Once more I faithfully warn all Zion people everywhere against the Zion City News, and against the so-called Leaves of Healing sent out by Bryant.

How they would like to down Voliva if they only could! I pray, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Thanks be unto God that men and women in different places are rapidly getting their eyes open to the real nature and pur-

se of the Zion City News, and may God grant that its influence  
l soon be gone, and gone forever.

May God open the eyes of Investors everywhere, speedily,  
revoke the powers-of-attorney that they have given to Zion  
ers, and lead them to give their powers-of-attorney to either  
Hurd Clendinen or myself, and by all standing together and  
oring for the maintenance of Zion City intact, and Zion prin-  
es and truths, God will overrule all and make it work out for  
good of all who love and serve Him.

Months ago I called upon all who were determined to go  
ward as loyal members of the Christian Catholic Apostolic  
urch in Zion to fill in Renewal Application forms.

The response to this request has been far beyond my expecta-  
n, and even this morning, the 22d day of July, which some  
e ago was placed as the limit, a number of applications have  
e in my mail, and have been handed in by persons living in  
n City. I prayed yesterday, last night, and this morning,  
eeching God to show me whether I should extend the time,  
it has come to me very clearly that it is the mind of the  
y Spirit that the time for filling in Renewal Application forms  
be extended to the first day of September, 1908.

I know that I must draw the line some time, but the Spirit  
God is mightily working, and when September the 1st arrives,  
all again seek the mind of the Holy Spirit, and be fully obe-  
nt.

Elsewhere in this number of LEAVES OF HEALING you will  
a copy of blank Renewal Application form. God help you  
ake up your minds to fill in the Renewal Application Form,  
send to headquarters.

Pay up your back tithes if you can, but any way begin pay-  
your tithes and giving your free will offerings. One thing  
brings great joy to my heart is the number of people who  
e asked my forgiveness for the way they have treated me, and  
the cruel things they have said about me. God knows that  
with the greatest joy that I forgive one and all with all my  
t.

Go forward, O Zion! Faithful Officers and faithful People  
in a few years, stir the whole world.

WATCH YE, THEREFORE, AND PRAY ALWAYS.

**LETTER OF GREAT INTEREST FROM ELDER ROYALL.**

24 HASKELL ROAD, SHANGHAI, June 15, 1908.

F. WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA,

General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church  
in Zion.

Dear General Overseer:—In behalf of the Christians in  
na I write to you. They have asked me to convey to you the  
sage that they are praying for you and for all Zion. Fur-  
more they pray that this Feast of Tabernacles will be the  
and that great blessings shall follow in Zion City and  
throughout the world; that God will sustain you and give you  
ce and wisdom and overcoming power to lead on the great

host of Zion to victory; that more workers shall be sent to China  
to help out in this great work.

Yesterday there were two hundred children at the children's  
service. I am happy to say that several of them have bought  
testaments since the opening. I have put a man out to sell  
Gospels and he is very happy and many will be blessed through  
his work.

How I would like to be at the Feast of Tabernacles! God  
willing, at that time we shall be on the mountain Mohkansan, a  
resting place from the terrible heat which overcomes so many  
people yearly. I am much in need of getting away for a time,  
and trust this will be sufficient. There is much sickness now  
among the Chinese here, many dying. A kind of fever and  
stomach trouble.

We pray for you daily that God shall endue you with  
power and keep and use you. The world needs Zion. We must  
go forward. The work must be done. The Bridegroom will soon  
come. The cry will soon be heard, "Go ye out to meet Him."  
Victory is ours. "Faith is the victory which overcomes the  
world."

Pray for us as we do for you. We love you and pray for  
you.

Faithfully,

F. M. ROYALL, Elder in Charge.

P. S.—Some of the tongues people claiming to  
speak in some tongue they didn't know what, went  
through here some months ago bound for the North.  
They have just returned in very distressing conditions,  
and now are seeking some one to teach them the  
language, and say they cannot speak in tongues. Poor  
led-astray-people! They have brought a blessed truth  
into disrepute. Go on with the fight till Cossum, Can-  
tel, and Piper shall return.

F. M. R.

**BENEFITS OF DIVINE KNOWLEDGE**

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 19)

have a great advantage over us. Their children will have a  
great advantage over them. Is it not worth working for, worth  
toiling for?

Voices: "Yes."

You will not do all this in a minute. Preaching is no easy  
task; to get people to do right is a very difficult task. I have  
had certain people say to me, "Before I will do a certain thing I  
will die and go to hell." Certainly, most assuredly. That is  
the way a lot of them talk. "What harm is there in whisky?"  
Well, what good is there in whisky? If you could line up all  
the women in Chicago who have drunken husbands, drunken  
fathers, and drunken mothers you could ask them what good  
there is in whisky. Add to whisky, tobacco, morphine, opium,  
and other accursed drugs that are destroying more people than  
whisky or alcohol, what a terrible picture you have! What you  
and I know is very little. We must not think, however, that  
we are of very much importance. You know the story of the  
fly on the fly-wheel. He said, "My! what a dust we are kick-  
ing up!" It was the wheel kicking up the dust, and not the fly.  
We are like the fly. We are of very little importance. What  
we know is very little. If you could only go down to have a  
look upon Chicago, Paris, London, etc., and go into the fash-  
ionable hotels and mansions in the avenues, and see what goes  
on there, you would get a surprise.

Elder Reder then earnestly prayed for God's blessing and  
guidance upon the meeting and upon Zion throughout the world.

**BLANK FORM OF APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP IN  
THE CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC CHURCH IN ZION**

(This Application Form is intended to be used by all persons, in all parts of the World, who at any time between the dates of February 22, 1896, and January 1, 1908, may have been accepted as members in the Christian Catholic Church, now known as the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion.)

**I**T BEING of the utmost importance for effective organization, and to facilitate the conduct of the work of the Church, that an accurate and up-to-date Membership Roll be secured, each person regarding himself or herself a member of said Church, is urgently requested to fill in and send to Elder E. L. Carey, General Recorder, 2724 Elijah Avenue, Zion City, Illinois, U. S. A., the following Renewal Membership Blank.

Let it be clearly understood that no person will be considered a member who does not comply with this request.

Earnestly praying that God may guide you and bless you, I am,  
Faithfully yours in Jesus' Name,



General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion.

AS FAR AS POSSIBLE THE APPLICANT HIMSELF SHOULD FILL OUT THIS BLANK. WRITE PLAINLY AND WITH INK.

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

To **WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA**, General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion,  
Zion City, Illinois, U. S. A.

I hereby make application to be continued as a member of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion.

What is your full name? \_\_\_\_\_

Where is your residence? \_\_\_\_\_  
City or town. Street and No. State. Country.

What is your age last birthday? \_\_\_\_\_ Date and year of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Are you married, unmarried, widowed, or divorced? \_\_\_\_\_ How many children have you living? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your father's full Christian name? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your mother's full Christian name? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the full name of husband or wife? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your occupation, profession, or trade? \_\_\_\_\_

What nationality are you? \_\_\_\_\_ Where were you born? \_\_\_\_\_

What language or languages do you speak? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you lived in America (or the country where you are now living)? \_\_\_\_\_

When and where were you converted to God? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you conscious that you are saved through faith in Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

When and where were you baptized by **Triune** Immersion? \_\_\_\_\_

By whom were you baptized? \_\_\_\_\_

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I am the Lord that healeth thee.

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## The Gospel of the Kingdom

### JESUS STRENGTHENS HIS DISCIPLES.

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[REPORTED BY THOMAS FROST.]

SERVICE was opened by the singing of Hymns Nos. 404, "Come Thou Fount," and 400, "The Great Physician," after which the General Overseer offered prayer, and then spoke as follows:

Let us turn to the Gospel according to Saint John, eleventh chapter. I will comment upon this chapter as I read.

If any of you have ever seen the renowned picture, "The Panorama of the Holy City," you will remember that, looking over the dome of the Temple towards the Mount of Olives, there was to be seen a very plainly portrayed roadway winding around the hills.

About one and three-fourths miles from Jerusalem on that roadway, east of the Mount of Olives, was located the little town of Bethany.

I was interested this morning, as I studied this chapter and some writings concerning the same, to observe the statement that Bethany was one of the most hallowed spots in the little land of Palestine, made so by the frequent visits of Jesus the Christ thither into its borders.

In that little town of Bethany there was a simple, humble home in which resided, so far as the record goes, three persons, Lazarus, and Mary and Martha, his two sisters.

Mary is very prominently mentioned in the twenty-sixth chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Matthew, where we have the simple story of how she came unto Jesus, and anointed Him. When the disciples murmured—according to Saint John's Gospel

—it was Judas who spoke, not because he cared for the poor, but because he had the bag, and perhaps thought if the ointment had been sold, and the money put therein, he could help himself—Jesus said in regard to her act, "Whosoever this Gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this that this woman hath done be told for a memorial of her."

There is another story about Martha and Mary, and the visits of the Savior. One of the two sisters was very much concerned about the preparation of the meal. Which one was it?

Voices: "Martha."

Mary, being of a devotional and meditative type of mind, was sitting at the feet of Jesus, and Martha, you remember, found fault, and thought it was not right because Mary did not come in and help her get the meal ready.

These are very simple stories, but they are very interesting. So here, in this eleventh chapter of John, we have brought before us, Lazarus, Mary, and Martha.

The statement concerning Lazarus is very simple and brief, namely: that "he was sick." He must have been very sick, because his death took place before the message reached Jesus.

The second verse calls attention to the fact that this Mary was that Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.

Therefore his sisters sent unto Him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom Thou lovest is sick.

What was more natural for these sisters, when their brother fell sick, than that they should think of Jesus the Christ? There are good reasons for thinking He was a very frequent visitor to their home.

In addition to the public teaching which they had received, no doubt they had been taught by Him many, many things in private, and, next to the Apostles, who, of course, constituted the inner circle, these two sisters and their brother had been told many very, very precious truths by the Savior. They, doubtless, had seen Him heal many persons, and there is nothing at all

remarkable that, when the brother was taken seriously ill, they should have thought first of Jesus.

#### God Only To Be Sought for Healing.

What a shame it is that, today, any professing Christian, when either he himself, or any relative should be taken sick, should think of any one else except Jesus the Christ, as the Healer, and as the Physician.

God the Almighty is a jealous God, and He will never share His glory with any one. For all that is wrought, the glory must be given to God, and woe be unto that man, or that woman, who should ever be so foolish as to think of taking any glory to himself or herself.

This morning, as I looked at two telegrams that had been put on my desk, the first thing that I did was to say, "O God, I thank You that another one is willing to trust in Thee for deliverance." Every time I receive a prayer request, whether by word of mouth, by letter, by telegram, or prayer request form, I lift my voice and say, "Thanks be to God for those who have turned away from the arm of flesh, and are willing to trust Thee, the Only True and Living God."

Oh, how thankful I would be if there were a million today who were willing to trust God; for in the very first chapters of Isaiah, the prophecy is repeated over and over:

And the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day.

Let us for ever be done with exalting men [Amens], and exalt God, and praise Jesus the Christ, as the all-sufficient sacrifice for the sins and diseases of humanity.

Through Zion teaching, there are many who, the moment they, or any relative or friend, is taken sick, think of Jesus the Christ as the Healer. Thanks be unto God for it. [Amens.] May the number rapidly increase [Amens], and it will increase as the true Gospel of the Kingdom of God is proclaimed to the people.

#### The Solitude of Mary and Martha.

Lord, behold, he whom Thou lovest is sick.

That is a very significant statement. There is no doubt that Jesus had very great love for Lazarus, Mary, and Martha. There were reasons for it. They had thrown open their home to Him. He was a welcome guest. They received Him, and ministered unto Him, and, in doing so, they were showing their love to God who sent Him.

#### All Not Loved Alike.

It is true God loves everybody; so do we. If we do not, we ought to, but we do not love everybody the same. That is an impossibility. God loves all humanity, and He gave His only begotten Son to die for them. All are His children by creation. He created them all. They were made in His image, in His likeness; but since they have sinned, and come short of the glory of God, and He has sent His only begotten Son, all men and all women who have repented, and turned to God, and have been accepted of Him, are His children by adoption, heirs of God, joint heirs with Jesus the Christ of a Kingdom incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away.

God, therefore, loves His children by adoption more than He loves His children by creation.

#### A Purpose Approved of God.

As in the case of Daniel, the angel told him:  
Thou art greatly beloved of God.

It was Daniel who, according to the eighth verse of the first chapter, purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the king's meat or drink. That was the beginning of Daniel's marvelous career. He made the right kind of a beginning. He did not simply "purpose" in word, or in action, for

that was impossible until preceded by the purposing in his heart. Whatever a man purposes in his heart will be that which will be exhibited in his words and deeds.

It was Daniel who was blessed and prospered by God, and because of his intense devotion and consecration, the angel said:  
Thou art greatly beloved of God.

Today, of all the servants of God on earth, there is one who is more faithful than any other. There is one more greatly beloved of God than all the rest, because he is more faithful than any of the rest.

You, my brethren, who occupy important positions in Zion, you are all the same in the sight of God from a general standpoint, but from the standpoint of consecration, true devotion, whole-hearted service, one of you, no doubt, stands higher than the rest, and it is the privilege of each one to stand where Daniel stood by keeping nothing back, but putting all upon the altar of service.

As I told you last Lord's Day afternoon, a man knows his own heart. A man knows his own life. He does not need to be deceived. He knows. A man in the ministry knows very well whether he is doing right or not, whether he is serving God from the highest motive, or with a laudable purpose, or for a selfish end, or whether he is a lover of filthy lucre, or hawking after the empty honors of the world, or the empty plaudits of fickle mankind.

#### Proof of True Love.

Jesus said, "If a man love Me, he will keep My sayings," i. e., he will do what I tell him. His one thought will not be, How little can I do to get into heaven, but am I obeying every saying Jesus Christ uttered. When He said, "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness," you know whether you are doing it or not. God knows it, and you know it, and other people will soon find it out.

"He that hath My sayings, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me." He shows his love. He proves his consecration. He does what Jesus wants him to do. He is mourning over the sad conditions of humanity. He is meek. He is not quick to resent either a supposed or a real injury. He is merciful. He is a peacemaker. His trumpet gives no uncertain sound, and the Devil takes cognizance of his life and ministry, and persecutes him, and lies about him, and gets evil men to say everything (falsely) against him. He is salt. He is obeying Christ's words. He is denying himself. He is crucifying himself. He is suffering for Christ's sake, and God knows all about it.

God looks down upon such a man and says, "That man truly loves Me, and I will love him in return." Jesus says, "He that hath My sayings, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me, and I will love him."

Jesus loves everybody, does He not? That statement proves that there are certain persons—those who keep His sayings—for whom He has special love. "I will love him, and my Father will love him."

Does not God love everybody? But there is a love higher, deeper, broader than the love God has for all mankind. "We will come unto him and make our abode with him." He is the temple of God, of Jesus the Christ, and of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter.

That, to my mind, is the highest, sweetest, most beautiful, the most precious, and the most far-reaching of all the promises given by God to the children of men.

I exhort everyone of you, from the least to the greatest, aim to claim that higher love which is bestowed upon those who are truly obedient to all the sayings of Jesus the Christ.

#### The Christ Mind Penetrates the Future.

Jesus the Christ knew the end from the beginning, and

knew that Lazarus would pass away; that He would pray to God, and God would resurrect him, and that the miracle would incense the Jews that their rulers would not rest day nor night until they apprehended Him, and put Him to death. That was true, for it was the resurrection of Lazarus that brought the climax, and caused His crucifixion. Had Jesus not been crucified, and put to death, He would not have been resurrected, and had He not been put to death, and brought forth from the dead, He would not have finished His work, and ascended to His Father, and been given the name which is above every other name.

The sayings of Jesus are very simple and easy to be understood. As He thought of Lazarus already dead, or if not at that moment dead, He looked away beyond, and said, "This sickness is not unto death," that is, death will not be the ultimate result, but the ultimate result will be the glory of God, and the Son of God will be glorified thereby.

"Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus." This is the second time we have this statement.

#### A Test of Faith.

When He had heard therefore that he was sick, He abode two days still in the same place where He was.

"Mysterious conduct," you say. But Jesus knew best, and saw the end from the beginning, and He had a purpose in abiding there two days.

I wish to remark here, my brothers and sisters, that it would be far better when fighting the battle against sickness, disease, and death, if we would not attempt to be wise beyond what is written, but meet the conditions, and pray in faith, believing, and not undertake to explain every little circumstance, and every little thing we do not understand.

I just came from praying with two persons, and I said, "It must be done. It has to be done. God's Word is true, and the only reason that failure ever comes is because the conditions are not met, or the persons concerned, while they say, 'There is no doubt,' there is doubt."

As I stood and looked this afternoon at one who has been fighting a terrible battle, and I saw how a great victory had been won, it came to me with greater force than ever before, for as I poured the oil upon that awful cancer, and prayed to God to kill it, I knew in my spirit that if there was no doubt there, and no doubt now, and no doubt at any time, *it had to be done*. God said so, and the word of God says, "Is there anything too hard for God?" Nothing is too hard for God. He can kill a cancer, or heal a leper. A brave general and brave leader must stand by and fight the battle until the enemy is conquered.

#### Spirit Influence.

I believe that we exert a great influence for one-another. I believe it is possible for a man in his home thinking about his sister who is sick, nigh unto death, either to help or to hinder. As he sits there he says, or thinks to himself, "She is going to die; if she does not get healed in a day or a week, she will die." That thought can be communicated to that sick sister. There are cases so well authenticated that there is no use to attempt any other explanation, or attempt to deny them. I want to tell you that a lot of people are being killed simply by others setting in motion thoughts that are calculated to blight and to curse. If we had a thousand people who were always thinking what they ought to think, always saying what they ought to say, you could bring a sick person into that company, and have him healed quickly. You find a fish on the sand gasping for breath, and quickly you put it back into the water and instantly it recovers.

Doubt is sin, and kills. An Elder, if he has an iota of fear or doubt, must not go into the room of a sick person to pray with him. If he has any doubt, he has no right to pray. If an Elder

goes by the bedside of a person, and prays for healing, and he doubts as to whether the sick will receive it, he is a sinner; and if that person dies, his death is at the door of the Elder. If an Elder goes into a home and prays for a person, and someone outside asks him how that person is, and he says, "Well, very low; he cannot possibly live two days longer unless he is healed." Why should there be any thought of not living two days? You prayed. You said there was no doubt. That is the kind of talk the Devil will take and use. As I said to a person today, "You should not say that." God is the only Omniscent Being in the universe; He knows everything. The Devil does not know all. A good deal the Devil knows is what we tell him. [Laughter.]

If you have any doubt when you go into a sick room, you had better stay outside. You know. I tell you that a man that doubts is condemned. "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin."

If things are so that an Elder cannot exercise any faith for the person, he had better tell him so, and not be a hypocrite. Do not lay hands on him and say, "O God, in the name of Jesus the Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit, and in accordance with Thy will, heal this person," and then go right outside, and tell somebody you do not believe he is right, or that he is not in any condition to get healing. If you do, you are a hypocrite. There will be no healing where there is any doubt.

#### Fight to the Finish.

True soldiers never give up. They go right down into the valley, and even though the Devil has got a person out of sight except the toe, you will grab the toe, and take him away from him. Our business is to fight the battles of the sick. Take, for instance, a person with a cancer almost as large as the crown of your hat, and with a hole in it that I could nearly put my fist in, you can stand around and cry about fighting the battle, but put yourself in his or her place. There is where a man of God is needed to fight the battle for the afflicted.

We have to get in Zion firmness that never shrinks before any foe, yet to have the love of a mother, and the tenderness of Jesus the Christ.

If some of these sick people had a doctor, he would be there twice a day, and if there was plenty of money, four times a day.

#### Christ's Movements Timed.

Jesus had a purpose in abiding where he was "two days." After that He said to His disciples:

Let us go into Judæa again.

Judæa is in the southern part of Palestine, Samaria in the central, and Galilee in the northern. It was in Judæa where they sought His life more than anywhere else.

His disciples say unto Him, Master, the Jews of late sought to stone Thee; and goest Thou thither again?

I do not know just what was in the minds of the Apostles. I can very well imagine. They were human, and they were very much concerned about the safety of Jesus. I wonder if they were not a little more concerned about their own safety? They were determined to keep Him from going back into Judæa where there was danger.

You remember when Jesus said He was going to Jerusalem, and that He would be arrested and put to death, Peter said, "Be it far from Thee, Lord." The disciples did not want Him to go.

Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world.

But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him.

The Savior had in His mind, of course, the literal day. There were twelve hours in a literal day—twelve hours of daylight. If a man would walk during that time, he would not stumble over any obstacle, but when night came, if any man

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**WHERE ART THOU ?**

This question, addressed by God Himself unto Adam, is one which is being addressed to and must be answered by every man, woman, youth, and maiden who, at any time, has been connected with the Zion movement.

When the people, under the leadership of Moses, fell away, and persuaded Aaron to make a golden calf for them, and began to dance around it, Moses suddenly came down from the Mount and faced them, and, taking his stand in the gate of the camp he said:

"Who is on the Lord's side? let him come unto me."

Joshua, the successor of Moses, in his dying exhortation unto the people said:

"Choose you this day whom ye will serve; . . . but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Elijah said unto all the people:

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

Jesus said:

"He that is not with Me, is against Me: and he that gathereth not with Me, scattereth abroad."

Unto the angel of the Church of the Laodiceans it was written:

"I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would that thou wert cold or hot.

"So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of My mouth."

There are wise virgins, and there are foolish virgins.

There are sheep and there are goats.

There is the narrow gate, and there is the wide gate.

There is the narrow way, and there is the broad way: one leads to destruction: the other leads unto life.

"YE CANNOT SERVE GOD AND MAMMON."

You who professed once to stand for Zion principles and truths, WHERE ARE YOU STANDING NOW?

I exhort one and all to study very prayerfully the following exhortation given by God, through His beloved, inspired Apostle Paul:

"Finally, my brethren, be 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.

"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.

"Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

"Stand, therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

"And your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace;

"Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

"And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God:

"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

"And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the Gospel,

"For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak."

Take a decided stand at once.

Help by your prayers.

Pay your tithes and give your offerings.

Always carry with you a supply of Zion literature, and scatter it broadcast.

Ask God to open your eyes, that you may see sin-cursed and disease-smitten humanity; to open your ears to hear their cries of agonies for help.

God is richly blessing Zion, and soon the clouds will disappear, and the beautiful light of the Son of Righteousness will break in upon our pathway as never before.

**WATCH YE, THEREFORE; AND PRAY ALWAYS.**

**JESUS STRENGTHENS HIS DISCIPLES.**

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empted to walk around he was in danger of stumbling. He made the application. Every man has a day time, and every man has his rising sun, and his setting sun.

Jesus said, "Now is My day time: I can walk with safety. The powers of hell can never destroy Me until My work is done." Therefore He was perfectly safe in returning to Judæa.

**Christ Knew Lazarus Was Dead.**

These things said He: and after that He saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.

Then said His disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well.

They did not understand. My brethren in the ministry, we must not get impatient because people do not know as much as we do. We know a lot! [Laughter.] If people do not understand, they are not the first people who did not understand. Some people will misunderstand the simplest statement. How often the Apostles failed to understand.

Jesus said, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees."

Did they understand? No. They thought He was talking about the leaven put in bread.

**Study to Understand.**

A certain Methodist got up in a prayer meeting, and his exhortation was, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees." He said, "Now, brethren, there were eleven of those fellows, and Jesus was warning the Apostles against them." [Laughter.]

Be patient; be kind; but be firm all the same. The disciples must understand.

When He said, "He sleepeth," they thought he had simply gone to sleep, that is, as we go to sleep at night; but Jesus, by saying "He sleepeth," meant the same thing as others mean when they would have said, "He is dead." Jesus looked upon the one who had passed away as having fallen asleep. It is a beautiful thing to fall asleep in Jesus—to fall asleep here, and wake up in glory. It is a beautiful thought.

Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.

And I am glad for your sakes—

All Jesus said or did was for the sake of somebody.

And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye might believe; nevertheless let us go unto him.

Although the Apostles sat at the feet of Jesus, and were counted worthy to receive revelations not given to anybody else, it was their privilege to hear unfolded mysteries that had been hidden for ages, yet they were slow to understand, and they did not believe. It was so hard for them to believe.

When I think of Zion, and the thousands and thousands who were in Zion, how, at one time, all of them all over the world said, "I believe in Zion; I will die for Zion," and then the Almighty withdrew His hand, and allowed the clouds to gather, and the lightning to flash, and the thunder to roar, and the winds of adversity to blow, thousands of them ran away, and where are they now?

God wants a people who believe in times of adversity as strongly as in the time of prosperity. Any man can believe when all is well, but it takes a strong man, tried and true, born of God, and kept by His rich grace, to be firm in the time of adversity.

As I revised the addresses given the last night of the Convention, I noticed in Deacon Dow's address he said, "I am thankful to God I can say that never for one moment have I wavered or doubted."

So I say, you men and women who have never doubted or wavered, who are true to Zion principles, and have been true, may well praise your God [Amen], because the many have wavered; they have doubted; they have trampled the principles

of Zion under their feet, and if they will not repent, then I plead with my God to root them up, and take them out of Zion City. [Amen.]

**Slow to Believe.**

Jesus was glad for their sakes. He was glad because they would go with Him, and see Him raise Lazarus from the dead. That would confirm their belief, and strengthen them. You know the old teaching in Zion—you will find it in the first volume of the LEAVES OF HEALING—"seeing is not believing, but believing is seeing."

Jesus said to the nobleman, in the fourth chapter of John, "Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will in no wise believe."

How many say today, "If I could only see somebody healed, I would believe." They speak an untruth. Such people will not believe. The man who does not believe because it is in the Word of God, will not believe no matter how many are healed.

A man said to me once, "Look here, Voliva, don't you know that if it was true that people were resurrected from the dead by Jesus that everybody in the country would have accepted Him?" I said, "My friend, if you were taken out here into a neighboring cemetery, and the power of God resurrected every man in that cemetery, you would not believe in God." It is true that the Gospel is a "savour of life unto life to some, and of death unto death to others." "Ye will not believe except ye see signs and wonders," Jesus said. Some people say, "If I could see someone healed, I would believe." They tell an untruth. You must believe that God is, when you come to Him. You must accept God's Word. The signs and wonders will confirm, strengthen, and establish, but when a man will not believe unless he sees a thing, he will not believe if he sees signs.

How many have said that to Zion people who have been miraculously healed by God, when they told them their story. They would say, "Are you sure? Was there anything the matter with you? Don't you think you would have gotten well anyway?" etc. John Alex. Dowie said, "Pay no attention to the 'they says'." They said that John the Baptist "had a devil."

Jesus Christ came eating and drinking, and "they said He was a winebibber and a glutton."

**Belief Limited Because of Unfaithful Witnesses.**

The Apostles were slow to believe, and people today are slow to believe, very slow. Why? Because "when the Son of Man cometh will He find faith" where?

Voices: "On the earth."

"As it was in the days of Noah, so shall also the Coming of the Son of Man be."

Likewise, also, it was in the days of Lot:

"Evil men shall wax worse."

"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears."

They want a preacher who will tickle their ears. They pay so much a tickle. When I hear Zion people talking about "Such lovely (?) meetings; he is such a nice (?) fellow, so gentle (?), etc.,—just like the old apostate churches,—I think to myself, "My God and Father in Heaven, as Thou lookest down upon them, you have spewed them out of your mouth, (the apostate churches), what about apostate Zion people?"

They are ten times worse than the apostate churches. They say, "Prophecy unto us smooth things. Speak to us easy things."

People come into my office and say, "We will give you credit for this and that, but you are too harsh; you say awful things. There is our little preacher, he is so nice(?), and so gentle(?). He does not hurt anyone's feelings. He is such a lovely(?) character."

When a man objects to plain preaching of the Word of God, he is no good. I want to tell you that not one of you here, or

anybody else, will interfere with my preaching. When I stand up to preach, I will preach what the Holy Ghost gives me to preach, and leave the results with God.

I am not caring for any man's opinion, or for any man's money. God will take care of His true servants. If you want soft preaching, treacle, soft soap, putty, etc., you do not need to come to hear me. I put all those things away years ago.

#### A Doubter Convinced.

The next person is Thomas. Some of you are lineal descendants of Thomas. Thomas means a twin. Doubting Thomas. Some of you recognize your relatives. Thomas was a doubter. He said, "Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side I will not believe." The next Lord's Day evening they were together, and Thomas was with them; all at once Jesus stood in the midst. Jesus gave him the opportunity.

So Thomas said, "Let us go also, that we may die with Him." Thomas certainly expected that Jesus would be killed, and they would be killed with him. He was right, for the resurrection of Lazarus led to Christ's apprehension and crucifixion, but the Apostles were not with Him, for they all fled, "Peter followed Him afar off." John went inside the Judgment Hall, but Peter was out in the cold. John said, "I have a friend outside, may I bring him in?" Peter came in, and a girl almost frightened the life out of him. Peter said he did not know Him -- denied Him three times.

#### The Power of Death Broken.

Then when Jesus came, He found that he had lain in the grave four days already.

This is the third case where Jesus raised people from the dead. The first one was Jairus' daughter. She was just dead. He put them all out, except the father, mother, Peter, James, and John, and said, "*Tailtha cumi*," Damsel, I say unto thee, arise."

The next case is the son of the widow of Nain. He was in the coffin. When Jesus found that he was the only son of the widow He had compassion, pity, and mercy, and called him back to life.

In the case of Lazarus, the body had been buried four days. Therefore for that reason it must be considered as one of the most wonderful and remarkable miracles ever wrought, indeed the crown of all His miracles, the one that preceded His apprehension and crucifixion.

I will have to close now. I will finish this address next week, God willing. It is a wonderful chapter.

#### God's Word Is Power.

I am so glad that the addresses that are given can be reported and written up, and that other people can read them. Some of you people do not read them. I preach them, revise them, and after they are printed I read them over. I am learning all the time. The Word of God never grows old. May God bless the portion of His Word I have read, and the comments that have been offered.

What more can I say to help you closer to God? What more can I do that you may be filled with Divine enthusiasm? As I told you last Lord's Day afternoon, the most enjoyable places on earth ought to be your homes and Shiloh Tabernacle. [Amens.]

#### Thanks for Shiloh Tabernacle.

Oh, how thankful to God I am for Shiloh Tabernacle! The next payment on this Tabernacle is due on the 27th of this month, and I paid it yesterday. I am always glad to pay a week ahead of the time. Another payment is due January 1, 1909. We will pay for this Tabernacle and it will all be our own. How nice it is. What a wonderful asset! It belongs to God. God

is giving it to us. If we are all faithful we will win; but hang on, hang on, and pray, pray. Oh, how I pray to God to save this City. I pray to God to sweep everybody out of it who are not Zion [Amens], and nroot every plant here not planted by God.

God has wrought wonderful things in two years. What will be wrought in two years more? Our people should stay in Zion City if they do have to endure hardship. Do not go away unless you have to. As long as we are true to God He will bless us. God can work wonders. We have got to have a faithful people and faithful officers, and everybody right in the sight of God. I want to get all the sinful saved, and all the sick healed. We must have everything in working order, and everybody right in line. Do your duty. The Bible says, "Mark them that cause divisions and avoid them." We will avoid them, too. God will bring them to naught.

Some day we will review the whole history of Zion. We will review all of our movements and find out precisely what the mind of the Holy Ghost is upon every question. We will take what God wants. I am going to be sure about a thing before I make a move.

I pray every day that God will bring Zion's enemies to naught. God knows who is Zion, and who is not. When He puts them out, let them stay out. Do not try to get them back. There are true Zion people everywhere. Let us attend to our work, and not make mistakes.

I am very glad to see the attendance today. I like to see the meetings well attended. It is a good thing to spend a portion of every week in the study of God's Word. Read the eleventh chapter of John, and read it very carefully.

Elder Richert will now pronounce the Benediction.

The Benediction was pronounced by Elder Richert, after which those wishing to be prayed with were arranged conveniently for the laying on of hands, and prayed with.

## THE GROWTH OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE. IMPORTANCE. HOW CAN WE GROW?

(BY O. L. TINDALL.)

**T**HE Word of God teaches everywhere that there must be growth in the Christian life all along the line, or there is something wrong with the man or with the Church. Everything in nature, or in grace, is supposed to grow, except that which is dead.

An old man in the Christian life is not to be sighing for the good days of childhood when he was happier or better, or more useful. A Christian is supposed to keep on growing. In his old age he shall bear fruit. He shall renew his strength "like the eagle," and live on to a ripe and fruitful old age. God has no "retired list" in his service. It may be we shall have a change of work, but there is no honorable discharge from service. It may be, as sometimes said, "Young men for war, and old men for counsel;" but no superannuates.

The Churches are cursed by the cry for "young men." Old ministers are rarely seen today in any of the pulpits, and not very much in any of their councils. The fault is on both sides. Many an old minister has dried up and become a sort of fossil, simply because he has ceased to grow and to go forward.

All the teachings of the Bible show that the Kingdom of Heaven is one of growth. The parable of the sower shows

the Kingdom of Heaven grows and brings forth fruit, some thirty, some sixty, and some an hundred fold." The parable of the tares shows that the good seed is the children of the Kingdom. The parable of the leaven teaches that the Kingdom of God must increase and spread its influence to every part of the world, or a community, and finally of the world.

The parable of the mustard seed shows that it grows from a small beginning to a great tree.

The parable of the talents teaches us that when God gives a man any grace or talent, it must be used and be made to increase, or the man is a wicked and slothful servant, whose talent will be taken from him.

The parable of the net shows that the Kingdom of God does not increase and gathers in.

What is the Kingdom of God? It is "like unto a tree planted by the rivers of waters, that bears fruit in its season." It never ceases to do that it is cut down and is burned. The dead branches are cut off and cast into the fire. The place for dead men or dead churches is under the ground.

The Kingdom of God does not differ from the kingdom of the world so far as these principles are concerned.

The Kingdom of God must grow. It cannot be pent up more than a running stream, or life itself.

This is true of a single man, or of a community of men. Selfishness and narrowness and exclusiveness are not of God. The importance of this truth cannot be overestimated.

The practical lesson for us is,

**How Shall We Grow**

as individuals and as a Church or body of believers?

A few reflections on this part of the subject, I trust, may be helpful. There are two sides to this question.

I may say, first, there are some things we get by growth; second, there are some we get by gift.

Life itself is a gift. It does not come by "spontaneous generation," nor by evolution, nor by development. That is true of all life, animal and vegetable. We can trace it to no source but to God. He gave life in the beginning. "I came to give Life, and to give it abundantly."

It is ours to develop that life, in our bodies, and in our souls, and in our souls. You cannot generate life eternal.

"The gift of God is eternal life."

There are many conditions of growth.

The ground must be prepared. It must be put in proper condition for the seed. Stony ground will not produce a crop. It will not grow on the hard roadway or the paved streets of the city. It will not grow among thorns, and thistles, and weeds. The ground must be good. That part of the work is not a matter of growth in religion any more than it is in farming. In religion it is man's part to perform. It is *repentance*. It is a turning to do evil. It is turning away from one's sins. "The wicked man must forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, and He will abundantly pardon." (Isaiah 55:7.)

Some people seem to think that if a man quits all his sins, he would then have reached the highest goal of human excellency—the pinnacle of the Christian life.

He quits his lying, and stealing, and profanity, and cheating. He is clean of tobacco and whisky, his domestic and social life is above reproach; he has quit even the associations of secret societies whose deeds are those of darkness. He comes and says, "What lack I yet? Am I not growing in grace beautifully, and making fine progress in the Divine life?" I answer, No; we do not grow out of sin. We repent of sin and confess our sins, and forsake them, and then we get the good seed sown in our hearts, on good ground, and then it grows. There was no good seed

in our soil. It was sown there by the Son of Man, says the parable. The wicked man forsakes his way, and God forgives and washes away his iniquity, and his unrighteousness is cleansed. He has a pure heart, but this is no more perfection of Christian life and living than the cleaning of a piece of ground is the perfection of a crop of wheat or corn. You gather off the stones, and kill out the thistles, and plow up the fallow ground, and then you are ready for the good seed.

Some things in the Christian life and experience are sudden and some are gradual, or a matter of growth.

The forgiveness of sin is instantaneous, the same as it is in the case of the governor of the state pardoning a prisoner out of the prison. A man repents at once. Pardon is granted. A man confesses his sins and God forgives and cleanses him from all unrighteousness. Then the ground is cleaned of its trash and the weeds are killed out. Then the good seed is sown in a good heart. God gives His Spirit. When man obeys, when man prays, "Ask and it shall be given you," God sheds abroad His love in our hearts. God creates in us clean hearts and renews right spirits within us, as the Psalmist prayed. The leopard cannot change his spots, nor the Ethiopian his skin.

The Gift of the Holy Spirit is not a thing of growth. He was poured out upon the people who were prepared to receive Him. They laid hands upon them and they received the Holy Spirit. Peter preached the word to those assembled at the house of Cornelius, and the Holy Spirit fell upon all that heard the Word. They were prepared for it by the teaching and the preaching of the Word. They listened and heard and believed what they heard, and then they received—the same as healing is received, suddenly; and "immediately he received sight," and "immediately she was made whole."

Salvation is not a growth, but a gift. Eternal life is the gift of God. Sinners do not grow in grace, only believers. Dead men do not grow into life. Time does not help their case in the least. It only grows worse, like the afflicted woman under the doctors' care. Christ spake the Word, and the dead came to life. There is no use to go to a cemetery and make an exhortation to the inhabitants to practice all or any of the graces. There is no use to exhort them to work out their salvation, and tell them to use their talents and bring forth fruit. A dead tree cannot bear fruit, it matters not how much you dung about it, or how carefully you cultivate it. Christ said, first make the tree good, then you can improve it, and feed and cultivate it, and make it bear fruit, more and more. The child of God grows in grace and in knowledge, the same as a tree does.

You have some work to do. If you have cleaned the ground, weeds may spring up again. The Devil may sow tares after you have sowed the good seed. All kinds of worms and insects and bugs get on trees. Every tree and plant and flower has its enemy, as all you know who try to raise a garden or a crop of grain. It is not all to say, "Did we not sow good seed? whence then these tares?" Yes, and all these destroying little insects? God gave the first man a garden in the beauty of perfection, but Adam was told to till and dress the garden.

If a man was as pure and as perfect as an angel, yet he would have to work; and still he could grow.

Does a clean garden or field grow your crop less rapidly than one filled with weeds? Which will grow the faster, a clean and pure man, and upright, or a man that sins, and turns back, and falters, and falls? Does a man make any headway who goes a mile today and then turns back tomorrow and goes a mile in the opposite direction? Does a door on its hinges, that swings to and fro, ever get anywhere and make any progress. The man reaches the goal first who keeps his eye fixed constantly on the goal and the prize set before him and does not look back. It is not necessary for a man to go on sinning in order to have something to do in the Christian life and warfare. Even Jesus

the Christ grew in stature and in wisdom and in honor with God and man.

It is not necessary for a man to continue in sin that grace may abound. No man need be afraid that he will get so good or so holy that he will have no room to grow. Which grows the faster, the sickly and diseased baby, or the babe that is healthy in every fibre of its body?

Disease and sin prey upon your body, whether the physical or spiritual body. Neither is a means of grace to help you on to God.

#### A Grain Must Die Before It Can Bear Fruit.

"Except a grain of corn fall into the ground and die it abideth alone, but if it die it bringeth forth *much* fruit." So said the Christ.

That means a man must die to sin before he can live unto righteousness. He cannot play cold *and* hot before God. He cannot serve God *and* mammon. It is Baal or the Lord, not both. He cannot be a Free Mason on Monday night and kneel at the altar dedicated to Baal, and then on the Lord's Day be a Christian and acknowledge Christ whom he dare not mention in a Masonic lodge. Masons are Baal worshippers. A man must renounce the hidden works of darkness, or else not pretend to be a child of light. Let these men die to these things.

A man must die to one thing before he can take up another of a directly opposite nature. A man cannot be black and white at the same time. He cannot go north and south at once.

It is told of two drunken men who got into their boat one night to start for home up the river. They rowed, and rowed, and rowed, but still did not come to their city. Finally morning came, and the light dawned upon them, and their senses came, too, and they discovered to their surprise that they had not loosened the boat from the shore.

Many men are rowing their little barks in the same way, in the Christian life, over her troubled sea. They think they are going to heaven, but they make no headway, and do not understand why.

The Word of God makes it plain enough. They have never loosed the cable that holds them to this earth. You cannot be a citizen of this earth and of heaven any more than you can be a citizen of Great Britain and of the United States at the same time.

You have to renounce allegiance to the one and swear allegiance to the other, if you would change your citizenship.

No more can you be a citizen of the Kingdom of God and the kingdom of the Devil at the same time. Paul says, "Our citizenship is in Heaven."

If a man's affections are on things of this world he is not a good citizen of the world to come.

Said the beloved John, "If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

Said James, "The friendship of the world is enmity with God."

#### A Man Must Die if He Would Live.

For whosoever will save his life shall lose it, and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

"I *died*," said Paul, "yet I live." The Christian life must be preceded by a death.

The corn must fall into the ground and die, or it abides alone; but if it die it bringeth forth *much* fruit.

Christian brother, do you know what it means to *die*?

#### Other Conditions of Growth.

A man must feed his spiritual being as well as his physical. What shall be his food? Why, the Word of God. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." You must read your Bible; that is your food, and to meditate upon it with prayer is the way to digest your food. "On His law doth he meditate day and night."

Another means by which we grow is by exercise. You would become paralyzed if you sat down and never moved your muscles. Exercise is absolutely essential to growth and vigor of body. The athlete exercise daily. The pugilist trains his muscles and members most carefully and assiduously. The musician keeps up his practice, or he soon becomes a failure. You must practice your religion or you are no good. We believe in expansion until we fill all the earth with righteousness and salvation shall cover the earth as the waters cover the great deep.

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## The Gospel of the Kingdom

### SATAN THE DEFILER.

Address Delivered at the Second Service in the Auditorium, Chicago, Lord's Day, November 3, 1895, by Rev. John Alexander Dowie.

A VAST audience was assembled at the second service in the Auditorium. The service was begun by the singing by the choir and audience of "On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand." The tenth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, beginning at the thirty-fourth verse was read. Then the large audience again joined in singing "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story," after which Dr. Dowie stepped to the front of the platform and spoke as follows:

Above all other exercises we expect greater results from the service in which we are about to engage than any other. When I have said "Let us pray," we have said three words that bring us into direct and intimate communion with God. The real presence of God is made manifest to us. Not a God afar off, but "Where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there am I in the midst."

We can with perfect confidence believe that by the Eternal Spirit's power Christ Himself is with us in this hour, as we bow before our Father's throne. I would like you all to pray in spirit to follow the attitude directed in Scripture where the invitation is given in these words, "O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for He is our Lord."

Prayer was then offered by Dr. Dowie.

Dr. Dowie then said:

While I will deal with the lecture generally, I will specifically deal with this expression which is given great emphasis by

that Prince of Infidels—I was almost going to say Prince of Liars, and I think I would be justified in saying that, for the lie that he has uttered is one of the most scandalous, infamous and disreputable. It is not dangerous in a sense, except to those who are already far from God, and which will keep them so, if it is believed by them. I mean this statement of Ingersoll's: "The God of the Christians must perish from the Universe. He is of no use. He has never answered a prayer."

That statement is a lie (applause), a wicked and infernal lie (applause), and I intend to prove its falsity next Lord's Day afternoon here. (Amen). It is for the young men and women who have departed from the faith of their fathers that I am especially solicitous.

I do trust that our lecture of next Sunday afternoon may help to make plain and clear the foundations of faith, the reality of God's Word, and the truth of Christ's unchangeableness, and that God is the hearer and answerer of prayer in Chicago today. (Amen, I intend to prove this, and to try conclusions with that Prince of Infidels, and to call for a verdict from the people who, no doubt, will throng this building. May God defend the right and bless His work. (Amen).

Dr. Dowie then announced that in accordance with his usual practice in Zion tabernacle on the first Lord's Day of every month, he would invite every Christian present to remain and partake of the bread and unfermented wine at the Lord's Table immediately after the service. He said that by the term "Christian" he meant all who truly repented of their sins, and who brought forth fruits meet for repentance, and who rested for pardon, peace, life and heaven by faith in God alone through Jesus Christ our Lord. These and these alone, whether they were members of any denominational Church or not, were the participators he invited.

Dr. Dowie added: The dying thief, who confessed on the cross, had never seen the inside of a church, or been baptized, or been sat upon by any Church committee, and after a man has

been sat upon by any Church committee, he is mighty flat. On the Day of Pentecost there was no committee which sat upon those who were there at that time, but they were at once baptized and received. They had no use for a committee. We have no committees in this work. If there were to be a committee, I should appoint a committee of three and recommend that two of them stay at home and see that one man did the work. I never knew a business establishment yet that was conducted by means of committees. It seems to me the Church of God is greatly injured by its committees.

After a song by the choir and the collection of the offerings, the speaker proceeded with his sermon, saying:

I am to speak to you today concerning.

#### Satan the Defiler.

I spoke last Lord's Day afternoon concerning Jesus the Healer.

I ask your attention today to two passages of Scripture. The first is the First Epistle of John, the eighth verse:

He that doeth sin is of the Devil; for the Devil sinneth from the beginning. For this end was the Son of God manifested, that He might destroy the works of the Devil.

And in the tenth chapter of Acts, in the thirty-eighth verse, it is written:

How that God anointed Him 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.

For this purpose the Son of God was manifested that He might destroy the works of the Devil, and God anointed Jesus of Nazareth for that end.

Some say that the Devil never was born; that he never existed; that he is a fiction of the imagination; a crude and fearful creation of an effete superstition. Others tell us the Devil is dead. Is the Devil dead?

There is a story told in my native country, Scotland, to this effect: An aged and learned minister of the Gospel, in a certain town in Scotland, was one morning taking his usual walk by the side of a river, and a young man, who had been away in a distant country where he had become an infidel, who used to attend this good man's ministry, and knew his habits, thought he would have some fun with the "Dominie," as he called him. He had been in America and had imbibed the teachings of some Ingersoll or some similar child of the Devil, and he came back full of his infidelity. Meeting the "Dominie" he said, "Good morning, Dominie."

"Good morning, my son," said the minister.

"Dominie, I have just had bad news," said the young man.

"Well, what is it," asked the Dominie.

"One of your great friends is dead," replied the youth.

"Aye? and who is he?" asked the old man.

"It is the De'el," and he laughed long and loudly.

But there was no laugh on the face of the "Dominie." Putting his hands on the young man's shoulder and looking straight into his face, he said, "Puir fatherless bairn"—let me translate it for you, "Poor fatherless child, what will become of you now that your father is dead?" (Laughter.)

Well, if the Devil were dead, we should not be sorry; we would rejoice, and we shall one day join in singing a song of victory when the Devil shall be swept off this earth. But meanwhile the Devil is not dead. He is very much alive, and if you want further proof of that fact you have only to preach the Gospel as I have preached it for a number of years and you will find plenty of devils in Chicago and elsewhere. (Laughter.)

Now this afternoon I want to talk to you concerning Satan, *Diabolos*, the Accuser, the Prince of Darkness, sometimes called Lucifer. Today he wields such a stupendous power that if we did not know that God overrules all things and will ultimately

triumph, we would despair of humanity and despair of the world. But the same glorious revelation that shows us the preexistence of Jesus as the Eternal Life, as the Savior of the world, by whom all things came into being, defines also the end of Satan and the limits of his kingdom.

There is no difficulty in understanding if you are wise to read. Satan had a preexistence before man was created. Satan perhaps, with his host, once dwelt upon this earth, because I have never believed, since examining the subject, and the Scriptures do not teach, that man was the first inhabitant of this earth. I know many men in the Church who are afraid to admit the existence of a pre-Adamic race, but the Scriptures themselves clearly teach the existence of such a race.

Remember, when Noah came down from the ark, his wife, his three sons and their wives, eight in number, that the command of Jehovah to them was this: "Be fruitful; multiply, and replenish the earth." What did that mean? It meant exactly what it said: that he should replenish the earth. The earth had been full of inhabitants. They had all been swept away by the Flood. Noah had lived among them. When he came down from the ark, there was not one living being upon the earth but himself, his wife, his sons and their wives. The whole cursed race of Cain, the murderer, had been swept from the earth. God said, "Be fruitful; multiply, and replenish the earth."

Go back one step further. When God created Adam, and in due time Eve, and put them in the Garden of Eden, what was His first command? "Be fruitful; multiply, and replenish the earth." Exactly the same words he said to Noah. The inference there is clear. The earth had once been full of inhabitants; otherwise it would have been absurd to use the word "replenish."

My own contention is that, in all probability, Satan had at one time, with his hosts, inhabited this earth, had been ejected from it, and he, with a host of disembodied spirits, came up again from the depths of hell into which they had been cast, determined to repossess themselves of this earth, and they had been at it for four thousand years, and have very largely succeeded in dominating the earth and deceiving man first of all.

In what way? By means of Satan himself. The first woman was deceived by means of Satan, who broke through the heavenly watch. We know so little about this, but if we had an absolutely reliable copy of the "Book of Enoch the Seventh from Adam," which Jude quotes in his epistle, we should probably have an exact account by that mighty prophet of how Satan first of all corrupted man, by first corrupting the angelic Watchers of the Heavens whom God had placed there to guard humanity in the upper air. By seducing these watchers, probably, Satan himself, first, and then his host, had gotten through to this earth. Since that time, Satan is called in Scripture, "the Prince of the Power of the Air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience." Our warfare is therefore, as Paul the Apostle wrote, "not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places," or, as it might be properly read, "against the hosts of evil spirits in the upper air."

Satan seeking for human and earthly embodiment became embodied in the beast. Not in "a crawling serpent," as we hear it now-a-days spoken of, but in that beast when it stood erect before its fall, that most subtle of all beasts on earth. Into that beast Satan entered, and possessing it, he became the chief tempter and seducer of mankind. Since his success at that time the great single design of Satan and the spirits which fell with him is to possess man in one form or another.

He was nearly ejected from the earth at the time of the Flood. But he deceived Noah, and when Noah had been taught to plant the vine, Satan also entered into the planting and turned the

and innocent juice of the grape into a hellish poison, by showing man how to arrest the grape in its fermentation; that is, its process of decay. The hellish poison of alcohol can be eaten only by decay. Satan devised this sweet rottenness, and transformed the fruit of the vine as to make it the means of the damnation of millions. Satan has been seeking to possess man, body and soul and spirit, through all these ages, and has succeeded in possessing himself, first of the spirit, then of the soul, and then of the body. Satan has done this. It is not a question, it is a fact.

Now when Christ came to this earth, He came for the purpose of establishing a Kingdom, and the Kingdom to be established was for a specific purpose. Hence it was needful for Him to meet Satan, and in a conflict with Satan Christ must rise superior to every possibility of temptation in a perfect manhood. It was necessary that He should establish a Kingdom which would be, in effect, the destruction of the demon power on earth, and that it be by what name you will.

Christ spoke of Satan as the "father of lies." He had been in the truth, but he "abode not in the truth." He rebelled against the truth and strove to establish a kingdom by transgression of law and by the establishment of anarchy.

He designed to tear God from His throne and through anarchy to become a supreme god of the universe, and he wants to do it still.

There is no disease in God and there is none in heaven. Disease and health cannot come from the same source, for death and life are as much opposed as are heaven and hell.

Let us go back, let us ask God to show us how Satan has failed.

The struggle between Satan and God is, first of all, for the possession of the spirit of man.

There are three parts in man, not two. Man is composed of spirit, soul, and body. The spirit alone is immortal, not the soul. The soul dies. Christ's soul died. Christ Himself said: "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful even unto death." The soul of man and the soul of beast are alike. But the distinguishing thing in man is the spirit. God is the Father of Spirits, and our spirit is immortal because it owes its origin to God.

The struggle of Satan is to possess the spirit of man. In his conflict with Jesus in the forty days, he presented finally three temptations. The first is the temptation of the body of Christ. Hungry, weary, worn, and exhausted, "If Thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread." The answer of Christ, almost dying from hunger was, "It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

Satan next took Him to a pinnacle of the Temple and said to Him, "If Thou be the Son of God, cast Thyself down: for it is written, He shall give His angels charge concerning Thee, and their hands they shall bear Thee up, lest at any time Thou dash Thy foot against a stone." Satan quoted Scripture.

Is there anything more contemptible than when Robert Rogersoll, or the Devil, which is the same thing, quotes Scripture? Is there a more contemptible practice for a man than to try to thwart God's plan by using the Bible?

I propose to have it out with that man who uses the Bible in that fashion. I have long intended to do so, and I feel quite desirous of having a good whack at him next week. But Christ's answer is sublime: for the Word of God is as a two-edged sword, and He thrusts Satan through and through with it, saying: "It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God."

In the third and last temptation Satan says: "You have overcome me now for forty days and nights as no man ever has, and have resisted every temptation, and I have only one favor to ask before I myself become Thy worshiper, and that is, come down with me." And he took Him into an exceedingly high mountain

and showed Him all the magnificence of the world in a moment of time and said, "All these will I give Thee if Thou wilt fall down and worship me." And Christ rose to the highest summit of manhood, and in majestic utterance said: "Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve."

Now we can see how man in his spirit can become the master of the Devil.

The greatest lie that ever was uttered concerning the Word of God since the Reformation is to be found in Christian theology—a lie that has been the abomination of the Church and its pollution; a lie which has made it incapable of sustaining its position; a lie which asserts that God worked in such a way as to be the author of or the willing permitter of sin or disease; the Calvinistic lie, which made God—what shall I say?

There are words which leap to my lips which are bitter, for it is bitter for me to think of the infernal lie to which in my boyhood days I had to listen, that God had foreordained the damnation of the wicked, and therefore had created them "vessels of wrath" to be subjects for His vengeance, and made them incapable of virtue or holiness. Oh, what a lie. And that second lie that came after the first, namely, that God the Father in His infinite wisdom has consented that His children shall be a prey to disease, to all kinds of sicknesses and infirmities, because by means of this God purifies the hearts of His children, and brings them to Himself. That is an infernal lie! [Amen.]

When did Christ say that? Where did Christ say that? If He should say it, I should say to Him, Why did You say it? But He never did. When did He say, looking into the faces of suffering men, "Do not ask Me to heal you; your Heavenly Father knows what is good for you, and therefore in His infinite love and mercy He has allowed His hand of affliction to fall upon you and has made you sick in your body that He might make you pure in your spirit?" Never! [Amen.]

But the Son of God was made manifest that He might destroy the works of the Devil. What works did He destroy? In the house of Cornelius the Centurion, Peter the Apostle, in describing Christ's earthly life, said, "God anointed Him with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed"—of God? No. Of the Devil? Yes. Why? "For God was with Him." Do you see it?

In Matthew 4:23, which I quoted last Lord's Day afternoon, it says:

And Jesus went about in all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, and healing all manner of disease and all manner of sickness among the people.

Nineteen centuries ago every kind of sickness and every kind of disease was healed by Jesus. Peter declares that all whom He healed were oppressed of the Devil; if that is true, then nineteen centuries ago every kind of disease was the work of the Devil. Can it be God's work today?

Audience: "No."

Dr. Dowie: Whose?

Audience: "The Devil's."

Dr. Dowie: It must be so unless you are going to prove that God is doing the work today which the Devil used to do nineteen centuries ago. Now the lie that God wills diseases has crept into the churches, is embalmed in their songs, and is taught from their pulpits that God blesses humanity by laying His hand, full of corruption, upon it and making the people sick. I tell you this, as God's minister today, there are things that God cannot do.

Once when I said that in Australia a man arose in the meeting and said: "Dr. Dowie, permit me, I must leave this meeting; I must protest against the statement just made by you that there is something God cannot do."

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## Notes By The Assistant Editor.

The Sermon of General Overseer Voliva on Lord's Day, September 20th, in Whitney Opera House, Chicago, was greatly enjoyed by Zion there. The newspapers far and near seemed to be stirred also, because parts of the sermon were repeated not only in the Chicago papers, but in the New York and other papers, with comments.

"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.

Where the Word of God is preached faithfully, sinners are made to cry out, as at the day of Pentecost when Peter proclaimed the Gospel of the Kingdom, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

There can be but one answer to all earth's sorrows, especially where people are not in line with truth: "Repent, and believe the Gospel."

The Word of God slays sinners; yet He is merciful and He who is called "The Word of God" stands ready to meet the repentant one who has died to sin, and to fill him with life everlasting, and with power to serve.

Does any one imagine that he can escape the quick and powerful message of the Word of God? It is for all men. None are to be ignorant of it. His witnesses are to proclaim it to every nation that none should be ignorant of God.

Hear Paul at Mars' Hill: "Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious.

"For as I passed by and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, Him declare I unto you.

"God that made the world, and all things therein, seeing that He is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;

"Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, seeing He giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;

"And hath made of one blood all nations of men, for to dwell on all the face of the earth; and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

"That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after Him, and find Him, though He be not far from every one of us:

"For in him we live, and move, and have our being: as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also His offspring.

"Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

"And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent;

"Some mocked; and others said, we will hear thee again of this matter."

How strange that some will tempt God and even invite an attack!

But the glorious Gospel wins some every time it is proclaimed; and Paul's Mars' Hill sermon, even though preached in the presence of heathen gods, was not without its fruits, for "certain men clave unto him (Paul) and believed."

God's Word shall not return to Him void; but it shall accomplish that wherewith He hath sent it.

It is sent to destroy sin and sinners; and "every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess to the glory of God."

Zion is helping God to establish His Kingdom:

By Repenting;

By Obeying His Commandments;

By appropriating His Gifts;

By Witnessing to His Mercies;

By Living Holy Lives;

By not forsaking the assembling of themselves together;

By prayer; by humility; by love; by justice; by mercy.

"Because He has appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness, by that man whom He hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance unto all men, in that He hath raised Him from the dead."

Zion's message to all men everywhere is to repent.

The Word of God cleaves a clean line between all sin on the one hand and righteousness on the other.

Zion continues to delight in witnessing to God's healing power, and that in some homes almost daily the afflicted are made to feel the healing touch of God's power.

The thoughts and intents of men's hearts cannot be hidden from the penetrating power of the Word of God. Is it to be wondered at, then, when the truth of the Gospel is brought to bear upon the hearts of the unrighteous, that sinners are "pricked in their hearts" and are demonstrative?

Zion continues to praise her God for keeping power.

Zion rejoices that from far and near comes the good news at her literature, the LEAVES OF HEALING, THE ZION HERALD, the Messages, and the Tracts, are being received with gladness; and that many sad hearts are made to rejoice in the good news of salvation from sin, and healing from sickness and disease.

The General Overseer is planning a number of campaigns in near-by cities. The fourth Lord's Day in October arrangements are being made for the entire Senior Choir, Orchestra, and Band, with a large number of Seventies, to go to Chicago to hold a meeting and to witness the full Gospel of Salvation, Healing, and Holy Living.

Let Zion everywhere pray for great success in these meetings.

## SATAN THE DEFILER.

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I said, "Why do you protest against it?"  
 "Because," he said, "there is nothing that God cannot do."  
 "Well," I said, "wait a moment. You believe the Bible, do you not?"

"Yes, sir," he answered, "and I wish you did!"  
 "Thank you," I replied, "I do. So you say there is nothing impossible with God?"

"Yes, sir," he replied.  
 "Well," I said, "it is written in the Bible, 'It is impossible for God to lie.'" [Amen and laughter.]

"Oh," he said, "Everybody knows that." [Laughter.]  
 "Well," I said, "You did not a few moments ago. Now," I said, "sit down and you may learn something."

I tell you today there are a good many things impossible with God because they are evil. It is impossible for God to make a man sick. It is impossible for God's hand to communicate disease.

Impossible! And why? For this good reason: That God is incorruptible and pure and incapable of communicating evil. Hence it is impossible for an incorruptible thing to communicate corruption. [Amen.] It is impossible for a being who is without disease to communicate disease. It is impossible for God to make people sinful or sick or unclean or miserable, for if He did He would then be a fountain of sin and disease. It is impossible

for any disease to come from heaven, for in heaven there is no sin, no disease, no death, and no power of hell, and, therefore, it is impossible for any of these things to come from heaven. No possibility exists that God can be the author of disease.

"Ah," say some, "wait! Have you not read, Dr. Dowie, in God's Word, 'whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth?' Do you not know that these words mean that God chastens men with disease?" I do not: for Satan is the defiler and Christ is the Healer. But I do know that this is the construction put upon this verse, even by clergymen who ought to know better. They evidently are not aware of the word *paideia*, the Greek word for chastisement. It comes from the word *Pais*, child, and that word is the basis for the word *pedagogue* in our own language, which means an instructor of children.

And so the word *Paideia* means instruction, education, the training of a child, the education of its faculties, of spirit, of soul, of body. It means the careful bringing up of a child, keeping it healthy and separating the child from everything that is evil and making the child clean and wholesome, pure, holy, strong in every way. "Whom the Lord loveth He nourishes, He educates, strengthens, brings up as a father does a child," is the fair meaning of the original words. It has nothing to do with making sick, but the opposite.

Do you for a moment imagine that education is imperfect unless the child is made sick? When you send your child to college do you say, "Now, Mr. Jones, I send you my son; educate him: but see that he gets a regular dose of sickness every quarter; knock out an eye if you think it necessary; give him tuberculosis, typhoid fever, or any suitable disease, at frequent intervals; or break a leg—love him, Mr. Jones, and chasten him as the Lord does His children: for whom the Lord loveth He maketh sick." If that were so, I would say, "Lord, don't love me."

Disease is the result of sin, and would not have been in the world but for sin. To make disease part of the plan or purpose of God is to make God the father of sin, and that would be to transform God into the Devil. Now this lie has been embalmed in song, prayer, and preaching long enough.

"Oh, but," says somebody, "don't you know that disease makes men better sometimes? The people are brought to God by sickness."

Are they? I deny it. I say there never was a statement made that had less of truth in it than that. I have some acquaintance with sickness. Last year I laid these hands more than 50,000 times upon the sick. I know what I am talking about. I see often from 1000 to 1500 sick persons in a week in Zion Tabernacle and in the Homes, etc., and I pray definitely for thousands whom I never see. I have visited hospitals and have worked among the suffering in many lands, and have for nearly twenty years been used in the ministry of healing through faith in Jesus. Shall I tell you what I know?

Disease does not bring people nearer to God; it drives them further away from Him. It is the Holy Spirit that brings people to God, whether sick or well. I ask you who are sitting here, is not that so?

Voices: "Yes."

Dr. Dowie: If you say that sickness and disease will bring you nearer to God, then suppose, for a moment, that I have a choice stock of diseases here, and I say, "Come up here and let me give you typhoid fever, or consumption, or cholera; let me knock out an eye for you—I will do all this as God's minister to bring you nearer to God and to show you that He loves you."

My experience is directly opposite to the teaching that diseases, the corruptions born of father Satan and mother Sin, ever brought people to God. Those who have lived nearest to God find that disease lessens their faith, depresses their spirits and leaves them in the shadows and darkness; and when their loved

ones have passed away it often leaves a shadow that is never effaced so long as they think God sent the disease.

Disease good! Who said it? Did Christ ever say it? Never! He never said that disease was according to God's purpose, and no man has any right to say it in His Name. Satan is the defiler and Christ is the Healer. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the Devil.

Let me close.

Next Lord's Day when I deal with that prince of infidels, Ingersoll, I shall have testimony to disprove that attack upon God and on prayer.

Listen! Every man and woman here who asked God Almighty for Jesus' sake to heal them, and every one who got an answer to that prayer, stand to their feet. [Many hundreds arose.]

Well, then, come up here next Sabbath and I will put you on as God's Witnesses.

Now, beloved friends, I want to ask you who have felt the oppression of Satan, who are sick and sinful, but who want to be free from his power, stand to your feet and ask God to help you. *You who want to belong to the Devil, sit still.* [Nearly every one in the vast audience arose.]

A Voice: "They are all up, Doctor."

Dr. Dowie: No; there are some who want to belong to the Devil yet; the Lord save them!

Brothers, sisters, are you willing, by the grace of God, to do what is right in God's sight?

Voices: "I am."

Dr. Dowie: Are you willing to do right by your fellowmen; if you have stolen, to restore it; if you have lied, to confess; if you have wronged any one, to put it right again? Can you say. By the grace of God, I will?

Voices: "I will."

Dr. Dowie: Then let us pray.

Dr. Dowie led those standing in prayer as follows, the prayer being repeated clause by clause:

My God and Father, for Jesus' sake, take me as I am, and make me what I ought to be. Cleanse me from every defilement of the flesh, of the spirit, by the Holy Spirit. Help me to do right for Jesus' sake. Forgive my sins. He died for sinners, and therefore died for me. In His Name give myself to Thee, and for His sake I beseech Thee to take me and keep me and to use me. Amen.

The hymn "Sinners Jesus Will Receive" was then sung by all, the Ordinance of the Lord's Supper was again announced, and the following Benediction was pronounced:

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray your whole Spirit, Soul, and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it. The Grace of our Lord Jesus, the Love of God the Eternal Father, the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, the Eternal Comforter; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you, keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

### Feels Thankful for Zion and the C. C. A. C.

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EDITOR LEAVES OF HEALING:

*Dear Brother in the Christ:—*

Peace to thee! When I see the lack of spirituality in the Churches, and how the preachers make the ministry a source of livelihood, preaching where they can get the largest salary, I then feel so thankful for Zion and the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church, and I pray that the Ministry in Zion shall be for the love and the interest that God's children should have in the extension of His Church and Kingdom, they being heirs and joint heirs with Christ, and this Kingdom is eternal. Oh, how few understand the fullness of what this means! and may God give the Ministry of Zion wisdom to understand, is my prayer.

Yours in Jesus' name,

(Signed) MRS. ———.

## HOW TO PAY PREACHERS OR FINANCING THE CHURCH

(BY O. L. TINDALL)



HERE have been a good many different ways invented by the modern churches and sects of paying, or not paying, their parsons.

Some of the so-called churches account for the dearth in preachers now-a-days by saying that it is because they are so poorly paid. The theological seminaries are in straits because of the falling off of students, and they think it is because the young men can do better financially in other kinds of employment or profession.

I take it that they are right, in one sense, for you can get men for almost anything, if you put the price high enough. They will go into the liquor business because of the "good money" there is in it; and, no doubt, plenty of men would take on the clerical robes if terms were made satisfactory. Zion could get plenty of elders at \$250 a month, and even as low as \$100 a month the supply was not so bad; but when rates came down to the Gospel scale of wages, there has been a scarcity; or, at least, quite a falling off.

When a church says that the ministry is short because the pay is short, they simply admit that the men of the cloth are in it for "revenue only," as the politicians say.

On this question the churches are getting about as far astray from the Bible, our guide book, as they are on healing and baptism, and government, etc. The curse of the Churches today is simply this: They will not follow the Word of God in anything. They take their own way and walk in the counsel of the ungodly, who, of course, would say, "If you will pay your ministry more and guarantee them "bank assurance" or security, you would have no trouble in getting plenty of pulpit supplies and of a much better quality, for human nature is that way. If it be poor pay it will be poor preach. As Dr. Dowie used to say of the Roman Catholics: "High money, high mass; low money, low mass; no money, no mass."

The Protestants are no better. The call now of the ministry is, for the most part, a money call.

Zion has a work of Restoration along this line of financing the Church of Jesus Christ, shall I call it? Zion believes in finance, and we know very much depends upon this question, whether in business, or politics, or religion. Why, even the politicians have had to make a new plank for their platforms on the subject of collecting campaign funds.

Money matters must be watched, and they need the Gospel touch as much as anything else.

The big salaries in Zion's ministry heretofore were a curse, not only to the whole body, but to the men who did not have grace to resist the alluring charm. It spoiled them. Better had it been for them had they been put absolutely on the old gospel plan of "cutting their own fodder," and living by their own efforts, with no money guarantee, as did the early disciples and apostles. There was no such thing as a money guarantee, and a contract of so much salary.

These men who cry out against commercialism in the Church and ministry had better cut out that trafficking in selling livings, as they do in the great State churches of England, and other countries. What better is it in any church when they buy a parson for so much and send him away when they are tired of him?

The whole economy of Protestant churches today is earthly,

and "of the earth, earthy." It is the old story of Balaam, the prophet, selling his services for hire and gain. He would work for the man that would give him the most money, would curse Israel for the enemy. A good many today who used to prophesy great things for Zion for \$250 a month, will now curse her for a few postage stamps.

A true call to the ministry does not carry with it a money consideration. We must get back to Bible times. Christ never promised to pay even their car fares or boat rides. The Apostles had "to paddle their own canoes." A carriage and four was not furnished, nor any half fares on an electric. Christ said a man that follows Him follows a man who hath not place even to lay his head—no roof to cover Him.

Fat salaries were quite out of the question, and who will say that they have ever been a blessing? What is the effect of them? How much have they had to do with the awful spiritual dearth that is now everywhere in the so-called churches?

Will raising the salaries remedy the evil, think you? or has not that been the curse? When did the Church and Christianity flourish most and best?

Zion must seek the old paths, and not new ones. Christ required His men to go out without scrip or purse. "Take no purse, get you no gold nor silver, etc., for the laborer is worthy of his food, or of his hire." He said they must forsake all: houses, and lands, etc. Their trust must be in Him whose servants they were.

A minister must have something of the feeling that Paul said he had: "Woe is me, if I preach not the Gospel." "I offered the loss of all things," said he, "for Christ's sake and the Gospel's." He knew not what awaited him, except persecutions and, in some places, bonds.

"Well, but," says the worldly man, and most of the preachers, "a man must have a living." Yes. But a man must be entirely free from any care or anxiety on that line. "Take no thought (or anxiety) as to what you shall eat, or what you shall drink, or wherewithal you shall be clothed," said Jesus Christ, whose servants we are.

A man should do in the ministry what a good servant should do anywhere else: take good heed to his work that he does that well. A good paymaster will give him that which is right. That is God's promise. These are the general principles laid down for us in the Bible.

But what have we to do with it? Support must come from men, as well as from God, for we do not expect God to rain down food out of Heaven, or smite the rock to get water for us, or keep our shoes from wearing out, as He did for Moses and the children of Israel in the wilderness. We must do that for ourselves, with the help of His good Spirit. We are to get our living out of the people, unless under certain strained conditions we have to work at "tent making," or some other kind of employment, and support ourselves. The rule of the gospel is that the ministry shall live by the gospel as Christ said and as Paul plainly declared.

The Apostles said at the time of Pentecost that it was not meet that they should serve tables, and look after all the affairs of the church; but it was their business to give themselves to the ministry of the word; but they made provision for the money matters, and appointed seven men to look after this. They had charge of the business and gave all the directions, told them how many men were needed, and the kind of men to select, and then they ordained them to their office.

Does the Bible give us any rules of financing the affairs of the Church? If so, what are they?

In olden times they were very plain. The priests had their allowances or provision for support. They had a tithe of all things; a special tithe every third year; redemption money, or five shekles a head for every first-born of man or beast; money

paid on things dedicated to the Lord; of spoils taken in war; of the shew bread, burnt offerings, peace offerings, heave-shoulder, etc. On their entering into Canaan thirteen cities were assigned them, with suburbs, or pasture grounds for their flocks.

When Paul discussed this question of paying the preachers he referred to this, and said, "Know ye not that they which minister about sacred things eat of the things of the temple?" "Even so did the Lord ordain that they which proclaim the Gospel should live of the Gospel," said he. Have we no right to eat or to drink? "What soldier ever serveth at his own charges? Who planteth a vineyard and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock and eateth not of the milk of the flock?"

"Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn;" and again, "If we sowed unto you spiritual things, is it a great matter if we shall reap your carnal things?" "If others partake of this right over you, do not we yet more? Nevertheless we did not use this right . . . that we may cause no hindrance to the Gospel and Christ."

These are some of the principles laid down by Christ and by Paul.

How shall we get it? Shall we hire out to a Church for so much money and so be hirelings and at their mercy, or shall we go out as beggars and spend our time begging everybody, saint and sinner, to give as I have often seen the Salvation Army do on the streets? Neither of these ways are proper. Zion does neither. They are neither hirelings nor beggars. They don't expect sinners to pay them. They demand sinners to repent. They say to saints, "pay your tithes into the storehouse of God. It is no charity. It is a debt, one to be paid before all or any other, for it is one due your God who gave you all you have." We say, "will a man rob God, yet ye have robbed Me in tithes and offerings."

Christ endorsed tithing when He told the Pharisees, who boasted of their careful tithing. "These things ye ought to have done, and not neglect the others."

Tithing was practiced before Moses' time and before the law, Abraham paid tithes.

That is God's way, with offerings, free-will, to raise money. If it were practiced God's coffers would be full, as He said.

These wretched devices of the churches today to raise money are a disgrace to the cause which they profess to represent, and God does not bless them. They are always in debt besides.

The proper method of disbursing money and charities, evidently, is through the church. They did so in the old dispensation and we see it at Pentecost.

They brought their money and laid it at the feet of the Apostles and distribution was made according to needs. The charities were put into the hands of the Apostles, and when they could not dispose of them they appointed men of good report and full of wisdom and the Holy Spirit, to attend to it. These things should be under the control of the church and not every man give indiscriminately, or we would soon be found feeding every idle tramp that came along. This is not the way to use God's money. Paul says a man that will not work neither shall he eat.

The Church is a great family, with a head and many members. All these must be looked after. The babes must be fed, the weak and infirm must be cared for, the sick must be visited, and the hungry fed. That is church work. The strong must bear the infirmities of the weak, and help the needy.

The reason a man should work and make money is, as Paul said, "Let him labor, working with his hands the thing that is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth."

That would carry us to the ends of the earth, for oh, what need there is, and the field is the world. "They had all things common, and no man said anything was his own."

"And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart

and of one soul, neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. . . . Neither was there any among them that lacked." See Acts 4:31-37.

Let Zion get back to the days of the Christ and the Apostles and adopt the financial plank that they had, and God will bless.

**Healed of Pain in Right Side and Stomach.**

—, COLORADO, August 31, 1908.

REV. WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA,  
Zion City, Illinois:

Dear General Overseer:—  
Peace to thee!

I desire to send you my testimony of healing for the glory of God.

I was taken sick the first of June, with a very severe pain in my right side and stomach. It lasted all Sunday night, and the next day great soreness set in with the pain. That day my son sent in a request for you to pray for me. The pain continued, also the soreness, and was very acute until Wednesday. In the afternoon of that day, I was suffering very much, could not let any one move me in bed. At that time my husband, son, and his wife kneeled at my bedside and prayed God to deliver me. He immediately answered. The pain ceased, and most of the soreness was gone. I turned myself and sat up in bed. I was quite weak, but continued to gain.

On Friday I got up, dressed, and walked downstairs, remained a little while, then walked back. We praise God for the deliverance and healing. I thank God for Zion and that in her doth the afflicted of His people find refuge.

I am thankful Zion teaches the fulness of the Gospel that in Jesus Christ is redemption for our whole being, spirit, soul and body, and that God never changes, and Jesus is just the same yesterday, today and forever. He who will touch the hem of His garment shall be made whole. "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." Isaiah 1:18. Jesus "went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the Devil: for God was with Him." Acts 10:38.

We thank God for the light (Jesus) that has sprung up so that the people that sit in darkness and the region and shadow of death hath seen a great light—A deliverance from the power of the Devil.

I pray God to richly bless you in your labor for Him. You may use this if the Holy Spirit so leads.

Your sister in Christ,  
Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_

What a power there is expressed in the one little word "Unity." There shall be one flock and one shepherd. How sweet to contemplate! Now we see humanity broken up into fragments and led hither and thither by every "wind of doctrine." Christ's work while on earth, and the disciples' work since He ascended into heaven, has been to gather together those scattered by sin and the evil one. Why! Paul answers in Ephesians 1:9: "Having made known unto us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He hath purposed in Himself: That in the dispensation of the fulness of times, He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him."

Christ's burden was for unity. "Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy word is truth. As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word." Why? "That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me. And the glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them; that they may be one, even as We are one; I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved Me."

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## The Gospel of the Kingdom

### LOVE.

Address Delivered by General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, Lord's Day Afternoon, August 2, 1908.

(REPORTED BY THOMAS PROST.)

**A**FTER the preliminary exercises, the following address was delivered by General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva:

I have announced as my subject this afternoon, "Love." Inasmuch as there are many themes suggested by this subject, the first one being God's love for us, I will place before this brief address the well-known verse, John 3:16:

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

This subject is so great, and the sayings recorded in God's Word regarding it so many, that it is difficult to know where to begin.

#### Love Overwhelms.

The subject of Love, like some verses in the Bible, simply overwhelms the student as he begins to study it.

I will start, therefore, by calling your attention to the simple fact that down deep in your heart you believe in the existence of God. How is it that some of you do not love Him at all, is one of the mysteries. How it is that none of us love Him as much as we ought, is also a mystery, for as we meditate upon what He has done for us, and upon all that He has done for humanity, one wonders how any person can help loving Him with all his strength, mind, and heart.

#### Deep in the Heart a Belief in God.

I know it is said that there are people who do not believe in

any God. I know there are people who profess not to believe in any God, but every individual, down deep in his heart, believes in God; and when the better self—the Divinity—implanted there by God, the Creator, is allowed to assert itself, there is a confession of belief in God.

I have never yet met an individual, and never expect to, who—I do not care what he says when he is enjoying good health and prosperity, and so long as there are no adverse winds—when the day comes that health is gone, and prosperity takes wings and flies away, and adversity comes, will not admit, if not openly, then to the most intimate friend, his belief in the existence of God.

I am talking, then, this afternoon, to an audience with not a single individual who does not believe in God. My purpose is to cause you to think, and to ask, and answer the question, Why is it that I do not love God more?

#### Three Principal Sources of Knowledge of God.

There are three principal sources of knowledge of God, the Creator: Conscience, Nature, Revelation or the Bible.

#### Conscience the First Source of Knowledge.

First of all, there is something within each individual which impresses him with a sense of his responsibility to a higher being. There is something that makes him feel that he is under obligation to some one higher than himself. You ask, What are the proofs of this? I answer, The simple fact that wherever you find human beings, it does not matter where it is: in the United States, where we boast of a high degree of civilization, or on the remotest island of the Pacific Ocean, every one has the conviction that he, some day, will give an account to a higher being than himself.

The very fact that altars have been erected, where sacrifices have been offered to gods of stone and wood, to the elements, fire and water, to the trees of the forest, and to animals, is one of the proofs of this conviction. All men and women, in all

walks of life, have this conviction. The conscience of mankind is universally stricken with the conviction that God exists, that they are responsible beings, that they must render an account.

While many men and women cannot be brought to the place, when they are in health and strength, and enjoying the pleasures of sin for a season, that they will give expression to this conviction, how many instances there are, as all careful observers know, where such men and women, when health has departed, and disease has reached out after their vitals, have cried out for God.

So, I say, men and women may talk about being infidels, but they are not. All people believe in some kind of a god; they have a realization of their responsibility, and deep down in their hearts, they know that the time is coming that they will give an account for all the deeds that they have done.

Conscience, you know, is a wonderful thing. I do not know exactly what it is, because psychological terms are not always in accord with the Scriptures. I would say that conscience is that spark of godlikeness, of Divinity, implanted within a man, which continually cries out for God, from whom it has proceeded, for satisfaction.

There are very few men who can do wrong without suffering the pangs of conscience. It is true some people have their consciences seared as with a hot iron; it is true some people succeed, for a time, in hushing the voice of conscience; but, in every man's life, the time comes when conscience will compel him to listen to her accusations, when he is no longer able to drown her voice by drinking the world's cup of pleasure, when he is no longer able to stifle her voice by the world's enchantments, and by what the world calls joys. After indulgence in the world's festivities and gaities, when the night comes, then it is the temples will not rest, and sleep will not be wooed, and the conscience demands that that man listen to her voice, and all the sins of his life will come up before him in a moment's time like an avalanche, and overwhelm him, and put him in despair.

Psychologists call this intuition. In an animal they call it instinct. In the light of God's Word, I call it the spark of Divinity, the spirit which God has put there, which cries out for God, and will not be satisfied with anything this side of God.

#### **Money Does Not Produce Satisfaction.**

Do we not see the world, today, seeking for satisfaction in following the almighty dollar? The most miserable men on God's earth are rich men. Money does not bring satisfaction, Money brings dissatisfaction. Money is not the forerunner of contentment; it is the immediate precursor of discontentment.

#### **Fame Does Not Satisfy.**

Men may seek office at the hands of their fellow-man. They may sacrifice health, money, time, friends and relatives near and dear, all for notoriety, but how long will it last?

One day a man may be the hero of the nation; the next day you do not hear of him. One day it is "Hosanna;" the next day it is "Crucify Him." One day they throw their hats into the air, and shout "Hurrah;" the next day it is "Down with him." Humanity is very fickle.

#### **God Alone Satisfies.**

After mankind has run after everything else, seeking satisfaction, and finding it not, they at last, must approach their God Who created them, and Who alone can satisfy the intense longings of man's spiritual nature.

#### **Nature the Second Source of Knowledge of God.**

The second source of knowledge of God is nature. What an interesting study is nature—The sky above us, the earth under our feet, the mountains and the hills, and the rivers and

the plains, the flowers, trees, and the birds. What a wonderful world this is!

Who can study nature without seeing nature's God? It was the Psalmist who, on a beautiful moonlight night, stood upon one of Judæ's hills and viewed the moon, the stars and the sky o'er his head, and said to his God:

When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers; the moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained;

What is man, that Thou art mindful of him?—Psalms 8:3,4.

On another occasion the Psalmist said,

The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament showeth His handywork.

Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge.—Psalms 19:1,2.

In our study of nature we learn a great deal about God. I agree with Sam Jones who said, "I love flowers; but I hate botany." I have very little use for the long, jaw-breaking names, and I think that the man who does not know them can admire the flowers just as much as the man who does know them.

A man can study the heavens, and admire the stars, planets, the moon and all the worlds God has presented to our view, without a technical knowledge of astronomy. We learn a good deal about God from nature. God has made a beautiful world. It is good enough for us if sin were only removed. If sin were only taken away, and disease and death, and the curse, what a beautiful world this would be!

#### **The Bible the Third Source of Knowledge of God.**

But these two sources are not sufficient. God recognized this, therefore He has given to us the Bible, which means "the books." The word Bible comes from a word which is plural, and means "the books." There are sixty-six books in the Bible.

This (the Bible) is the revealed word of God. I do not propose to spend any time defending the Bible. My business is to proclaim it, and look to my God to own His Word, and to crown its proclamation with success.

Unlike books written by men, the Bible is without an introduction or preface. It starts with the words, "In the beginning God," the first Great Cause of all things. There is the explanation which scientists have been looking for for many centuries, and have not found.

I have no sympathy, of course, with the doctrine of evolution, except that evolution, literally and etymologically, means an unfolding; but the doctrine that man evolved from monkeys. I do not believe for a minute, and there is only one proof, to my mind, that men ever did come from monkeys, and that is the way some of them act, [Laughter] with apologies to the monkey. I have never yet seen a monkey smoke a cigar or put a pipe in its mouth. I do not think it would be such a fool. I have never seen a monkey take a bottle of whiskey, spew all over itself, and tumble into the ditch like a hog. I have seen men and women do it. In some respects a monkey is more intelligent than man, because it acts better.

Man in sin gets very, very low, and he does some very, very mean things, but I do not believe he evolved from the monkey. I do not believe that doctrine at all.

I believe God made man in His own image. He made him out of the dust of the earth, and breathed the breath of life into him, and he became a living soul.

The Bible, therefore, is the third source of knowledge of God. I challenge any man to take this Word, and prove one promise to be false. I challenge any man to take this Word, live it, and prove that God is a liar. I can find many who have tested it, and who can say, "It is true that God's promises have not failed; that He has kept His Word, and that every word written therein, which has not been fulfilled, will be fulfilled."

You believe in God. How is it some of you here, today,

do not love Him at all? How is it that some love Him very little? How is it that no one loves Him as he ought?

**All Mankind God's Children by Creation.**

All men are God's children by creation. God created them. God loves all. All who have sinned, and gone away from God, and have turned to God through Jesus the Christ, have become His children by adoption. God the Almighty loves all of His children by creation; but He loves His children by adoption more than He loves them by creation. If you have an idea that God loves all people the same, you are mistaken. The text that you have read refers to God's love for all mankind as His creation.

**God's Love for Children by Adoption Greater.**

"God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son . . ."

But He loves those who are born from above. He loves those who have turned to Him, truly repenting, as He does not love those who are still in their sins. We have an illustration in the family.

It is impossible for a father and a mother to love a disobedient child with the same love that they love an obedient child. It is impossible for God to love the disobedient as He loves the obedient. I will quote you two verses to prove my contention:

He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me: and he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.—John 14:21.

If a man love Me, he will keep My words: and My Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make Our abode with him.—John 14:23.

That conclusively proves that God and Jesus the Christ love the man who keeps the Christ's sayings, as they do not, and cannot, and will not, love the man who is a rebel.

Our love for God is shown by obedience, and the obedient man is loved by God as the disobedient man cannot be loved.

**Proof of God's Love.**

My appeal to you to love God is based upon the fact that He gave His only-begotten Son to die for us. What stronger proof could you ask that God loves you than the giving of His only-begotten Son to suffer and die that you might live? Without the sacrifice of Jesus the Christ, without His resurrection from the dead, you are yet in your sins, and you are without hope.

There is no better attested fact in history than the ministry, life, words and works of Jesus the Christ of Nazareth.

How do you know that George Washington lived? You never saw him. You never met him. You believe he lived. I believe that. Why? because it is a well authenticated fact.

I believe Jesus of Nazareth lived, worked, toiled, suffered and died for several reasons, one being that it is just as well attested as that George Washington lived.

Some people say they will not believe in anything they do not see. Do you believe you have any brains? [Laughter.] The story is told of an infidel who remarked, "I do not believe in anything I cannot see." His friend said, "My friend, do you believe you have any brains?" He said, "Yes, Sir." His friend replied, "How do you know, you never saw them?"

It is foolish for people to say that they do not believe in anything they do not see. They believe in a great many things they do not see. It is a matter of history that Jesus of Nazareth lived. Not only that, but it is a fact that Jesus the Christ, Jesus of Nazareth, is, today, followed by millions of people, and, as Napoleon Bonaparte said of himself and Alexander the Great, "We have founded empires, but how? By force. Jesus of Naz-

areth has founded an empire by love, and millions would die for Him."

That testimony stands true today. What greater proof, then, do you want of God's love than that He gave His only begotten Son to suffer and to die for you?

John said again:

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: . . . It doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as he is.

I want you to keep in mind God's love for humanity, and also, in your daily reading, man's love for God, and how it is proven. In the third place, man's love for man must be kept in mind.

**Man's Love for Man.**

There is a great deal written in God's Word about man's love for man. What a wicked world this is! There is very little true love between man and man. The Word of God teaches that he that hateth his brother is what?

Voices: "A murderer."

If you do not love your brother whom you have seen, how can you love God whom you have not seen?

As we look around us, today, sin is upon every hand. It looks like every fellow had started out to do the other fellow, so much so that you will often hear it said that the golden rule, instead of being, "Do unto others as you would that they should do unto you," is, "Do the other fellow, or he is sure to do you."

**Envy Destroys Growth and Life.**

Envy is upon every hand; it is not confined to any class. About the most envious class of people on God's earth are the preachers. They are envious of each other, more so than lawyers are, and politicians. Business men, high people, low people, how envious they are of each other, and how jealous! They cannot bear to see any one a little higher than themselves in position. It makes them envious if God Almighty honors one man more than He honors them.

The Apostle Paul dealt with that thing in his letter to the Church at Corinth, and he pointed out the folly of a man being envious and jealous. One woman is jealous of another woman's dress. Another woman is envious of another woman's hat, or some one's house, or something else. There is no more cruel thing on earth than envy and jealousy. It will lead to murder of the most terrible kind. Envy! Envy!! You see it everywhere. There is very little of the true, genuine, Divine love in the hearts of men for each other, because if there were, you would not see a great many things happen that are happening.

The Word of God says, "Love is the fulfilling of the law." The Bible teaches us what love will do, and what it will not do. If a man loves a man, he will never be envious of him, or jealous of him. He will never seek the overthrow of that man, and his destruction, simply because he is meeting with greater favor and blessings from God than he is himself.

I tell you there is a lot of the old man hanging around yet. If you do not think so, just step on some fellow's toe. You will then soon find it out. Some fellows are like Lucifer matches: all you have to do is to touch them the wrong way, and away they go.

**Man's Love for His Enemies.**

Another theme following man's love for man is man's love for his enemies. This has no application to some of you, because you have no enemies. The man who has no enemies does not amount to much. He never will stir anything, or move anything. I am going to take fine care that they will not stand over my coffin and say, "Here lies a man who never had an

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"HE THANKED GOD, AND TOOK COURAGE."  
(Acts 28:15.)

The immediate cause for Paul thanking God, and taking courage, was the appearance of certain brethren from Rome at the Market of Appius and the The Three Taverns, when he was on his way to that renowned city as a prisoner.

Zion, at Headquarters, after more than two years of incessant toil and many battles to maintain her God-given principles and truths, thanks God, and takes courage.

The immediate cause for Zion thanking God, and taking courage, is the hearty response of the many faithful brothers and sisters, in many different parts of the world, to the earnest, prayerful call to one and all who were determined to go forward and labor for the establishment and maintenance of God's Kingdom, to fill in the Renewal Application form for fellowship, thus signifying their sympathy with the toilers here at Headquarters, and their determination to stand by us, and be faithful, if necessary, unto death.

It would take a long time to write out, in detail, the history which has been made in Zion during the past two years.

The testing and the sifting has been going on, and while it is true that some who once professed to be Zion are now openly arrayed against her, let us bear in mind that people must be weighed as well as counted, and that quality is of greater importance than quantity.

I do not dogmatize, but it seems to me that it will be through

testing and sifting that God will finally prepare the Church without spot or wrinkle for the Coming of Jesus the Christ.

Zion here greets Zion everywhere, and in the name of the Lord heartily says, "Peace be unto you!"

What a joy it would be to us if we could only hear the response coming from the faithful ones in many parts of this and other lands, "Peace unto you be multiplied!"

Peace! the rich legacy which Jesus Himself bequeathed unto His disciples when He said:

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.—John 14:27.

The Gospel Age is dying. The Millennium is being born, and the times of intense restlessness are at hand for all who have not yielded themselves wholly to God.

Happy is the man who can truthfully say in these days:

I believe in God, the Almighty.

I believe in Jesus the Christ, His only begotten Son.

I believe in the Holy Spirit.

I believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God.

So far as I know my own heart, I have truly repented of all sin.

So far as I know my own heart, I have made right all the wrongs that I have committed.

So far as I know my own heart, I am determined by the grace of God to be faithful all the days, even until Jesus comes.

Let one and all be assured that Jesus stands and lovingly invites all to come unto Him and He will give them rest.

Thank God that all those in Zion who have faithfully stood at all times, in all places, and under all circumstances for the establishment of the Kingdom of God, can testify that the Word of God is true and that rest indeed, beautiful rest, is the reward of all who accept the loving invitation of the Christ.

Let no one make the mistake of supposing that the Zion movement and Zion City are one and the same. The Zion movement was established long before Zion City, and, for many years prior to the establishment of Zion City, was mightily used of God in proclaiming the everlasting Gospel of His Kingdom. Multitudes were brought out of darkness into light, out of ignorance into a saving knowledge of Jesus the Christ.

I am greatly interested in Zion City, but I have a far greater interest in the Zion Movement, which embraces not only all the faithful members in Zion City, but the faithful members in all countries throughout the world.

The Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion is a large, faithful band of men and women, youths and maidens, and little children in Zion City, and elsewhere. It would be a great inspiration to any who are discouraged or in doubt if they could only see the faithful band in Shiloh Tabernacle either at the 7:00 a. m. or 2:30 p. m. meetings on any Lord's Day.

There is, then, the Church—the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion.

There is Zion Senior Choir.

There is Zion Junior Choir.

There is Zion Band.

There is Zion Orchestra.

There is Zion Stores.

There is Zion Coal Yard.

There is Zion Barber Shop.  
 There is LEAVES OF HEALING.  
 There is ZION HERALD.  
 These and other institutions are rising.

The question is asked, "Why did not Voliva support the institutions of the Zion Estate instead of launching new institutions?" My answer to one and all, throughout the entire world, is simply this: Voliva supported the old institutions for a long time, even though the Zion principles and truths were being trampled at and trampled under feet and the true Zion people most shamefully persecuted; but the time came when God, through the Holy Spirit, made it perfectly plain to all the true, loyal Zion people that the time had come to step out and to launch new institutions.

Zion investors who imagine that they are going to save their money by cursing the Zion Movement and crying, "Away with Zion principles and truths?" are doomed to sad disappointment. All Zion people everywhere seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and then they will always be sure of food, shelter, and raiment. If Zion City were swept off the earth tomorrow, the Zion Movement would still live and go forward, and with a faithful, earnest, consecrated people Zion City could be re-created.

Let one and all reconsecrate themselves to God; read a portion of God's Word daily, study it and meditate upon it, and be earnest in private prayer, and wherever possible do so, for a single Lord's Day, forsake the assembling of yourselves together.

Pay your tithes faithfully to Headquarters, and do not under any circumstances fail to honor God, to show your appreciation and thanksgiving by withholding that which belongs to Him, one-tenth of your income.

You can all preach the Gospel by circulating LEAVES OF HEALING, ZION HERALD, and ZION TRACTS. Wherever you carry Zion Tracts and scatter them broadcast.

Keep in close touch with Headquarters in Zion City by reading the literature, by correspondence, and by earnest prayer. Zion throughout the world should constitute one big family—so many brothers and sisters in Jesus the Christ, all recognizing God as their Heavenly Father.

Do you see the great multitude of sin-stricken?  
 Do you see the great multitude of disease-smitten?  
 Do you see the great masses who are away from God and without hope?

Then may your hearts be set on fire with a holy zeal to do something for humanity while it is day, realizing that the night is soon coming when no man can work.

Zion in Zion City is now organized as follows:  
 Elder Fred Richert is the Elder-in-charge of the Church for Zion City. Under his direction are the following parish workers: Elder Moot, Elder Taylor, Deacon Beuckendorf and Deacon High.

Elder Eustace L. Carey, who has up to the present time been Elder-in-charge for Zion City and who has also taken care of all the correspondence from all parts of the world, will now devote all of his time to the Church outside of Zion City, and will also take personal supervision of the various financial matters and interests of the Church.

The Leaves of Healing and Zion Herald now have the following staff:

Editor: Wilbur Glenn Voliva.  
 General Associate Editor and Business Manager: Theodore Forby.  
 Contributing Editors: Elders O. L. Tindall, E. L. Carey, Fred Richert.

In closing these notes I wish to call the earnest and prayerful attention of all to the All-night Meeting, to be held in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, December 31, 1908—January 1, 1909. Come if possible. Pray whether you can come or not, and ask God to make the next All-night Meeting an important milestone in Zion's career.

Pray earnestly for me, for I have to face enough to discourage the heart of any man; but God is good and victory sure and complete will finally crown every earnest effort that is put forth in the name of Jesus the Christ for the honor and glory of God.

Now is the time to bear the cross. The time will come to wear the crown.

Now is the time to fight the battle. The time shall come to celebrate the victory.

Now is the time to suffer with Christ. The time shall come when we shall reign with Him.

Let all be faithful, steadfast and true.

WATCH YE, THEREFORE, AND PRAY ALWAYS.

## LOVE

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enemy." If they do, I will get up and kick them. [Laughter.] I do not think there is a greater disgrace than for a man to die without enemies. [Turning to Deacon Forby] Forby, I thank God you have some. Keep it up. The man who does right, and stands for principle, is going to have enemies. What does the Bible say? "Love your enemies." Certainly. "Overcome evil with" what?

Voices: "Good."

If there is a man or woman here, today, who calls himself or herself a Christian, and you have hatred in your heart toward any person, and you refuse to speak to anybody, you ought to be ashamed of yourself. I speak to everybody. Sometimes there are some people so mean that they will not give you the chance to speak to them. Say "Peace to thee," and if they do not want your peace, it will come back to you. Keep it, and pass it on to another person.

Stand for Principle.

We are to love our enemies, and pray for them; but God Almighty never said, "Surrender to them." I never will. My Bible does not say, "Surrender." It does not tell me to do that. I love them. Some people wonder how you can love them when you take a stick to them. Just the same way as a father or mother uses the rod on a child.

If you ask me if I believe in using the rod, I am sorry to have to say that I have to believe it. Parents, first of all, take your children; pray with them; instruct them; teach them; try to get them to do right in that manner. There are some boys and girls who, if you spare the rod, will break your heart, and you will go to the grave with sorrow for them. If they cannot be reached by grace, then use the rod, just as God Almighty, Who, if He cannot reach us by grace, will reach us by judgment. You

had better walk straight and go straight under grace, otherwise He will bring judgment upon you. There are, I am sorry to say, children to whom you have to take the rod. The rod has made men out of some boys.

#### The Blessing of Zion's Teaching.

What a blessing Zion teaching is! My father chewed tobacco, and my parents gave me pig to eat. That lessens a man's chance for life. I have prayed to God to take all pig out of me. It is a big contract. Baked spareribs and stewed backbone I have eaten. [Laughter.] When a man eats pig it just lessens his chance for life that much. Zion teaching, you know, gives a man a good start in life. It teaches a man to abstain from unclean foods and drinks. It teaches him to lead a clean life and that accounts for a good deal.

What a wonderful machine the body is? Think of a man smoking tobacco, chewing tobacco, drinking whiskey, etc., for fifty years! The body is such a wonderful machine! Sometimes even then a man lives to be ninety years old. I can easily believe Methuselah could live to 969. That does not trouble me. Just think what a man could do if he lived to be 969 years old. He could be the President of the United States, third term and fourth term, too. The average length of life today is only thirty-three and one-third years. What does that amount to? It is all because people sin and do wrong against their bodies.

Well, I was talking about love for our enemies. Pray for them that despitefully use you. It must be for righteousness' sake—for right doing, right living, for standing up for principles and truths.

Look up all the passages in the Word of God on this subject of Love. Remember that "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friend."

Jesus the Christ died for His enemies.

#### Do Nothing Simply for Policy's Sake.

I want to see in Zion true love, but not any of this sentimental love—the love that hides the truth, the love that is on good terms with everybody and everything, the love that has no backbone. I want to see the love that will recognize good, and recognize and attack evil. A good lover is always a good hater. Whenever I meet a man, and get talking with him, and he agrees with everything I say, I do not take much stock in him. I would not give anything for a man who agrees with me on everything. He has an axe to grind. A man who agrees with me on everything will do the same thing with the next fellow he meets. A man will join a church from a selfish motive—will be a Methodist if there is a good job in sight—and will be baptized by sprinkling if there is a better job in sight. He will become a Roman Catholic if there is more money in it. He will even come into Zion if there is more money in it.

May God move upon your hearts today, and help you to be men of principle. The world, no matter whether professedly infidel, latitudinarian, or Christian, admires men and women of principle, who stand for what they believe to be right, but they have no confidence in the man who is a "policy man," who will advocate anything for dollars and cents or for position.

In politics, which is part of Zion's mission, we must have men of principle, and not men who are anything in order to get votes. I think there are men who will welcome the day when they can take a decided stand for principle, and stand there, and not have to cater to all kinds of people in order to get votes.

#### Zion to Hold up a Lofty Standard.

It is a part of Zion's mission to educate and train the people to take a higher stand in all the walks of life. May God bless Zion today, and help us to realize something of the love of God for us, to help us to love God better; and help us to love our fellow-men even enough to serve them and die for them;

and help us to love our enemies and pray for them; and help us to sacrifice our lives upon the altar of service that humanity may be exalted and brought nearer to God.

All in this congregation who are determined, God helping them, to be true to him and to His Word, and to serve humanity stand, and let us pray together.

[The congregation rose and repeated, clause by clause, the following Consecration Prayer:]

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, in body. Help me to repent of every sin. Help me to make right every wrong. Help me to confess and restore. Receive me, my God and Father, into a sacred nearness with Thyself, and bless me, and make me a blessing in my day and generation. Bless all mankind. Bless Zion throughout the world. Hasten the Coming of the King, and the establishment of Thy Kingdom. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

The Doxology was then sung, after which the *Benediction*, as follows, was pronounced by the General Overseer:

#### BENEDICTION

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame, unto the coming of our Lord Jesus the Christ. Faithful is He who calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of God, the Father, the communion of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, the peace of Jesus the Christ, be with you and all of God's people everywhere, now and forever. Amen.

The Communion of the Lord's Supper was then observed.

## JOB: WITH LESSONS FROM HIS LIFE AND EXPERIENCE.

(BY O. L. TINDALL.)



JOB is generally accounted a very strange character, so much so that many commentators or expositors of the Book of Job have simply treated him as a kind of mythical character, and the book as a sort of allegory, and said, it is a great drama of life, and very highly colored; that no such man as Job ever did or could have lived. They treat it as some do the case of Jonah and the whale, as a great "fish story," with some good lessons in it. But, say these wise unbelievers, there never did exist a real man Job, or Jonah, as described.

I wish to say that I believe both these strange men with their strange and tragical lives, were real, historical men, with flesh and blood, and with like passions with ourselves.

I believe Job can be duplicated many times since his day, that we may say of Job, as Paul said to the Corinthians: "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man." What the fathers passed through we are called upon to meet in these last days. They may vary in degree and in some features.

I take it that the only difference is that it has all been pictured out to us in a more vivid way, and more in detail, and we have been permitted to see behind the curtains. In this case we see the way things are done, while generally these things happen to men and they do not know the source of them.

In the case of Job we see two great agencies, or rather agents, that are behind the great events of a man's life; yes, the little events, too.

In Job's life it is plainly revealed what takes place behind the scenes. But I contend it is only what happens with you or with me. Things do not come to us by chance, nor by the mere laws of nature. One great lesson of the life and experience of Job, as recorded, is the part that God and the Devil play in human life, and in the everyday affairs among men. If we do not recognize this most evident fact, it was in vain that the book was written. Job was a man, and not a myth. He did live in

land of Uz, and Uz was a land of the far East, even where men live today. He did have seven sons and three daughters, and seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great household, and was the greatest man of all the men of the East, and, in spite of his great possessions, "he feared God and eschewed evil"—perfect and upright. So says the Word of God, and I am willing to stand by the Inspired record. There is nothing to be thought an incredible thing about that. It may seem so in these days, when most men who have great wealth forget God and do evil instead of eschewing it. Job did good, and God prospered him in basket and in store, and gave him great riches. This is as it should be. God's children should not have all the cattle on a thousand hills, and all the gold, and silver, and coal, inside the hills. God so intended it if men would walk uprightly, and not make a god of their enemy and trust in certain riches. Why is it that men, and even Christians, cannot learn that simple lesson of Divine Writ, and not allow money and wealth to destroy them. Job was not spoiled by his riches. He did not say to his Lord, when He called him, "I have bought the yoke of oxen; I must go and prove them, therefore have me cursed," and so think more of his cattle than he did of his Lord. But his righteousness and his benevolence and his riches do not exempt him from the fiery temptations and trials of the Devil. They only increased them, it would seem, and that need not seem strange, either. It is an entirely false notion of men to suppose they will be free from trials and temptations because they are upright and pious in all things. No; the only perfect man on earth was the most tempted and tried. Mark the deadly assaults made on Him by the arch enemy of all righteousness—the fiery darts that were hurled against His impenetrable armor. The battle was fierce and sharp from the first. When He was only a babe in His mother's arms, kings sought His life, and they pursued Him until they succeeded in nailing Him to a cruel cross to perish in ignominy among men between two thieves. Do not imagine that "the servant shall be above His Lord, or the disciple above His Master." It is said "Death is a shining mark;" and so does the Devil. "He was tempted on all points like unto us," says the Word.

Why did not the Devil interest himself with Job's wife and children? They were quite after his sort or "set." His wife was light and frivolous. So were the sons and daughters. They were down at the fashionable dance and euchre party, playing cards and sipping wine. Mrs. Job was off at Saratoga or Newport, and attending some Vanity Fairs, and Job was furnishing money, and praying for his children, offering sacrifices for them, lest they had cursed God in their hearts.

But, no; Satan was up at a Zion meeting where the sons of God had come together, and it is actually said that:

**Satan at Prayer-Meeting.**

When the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, Satan came also among them, to present himself before the Lord.

Think of the brazenness of his Satanic Majesty! Satan at a prayer-meeting! even while a dance was going on in the other part of town. Will not God's people take note of that? Will they wonder any longer why it is we see so much of the presence of Satan in Zion City? It is quite as we might expect. The sons of God came to Zion City to make a place for God's children, and Satan came also. "This is as it always has been.

The story goes on to say that the Devil had a conversation with the Lord in reference to Job, and was quite anxious that he might get after him. He was very sure he could destroy him and make him renounce his religion and say Zion was all a farce, and a hoax, and a deception; that, in fact, it was only an old lie in old Jerusalem; that the Theocracy was only a fallacy, an entirely impractical thing on the earth. Democracy was the only thing. The people must rule on earth; that God should rule in heaven, but not here.

God admitted this principle to the Devil: that if Job, or any other man could not stand a test, he was no good; that a man's work must stand even the fire test. It was also the New Testament teaching of the Christ and of Paul. A house, said Christ, that was not on the rock, must go down, for it would not be exempt from the winds that blow, and the floods that come, just because it was built by a Christian or a so-called Christian; and Paul said the same thing. Every man's work must be tried by fire. So God permitted the Devil to tempt, or better, I think, to try, or test Job.

The first trial was what the most of Zion people have had—

the loss of all their property; so that is not such an incredible thing that happened to Job. Plenty of men have had that experience, even before they came to Zion.

Job stood this all right, which showed that he was not so much wedded to his wealth as was the young ruler to whom Christ put this severe test, though in another way. He went away sorrowful, as most men do now, even, when the Lord asks them to give it up for the Kingdom of Heaven's sake.

Job did not sin in this, but he made a mistake, just the same, for he said, in regard to his loss, "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away." This was not true, for it was very plain that the Lord gave but Satan robbed him of his possessions.

This discloses, to my mind, the weak place in Job's armor, which we will consider later on.

**Bad Theology Due to Job.**

Job came out of the first conflict as conqueror, "but," says the Devil, "I would like to try him again." He never gives up the conflict. You need not lay your armor down, my brother, because you have won in one battle. Too many do that. Many of our people who have been gloriously healed grow careless, and the Devil again steals a march on them, and sometimes overcomes them. Job suffered the loss of all his property and all his family, and yet said, "Blessed be the Name of the Lord" who, he supposed, did it all, and therefore he was resigned, and said, "The Lord's will be done", as has many a good saint since his day. That is what the preachers still say: "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, and you ought to bless the Lord for the good and for the evil; for the work of the Devil the same as for the work of the Lord."

Poor Job is responsible for much of the bad theology of today. There was some excuse for Job, for this work of Satan was concealed from him; but can't the preachers read the history now so plainly recorded?

**Job's Terrible Physical Suffering.**

Job's next trial was more severe and aggravating at the last, for him. Some people can stand sickness better than loss of property. That depends on how a man is made up. Some people seem to "enjoy" poor health, as the old lady expressed it. They have a good easy time and have everybody waiting on them. But Job writhed under it. It is not to be wondered at, from the description we have of his ailment. It seemed almost beyond human endurance, and yet other men have suffered probably quite as much, and we are all liable to like affliction. The doctors have never yet been able to give us a preventive from the old-fashioned boil, though they have been working on it since Job's time. This wonderful medical science(?) with its wonderful strides of advancement, it would seem ought to have had time enough to conquer and exterminate this little pest. But no, they have never conquered a single disease, but rather, as of old, made matters worse.

The groanings and complainings of Job, covered as he was with these filthy boils, were heart rending as we read of them, even now after thirty centuries, or more.

Job cursed the day he was born. His complaints were something terrible. He accused God of afflicting him, and could not understand why he should. He was not quite able to be resigned under such grievous sufferings. He wished to die and give up the battle. He faulted his "miserable comforters," which were quite as bad as the boils, as is often the case yet. They accused Job of being wicked and that he was just getting his deserts or punishments. They had the old theology that God was punishing him for his sins. This, Job resented and justified himself. He said he had lived righteously, had been kind to the poor, had been a worshipper and servant of God all his life, and this was, no doubt, true. He was a perfect, or honest, sincere and upright man, and one who feared God and eschewed evil, and it was not because of his sins that he was afflicted.

**Job's Mistake.**

Job sinned during his affliction, no doubt, but not before. Many good men fall under trial and temptation who were not evil in any way before. This was true with Adam and Eve, who were righteous and good and holy till tempted and deceived by Satan, and then they fell. Job's was a case similar to that. The trial was too much for him. His history is one that teaches the direct attack of the Devil upon good men. Job did not have boils because he had sinned, nor because he had eaten pork and poisoned his blood. It was a plain case of the devil's work as

in the case of the dumb man in Christ's time, out of whom He cast the unclean spirit, and then the dumb spake; also the blind man, and the woman who was a good woman, a daughter of Abraham, but was "bound by Satan, lo, these eighteen years." Job sinned through ignorance, and that ignorance came from the false doctrine, that God afflicts His people. Job said, "God hath laid His afflicting hand upon me," and that was an insult, though Job did not know it.

When Christ, the Son of God, who was God, laid his hands upon men, they recovered from their sickness and no boils ever came from the hands of a pure and holy God who is the Healer of His people. Job's words were wrong when he tried to explain his case. This is seen in the rebuke that the Lord gave him when He said, "Then the Lord answered Job and said, 'Who is this that darkeneth counsel without knowledge?'" and Job confesses.

**Job's Repentance.**

Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge? Therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.

I have heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth Thee.

Wherefore I abhor myself and repent in dust and ashes. — Job 42:3, 5, 6.

Job's trouble was chiefly that he did not know the Devil and his devices; therefore he accused God of doing what Satan himself did, and, of course, he could not help but think God was unjust to afflict him when he had served Him the best he knew all his life. That old teaching, which is kept up yet, simply makes infidels, because men cannot reconcile such conduct as belonging unto God.

Would He who loves you send these dire afflictions upon you when you were good and loyal to him? Certainly not. It would be inhuman to say nothing of its being divine.

**Caught By the Devil's Snare.**

The reason Job had so much trouble was that he did not know how to fight the Devil. Paul says of the Devil "We are not ignorant of his devices." He watched the enemy and so conquered him. But Job was ignorant of all this, and that was the lesson he had to learn by a sad experience, just as men do now. Zion is bringing this great truth to light again. Many ministers now teach that there is no personal Devil. Christian Science is the Devil's agent, out preaching his lie, that there is no Devil any more.

**Permission Not Commission.**

"Was it necessary for Job to be sick thus to suffer so much?" I answer, No. "Oh," but you say, "God permitted the Devil to do it." Yes, just the same as He permits him to afflict you and all His children. The Devil is loose yet. He goeth forth to and fro in all the earth as he did in Job's time, doing the same kind of devilish work, only a great deal worse, and God permits him and will do so until the days when he is chained for a thousand years. There are a thousand times more diseases now than there were in Job's time, and they come from the same source; and God's children have them and act much as Job did. Some of them despair, and some want to die, and some men destroy themselves when they find disease upon them, for they know no remedy. The most of God's children are ignorant in the same way.

**Zion to Teach the Nations.**

It is Zion's mission to teach the nations.

Is there no Balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered? — Jeremiah 8:22.

Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people. — Jeremiah 9:1.

Job did not have to suffer any more than do we. The Devil is free to tempt and torment; but God has prepared a way of escape if we will only use it. God has prepared an armor and has told us to keep it on, and if we keep it on no arrow of the Devil can ever pierce it. We are immune from all diseases and sicknesses. "And I will not put any of these diseases upon you." "No plague shall come nigh thy dwelling."

Job repented, got healing and his property was restored twofold. He got a new and sensible wife, I presume, and had seven sons and three daughters. "After this lived Job one hundred forty years, and saw his sons and his sons' sons, even four generations. So Job died being old and full of days."

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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

### THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE NINE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

[ADDRESS NO. 1.]

Delivered at the Early Morning Meeting, Lord's Day, August 9, 1908, at Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, by General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva.

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THE meeting was opened by the singing of Hymns Nos. 49, 231, 155, and 407, in the Gospel Hymns Nos. 5 and 6, after which the General Overseer said:

Let us read in the Inspired Word of God, two selections of Scripture: in the Gospel according to St. Matthew, a part of the third chapter; and in the Gospel according to St. John, a part of the fourteenth chapter.

Matthew third chapter, beginning with the eleventh verse: "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance; but He that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear:—"

Jesus said of John the Baptist, "Of them that are born of water and of the Spirit, none can be greater"—and yet John says of himself, "I am not worthy to bear (or, to stoop down and unloose) the shoes of the Lord." "He must increase, but I must decrease."

—He shall baptize you in the Holy Ghost and in fire. Whose fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His floor, and gather His wheat into the garner; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

"Wheat and Chaff" and "Wheat and Tares."

At the close of the Jewish age we have two classes of people, distinguished by the terms "wheat and chaff." At the close of the Christian age, according to the parable known as the "Parable of the Wheat and Tares," the two classes are to be known under the terms "Wheat and Tares."

Many people do violence to the Word of God by literalizing, and others do violence to the Word of God by spiritualizing. "Everything in its own place," should be our motto.

No one understands, of course, anything else by the words "wheat and chaff" than that they are figures of speech. The same is true of "wheat and tares." Just so with the word "fire." A great many people cannot think of fire but in a literal sense—a material fire that burns up material objects. The fire spoken of here is a much hotter fire than any man can kindle by the use of explosives and kindling wood, or fires of any kind. Whilst this fire is not literal fire, in the sense we think of literal fire, yet, for all this, it is exceedingly literal in its effect. It is not an uncommon thing, where the Word of God is preached, to see the sinner writhe in torment.

#### An Illustration of Penetrating Fire.

I witnessed such a scene in the R——Hall, in——one night, which I shall never forget. A certain man was in the audience, and this man did not know that I knew anything about his life. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, but his wife and daughter were members of Zion. His wife was a very nice woman, a very respectable looking woman, but she was a periodical drinker. She fell twice after she came into Zion. I was very kind to her and did all I could for her. I knew very well that the conduct of her husband had a great part in bringing about her lapse into sin, as it was afterward made plain that this was so. He did not know that I knew he was living a wicked life. That man's check book showed it. The stubs showed that periodically he was giving a certain woman money. I knew all about it. That particular night I was preaching on repentance. You know what a characteristic Zion sermon on repentance is. As I preached he fairly writhed and finally growled out loud and was distinctly heard by everybody present. His wife was by his side and he ordered her to get up and go home, but she would not do it. I did not let on I saw him or heard him but poured

the shot into him. Finally he got up and went out, but she remained. Now that is the kind of fire that is referred to here.

#### Tares Gathered by Angels at Close of Gospel Age.

At the close of the Gospel age the messengers shall be sent forth, and shall gather the tares first of all. That will be their business. Not to gather the wheat first, but to gather the tares, and bind them into bundles. They will take the tobacco tare, which the Devil sowed, they will take the whiskey tare, they will take the theater tare, and they will take the gambling tare, and all these tares, and bind them into bundles and hurl them into the fire, where there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

So here, at the close of the Jewish age, the people are described by the terms "wheat" and "chaff." Jesus was very fond of taking some simple illustration; often He used the familiar scenes of the farmer and the farm. The Parable of the Sower was suggested by the farmer's life.

Whose fan is in His hand—

Almost all of you know what a fanning mill is on a farm, the purpose of which is to blow the chaff out of the grain.

—And He will thoroughly cleanse His floor—

That, of course, is suggested by the threshing floor.

—And gather His wheat into the garner; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

[The General Overseer then continued the reading to the end of the chapter without comment.]

#### The Comforter Promised.

Let us turn, please, to John fourteenth chapter, at the sixteenth verse:

And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever.

You see it is very difficult to express in English the Greek word that is used to designate the Holy Ghost. It is translated by the word "Comforter," but it must be apparent to every careful, prayerful Bible student that the word is very far from expressing the meaning of the "Holy Spirit" and His mission in this world.

That He may abide with you forever;

That is, "Unto the end of the age;" just the same as, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age."

That He may abide with you unto the end of the age.

Even the Spirit of Truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

"With you," and "in you."

"I will not leave you orphans:"—

Translated "comfortless." "I will not leave you comfortless"—"orphans"—"fatherless."

I will come to you.

That is, in the person of the Holy Spirit. "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age."

Yet a little while, and the world seeth Me no more; but ye see Me: because I live, ye shall live also.

#### The Resurrected Christ Appeared to Believers Only.

The resurrected Christ never appeared to the world. That is what He means, primarily, by this, and further, that He was to be with them in the person of the Holy Ghost, and that the world would neither see Him nor know Him. His ministry to the world ended. "Yet a little while, and I shall be crucified. After that the world shall see Me no more; but ye shall see Me: because I live, ye shall live also."

Now there is also a great thought in that. Cannot you see it? The resurrection of Jesus the Christ created in the hearts of His followers a lively hope. The world would see Him no more when He closed His work and was crucified, and that was true during the forty days. He never appeared to the world during that time; always to His disciples. And it is also true that, as

at that day, also at the time of Christ's second coming, the world will not see Him then; only those who have availed themselves of His atoning sacrifice, and have overcome the world and the flesh, and have made their calling and election sure.

At that day ye shall know that I am in My Father, and ye in Me, and I in you.

He that hath My commandments and keepeth them—

Now there never was a more foolish teaching than to tell people that this refers here merely to the Ten Commandments—the Decalogue. Only deceitful handlers of the Word of God tell people such kind of trash. They do it in order to bolster up their demon-inspired doctrine about keeping Saturday instead of Sunday. It refers to all the sayings of the Word: "He that lives in accordance with My teaching, he it is that loveth Me."

#### Love Known by Doing, and Not Alone by Speaking.

Love is known by what it does, and not by what it says, merely. Never forget that. A man who loves the Lord Jesus Christ will prove that love *by doing* what Jesus says. There is a lesson in that for Zion that I am going to point out, and a very important lesson, too. It is one thing to talk; it is another thing to act.

To sit in the Tabernacle and shout, "Hosanna! Praise the Lord!" and then to deliberately disregard the instructions of Zion's leader, is not Zion. You will never establish the Kingdom of God that way.

As to whether people accept me as Zion's leader and really and truly love me for Christ's sake, will be proven by their obedience to my instructions. This is true in the home. The boy says, "Yes, I love you, father;" the girl says, "I love you, mother," and then they go out and utterly disregard everything that father and mother told them; there is no love there. There will be no trouble with the son that loves his father in the Lord, and with the daughter that loves her mother in the Lord. That love will be proved by their obeying in the Lord. Wives, obey your husbands in the Lord. "Children obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing unto the Lord." You should obey me in the Lord as the leader of Zion; and when that comes, we will have obedience in the Branch to the leader in the Lord; we will have obedience from the children in the Lord to those who are in charge of the Junior service. When these boys and girls get to be men and women they will be Zion through and through, make no mistake about that. It will not be necessary to lay down the law to them three times a day to get them into line. They will be thoroughly taught. They will be brought up in a better way; they will grow right into Zion. There will be no difficulty.

#### Zion is a Theocracy.

You see we have some men still Democrats and Republicans. Zion is a Theocracy. That is Zion's teaching. A Theocracy means the Rule of God. We have only the beginning of the Theocracy, and it is a very small beginning too. An absolute Theocracy is impossible until Christ Himself comes, because in a Theocracy there will never be any voting; but we are making a beginning of a Theocracy under a Republican form of government, and it is, therefore, wise for us to exert every wholesome influence and to use every talent God has given us in getting into the minds and hearts of the people the Word of God. We are not Democrats or Republicans, and when a man is in Zion and refuses to follow leadership on a conclusion which has been reached after months of careful consideration and prayer, with the one great idea, that of the establishment of the Kingdom of God and the extension of Zion, and will vote the Democratic ticket in spite of everything, he belongs to the old order; he does not belong to Zion.

When the election comes, we can cast our vote for a set of candidates taken from the four different tickets, and that gives Zion the opportunity of using her power and exerting a certain

of influence for good government; but we have <sup>not to be</sup> d.

**The Polity of the Church or Kingdom Clearly Defined.**

I tell you the Word of God has got to be obeyed, "Mark that cause divisions among you contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them." The mark is going to rest upon some; it must be so. That is the Word of God. For the most part we have a beautiful spirit. I give heart-thanks, beyond the power of words to express, to all the Zion who are Zion men through and through. You have done your duty nobly. We will never suffer defeat if united. United, we can win every battle; but it takes a united Zion to do it.

**To Love Perfectly is to Obey Perfectly.**

He it is that loveth me.

How do you love Jesus? And he that loveth Jesus shall be loved of God. If you do not love Jesus, you will not be loved of God and your love for Jesus will be proven by the fact that you obey His sayings. You have the Word of God, obey it. My prayer is that I may have this love. We should not be content with the love that a sinner has. He has only the love that He has for all His creatures. All are God's children by creation.

I am not satisfied with the love that the baby in Christ has. I am not satisfied with the love that the children in general have; but here is a special love that you and I must have, and we can claim it by faith.

What must God think as He looks down upon us this morning? Can He say, "There is a man in whose heart is the spirit of obedience, whose one desire is to obey My Word and to follow Me and serve Me faithfully?" What could He say as He looks down upon this morning? You talk about the second coming of the Christ, about wanting to be ready for the coming of Christ, about going to Heaven. What does He think of me as He looks down upon me this morning? Jesus looks down upon you. You profess to be His disciple, but you can see how Peter denied Him, how Judas betrayed Him, how many in the sixth of John "walked away from Him." What kind of disciples are we? Ask yourselves the questions.

Judas saith unto Him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that Thou wilt desert Thyself unto us, and not unto the world?

Jesus answered and said unto him, if a man love Me, *he will keep My Commandments*: and My Father will love him, and We will come unto him, and we will abide with him.

Who are your constant companions? You have the promise that your companions will be God the Father and Jesus the Son, and elsewhere, that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. So you can walk all the day with God and with the Christ. They should be your daily companions.

May God bless the reading of His Word.

Kindly bow your heads in silent prayer.

The General Overseer then offered the general supplication.

**The Holy Ghost Promised.**

The General Overseer then said:]

I wish you to read with me a few passages of Scripture taken from the Gospels and also from the Acts of the Apostles.

In the Gospel according to St. John, the seventh chapter, the part of the thirty-ninth verse; also the Gospel according to Luke, the forty-ninth verse, the last chapter. I will read two before I give you the others.

John 7:39. I will read the thirty-seventh verse so as to get the connection:

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."

Whoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of water, flowing forth into life everlasting.

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.)

I want you to note the words, "For the Holy Ghost was not yet given."

In Luke, last chapter, the forty-ninth verse:

And, behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

The "promise of My Father" to which Jesus referred here was the promise that He would send the Holy Ghost.

Matthew 28:20, the sentence: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age."

And the verse in John that I read, the fourteenth chapter and sixteenth verse: "And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you unto the end of the age." or, "unto the age."

Then the second chapter of Acts:

**The Holy Ghost Given.**

And when the Day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

And there appeared unto them cloven tongues, like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The nineteenth and twentieth verses of the third chapter:

Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and He shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.

I have given, first of all: "The Holy Spirit was not yet given because Christ was not yet glorified." Then the promise of the Father as recorded in Luke forty-ninth verse and last chapter; and the two verses: Matthew 28:20 and John 14:16.

"Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age."

"That He may abide with you unto the age."

Acts second chapter, where we are definitely told that the Holy Spirit came, and came in accordance with the promise given in that forty-ninth verse; and the third chapter, which points out that the Heavens must retain the Christ until the times of the restoration of all things.

In our study of the life of Jesus Christ, we usually begin, on the one hand, with His birth in Bethlehem, and close, on the other hand, with His ascension from Olivet—His return to God the Father. The ministry of the Christ, then, for the purpose of practical study, is bounded on the one side by Bethlehem and on the other by Olivet.

We, of course, understand that Christ existed before Bethlehem, but, leaving aside all reference to His existence before His incarnation, we begin our study with His birth in the manger, and close it with His ascension, as described in the Acts of the Apostles.

**The Holy Spirit From Olivet to Christ's Second Coming.**

Two very able writers on the Holy Spirit have called attention to the advisability of studying the Person and the mission of the Holy Spirit in the same way. One of these writers is a Roman Catholic Cardinal, and wrote a work entitled, "The Time Ministry, or Temporal Ministry of the Holy Ghost."

The thought expressed by Cardinal Manning was taken up and enlarged upon by Rev. Dr. A. J. Gordon in his book, entitled, "The Ministry of the Spirit;" and both of these writers point out that, in order to get an intelligent view of the work of the Holy Spirit, it is better to bound His work on the one side by Pentecost and on the other side by the Second Coming of Christ; that just as the ministry of Christ extends from Bethlehem to Olivet, so the ministry of the Holy Spirit extends from Pentecost to the Second Coming of Christ; and, therefore, in our study of the Gift of the Holy Spirit, and the Nine Gifts of the

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**ZION!**

"YET HAVE I SET MY KING UPON MY HOLY HILL OF ZION." (Psalm 2:6.)

This is undoubtedly a Messianic prophecy.

See Acts 4:25; 13:33; Hebrews 1:5; 5:5.

The word "My" in the sixth verse refers to God, the Almighty.

The word "King" refers to His Only Begotten Son, Jesus the Christ.

The words "My holy hill of Zion," if we allow that the psalm refers primarily to David, the type, may have some reference to the Hill of Zion at Jerusalem, but if the psalm does refer to David, as the type, the all-important thing to be noted is that it refers to Jesus the Christ as the antetype; and therefore it is perfectly plain that the words "My holy hill of Zion" refer to the Kingdom of God, the heavenly Jerusalem, the Church without spot or wrinkle, the Bride of Christ. (Revelation 21:2-7; 22:1-5.)

The children of God ought not only to be instructed, edified, and encouraged by this Messianic prophecy, but thrilled through and through with the very thought of the establishment of the Kingdom of God, and the coming of the King, Jesus the Christ, to reign.

"WHEN THE LORD SHALL BUILD UP ZION, HE SHALL APPEAR IN HIS GLORY." (Psalm 102:16.)

This is certainly a Messianic prophecy, even though the primary reference may be to the restoration of the Jews from captivity, and the rebuilding of their holy city, Jerusalem.

It will have its complete fulfillment in the establishment of the Kingdom of God and the Second Coming of Christ.

In this connection, it will be well for all to note the way which the Kingdom of God must be established.

Faithful messengers, whom God has called and made sure through the Holy Ghost, will proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom. Men and women will be converted; publicly confess the faith in Jesus the Christ; be added, by the Lord, to the body of believers; then purified and sanctified, and by their lives, words and deeds proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom.

Zion's ministry must be a Holy Ghost called and trained ministry.

Zion's membership must be men and women who have received and believed the Gospel of the Kingdom, and are living in accordance with its laws.

"LET THEM BE CONFOUNDED AND TURNED BACK THAT HATE ZION." (Psalm 129:5.)

This was true of those who hated Israel, so long as Israel was true to God. Then how much more true will it be of those who hate the members of the Kingdom of God?

Zion in Zion City, and, indeed, Zion everywhere, should daily pray the prayer:

"Let them be confounded and turned back that hate Zion."

"Let them be as grass upon the housetops, which withereth afore it groweth up;

"Wherewith the mower filleth not his hand; nor he that bindeth sheaves his bosom.

"Neither do they which go by say, The blessing of the Lord be upon you: we bless you in the name of the Lord."

This prayer was and is proper. There was not and is not now in it an iota of the spirit of personal revenge, but it was and is the cry of the children of God for the overthrow of those who were and are the enemies of God as well as of Zion.

"YEA, WE WEPT, WHEN WE REMEMBERED ZION." (Psalm 137:1.)

God's chosen people, because of their disobedience, have been carried away from their beloved Zion into captivity.

And just so today, the conditions that obtain in the Zion Movement and in Zion City, are all the result of disobedience and transgression, not altogether on the part of the man whom God called and trained to lead His people in these last days, but also on the part of the people as well.

Every true Zion man, woman, youth, and maiden weeps today, when they remember what the Zion Movement was in 1895, 1896, 1897, and 1898, and when they remember Zion City as it was in 1900 and 1901.

The leader transgressed. The people transgressed. God is the Judge of both.

Let Zion everywhere arise and go forward to proclaim the Everlasting Gospel to earth's remotest bounds.

"Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." (Psalm 30:5.)

"AND THE LORD TURNED THE CAPTIVITY OF JOB."

"SO THE LORD BLESSED THE LATTER <sup>END</sup> OF MORE THAN THE BEGINNING." (Job 42:10, 12.)  
 "AND WE KNOW THAT ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD TO THEM THAT LOVE GOD. TO THEM WHO ARE THE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE." (Romans 8:28.)

Happy, indeed, have been, and are men and women in the Zion Movement who, during the darkest hour, have said, "Do not be troubled. God, in His own time and way, will bring everything out all right to all who are faithful."

I have never believed for a moment that God would forsake those who put their trust in Him; neither have I ever believed for a moment that men and women who put their money into Zion from the right motive, and for the proper purpose, would, in the long run, lose anything for having served faithfully their God.

Last Lord's Day morning, at a well-attended and interesting service in Shiloh Tabernacle, the following Scripture lessons were read:

'Whosoever therefore shall confess Me before men, Him will I also confess before My Father which is in Heaven.

But whosoever shall deny Me before men, Him will I also deny before My Father which is in Heaven.

Think not I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.

For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.

And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.

He that loveth father or mother more than Me, is not worthy of Me.

And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after Me, is not worthy of me.

He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for My sake shall find it." (Matthew 10:32-39.)

"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, foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man hath not where to lay His head.

And He said unto another, Follow Me. But He said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.

Jesus saith 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 plow and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God." (Luke 9:57-62.)

At the afternoon service, the Scripture lessons were:

"Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the Apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

Then Peter said unto them, Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

Then they that gladly received His word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

"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 spoke the Word of God with boldness.

And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that aught of the things which he possessed was his own: but they had all things common.

And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessed of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold,

And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus,

Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet." (Acts 2:37-47; 4:31-37.)

Let one and all, especially the investors, everywhere throughout the entire world read the above Scripture lessons, study them, meditate upon them, pray about them, and they will then see how very far short they have come in performing their duty as members of the Kingdom of God, compared with the members of the Kingdom of God immediately following the ascension of Jesus the Christ.

It is a shame, but nevertheless a fact, that some people, sitting in Shiloh Tabernacle on last Lord's Day, writhed as they sat and listened to these Scripture lessons and some of them went out of the Tabernacle serving well their master, the Devil, by criticising myself for having the bravery to read the plain Word of God, and point out how far below the Kingdom of God standard the people in the Zion Movement have been living.

My spirit cries to God for a Zion ministry who will not only preach the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, but, by His grace, live it.

The vast majority of so-called Christians, today, are, in their attitude toward the Gospel of the Kingdom, like a child in his attitude toward the mustard plaster—a thing which, of course, is unknown to the children of Zion, but many of us older people who did not have the full Gospel have very vivid recollections of the article—so long as you talk to the child about the mustard plaster, and do not apply it, he cares very little about it, and does not make any fuss, and just so are the great masses of so.

called Christians; so long as you talk about the Gospel, and do not apply it, they do not make any fuss.

"YE CANNOT SERVE GOD AND MAMMON."

The immediate, earnest and prayerful attention of all Zion is called to the fact that the Studebaker Theatre, located on Michigan Avenue, not far from the Chicago Auditorium, in the City of Chicago, has been rented for Lord's Day afternoon, November 8.

Accompanied by the members of Zion Council, Zion Choir, Orchestra and Band, and a number of earnest Seventy workers, it is my intention, God willing, to conduct a service in the above mentioned theatre on the date stated.

There is a faithful band of Zion people in Chicago, but owing to the conduct of a number of false shepherds who, in time past, took Zion's bread but did not proclaim Zion's principles and truths, hundreds of people who were once connected with the Church, have wandered away. May God help us to find these weary, wandering sheep, and bring them back into the fold.

Later on it is my purpose, God willing, to conduct similar meetings in Milwaukee, Racine, and Kenosha, Wisconsin, and in Waukegan and other near-by places in Illinois.

All readers will therefore understand that Zion is very much alive, and is going forward to do her duty toward humanity, and to fulfil her mission in proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom to sin-stricken and disease-smitten humanity.

The man or the woman who cannot be enthusiastic for Zion's principles and truths must indeed have gotten far from God.

Let every transgression be repented of and put away.

Let there be a whole-hearted reconsecration to God's service.

\*Zion will now become what it never could have become the way things were being run, and greater blessings than have, as yet, been bestowed, will be received by God's faithful people.

WATCH YE, THEREFORE, AND PRAY ALWAYS.

## THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE NINE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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Holy Spirit, we shall adopt the idea advanced as a very good one and confine our study to the work of the Holy Spirit as bounded by Pentecost on the one hand and by the Second Coming of Christ on the other.

### Passages Where the Expression "Holy Ghost" Is Found.

This morning I intend to place before you all the passages of Scripture in the New Testament where the words "Holy Ghost" are used. Observe that I do not say all the references to the Holy Spirit, because there are many references to the Holy Spirit under the simple and single word "Spirit," but all the passages of Scripture where the words "Holy Ghost" appear.

This will form a foundation for our future study of this very important subject.

You will be interested to know that the first mention in the New Testament, of the "Holy Ghost," is in the first chapter of Matthew, the eighteenth verse, in the simple, brief story of the birth of Jesus the Christ, brought out in connection with the fact that Joseph, being a righteous man, was greatly troubled, but as he thought on the difficulties (and I cannot refrain from remarking what a blessed thing it would be for people when they have difficulties to think on them and not talk so much about them), an angel of the Lord appeared unto him and assured him that Mary was with child by the Holy Ghost; and there are two references, one in the eighteenth verse and the other in the twentieth verse.

The next reference is the one that I read, forming a part of that remarkable sermon of John the Baptist, the forerunner of the Christ: "He shall baptize you in the Holy Ghost and in fire."

Again, in the twelfth chapter of Matthew, the thirty second verse. You will remember that the evil men who dogged the steps of Christ, finally reached the place where they accused him of casting out demons through the prince of demons, Beelzebub, and it was in that connection that Jesus referred to the sin of blasphemy against the Holy Ghost, saying, among other things, that all sins would be forgiven unto men except the sin of blasphemy against the Holy Ghost, which would not be forgiven. "neither in this age, nor in the age to come."

You will observe that in the Gospel according to Matthew we have just five references to the Holy Ghost, not considering, you understand, the references under the name Spirit; but by the words "Holy Ghost" there are just five references:

Matthew 1:18;

Matthew 1:20;

Matthew 3:11;

Matthew 12:32;

Matthew 28:19.

In the Gospel according to St. Mark we have two of the references already given duplicated, and, in addition, two other references:

Mark 1:8: "But He shall baptize you in the Holy Ghost."

Mark 3:29: "But he that blasphemeth against the Holy Ghost."

Mark 12:36: "For David himself said by the Holy Ghost."

Mark 13:11: "For it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost."

This last reference referred to the time that should come when they would be apprehended and brought before the authorities, that they should take no thought as to what they should say, but in the very hour it should be given to them what to say, for it is not you that speak, but the Holy Ghost in you.

Singular to say, in the Gospel according to St. Luke you will find eleven references to the Holy Ghost. Luke, of course, was not a member of the Apostolic College. We do not know the exact source or sources of his information, but his Gospel is regarded as a very wonderful production, and there are in it some remarkable things that are not found in any of the others.

I want you to get these passages so that you will see all that is said about the Holy Ghost. I am not desirous of talking, myself, but I want you to get what the Bible says.

In speaking of John the Baptist in Luke 1:15, we are told that he was filled with the Holy Ghost from his birth—a very remarkable thing.

In Luke 1:35, we have the expression, "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee." We have the conversation of the angel with Mary:

And the angel answered and said unto her: The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee:

before also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called Son of God.

What a wonderful statement made by the angel! What was name?

Voices: "Gabriel."

General Overseer: Who was it that talked to Daniel?

Voices: "Gabriel."

**A Prayer Heard, But Answer Delayed.**

General Overseer: Daniel's prayer was hindered twenty-days. What was his posture? He fell upon his face, did not? When was his prayer heard? The very first thing. When prayer can be heard and not answered at the time it is heard, can it? There were twenty-one days between the hearing of the prayer and the answer. It is written of Daniel, "Thou art greatly beloved." That was Daniel's privilege. Why is it not his privilege? Why was Daniel greatly beloved of God? Because he was faithful. God is no respecter of persons. We are not what we let God make us, and God has to make us.

God has to make a leader. All the people in this world cannot create a leader. God has to make him. God has to make the officers in His Church; man cannot create them. My opinion is that the very great majority of all the officers in the so-called Churches are man-made. There are a lot of them in the world through political wire pulling. The Bishops of the Methodist Church, what do they amount to unless God Almighty, through the Holy Spirit, made them?

**Filled With the Holy Ghost.**

Luke 1:41: "Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost; and she spake out with a loud voice, and said,"—she was talking to Mary.

Then it is written of Zacharias, Luke 1:67: "And his wife Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost."

See: father and mother, both, were filled with the Holy Ghost, and it is prophesied of the child that he should be filled with the Holy Ghost from his birth. Do you not think that there is a very close relation between the father and mother filled with the Holy Ghost" and the child being "filled with the Holy Ghost" from his birth? There is a very close relation.

Luke 2:25-26:

And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

Another very wonderful statement recorded in Luke's Gospel only.

Then we have a duplicate of the statement, "He shall baptize you in the Holy Ghost and in fire." (Luke 3:16; Matthew 3:11.)

In Luke 3:22 we have the story of the baptizing of Christ: and the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon Him."

Luke 4:1: "And Jesus, being full of the Holy Ghost."

Then we have duplicated the statement of the sin of blasphemy against the Holy Ghost; also the statement, "The Holy Ghost shall teach you in that same hour what ye shall say." (Matthew 12:31. Luke 12:12.)

Now we have had in Matthew how many references? Five.

In Mark? Four.

In Luke? Eleven.

**The Holy Ghost Mentioned in John's Gospel.**

Now in John's Gospel you have four references.

In John 1:33 we have the statement, "The same is He which baptized with the Holy Ghost."

And then the verse we quoted—John 7:39—"For the Holy

Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified."

Note that there was a time when it was said that "the Holy Ghost was not yet given," and there came a time when the Holy Ghost was given.

Then the next verse, 14:26: "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost."

Now a new statement which we do not find anywhere else: John 20:22, which refers to Jesus the Christ:

And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost.

**The Holy Ghost Mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles.**

How many times do these words appear in in the Acts of the Apostles? You have reference to the Holy Ghost in the Acts of the Apostles forty-one times.

Matthew, five.

Mark, four.

Luke, eleven.

John, four.

Acts of the Apostles, forty-one.

Do you realize that one of the most important books of the Bible is the Acts of the Apostles? What a wonderful book it is! When a man attempts to study it, he is overwhelmed with its greatness. Forty-one references there to the Holy Ghost! Let us locate them.

Acts 1:2: After that He through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles.

Acts 1:5: Ye shall be baptized in the Holy Ghost.

Acts 1:8: After that the Holy Ghost is come upon you.

Now there are the signs; there must be signs. I want to point these out and take them up later on.

I read: "Jesus breathed on them and said, Receive ye the Holy Ghost." Then afterwards, of the same apostles, we have the expression used: "After that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Now there is a place for some study and reflection.

Acts 2:4: And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost.

Acts 2:33: Having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 2:38 (you know that well-known verse): Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

**Special Preparation for Special Service.**

Acts 4:8: Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them.

It would seem that for special occasions God's servants are especially endowed with the Holy Ghost, because, though they had been filled with the Holy Ghost on the Day of Pentecost, this expression is again used, "Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost." It would seem that for that emergency and for that occasion he was specially endowed to stand up and speak, and it is a very significant expression.

**A Prayer Meeting Visited.**

Then in Acts 4:31 the disciples were holding a prayer meeting. Now, what was that prayer meeting about? After the apostles had been released from prison and reported to them, what happened? They fell down and prayed. When they prayed what happened? Three things: "The place was shaken," and "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost," and "They spake the Word of God with boldness."

Where all the people are filled entirely with the Holy Ghost there is no place for the Devil; and it is my candid opinion that there is more room in every one of us for the Holy Ghost; and the only solution of all Zion's difficulties is for the people to be filled with the Holy Ghost. I am coming to see more and more that it is not worth while wearing my life out exhorting any man to fall into line for God and Zion. He has got to get the Holy Spirit into him. All the exhorting I can do will be of no avail.

I think, sometimes, we spend our strength in a very unwise fashion. We expect a thing to happen that cannot happen. We stand up and go for a man because he does not do so and so. Well now, that is the height of folly. You have got to get that man filled with the Holy Ghost. Then you will not have to talk to him for hours trying to persuade him to do a certain thing; he will do it as a result of being filled with the Holy Ghost, and there is the solution.

#### A Lie Rebuked With Death.

In Acts the fifth chapter and third verse we have the record of a man and his wife who entered into a contract, and their contract was to tell a lie, and they thought they were lying unto men. I will ask this question: Who inspired that lie of Ananias and Sapphira?

Voices: "The Devil."

General Overseer: "Why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie unto," whom?

Voices: "The Holy Ghost."

General Overseer: What did they lie about? They had sold a farm, had they not? And they agreed between themselves that they would put part of it down and keep the rest. They tried to make the Apostles believe that they were giving it all. What happened to those two liars? They died. Please notice; they lied to the Holy Ghost; that is what I am reading it for this morning.

#### The Holy Ghost a Witness.

Look at Acts 5:32. Here we have the expression: "So is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey Him."

What is the use for a disobedient man to talk about being filled with the Holy Ghost? What is the use of a disobedient man talking about being baptized with the Holy Ghost? Why the one important condition that must be met before a man can be filled by the Holy Ghost is obedience.

#### Officers to be Filled with the Holy Ghost.

Here is another important verse, Acts 6:3. "Seven men full of," what?

Voices, "the Holy Ghost."

"Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Ghost." Notice why Stephen was a man of power, Acts 6:5.

Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost.—Acts 7:51.

But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into Heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God.—Acts 7:55

The next reference is Acts 8:15-19.

Now when the Apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:

Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost.

(For as yet He was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

I want you to get that particularly. Here is a case down in Samaria where certain people had been converted, and had been baptized only in the name of Jesus the Christ. They had been baptized by water baptism. Water baptism is the outward symbol of an inward cleansing, and without the change of heart—regeneration, without being born of the Spirit—being immersed in water does not amount to anything. I tell you, it seems to me that no minister in Zion has any right, where he has good reason to believe that the individual has not repented and given himself to God, to baptize such an one, because it is meaningless.

Notice: Certain people were converted and were baptized in the name of Jesus, and the Apostles prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Ghost.

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**W**HAT would you do with a child that had a spirit of evil? Pray God to cast the spirit out and fill that child with the Holy Ghost. Do you know of anything you could do that would be more appropriate, more in accordance with the word of God, than to pray? Where would you expect more likely to get rid of that spirit of disobedience, that spirit of rebellion, and get the Holy Spirit into one, than in the prayer meeting? Hence, you see, the necessity of prayer. You cannot whip the Devil out of people; it is an impossibility. You cannot whip the Devil out of children with a stick; you can only pray the Devil out.

You can bring children into subjection for a while with a whip, but only so long as they are too little to fight back. How often you have heard boys and girls say, "Just you wait until I am a little older, I will show them; then they won't whip me." The girls will say, "Just wait until I am fourteen, I will pack up and I will leave."

You cannot whip the Devil out of children; but if the parents are as close to God as they ought to be, and are earnest in prayer, prayer can do some great things. Sometimes very godly parents have some very disobedient children. I am not going to say that godly fathers and mothers can work miracles. It is said in the Bible that the time to begin with a child is with its grandmother. Many

little babies have very naughty little spirits. You have often heard people in the world say, "Baby has a naughty spirit;" "Johnnie has a naughty spirit." Some people tell their children that if they do not obey, something will get them; that there is something behind the door ready to take them. That is a very wicked thing to do. Do not tell your child a lie. A mother told her child that if he did not obey there was something behind the door that would get him, and the child had courage enough to go and look behind the door. One day at dinner when they had company the child said, "My mother told me a lie. She said there was something behind the door that would get me if I wasn't good, and I looked and there was nothing there." I tell you, it does not pay to tell a lie.

The forthcoming parents in Zion will have greater responsibility before God. Our fathers and mothers never had the teaching that you and I are getting, and our responsibility is going to be greater before God. Do not understand me to say that just because some father and mother has a very bad girl that that necessarily means that they are not good people, because some fathers and mothers have some very naughty children. I believe that if they had had the teaching of Zion they might have been better able to control their children; but to start with children eight or ten years of age is too hard a task. It is up-hill work. There are some people in Zion City who have some very bad girls and boys. You do not make them good by whipping them; in other words, a whip cannot drive the Devil out and put the Holy Ghost in.

The last reference was Acts 8:15.

#### The Christ-Like Church Filled With the Holy Ghost.

I want you to get this. I want you Elders to take hold of these passages. There is a great deal to be said about the work of the Holy Ghost that has not been said before in Zion. The Christ wants a Church made up of people filled with the Holy

Ghost; but there are a lot of people if they lost some of their selfishness today I would not offer a reward for it. There are a great many people who can well afford to lose a good many things. After the General Overseer has worked for nights, praying and endeavoring to reach a conclusion in a matter pertaining to the Kingdom of God, it does not, I tell you, look well for some of you who have given little or no thought to the matter to set yourselves forward as knowing all about it. It would be a very good thing if some people would lose the evil spirit of setting themselves up to give instructions contrary to my instructions. That is a very bad spirit for any man to get into him. It would be a very good thing for a lot of people if they would lose their hasty temper and never find it; if they would lose their selfishness and their covetousness, if they would lose the spirit of the world. God grant it. The spirit of criticism and fault-finding—one of the worst spirits that can ever get into people. The Devil is always around. I meet some people in Zion City and look at their faces—well, I am not fighting flesh and blood, I am fighting evil spirits; and these poor people, they have gone back upon Zion. They have let the spirit of evil get control of them, and that is the reason why you cannot do anything with them. I am learning as I go along. I have wasted a good deal of strength in the past, which I would not do again if I had the same to go over. I have spent all day talking to a man, and have learned now that it was entirely wasted to talk to him. I am learning a good many things. I have reprimanded a lot of these rebels for your sakes; else some of you would have been rebels. Pray for them that God will take away the evil spirit and fill them with the Holy Spirit.

Look at Acts 8:18:

And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,

Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.

What an awful responsibility!

But Peter said to him, Thy money perish with thee.

Now Acts 9:17: The simple story of Ananias' visit to Saul. He prayed with him, and Saul was "filled with the Holy Ghost."

Again in Acts 9:31:

Then had the churches rest throughout all Judæa and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.

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.

Dr. Dowie impressed that verse upon this old world so that it will never be forgotten.

Acts 10:44. I want you to note that:

While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the Gift of the Holy Ghost.

That is a portion of Scripture that I shall use later on.

Then 10:45: "Poured out the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Acts 10:47: "Which have received the Holy Spirit as well as we."

Acts 11:15: There is where Peter gave a report of the meeting in the house of Cornelius: "As on us at the beginning," that is: as on us at Pentecost.

Acts 11:16: Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that He said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.

You will observe from what we have read that there are a great many things about the Holy Ghost that you have never learned. You will observe that there must be a good deal of

teaching on this subject. You will observe that there is a good deal for us that we have not got. We want to keep close to the Word of God and follow it, so that we shall be protected from all counterfeits and from all the machinations of the Devil; and it is only by keeping close to the Word of God that we can be kept.

Acts 11:24: For he was a good man and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith.

It is beginning to dawn upon me more clearly, more forcibly than ever, what it means to be full of the Holy Ghost. Why, you take even the average men and women you meet, when they see people doing certain things they will say, "That is not very nice;" "He has got a naughty spirit;" or, "I would not act like that." Barnabas was a good man, full of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 13:2: And as they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate Me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

Acts 13:4: So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost.

Acts 13:9: Then Saul [the first time he is called Paul] being filled with the Holy Ghost, set eyes on him and said.

There is a very remarkable statement for a man to make who is full of the Holy Ghost. I tell you a great deal depends upon whether a man says a thing of himself or whether he says it as he is inspired by the Holy Ghost, and it is well for every man to know his mission. It is well for every man to take care lest he assumes to do something that God may never have called him to do. If he does, he is going to meet with great defeat. You know there is a case in the Acts of the Apostles where certain persons undertook to cast out evil spirits, and the evil spirit said, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?" And the evil spirits came out of the man and jumped on those fellows and overcame them.

I cannot understand why a man should want to assume anything in the Master's service. Let a man know his calling. You are not called upon, perhaps, to stand on the platform and deliver a sermon that will make people writhe in torment. You are not called upon to say what some other man is called upon to say. When people criticise, they would better be sure that they are not criticising the words and works of the Holy Ghost, because this is a very serious matter. Some people will criticise anybody or anything without giving any thought, and I tell you that such people will pay the penalty for it sooner or later.

Paul was filled with the Holy Ghost.

Acts 13:52: The disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Ghost.

Reference is made to the fact that the Holy Ghost was given to the Gentiles.

In Acts 15:28 we have the expression: "For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to us."

God knows that in facing every problem of Zion I have but one desire: that is, to find out the mind of God. God knows that I do not talk without thinking. I do not make decisions until I am sure, as sure as any man can be. As I said to a man who asked me a certain question in the Bible Class, "I will answer that sometime before the end of the Twentieth Century." I tell you, Zion, there are a lot of problems to face. We ought never to answer any question without giving it a good deal of thorough study and serious thought and earnest, prayerful consideration.

Acts 16:6 is a very remarkable verse, especially for you Elders. Paul and Silas and Timothy, these were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia. Is not that a wonderful statement?

Then in Acts 19:2 we read:

And it came to pass that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,

He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye be-

ved? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

You see, they had had no teaching on the subject of the Holy Ghost.

And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on Him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

When they heard this, they were baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus.

He gave them the teaching and they were then baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus. I want you to notice that the brethren were baptized in water again. There is a good deal more in that than you think. They were baptized with John's baptism and then they were baptized in water again, the only difference being that the second time they were baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus.

And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came upon them, and they spake with tongues and prophesied.

That is a very important selection of Scripture.

Acts 20:23:

Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying, that bonds and afflictions abide me.

The twenty-eighth verse—that is a good one:

Take heed therefore unto yourselves and to all the flock over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God which He hath purchased with His own blood.

Acts 21:11:

Thus saith the Holy Ghost.

Acts 28:25:

Well spake the Holy Ghost by Isaiah the prophet.

You see the Holy Ghost spake by Isaiah.

I will close with the Acts of the Apostles.

We have:

Five references in Romahs;

Three references in First Corinthians;

Two references in Second Corinthians;

One reference in First Thessalonians;

One reference in Second Timothy;

One reference in Titus;

Two references in Hebrews.

And there are in the New Testament eighty-four references to the Holy Ghost under the words "Holy Ghost."

After I have placed all these references before you, then I will take up a certain number and use them as a basis for addresses, and by the time we are through with these addresses we shall have covered very well the subject of the Personality and Ministry of the Holy Ghost.

I wish you to pray and to study, and to ask God to give you the preparation in mind and heart so that we shall be able to understand the subject.

God is richly blessing. The only difficulty with some is that they are so zealous for God and Zion that they may become very impatient; but what wonderful things God has already wrought! Just wait patiently and do right and God will bring all to pass. Now, Zion, the only thing that can bring destruction, or that can defeat us, will be division in our own ranks. It is the Devil's business, you know, to create discord and dissension and all that, if he can.

I am glad to see you and we are getting along very nicely. Some things are a great grief to me, if I would grieve about them. That is the Devil's business to wear a man's life out. There are some very good people, I love them and they love me, and they love Zion, but if I would let them they would wear my life out in thirty days. They mean all right. If they would keep in line and not talk so much it would be better for them and easier and lighter for me.

God is blessing and we are making progress. Twelve months more will see further developments. May God bless you and keep you.

The Doxology was sung, after which Elder Richert offered the closing prayer and pronounced the benediction.

## ZION'S MISSION TO THE WORLD

(BY O. L. TINDALL.)

**W**HAT is it? It is twofold. It is the same as God's mission to the world, to the whole world. I express it in the language of our God Himself.

"I *kill*, and I *make alive*." Deuteronomy 32:39. "Rather a strange mission," says one. "I thought Christ came only to save and not to destroy." So He seemed to say, and 'twas true. He came not to condemn or damn the world, but to save the world, and yet He did the same thing that the Lord did and has always done.

"I kill and I make alive." "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested that He might *destroy* the works of the Devil." (1 John 3:8.) The same John said in his Gospel, fourteenth chapter and twelfth verse. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also."

That clearly defines our work and mission. God always, we may say, does His work through men. Men are saved through men. God ordained that men should be saved by the foolishness of preaching. We must follow the Divine plan. Christ set us the example, and taught us the way. He said: "Go, preach My Gospel of the Kingdom, heal the sick, cast out devils, etc."

*Our first commission is to kill, and then to make alive.* "I *wound* and I *heal*." Here is where many make a mistake, and all the churches. They tolerate sin of every kind and palliate it, and whitewash it, and use all kinds of nostrums to patch it up. We must kill it. "Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire," said the gentle Jesus, in His great Sermon on the Mount; and in His last talk to His disciples before He was offered up for us all, He said. "Every branch in Me that beareth not fruit, He taketh away." And then He applies it to a man and men and says: "If a man abide not in Me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and *men* gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they (men) are burned."

Zion follows the scriptural plan. It has always been the same. It is like its Author: It changes not.

*Zion is on a war of extermination.* There are many giants of iniquity and strongholds of sin and evil, in our own beloved land, and they must fall and perish from off the face of the earth before our Kingdom of God can be set up and "Thy *will* be done on *earth* as it is done in Heaven."

In order to be perfectly practical and clearly understood, I wish to name some of the more prominent of these evils, which all good men ought to combine against. They need only to be mentioned to be condemned by all right thinking people.

They are as follows:

*First, THE SALOON AND THE WHOLE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.* Its existence in a civilized country can find no justification. "Wine" is now, as it ever has been, "a mocker, and strong drink is raging, and whosoever is *deceived* thereby is not *wise*." At the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." Away to

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Special Notice.

**T**HE STUDEBAKER THEATRE, near the Auditorium, Chicago, has been rented for Lord's Day afternoon, November 8, 1908. This Hall is one of the finest and best equipped in the city of Chicago, and all Zion should praise God for enabling us to secure such a splendidly located and arranged hall.

The General Overseer, Zion Council, Zion Choir, Orchestra, and Band, and a large number of Seventies, God willing, will visit Chicago and hold a stirring OLD-TIME ZION MEETING on the above date: **November 8, 1908, at 2:30 p. m.**

- Later, God willing, we shall visit Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha, Waukegan, and other cities near Zion City; and then later the General Overseer, accompanied by helpers, will visit a number of the large cities throughout the United States and Canada.
- Let all rally.
- Let all pray.
- Let all reconsecrate themselves to God.
- God is very wonderfully blessing and using LEAVES OF HEALING and THE ZION HERALD.
- Zion Literature must be scattered everywhere.

Notes by the General Associate Editor.

"Be filled with the Spirit." Ephesians 5:18.  
 The person who will let his heart be God-centered, and who will cut loose from the world, the flesh and the Devil will "be filled with the Spirit."  
 God will leave no person without providing comfort. His bounties are before all men, only they must obey His injunction: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

One can never be "filled with the Spirit," so long as there is any of self and the world within his heart. God requires: complete surrender, a willing service, "a living sacrifice." He who thus offers himself to God can be "filled with the Spirit" and used of God in doing His service.

Men should not regard the infilling by the Spirit to be for the gratification of the individual; but the glory and praise is unto God the Father, that His authority may be regarded upon the earth.

Christ opened the understanding of the disciples, "that they might understand the scriptures, and said unto them, 'Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.'"

"And ye are witnesses of these things."

Witnesses of what? The life, suffering, death and resurrection of Christ; of repentance, and of remission of sins.

How were they qualified? "Behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high."

Equipment for service comes "from on high." When one gets his commission as "a witness," all the powers of earth and hell cannot keep back his testimony. The threatenings of "rulers, and elders and scribes" availeth nothing against those who have truly been with Jesus to whom all power in Heaven and in earth hath been given.

"But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to harken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.

For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."

WHAT HAD THEY SEEN? They had seen Jesus perform many mighty miracles: Heal the sick; restore sight to the blind; open the ears of the deaf; cheer the sorrowing; raise the dead; suffer in Gethsemane, and shed His own blood upon the cross as an offering for sin; and they had seen Him alive, felt His touch, and heard His loving words.

WHAT HAD THEY HEARD? The Christ declare Himself to be "The Way, the Truth and the Life."

"God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth."

"My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to finish His work."

"My Father worketh hitherto, and I work."

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He seeth the Father do: for what things soever He doeth, these also doeth the Son, likewise."

"I can of Mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge, and My judgment is just: because I seek not Mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent Me."

"I am the Bread of Life." "I am the Living Bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this Bread, he shall live forever: and the Bread that I will give is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

"It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing, the Words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit and they are Life."

"I am the door of the sheep." "I am the Good Shepherd."

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me."

"I and My Father are one."

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

"If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

"I go to prepare a place for you, and I will come again and receive you unto Myself. In My Father's house are many mansions."

"And whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in My name, I will do it. If ye love Me, keep My commandments."

"These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

"Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

"I go unto the Father: for My Father is greater than I."

"Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My name, He may give it you."

But "I command you, that ye love one another."

"When the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of Truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of Me:

"And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with Me from the beginning."

"Howbeit when He, the Spirit of Truth is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will show you things to come.

"He shall glorify Me: for He shall receive of Mine, and shall show it unto you. All things that the Father hath are Mine.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, He will give it you."

"Father, the hour is come; glorify Thy Son, that Thy Son also may glorify Thee. . . . I have glorified Thee on the earth: I have finished the work which Thou gavest Me to do."

"I have manifested Thy name unto the men which Thou hast sent Me out of the world. . . . I pray for them. . . . For they are Thine, and all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine: and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to Thee. Holy Father, keep through Thine own name those whom Thou hast given Me, that they may be one as We are. . . .

"And now I come to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

"I have given them Thy Word; and the world hath hated them because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. . . . Keep them from the evil. . . . Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy Word is Truth.

"As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. . . . And I have declared unto them Thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith Thou hast loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

Can there be greater manifestation of love than that displayed by the Christ toward suffering humanity?

Oh, the power of love! Oh, the desire on the part of Christ the Savior, that His disciples should be one, and that they should make no mistake! And what better equipment could He give them than to endow them with His Spirit who should take up His abode with them and lead them into all truth.

Is there any wonder, then, that Paul should press on, and say, "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, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints, what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God?"

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hell with it, where it belongs.

*Second, TOBACCO "SATAN'S CONSUMING FIRE,"* should be cursed with a curse by men as it is by God. It is a filthy thing. It is a deadly poison and a breeder of disease, of cancer and other things. It costs this country more than does all her churches and mission work. It can find no justification even by its own devotees who have become abject slaves to it and cowardly say, I must obey its mandates. It has such a power over me.—Poor wretch!

*Third, THE SWINE,* an unclean and filthy brute, we propose to kill, not for food but as a pest, a scavenger to eat up the filth of the stables and the refuse of table, and every unclean thing. They are full of scrofula and cancer and cholera, and a breeder of disease. No wonder God said of the swine, "Of their flesh ye shall not eat, they are unclean unto you." (Leviticus 11:8.) No wonder Christ killed two thousand of them, by suffering the demons to go into them, and sent them into the sea. That the Jews and peoples who eat no swine have no cancers, is an historical fact.

*Fourth, THE THEATER,* the school of corruption of all virtue and modesty and chastity, a child of the Devil run by men and women who are unclean and licentious—A corruption of good morals.

*Fifth, THE DANCE.* It had its origin in lust and is supported by licentiousness. It is a game of whoremongers and adulterers. No clean man or virtuous woman can have any connection or association with it. It is the nursery of the

*Sixth, "HOUSE OF THE STRANGE WOMAN"* whose door is the gateway of hell. It allures innocent girls into its deadly coils and damns every young man that goes in thereat. Alas, how many enter therein!

*Seventh, THE CARD TABLE and gambling hell.* It starts in the parlor of that hypocrite of a church member, and at that gambling and lottery table at the wretched church fair. It ends in the gambling dens on State street, and the horse race-books, and the gambling on Board of Trade, which curses all our trade and robs our hard and honest tillers of the soil and gets the lion's share of the profits while they do nothing but manipulate the markets and gamble and bet on the prices of our breadstuffs, and we pay the bills. The whole gang are a lot of thieves and should be

driven out with a whip of strong cords as Christ drove them out of the temple and overturned their tables of ill-gotten gains.

Many of them today are found in the temples of worship—high church men!

The Kingdom of God has no use for any such.

*Eighth, THE DOCTORS AND DRUG BUSINESS.* The doctors have supplanted the Lord and his Christ in the minds of most of the church people. Just as well call a Catholic priest to forgive your sins as to call a doctor to heal your sicknesses, for it is plainly said that Christ bore our sins on the tree and our sicknesses just the same, and that the prayer of faith shall save the sick as well as the sinful; that God heals men through men the same as He saves them. He says, and "They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." He said "Preach the Gospel to every creature, heal the sick and cleanse the leper." This is the work of the ministers of Christ of whom He said "The works that I do shall he do also." The doctors have never been a success, but a failure, and worse than that. They have been a curse to humanity. Says one of their most eminent representatives, "Doctors and drugs have killed more men than all wars and pestilences and famines combined."

Said Oliver Wendell Holmes:

If the whole *Materia Medica* were sunk in the depths of the sea it would be better for humanity; but worse for the fish.

Drug stores are worse than saloons, for they sell scores of poisons while the saloons sell only the one.

*Ninth, THE GREAT SECRET REALM,* especially the Masonic order, the mother of them all. It is plainly and unquestionably idolatrous worship. It came, as they claim, from Solomon who introduced Baal worship into Israel. A Christian cannot belong to it without denying his Lord. They cannot take the name of Jesus with them into a Masonic lodge. He could not be a member of the order, He is tabooed and blackballed. "It might offend a Jew," they say. He said, "In secret have I [done or] said nothing." Their deeds are done in the dark, because they are evil.

*Tenth, ALL THE CHURCHES, as organizations, MUST GO.* They never were built on the right and scriptural foundation. They are only a lot of petty republics and not the Kingdom of our God. They vote on their pastors or shepherds, and hire them for so much money. The sheep rule the shepherd, instead of the shepherd ruling the sheep. Preachers are only hirelings as is a coachman. They have no authority. They are underlings and no true leaders of God's people. They have not even the true *form* of Godliness, and have lost the power. They do not preach or teach the true Gospel; only a part of it. Many of the doctrines are neglected or denied. The Lord is not blessing them. They are neither "hot nor cold." The world has taken possession of them. They tolerate every form of ungodliness.

*Eleventh, THE WHOLE ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS SYSTEMS.*

They are of the earth, earthy. They devour each other. "Might makes right" with them. The big fish eat up the small ones, until the earth and the fullness thereof has gone into the hands of the few, and the rest of the world are slaves. "The suppressed millions are found in every land. Our own is no exception, with all our boasting, that 'all men are born equal.'"

There is nothing of the Spirit of Christ in the business matters. The golden rule is unknown. It is a cut-throat business. The system is rotten and must go.

*Twelfth, THE POLITICS OF THE DAY* is only a "salary grab" bag game—a spoils system—bribery and corruption from top to bottom. It lacks true statesmanship and exalts demagogism.

*Thirteenth, THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM* has left God out, as has the state, and proscribed the only Book that upholds our nation and is our only hope. It denies to our children the most important part of a child's education. The Book of Books is

ruled out of our school curriculum, and many useless and even harmful branches are required.

In conclusion, we say that Zion, like her Maker and Author, hates iniquity of all kinds, is an avowed foe of every evil thing, and believes, too, in the final overthrow of all the works of the Devil and the kingdom of darkness, and the triumph of Truth, and the Kingdom of our God.

There is another side to Zion and her work, or mission. It is the positive side. After you destroy the weeds and the thistles and thorns, you must sow the good seed, or you would have no crop, and you must starve in the very presence of a rich field, though uncultivated.

This phase of our work is expressed in our Lord's words and our text,

**"I Make Alive."**

"I heal the wounded spirit, and the bruised reed, and fan the smoking flax." "The Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost."

Zion stands for, and teaches, and fosters, and defends, the following:

*First, THE INSPIRATION and SUFFICIENCY of the Holy Scriptures as our rule of faith and practice in all matters of life.*

*Second, THE FATHERHOOD OF GOD and the Divinity of Jesus Christ, and the Personality and Work of the Holy Spirit.*

*Third, SALVATION from all sin through faith in Jesus Christ.*

*Fourth, THE HEALING of all the diseases of the body through faith in Christ, without the aid of doctors or drugs.* "I am the Lord that healeth thee. I change not." "Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses." "They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." "The prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up." "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever."

*Fifth, That GOD is THE HEALER of His people, and that SATAN is THE DEFILER; that sin is the cause of sickness.* "He went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the Devil." "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men for that all have sinned." Romans 5:12.

Sin brings sickness, and sickness death. "This daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years," said the Christ.

*Sixth, That REPENTANCE, and not Faith, is the beginning of the Gospel.*

John began his ministry by saying, "Repent ye, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." Jesus gave the proper order when He said, "Repent ye, and believe the Gospel." Peter said to the people, "Repent ye, and be baptized."

Paul preached the same: "Repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Paul told the learned philosophers on Mars' Hill that "God now commandeth all men everywhere to repent."

*Seventh, BAPTISM BY TRIUNE IMMERSION.* Christ gave command that they should baptize "into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost;" that they should baptize *into each one*. There were three commands and not one merely—three acts. They must honor each of the three in the Godhead in the same way. The equality of the Trinity, or three persons, is brought out and taught in baptism. We are to honor each one, in like manner.

*Eighth, THE KINGDOM OF GOD* is an organized body of Christian men and women, with proper officers, called by God to their offices, who shall rule the whole body, as the head governs and directs all the members of the human body; that there must be authority in the Church; that it is from above and not from the people. It is a Theocracy and not a Republic. That there must be only one body, the same as there is "One Lord, one

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Ordination of Officers



It is important to notice that the Holy Spirit first *calls*, then *separates*, and then *ordains* Christ's servants to the various offices in His Church. See Acts 1:15-26, and Acts 13:1-4, concerning the call to the first and most important of all offices in the Church (1 Corinthians 12:28), the office of "apostle."

No greater misery can ever happen to a man than to be rashly *ordained of men* to any office in the Church to which the Holy Ghost has not already *called and separated* him, and it is a source of endless confusions among God's people, and a stumbling-block to the world, who mock, not without justice, at the impotence of man-made elders whom foolish or designing men have ordained.

We have seen in New Zealand recently some very sad illustrations of these remarks; and the same things may be seen in all parts of the world, and will continue to exist so long as the Church does not observe the Divine Order laid down in the Holy Scriptures by the Holy Ghost."

A Farewell and Communion Service

Sweet memorials,—till the Lord  
Call us round His heavenly board,  
Some from earth, from glory some,  
Severed only, "Till He come!"

How often we have read the words, "and *when they* (the Lord and His first apostles) *had sung an hymn*, they went out unto the Mount of Olives." How we have longed to hear the voice and see the face of Him who led that song, e're He went forth to suffer and to die. Down through the ages its echoes still are ringing, and "the ransomed of the Lord" still "come with singing unto Zion."

As we looked upward in that beautiful night (Friday, March 2, 1888, in Fitzroy, Australia) we saw the "many mansions" of light shining in the boundless vault of the heavens above. They seemed to us, like heavenly silent singers, forming, from the Southern Cross, all glorious pathways of stars through all the Milky Way, with jewelled steps, upwards and onwards to the center of all things—the Throne of God. And then Daniel's words of prophecy came to us poor Pilgrims of the Night, who were about to go forth to all the earth with Words of Life and Light and Love to countless sufferers who are fainting and groaning in pain on their earthly journey to Zion above—"They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

And we were comforted; for the way of wisdom was lying clearly before us, and we knew our Guide, the unerring Spirit of God, would lead us in the steps of Him who sang the hymn and went forth to open the way of Salvation and Temperance, of Healing and Holiness to all who will trust and follow Him. All was peace and the night soon passed away.

A NINE DAYS' MISSION IN SYDNEY.

We conducted twenty-seven meetings in the nine days—one of which, for men only, extended from 11 p. m. to 3 a. m. on Monday and Tuesday, 18th and 19th of March. Many found

faith, one Baptism," one Spirit, but many members. Christ meant this when He prayed in the Garden "that they might be one as We are One." All Christian men and women must come to One Fold, and "be one that the world may know, that Thou hast sent Me," said the Christ.

*Ninth*, THE CONDITION FOR MEMBERSHIP in this body of Christians is the New Birth by the Spirit, and baptism in water. Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God." John 3:5.

*Tenth*, PAYING TITHES. The support of the ministry and expenses of the Church are to be met by tithes, and freewill offerings. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house." "Will a man rob God? Let ye have robbed Me. Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings." Malachi 3.

*Eleventh*, COOPERATION IN BUSINESS. A man should carry his religion into his business, which should be run for the glory of God, and the upbuilding of His Kingdom just as much as a prayer meeting, or a preaching service on the Lord's Day.

"Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty." Proverbs 3:9, 10.

Do business for God and for your brother. Help one another in business and so bear one another's burdens, instead of making them heavier.

*Twelfth*, POLITICS SHOULD HAVE GOD IN THEM and not be run by the Devil. Magistrates should be the ministers or servants of God, and be, as Paul said, "a terror to evil doers, and a praise to them that do well," for "Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people." We stand for pure politics.

*Thirteenth*, OUR SCHOOLS should have none but true, and efficient, and Christian teachers, and should make the Bible the most important book in the whole course of the child's study. Its contents should be given "line upon line, precept upon precept." The child should be taught, above all things, this junction of the wise man: "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." The law that forbids the Bible to be read and studied in our schools is a shame and disgrace to our statute books and our lawmakers.

*Fourteenth*, CHRISTIAN COLONIES AND SETTLEMENTS. We believe that the best way to carry out our teachings and raise up people for God, is by owning tracts of land, which we can control, and establish, and work out the principles of the Gospel in everyday life, and in business and social life, and make it truly a refuge for the afflicted of God's people. God expects His people to be a separate people and a "holy nation." Such a community would be blessed of God in basket and in store and every way.

In short, we declare that the Kingdom of God, or Church of Jesus Christ, should dominate all this earth; that God's people should rule in everything. They should be "the head and not the tail," as God hath promised; that we should begin now, on a small scale, it may be, but it would rapidly increase and grow until the perfect day, when God's Kingdom shall prevail over all the earth. "Every knee shall bow and every tongue confess" our Lord and His Christ, to the glory of God.

The law of the harvest is to reap more than you sow. Sow a good seed, and you reap a habit; sow a habit, and you reap a character; sow a character, and you reap a destiny. *George D. Boardman*

salvation through faith in Jesus; many backsliders were restored; and many Christians testified to receiving much spiritual blessing through the teaching, which forms the most important and prominent features of all our Missions: for we ever remember that our Lord went about (1) TEACHING, (2) PREACHING, and (3) HEALING.—See Matthew 4:23; 9:35.

We have no fear as to the HEALING if once the TEACHING is fully and intelligently believed: and throughout this Mission our public teaching occupied over six hours daily.

Between the meetings we saw the sick, who soon began flocking in large numbers to the morning and afternoon "Healing-room Addresses." As the Mission progressed, it was with difficulty we could get time to eat necessary food; and the afternoon meetings grew to an attendance of from three to five hundred. We frequently found, when those who had only come to listen to the teaching had retired, that there were from one to two hundred sick persons remaining with "all manner of disease and all manner of sickness," eager to see us individually and privately in the healing-room. Of these we saw many; but many more could not be seen; and the certainty that we could not see all before leaving made it very painful to listen to their eager requests, "Oh, please do see me!" or "Do see my child!" etc. But this very fact, when it also became apparent to the eager seekers, led them to feel the force of our often repeated statement, that *they did not need to see us in order to be healed*, if they only fully believed in Jesus and forsook all sin; for He was as willing and able to heal without any human touch or prayer, as when He healed the Centurion's servant, by *speaking the word only* (Matthew 8:5-13.) Many, in consequence, were healed in this way, as in all our Missions, and amongst the testimonies at the close of the Mission none were more gratifying to us and interesting to others, than such cases as these, none more glorifying to God: for healing without any human agency silences all critics, except the utterly dishonest.

A number of the cases of healing through our agency were very startling, fulfilling, so far as man can see, all the highest conditions of truly Divine healings, being perfect, immediate and permanent. The first of these was on the second evening, and the last on the afternoon of the closing day of the Mission.

**FAITHFULNESS DOES NOT KNOW DEFEAT.**

"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the Crown of Life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him." James 1:12.

"Fear none of the things which 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."—Rev. 2:10

What a consolation to the servant of God when the muscle and brain are weary and the pressure of circumstances is unrelenting! But we are "joint heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together." Romans 8:17.

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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

### THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE NINE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

[ADDRESS NO. 2.]

Address Delivered at the Early Morning Meeting, Lord's Day, August 16, 1908, at Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, by General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva.

[REPORTED BY MISS B. MACLACHLAN.]

SERVICES were opened by a season of silent prayer. Hymn No. 264 was then sung:

"Hide me, O my Savior hide me,  
In Thy holy place;  
Resting there beneath Thy glory,  
O let me see Thy face."

Hymn No. 18 was also sung:

"He is coming, the 'Man of Sorrows,'  
Now exalted on high;  
He is coming with loud hosannas,  
In the clouds of the sky."

GENERAL OVERSEER: Before we go to God in prayer, I want to impress upon your minds and hearts that the one and most important thing is a closer walk with God. If it were possible for us to get together 50,000 people, create institutions that would prove to be an overwhelming success financially, and we would be able to have the people right with God, what would it all amount to? We ought to be in travail today for many in Zion City. Spiritual children will never be born until those of us who profess to be God's children are in travail for them. While I am interested in the material aspect of Zion, yet I would not derive the snap of my finger for all that without the spiritual development of the people. The Word says that "every plant that

My Heavenly Father hath not planted shall be rooted up." Then I have no time, and neither have you, to spend in creating that which is only to be overthrown and consumed in the fire that shall try every man's work in the last days.

Let us bow before God in prayer. I will ask Elder Tindall to pray, and at the close of his prayer, with your heads bowed, I want you to sing No. 286. Let this be an earnest prayer:

"Come, Holy Spirit,  
Like a dove descending,  
Rest Thou upon us  
While we meet to pray;  
Show us the Savior,  
All His love revealing;  
Lead us to Him  
The Life, the Truth, the Way."

Christ came to reveal whom?

Voices: "The Father."

The Holy Spirit came to reveal whom?

Voices: "The Son."

So this stanza that I have just read is in strict accordance with the plain Word of God.

Elder Tindall then led in earnest prayer, after which Hymn No. 286 was sung.

General Overseer: Elder Richert, please pray for the sick. Elder Richert then earnestly prayed for the sick.

General Overseer: Elder Carey, pray for the HERALD and the LEAVES OF HEALING.

Elder Carey then prayed for the HERALD and LEAVES OF HEALING.

General Overseer: Elder Moot, pray for the workers in different parts of the world.

Elder Moot prayed for the workers in Zion's Harvest Field.

General Overseer: Dr. Sayers, for the children.

Dr. Sayers then offered prayer on behalf of Zion's children.

General Overseer: Deacon Forby, for the young people.

Deacon Forby offered an earnest prayer on behalf of Zion's young people.

The General Overseer then prayed as follows:

Our God and Father, we earnestly pray Thee to hear and answer the prayers that have been offered. Bless, O God, the sick and the sorrowing, the troubled and the distressed. Hear and answer on behalf of anyone in our midst this morning who may be looking to Thee for deliverance from disease and affliction. Thou art here, O God, and art willing to stretch forth Thy loving hand to heal. Then may each one look up to Thee in faith and touch the eternal source of life, wisdom, knowledge, power, health, strength and all blessing.

Bless Zion Herald as never before, Bless the Leaves of Healing. Grant, O God, to inspire every word. May the Holy Spirit not only, as in olden times, rest upon, but dwell within everyone who shall have anything to do in preparing both papers. Accompany the written and printed word by the Holy Spirit's power, and make them great blessings to earth's remotest bounds.

Bless, O God, the workers in all parts of the world. We thank Thee for the good news from Shanghai, China. God bless the Elders there and the native workers, and all those who are seeking for a closer walk with Thee. Bless the dear ones in Australia, and those who are coming back and taking their stand. Bless all the faithful ones in Africa, and everywhere.

Bless, O God, Zion in Zion City, and Thou knowest that we have a desire, beyond the power of words to describe, that this city should be saved, that this spot should be hallowed and kept for Thee. O God, destroy everything in this city that is not of Thy planting, and bless everything that is in accordance with Thy will, and help us to realize that it is not by might, nor by power, but by Thy Spirit. Thou wilt undertake for us if we are only wholly consecrated: Bless then, O God, all of the officers, that they may be men and women full of faith, wisdom and of the Holy Ghost. Bless the members, that they may be daily found seeking Thee. Bless the young people, bless the children. Bless Zion choirs, O God, and grant, we beseech Thee, that everyone in this city, whom Thou hast blest with the talents to sing and play upon instruments, may not hide their talents, but respond to the earnest entreaty to take their places in the services of Thy house. Bless, O God, the orchestra and band, which, though they have only small beginnings, yet with Thy favor upon them Thou only knowest what ten years will bring forth. Bless Conductor Thomas and Deacon Wilson very especially in the work committed to their hands. Help them to realize the importance of the positions which they occupy in Thy vineyard. Help us all to find our proper sphere of labor.

Guide, O Father, in all that shall be said and done. Make this a wonderful day in Zion—a day of progress spiritually—we ask in Jesus' Name and for His sake. Amen.

One stanza of "Nearer My God to Thee," was then sung.

General Overseer: Will you please turn once more to the Gospel according to St. John the seventh chapter, and I will read to you from the thirty-seventh verse.

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.)

You will remember this reference: John 7:37. It is a very remarkable verse, and I want you to note, particularly, the statement "For the Holy Ghost was not yet given."

In Acts the second chapter, beginning with the first verse:

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

And suddenly there came a sound from Heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

And there appeared unto them cloven tongues, like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

#### Importance of God's Word.

It is of far greater importance that you should get thoroughly into your minds and hearts all that God's Word says regarding the Holy Spirit and His mission than that you should remember what I say, and in order that you may get an intelligent view of the statements in the New Testament regarding the Holy Ghost, I will briefly review the address of last Lord's Day morning and then complete, very hurriedly, the references to be found in the

other books of the New Testament regarding the Holy Ghost.

In the Gospel according to St. Matthew there are five references; in Mark, four; in the Gospel according to St. Luke, eleven; in the Gospel according to St. John, four; in the Acts of the Apostles, forty-one. In Paul's Epistle to the Romans there are two passages that I want to call your attention to especially, there are three others, making five in all.

The first one is in the fifth chapter, the fifth verse, a very remarkable statement, that the "love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."

Romans 9:1: My conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost.

Romans 14:17: For the Kingdom of God is not meat and drink: but righteousness, and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Romans 15:13: Through the power of the Holy Ghost.

Then the sixteenth verse of the same chapter, "Being sanctified by the Holy Ghost."

In First Corinthians there are three references:

Chapter 2:13: But which the Holy Ghost teacheth.

Chapter 6:19: Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost.

Chapter 12:3: But by the Holy Ghost.

In Second Corinthians there are two references:

Chapter 6:6: By the Holy Ghost.

Chapter 13:14: The communion of the Holy Ghost.

In First Thessalonians there are two references:

Chapter 1:5, 6: For our Gospel came not unto you in word only: but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost.

With joy of the Holy Ghost.

#### Natural Abilities Alone Do Not Imply Spiritual Power.

You often hear people say of certain preachers, "He is very eloquent; what a beautiful prayer he made!" little realizing what those statements mean. The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ can never be built up by mere eloquence. Intellectual power and oratorical ability may be possessed by a man who is a heathen. The Kingdom of God can be established only by men and women born from above, used by God in the name of Jesus, through the power of the Holy Ghost. In other words, a man's works must be in the demonstration and power of the Holy Ghost. If a man gets an audience simply by reason of great eloquence, God has nothing to do with it. If a man has people profess conversion simply through his natural persuasive powers, it is then the work of man and not the work of God. Therefore the very sermons that the carnal may say will drive the people away are the sermons the Holy Ghost will use to the salvation, healing, and cleansing of the people. Hence it is that many so-called great men have established large institutions, attracted immense congregations, have lived to be fifty or sixty years old, and then have passed away, and all their work passed away when they passed away.

#### God's Work Will Abide.

A work wrought by God through the Holy Ghost will abide, and the death of the man God used will never make any difference to the work. Therefore, should any part of Zion's work disappear, just thank God for it. Do not you worry, because I can assure you that, in the light of God's Word, all God has wrought, all God has established, will abide. That which has been the result of a man's work merely shall perish; so do not you worry: "Every plant that My Heavenly Father hath not planted shall be rooted up;" and our daily prayer ought to be for ourselves, "O God, whatever there is about me that is not in accordance with Thy will, let it be burned up—let it disappear." And our prayer for Zion ought to be, "Let all, O God, that is not of Thy planting be rooted up and taken away." We want only that which is of God, and nothing else.

#### The Predetermined Purpose of Paul.

The Apostle Paul, in the second chapter of First Corinthians, develops this thought at length. He says:

And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech, or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, Him crucified.

He was going to a place which he knew was noted for its learning and its culture, and for its philosophical systems, and he knew it would have been in accordance with the customs for the time, when he arrived in Corinth, to have taken up with those systems of philosophy. He went with the purpose and determination not to take any notice of them, but to preach Jesus Christ and Him crucified. He determined to know nothing of those systems of philosophy, but only Christ Jesus, who had made an all-sufficient sacrifice once for all for the sins of the world.

**Work To Be Done in Demonstration and Power of the Spirit.**

If this is true of the preaching, it is true of every part of the work of the Church. Is the preaching in the demonstration and power of the Holy Spirit? Is the singing in the demonstration and power of the Holy Spirit? Is every part of the service pleasing to God?

Ingersoll was one of the most eloquent men that ever lived. Great crowds would flock to hear him, and would pay one dollar for a seat in the hall where he was going to speak; but no one could say he spoke in the demonstration and power of the Holy Ghost. And so there are men who are naturally gifted with a great oratorical ability, who are well versed in literature, ancient and modern, and who can hold audiences simply enthralled, but that is not what God wants. This explains a great deal of the so-called modern revivalism, and it explains, also, why, in six months over one-half of the so-called converts cannot be found: because they were men's converts and not God's. Let the work of Zion be in the demonstration and power of the Holy Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 1:6: "With joy of the Holy Ghost." That joy means the joy that comes from the Holy Ghost, Who is the source of it.

2 Timothy 1:14: "Keep by the Holy Ghost."

Titus 3:5: "And renewing of the Holy Ghost."

Hebrews 2:4: "And gifts of the Holy Ghost according to own will."

Hebrews 3:7: "As the Holy Ghost saith."

Hebrews 6:4: "And were made partakers of the Holy Spirit."

Hebrews 9:8: "The Holy Ghost this signifying."

Hebrews 10:15: "Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us."

1 Peter 1:12: "Preached the Gospel unto you with the Holy Spirit."

2 Peter 1:21: "But holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

1 John 5:7: "And the Holy Ghost."

Jude 1:20: "Praying in the Holy Ghost."

We have then a total number of references in the New Testament to the Holy Ghost: eighty-eight:

Matthew .....	5
Mark .....	4
Luke .....	11
John .....	4
Acts .....	41
Romans .....	5
1 Corinthians .....	3
2 Corinthians .....	2
1 Thessalonians .....	2
2 Timothy .....	1
Titus .....	1
Hebrews .....	5
1 Peter .....	1
2 Peter .....	1
1 John .....	1
Jude .....	1
Total .....	88

Total number of references repeated in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, four; leaving the total number of distinct and separate

references to the Holy Ghost in the words "Holy Ghost," eighty-four. You will bear in mind that there are many other references under the one word "Spirit" but these are the references under the words "Holy Ghost."

**The Expression "Holy Ghost" Not Found in the Old Testament.**

I want now to present to you a fact, and ask you, especially the officers, to consider the reason for the change.

Nowhere in the Old Testament, so far as I know, do you find the words "Holy Spirit" or "Holy Ghost," but in the very first chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew you will find the words "Holy Ghost" twice, used in reference to the birth of Jesus the Christ. In the Old Testament the first reference is under the word "Spirit," and so on through all the Old Testament.

If you will look at Genesis 1, you will find: "And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters."

In the sixth chapter and the third verse, you will find: "My Spirit shall not always strive with man."

In Exodus 31:3: "And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge."

As you go on through the Old Testament, you will find numerous references to the Spirit of God: "And the Spirit of God was upon him;" but nowhere, from Genesis to Malachi, so far as I know, do you find the words "Holy Ghost."

This being true, I will ask you to think, between this and next Lord's Day morning, why the addition. What is the significance? Because the "Spirit," in the Old Testament, and the "Holy Ghost," in the New Testament, refer to the third person in the Trinity, without any doubt.

**Viewpoints of the Holy Spirit.**

Keeping in mind now the two Scripture lessons that I read: "But the Holy Ghost was not yet given;" and then, in Acts the second chapter: "When the Day of Pentecost was fully come," omitting a number of intervening words, the Holy Ghost came upon them; it is apparent to all, from the statement made in John, "For the Holy Ghost was not yet given," and then in the Acts of the Apostles we are told that the Holy Ghost was sent, that there was a time when the Holy Ghost was not here as He is now, and that there came a time when the Holy Ghost made His advent into this world in a way that He had not made it before.

All the way through the Old Testament, and it is corroborated by the New Testament, we find that the Spirit of God would come and go; the holy men of old were used by the Holy Ghost to make known certain things; and, in the case of Jesus Christ Himself, are we not told that as He came up out of the water the Holy Ghost, in the form of a dove, alighted upon Him and rested upon Him? And yet, notwithstanding this, we are told in the seventh of John, "For the Holy Ghost was not yet given," and on the Day of Pentecost He came in mighty power. Therefore, there is one thing you and I and all Bible students are certain about, that, since the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Ghost has been here in a way and a sense that He was never here before; and so, it seems to me, in studying this subject, the two sections of Scripture read furnish us with a point of departure; or, in other words, a proper view point from which to study the ministry of the Holy Ghost.

**Christ in Heaven and on Earth.**

Let us, for a few minutes, look at the ministry of Jesus the Christ.

We all believe in the pre-existence of the Christ; that He existed long before His incarnation in the flesh—before His birth in Bethlehem. We all know that since His ascension, as recorded in Acts the first chapter, He has been sitting at the right hand of God the Father. Then before His incarnation—His birth in

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Special Notice.

**T**HE STUDEBAKER THEATRE, near the Auditorium, Chicago, has been rented for Lord's Day afternoon, November 8, 1908. This Hall is one of the finest and best equipped in the city of Chicago, and all Zion should praise God for enabling us to secure such a splendidly located and arranged hall.

The General Overseer, Zion Council, Zion Choir, Orchestra, and Band, and a large number of Seventies, God willing, will visit Chicago and hold a stirring OLD-TIME ZION MEETING on the above date: **November 8, 1908, at 2:30 p. m.**

Later, God willing, we shall visit Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha, Waukegan, and other cities near Zion City; and then later the General Overseer, accompanied by helpers, will visit a number of the large cities throughout the United States and Canada.

Let all rally.

Let all pray.

Let all reconsecrate themselves to God.

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General Overseer's Notes.

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"Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and

exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." Jude 3.

"Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip." Hebrews 2:1.

"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.

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils." 1 Timothy 4:1.

The prayerful attention of all Zion everywhere is called to the above exhortations and warnings.

The Zion Movement is simply this, nothing more, nothing less: A movement for the establishment and maintenance of the Kingdom of God.

Zion has a glorious mission, but it can only be accomplished by God through a body of faithful, consecrated men and women.

The future numbers of LEAVES OF HEALING and ZION HERALD will be far more interesting than ever, and Zion everywhere ought to do all in her power to circulate the literature broadcast throughout the world.

May God, in Jesus' name, in the power of the Holy Spirit prepare your hearts for the All-Night Meeting, December 31, 1908-January 1, 1909. At that time the Second Sacrificial Offering for the purchase of Shiloh Tabernacle will be taken.

The next great important event in Zion will be the Convocation in July.

The attention of all officers, members and friends is again called to the important meeting which, God willing, will be held in the Studebaker Theatre, Chicago, on the second Lord's Day in November, at 2:30 p. m.

Tomorrow, Lord's Day, October 25, will be Testimony Day in Shiloh Tabernacle, and at 7:00 a. m., 2:30 p. m. and 8:00 p. m. Testimony Meetings will be held. These testimonies will be reported and printed in either LEAVES OF HEALING or ZION HERALD.

May God bless you and Make you a blessing.

WATCH YE, THEREFORE, AND PRAY ALWAYS.

On page 128 of this issue we print "Christ's Message to Chicago by Zion's Seventies," first so forcefully put by the late leader, John Alex. Dowie, and printed in LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume 4, Number 52, October 22, 1898,—almost exactly ten years ago.

Thes same truths are still Zion'a Message, not only to Chicago, but to the whole world.

Read them, pray over them, and help to get them into the hearts of people everywhere.

The following Editorial Notes selected from Leaves of Healing Volume four, Number nine, bearing the date of December 25, 1897, when carefully read and studied, ought to re-ignite the Old-Time Zion Spirit in the heart of every Zion man, woman, youth and maiden throughout the world:

Love would rule in a Theocracy, and there is no rule so powerful even now under any form of government.

Men say it cannot be done now; for force is needed to defend life and liberty and property against their many enemies.

But let men examine their own assertion.

It can be done, and done now, and it is done at this moment.

Zion has no need for jails for its drunkards; for there are none in Zion.

Zion has no need to punish its thieves, for it has none.

And so on through all the list, and yet we dwell amidst all these.

And that is because in the midst of a Republic, Zion is a Theocracy.

All that Zion needs is to be in a position to exercise its legal right and power to turn out any of these characters who come into it from the Democracy, and to protect itself against the destructive forces which the Rule of the People creates

And if all this is the fact, when Zion dwells in the midst of all the evils of that evil rule, which makes a Croker and a Platt both terrible possibilities and actualities, what would it be if Zion availed itself of the permission of the present laws of the United States, and established a City where it could control its own municipal government and carry out all the requirements of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, without the cost and the defilements inevitable from the gospel of the Devil as it finds expression in the Rule of the People.

Zion would be able to prove that the Eleven Commandments can be carried out and prosperity and peace rule, and all God's people in Zion who would continue to dwell in Democratic cities would be able to find comfort and help in their struggles against the Devil's rule in the Democracy.

There is a Divine Destiny which is far beyond all doubt in the Time and the Purpose of Eternal Wisdom, and that time has come for the "coming out" of God's people, and for their "entering in" to all that God has promised.

Weary of association with the "world that lieth in wickedness," and yet intensely interested in its redemption from the powers of Satan and sin and disease and death and hell, God's people are determined to avail themselves of all the strength which their association together in all departments of life and co-operative industry makes possible, and the year now opening must see a long step taken toward the accomplishment of those results.

Zion in its largest conception can be satisfied with nothing less than all the earth and all heaven.

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**THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE NINE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

[CONTINUED FROM PAGE 123.]

Bethlehem—He was in Heaven with God the Father. After His birth in Bethlehem He was here on earth, up to the day of His ascension. Since His ascension He has been in Heaven at the right hand of God the Father; and Acts the third chapter and the twenty-first verse fixes the time that He is to stay there, "Until the times of"—what?

Voices: "The restoration of all things."

General Overseer: Then, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God." Jesus

was in the beginning with God. Jesus was in the form of God. There came a time when He became incarnate in the flesh. He laid aside the form of God and took upon Him the form of a servant. He became incarnate in the flesh; He dwelt among men; and He staid here until the day of His ascension, and since that day He has been in Heaven at the right hand of God the Father; and the time is definitely fixed just how long He is going to stay there: "Until the times of the restitution (or restoration) of"—how many things?

Voices: "All things."

General Overseer: There is a very striking verse in the third chapter of John which I want you to notice, the thirteenth verse:

And no man hath ascended up to Heaven, but He that came down from Heaven, even the Son of man which is in Heaven.

While I cannot explain that verse, yet I will not attempt to explain it away. Preachers and writers for centuries have made frantic attempts to explain the expression: "Even the Son of man who is in Heaven." It is our business to take the Bible as we find it and not attempt to pervert it to conform to some pet doctrine. It simply means that while Jesus the Christ was on earth, at the same time He was in Heaven. There is no use attempting to explain it away; and how He could be here and there at the same time is beyond the finite mind.

I read, in connection with my study of this verse, a statement to the following effect: A man has a thought; he expresses that thought to an audience, but the thought is just as much in his mind after he expresses it to the audience as it was before he expressed it. Also the further statement, that you cannot separate a sunbeam from the sun; that while it is upon the earth it is in the sun.

These may be very feeble illustrations of the thought, but it remains true, nevertheless, that while Jesus was on earth, in some sense He was at the same time in Heaven; and I want to call your attention to this in connection with the study of the ministry of Jesus the Christ, and I am presenting it that you may be the better able to understand the ministry of the Holy Ghost.

If we begin with Bethlehem and end with the ascension, the life of Christ is not so difficult; but when you go back of Bethlehem, and beyond the ascension, you necessarily encounter some very difficult matters.

#### The Spirit Came and Went.

The same is true of the Holy Ghost. He was the Divine Agent in the creation: "And the Spirit of God"—did what?

Voices: "Moved upon the face of the waters."

And again, "The Spirit of God was upon him;" and, "My Spirit shall not always strive with man." The Spirit came and went.

In the Old Testament He rested upon them.

In the New Testament He dwelt within them and abode with them.

In other words, He came from Heaven to earth and went back—throughout the Old Testament, but, since the Day of Pentecost, He has been here all the time.

What I want to get before your minds is that just as it is a comparatively easy matter to study the life of Christ from His birth in Bethlehem to the day of His ascension, so it is comparatively easy to study the ministry of the Holy Ghost from the Day of Pentecost to the "times of the restoration of all things;" because, as it seems to me, the ministry of the Holy Spirit is from Pentecost to the Second Coming of Christ. Please keep all these things in mind.

#### Where is the Holy Ghost?

The next question that presents itself is one which the Word of God answers. Where is the Holy Ghost? Where has He been since the Day of Pentecost? Jesus the Christ said regarding His own body, "Destroy this"—what?

Voices: "Temple."

He did not say, "Destroy this body." He said, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will—"

Voices: "Raise it up."

The Jews thought He spoke of what?

Voices: "The Temple at Jerusalem."

That is where they were mistaken. What did He refer to when He said, "Destroy this temple?"

Voices: "His body."

I will ask you this question: Was He speaking a fact, or in figures?

Voices: "A fact."

Then it was true that the body of Christ was a temple; and it was the temple of whom? Of God the Father.

He said, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." And the Jews thought He spoke of the Temple at Jerusalem, and they said, "Forty and six years was this Temple in building." They misunderstood, did they not? And you Elders who know everything, you must not be vexed when the people do not understand everything. [Laughter.]

The body of the Christ, then, was the temple of whom?

Voices: "God the Father."

#### The Shekinah Cloud the Symbol of God's Presence.

Well, now, let us look at the first chapter of John, and see if we cannot find something at the 14th verse:

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.

Under the old dispensation what was the name of that cloud that used to rest upon the mercy seat?

Voices: "The Shekinah."

Where did it rest? Over the ark, on top of the mercy seat.

The Shekinah cloud was the symbol—the sign of what?

Voices: "The presence of God."

Now you notice that the ark of the covenant, the mercy seat, over which the Shekinah cloud rested, where was it?

Voices: "In the Holy of Holies."

Where was the ark of the covenant first of all? It was in the Tabernacle in the wilderness; and which place was it in?

Voices: "The Holy of Holies."

Who could enter there?

Voices: "The high priest."

How often?

Voices: "Once a year."

What happened on the day that Christ was crucified? The veil of the Temple was rent in twain; and exposed what?

Voices: "The Holy of Holies."

#### Christ Manifested God's Presence.

You notice that this verse says that Christ was made flesh. "And dwelt among us; and we beheld His glory, the glory as of—" whom?

Voices: "The only begotten of the Father."

I suppose you have read often: "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father." How did He say that? Because He was the temple of God the Father. And the words that He spoke were the words of whom?

Voices: "The Father."

And the works that He did were whose works?

Voice: "The Father's."

In Hebrews, first chapter, we have the same thought.:

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 being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power—

Just the sentence, "Who being the brightness of His glory,

and the express image of His person," I want you to get this thought thoroughly in your mind, because the subject of the Holy Spirit's mission is a much bigger subject than you have thought. I want you to learn thoroughly that Jesus Christ came to reveal the Father. He said of His body that it was the temple of God. Christ was the express image of God, and, as it is expressed in another place, Christ was God "manifest in the flesh.

**The Church the Temple of God.**

The body of Christ being the temple of God, what is the body of Christ, or what is the body of which Christ is the Head? Voices: "The Church."

That leads up to the question: The body of Christ having been the temple of God, what is the temple of the Holy Ghost? Voices: "The Church."

Then, since the Day of Pentecost the Holy Ghost has resided where? Where is His temple?

Voices: "In the Church."

Are there any passages of Scripture on this subject? Look at John 14.

And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever.

"Abide with you forever" means how long?

Voices: "The end of the age."

The end of what age? The Gospel age. Who spoke those words?

Voices: "Christ."

When were they spoken? Before the Holy Ghost came or afterward?

Voices: "Before."

Then in anticipation of His coming Jesus said, "He shall dwell with you and shall be in you"—how long? To the end of the age, or "unto the age;" that is, to the end of the Gospel age.

**The Spirit of God Within, the Basis of the Christian Life.**

In the eighth of Romans, what is the basis of that wonderful discourse—of that wonderful chapter? Please note the sentence "If so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you." See, Paul knew what he was talking about. He did not beat the air. He says as a basis of all that he goes on to present in that eighth chapter: "If so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you." He gives that as his basis there, and then goes on to say certain things. Now, if the Spirit of God dwells not in you, none of these things will be true in your life. Paul says in Colossians 3:1, "If ye then be raised with Christ, seek those things that are above." There is no use for a man to stand up and exhort people who have never been raised with Christ to see the things that are above. There are some men who love money better than a baby loves milk; and there is no use to stand here by the hour exhorting such people "to seek those things that are above." The moment that man dies to self and is raised with Christ He will do it; just the same as an apple tree in good condition will bear beautiful sound apples. A man cannot bear the fruits of the Holy Ghost until after the Spirit of God gets into him. When people get the Holy Ghost into them you do not have to exhort them to have the fruits. The great trouble is, the preachers put the cart before the horse. There would be as much sense for a man to stand on the gatepost of a cemetery and say the things the preachers say, as there is to stand on their platforms and say them. They stand up before dead people—spiritually dead—before carnally-minded people, and they exhort them to bear the fruits of the Spirit, and they growl and fuss because the people do not do it. How can they?

We have certain people in Zion City that fight some of the most precious doctrines in Zion, yet call themselves Zion. It is not worth while to give them a tap on the head. My business is to get them born from above. Then everything will follow.

(The Benediction was then pronounced)

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**"Mar-an-a-tha! Our Lord Has Come!"**

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"Behold, I stand at the Door and Knock;  
If any man hear My Voice,  
And open the Door,  
I will come in to him,  
And will sup with Him,  
And he with Me." Revelation III, 20.

Behold! Christ is knocking at the door of your heart, your home, and your business!

He is willing to come in, and to save you from all sin.

He is willing to come in and heal you from all sickness.

He is willing to come in, and lead you into the Way of Holiness.

Hear the Voice of the Saviour, the Healer, and the Cleanser. Let Him in!

Open every Door in your house to Jesus.

He will spread for you a Royal Feast.

He will sup with you, however sinful you have been.

He will guide you safely through earth to heaven.

Can you continue to reject so loving and condescending a call?

Can you continue to eat "the husks which the swine did eat," when He offers you the Bread of Life?

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**Mar-an-a-tha! Our Lord Has Come!**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

**Maranatha!**

**Christ is All and in All.**

He sendeth His word

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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

### THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE NINE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

[ADDRESS NO. 3.]

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[REPORTED BY MISS B. MACLACHLAN.]

**S**ERVICE was opened by a season of silent prayer, at the close of which the General Overseer prayed as follows:

Almighty God, our dear Heavenly Father, we rejoice in this another privilege this side of eternity of assembling ourselves to worship Thee in Spirit and in truth. We thank Thee for Thy loving care over us, for the light of this day, and still better, for the Light of the Sun of Righteousness. We pray Thee to be nearer to us this morning than ever before; for we desire to be taught by the Holy Spirit and to be prepared for the work which must be done ere the Lord Himself comes. God bless this company, and bless this City and save it for Thyself and for Thy people, and give us a good day this day for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Hymn No. 184, "I Gave My Life for Thee," was then sung.

General Overseer: For the Scripture lesson, I will read in the fourteenth chapter of the Gospel according to Saint John. It is my earnest desire that you shall get the Scriptures bearing on the Personality and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

In the fourteenth chapter of the Gospel according to Saint John, beginning at the fifteenth verse, we find

**A Test of Love and Discipleship:**

If ye love Me, keep My commandments.

And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever.

You will see from this statement that the very same word used here for the Holy Spirit is used also for Christ. The Holy Spirit, according to this statement, was to be another Comforter, —then the "other Comforter" was Jesus Christ. Christ said:

I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever;—"unto the age."

I want to emphasize, in connection with this statement, three words; because there are but three words here in the original, and but three words in the translation; but these words fix absolutely the time when the work of the Holy Spirit shall be finished: "Unto the age." "He shall abide with you unto the age." Jesus said, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the consummation of the age."

**The Spirit of Truth.**

The seventeenth verse of the same chapter: "Even the Spirit of Truth."

Never lose sight of the fact that the Spirit of God is the Spirit of Truth.

Whenever an individual approaches me, I will treat him kindly, courteously, but I will not waste any of God's time, and I will "try the spirits," and whenever I find a spirit advocating something that is a positive and palpable contradiction of the Word of God, I know that there is the spirit of error and not the Spirit of Truth:

**A Testing of "the Spirits."**

You will remember that one Lord's Day there were certain people from Los Angeles, California, in this Tabernacle. I was in my office, and one of the Elders came in and said, "There are some people outside that want to see you." I said, "All right, bring them in." He brought one in and introduced her to me. All of them claimed to be able to speak in tongues. This lady

who was introduced to me said, "I want to speak from your platform this afternoon." I said, "Now, I want to receive you kindly, and I want to do what is right in God's sight, but I think you will agree with me that I have a perfect right to test the spirit that you have, and then, if you stand the test according to the Word of God, I will see further."

At the close of the meeting I invited these people into my office, and all the Overseers and Elders at that time, and I had a word of prayer. Then I said to those present, "These people have presented themselves. They make certain claims. They are entitled to fair and honest consideration, and I want to see that they have just treatment." Then addressing myself to one of the ladies, I said, "Tell us all about it;" and she talked. One of the first statements that she made was this: "I have been baptized with the Holy Spirit, and I can speak in Arabic." She said, "The gift of tongues is the most important of all the nine gifts." I made a mental note of all the principal points of her talk. When she had finished, I said, "Has anyone a question to ask?" Some one present said, "You made the statement that the gift of tongues is the most import of the nine gifts. Will you please give us some Scripture to substantiate that position?"

She said, "No, I do not know that I can just tell you, but if Brother So-and-so were only here, he could point it out." Then her attention was called to the fact that the Apostle Paul said that the gift of prophecy is more important than the gift of tongues.

I mention this case because it seems to be a good illustration of the point that I have brought before you, that whenever a person boldly contradicts the Scripture, you may put it down as the spirit of error.

#### The Gift of the Holy Spirit to be Sought.

For instance: as an earnest, prayerful student of the Bible, as I have told you, farther back than I can remember, and as a student of the Bible today, more earnest than at any time in my life, I must take the position, without any qualifications, that it is proper, and in accordance with the Word of God, to have a meeting, such as announced for next Wednesday night, for the people to be before God on their knees,—to humble themselves before God for the *gift* of the Holy Spirit. There is plenty of Scripture for that, and one of the most important passages is in the thirteenth verse of the eleventh chapter of Luke:—

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?

And then in connection with that you have it plainly stated that the Holy Spirit is given to them that *obey* God. Then, to come together to pray for the *gift* of the Holy Spirit, *all disobedience must be put out*, rebellion against God's authority, against God's Word, must go; and there must be the spirit of obedience in every heart, else we cannot pray with any hope of God's answering that prayer.

#### All Must Repent and Obey.

Then you put with the authority cited Acts 2:38 (an utterance given by the Holy Ghost Himself through the Apostle Peter to the Jews): "Repent ye!"

We must all repent, must we not?

#### Importance of Baptism.

And be baptized every one of you.

You must not say that water baptism is of no importance. Shame, a thousand times shame, upon professed Christians who would ever say that anything that God laid down in His Word for us to do is useless! Water baptism is of tremendous importance. It is of far greater importance than you or I realize. Dr. Dowie was correct in his position that triune immersion was

a very important part of the seal, and outwardly it is the seal. The Seal, as I understand it, involves every step. For a man to be sealed he must repent, confess, restore, obey, have faith, live a holy life, be filled with the Holy Spirit Who seals us and Who is the pledge, so to speak, of the inheritance to come.

Water baptism is of tremendous importance.

Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Well then, can a person who has not repented, can a person who has not obeyed one of the most important commands ever made by the Holy Spirit, can that person lay claim that he is to receive all that God has provided for him?

Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God.

I tell you, water baptism is of very great importance; and if there is one in this room this morning who has not obeyed that important commandment I would not go to bed tonight until I had obeyed it. When a man knows what is right in God's sight, I do not believe he should put off twenty-four hours doing that. If I had not been baptized I would be before the sun went down tonight, and if there is anyone in this Tabernacle today who has not been baptized "into the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," and you will come to me, I will see that the necessary preparation is made to baptize you before sun-down tonight. There is no excuse for putting this important step off.

Go ye therefore and make disciples of all 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 have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the consummation of the age.

Triune immersion: There is no other baptism; no other.

Now you can see the importance of baptism in connection with the Holy Spirit. John the Baptist baptized in water. His baptism was the baptism of repentance. He said:

There cometh after me one mightier than I, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose; he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire.

So I emphasize, the spirit of error is not the Spirit of God, and no spirit ought to object to being tested by the Word of God. So remember that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth and not the spirit of error.

Whenever a spirit tells me there should be no church organization, then I know that that is not the Holy Spirit: that is the spirit of error.

#### Zion's Teaching Always Clear.

I am surprised that men and women who sat under John Alexander Dowie's teaching could for a single minute be deceived by such a spirit. As I said to a brother the other day: "One of the most remarkable things about Dr. Dowie's ministry was his reading and exposition of the Scriptures." I heard a man say in 1901 that it was worth going hundred of miles to hear Dr. Dowie read a chapter and expound it. You remember how in Central Zion Tabernacle you used to sit and listen to him read one chapter after another.

I have during the last week, as you have noticed in THE ZION HERALD, advertised a long list of Dr. Dowie's sermons. I am establishing a large stock of all the literature that I can buy, bound volumes Leaves of Healing, Zion Banner, The Coming City, all the tracts, and the Voice from Zion. I will have that all complete in stock except one number, which seems to be out of print. Those sermons, "How to Pray;" "Sanctification of Spirit, Soul and Body;" "Jesus the Healer;" "Satan the Defiler," and scores of others are among the most wonderful productions outside the Word of God, and his article on "Trance-Evangelism" is as sound today as it was when it was written, and it ought to be a red light and a signal to every man and

woman that ever sat under his ministry. His sermon, "Spurious Holiness Exposed" is as sound and in accordance with the Word of God as anything he ever uttered. Those two ought to be a warning to Zion. God knows I want every truth; I want everything He has in His Storehouse, but I do not want error or falsehood, and our only safeguard is the plain Word of God.

If the people will only think, and pray, and meditate and not talk, the Holy Spirit is moving with mighty power and everything will come out all right and Zion will find her bearings.

I held my first conference yesterday morning with a certain number on certain matters of importance, and I am determined to keep before God until I know God's will, and when I know it I am brave enough to take my stand on the platform. All I want is God's will—no error, no falsehood—but I want the truth; and God will give us the truth. God knows I want only His will. I have cried to God day after day to show me just what He wants done. If we can meet here together and pray to God, He will show us His will. All I want to know is what the Word of God teaches.

#### Important Questions to be Decided.

I will mention this morning, before I take up my address, the subject of Elijah the Restorer, the Messenger of the Covenant, the Prophet foretold by Moses, the Restoration Host—when I sat down the other day and wrote out that literature, the Holy Spirit made as plain to me as anything in this world that these questions have got to be settled by this organization. You can shelve them, you can let them forever go, but I have got to take my stand, both in print and on the platform, and let the whole world know what the position of this movement is in regard to these questions.

So far as the coming of Elijah the Restorer is concerned, there is not anything more distinct, there is nothing any plainer than that, according to the Word of God, Elijah the Restorer must come before Christ will ever come. That is the plain Word of God. My mind is made up on that. Christ said:

Elijah indeed cometh and shall restore all things.

When I say that Christ is coming, I say also that Christ will never come until Elijah the Restorer comes. I am prepared, and the brethren in conference with me are prepared, to go on the platform and in print to say that so far as the Word of God is concerned that is a Scriptural position. Mark you, that is all we are prepared to say at present. So far as the Word of God is concerned that is the teaching of the Bible.

In regard to the Messenger of the Covenant, the question as to whether the Messenger of the Covenant is Christ—for that is the fundamental position advocated—that is another thing I am dealing with God by the Holy Ghost to show me. Oh, that every man and woman would cry to God that He would show us the correct position in that matter! We have the literature. You will remember that the sermons that were preached are wonderful sermons. There are great truths there, but if the position from a Scriptural standpoint concerning the Messenger of the Covenant is not correct, I want to know it and then I want to take my position and have these men take their position.

It is not a question now whether Elijah the Restorer has come or anything about it. Our question is: What does the Bible teach? That is the only question. If the Messenger of the Covenant is Christ, that settles it. If "that prophet foretold by Moses" is Christ that settles that. That is all I want to know.

Do not you see that the whole world will demand of us before five years what the position of this church is on these questions? The press will take this question up, and it will become one of very great importance. I am going to be asked what our position is, and it has got to be settled.

Elder Tindall said some very remarkable things along this

line yesterday morning from a Scriptural standpoint, but the only question that we are prepared to take any position on at present is that the Scriptures teach that before Christ will ever come Elijah the Restorer has to come. On the other questions our minds are not made up.

I can study, and I can read Hebrew. There was a time when I could sit down and read at sight all the minor prophets. I can read Greek, having studied it seven years. I have a collection of the best commentaries ever printed. I can study, but these questions are never going to be settled simply by the exercise of the intellect. They will be settled only by seeking the mind of the Holy Spirit on this subject. They have got to be settled in that way and in no other way can they be settled.

Now to come back, the spirit of error and the Spirit of truth, I say, shame upon any man or woman that professes to love God who, when the Holy Spirit shows them the truth, are not brave enough to accept it.

#### The World Cannot Realize the Spirit of Truth.

Whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him.

You see there is a distinction between the church and the world. The church, or the body of believers, as I told you last Lord's Day, constitute the temple of the Holy Spirit. The world cannot receive Him, the world cannot see Him, the world does not know Him. There is a difference between the body of believers and the body of unbelievers.

#### The Church Can Receive the Spirit of Truth.

For He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

That is something that never was enjoyed before the day of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit never took up His abode until the day of Pentecost, as I will show you in my address when I come to it. Notice what the promise is:

For He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

You say, "Oh, I don't see much in that;" but there are two little words there. You know I believe in the verbal inspiration of the Scriptures, and I do not have any doubt but that the original words were inspired just as much as the thought.

"He shall be *with you*"—that is one thing; "and shall be *in you*,"—that is another. Dwelling *with* a man and dwelling *in* a man—There are two things there, and before the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit did not dwell *in* people. He was upon Saul and He was upon others. He spoke through the prophets, but on the day of Pentecost He came and *took up His abode in* people, and He is here now and He will stay here until the times of the restoration of all things, and then will go back to heaven.

#### The Church Not Left Without a Guide.

The eighteenth verse: "I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you."

I suppose I have read these verses scores and perhaps hundreds of times, and I am glad to read them this morning. May God bless them. There is where we have the promise given by Jesus Himself of the coming of the Holy Spirit.

I plead with you, my brothers and sisters, to do more thinking and more praying and less talking. You will agree with me that you can never get the mind of the Holy Spirit if you constantly talk, talk, talk. I will study these questions and bring to bear all the education that I have. That is all well and good as far as it goes, but after all that, you have to pray and you have to find out what the mind of the Holy Spirit is in these matters, and then you have *to do it*.

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## General Overseer's Notes.

HEADQUARTERS OFFICES OF THE  
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The following Editorial Notes selected from Leaves of Healing, Vol. 4, No. 9, bearing the date of December 25, 1897, when carefully read and studied, ought to rekindle the Old-time Zion Spirit in the heart of every Zion man, woman, youth, and maiden throughout the world:

All hail to the Theocracy—the Rule of God in all things.

Christ was born a King.

Christ was crucified as a King.

Christ is clothed by His Father's decree with "all Authority in heaven and on earth"—the King of earth and heaven.

Christ is coming to rule and reign as King of King and Lord of Lords.

We proclaim His right to reign Now and Forever; Hallelujah!

All schemes that leave out God will come to nought.

Christ must be the First and the Last in all things.

Men in every walk of daily life must learn this, and Zion must teach that it is not the Rule of the People, but the Rule of God which must prevail in every department of Government, of business, of family, and of personal life.

The Gospel of the Kingdom of God demands this.

Zion must live the Gospel which alone can cure all human ills.

Zion claims the right to demand submission, full and complete, on the part of every living being, to Christ as a Living King, as well as a Coming King.

Christ's Kingdom does not come out of this World.

Christ's Kingdom comes out of Heaven.

But it is to be established above all other Kingdoms and forms of Government in this world.

And it was for that purpose that Christ came.

Foolish and sometimes Devilish Preachers have distinguished between Civil and Religious Authority, always, it will be observed, putting the Civil authority first, and making Religious Authority the mere tool of the Civil Power.

But Christ makes no such distinctions.

He claims to be "Lord of All."

He recognizes no other Authority as above His own, in earth or in the heavens.

All who do not practically own His title and submit to His laws are rebels who have no right to live and who are not fit to die.

"He is Lord of All."

Christianity is Theocracy, and that which is not Theocracy is not Christianity.

Zion preaches the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, for Christ gave no other Gospel.

There is no other Gospel of the Republic of God, for there is no Republic anywhere that is of Divine Ordination.

Men who deny this assertion, and yet say that they are ministers of Christ in this Republic, will please rise up and give us chapter and verse from God's Book of Law and Gospel to prove their contention.

They dare not attempt to bring their contention to this text.

As Christian ministers they dare not assert that there is any other standard of Law or Gospel for Humanity than that of the Bible.

It is right to submit, always under protest, to human forms of government, so long as they do not infringe upon the liberty to obey Christ as the Supreme Lord and King.

But it is also right to make the protest against all other rule, and to work by all peaceable and Godly means for the overthrow of every form of government, except the Rule of God.

Here is the Contest of the Ages.

Upon this ground will Armageddon be fought, and the Valley of Decision is almost in sight.

Democracy (and we use that word not in its party sense as opposed to Republicanism, but in the true meaning of that word which means the Rule of the People by the People) is a greater foe to Freedom than almost any other form of government in the long run.

The Rule of the People in the great cities of America is the Rule of the Devil.

It cannot be otherwise, for the Devil rules in the hearts and lives of the majorities, who are poor and ignorant and under the power of alcohol and tobacco and swine's flesh and deadly drugs and deadly diseases of every kind that can be generated by sin.

Judges of Courts have only the decisions of unconverted

Courts to guide them, and they interpret the Law by a slavish devotion to precedent and to its mere letter.

The Bible is a *closed book* in the Courts, so far as any appeal to its Authority is concerned.

In a Theocracy the Bible would be the Supreme Law.

Judges in all Courts would quote the decisions and the general principles laid down by Christ and by Apostles, and assert the Authority of the Eleven Commandments of God.

These Judges, under a Theocracy, would be Apostles, or Apostolic Delegates, for the Church is the Fountain of Authority under Christ.

Some may say that this is Roman Catholic Doctrine. Then all we say is that Roman Catholic Doctrine would be right.

But it is not Roman Catholic Doctrine, for Rome has put the authority of the Bible under the Authority of Ecclesiastical Councils, and, at last, under the Authority of a Blasphemous Elected Man of Sin, who calls himself an Infallible Pope.

Rome has never been a Theocracy.

It has not proclaimed the Rule of God.

Rome is now a miserable Papacy.

It now proclaims the Rule of the Pope.

Congresses would listen to the Voice of God and seek Him in prayer, and Members of Congress would act towards each other with truthfulness and disinterested love, instead of scheming to outvote each other at the bidding of party.

There is not a single question of legislation, either for fiscal or currency or revenue purposes, which could not be settled in a few minutes by a fair and honest interpretation of the Word of God, such as Twelve Apostles could absolutely agree to give.

The Talking Machinery of Parliaments could be forever relegated to the Sea of Oblivion, with untold blessed results to all the world.

There is not a single dollar that would ever be spent on the mere vanities and displays of rulers, or on the maintenance of armies and navies, for there would be no need for force where there was nothing to gain by force.

Love would rule in Theocracy, and there is no rule so powerful even now under any form of government.

Men say it cannot be done now: for force is needed to defend life and liberty and property against their many enemies.

But, let men examine their own assertion.

It can be done, and done now, and it is done at this moment.

Zion has no need for gaols for its drunkards, for there are none in Zion.

Zion has no need to punish its thieves, for it has none.

So on through all the list, and yet we dwell amidst all these.

And that is because in the midst of a Republic, Zion is a Theocracy.

All that Zion needs is to be in a position to exercise its legal right and power to turn out any of these characters who come into it from the Democracy, and to protect itself against the destructive forces which the Rule of the People creates.

And if all this is the fact, when Zion dwells in the midst of

all the evils of that evil rule, which makes a Croker and a Platt both terrible possibilities and actualities, what would it be if Zion availed itself of the permission of the present laws of the United States, and established a City where it could control its own municipal government and carry out all the requirements of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, without the cost and the defilements inevitable from the Gospel of the Devil as it finds expression in the Rule of the People.

Zion would be able to prove that the Eleven Commandments can be carried out and prosperity and peace rule, and all God's people in Zion who would continue to dwell in democratic cities would be able to find comfort and help in their struggles against the Devil's rule in the Democracy.

There is a Divine Destiny which is far beyond all doubt in the Time and the Purpose of Eternal Wisdom, and that time has come for the "coming out" of God's people and for their "entering in" to all that God has promised.

Weary of association with the "world that lieth in wickedness," and yet intensely interested in its redemption from the powers of Satan and sin and disease and death and hell, God's people are determined to avail themselves of all the strength which their association together in all departments of life and co-operative industry makes possible, and the Year now opening must see a long step taken towards the accomplishment of those results.

Zion in its largest conception can be satisfied with nothing less than all the earth and all heaven.

There is nothing that the liquor drinking, tobacco chewing and smoking, swine's flesh eating, card-playing, theater-going, dancing, novel-reading "world" can do that Zion cannot do infinitely better.

The savings alone which come from non-participation in these vices and follies and in many others which are "not once named amongst us" make Zion not far from fifty per cent richer, on the average, in its working classes.

Let Zion give into God's "Storehouse" tithes regularly from week to week of all that He gives.

Out of every \$10 let God have \$1 before all other claims.

Out of every \$10 let Zion save at least \$2 and hold, wherever possible, another \$1 for special needs.

Out of the remaining \$6 in every \$10 the people can live well by economy and good management and forethought, making happy homes and doing good.

If 5,000 Friends of Zion earn only \$40 per month, and each one saves \$8 per month, that will come to at least \$40,000 per month, or nearly a half of a million dollars (\$500,000) per year.

Within two years Zion would thus have One Million Dollars.

The time has come for God's people to get the control of God's earth, and there is no true religion, but much of a contrary kind, in leaving the earth and all its wealth to the Devil and those who do his evil will, and make this earth a vestibule of hell.

Zion holds that the time to build up for God in every way has come.

Zion believes that the Capital of the World belongs to God.

Zion believes that the Labor of the World belongs to God. Zion believes that all the Inventive Skill of the World belongs to God.

Zion believes that neither of these three should be controlled by those who belong to the Devil.

The so-called Church has sung the praises of Misery too long.

The so-called Church has sung the separation of the temporal and eternal interests of God's people too long.

The so-called Church must stand aside for the True Church to come in and do the will of God in all things, and crush the powers of Satan and Sin and Disease and Death and Hell.

Zion's Co-operative Association for Religious and Educational and Industrial, Agricultural, and Commercial Business must all be of one piece, and God must rule in every department equally.

We do not seek to establish a Utopian Dream of Equality.

There is no Equality on earth and there is none in Heaven.

There are Men who excel in strength, and there are "Angels who excel in strength."

Neither men nor angels are equally strong, nor will they ever be.

All men are not born free, for there are some that are weighted from their birth with all the terrible consequences of parental vices; and the disabilities of their physical and spiritual and intellectual birthright cling to them for many years, and so men are not equally free.

Zion seeks to establish Brotherhood on the basis of the Brotherhood of Christ; but although He is our Brother we are not His equal, nor shall we ever be.

But Brotherhood is never sweeter than when the strong and rich and powerful brother comes down to help his brother up, in a true spirit of humility and love, seeking to raise to higher heights those who have been born with the burdens and bondages of many disabilities.

Love does not level.

Love raises up to higher planes of purity and power.

Love was born into the world in a manger at Bethlehem.

Love now sits on God's Throne and beckons us to come up higher.

Zion seeks to embody God's Love in practical forms.

Zion has no right to exist unless it accomplishes this task.

At this Christmas-tide, we are asking for power to see and power to do the Will of Christ who came to do the Father's Will and who is still engaged in doing it, and will until the "END."

Then cometh the End when He shall deliver up the Kingdom to God even the Father; when He shall have abolished all Rule and all Authority and Power.

This is what He is doing now, and will continue to do until it is finally accomplished.

Zion proposes to do His will in establishing His Kingdom, as far as it is within its power to do.

Zion proposes no violent measures to overthrow Democratic Rule and Authority and Power; but Zion declares that it is not God's Rule and that it must, therefore, give place to that Rule of God which can alone satisfy the demands of God and the needs of man.

The Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, will do the work.

Neither bullets nor ballots can do what that Sword can and will do.

All Hail to the Eternal Crown and Covenant Right of Christ the King of Glory!

All Hail to the Theocracy!

As the General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion I stand uncompromisingly for the truths expressed in the above Editorial Notes, and my life is, so far as I know in my own heart, wholly consecrated to God for the proclamation of the Gospel of the Kingdom, the establishment and maintenance of the Kingdom as far as possible.

## THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE NINE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

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### The Gospel the World's Only Hope.

God knows the world is perishing for Zion. How can any one help weeping over the sad conditions of the world outside of the Zion movement which you know for many years shook this world, and it will shake the world again. Outside of the Zion movement there is very little hope. Very little hope. There are good people, of course, but God Almighty wants His people organized. Some organization must be filled with the Holy Spirit and smite without fear or compromise the spirit of error and falsehood.

### The Spirit of Truth Preserves Order.

Paul said if in your assembly there are those who speak in tongues, and there is no interpreter, let them keep still. Didn't Paul know what he was talking about? Didn't he say, "Let everything be done in order?" and again, "The spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets?" Whenever a man says to me, "I cannot help it, I have to get up and do thus and so." I know that first of all that is in direct contradiction to the Word of God. Paul says, "Let there be two or three at the most, and that in order,"—one at a time. God is not the author of confusion, but of order. Now may God move mightily upon the people.

I could not tell you half of what God is doing for us; but God is blessing. God is blessing the people spiritually, and physically. I could sit down and weep for joy when I think of God's blessings. Take the twenty-eighth of Deuteronomy; I have read that and re-read it. I believe every syllable of it. The Lord says, "If ye will keep My commandments and obey my voice, and do what I tell you, I will bless you in the city, and in the field, and blessed shall be the increase of thy cattle," and so on. He says that "thine enemies shall come out against thee one way and shall flee before thee seven ways." You shall prosper in everything. I tell you, God's word is true. Zion, let us take it and let us live it. May God grant it.

This morning meeting ought to kindle a fire that will spread over the whole world. May God grant it. Let the fire be kindled in our own hearts, and then it will spread to five hundred hearts, and then to one thousand hearts, and the power of God will come and Zion will rise and witness to all the na-

ons as never before. May God grant this. Be earnest this morning. Get down before God.

So long as there is another meeting in this city beside the meeting in this Tabernacle, this is not a Zion City; but I want to tell you that the way to bring the whole city into line is for us to get down to business. And some day, as we quietly wait before God, as in the house of Cornelius, the Word will be fulfilled and the power of God will come unto the people, and then the Holy Ghost divideth His gifts severally as—what?

Voices: "He will."

General Overseer: That is all in His hands. "God bearing them witness by signs and wonders and divers gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to," what?

Voices: "His will."

General Overseer: You seek for *the gift* of the Holy Ghost. God will attend to the distributing of the gifts.

Let all bow their heads in prayer.

The General Overseer then offered the general supplication.

It is my intention to review all of the important points of the preceding addresses on the subject, "The Gift of the Holy Spirit and the Nine Gifts of the Holy Spirit."

In these addresses the most important thing is the Word. You must never forget the wonderful teaching that it does not matter what a man has to say, and that the only thing that does matter in this world or in this universe is what did God Almighty say.

In this review, therefore, I will call attention to the fact that there are in the New Testament eighty-four passages of Scripture containing the words "Holy Ghost." These are not many, but you will understand, all of the references, for there are many references using the one word "Spirit," and it is printed in our versions beginning with a capital letter, but the passages containing the words "Holy Ghost" number eighty-four.

The question then is, How are we to study this subject?

I pointed out to you that it should be studied in the very same way that we study the life of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. In a sermon delivered some months ago in the Tabernacle on the second chapter of Philippians, I made the statement that the proper way to study the work of the Lord Jesus Christ was to begin with His pre-existence. I cited the second of Philippians, which bears most directly on the point that Jesus the Christ existed long before His incarnation; that He was in the form of God, and thought it not robbery to be on an equality with God, but that He laid all that aside and took upon Himself the form of a servant and became obedient unto death, even the death upon the cross. That brought before us His self-denial, which was the beginning of His work for the redemption of mankind. I also quoted to you from the gospel of St. John, the well-known verse, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

#### Christ the Visible Expression of God's Thoughts.

We define "Word" to be the sign of an idea. Jesus Christ is the sign, or the expression of God's ideas or thoughts:

God, who at sundry times and in divers manners, spake in time past to the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us His Son.

Jesus the Christ was the highest expression of God's ideas—God's thoughts—His will concerning humanity.

I also quoted to you the statement, "Before Abraham was, I am," and various other references, showing you that Jesus the Christ existed long before His incarnation in the flesh.

#### Get the Proper Viewpoint.

For the purpose of showing you how to study to the best advantage the Person and the mission of Jesus the Christ, I

pointed out to you that in all the really excellent books written on the life of Christ the story is taken up beginning with Bethlehem and ending with His ascension from Olivet. That is called by some authors "the time or temporal ministry of Jesus the Christ"—the period of time during which He was here on this earth in His official capacity.

We refer to the day of Christ's birth in Bethlehem as His birthday, and we speak of the day when He returned to His Father as the Day of Ascension; so, for all practical purposes, the ministry of Jesus the Christ is bounded on the one side by Bethlehem and on the other by Olivet.

So you see you have the ministry of Christ from Bethlehem to Olivet, the ministry of the Holy Spirit from Pentecost to the Second Coming, and when I read some books along this line I was very forcibly impressed with the thought, and I have been greatly blessed as I have pursued the study of this subject by keeping in mind these boundaries. By so doing you have a proper viewpoint, and in our study of the Holy Spirit we are not concerned with His work before Pentecost so much as we are concerned with His work since Pentecost; not so much with His work beyond the Second Coming as we are with His work this side of the Second Coming.

#### The Holy Spirit's Advent Foretold.

Another question: Was the advent of the Holy Spirit foretold? If so, by whom? And I would like for any one in the audience to answer this question. You ought to answer it instantly because the Scripture lesson that I read is one place where it was foretold. The Christ foretold it.

The advent of Jesus Christ, was it foretold and by whom? Generally speaking, by the prophets and also by the angel.

It is well to bear in mind that just as the coming of Christ was foretold so was the coming of the Holy Spirit foretold.

#### The Spirit's Work Outlined.

The next question that I will ask you, and I want this answered in the language of the Scripture. Was the work of the Holy Spirit outlined, and, if so, where and what was His work to be?

Answer: In the sixteenth chapter of John.

General Overseer: And what was His work?

Answer: To convince the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment.

General Overseer: To convince the world of sin first of all. Then the first business of the Holy Spirit is to make people what, happy or unhappy?

Answer: Unhappy.

General Overseer: When a man is convicted of sin is he happy or miserable?

Answer: Miserable.

General Overseer: And when he repents of his sins and they are forgiven, is he happy?

We can easily see from that statement, then, that the work of the Holy Ghost is to take up the work of Jesus Christ and cleanse the church, purifying it, preparing it to bring it to the place where it will be a glorious church without spot or wrinkle. Another thing, not only must Elijah the Restorer come before Christ comes, but there must be a church without spot or wrinkle before He comes.

Well, then, the appointed work of the Holy Ghost is to "convict the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment;" or, in other words, to take the atoning work of the Son of God and apply it to humanity.

#### The Spirit's Stay and the Restoration.

We have already talked about the length of His stay. How

long was the Holy Ghost to stay? "Unto the end of the age;" or, unto the "times of the restoration of all things."

There is another thing. Before the Christ can ever come there must begin the restoration of all things.

I think we have our bearings along these lines, have we not? This is our guide book (taking up a Bible). Let us keep close to it and not get away from it, for if we do we will run on rocks and get into trouble.

**The Present the Dispensation of the Holy Spirit.**

The Holy Spirit is going to be here how long? "Unto the end of the age." We have two references: John 14:16 and Matthew 28th chapter and the last verse.

I will ask you this question: The present dispensation is the dispensation of whom?

Answer: The Holy Spirit.

General Overseer: This dispensation of the Holy Spirit will end when?

Answer: When Christ comes.

General Overseer: And then there will be another what?

Answer: Dispensation.

**The Holy Spirit and Millennial Dispensations Overlap.**

General Overseer: Well, now, if this dispensation has to end and there has to be another, then this "another dispensation" will have a beginning, will it not, somewhere and sometime? The ages overlap, and if the Zion movement is a dispensational movement I am going to know it, and I expect through study and prayer that the Holy Spirit is going to show me. If this movement is a dispensational movement I want to know it. We talk about the Second Coming of Christ, but there are many things that will have to transpire before the Christ can ever come.

When the Lord will build up Zion, He shall appear in His glory.

Zion has got to be built up before He will appear in His glory. One order must begin to pass away before another order begins to come in.

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## The Gospel of the Kingdom

### THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE NINE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

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[REPORTED BY MISS B. MACLACHLAN.]

#### How Authors Divide the Work of Redemption.

**A**n author by the name of Moberly divides the work of the redemption thus far carried on into three stages. After making these divisions, then he speaks about the first, second, and third ages, and the one to come; and he says that in the first age, or the first stage, God the Father was in office; that in the second stage, or second age, God the Son was in office; that in the third stage, or third age, God the Holy Spirit is in office; and that in the age to come—we have a verse in Hebrews 6:4, "Whose powers they have all tasted who have been made partakers of the Holy Ghost," which is a very significant verse. So we have God the Father in the first, God the Son in the second, God the Holy Spirit in the third, and then the Bible speaks of the age to come and says, "Whose powers they have all tasted who have been made partakers of the Holy Ghost."

#### Things Beyond.

I do not know, but I will give you this explanation. I am

not saying that it is the correct interpretation, but there was a certain man who was caught up into what?

Answer: The third heaven.

General Overseer: And he heard and saw things that it was not lawful for any man to utter. What is the meaning of that? Well, I will tell you one explanation that is given, whether it is worth anything or not I do not know—that the Apostle Paul saw the details or the plans and methods of the third heaven or third dispensation. Whether it is correct or not it is well worth thinking about.

We have the word "heaven" as used in the Scriptures as synonymous with the word "dispensation." "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth." There is in that the thought of a new order, and it is used there in the meaning of dispensation; and then the expression in one of the prophets, "For I will not only shake the earth, but the heaven also." Now I think the words "heaven and earth" often refer to dispensations, and it is not at all improbable that the explanation has something in it of true merit. There is one thing certain in regard to the division mentioned above that God the Father was in office for a certain time. For instance, you know He came down on Mount Sinai and talked to Moses. Then the time came when God the Son, Jesus Christ, God manifest in flesh, came, lived, suffered, and died on the cross, was resurrected and ascended to the Father, and so on. Then, after He went away, the Holy Ghost came; so that I think that that far the author mentioned is in strict accordance with the plain Word of God.

#### God's Plans Orderly.

I wish to call your attention again to that very remarkable statement. "For the Holy Ghost was not yet"—and you have the next word in italics, "given."—John 7:39.

For the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.

God is a God of order. Everything that God does is done

in perfect order. If some people would have had it in their power they would have had the Holy Ghost long before Christ was glorified, but, according to the Word of God, "the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified."

Please notice, there was a time when "the Holy Ghost was not yet given," and yet, was it not a fact that throughout the Old Testament we have passages of Scripture telling of the work of the Holy Spirit?

Genesis 1:2: "And the Spirit of God moved upon" what?  
Answer: "The face of the waters."

General Overseer: Well now, was that the Holy Ghost's work? Yes.

Then in Genesis 6:3: "My Spirit shall not always strive with man." Was that the Holy Ghost? Then we have other places where it is stated, "And the Spirit of God rested upon Saul;" and then later on, "And the Spirit of God departed from Saul;" and in reference to other persons, "and the Spirit of God rested upon him."

Notwithstanding all these statements in the Old Testament, we have this passage here in John 7:39, "The Holy Ghost was not yet given." And then, when you get over to the Acts of the Apostles, the second chapter, you have it recorded that when the day of Pentecost was fully come the Holy Ghost was poured out upon the people and that they spake "with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem devout men," from where?

Answer: "Every nation under heaven."

General Overseer: And they heard these people preach the Gospel how?

Answer: "In their own tongues."

General Overseer: And how many were there in that upper room?

Answer: One hundred and twenty.

General Overseer: And they all spake in tongues? Yes; they probably did, and there is where the Holy Ghost came down and entered into His temple—the body of believers that constitutes His temple.

Well, I think we are on safe ground so far, are we not? We are keeping close to the Word of God, for this is a great subject, and it may take many sermons before we get through with it, but we want to lay the foundation well. I have gone over this, the most of it, the third time.

#### **The Holy Ghost's Presence Before Pentecost Intermittent; Since Pentecost Permanent.**

Then, keeping in mind these passages in the Old Testament and John 7:39 and Acts, the second chapter in the New Testament, we see the difference between the Holy Spirit before Pentecost and the Holy Spirit since Pentecost. Before the day of Pentecost His visits were intermittent—He came and He went—He spake through men. He was upon Saul and He departed from Saul, and so on. Since the day of Pentecost He has been here all the time, has He not? And where does He dwell? He dwells in the body of believers.

#### **The Believers Constitute the Temple of the Holy Spirit.**

Let us start again with this statement, that the body of believers constitute what?

Answer: "The temple of the Holy Spirit."

General Overseer: Please turn to John 14:21.

He that hath My commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me: and he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father."

General Overseer: What is the rest of that?

Voices: "And I will love him, and will manifest Myself unto him."

General Overseer: There is a special promise, and I notice

one author makes the statement that the twenty-third verse is the highest promise ever made to man:

If a man love Me, he will keep My words: and My Father will love him, and We will come unto him and make Our abode with him.

What a wonderful statement that is!

He that hath My commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me: and he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.

I want these two verses to be engraved indelibly on the hearts of this congregation. If God will make these two verses the blessing to you that He has to me, this will be one of the most profitable and precious hours you have ever spent in God's house.

What a pity that you and I should live beneath our privileges in Christ Jesus! Why should we not reach out for the rich reward He has promised? How many of us can say this morning, "I am keeping the sayings of Jesus the Christ?" How many can say, "I have claimed that special love of Jesus and God the Father?" How many can say, "God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are dwelling in me?" I tell you, there is the solution. If you can only get men and women born from above and get the Holy Spirit into them, everything else will be right. There is no use for me to exhort people to do certain things when they have not the Holy Spirit in them, because they cannot do it—they will not do it, and it will save a great deal of hard work to follow the plain Word of God and to get the Spirit of God into the people. That is the only way.

#### **Christ's Home With God the Father.**

I called your attention last Lord's Day morning to another very remarkable thing. You see Jesus the Christ had His home in heaven before the incarnation, and from Bethlehem to Olivet He was here on this earth, was He not? Since His ascension He has been up in heaven at the right hand of God the Father, and since Pentecost the Holy Spirit has been down here. Before Pentecost He was in heaven. When the times of restoration of all things begins then Christ will come from heaven again, will He not? John 3:13 seems to make it clear that while Christ was on earth He was in heaven. That is, when He left heaven He came to earth, and while on earth He was at the same time up in heaven, and that is the only fair interpretation of that passage. I do not believe in explaining anything away.

#### **Explaining Scripture Away.**

I very well remember hearing a preacher try to explain this: Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead.

He tried to explain that by all sorts of theories. The fact of the matter is simply that there was a custom, and Paul most certainly believed in it and endorsed it, of baptizing the living for the dead. And I say that this passage, although various authors try to explain it away, means just what it says: that, in some sense, while Jesus was here on earth He was up in Heaven at the same time. Jesus said, "Lo, I am with you always."

Where is Jesus now?

On earth, else that statement would mean nothing. He is in Heaven, but in some sense He is on earth,—on earth in the person of the Holy Ghost.

#### **Christ Was God in the Form of Man.**

And no man hath ascended up to Heaven, but He that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

Just one more thought. The birth of Jesus the Christ we refer to by what word,—as His what?

Answer: His incarnation.

General Overseer: The Bible says that Christ was who, manifest in the flesh?

Answer: God.

General Overseer: Yes, He was manifest in the flesh, born of a woman. What does the Word tell us as to the preparation of this woman? There was a special preparation, was there not? That is a wonderful thing!

**Man Cannot Write Infallible Truths of His Own Will.**

The more I dwell upon the facts that I have presented this morning, the more I am convinced of the Word of God, the Bible, having been inspired. There is a man who lectures on the subjects, the "Man of Galilee" and "Saul of Tarsus." Every time he has delivered the lecture, "The Man of Galilee," he has offered a reward for a committee of men who would in a certain time add one chapter to the four Gospels. What did he do that for? His thought is that this Bible is inspired by the Holy Spirit. One thousand of the brainiest men of all the world, working for six months, would not be any nearer adding a chapter at the end of the six months than they were when they began.

**The Holy Spirit Incarnate.**

Is there such a thing as the incarnation of the Holy Spirit? Yes, I think that that may be said if you guard yourself carefully. He lives within the bodies of believers, does He not? There is this difference between the incarnation of the Christ and the incarnation of the Holy Spirit: When the Christ was born of a woman He united Himself to sinless humanity. The Virgin was especially prepared; whereas when the Holy Spirit comes and dwells within the bodies of believers, they are imperfect men and women. They are men and women in the process of making. There has been but one perfect man in this world—Jesus the Christ, and all other men are in the process of making. God is making men, and I tell you it is a glorious thing to be a man, and, if at the end we have let God make men out of us, we ought to be happy.

**Christians to Become the Image of Christ.**

There is another beautiful thought coming a little later on; I simply mention it here: that as Jesus the Christ was the image of the invisible God, so at the last all the members of His Church will become the image of the Christ. That is the thought in the third chapter of first John.

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

The General Overseer then offered the closing prayer.

**THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST (or SPIRIT).**

**What Is It? How Is It Obtained? What Are the Evidences of It?**

(BY O. L. TINDALL.)

THIS is a question that should interest especially all of God's professed children. It belongs to the disciples only and is in no manner a question for sinners. A very significant question is the one put to the disciples at Ephesus by the Apostle Paul. It should set all believers thinking.

Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?—Acts 19:2.

This, of course, was after Pentecost, when the Spirit was given in His fullness, and points to the fact that it is not enough for a man merely to believe on the Lord Jesus. Jesus is the Savior of mankind. The Holy Ghost does not save men. He has a distinct office. He helps men to come to Christ for salvation. He convicts them of sin and then points them to the Savior, but no man prays to the Holy Spirit for salvation, or in His name. But prayer is directed to God the Father in the One

given whereby we must be saved—the name of Jesus. Let us keep this in mind lest we dishonor the Lord Jesus.

The Spirit works with and upon the sinner, but not in him. An ungodly man cannot be a temple of the Holy Spirit because he is unclean. The Spirit dwells *with* and *in* believers.

Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?

A believer is of but little use in the world unless he has been baptized *with* or *in* the Holy Spirit. This is clearly indicated by the Lord when He said to His disciples on the very eve of His ascension.

Behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.—Luke 24:49.

For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.—Acts 1:5.

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me —Acts 1:8.

These passages from the Christ and from the Apostle after Him throw considerable light upon this question. The disciples had been with Christ for nearly or quite three years. They had learned of Him the teachings and had been with Him in His journeys and seen His wonderful works. They had caught His spirit and seen His love and compassion. They knew Him as a man according to their ability. He had given them power over unclean spirits, and authority to heal the sick, etc., and yet they needed this spiritual power to do the work. Paul said the same thing to the men and disciples at Ephesus. Paul himself had the same experience. Said Ananias to him:

the Lord, even Jesus, hath sent me that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.—Acts 9:17.

John the Baptist taught the same thing. He said the baptism with water unto repentance was not all a man needs.

Repentance does not save a man. It is only a preparation or a step toward salvation. Many a man repents and does no more. Judas repented with tears and confessed his sins, but he had no faith. Let us get all there is promised for us.

**The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is a Definite and Distinct Promise**

to believers. Thus far it is clear and plain. There can hardly be any controversy on that point. No truth could be more clearly set forth as I have already indicated by the passages cited. I must say, too, that it is a doctrine which has been grossly neglected, like so many others. Let Zion give the world a *full Gospel* as she professes to do. No doubt, the church, generally, is deficient at this point.

There is no use of any one talking about the gifts and doing wonders who is not correct at this place.

Let us insist on the fact. Fanaticism has come in when men have tried to teach, and know too much about it.

Christ taught it. John the Baptist taught it. Paul taught and experienced it; so did Peter, and John, and James, but not one of them ever tried to explain it.

Christ gave it up when Nicodemus insisted that He should explain just how it was or could be done.

The definition I read some time ago of the baptism of the Holy Ghost by one of these late, new-fangled Apostolic Faith people was very amusing. He told the exact sensation a man must have when the thing took place, and he explained the difference between the baptism of the Holy Spirit and being filled with the Spirit, or anointed with the Spirit. Nothing could be more absurd and ridiculous than a thing like that.

**A Senseless Delusion.**

We have one of the wildest and most nonsensical delusions now in Zion City in regard to the Holy Spirit that has ever been known, I think. The like is not found in any history. The

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**THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST (or SPIRIT.)**

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world has seen all kinds of absurdities in religion and in creeds and doctrine, but this is quite unique. The main feature of it is that every one that receives this baptism must speak in "unknown tongues" and that there is a difference between the baptism of the Spirit and being filled with the Spirit, etc. They roll on the floor and cry unto God to give them this wonderful gift. It was brought here by a lying and unclean degenerate who said God sent him here to save and unite Zion City. He led off more than a hundred people.

Like one Simon of old, he bewitched many people, giving out that he was some great one and promised great things to the people. I would not stop to notice this thing, so perfectly absurd, but the Devil is using it against Zion especially. I do not think they have done so much damage anywhere else as in Zion. They have found more dupes among Zion people, I think, than among any other class. I warn all our people against them.

The absurdity of the thing can be easily seen if one will but read and study the Word.

Let us look at the account of the work and manifestation of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost. Note the terms used in the first and second chapters of the Acts of the Apostles, in reference to this one great event—the coming of the Spirit.

Christ's own words were: "Ye shall be *baptized* with the Holy Ghost, not many days hence." [Acts 1:5.] This referred to Pentecost. In verse eight He refers to the same thing and says, "When the Holy Ghost is *come* upon you," meaning "the baptism", but using another expression—"come upon you." Then in chapter two and the fourth verse it says, "and they were all *filled* with the Holy Ghost," meaning the same thing, viz., "the baptism." When Peter explains to the wondering multitude what this means he says it was what the prophet Joel said would come to pass in the last days. He used another expression for the same event. He called it "*pouring out of the Spirit.*" There are four different expressions, all meaning the same thing. In the tenth chapter, in the case of the Gentiles receiving the Spirit, He is described as being "poured out" upon them, and then it is said, in the same connection, that they received the Holy Ghost.

At Ephesus Paul asked them if they had received the Holy Ghost, and when he laid his hands upon them it is said "the Holy Ghost came on them."

Will some of these deluded people explain which of these was "the baptism" and which was something else? Such hair-splitting and wresting of the Scriptures is disgusting and yet a number of our old Elders and Overseers and other officers and members have fallen into this snare of the wicked deceiver and have been trying for months to "git it."

The original promise of the Spirit by the prophet Joel said nothing about "speaking with tongues."

It said "your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions."

Does anyone suppose that every old man that receives the Holy Spirit shall dream all the time and insist that if an old man

does not dream dreams it is a sure sign that he has never had the Spirit, and likewise of a young man that he must see visions or he has no claim to the Spirit? Christ said in Mark 16 that "these signs shall follow them that believe. . . . They shall cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them." Does it mean that every one that believes must do all of these things? No.

It means these things may be done under certain circumstances and when occasion may require.

Why should anyone settle down upon the peculiar gift or sign of speaking in tongues, and say this sign must always follow, and if it does not, you have never received the Holy Spirit? Could anything be more absurd in the plain light of gospel truth and revelation?

With that accursed delusion has come a denial of many of the Zion Teachings, such as no government in the church, no organization, no rule of any man ordained of God. They will have no man to rule over them, although the Bible plainly teaches that elders and other officers should rule in the church, and certain men are chosen by God to be teachers, and that there should not be many teachers; that the Holy Spirit, although He is a teacher, does not do away with all officers in the church. The Holy Spirit sets apart certain men, who are qualified to be leaders, as He set apart Barnabas and Saul to the office of Apostles, and made Elders or Overseers in the Church at Ephesus. Paul uses this language to them:

Take heed, therefore, unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood.—Acts. 20:28.

Why have Overseers if the Holy Ghost is to be your *only* guide and teacher?

The *Baptism, or gift of the Holy Spirit, is promised to all of God's children, but not the gift of tongues.*

You cannot tell what the Spirit will do with you. He will guide you and you are not supposed to guide, or dictate to Him, but to *obey Him*, and He will make something out of you, if you are willing.

**The Holy Spirit Not Divided.**

The Holy Spirit is a Person and not a thing, or an influence. When you receive the Spirit you receive all the Spirit. He is not divided up any more than any man is. When we talk about receiving more of the Spirit we mean that we will give Him more of the right-of-way with us. We limit, like the children of Israel, the Holy One. We resist Him. We quench the Spirit. We obey Him sometimes, and do not at other times. Peter did this. He was filled with the Spirit, and then he afterwards grieved the Spirit, and evidently did not obey Him. He could not have been guided by the Spirit when at Antioch he showed the wrong spirit. We are not to pray for more of the Spirit, for He is one and cannot be divided into sections. We have more of the Spirit as we open our whole lives to Him and He fills every room. Let Him into the parlor, but don't keep Him out of the kitchen, nor the bed-chamber. Let Him go to your place of business also, and dictate there. Take Him to the polls with you and mark your votes as He suggests. Don't go to the house of mirth, unless He accompanies you. When He comes to your city, give Him freedom of the city as they do Bryan and Roosevelt.

**How Do We Get the Spirit?**

The same as we do any blessing or gift from God—by prayer. The same conditions prevail. You must do as they did in olden times, when they got answers by fire, which was the symbol of the Holy Spirit. They had to lay the sacrifice on the altar, and it must be a whole offering, and a holy sacrifice. Then they got the fire. You cannot take your offering back,

Abel's offering was accepted, and he got the witness of it, and the assurance that he was righteous or that he was right, and Cain got the opposite. Just as we see now: one man prays and gets answer, and another at the same altar is rejected and no answer comes. What is the matter? The same just God is over them, and the same altar is before them; but the sacrifice is not the same, in some way. Paul expresses it clearly when he says:

I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.—Romans 12:1.

The consecration must be complete, and thorough, and for all time.

You cannot be good seventies without this baptism; you need this Divine help and power to become good witnesses, even; and "ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, [and I may add, in Zion City and in Chicago] and unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

What a commission! May God equip us for our great work and mission to all the earth; and, let us remember. "it is not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord." The Apostles were not of much good until after they received the Holy Spirit.

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**INVOCATION.**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, be profitable unto those who are to go forth, hundreds, from house to house and street to street in all this vast city, and to all to whom these words shall come in this and every land, in this and all the coming time, till Jesus comes, for His sake. Amen.

**TEXT.**

Now after these things the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them two and two before His face into every city and place, whither He Himself was about to come. And He said unto them, The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He send forth laborers into His harvest. Go your ways: behold I send you forth as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no wallet, no shoes: and salute no man by the way. And into whatsoever house ye shall enter, first say, Peace be to this house.

Seventies: for long years it has been our great desire to see this moment, when, having trained some hundreds of God's own children, we should have the joy of sending them forth two and two into every street in this city, knowing that the Lord Himself wants to come into every street, and enter into every house in this city. (Amen.) Therefore, it is a great joy to me today to deliver this message to you, my brothers and sisters, many of you my own sons and daughters in the Lord.

**The Time Has Come When the Forces of God Shall No Longer Be Unorganized.**

The day for the go-as-you-please and do-as-you-like spirit in the church has gone forever. Gone! May it never return. (Amen.)

The day has come when we want to stand shoulder to

shoulder, and heart to heart, and organized as one body, go forth into this city and push the battle to the gate. (Amen.)

The day has come, therefore, for organization: and a beginning must be made somewhere. And this is the wedge of Zion which is now being put in, and God grant that we may be able to strike it home in the heart of this wicked city, (Amen) and destroy these forces of evil which find their headquarters in these great centers of population.

There are but two armies in this world.

There are but two forces in this world.

There are but two princes in this world.

There are but two banners in this world.

There are but two sides in this world, and in one of these two armies, underneath one of these two banners, and on one side or the other, we must stand. (Amen.)

#### The Mission of the Seventies.

We stand today a member of the great army of the living God, organized, as we believe, upon primitive, Christian, Catholic, and apostolic principles.

This church has long been understanding these principles. We have been talking literally to each other. We have been instructing and edifying each other. We have not been idle as individuals, and we have been looking forward to the time when the church could organize its bands and send them out to do this work.

The work which we have to do is as a part of the great army of the King of Kings.

Those who are to serve at this time in this army must be called. They must be chosen, and they must be faithful.

Along our ranks no sabers shine;  
No blood-red pennons wave;  
Our banners bear one single line;  
'Our mission is to save.' (Amen.)

There is another army:

It marches to the drum-beat roll,  
The deep-mouth clarion's bray,  
And bears upon a crimson scroll,  
'Our motto is to slay.'

That army is not the army of God. (Amen.)

We stand today with those, no matter what men say, who proclaim the truth, that it is better to die for humanity than to murder it. (Amen.) That it is better to suffer loss than to steal, or to use any power that we might to destroy so as to gain.

Standing, therefore, as a part of that great army whose mission is to save, as Christ's messengers, as the General Overseer of this Christian Catholic Church, I in Christ's name send you forth, my brothers and sisters.

#### The Equipment.

In sending you forth it is my duty, it is my privilege, it is my joy to charge you solemnly and earnestly as to how you are to equip yourselves in this great undertaking.

First, you are not to consider what you are.

You are not to look at your weakness.

You are not to look at your ignorance.

You are not to look at your inefficiency.

You are not, my brothers and sisters, to look at yourselves in this great enterprise.

You are to look to Jesus every step of this way. (Amen.)

In running this race, in fighting this fight, in doing this work, you must keep Him in view. Jesus. Jesus. Run the race with Christ in view.

Looking unto Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and hath sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

You are to look to Him. You are to look to Him there at

the end of the journey. He stands prepared to give the crown of life. Yea,

#### Jesus is With You in Spirit Every Step of the Way.

You can enter no house, and tread no lane, and go through no by-way, and no weary street, and no hard climbing stairs, and no cellar, and no den in this city where you will not find Jesus with you. (Amen.)

He has said,

Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

And He is with us now. Look to Him.

Your Overseer, your Elders, or Evangelists, or Deacons will not be by your side. Often times you will be placed in positions where none can counsel but God alone.

Look to your Father in Heaven. See Jesus at the right hand, the Advocate with the Father. Plead for His sake that the Holy Ghost shall come to you, and taking away all your sins, and weakness, and ignorance, inspire you what to say beside that dying bed; beside the sorrowing heart; beside that hardened criminal; beside that poor, suffering mother, father or friend who weeps over their dead.

Remember that it is only as you look to Jesus, and look away from yourself, your impotence, your weakness, your nothingness that you will find strength.

#### Remember That You Are Commissioned.

That God has called you into His fellowship, and though you are nothing at all, remember, that is just what God does, that

God chose the weak things of the world, that He might put to shame the things that are strong; and the base things of the world, and the things that are despised, did God choose, yea, and the things that are not, that He might bring to nought the things that are: that no flesh should glory before God.

Therefore, go with the consciousness that you are carrying with you a commission handed down to you by one whom God Himself has commissioned as you believe, to lead this work in this city at this time.

Remember that upon our commission there rests the broad seal of God's own approval.

We care not what those say who criticise Zion. These very walls speak. And thousands and tens of thousands throughout this city and land and all the lands have rejoiced that this voice has spoken from Zion. (Amen.)

God has witnesses. You are witnesses as to what God has wrought in this Christian Catholic Church. Therefore, looking to Jesus, remember that you are His witnesses.

You are not witnessing for a church.

You are not witnessing for a man.

You are not witnessing for yourselves.

#### You Are Witnessing For God. (Amen.)

Ye are My witnesses, saith the Lord, and My servant whom I have chosen. . . . Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears. Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: who among them can declare this, and shew us other things? Let them bring their witnesses, that they may be justified: or let them here, and say, It is truth,

This command is given, therefore, that these Seventies go forth to bear witness that Jesus Christ is not an absent Lord, but that He is with us today in this land and at this time. (Amen.)

You are witnesses in yourselves, and you must bear witness to this great fundamental fact.

When asked, How do you know that you are saved? You have no right to go, unless you can give the answer, the Spirit Himself witnesseth with my spirit that I am a child of God. (Amen.) That is what we must first remember. You must witness that the Holy Ghost witnesseth within you.

Then you must witness to the facts which your eyes have

seen, which your ears have heard, which you yourselves have experienced, which you yourselves know.

**Witnesses to Living Facts.**

You must carry to this people a Gospel of facts, not nineteen hundred years ago, but living facts today in this city and land. (Amen.)

These living facts you yourselves, thank God, are largely witnesses of in yourselves. But you have the whole range now of Zion literature, covering three years, well nigh four years, of wondrous work.

You have a record such as has never before been put by pen upon paper nor by printer's ink on paper at any time within all the nineteen centuries since the canon closed.

They speak sometimes who scoff at God that none can ever say that prayer has been answered. Are you not witnesses that prayer has been answered?

Voices: "Yes."

Dr. Dowie: And that you know the prayers of others have been answered?

Voices: "Yes."

Dr. Dowie: That your own prayers have been answered?

Voices: "Yes."

Dr. Dowie: You must be the witnesses therefore that God is truth. And you must witness to that by the production of that which in this time and age is the most powerful thing, and that is the facts themselves.

We are living in an age which is tired of theories. Which is wearied with forms. Which finds no longer any veneration for a dead past, and I feel in sympathy with this age.

I say, better a living dog than a dead lion.

I say, better a living church, no matter how feeble it may be, than a church which is dead.

**Witnesses Against Evil.**

You are not only witnesses for, but you are witnesses against. You stand not only for God, but you stand as God's witness against the Devil's life (Amen), against the church's life (Amen), against the false theology which has done so much to fasten upon humanity the chains of diabolical slavery.

My brothers and my sisters, I charge you before God not to be afraid to witness against a dead ecclesiasticism. You are sent to witness not only to facts, but to witness against that which is evil.

You are called upon, therefore, to witness against falsehood which is contained in these churches, which have a name to live and are dead.

Chief amongst these is the Roman Catholic apostasy. I speak plainly. If we are only going to succeed in Chicago by keeping back the truth and pretending to be friendly to that which is diabolical, then may God grant that we shall be beaten in the first battle. (Amen.) We have no right to live.

We shall keep back no truth. I, therefore, tell you that you are to witness lovingly, tenderly, wisely, but at the same time boldly against every apostasy. First,

**You Must Witness Against the Roman Catholic Apostasy.**

The Christian Catholic Church is in direct conflict with the Roman Catholic apostasy. There is no question about this.

Week before last a lady wrote to me these words: "Doctor, with gray hairs on my head and the memory of a lifetime connected with the Roman Catholic Church, I entered your tabernacle yesterday a *Roman Catholic*. But as you proceeded I was convinced. And when the people rose to consecrate themselves to God I did it also, and I left your church; praise be to God, a *Christian Catholic*. (Amen. Applause.)"

This is the position which the Seventies must occupy. First, witnessing for God, they must witness against error. They must witness against the Devil and against all his works. Now, it is said boastingly by Rome that she controls one-half of the population of Chicago; that one million of souls in this city belong to the Roman Catholic Church.

Even if it is so, although I think the statement is exaggerated, then there is the field of battle, and in the name of God we want to win that million for Christ. (Amen.)

**The Weapons and Armor With Which to Fight Evil.**

Remember that in striking at error your weapons are:

First, the word of wisdom.

Second, the word of knowledge.

Third, the power of a divine faith, which clothes you in all the panoply of God, enables you to stand with the helmet of salvation, with the breastplate of the Redeemer's righteousness, with your loins girt about with truth, with your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace, with the shield of faith, and above all with the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God, to fight the good fight. The shield enables you to quench the fiery darts of the wicked that will be thrown at your very heart. And the sword of the Spirit of God, which is the Word of God, enables you to destroy these diabolical errors.

In doing this you must remember that courage alone will not win this battle.

It must be wisdom.

It must be knowledge.

It must be love.

It must be a sound mind.

**How to Win the Battle.**

The Spirit of God must enable you to know how to listen in patience and how to answer in love. How to deal in prudence. How to deal in sympathy. How to deal in tenderness. And your courage must be shown not only by your determination to go forward, but by your capacity sometimes to stand still.

It is oftentimes the hardest thing in battle for a battery of artillery, or a regiment of cavalry, or a division of the army, to stand still and hold in reserve, to do nothing but to wait.

Oftentimes in this battle you must be still. You must stand still.

In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength.

Remember that it is courteous and it is right patiently to listen to those who speak.

How our Lord shows these things in His earthly life, when He with infinite patience permitted people to speak to Him. He patiently listened to their questions and He patiently listened to their animadversions upon Himself, and He patiently endured, and when He spoke it was with power, because He spoke after He had listened.

**Words Have No Power Unless They Are Spoken With Sympathy and Love.**

You never can speak with power unless you speak sympathetically. In this fight no feeling of enmity against man must be in your heart. No railing charge even against the Devil must come from your lips. As it is written:

Michael the arch angel, when contending with the Devil about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing judgment, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

Remember, when you are contending with Satan in these streets and lanes for the bodies and the souls and the spirits of the suffering people, you must even against Satan himself bring no railing accusation, but simply state the truth concerning the

Devil. Do not state more than the truth even about the Devil.

Stating the truth, and standing by the truth, you will patiently win and you will patiently conquer, no matter what suffering there may be in the process.

Remember, therefore, that you are witnesses against apostasy. You must witness against, not in detail, as a rule, but in general. And the best way to witness against falsehood is to show the truth, to show the beauty, and the power, and the glory of God.

**Never Go Into Matters Which You Are Uncertain About.**

Leave to your teachers, leave to your Overseer, leave to those whose business it is to deal with the larger matters of faith and doctrine, that work which God has not given as yet to you, except in a measure.

You are not limited by this instruction to anything else than to ask God patiently and lovingly to show you that you shall not attempt more than God has given you power to do.

Remember that in this living witness against apostasy you can show the superiority of the Christian Catholic Church, not by merely stating it, but by lovingly manifesting it.

You are witnesses to the truth against a terrible lie.

I want to say that this year God has led me to a strong, definite resolve that during the fall and winter, as He may direct me, I shall deal with the errors of this apostate church, and I dare say that the fact that I do will lay you open to many attacks. Would you wish me to keep back because of that?

Voices: "No."

Dr. Dowie: Are you afraid?

Voices: "No."

Dr. Dowie: If you are, do not go out. Tender your resignation at once as a member of the Seventies, for we have no place for cowards in Zion's ranks. (Amen.)

You must not only witness against the Roman Catholic apostasy, but

**You Must Witness Against the Greek Apostasy.**

The orthodox Greek Church, so-called, exists in this city, and has tens of thousands of members and hundreds of thousands of adherents. You must witness against it.

You must not only witness against these apostasies, but

**You Must Witness Boldly Against the Horrible Apostasy of Lutheranism,**

that horrible form of apostasy which is no longer Protestantism, but which disgraces the name of the mighty Martin Luther, that great and mighty servant of God.

The Lutheran apostasy in some respects is far more dangerous than the Roman Catholic apostasy.

You will find a snug complacency in the heart of the Lutheran that he is no Roman Catholic; he is a Protestant, and he is a Christian by virtue of the fact that when he was baptized by sprinkling a little water on his face as a baby, his heart was regenerated, and when he was confirmed and took his communion then he became a full-fledged Christian and an heir of heaven.

That is a horrible lie, is it not?

Voices: Yes.

Dr. Dowie: You must protest against regeneration by baptism in any form, not merely against the regeneration by baptism of the baby, but regeneration of the man or woman by any form of baptism, single or triune.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

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; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

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the Tenth Chapter of the Gospel by St. Luke.

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.)

I fear, therefore, that you will have a hard battle to fight  
sometimes when you

**Protest Against the Error of the Dunkard or Brethren Church,**

Who to my horror I find are teaching the diabolical doctrine that  
baptism by triune immersion is essential to their salvation.

God forbid that, glorious as we know the doctrine of triune  
immersion to be, we should ever be partakers in so great a sin as  
saying that we can by any form of baptism change the human  
heart. Do you believe that is possible by any act of man?

Voices: No.

Dr. Dowie: By any form of ordinance?

Voices: No.

Dr. Dowie: We baptize in Zion not to make people Chris-  
tians, but because they are Christians. (Amen.) We baptize

that they may be obedient to God, and get the blessing which  
He has promised.

I, therefore, call upon you to remember that you are not  
only witnesses that Jesus saves, that Jesus heals, that Jesus  
cleanses, that Jesus keeps, but you are to be witnesses against  
the lie that without repentance, and without any faith, a poor  
baby may be transformed by the water of a priest, Lutheran,  
Episcopalian, or Roman Catholic, into a child of God and an heir  
of heaven.

Protest against that lie in the name of God. (Amen.)  
Witness against it.

You are good witnesses, for many of you have been sprinkled  
in the Roman Catholic Church. Stand, those who have.  
(Many rose.)

Many of you have been sprinkled in the Lutheran church.  
Stand, those who have. (About 100 rose.) You are able,  
therefore, to witness against that lie, are you not?

Voices: Yes.

Dr. Dowie: You are to

**Witness Against the Apostasy of Protestantism.**

You are to witness against a church that is officered by  
ministers who are chief amongst those who lead in the infernal  
works of darkness.

You are not going out upon a child's play mission. If any-  
one thinks that peace can be brought to a house without the  
truth being brought there, then they know nothing about it.

I want you, as I shall say presently, in every house to carry  
the message of Zion: "Peace be to this house." It is the mes-  
sage of Christ to every house in Chicago.

But remember that peace is not possible anywhere until the  
battle is fought out with the Devil.

Was there any peace in your own heart until the Devil was  
beaten? Tell me.

Voices: No.

Dr. Dowie: Will there ever be peace in any other heart or home until the Devil is driven out? Tell me.

Voices: No.

Dr. Dowie: Then, do not forget that peace with God is war with sin.

And may God remind you always that you have this charge, that in love and patience you are to protest against every form of sin. Hence you must

**Protest Against Secretism, Which is Corrupting the Protestant Churches**

Nearly every minister of prominence in the Methodist church in this city is a secret society man. Is that not true, Brother Murphy? (Brother Murphy was formerly a Methodist.)

Brother Murphy: Yes.

Dr. Dowie: Nearly every minister of prominence in the Baptist church is a secret society man. Is that not true, Dr. Speicher?

Dr. Speicher: I know many of them are.

Dr. Dowie: Is it not true regarding Dr. Lorimer? Was it not true regarding others? And does not Dr. Lawrence say that as soon as he can get time he will associate himself with the Mah-hah-bones?

Friends, I will ask you who are the Seventies, before I go another step, are you prepared to protest against Secretism in all its forms?

Audience: Yes.

Dr. Dowie: Stand up and let me see that answer. (All rise.)

**You Have a Bigger Fight Than Even Was Imposed Upon the Ancient Seventies,**

the first whom the Lord sent forth. For you have a fight not now against a decayed and miserable apostate Romish church which presents a dead Christ on a crucifix to the eyes of a suffering humanity, or a dead piece of bread in exchange for a living God; but you have to fight against false forms of Protestantism, which declare that they have protested against Rome's apostasy, and alas: Today they stand in a far worse situation.

I protest against Rome today, and yet I protest against these false systems called Protestant still more fiercely, for I say this to their faces, and God knows it is true, that there has been more willingness upon the part of the Roman Catholics in Chicago to receive God's message of a full salvation than there has been upon the part of these apostate Protestant churches. (Amen.) That is true to a tremendous extent.

You are going forth then as

**Witnesses For God Against the Devil.**

As witnesses for God's works against the Devil's works. As witnesses who walk in the light against those who walk in the darkness. As witnesses who are prepared to stand for all you say and, if need be, to suffer, and shall I say it, if need be—shall I say it on your behalf?

Voices: Yes.

Dr. Dowie: If need be to die?

Voices: Yes.

Dr. Dowie: Are you willing to lay down your lives for Christ?

Voices: Yes.

Dr. Dowie: In Chicago if He asks it?

Voices: Yes.

Dr. Dowie: Now let me tell you most gloriously that

**You Are Not Only Witnesses For and Witnesses Against, But the Possessors of**

a priceless blessing, a real Gospel, a real salvation that saves, a real healing that heals, and a real Holy Ghost that cleanses.

Oh, friends, angels in heaven might envy you your holy

toil, as when the day's work is o'er you bow in prayer, and with your chosen companion go out into your little district from home to home and heart to heart, to carry the Gospel message of peace.

There are those in this loud and stunning tide  
Of human care and crime,  
With whom the melodies abide  
Of the everlasting chime.

Who carry music in their heart  
Through dusty lane and wrangling mart,  
Plying their daily task with busier feet,  
Because their secret souls a holy strain repeat.

Be among those. Carry the music in your heart to the hum of your sewing machine in the home and to the hum of the factory where you have been toiling throughout the day; as you have been building or tearing down you have been singing in your heart a song of peace.

When the daylight has faded, and the evening shades are drawing around your heads, with wife, with children, with friends, bow around the altar ere you go forth.

Take with you the holy fire of divine love, and into these darkened homes of poverty, and of sin, and of sickness, bear with you the living water. Take with you the living bread. Carry with you the living Gospel of the living God, and a great multitude will rise up and call you blessed. (Amen.)

Brothers and sisters, these charges might be multiplied indefinitely. There are many, many things concerning which I might speak, but I can not deal with them at greater length. But now I must carry all your thoughts and minds to the special message that is upon the front page of the little book that you will carry:

**Christ's Message to Chicago: "Peace Be to This House."**

In our Scripture reading we read how our Lord had said:  
And into whatsoever house ye shall enter, first say, Peace be to this house.

Brothers and sisters, say it. Not only have it in your heart, but let me beseech of you to say it with your lips.

When the door is opened, perhaps it may be opened in the house of wealth and luxury by a careless servant who antagonizes God, but if you look in her eyes or his and say, "Peace be to this house," perhaps they will not know what you say it for. It is such an unusual message. But when you have looked into their faces again and they say:

"What did you say?"

"Peace be to this house."

"What do you mean?"

The peace of God which passeth all understanding, which can keep your hearts and minds in the love and knowledge of God, be also to this house. The peace that Jesus came to bring who said:

Peace I leave with you; My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Hand your little message and say, "Peace be to this house," and if they say, "Thank you," you say, "Would it be convenient for me to speak to the master or the mistress of this house? Would it be convenient for me to speak, if not to the master or the mistress, to the servants? Will you let me tell you of Jesus?" And, if you can get an entrance, go; and, if you are shut out, go away, but be sure to come back again. (Laughter.)

Always come back again no matter how you are sent away. They can not kill you, or if they could they could not hurt you.

**To Carry a Message of Peace is Not a Crime.**

Oh, they say, you have no business to thrust your religion upon other people.

Well, tell me. Tell me, you Republican touter all around the wards, have you any business to thrust your politics upon anybody else?

Tell me, O Democrat, have you any business to go from

house to house and thrust your sixteen-to-one silver goat into every house?

Tell me, oh tell me, you Populist or Popocrat, or anything you like to call yourselves, have you an unlimited swing in politics to go from house to house?

Tell me, O tell me, you who send your canvassers from door to door to sell your goods, how would you like a law to be passed in Chicago saying you have no right to introduce your goods or your politics or anything else to any house, and that it was a crime?

I tell you, if it is a crime to carry your religion, is it not a crime to carry your infidelity?

Yes.

If it is a crime to carry your religion, would it not be a crime to carry your politics? Friends,

**You Have the Law of God and the Law of Man on Your Side,**

For this is the law of Christ which bids you go from house to house.

The earth is His and the people are His and everything that is on this earth, for He has made and He has redeemed all and He has a right to send you from house to house, and do not forget it.

The message is, "Peace be to this house."

Friends, I know that the general impression about him who speaks to you is, that he is one of the hardest fighters in the world, that he is a terrible fellow, and that the very opposite of peace is in his heart.

Friends, I will ask my own people, the thousands in Zion, have you found me other than gentle with you in heart?

Voices: No.

Dr. Dowie: Have I not been willing to receive you and peacefully and lovingly help you?

Voices: Yes.

Dr. Dowie: Has it not been that gospel of peace and love that has constrained me? I want you to say to those who know us not: You do not know the Doctor. Come down and get better acquainted.

**To Whom to Bring the Message.**

As you go into these streets and lanes of the city, you have not to bring here the poor.

Do not forget the poor. Do you here? I said, *do not forget the poor.*

Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in either the poor and maimed, and blind and lame.

Do you mind that?

The lame have left their crutches here, many of them. (Pointing to the wall.) And the maimed, those who have even lost their limbs and feel the pain still, God has healed many of them, though He has not given them a new leg. And the blind have received their sight. He has opened many of their eyes.

Go out into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in either the poor, the halt, the maimed, the lame, and the blind that this house may be filled.

I will forgive you if you can not bring in the rich, if you will only bring in the poor. (Amen.)

I will forgive you if you can not bring the well and strong, if you will bring me the sick, the halt, the lame, and the blind, for

**Want Above All Things to Minister to the Suffering of Humanity. (Amen.)**

Remember that this is Christ's message. You are to take to them this message of peace, and tell them that there is peace for them. A perfect peace that morphine and drugs never brought them. The peace of God that assuages the heart's griefs and that heals the body's suffering and sorrow.

Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that My house may be filled.

Oh, fill me this house. Fill it for me with those whom you bring in, and I will lie at your feet and bless you.

Oh, fill it for me with those who are poor and weary and hungry and needy, for to them above all is this Gospel preached.

It is preached to all men. Do not forget that the rich are oftentimes the poorest; that they are oftentimes the hungriest. That in the hearts of those that are rich are oftentimes the deadliest sins and griefs and sorrows.

**A Story of a Captive in a Devil's Den.**

There came to me a few weeks ago from a certain city a cry: "Doctor, our sister is married to a wealthy man in Chicago. He is a sinful man. He has abandoned his lovely wife, and he has sought the embraces of a harlot. And he has tried to get her to live in his own house with a number of harlots so that he might keep a filthy harem." Practically that was the cry. "And now, Doctor, unable to get his virtuous wife to live in such filth, he has got the aid of two wicked physicians and he has put her in an insane asylum. Doctor, they are rich and from that house of luxury she was taken one night, after five minutes' examination, by the rough hands of those who, unable to conquer her strength, injected into her the deadly morphine that left her a helpless log. And so they carried her out of that house of luxury, and it was not until later she woke up in Batavia in Dr. Daniel's private insane asylum. Doctor, we only know you as a man of God. We do not know you by face other than by name and by what you have wrought. Will you hear our cry for our sister and help us to get her out."

**Zion Gives Help and Deliverance.**

I said, "Come right up and we will help you. I will give you help and we will get her out." And, thanks be to God, we did and she is in their home in Cincinnati tonight. (Praise God.) (Amen. Applause.) That is one of the little things we did last week.

Zion is a peculiar institution. (Laughter.)

We hear this appeal for help, help! that rises on every side, and, thank God, we are able to help a little.

Oh, I was so glad this morning when I read the decree of that judge, and when I received the message from that dear sister who has left this city. She said when she got home and amongst her friends, "Oh, I can believe in Christianity that can reach me and take me out of these dens of devils. (Amen.) I can believe in a Christianity which, when the Devil took me from my happy home and imprisoned me there, was able to deliver me." May God make Zion's hand a strong hand. (Amen.)

Tell them in every street in this city that:

Wherever wrong shall right deny,  
Or suffering spirits urge their plea,  
I'll be a voice to smite the lie,  
A hand to set the captive free. (Amen.)

Tell them that. Tell them that is our mission.

There is no lunatic asylum that will be able to keep them. There is no doctor in this city that can play that game and Zion know it and not be after it.

We have a practical religion, to set at liberty those that are bound. Is not that it?

Voices: Yes.

**ZION'S MISSION.**

To preach good tidings unto the meek, and to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.

Has not God anointed us in Christ's name to do Christ's work?

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### THE CHICAGO MEETING.

The meeting Lord's Day, November 8, 1908, in Studebaker Theatre, Chicago, was largely attended, and some good results have already been reported, not only among those formerly belonging to Zion, but from those not connected with the movement. The message delivered cannot fail to produce lasting results.

## SOME EYE-OPENERS FOR THE INVESTORS IN ZION ESTATE.

### THE ASSETS OF ZION ESTATE.

From the Receiver's Last Report.

No. 1 Land and Buildings in Lake County.....	\$1,267,068.00
No. 2 Land located outside of Lake County.....	21,649.00
	<b>\$1,288,717.00</b>
No. 3 Machinery, Tools, Furniture, Live Stock and Miscellaneous Effects.....	151,012.52
No. 4 Raw Material and Merchandise.....	98,768.06
No. 5 Fuel.....	869.75
No. 6 Notes Receivable, with interest accrued, considered good.....	88,884.96
No. 7 Bonds issued by City of Zion in 1905 (up as security to a note of Dr. Dowie for \$30,000).....	35,000.00
No. 8 Accounts Receivable, considered good.....	15,162.58
No. 9 Cash on hand and in Banks.....	31,233.06
<b>Total Assets.....</b>	<b>\$1,709,647.93</b>

Let all the Investors observe the following comments on the above assets, and then sit down and do some careful, prayerful thinking:

FIRST, Let the Receiver leave untouched

No. 1 Land and Buildings in Lake County.....	\$1,267,068.00
No. 4 Raw Material and Merchandise.....	98,768.06
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$1,365,836.06</b>

SECOND. Let the Receiver turn into cash

No. 2 Land located outside of Lake County.....	\$ 21,649.00
No. 3 Machinery, Tools, Furniture, Live Stock and Miscellaneous Effects.....	151,012.52
No. 6 Notes Receivable, with interest accrued, considered good.....	88,884.96
No. 7 Bonds issued by City of Zion in 1905.....	35,000.00
No. 8 Accounts Receivable, considered good.....	15,162.58
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$311,709.06</b>
No. 9 Cash on hand and in Banks.....	31,233.06
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 342,942.12</b>

### Special Note.

Investors, do you not see at a glance that if the Receiver disposed of the above items he would have, together with the cash in hand, \$342,942.12?

THIRD. Let the Court and the Receiver give the Zion people, under my leadership, a fair chance to handle Nos. 1 and 4 listed at \$1,365,836.06.

### LIABILITIES.

Receiver's Certificates, and other secured claims:	
No. 1 Certificates.....	\$ 42,239.10
No. 2 Purchase Mortgages.....	208,328.00
No. 3 Other secured claims.....	47,858.19
No. 4 Accrued interest to date on above items.....	3,365.65
	<b>\$301,790.94</b>
No. 5 Salaries and wages from July 15th to 31st.....	5,452.66
No. 6 Accounts payable.....	2,761.19
	<b>310,004.79</b>
No. 7 Preferred Claims Allowed.....	16,323.13

**Total secured and other prior claims...\$326,327.92**

Let all investors note the following comments on the above liabilities:

FIRST. The total amount of the Receiver's Certificates, and all other secured and prior claims, is \$326,327.92.

SECOND. The Receiver, on page seven of his report, states that he has paid the following items:

No. 1 Certificates.....	\$42,239.10
No. 2 Mortgages.....	5,000.00
No. 3 Interest.....	4,000.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$51,239.10</b>

THIRD: \$326,327.92 minus \$51,239.10 leaves \$275,088.82.

FOURTH. From the sale of Nos. 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8 the Receiver would receive (if sold at the prices listed) \$311,709.06. Added to this the \$35,000.00 in cash, on hand at the time the report was printed, October 26, 1908, he would have \$346,709.06 in cash.

### RECAPITULATION.

Amount in Cash.....	\$346,709.06
Total amount of secured and other prior claims.....	275,088.82
<b>Balance to the good.....</b>	<b>\$ 71,620.24</b>

### A Statement.

The fact of the matter is that the Receiver, if he can realize at the prices listed on Nos. 2, 3, 6, 7, and 8 of the Assets, would be able to pay off all of the secured and prior claims and then have \$71,620.24 left.

### An Important Question.

Where is there, then, any excuse, real or imaginary, for

ouching Nos. 1 and 4 of the assets, or in any way interfering with the Zion principles, truths, ideas, ideals and leases?

**A Quotation.**

The Receiver, Mr. Thomas, says on page six of his report, "That the Court has decided to look at everything hereafter from a strictly business standpoint."

Let not only all true Zion people in Zion City and throughout the world, but all conservative, earnest thinking business men ponder well this quotation. If everything is now to be looked at from a "strictly business standpoint," then the only hope for the investors is to maintain the City intact, upholding the Zion principles, truths, ideas and ideals, and maintain absolutely the Zion City leases.

Any interference with Zion City as originally founded simply means to destroy, to a very great extent, the present greatly decreased value of the estate. If the town is thrown open and made just like hundreds of the towns of the world, what show would it stand in competition with these hundreds of other and better towns? The people of the world would not come in, and the people of Zion would not remain.

On the other hand, let the leases be maintained, let Zion City be kept intact, and at no distant date hundreds of earnest Zion people from many parts of the world will start toward Zion City to buy the lots and to build homes.

I say emphatically and unhesitatingly that if the word could be given out today that Zion City would be maintained and run as an institutional city, with hell-born, blighting, withering competition eliminated and earnest Christian cooperation inaugurated, the value of all properties of the estate would immediately increase.

In the beginning, the proclamation of certain truths and principles brought thousands from all parts of the world, and the City was established. It is only reasonable that the faithful proclamation of the same truths and principles will again bring thousands from all parts of the world to redeem the situation and to make Zion City far better than it ever was before.

Investors, why should the land and the buildings and the contents under No. 4 be sold at a terrible sacrifice to some syndicate, in fact, why should not the true Zion people be given the first and best opportunity to make the most out of them?

The Zion people have a right, under the Constitution and the laws of the United States, to fight for their principles and truths, and any persons, be they great or small, who attempt to destroy our homes and to scatter us to the four corners of the earth, will have to bear the consequences of their actions.

Zion people will not link up with the world, the flesh and the Devil. They will stand alone, treat everybody courteously and kindly, but we refuse to admit outsiders and we will have no fellowship with them, but will fight them to the death. We will put forth every honest effort within our power, and teach our children to do the same, to regain the possession and control of Zion City.

Man proposes: God disposes.

Let one and all pray that God, in His own way and time, will place Zion City in the hands of the true Zion people.

Again I ask the question of all investors and all fair-minded and right-thinking people: Where is there any excuse, real or imaginary, for interference with Zion principles, truths, ideas, ideals and leases in any way?

**THE MORTGAGES.**

1908, 3 Mortgages.....	\$ 6,500.00
1909, 4 Mortgages.....	7,700.00
1910, 16 Mortgages.....	69,500.00
1911, 17 Mortgages.....	154,628.00
1913, 1 Mortgage.....	17,858.19
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$256,186.19</b>

**UNSECURED OR INVESTORS' CLAIMS.**

The total amount of unsecured or investors' claims is \$4,903,725.15. To offset these claims are Nos. 1 and 4 of the assets listed at \$1,365,836.06.

Among these assets are the following:

- 2,000 lots in the subdivided portion of Zion City.
- 4,278 acres in and around Zion City.

Maintain Zion City, proclaim the principles and truths, bring in thousands of people to build a clean City, and these two thousand lots are easily worth a million dollars, but lest somebody should say "This is too high," I maintain that a conservative estimate would be \$800,000.00.

Maintain Zion City, proclaim Zion principles and truths, bring in thousands of people, and the 4,278 acres, divided into lots or small tracts, would bring a very large amount of money.

IN CONCLUSION: If I could (backed by the loyal Zion people) buy the entire estate for what it is now actually worth, and have fifteen years to develop it and bring thousands of people in here all persons thoroughly conversant with the facts would be astonished.

I will say that if I should buy the Estate, I would not only be willing that the investors should have so many cents on the dollar, which, of course, would, in law and in fact settle all their claims, but I would consecrate my life to the task of redeeming the entire situation and in time pay off all investors dollar for dollar, and by so-doing Zion's good name would be completely redeemed.

I am praying daily and trusting God fully to bring everything out all right.

**SENDING OUT THE SEVENTIES**

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Voices: Yes.

Dr. Dowie: And is not that work to give deliverance to the captives and the recovery of the sight to the blind, and to set at liberty them that are bound, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord?

May God make Zion through your hands a power to break the bonds of all iniquity. (Amen.)

I speak not merely to you Seventies, but to those who shall believe through this word in all parts of the world where the Christian Catholic Church is being planted.

May God grant that they shall rise up an exceeding great army.

My brothers and my sisters, carry this Peace.

**Do Not Be Imitators of Me.**

Do not think that you have to preach a sermon at every door, but just go and carry the message in your own sweet way.

Only be imitators of me so far as I follow Christ, but do not attempt to imitate my modes or my speech, but just imitate all that is good in my heart and in my life, and do your own work in your own way.

Some of you can do it in so much better way than I can do it. You are amongst these people and you understand their every day life and their every day modes of speech. Only carry the message of peace, peace, peace.

Oh, friends, if we have not this peace within our own hearts in the midst of all this conflict, how shall we carry it to others?

There was no peace in that gilded den of vice, which ought to have been a home, and from which that poor woman was taken away.

Peace, peace has come to her heart, though her home is gone and her husband is gone. She has gone down to Cincin-

nati, and she is going into the bosom of the Christian Catholic Church which breathes the word Peace, Peace.

**Receive Ye the Holy Ghost For This Ministry.**

When the Christ rose from the dead and sat amongst His people in the upper room, first to the apostles and then to the others, He breathed upon them and said:

Peace be unto you: as the Father hath sent Me, even so I send you  
Receive ye the Holy Ghost.

How can I send you forth if I do not pray that prayer: "Receive ye the Holy Ghost?"

How can I pray that prayer if the Holy Ghost has not received me? If the Holy Ghost is not within my spirit, my soul, my body?

My brothers and my sisters, the Master is not here in bodily presence, but He has sent a minister, so poor, so weak, so nothing at all, that even I wonder more than anyone else can ever wonder, that He ever chose me.

But I have laid aside all wonder, and I have known that He has chosen me and, therefore, I say to you tonight, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost (Amen) for the work of this ministry," (Amen) and let the peace of God rest in your hearts, and you shall carry a message, and it may be that you shall not know where that message has gone.

**Cast Thy Bread Upon the Waters.**

You will cast much bread upon the waters and you will not know what has become of it. But let me tell you:

"Cast thy bread upon the waters,"  
Ye who have but scant supply;  
Angel eyes will watch above it,  
Ye shall find it by and by:

You may think it lost forever,  
But as sure as God is true,  
In this life, or in the other,  
It will yet return to you.

And that is true as God is true.

Friends, we shall soon stand before the great white throne, some of us, for the snows of winter are gathering on our brows now, and we have not long to live, and a new generation has arisen that will know better how to do than we have done.

Oh, friends, the heat and burden of this day is upon our shoulders. I hear the voices of the world in the ages. I hear these voices coming from those looking down from the battlements of glory. They behold us in this great conflict in the ages, for the world is growing old.

Napoleon said to his troops at the battle of the Pyramids: "Thirty hundred years look down upon you from these pyramids."

And from the pyramids of the ages of human story they look down upon us and their eyes are regarding us in the eternity's stillness, and there is all fullness, ye brave, to reward you.

**Work! Work! Work!!!**

Work and despair not.

Work till the last beam fade to shine no more. Work! Work!! And you will receive wages, and when ye get within these gates of glory you will wonder at the hundreds and perhaps thousands and the tens of thousands that you and I have gathered from this great, wide harvest field.

God grant it. (A request for prayer is handed the Doctor.) Bow your heads. A child is dying. I beseech you to pray for that child.

How often in the crisis of our work have we seen this, a request for a dying child.

"Doctor, please pray for a little boy of our brother. One of our members in the Seventies. He is dying just now. Oh, that God would spare him."

Father, we knew nothing of this when we said that these

heads were to bow, but now these scores and hundreds of the Seventies pour out with me their hearts for that brother and that sister. Oh, God, give them back their boy. (Amen.) Take him back from death. Stretch forth Thine hand that he may live. (Amen.)

Seventies, stand and receive the closing charge. (The Seventies all rose.)

**The Charge to the Seventies.**

I charge you before God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and Jesus Christ His only Son, in the power of the Holy Ghost, that you keep this commandment without spot, without rebuke. Be thou faithful unto death and He will give thee the crown of life.

I charge you in your ministrations to be patient towards all men. I charge you to lead them who are unsaved by the Holy Ghost to repentance through faith, to hope, to love, by the grace of God, to their Father, that they may receive the blessing of life eternal.

I charge you to carry to the sick the message of God: "I am the Lord that healeth thee." To carry to the dying the message: "I am the Resurrection and the Life; whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die."

I charge you to carry the message of Him who is the resurrection and the life, and to bid men to know that in Him there is salvation and healing and holiness and everlasting life, and may God go with you.

May God enable you to return with exceeding joy and witness that the spirits are subject unto you through Christ's name, and may your names be written in heaven. And may the record in the Lamb's Book of Life be that many deeds were done and words spoken that won multitudes to God.

I now ask you, therefore, having so charged you, so far as you know your own hearts, are you going forth with the consciousness that you are saved? Can you say, I am?

The Seventies: I am.

Dr. Dowie: Are you going forth with the determination to tell others that God in Christ is a present Saviour and Healer and Cleanser and Keeper? Can you say, I am?

The Seventies: I am.

Dr. Dowie: Are you determined to be faithful, and let no business or pleasure take your time so that you will, at least once in every week, visit the district that is assigned to you? Can you say, God helping me, I will?

The Seventies: I will.

Dr. Dowie: Are you determined to pursue this ministry with the one sole desire that God shall be glorified, and that sinners shall be converted and healed and blessed? Can you say, I am?

The Seventies: I am.

Dr. Dowie: Then, my brothers, you have witnessed a good confession, and may God forever bless you. (Amen.)

**Call.**

Those who desire to give themselves wholly to God and to pray for these Seventies, please stand. (Apparently all rose.)

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.**

My God and Father, in Jesus' name I come to Thee. Take me as I am. Make me what I ought to be in spirit, in soul, in body. Give me power to do right, no matter what it costs; to repent, to restore, to do right to all men. Give me Thy Holy Spirit. Lead all Thy servants.

(I ask the congregation to pray this while the Seventies are silent.) That all Thy servants who have entered into these Seventies, by Thy Holy Spirit, may go forth and do this work, and win a great harvest from the fields of sin and sorrow and sickness, for Jesus' sake.

(And now all together.)

And now take us all and seal us for Thy service. For the service of humanity, until Jesus comes, for His sake. (Amen.)

[All repeat the prayer, clause by clause, after Dr. Dowie.]

Will all others sit down? The Seventies stand.

My Brothers and Sisters of the Seventies, I now call your attention to the closing act which must precede your going forth. As you have heard this afternoon, our printing presses and our printers have been toiling night and day to produce these messages. I toiled some to do my part, as I ever do.

Now come, and let none be missing next Tuesday night, that the messages may be distributed, and the districts finally appointed, that we may go out calmly and quietly and in order, and may God grant this great advancing tide that is only beginning may sweep over Chicago. [Amen.]

After the Doxology had been sung, Dr. Dowie continued: I feel to say one word personally. My Brothers and Sisters, you are deeply in my heart. I will pray for you every hour and I do not feel as though I could keep you out of my heart for an hour every day. Pray for me (Amen), and let us stand together, and may God bring a great many of these that are in the galleries tonight down on to this floor. May God grant that these seven Seventies will swell into at least ten very soon.

The meeting was then closed with the following

**BENEDICTION**

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame, unto the coming of our Lord Jesus the Christ. Faithful is He who calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, Father in you, bless you and keep you and all the Israel of God everywhere, ever. Amen.

**A STORY OF CHINA'S NEED**

**EXPRESSIONS OF A BURDENED HEART.**

SHANGHAI, 24 Haskel Road, }  
October 12, 1908 }

W. E. L. CAREY, Ecclesiastical Secretary,  
City Hall Building,

Zion City, Illinois, U. S. A.

*Dear Elder:* I enclose an account of my short but wonderful journey, which will be of interest to Zion.

The Methodists in Elijah Hospice! My God, what does mean? Have some of the people lost every particle of honesty and respect to turn over to the Methodists a place in Zion City built for God and not for the apostasy? I am angry. My heart sick. Is that what Daniel Bryant is doing? Are they the people he is preaching to? I praise God for Zion.

I very much need application blanks. A glorious day yesterday. God is blessing and leading.

I enclose nine applications for fellowship. All were baptized yesterday. Pray for us as we do for you daily.

Faithfully in Jesus' name,

F. M. ROYALL, Elder in Charge.

**MESSAGE OF GREAT INTEREST FROM ELDER ROYAL.**

SHANGHAI, September 29, 1908.

*Dear Friends:* Today I leave for two weeks for the Inland. It is always attended with hardships and blessings. I am taking a Christian man along with me to help with bedding and cooking and things generally. It is not easy to carry your bedding and food and cooking utensils and oil stove and filtered water and other things.

Here I am moving along on the launch steaming out of Shanghai. In another year they say we can go by rail. My fellow passengers are civil and polite—six of us in a small room about large enough for two. One of them is just from Peking and is what is called a "Hobo." That means, waiting around for an appointment as Magistrate. He is fairly well informed,

for he knew that a man had been sent to Amoy to welcome the American fleet; and that America had returned part of the Boxer indemnity; and he had read the Bible some. Among the numerous passengers crowded into another room was a Buddhist priest. He wore a priestly garb, head shaved all over. He has a string of beads around his neck like the Romanists and counts them over, calling the name of Buddha in order to get salvation from sin.

On arriving at Hangchow, the Customs sends a book to me to register my name. I found that my filtered water was nearly gone, so I went to the customs and they kindly replenished my bottles.

While there I was told of a man who came a few years ago to this place as the American Consul. He spent one night, and the next morning he stamped his foot on the floor and said, "Stay here? Not for five thousand dollars a month." He left that day and never came back. I was not surprised at that, for if I could not preach the Gospel of the Kingdom to the people I would not stay in this land of stinkpots, of filth, disease and death.

There have been many deaths here of cholera the past weeks. There has been no rain and the canal water is stagnant and green and they drink it and die of cholera.

Thursday, October first I called a small boat covered with matting and propelled by oars, for a dollar Mexican, to carry me to Yu Hong, forty li way, about thirteen miles. In four hours we arrived. I have seen many places, but this is the filthiest, the most horrible I ever saw; and this was made more terrible by the deadly diseases, cholera and plague, that are raging there now.

I warned them and begged them nearly three years ago and repeatedly since, to clean up the city to prevent pestilence. I went to the Official and to the meeting of the merchants of the city and plead with them to take some action. Some of them took it seriously; others laughed.

As I stepped on the bank I was met by pale, wan, pinched and hopeless faces. One man said, "Can you help the sick with cholera and plague?" I replied, If you will do what I tell you, I can help you. I said, Throw away your idols, repent of your sins, accept Jesus as your Savior and cleanser, and get clear of the filth of your city. He gave a strange look and clenched his bony fingers and shook his head, and with a look of despair out of his sunken eyes, walked away to die.

Some of the Christians had fallen away and gone into sin, but none of the faithful ones had been attacked with the dread disease.

At night a few of them gathered together, and it seemed my heart would break. I understood something of what Jesus felt when He cried, "Oh, Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how often would I have gathered you together and ye would not;" and Paul, when he called the Galatians "fools." I wept almost tears of blood over that city. The Magistrate is sick, too. The people are dying daily, the young and the old, the rich and the poor. They die in two hours after they are stricken.

I asked about a man of rank whom I had plead with, and he had quit his opium smoking, but I cannot say if he accepted Jesus as his Savior. "Oh," they said, "he died two days ago."

Even the animals were falling dead in the streets. I did not dare eat or drink anything, not even a drink of water, from that place. I had supplied myself with food before starting, and had replenished my filtered water, or I might not have gotten away alive; but what I had would not last long, so the following morning I started back to Shanghai.

One of the Christian young men is to be married, and his father is a heathen and told him he must bow to the idols. I went to see him, and after a straight Zion talk, he said to me, "You must be right; I promise you that he will not have to

worship the idols." I promised, if necessary, to write to the Magistrate to protect him. As our former leader said, "If the Emperor would go to the temple and lift his hands to heaven and declare that Jesus is the Son of God and the Savior of all men, and issue a proclamation that the people must worship Jesus, then thousands would turn to God, for then they would not be afraid." I would that the day would soon come. The people are afraid of public opinion, of their neighbors and their kindred.

I was glad to get away from that city of filth and disease.

While waiting at Kung Zin Chai I went to see the workings of the new "fire cart"—that is the Chinese name for a locomotive with its cars. It took an hour to go ten miles. It was very strange to see it. The road runs part of the way around Hangchow city, which has a wall around it thirteen miles in circumference and enclosed nearly, if not quite, a million people, and all but a few are heathen. But this road is a wonder. It was built and is owned and run by Chinese. There are American locomotives, and the whistles sounded real homelike; but the road is so rough the train rolls and lumbers along like a log wagon.

Last night I covered myself with the ninety-first Psalm and slept a little, even amid to pestilence; but in my dreams I saw the people standing before God and I never heard such cries: Oh China, China, who slew the prophets and trampled Jesus Christ under feet, your punishment will be great.

Along the canal I saw hundreds of women and children and a few men going to the temple to worship the star god.

How joyful to get home again, and be in a clean home and have clean linen at the table, and not have a crowd stare at you while you have your meals, and not be exposed to staring eyes by day and by night.

The services in Zion Tabernacle on Lord's Day were wonderful. The morning services, after an hour's teaching, were the celebration of the Lord's Supper, and the children's meeting was great, and then followed the baptism of eight, and it was a wonderful meeting. There was also a child healed of fever. Then the overflow meeting at night was of much interest. The denominations have warned their members against us, and then, of course, they come.

Faithfully yours in Jesus' name,

F. M. ROYALL.

Elder in Charge.

## ENTHUSIASM FOR THE SALVATION AND REDEMPTION OF ZION CITY FOR GOD AND ZION.

Addresses Delivered in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, Tuesday Evening, November 11, 1908, in Support of Zion and the Zion City Leases.

[REPORTED BY THOMAS FROST.]

After the preliminary exercises and a few general remarks by the General Overseer, the meeting was thrown open for speeches on the question of maintaining the Zion City Leases.

Elder Carey read extracts from a letter received from Elder Royall, China, as follows:

REV. E. L. CAREY, Ecclesiastical Secretary,

City Hall Building, Zion City, Illinois, U. S. A.

*Dear Elder:* I have just seen a statement that the Elijah Hospice has been turned over to the Methodists to hold their meetings in because their church was burned. Is it true? Is it possible that people who were once in Zion have gone so far away? If the Masons have their lodge burned, would they offer them Elijah Hospice? If Hinky Dink and Bathhouse John have their house burned, would they give them the Hospice? Have they actually given the Methodists a lot in the center of the city to build a church? I think that I hear the angels weep for such

actions as that. The people of Zion throughout the world raise their voices to protest against what is worse than vandalism. The cry will ring around the rolling world until that is righted. My God in the heavens will not bless such deeds as that. Whoever is responsible for that deed, *I call on you to repent* and not desecrate Zion City and destroy the covenant you have entered into that Zion City shall be a city for God and not for apostate churches. What has come over you? Have you lost every spark of Christianity you ever had? Have you gone into the apostasy? Zion City is for God and not for the Masonic Methodist church, nor for any other apostate church. I understand now what the General Overseer and Zion's faithful ones have had to endure as never before. You ought to be swept out of Zion City, you who do such deeds. Do you hear? I arraign you before the Most High God and call on you to repent. Zion is going forward in the Orient. People are tired of the apostasy. One man, a teacher who has recently come to Zion, says that Zion is the Church of the Living God and gives people the Gospel in its fullness. He was tired of the dead churches.

Praise God, Zion is going forward throughout the world. Nine baptized October Eleven. One man and his whole house, his wife and two sons and two employed by him, and they are happy. The son was wonderfully healed recently and this is the result. Hallelujah! Go Forward, O Zion!

Faithfully yours in Jesus' Name,

F. M. ROYALL.

[Loud applause.]

General Overseer: If I get out a handbill tomorrow and print that in large type, how many of you can I get to help distribute them?

[A number quickly stood up.]

Address by Deacon W. Hurd Clendinen.

The words we have heard (referring to extracts from Elder Royall's letter, China, read by Elder Carey) are from China, from a man who used to be in Zion City.

Tens of thousands of people throughout the world feel like he does and would cry "Everlasting shame," as he does, if we did not stand for the protection of Zion City.

Thousands of men in Chicago want to see Zion City maintained as a Zion City. I have talked to scores of them. They have no other interest in this City than to see the principles for which we stand worked out. Believing there is a possibility of it, and though they are very doubtful and skeptical along many lines, they know we are right, and if we do work them out, great blessings will follow to the people who live here and throughout the world.

I cannot understand how a man who once stood for the maintenance of the restrictions in the Zion City leases and in building up Zion City, can take any antagonistic position now. He must have lost all the manhood he ever had. It is a strange position for a man to take who claims to have any Christian character or Christian integrity whatever.

As far as I know, this is the only spot on God's earth where there is any attempt being made to take such a high moral stand as we have taken. There are towns that stand against intemperance because the people have been educated to believe that it is wrong. The courts have been educated, also, and cases taken before them in the matter of liquor prohibition are maintained.

In addition to liquor, we stand against tobacco, drugs, pork, oysters, etc. The people, in general, have not been educated to look upon these things as evils. No legislature has ever enacted laws against them, but there is one City which has laws prohibiting their use.

It is therefore necessary that the people and courts be educated to see the evil of these things, and I believe God will enable us to do it.

We are making history fast, as the Overseer says, history that, I think, will be remembered throughout eternity. I cannot help but believe that, and think that the history we are making is of greater importance to the human race than the history recorded during the foundation of the settlement of this country and that cost thousands of lives and millions of dollars.

So, tonight, I want to be recorded as being firmly in favor of the maintenance of leases and of every restriction in them.

I came to Zion City for that purpose. I have labored for that end and will continue to labor and give whatever is necessary of material things to fight deeds. [Here, Hear! Amens and applause which were hearty.]

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 HOLY SPIRIT AND THE NINE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

[ADDRESS NO. 4.]

Address Delivered at the Early Morning Meeting, Lord's Day, August 30, 1908, at Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, by General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva.

[REPORTED BY MISS B. MACLACHLAN.]

AFTER a short season of silent prayer, Hymn No. 177, "Savior, More Than Life to Me," was sung; also Hymn No. 39, "Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed."

Elder O. L. Tindall then led the congregation in reading the Scripture lesson of the morning: Luke 11:1-13.

GENERAL OVERSEER: We will now sing the first stanza of No. 286; then we will spend fifteen minutes in prayer. I want to give God's children a chance to pray. The most important part of the entire service is the reading of the Bible, and next to this is Prayer. Pray very earnestly. Let us seek God this morning, for He will be found of all who truly seek Him. Elder Richert will lead in prayer, and let others follow.

"Come, Holy Spirit, like a dove descending,  
Rest Thou upon us while we meet to pray;  
Show us the Savior, all His love revealing;  
Lead us to Him, the Life, the Truth, the Way."

Elder Richert then led in a season of earnest prayer, which General Overseer closed with the following petition:

Almighty God, our Father, we earnestly pray Thee to hear

and answer the prayers that have been expressed, and also to hear the many prayers that have gone up to Thee in silence; and make this a glorious day, in the Name of Jesus the Christ, and for Thine honor and glory. Amen.

General Overseer: I have been talking to you for several Lord's Day mornings on the subject of the Holy Spirit and the Nine Gifts of the Holy Spirit. I want to point out to you that the solution of all our difficulties is to get the spirit of the Devil out and the Holy Spirit in.

In studying the Epistles of the Apostle Paul, you will observe that he always lays the foundation for his exhortation. As an illustration, take the third chapter of Colossians:

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

#### Spirit-Filled People Are Obedient.

The foundation for that exhortation to faithful service was resurrection with the Lord Jesus Christ. You do not need to exhort people who are born from above, who are filled with the Holy Spirit, to perform their Christian duty. When they are born from above and filled with the Spirit of God, they will gladly perform their Christian duty. I do not purpose to wear out my life doing useless things. Let us lay a solid foundation. If any of you present have not been born from above, then it is my business to proclaim repentance to you until you do repent and get the Spirit of God.

I want you to bear in mind that there are three distinct things:

1. Seeing the Kingdom.
2. Entering into the Kingdom.
3. Inheriting the Kingdom.

The old illustration which I have given you so often, I want to impress upon you in this connection:

Suppose there are three hungry men standing on the street in front of a beautiful bakery shop where there are all kinds of

edibles. One man simply sees the bakery; the second man sees it and enters into it; and the third man sees it, enters into it, and inherits it.

#### Seeing the Kingdom of God and Entering Into It.

There are many people who never even saw the Kingdom of God.

Many people see the Kingdom of God, but do not enter into it; and there are others who see it and enter into it, but do not inherit it,---do not claim its privileges and opportunities.

#### Zion Stands For the Kingdom.

Zion stands for the Kingdom of God; not for a Church. It is true that the members of the kingdom of God meet together for worship, and in that sense they constitute an assembly; and Dr. Dowie was perfectly right when he said "the Christian Catholic Church in Zion,"---in the Kingdom of God. Now it is the assembly of God's people in the Kingdom.

Before I came to Zion I made a study of the word "ecclesia"---called out. The teaching was that they were called out of the world. Dr. Dowie corrected that thought and gave the true meaning---called out of the Kingdom of God. I believe that he was correct. I believe that the assembly is made up of people called out of the Kingdom of God. There are many people in the Kingdom of God who are not in any assembly, The Kingdom embraces all Christians: Roman Catholics, Greek Catholics, Methodists, Baptists, etc. What Zion wants to do today is to so teach the people that they will cease talking about "the Church, the Church," and talk about the Kingdom, which is greater than all the churches combined. The idea in selecting the name "Christian Catholic" was to have an assembly into which all Christians could come, and Christian character was made the test of fellowship. It other words, that this Church would not require anything as necessary to belong to the assembly except what God requires as necessary to enter into the Kingdom; and I think that is a safe ground.

#### Necessity of Keeping Close to God's Word.

In the addresses which I have delivered on the subject "The Gift of the Holy Spirit and the Nine Gifts of the Holy Spirit," I have emphasized the necessity of keeping close to the Word of God. Some people do not like me very well because I do not accept all they say, and because I do not fall readily into line with their way of thinking. Now, I will treat everybody kindly, even a Roman Catholic priest---and I will not deny that there are some Roman Catholic priests who are children of God, but when a man comes to me with his teaching, I will try the spirits. My aim as Zion's leader, under God, is to have a people with sound minds, and whenever I see teaching that interferes with sound minds, I know that that teaching is not of God. One thing that impressed me in 1899, when I first visited Zion in Chicago, was the deep earnestness without fanaticism. We have had that here this morning in our prayer service. All works of the flesh must be kept away and carefully guarded.

When a man comes to me teaching a certain thing, the infallible test is the Word of God, and I do not believe the Bible is a fiddle upon which we can play any tune. I do not believe that it is necessary for a man or woman to be in error if they will keep close to the Word of God.

#### Give Proper Place to All Truth.

In our teaching we want to give proper place to every truth, and the most distressed people in this world are the people of one idea. They see but one thing. Now you will hear some teachers who just talk about God the Father; others, Jesus the Christ; others, the Holy Spirit; and you will never hear Jesus Christ, the Son, mentioned; it is all "Blessed Holy Spirit," and you would think that God did not exist, but that the Holy Spirit

was the only person in the Godhead; and some people do not look upon the Holy Spirit as a person at all; simply as an influence. Some want to make Divine Healing the whole thing and they do not like me because I will not let them do it. Others want to make the gift of tongues the whole thing, and tell you that that is the essential thing.

I want Zion to lay hold of every truth. Let us give to God the Father His proper place in accordance with the Word of God; let us give to Jesus the Christ, the Son, His proper place in accordance with the Word of God; let us give to the Holy Spirit His proper place in accordance with the Word of God. Let us not magnify unduly any gift of the Holy Spirit, but let us leave the distribution of all the gifts to the Spirit Himself. These gifts of the Holy Spirit are divided severally as---what?

Voices: "He will."

General Overseer: There is a world of meaning in that statement, and there is every protection to you against delusions. Some people are never satisfied unless under a delusion, and they go around this world hunting for delusions, and the man who can play the hypocrite most successfully is to their way of thinking the divinely commissioned agent of God Almighty. Some people get the idea that because a man always preaches holiness he must be a very holy man. Why, that does not follow. Some think that because a man talks a great deal about the blood of Christ he must be a man who gives the atonement its proper place and emphasis. That does not follow. Others think that because Elder Richert prays for a sick man and he is healed, he is therefore a man of God. That does not necessarily follow. A man comes along and preaches; fifty people profess conversion, and people say, "What a wonderful man?" But wait six months, and where are the conversions? You cannot rule out the element of time, and you cannot jump to the conclusion that a man with soft words and a light touch is necessarily a man of God.

I like to be anchored. I like to know where I am going and I repeat with the greatest possible emphasis, that the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ is the religion of reason and common sense, and it never destroys a man's thinking faculties. The religion that some people have, not only impairs but utterly obliterates their thinking apparatus. The religion that all runs out of a man's mouth is not the religion of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

#### Zeal Without Knowledge a Curse.

A ZEAL without knowledge is a curse; so, in the teaching which I am giving you on the Holy Spirit, I am following closely the Word of God; and when I am not sure of the position of the Bible on any subject I do not declare myself at all. I have been asked questions the last week that I cannot answer, and I will not promise I will ever answer them. There are people that can answer everything. Any question you may propound, they have always an answer.

#### A Knowledge of Jesus Necessary to Understand the Holy Spirit.

Now, briefly reviewing the addresses that I have given to you, I first said that he who knew how to study the life of Jesus Christ was well prepared to study the personality and the mission of the Holy Spirit. There is a sense in which the Holy Spirit is here now that before the day of Pentecost He was not here. I also called your attention to the fact that for all practical purposes we should place His ministry between Pentecost and the second coming of Jesus the Christ; and last Lord's Day morning I had just reached the place where I was talking about the Holy Spirit now residing in the body of believers. All Christians belong to the Kingdom of God.

Now, in this connection I want to emphasize that I believe there are some churches or assemblies whose members, with the

reception of a few individuals, have got so far away from God that the Holy Spirit has taken His departure.

#### Be Filled With the Holy Spirit.

I remember very well in reading one of Dr. Gordon's books, he said, "I am writing where I can look out of the window and see a number of Churches, and because of Godless choirs and worldly trustees, I firmly believe the Holy Spirit has been so grieved that He has taken His departure."

That leads me to say that my desire for the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church is that it shall be composed of men and women in whom the Holy Spirit shall dwell. It is not enough that the Holy Spirit shall dwell in an individual here and there, but I shall not be satisfied until we have a membership that can be said to be indwelt by the Holy Spirit, and I will begin, first of all, with the ministry: and if our ministers are not filled with the Spirit of God, how can we expect the Deacons to be? And the officers are not filled with the Spirit of God, how can you expect the members to be? And if the members are not filled with the Spirit of God, how can you expect that the children shall be? And it is not enough that the Holy Spirit should dwell in you and in Elder Carey, and in some other, but if this church, or assembly, is to be used of God, then every member must be filled with the Spirit of God; and that is my aim, my effort, and my earnest prayer.

#### The Holy Spirit Dwells in the Body of Believers.

It is plainly taught, then, in the Word of God, that the Holy Spirit dwells in the body of believers. The two passages that I quoted were, John 14:23, and then in first Corinthians 12:9; and I want you to grasp, in addition to the salient points that I have presented, this one point, which I shall expand in the address next Lord's Day morning. I also want to emphasize, in view of the meeting Wednesday night, that it is proper to pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Now I have been asked many times recently if I believe it is right for people to hold a meeting and pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

I will ask Elder Tindall for his candid opinion. Then I will ask any one in the audience who knows, for I am willing to learn from the humblest man or woman. I do not pretend to know it all. Some people, you know, know everything. I remember hearing my father say that a man did not know anything until he was thirty. When I was eighteen I knew everything, but I have learned better since. I will ask Elder Tindall: there, to your knowledge, one passage of Scripture authorizes a man in the ministry to hold meetings night after night and see people crying to God for the gift of tongues, or the gifts of the Holy Spirit?

Elder Tindall: No. May I say a word?

General Overseer: Your words are pretty long. (Laughter)

#### Christ's Promise Was, "Ye Shall Receive the Holy Spirit."

Elder Tindall: Since the General Overseer has spoken on this question and asked for my opinion, I wish to say a few words, though my opinion, of course, doesn't amount to anything.

I wish to call your attention to the Scripture. Now it has been used in this way: that wherever people receive the gift of the Holy Spirit they speak in tongues, for instance; but the Word of God teaches this way; just as the Overseer said: The promise through the prophet Joel was in regard to the Spirit, and Christ's teaching was *not* that we should receive *the gifts* of the Holy Spirit, but that "ye shall receive **THE HOLY SPIRIT.**" He never said, "When ye receive the gift of tongues." Never in the world. He said, "When ye receive the Holy Spirit, then ye shall receive power." The first promise was that they would come together on the day fixed, what for? To receive the Holy Spirit, see? They were not looking for any gifts.

Then take the nineteenth of Acts. When Paul came to the Church at Ephesus, what did he say to those people? "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" He did not say to them, "Have ye received the gift of tongues?" He never said a word about the gift of tongues; but he said, "Have ye yet received the Holy Spirit?" And they said to him, "Why, we have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost." Then Paul laid his hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit. What happened then? Why, then they spake in tongues; but they did not seek the gift of tongues.

The same is true all through the Scripture. It is taught that you should receive the Holy Spirit and then the Spirit will deal with you as He sees fit; and if He wants you to speak in tongues, then you will speak in tongues. That is the plain teaching of the Word of God. Now, nowhere does it say, "Seek the gift of tongues," but "Seek the Holy Spirit," and then He will give the gifts as He sees fit. He gives to one man this gift and to another that gift, and to another some other gift. That is the Scriptural teaching. "He divideth severally, as He will." That is the thought—that if He thinks it is necessary for us to have the gift of tongues, He will give it to us.

#### Reasons Why the Gift of Tongues is Given.

There are two reasons given why the gift of tongues comes. It is plain enough in the 14th chapter of first Corinthians, which treats on that subject. Where the Word of God teaches on a particular subject, that is the place to go to find out about that subject.

Now, in the first place they were for a sign. Paul says that they were for a sign for the outside world, for unbelievers who might come into your meeting. He says the gift of tongues might answer for a purpose in that case so as to convince the outside world, the unbelieving people; but in order that it might be a sign or do any good to them, they must know that you are speaking in tongues—you must have an interpreter. It makes it as clear as day-light here about speaking in tongues. These outsiders are not to take your word or mine that you are speaking in tongues when you stand up, but you must have an interpreter. If you don't, then it is no sign to outsiders any more than what we have here.

When a man gets up in a meeting and begins to talk in tongues, as a man did up at Kenosha in a meeting that I was conducting—that is no sign at all. Paul says it is a sign for the unbelievers, but in a case of that kind, where there is no interpreter, a man from the outside would simply say that you are mad. A man talking in an unknown tongue without an interpreter, why, I don't know whether he is talking Indian, Dutch or Chinese, etc. Paul says there is no good in that, because, he says to a man talking to a crowd in that way, "You simply are a barbarian to me and I am a barbarian to you." If you want to be a barbarian and to appear in the eyes of the people as a barbarian, that is the way to proceed. Just get the gift of tongues, like these fellows in this town, and you will be a pack of barbarians, according to Paul, and outsiders will call you a lot of mad people. That is the plain teaching of the Word of God—turn over to that chapter and read it. That is the way he talks about the gift of tongues.

On the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came and the gift of tongues was given, there were a great many people there who understood them. Now Elder Richert, here, can speak German. I cannot. He would be as a barbarian to me if he talked German without an interpreter.

Now, the other reason for speaking in tongues is that the people might be edified. Paul says it is better to speak five words with the understanding—so that a man can understand you, so you can preach some sense and gospel to him—than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue. That is the way he

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### ANOTHER ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DAY IS APPROACHING

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto Thy name, O Most High:

To show forth Thy lovingkindness in the morning, and Thy faithful ness every night.—Psalm 92:1,2.

Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me bless His holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's. (Psalm 103:1-5).

Zion at headquarters will hold a Thanksgiving Service in Shiloh Tabernacle at 10 a. m. on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26.

Of all people, Zion people have as many reasons, and indeed more, for rendering thanks unto God.

Living in the midst of a crooked, perverse and wicked generation, let us praise God that, by His grace, we are what we are, and that it is as well with us as it is.

Notwithstanding widespread infidelity about us, let us praise God that we believe in Him as our Creator, Father, Preserver,

Provider, the Source of all Blessings and the Giver of all good and perfect gifts.

Let us thank Him that we believe in Jesus the Christ, His Only Begotten Son, our Savior, Healer, Cleanser and Keeper, truest and best Friend, our coming Lord and King.

Let us praise Him that we believe in the Holy Spirit, the other Comforter, our Advocate, Helper and Guide.

Let us praise Him that we believe in the inspiration of the Bible, and accept it as the infallible rule of faith and practice.

Let us praise Him for Salvation, for Healing, for Cleansing and for His Keeping power.

Let us praise Him for Zion, the one movement which boldly proclaims the Everlasting Gospel of the Kingdom and advocates the rule of God in the affairs of men.

Let all in Zion who can, come to the Tabernacle and unite in ascribing praise, honor and glory to God for His Goodness to the children of men, and let all who read these Notes, at 11 o'clock on Thursday morning, November 26, lift up their voices and hearts, together with ours, in rendering thanksgiving to our heavenly Father.

Personally, as an individual, and in my official capacity, I have many reasons for praising God.

Let all praise Him morning, noon, and night, not only on one day of the year, which is set apart as Thanksgiving Day, but every day.

Zion's visit to Chicago on Lord's Day, November 8, was, in every way, a success, owned and richly blessed of God.

Promptly at 8 a. m., more than two hundred Seventies, with their Divisional Leaders and Captains, left Zion City via the Chicago and Milwaukee Electric Railway for the City of Chicago, to do Seventy Work. The day was a beautiful one, and the Zion City Seventies, together with the Chicago Seventies, distributed nearly eighty thousand messages and invitations.

With very few exceptions, they were received kindly, and all report a very blessed and profitable time.

Promptly at 11 a. m., the members of Zion Choir, Band and Orchestra left Zion City for Chicago, and at 2:30 p. m. all assembled at the Studebaker Theatre. Eleven hundred and twenty-nine (1129) persons constituted the audience, while the Zion Council, Choir, Band and Orchestra occupied the platform.

The sermon which was delivered on the subject of "The Kingdom of God" was listened to with great attention.

At 6:30 p. m. the entire party started on their way back

home, and it was the unanimous opinion of the workers that the day had been one of the best in Zion's history.

The conflict still rages in Zion City. The hosts of hell have come in like a flood, and are doing everything in their power to throw the town wide open to the world, the flesh and the Devil.

The true Zion people, believing that the battle is the Lord's, are crying unto Him day and night for deliverance and for the salvation of Zion City.

Last week six special meetings were held for the purpose of preparing to contest the movement which has been inaugurated to set aside the Zion City leases and give deeds in their stead.

These meetings were well attended, intense interest shown, great enthusiasm manifested and scores of hundreds of prayers, audible and silent, were offered up to God for His protection and deliverance.

On Lord's Day, at 2:30 p. m., there assembled one of the largest audiences yet present since the Tabernacle was re-opened on the first Lord's Day in July last. After the Consecration of Children, addresses were delivered by Elders Richert, Carey and Tindall.

Let all readers everywhere be assured that we are making a determined fight in the name of the Most High God for the Salvation of Zion City, and with unwavering faith we go forward, believing that He will hear and answer our prayers, and that, ere long, we shall be able to send forth to all the world the announcement

"Zion City is to be maintained."

Let one and all pray.

WATCH YE, THEREFORE, AND PRAY ALWAYS.

## THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE NINE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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speaks about that. You see if I can speak five words to you so that you can understand, that is worth more to you than if I spoke ten thousand words to you that you could not understand.

They would be to edify you, and that is what we preach for—not to show how smart we are.

### Gift of Tongues Less Important than the other Gifts.

The gift of tongues in my opinion, and according to the Word of God, is the least important of all the nine gifts. On the day of Pentecost, of course there were people there from all parts of the world who could understand the languages. Therefore when they spoke on the day of Pentecost in tongues, those present understood what was said for they heard them speak in their own language. There was some sense in that. That is the reason why we have German meetings here. There are some

people who cannot understand me, for they do not know any English. Now, what good would the Chinese language do to you people? None at all. There would be no edification in it at all; it would simply be a waste of breath talking to a congregation who could not understand a word said. Paul had good common sense about him. The gift of tongues is the least gift; anyway—it comes last. No question about that. Paul says that to prophesy is better; and he also says the very best gift of all of them is love: "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 charity, I am nothing."—I like the word "love." It is a broader word. That is the 13th chapter of first Corinthians.

"Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up.

"Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

"Rejoiceth not in iniquity but rejoiceth in the truth;

"Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

"Charity never faileth."

"Love." That is the best of all gifts.

### The Gifts of the Spirit are in the Church.

General Overseer: Zion's position is correct. Dr. Dowie was right on that point. Zion does teach that the gifts are in the Church. The reason why the gifts ought to be in the Church today is because the gifts are in the Spirit, and the Spirit ought to be in you, had He not? And He will be. The gifts are in the Spirit; all we have to do is to seek FOR THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, and then He divideth the gifts severally as He will. The gifts of the Holy Spirit should be, and will be, manifested when God has a faithful people. The reason why we do not see them is because the miserable preachers have preached the gifts out of the Church and taught us not to look for them—not to expect any gifts. They ruled the gift of healing out, because they have taken it out of the hearts of the people. The preachers have told the people that the day of miracles has passed and there are no more gifts. They preach about the Holy Spirit, but do not teach the people that the gifts of the Holy Spirit will be given or can be given. We have taught in Zion that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are to be given. When you can prove by facts that you have any of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, I will believe it; not before. Take Divine Healing, for instance. Just because a man will stand on the platform and say so and so, that does not prove it. Divine Healing must be proved in accordance with the Word of God.

There is a corrupt tree. I know it is corrupt, and I do not have to go and smell the fruit of it. I know it is rotten, so what is the use of my going down and investigating the fruit? I know it is a bad tree. I know that this gift of tongues teaching is absolutely false according to the Word of God, so what is the use of my going down and seeing the fruit? I do not have to do that, you see. You do not have to go down there and listen to that stuff, for in that way you only encourage it, and it is a curse to you whenever you do. You have to keep close to the Word of God, and there is no necessity for anyone to accept anything that is contrary to the Bible.

You will observe one thing about a certain class of people that you will meet in every community; you may give them the Word of God and they will push you aside, saying, "I am guided by the Holy Spirit. When a man is walking contrary to the Word of God he is not guided by the Holy Spirit, and I claim that there is not any excuse for a man being in error where the Word of God has been given to enlighten us.

### God's Form of Baptism is Triune.

Take the subject of baptism. I do not believe that there is any scholar who is honest, and who will study the commission,

that will stand up and attempt to refute triune immersion. The Greek word *baptidzo* means to immerse. You will find that in any Greek lexicon. The Greek word *baptidzo* means, according to Dr. Thayer's lexicon, to immerse repeatedly. *Zo* is the sign of the frequentative verb. I will take the plain commission in English and prove it, and prove by the best-known rules of English grammar that you cannot fulfil that commission except by Triune Immersion. The ellipsis proves it, and the concensus of the best scholars, and the best commentaries, is that the commission cannot be fulfilled except by triune immersion.

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## "ALL THINGS ARE YOURS." IN FEE SIMPLE.

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**Title Guaranteed. The Devil Disputes Your Title.**

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### "I MUST FIGHT IF I WOULD REIGN."

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(BY O. L. TINDALL.)

The Devil appears in all kinds of roles. He is a shrewd lawyer. He is the advocate of his children, the same as Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are advocates for the children of God. They plead our cases and make intercessions for us at the high Court of Heaven. Christ our advocate sitteth at the right hand of the Majesty on High. "We have our Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous."—1 John 2:1.

The Devil hates these wonderful promises of the Word of God which give us title to so much, especially in this world. He never quarrels much with God's children about their inheritance "Over there." He sings lustily about the "Sweet by and bye" and the "Home over There." The Devil makes no objection to songs of "Heaven." There is very little controversy about the glorious inheritance of the saints reserved for them in heaven. We have a few men who spend considerable time and thought about the future state of the dead. They want to keep us out of our inheritance for many years. They say we must sleep in the grave until the resurrection day. I don't know what they would do with those who never were put in graves and have no bodies, as is the case with millions. Some men are cremated and their bodies go up in smoke and vapor and only a small amount of ashes is left—a poor place for an immortal spirit to dwell for centuries upon centuries, as the fathers must do if this wonderfully and fearfully made doctrine be true. The thief on the Cross had the promise that he would get to Paradise the same day that he died. Elijah and Enoch got away to Glory and never lay in the grave. They took a short route to the Heavenly Land. I don't believe they ever came back to slumber and sleep in a cold grave to watch their old bodies crumble away to dust and there spirits to live there in the dirt. I am not seeking that kind of a berth.

The Devil does not bother a great deal about such a thing as that. He has more important work. That can well be delegated to men who like to talk about something they do not know any thing about, and no man can prove the one side or the other, perhaps. It is not a question of salvation, nor of healing, nor of Holy living, the ones that should interest all Zion people. If we are to sleep after death, it is very sure we are to keep alive

and wide awake on this side of the grave. "Awake, thou that sleepest."

The Devil does not care much about such questions. He would like God's children to quarrel over such things while he goes on damning the world.

The heavenly side of our inheritance his Satanic majesty does not trouble much about. He says you are welcome to that, and more; you should be quite content with such a bright prospect in the future. Go on with your singing, "A tent or a cottage, why should I care? They're building a palace for me over there."

The Devil says, "That's all right."

Most of the professed Christians are saying the same thing and falling down before his Majesty and worshipping him, and saying, "We will worship thee if thou wilt give us the kingdoms of this world and the glory of them."

Men, and ministers even, seek the world as the Devil directs. All business adopts his methods. They cheat one another in trade, as much as they are able. To make money and get property they steal, perhaps in a legal (?) and fashionable way. They defraud each other. They lie about one another. As a rule, all business men are liars and cheats and false swearers, and oppressors of the hiring. They grind the face of their employees to the extent of their ability. When human nature, unregenerated, has her way, it is selfish and seeks only her own. It matters not who suffers, nor how much. When it is unrestrained it is tyrannical and oppressive. What is Russia, and what have been all the nations of the earth? They have been tyrants. They have used oppression. It has been the old story of Egyptian bondage, and slavery—the strong oppressing the weak. The same selfish human nature which is found in the "natural man" dominates mankind today. It matters not where you find it. You find it on every corner of your streets. You find it behind your counters. You drink it in your adulterated milk. It is in your embalmed beef, in your sanded sugar, and every article of your food. Why these stringent laws against adulterated food? Why make a law that butter must be made out of cow's milk and not out of the slops of a butcher's shop? Simply because men are cheats and thieves, and a set of deceivers, who would despoil their neighbors instead of keeping Christ's and God's law—"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

The Devil says that is the way, and the legitimate way to get on in life and make a great success. He says you cannot do business and succeed, and keep the Golden Rule, or follow the Gospel commandments. Most men believe this statement, and act on it. Some one has said that no one can make a million dollars and be an honest man. It is no worse than what Christ said about a Rich Man. If it is slander now, I suppose it was then. Facts will bear out the statement. History proves it. Some of the investigations of late have shown it to be true.

When Roosevelt ordered the investigation of the beef trusts, they found the institution was rotten morally, as well as physically, and unclean. Diseased meat was being sold and sent out to innocent people to eat—a product unfit for food. They sent doctored and embalmed beef to our soldiers in Cuba. Dishonesty and deceit, and fraud, were found. All kinds of advantage is taken to make gain out of their fellowmen. Does anyone suppose that those great fortunes have been accumulated in an honest, not to say a Christians way? Nay, verily.

Does anyone suppose that the Millionaires connected with the Standard Oil Company are honest men, and have made their money in an honest or Christian way? No, verily. They have stolen their money from the people, and yet they are great church members and great philanthropists and benefactors (with other men's money.) One of our great millionaires, who recently died, left just enough back taxes unpaid to make any of us a millionaire. For a man to lie, and to make false affidavits about his property and cheat the state out of its dues is not considered

even "bad form," and the preacher makes it no barrier to entrance into his communion, nor into the kingdom of Heaven. He rather puts a premium on it, and gives such a man a preference, and a front pew in his hallowed (?) "house of merchandise."

*Zion challenges the whole Business system*, and brands it as base and ungodly, and disputes the claims of the Devil as the owner of all the kingdoms of the earth; and also his claims that his way of running business is the most successful, even from a financial standpoint.

It is a fact that more than eighty-five per cent. of men who go into business make a failure, financially, and, as a rule, the others will fail and fall like the rich man described by Christ, who lifted up his eyes in hell, being in torment, and cried for even a drop of cold water to quench his thirst.

The rich man who does not acknowledge God in all his ways is bound to meet his Waterloo soon or late, either in this world or in the world to come.

Sin and iniquity must meet their doom. The ways of the wicked *shall perish*.

It is the Christians own fault that they do not have the world.

The covenant God made with His children included temporal blessings: Bread and meat, and raiment and shelter, and every good thing.

The story of the children of Israel is only an epitome of the broader promise to the children of the Kingdom in this age. That old story of their history, Paul says, was written for our example and also for our admonition. The gift of a land to Abraham and Isaac and Jacob was only the beginning. Evidently, God intended that it should be continued and enlarged; for He said to Abram, that all nations should be blessed in him. God's will was plainly seen in His dealings with these His children. He gave them a land. It was rough and barren, but that mattered not, with the blessing of God it was made fruitful and made to blossom as the rose. We are not to ignore these lessons that God has put on record for our example. God gave them that land, He told them they must not associate with those wicked and idolatrous tribes for they would corrupt them, and cause them to sin. This we see was done, we see it doing the same thing now, in Zion City. The world corrupts the church when it gets into the church. It can't be otherwise. "Have no fellowship," or dealings with them, said God. God would have us do the same thing now. We are no stronger than were they. Our young people and older ones are led astray just the same, they need the same protection and the same safeguards thrown around them. Since the bars have been thrown down in Zion City, you can see great wickedness comeng in: Drinking and tobacco, and profanity, and vulgarity, and licentiousness, drugs, and doctors. Faith has gone out of many. A wicked and false faith has come in and deceived many. God only had one kind of religion in his country. They did not invite the worshippers of Baal and of Ashtaroth and the idolators of Egypt and Assyria to come in and dwell with them. Moses and Joshua were commanded to drive them out. That was the law of the land. No foreigners nor strange gods, nor religion must be allowed inside their borders. We have adapted the same rules for Zion City. They are God's laws, too. When they kept these laws they prospered in basket and in store. God blessed them with great prosperity. God did the same thing with us, and will continue to do so if we obey Him.

The laws of God's kingdom will work now as then. We will have prosperity. The Devil says, "no". God's people should rally around this standard and show to the world that the body of Christs children can get together and do business and prosper as He said they would. The true principles of business are laid down in the New Testament as well as in the Old.

One peculiar law laid down for Israel, was, that:

I will not drive them out from before thee in one year, lest the land become desolate and the beasts of the field multiply against thee. By little and little I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased and inherit the land. Exodus 23, 29-30.

That simply means that God will give us the land as fast as we are worthy of it, and show our ability and honesty to use it for Him. If you use your talent well, He will increase it. Had Dr. Dowie used the money and the land as he should have done we would have been able to own double what we had in the beginning.

It is not contrary to God's will for His people to possess land and property. He says "*ye shall inherit the Earth*" and

**"All things are yours"**

"Paul, and Apollos, and Cephas, the *World, Life, Death, things present, and things to come.*"

Why do not the Christians go up at once and possess the land. It is ours—not Zion City only, but more. By little and little will I drive them out." To gain Zion City, even, would be only a little, yes, and a very little.

For God's people to lose this little city and allow the Devil to get it would be a burning shame and a disgrace to us who profess His name. Will men stand by and see it done and not raise a hand, nor even their voice against it? Will they not only fight for it, but will they not sacrifice for it? Would it not be a great victory for God, and for righteousness and for the truth, to save Zion City?

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"And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.

But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depths of the sea.

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It is the earnest desire of the Editor, Associate Editor, and Contributing Editors that all Zion people shall be spared from wading through sensational accounts of murders, divorce cases, and other dastardly things in order to get the really desirable news of the world.

What could Zion people everywhere do that would bring greater blessing to a larger number and to themselves as well, than by sending out the HERALD far and wide?

# SPECIAL AND IMPORTANT NOTICE



**TO ALL WHO LOVE GOD AND ZION.** **All-Night Meeting with God and Zion, 1908-1909.** The Officers, Members and Friends of The Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion, Zion City, will hold an All-Night Meeting of Prayer, Praise, and Testimony in **SHILOH TABERNACLE, beginning at 8 p.m., December 31, 1908, and closing at 6 a.m., January 1, 1909.** It would be a great joy to welcome many from outside of Zion City to this meeting. Begin your preparations now, to come. You will be heartily welcomed, and God will abundantly bless you.

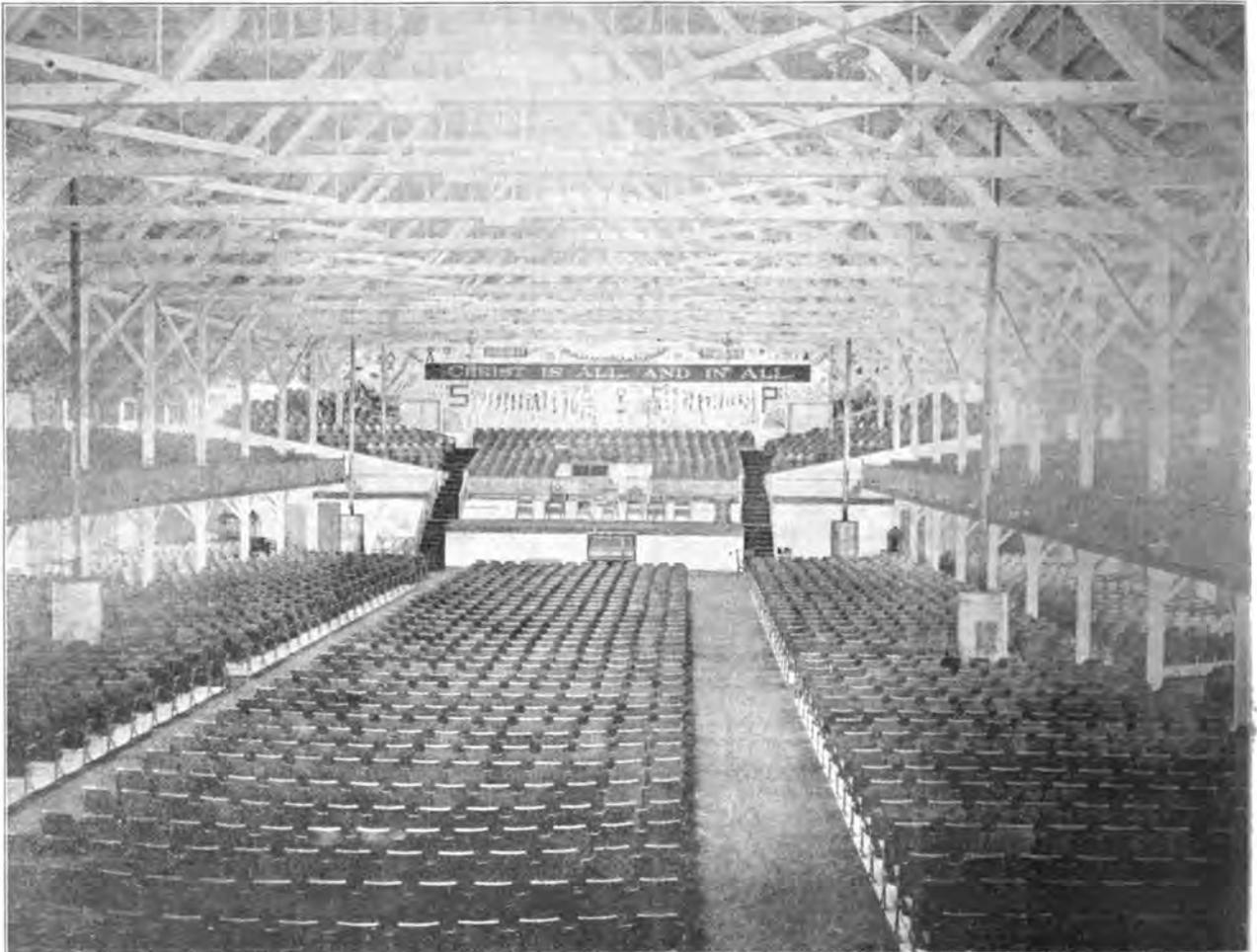
Full Program will appear in next week's **HERALD** and **LEAVES.**

This All-Night Meeting, Thanks be unto God for His goodness, will be held in Shiloh Tabernacle, a picture of which is herewith presented, and at this meeting the **SECOND SACRIFICIAL OFFERING** will be taken, and all members and friends of Zion will be given the opportunity to help, by free-will offering, to pay for this historic place of worship.

God is richly blessing, and the meetings of Last Lord's Day, November 15, were, in many respects, the very best that it has been my privilege to conduct in Zion City.

Let us all keep close to God and be thankful in every respect, and God will withhold no good thing from us.

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



INTERIOR VIEW OF SHILOH TABERNACLE.

He sendeth His word

and healeth them.



# 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 HOLY SPIRIT AND THE NINE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

[ADDRESS NO. 4.]

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[REPORTED BY MISS B. MACLACHLAN.]

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Follow God's Word Closely.

**I**n our study of this subject of the Holy Spirit we must follow closely the Word of God. Use your intellect, but do not allow your emotion to supersede your judgment; and remember that the Holy Spirit is not the author of insanity; that the Holy Spirit is not the author of murder, and that He is not the author of any crime; and, "By their fruits ye shall know them." True religion makes a man wiser, better, stronger, purer, nobler, and that is the kind of religion that I want; and if I discover anything that Dr. Dowie taught that will not bear the light of Scripture, I will announce it before the whole world. All I desire is the truth. We do not want error. The existence of the Zion movement does not depend upon error; it depends upon *truth*.

Now, in closing, for I am talking to you as the very cream and wheat of Zion, I want to impress upon your minds that the

announcement which I made last Lord's Day morning must not be misunderstood. There are some things that we used to think we were sure of, that we are not so sure about now; and I told you last Lord's Day morning that I am making a careful and prayerful study of certain subjects.

Never mind what the papers say. The papers, you know, will say anything. They are after sensationalism. Nine-tenths of what they say is not true, and I have seen a number of articles in the papers this last week about what I said last Lord's Day. They are here on Lord's Days and other days to report every word said---nay, principally what is not said, and they are greatly interested in Zion. It does not matter what the papers say. One paper this week said, "Voliva is getting ready to declare himself divine; that he is going to make a declaration that will surpass any Dowie ever made." Don't you be worried. What I said was that the question of Elijah the Restorer is one that I am studying very deeply---the Messenger of the Covenant; that prophet foretold by Moses; the Restoration Host; the Feast of Tabernacles, and other subjects; and I am studying now to find out for myself what the Bible teaches. As I have said, I am willing to listen to the humblest member. When I take a position before the world I am going to be able to defend that position against everybody.

Teaching on Elijah the Restorer.

On the subject of Elijah the Restorer there can be no dispute among reasonable men. The Word of God plainly teaches that before Christ will ever come, Elijah the Restorer must come. There is not any room for controversy there, though some people dispute it. That is their gross ignorance.

I want you to read Malachi 3:1 and 4:5. Also Isaiah 40. Read and re-read these passages. I want you to read Matthew 17:11, and to re-read it. Christ said, months after John the Baptist was dead, "Elijah truly shall come and restore all things;" and I do not know of any writer of any repute who

would attempt, in his exegesis, to say that this is not a plain prediction of the coming of Elijah the Restorer. One of the ablest articles I ever read is McDonald's in the Pulpit Commentary on the 17th of Matthew. When men talk to me about the signs indicating the approach of the King---and all the spiritual men who are studying the question say that Christ is coming soon---I say that He will not come until Elijah the Restorer comes. On that point I am settled. That is my position; I will take the platform and defend it against any man, I do not care who he is.

On the question of the Messenger of the Covenant there are two positions taken: one that it refers to Christ and the other that it refers to Elijah the Restorer. In other words, that Elijah the Restorer and the Messenger of the Covenant are one and the same.

I have in my study many Bibles. I have some of the best translations there are in the world. I know a little about Hebrews and Greek. The revised version translated that, "And the Messenger of the Covenant;" the old version, "Even the Messenger of the Covenant." Mr. Fenton, whose translation of the Bible I prize very highly, in some places, makes an absolute distinction, as I understand it, between the Herald of the Covenant and Christ, and the words "ye delight in," which in the old and the revised versions modify "The Messenger of the Covenant---Fenton makes modify the word "covenant;" "The Herald of the Covenant you love," or, "The Herald of the Treaty you love,"

Some people, and even some officers, say to me, "O, that is not a question of much importance." I want to tell you it is a question of infinite and of far-reaching importance, and it is a question that must be settled. If the Messenger of the Covenant, according to the Word of God, is Jesus the Christ, that is our position, and I will defend it. If the Messenger of the Covenant is not Jesus the Christ, but is Elijah the Restorer, I want to know that.

On the question of "that prophet foretold by Moses" there are two positions. One that it refers to Christ, the other that it refers to Elijah the Restorer. If the three offices center in any one man, I am going to find out. The men that can help me are those with brains, who are not "talkers." Some men, I would not give the snap of my finger for any help they can give. I want men who can study, and think, and pray. When I leave Zion City and visit other places I will be asked this question in every place, and I am going to be prepared, after study and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to give an answer---to be able to give a reason for the position that I take. I believe in the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I believe that if we are earnest and sincere and devoted, and will seek God's will and follow His Word, God will guide us in the way of truth.

It is not a question at the present time as to whether Dr. Dowie was or was not Elijah the Restorer, etc. The only question that concerns me is not any man, but what does the Bible teach? I will then take my position before the whole world; print it in both papers and circulate them broad-cast over the whole earth. Do not get afraid and run away. I am seeking the truth. I am here under God to lead this people, and to teach them the Bible, that the Holy Spirit may guide them into the way of truth and guide and help us to build up this movement and make it a mighty power for God.

#### **Faithfulness and practicality.**

You pray, and pray very earnestly. We are getting along nicely, and God is blessing. Our institutions are rising one by one; God is blessing them and Zion stands for the Kingdom of God, not only ecclesiastically, but educationally, and by the way, I have a whole educational system in my mind and by the grace of God I am going to work it out. I will have an educational system that has a utilitarian basis. I want a school where girls will be taught all the duties of a wife and of a mother; where they will be taught all kinds of cooking and all kinds of sewing.

We will erect cottages and put them in charge and have inspectors. As I told you, if my wife will permit, I will sample the cooking. It is a dangerous thing to do, but somebody will have to do it.

I believe in the study of art and music and in studying all the useful branches, but I tell you that art and music will never make a wife and a mother; and a woman may be able to paint beautiful pictures and play classical music and tell you all about astronomy, geology and botany, and all the rest of it, and yet not be able to make a biscuit fit to eat. (Laughter.)

Any education that fails to train people in the practical things of life is no good; and the present educational institutions train people in everything in general but in nothing in particular. I do not think I will have a gymnasium in any college I run. We will send the boys out to split logs and clear hazel brush, etc., and they will get their exercise doing that. I do not believe in spending time in swinging Indian clubs, jumping horses, etc., to get exercise. I believe in getting out and doing something useful for humanity. I do not want a college that trains up gentlemen---ladies and gentlemen. I have no use for such a school. I want to keep as far away from ladies and gentlemen as possible. We want sensible men and women in Zion, men and women who can do something useful.

#### **Zion Must Be Useful.**

Zion not only works along ecclesiastical, but educational and commercial lines. Zion should own all the institutions. Zion must be a political power. Zion must work along all these lines.

Do not allow anybody to rob you of your fundamental principles, Zion. The world is longing for something, and do not we know today that the rising political power is socialism? There is no use for us to shut our eyes to these things. There is no use for a man to shut his eyes to the truth. Socialism is the rising political power. Where does President Roosevelt get all his advanced ideas? From socialistic books. None of them are original. The same is true with William Jennings Bryan.

Political Socialism of the day is not what Christians want. They rule out Jesus Christ, for the most part. Then I tell you somewhere the Kingdom of God must be established and the sermon upon the Mount lived.

#### **Man's Talents not for Self, but for God.**

I tell you that as the armies of the Devil are forming, so must the armies of God be formed along Kingdom of God lines, and there is Zion's work to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, and the Kingdom of God touches every activity of man's life: ecclesiastical, educational, commercial and political. There is no place in the Kingdom of God for individualism. A man who believes in individualism should not stay in Zion City twenty-four hours. Let them take their stand for God and for the Kingdom of God. If I have any talents, they are not for Wilbur Glenn Voliva; they are for God. If you can sing, sing for God. If you can play on an instrument, play for God. If a man has an invention, he should not get a corner on it, but devote that invention to the good of humanity. Then Zion has to go before the world with the Kingdom of God messages, and I tell you some people will hear. The whole world today is corrupt to the core. The whole present order of things must die and a new order must rise.

Talk about Chicago! Zion knows Chicago. Zion knows that Chicago is the center of the white slave traffic of America. Zion knows that girls are sold in the markets in Chicago for \$20. Zion has all the proof necessary to convict every dive keeper in the dens of Chicago; but I want to tell you that right in the city, in the fashionable places, is a worse condition of things than in the red light district, and you would be surprised if I told you that there are men who live in some of the fine

places, who are supporting two or three women and spend a good deal of their time there—while their families live in one of the Suburbs.

What are the Churches doing to clean it up. Nothing! Nothing! They are powerless. It was Zion's workers who brought the State's Attorney and the Mayor of the city to make the raid on the white slave dens of Chicago. Elder Taylor has letters from some of the officials expressing their personal thanks for the work of the Seventies in the slums of Chicago.

Go out into the cities of the world and work for God. Give your lives for God. That is the thing, and then when you come down to the close of life you ought to be happy.

When I think of General Booth, now over eighty years of age, although going blind (they say it will be only a question of a few months probably until his eye sight will be gone), though still hale and hearty otherwise, I praise God. Whatever General Booth's faults and shortcomings may be, still he is the only man who stands today as a world-wide religious leader. He and Dr. Dowie were the only two left, and now he is the only one.

Notice that, today there are no great preachers rising; you do not know any. Ministers of the stamp of Spurgeon, Talmage, Guthrie, and Moody, where are they? Where are your poets today of the stamp of Lowell, Longfellow, Whittier, Shakespeare, and so on? Where are your statesmen of the stamp of Gladstone, Blaine, and others. I do not propose to call anything that comes along a statesman. I tell you there are no statesmen today, you can say what you like. You will not find any in America, nor in England, nor anywhere. There is no man in the United States today equal to Blaine in his correspondence with Salisbury over the Behring Sea trouble. Not one.

The old order is dying. The new order is the Kingdom of God. Let it come! Let it come! Let us do all we can to bring in the new order; the reign of righteousness—the universal brotherhood of man. That is our opportunity.

The Doxology was then sung and the General Overseer then offered the following closing prayer:

Father in Heaven, take this people into sacred nearness with Thyself dear us for Thy children throughout the wide world: for all the members of Thy Kingdom. Hear us for the services this afternoon, both here and in Chicago, and for tonight. May Thy Kingdom come and Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Heal the sick, comfort the sorrowing, lift up the fallen. Take Thy people and bless them and make them a great blessing for Jesus' sake. Amen.

## PROVE ALL THINGS; HOLD FAST THAT WHICH IS GOOD.

on City Leases are Proven Good. Hold Them Fast. How Shall We Prove All Things?

(BY O. L. TINDALL.)

That is a wise and most practical exhortation, or injunction. The world has always needed it. It is quite, or even more appropriate now in these days and in this so-called Christian land, and age than when the great Apostle uttered it, 1900 years ago. A man is a fool that takes everything that comes along and believes it to be genuine.

Frauds and counterfeits are quite in vogue everywhere—foddy clothes, sham performances, adulterated foods, false

friends, hypocrites in the church, false teachers, and prophets and Christs; tricksters in trade, etc.

It is a supposed sound and charitable principle, and I suppose a legal one, at least, that a man is to be regarded as innocent until he is proven guilty. But some people think that in these dubious days of unfaithfulness the only safe rule is to believe every man a rascal until he is proven honest and genuine. No doubt a medium position would be a correct one—a kind of golden mean, to strike a balance. It certainly does not do to bank on every man "at sight." How lovely, though, to be able to confide in men and trust them.

A great undertaking was that of John the Baptist when he was commissioned to this world to make things straight—to straighten out men. They are like a lot of cross-grained, crooked and gnarled timber that an expert mechanic has to straighten out in order to make it useful for fine furniture or an elegant building, or structure. A great work. God has it to do. He has commissioned us to do it. That is the work of a minister of the Christ. Paul said, "I am a wise master builder." He came to build up a great spiritual house, and men and women are the materials with which he must build it. We are to be "living stones" in the building.

### How Shall We Prove All Things?

There is one standard, and only one. That is the Bible. The government has her standard of weights and measures. A bushel of corn, or wheat, or oats, must weigh so much and be tested by a standard scale. A gold dollar must have so many grains of gold, or a silver dollar so many grains of silver, with the proper amount of alloy. So many inches must constitute a yard. There must be standards or there would be confusion and trouble everywhere. If a man guessed at weights and measures his prejudices would warp his judgment so much that he could not give a correct decision. The seller would say the weight is large, and the buyer would say the weight is short. No agreement. We must have well defined standards in order to get on in the world. The scales settle all your differences of opinions on the weight of a steer, or a hog, or a load of hay.

The Bible is a standard by which men and questions of dispute among men are settled. All men and actions will be weighed on those balances, the same as was said to Belshazzar: "Thou art weighed in the balance."

If men will not submit to that test and standard now, they must in the great day of reckoning. Your guesses on weights and measures will play no part there and then.

His judgments are true and righteous altogether.  
His law is perfect.

The statutes of the Lord are right.

That is the final arbiter of all questions.

The scriptures are given by inspiration and are profitable for correction—and for instruction in Righteousness; that is, they tell us what is right. *Prove all things by the Bible.*

Prove all men by the Bible. Prove their actions and conduct by the Bible, and see if they do right.

Prove your business by the Bible, and see if it is conducted according to its principles and teachings.

Prove your teachers and preachers by the Word of God, and see if they fulfil their sacred duties according to the directions laid down there. Prove their messages by the same standard, and if they teach or preach any other gospel, "let them be *Anathema*," says Paul.

Prove your governments and their laws by the Word of God. Prove the divorce laws of the land by the New Testament teachings and see if they will stand. Go through your lives and your institutions and see how they measure up to the standard. Most of them will be found wanting.

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## General Overseer's Notes.

HEADQUARTERS OFFICES OF THE  
 CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC CHURCH IN ZION,  
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 November 27, 1908.

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord."

Another national thanksgiving day has passed into history.

Zion observed the day with a never-to-be-forgotten service at from 10:00 a. m. to 12:00 noon, in Shiloh Tabernacle. In opening the meeting special emphasis was given to the statement that Zion people, of all the people in the world, had many reasons for rendering thanksgiving, praise and adoration to God, the Giver of every good and perfect gift; and the people were exhorted to thank God not only one day in the year, but every day, morning, noon and night. The attendance was large: the interest intense, hundreds of people being eager to rise and give expression as far as possible in words to the feelings of gratitude which filled their hearts,—feelings begotten by God's great goodness in blessing, healing, cleansing and keeping them. A large number testified, and at the close of the meeting the people on every hand could be heard expressing themselves: "This

meeting seemed just like one of the good, old-time Zion meetings that were held years ago in Central Zion Tabernacle, Chicago."

Among other things, we pointed out to the people that Thanksgiving Day with a great many was but a day of sport, feasting and gluttony, with no thought of God, the Bestower of All blessings. At the same time it was pointed out that a thanksgiving dinner was perfectly proper, and that it was a beautiful and profitable custom for Zion people, after worshipping in the House of God, to return to their homes and there renew their sweet family fellowship, which, in many cases of necessity, must be broken for a greater part, if not throughout the entire year.

An offering for the poor was taken, and the people contributed with joy.

At 8 o'clock in the evening the Zion Band rendered in a splendid manner an exceptionally well arranged program. A large audience greeted the boys who have worked so faithfully during the past few months to make the Band an important auxiliary to the Zion work in extending the Kingdom of God. The Band selections, quartets, duets and recitations were greatly enjoyed and appreciated. The xylophone solos by Mr. Eddy brought forth great applause. Some good, wholesome, legitimate fun was furnished by the ZOBO quartet, whose first selection was heartily applauded, when they responded by playing, "My Old Kentucky Home."

Extensive preparations are now being made for services on the coming Lord's Day, November 29th, and very well executed signs, in gold, white and blue, placed upon a wagon, are being driven through all the streets of Zion City by Mr. Norton, who attracts the attention of the residents by playing upon his band instrument. Eighteen hundred large handbills, announcing the services, will also be distributed by the faithful Zion Seventies.

My heart overflows with joy because I am able to announce to all Zion everywhere that next week we expect to print the ZION HERALD and LEAVES OF HEALING on our own press, and in the very near future we shall have a well equipped printing plant consisting of one large Miehle press, one fair sized job press, one stitcher, one punching machine, one perforator, one large paper cutter, together with from \$1200 to \$1600 worth of type and other material necessary for the establishment of a printing house. We shall be able not only to print all of our own literature, but also be able to take care of our numerous patrons in a splendid manner. Deacon Theodore R. Becker, who for some time past has been superintendent of the printing department of the National Office Supply Company, will take charge of the Zion printing plant, and, assisted by a number of loyal, earnest Zion workers, great things, by the grace of God, will be accomplished.

Only a few more weeks until the All-night Meeting of Praise, Prayer and Testimony, and it would be well for every

on officer, member and friend who can possibly do so to attend this meeting. Come, see and hear for yourselves.

Zion is going forward, and by the grace of God in a comparatively short time multitudes will again be rejoicing in Zion teaching, Practices and Purposes.

The problems confronting us are many—some of them are perplexing, but the grace of God is sufficient, and in His own way and time He will solve all.

“Go forward, O Zion! Great will be thy triumph when the King shall come.”

WATCH YE THEREFORE, AND PRAY ALWAYS.

**IMPROVE ALL THINGS, HOLD FAST THAT WHICH IS GOOD**

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**Can Zion City Leases be Proven by the Bible?**

Do they condemn what the Bible condemns and uphold what the Bible approves?

That is the question. It is not a question as to whether the maintaining of them will bring more men and money into our city, but, Are they Right? We say, “Yes.”

God condemns what the Leases condemn—liquor and strong drink. No one questions that. Tobacco—no one can deny that, either. The men who use it say themselves it is a wicked and filthy habit. Pork has been proven most unhealthful, and God's Word condemns it and says, “Thou shalt not eat it.”

Doctors and Drugs have been proven a curse to mankind, and Pharmacists (druggists) are called “Sorcerers” in the Bible.

Competition in business is not approved in the Word of God. Business must be run for God, the same as anything else. You must give an account of your talents and the use of them, and money. We must help one another in business and not take advantage of our brother as all business men do now under the present system. We see it already in our own City with the title competition already brought in. A rival business man advertised to sell all kinds of poultry for Thanksgiving time for less than actual cost, so as to spite and injure his fellow tradesmen. He will injure himself in order to injure his fellow man in business, and would destroy him in business if his puny and wicked hand were strong enough to do it. Competition engenders hatred at once, and makes devils out of men. This has been proven. Therefore, Zion does not want to hold it fast, but drive it out.

Sects and divisions in the Church have been proven a curse to the cause of our Christ. Any man with an ounce of sense can see that. They are condemned in the Bible. The Methodist Church, the most used of God, perhaps, in the past, and the largest among the Protestant sects at present, is now, for the most part, honey-combed with Masonry. Her leaders are Masons. They deny the Lord Jesus Christ every time they go into a Masonic Lodge. They are as bad as Solomon, who introduced idol worship into Israel.

While Zion may not be perfect yet, she is far superior to

any other church organization now in existence. This can be easily proven from the Word of God.

**Application of This principle to Zion.**

It would be well if Zion people would study this principle of truth, and apply it to Zion in her present condition. There are two parties. One would throw away the whole thing because there are some defects in it, or some failures in carrying out our principles. The other party, or policy, is to study carefully the situation and the system and see what is good, and hold fast to that, and put away the rest. No doubt the latter is the proper method. It is according to our text, and agrees with good sense and sound reason. A rash man and one governed only by passion and prejudice, would adopt the first principle. Prejudice blinds a man to all good in a person, or in a church. Some men can see only evil and deception and fraud in Zion, in the entire movement, simply because Zion, or rather, some who were in Zion, went wrong and made some failures. They would condemn the whole work. This is absolutely foolish. No institution ever sprang up a perfect and complete product the first time.

The Church of Jesus the Christ has never been perfect.

The question is, *How much of the Zion movement will stand the test?*

We answer: The whole thing, as a working system. That it is practical and scriptural, and will work; and more, it has worked. If you will eliminate some of the bad features in the heretofore management of the finances, you will have one of the greatest movements the world has ever seen. Her doctrines are sound and scriptural, and what no other church on earth has. The denominations all reject Divine Healing—one of the plainest teachings in the Word of God, and none of them can gainsay it. It is one of the most useful and practical. It brings comfort and joy to the children of God, and it convinces sinners of the truth of your God and His religion. It is a complete demonstration of your principles. Men can see that, and they must believe. The church that rejects it must go to the wall. It is Zion's strong right arm. Coupled with a full salvation for spirit, and soul, she is equipped like a strong man to run a race. You cannot affiliate with any other church and hold to this most precious doctrine. The other churches have substituted the doctor for Jesus the Christ. Just as well substitute the Priest to forgive your sins as to substitute a doctor to heal your diseases. Christ bore our sins and our sicknesses. “He forgives all your transgressions, and heals all your diseases.” Is not that proven? Why not hold fast to it, then? Why this cry of wicked men, who have lost their first love, to bring in doctors and deadly drugs?

**Zion's Principles Are Correct.**

They have stood the tests. Her Church Government is strong and efficient. It works like a clock. It has only one main spring, and all the parts work in harmony, so she keeps good time. Other churches are like an old watch torn in pieces. The only thing you can do with them is to gather up some of the pieces and put them into a new watch like Zion.

This is what Zion has done, she has gathered of what was good in all the churches and used it. Zion is, as the Doctors say “Eclectic.” She proves all things and holds fast to that which is good. She is not an Iconoclast. Like Israel of old, she uses the spoils, she takes even from the Devil, or the Methodists, or Baptists, or Congregationalists, or even the Roman Catholics. She should prove them first and she must prove her men.

Luther made a great mistake and lost much of the fruit of the great Reformation, because he and his associates rejected

many things simply because they had been used by the Roman Catholics.

Romanism with her shrewd priests and bishops, outgenerated Luther in the form of government for the church. Rome today is a great world power, almost entirely on account of her centralized power, and strong government. That is her pride. She has the discipline of a well-trained army. Her orders go to the ends of the earth and they are obeyed without question. Romanism is the same in Chicago as she is in the "Eternal City" on the seven hills.

Rome is rotten in her morals and many of her teachings. She says that, in the Communion of the Lord's Supper, the bread and wine are changed to the real body and blood of Jesus Christ. She teaches the absurd dogma of the Infallibility of the Pope, the worship of saints and of the Virgin Mary; and bloodshed and oppression have been her power and weapons of warfare. She has not followed the injunction of the Christ to Peter: "Put up thy sword"—She has used it every where and will do it again when the times are ripe for it.

Luther adopted a loose and weak form of government, which has no authority, and the fruit of it is, Protestantism is divided up into hundreds of poor, weak, cowardly, organizations that Rome simply laughs at. She has a trained army of men while Protestantism is no better than mob rule—scattered forces. Where today is Lutheranism in comparison with Rome?

Zion has proved the true form of government for God's children on the earth, and she proposes to hold fast to it in spite of their infernal cry of "One-Man Rule," or Popery.

Zion did not take her government from Rome. She took it from God. Christ gave us a Kingdom. It has a central head and authority is vested there. She rules from above and not from below. Christ our King sets men over his church and says, have *thou* authority and rule well and diligently. God's Government on earth is the same as it is in heaven. In this Zion learns from history also. She sees that the most efficient government is one like the army. She sees Rome has a most powerful and efficient organization, though corrupt in her practices. She sees the Salvation Army going out to conquest with the very poorest equipments. They have girded the world. They, had poor, and weak material to work with. Their efficiency and success have been due, for the most part, to their unity of action and cooperation, and their strong military rule and discipline, and authority from headquarters that directs all the members in every part of the world.

Zion does not propose to smash up a good machine simply because a few belts run off, or a few cogs cut a little. She will not throw a whole train into the ditch and scrap heap, because a box or two got hot, and needed to be oiled up a little. Zion is a good machine and has done most excellent work. She was simply run at a little too high pressure, and some of the machinery would not stand it—too great speed, before she was thoroughly tested. Only some parts gave out. She will be all right again soon. She is now in the shop for a few repairs.

Some wretched men want to ruin her altogether. They lost their job in operating her, because of their bungling work, and they are disgruntled, and are trying to destroy the whole thing.

#### Blow Out the Chaff and Save the Wheat.

Zion is quite willing to be put to the test and hold only to that which is *good*.

Zion is not so foolish as to throw away all the good with the bad. She will follow the gospel rule, blow out the chaff and garner the wheat. The fan is now in her hand and she proposes to thoroughly purge her floor. We have reached that period where Christ said, The ax is laid at the root of the tree, and every tree that does not bear good fruit must be hewn down and cast into the fire. We want no bad trees in Zion. The Zion City

Leases were made to cut them out. What we want is to enforce them and have a clean city. That is what we are contending for. Let all honest and true men and women, pray and work for it, and God will do the rest.

## "HEAVENLY MESSAGES," SO-CALLED.

(BY ELDER C. F. VIKING.)

So-called heavenly messages in pamphlet form, sent out to people belonging to the Apostolic Faith Organization in Zion City, have found their way to Shanghai. They are guaranteed absolutely genuine messages from God to man, and each message given is declared not to be by the individual person, but by the Holy Spirit speaking through that person, having first disconnected the person's brain from the speaking-apparatus, and not making use of the brain.

The interpretation, also, into English is claimed to be alike God's own work apart from the individual's brain.

No human being is, therefore, responsible for the grammar and the doctrinal part of the messages, and should there be anything unseemly, the blame must be laid on God.

The "heavenly messages" people seem to be short of Bible material and, in fact, go so far as to put these heavenly messages (?) before the Bible, supposing them to be direct from God, whereas the messages in the Bible have passed through some human brain and therefore must necessarily be secondary.

This is an unmistakably clear case and can therefore be properly looked into and analyzed.

For the sake of satisfying myself on the subject I have made a survey of the New Testament on the subject of heavenly messages and have come to such a conclusion that I feel it right to bring it before others.

In the first place, throughout the three years' ministry of Jesus, He Himself and His disciples in every instance used their brains and spoke the Divine message according to the revealed will of God, and in the case of the disciples the message Jesus had verbally given them.

In delivering God's message to the world Jesus and his disciples were fully awake and unmistakably conscious.

After Jesus left and the Holy Spirit came the great work of preaching and evangelizing went on in the same simple, powerful and fully conscious way. Every time any message to an individual or to the world was given, it was given by God's servants when they confronted the people or wrote to them, and they gave these messages in a real Zion fashion.

Throughout the whole New Testament there are no heavenly messages from God to man through an unconscious man or apart from the messenger's brain. *There is not one.* This to me is a very remarkable and satisfying fact.

The thoughts given in the New Testament are not haphazard, disconnected and chopped up. The thoughts or messages of the New Testament by Jesus and the Apostles are in good New Testament Greek.

If the New Testament was a production of the tongue and pen apart from the brain it would be time to call a halt and question its Divine origin.

If in Zion the messages in LEAVES OF HEALING and the ZION HERALD were messages by the General Overseer and the Elders when they were unconscious or when their brains were over-clouded, or were messages by the wagging of their tongues

absolutely disconnected from their brains, it would be time to consider our whereabouts.

The Apostle John, in the book of the Revelation of Jesus, is recording as faithfully as possible *what he saw and heard* on the Isle of Patmos. It is a case in which the whole faculty of the brain was put to use, and as the thing came to his comprehension was written down. Tongues and interpretation of tongues have nothing to do with that revelation and prophecy.

The Apostle Paul, in second Corinthians 12th chapter, writing about the experience of a man in Christ, says that he heard words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.' If at any time we would expect heavenly messages it would have been in connection with this case, but none is given.

There are no heavenly messages apart from the human brain throughout all the writings of the Apostle Paul.

The Holy Spirit's way of bringing the message of Jesus the Christ to a sin-cursed and disease smitten world was in the first century, and is now as well, done through using consecrated rains. The Apostolic Faith organization is therefore out of harmony with Scripture on that point.

There is no necessity for any heavenly messages in order to extol Jesus and bring into prominence the Blood of the Lamb. None at all. It is absurd to expect God to write a new Bible.

The Apostasy is asleep, but Zion is awake and does proclaim, and will proclaim more powerfully yet, Jesus the Savior, Healer, Cleanser, Keeper and coming King.

The coming of Jesus is one of the fundamental truths in religion.

The teachings of the New Testament on the Atoning Sacrifice of Jesus, the Blood of the Lamb, and the coming again of the Christ is so powerful, so glorious, so complete and so prominent that when Zion takes the Bible as authority for its truths, its faith and practice, then from Zion will go forth the law, the eternal facts to saint and sinner alike in ever increasing power.

The so-called heavenly messages and Gift of Tongues are two separate things. Zion believes in the Gift of Tongues as well as in the Interpretation of Tongues; but Zion also believes in moving the tongue at the proper time.

Zion is, therefore, on the safe side in discrediting these so-called heavenly messages as being heavenly.

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# ZION IN RETROSPECT



O Give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever.  
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy,—Ps. 107:1,2.



ONE year ago Zion at Headquarters, by reason of diabolical persecution, had only a Tent to shield her loyal supporters from the howling blasts of winter; but for truth's and principle's sake She stood fast and after thirteen months of Tent life, mid storm and gale, and cold, God opened the way for Zion again to possess Shiloh Tabernacle. We present once more exterior views of these two historic structures, each as a reminder, the one of the way Zion has trod, and the other of deliverance shown. O how thankful Zion is for God's mercies; and how with heart's beating in expectancy her people are waiting for the complete redemption of Zion City. For this She is praying and working.

When the Lord shall build up Zion, He shall appear in His glory.  
He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.  
This shall be written for the generation to come; and the people which shall be created shall praise the Lord.  
For He hath looked down from the height of His sanctuary; from heaven did the Lord behold the earth;  
To hear the groanings of the prisoner, to loose those that are appointed to death;  
To declare the name of the Lord in Zion, and His praise in Jerusalem;  
When the people are gathered together, and the Kingdoms to serve the Lord.—Psalm 102; 16-22.



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and healeth them.



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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

### THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE NINE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

[ADDRESS NO. 5.]

Address Delivered at the Early Morning Meeting, Lord's Day, Sept. 6, 1908, at Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, by General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva.

[REPORTED BY MISS B. MACLACHLAN.]



**GENERAL OVERSEER:** Let all bow their heads in silent prayer.

After a short season of silent prayer, the General Overseer announced Hymn No. 367:

Happy day, that fixed my choice  
On Thee, my Savior and my God!  
Well may this Glowing heart rejoice,  
To tell its raptures all abroad.

**Preliminary Remarks.**

General Overseer: Let us now draw nigh unto God in earnest prayer. From the beginning Zion has been taught how to pray, and above all things Zion must be a praying people. I want you to pray. Pray in silence. Let every heart be lifted up to God in gratitude this morning for His many blessings and for His great goodness. Ask God to guide us by His Word and Spirit, so that we shall keep close to Him and follow closely His Word; and pray that this day may be a glorious day in Zion.

After the singing of the first stanza of Hymn No. 180,

" 'Tis the Blessed Hour of Prayer," the General Overseer led in very earnest prayer.

One stanza of No. 96 was then sung.

**Zion a Dispensational Movement.**

General Overseer: I believe more fully today than ever (I have never had any doubt about it at all, and that is the reason I have been so happy) that God Almighty established the Zion Movement. I believe that it has many of the marks of a dispensational movement. I believe that God Almighty called, trained, and equipped John Alexander Dowie to restore to the people a great many long-lost truths, one of the most beautiful being that Jesus the Christ came to establish the Kingdom of God; that the ultimatum is the Kingdom of God in its fullness; and I believe that God the Almighty will choose Zion's leader until the Christ comes, and all the people have to do with it on the Divine side is to recognize the man whom God has called. Now, on the human side, and in the eyes of the laws of this country, they may have something more to do with it; but from the Divine standpoint, Dr. Dowie's position was entirely sound.

The Holy Ghost must make a General Overseer; and I am very greatly surprised, and not only surprised, but astonished, to hear men and women say that there ought not to be any General Overseer. Well, God Almighty will settle that part of it, and it does not matter what anybody thinks.

That fundamental position is, to my mind, essential for the existence and perpetuity of the Zion Movement; and if I would reach the conclusion that God Almighty does not call Zion's leader, then I am done with the Zion Movement. I do not believe that God's work is left to chance and luck. I believe that God Almighty looks after His people and that He will never leave them without an authoritative voice. There is just where a lot of people got into trouble. I want to say that I do not blame the poor people. They are where they are because of a lot of en-

vious and jealous officers who thought they ought to be General Overseer. Why not? Because God did not see fit to call them; and they led the poor people with them. That position I maintained all the way through, and I think I can say, all honor and glory to God, that I have maintained it successfully. If you take the position that God does not call Zion's leader—that Zion has not any leader—then I am done with the Zion Movement; and I say that if this Movement is not a movement of that kind, it is about time this old world had a movement of that kind. I am not looking for another; I am satisfied with this.

Now, if people would accept that position they would soon get into line. Well, anyway I am in this place. I do not intend to give up, and I am not going away, and I am not going to lay it down because some may ask me to. I have had a great many invitations to step down and out, but I have not stepped down and out, and I do not intend to until God Almighty says so. Then I will; but I hope I never will have to step out until I am called home to Heaven. It is the privilege of every servant of God to live out his life, and fulfil his mission if he does right. If he does not do right, God Almighty will show mercy by taking him home to Heaven. That is good, sound doctrine. Now that is the position, and I have the right to say who shall be members of this Church; and all people in Zion City who have not filled in renewal application forms, may talk about being this, that, and the other thing, but it does not amount to anything, either in the sight of God or man. They have no connection with this Church; none whatever. So I want this clearly understood, and in the future any person in Zion City who wants to become a member will be required to fill in the original application form, and he will be received on trial.

**"Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant."**

I have several objects in taking this position; one of them is that I believe that the Zion Movement will prove, in time, to be just what God says in prophecy; and the time will come when we shall want faithful men and women for a great many places, and I want it understood that, generally speaking, all persons who have stood the test and have filled in their renewal applications shall be given preference: so that all who come in later will have to prove themselves. So far as the officers who have gone away are concerned, they will not be received back into this Church as anything more than simply members on trial. I may say that, so far as any of them are concerned, if they were to come home today I would not receive any of them except as members on trial. Then later on we might ordain them Deacons, and if they will stand the test a few years as Deacons, and go out into the field and prove themselves shepherds and not hirelings, some day,---though I do not know, for that is a remote possibility---they might again be elders.

Now, beloved brothers and sisters in Jesus the Christ, if God Almighty has called a man, and trained him, and put him in a place in His Kingdom, what is the use for anybody to try to overthrow him. That is one reason why I always feel sorry, and sometimes weep over these fellows; because no one can lift his finger against God Almighty's work and not have to pay the penalty for doing so. The trouble is they were not anchored, they were simply drifting, and they have, through their envy and jealousy, given up the fundamental principles of Zion, and therefore they became an easy prey for the Devil. Now there is where the trouble comes in.

**What Saith the Word?**

Thank God we have reached this place!

I will read just one verse this morning and then proceed with the fifth address on the subject with which we have been dealing now for the past four Lord's Days. Paul's Epistle to

the Church at Rome, in the eighth chapter and the ninth verse:

But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, 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.

**The Holy Spirit's Indwelling in the Body of Believers.**

"If so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you." The particular thought in reference to the Holy Spirit which we have now reached in our study is His indwelling in the body of believers.

This entire eighth chapter of Romans is based upon the statement, "If so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you."

In the 15th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles you will find a very significant statement, showing that the presence of the Holy Spirit in the body of believers was clearly recognized. Certain difficulties had arisen. A conference was held at Jerusalem, and when the decision was rendered it was rendered in the following words:

For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things.—Acts 15:28.

I call your attention to the statement: "For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to us." Certain men were there whose leaders had carefully considered this perplexing question. They did not venture to decide it in and of themselves, but they sought the mind of the Holy Spirit---His guidance---and when they reached a conclusion they could say, "It seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to us," recognizing the presence of the Holy Spirit in the body of believers.

This is very necessary, for the simple reason that many questions present themselves today with reference to which no clear guidance can be found in the Word of God.

**The Holy Spirit Guides in Accordance With God's Written Word.**

We say that we should follow the Word of God and the Holy Spirit. Where the Word of God gives instruction on any question, the Holy Spirit will never guide you in any way contrary to the written Word of God; but there are questions continually rising, on which you will find nothing more in Scripture than something in general, and therefore the guidance of the Holy Spirit must be sought in earnest prayer. As an illustration, the very question of closing to everybody in Zion City the opportunity of filling in renewal application forms is a question on which you find no specific guidance in the written Word. There are, it is true, in the Bible many things written for examples, which help a Christian in deciding such questions. When Moses was upon the mount and the children of Israel apostatized, Aaron listened to their request and made a golden calf. Moses said when he came down, "Who is on the Lord's side, let him come unto me!" Jesus said, "He that is not for Me is against Me; he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad." Jesus again said, after He went to Heaven, as recorded in the book of Revelation, "I would that thou wert cold or hot, but because thou art neither cold nor hot, but luke warm, I will spew you out of my mouth." Then we have also, "How long halt ye between two opinions? Choose this day whom ye will serve." And I consider that all these---and there are others---help a man in deciding the question as to how long the people shall have to reaffirm their faith and to take their stand by Zion principles and Zion truths. In addition to this, in earnest prayer one must seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and a man knows if he is living close to God, when he is guided by the Holy Spirit; and I will cite just one proof: the satisfaction, the peace, the quietness of mind and spirit that come to a man when he has made the decision.

**Liars Promptly Punished.**

In the fifth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, one of the

most remarkable chapters in reference to the early Church, when Ananias and Sapphira got into trouble, Peter said, "Ananias, why hath Satan filled thy heart to lie"---to whom?

Answer: "To the Holy Ghost."

"And to keep back part of the price of the land." Now when Ananias told Peter that lie, to whom did he lie; to Peter, or to the Holy Ghost?

Answer: To the Holy Ghost.

Then Peter said, a little further on, "Thou hast not lied unto me, but unto God." And then, when Sapphira came in: How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt"---whom!

Answer: "The Holy Spirit."

Yes, the Spirit of the Lord. These sayings clearly show that the Holy Spirit dwelt in the body of believers, that His presence was recognized. When they held the conference, He was there. When they gave the decision, He was placed first, and they said, "It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us;" and when Ananias and Sapphira lied, (and lying is one of the most terrible things; it is one of the worst sins in the catalog,) they lied to the Holy Ghost, and they agreed together to tempt the Holy Ghost.

I want you to get this reference fixed in your mind, because, I told you in the introductory address, what I say is of very little importance, but what the Word says is of tremendous importance. By the time we get through with this subject I want that we shall have in our hearts all the texts bearing upon the ministry of the Holy Spirit, the gift of the Holy Spirit and the many gifts of the Holy Spirit.

**The Body a Temple of the Holy Spirit.**

The next passage is the one where Jesus said, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up;" and the Jews said, "Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it in three days?" Now they understood that He spake of the temple building, when in fact he referred to what?

Answer: His body.

Now, if the body of Jesus was the temple, who was its inhabitant?

Answer: God.

Look at John 1:14:

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory as of the only begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth."

Then Jesus was the temple of whom?

Answer: God, the Father.

I want you to get that clearly in your mind. What was the temple of whom?

Answer: The temple of God, the Father.

Elder Taylor, "The Father that dwelleth in me, He doeth all the works."

General Overseer: That is the thought I want to get before you in order that you may understand something later. Jesus said, "I am the Temple of whom?"

Answer: God the Father.

And I want you to keep that in mind. Hence Jesus could say, "He that hath seen me hath seen" whom?

Answer: "The Father."

And He could say it because God was in Him. Did not the apostles say so?

Voices: Yes.

Get the thought that Jesus Christ referred to His body as---

Answer: "This temple".

Was He talking in figures about His body, or was He expressing the real thought? Where did the Shechinah cloud dwell? It rested upon the mercy seat, which was on top of what piece of furniture?

Answer: The ark.

In what part of the temple and tabernacle was the ark to be found?

Answer: The Holy of Holies.

Who was the only person who went into the Holy of Holies?

Answer: The High Priest.

How often did he go in?

Answer: Once a year.

Well, now, the thought that I am impressing upon your minds is this: Jesus the Christ was the Temple of God. Now the Church, or the body of believers, is what in relation to Christ? The Bride; or the Church is His body, is it not? And who is the head of the Church?

Answer: Christ.

And the Christ was the Temple of God. Now after Christ went back home to His Father, what is called the temple? The body of believers. That is, the Christ as the Temple was the Temple of God. He is the Head of the Church. The body of believers constitute the Church---the body of Christ, and the same title once applied to Christ is now applied to the body of believers, and the body of believers constitute the temple of whom?

Answer: The Holy Spirit.

Please turn to 1 Corinthians 3:16: "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" To whom was Paul writing---To the Church where?

Answer: At Corinth.

And as a body of believers they constituted the temple of whom?

Answer: Of God.

And that the Spirit of God dwelt in them---that is the Holy Spirit. God and Christ are here now in the Person of whom?

Answer: In the Person of the Holy Spirit.

Christ is actually where?

Answer: In Heaven.

Christ is sitting where? At the right hand of God.

And God and Christ, the first two persons of the God-head are here on earth in the person of whom?

Answer: The Holy Spirit.

John 14: 21 and 23. I will read those to you again. You cannot read them too often. They are two of the most beautiful verses in the Bible:

He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him and will manifest myself to him.

If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

God and Christ abide in believers in the person of whom?

Answer: The Holy Spirit.

Jesus said, in reference to the Holy Spirit, "He dwelleth with you and shall be *in you*." "I will give you another Comforter that He may abide with you unto the end of the age."

Look at Ephesians 2: 21 and 22: "In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth into"---what?

Answer: "An holy temple in the Lord."

"For an habitation of God through the Spirit." We are on safe ground, and so far we are, I believe, in strict accordance with the Word of God.

The Holy Spirit dwells in the body of believers, and as such they constitute the Temple; and God and Christ are in believers in the Person of the Holy Spirit.

**Christ to Come from Heaven.**

Christ was in Heaven. He came down out of Heaven. From Mount Olivet He went back up to Heaven, and some time during the times of the restoration of all things He will come back from Heaven.

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## General Overseer's Notes.

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## WORK!!!

Jesus said:

I must work  
 The works of Him that sent Me,  
 While it is day:  
 For the night cometh  
 When no man can work.

To the individual ever busy in the Master's vineyard, it seems but yesterday the following words were spoken:

Farewell! to the Year 1907.  
 Welcome! to the Year 1908.

Eleven months have already come and gone, and we are well within the twelfth and last month.

Soon, Oh how very soon, it will be that we shall bid farewell to the year 1908 and welcome the year 1909.

Soon we shall be face to face with the fact that another year's record has been made and must be closed and remain closed until, in that great day, when we shall appear before the Judgment Seat of God to render an account for the deeds done in the body whilst here, it shall be opened.

At the close of each year, how many do we hear saying, "If I could only live the year over again, I would think, act and speak very differently; but no human power will suffice to roll the wheels of time backward.

Jesus had his day.

Jesus had his night.

Every man has his day, and every man will have his night.

Oh reader, listen to the heart-rending appeals of the stricken and disease-smitten, and work! work!! work!!! while it is day, for the night is surely coming.

The day of Grace and Mercy is drawing rapidly to a close.

The day of God's vengeance is swiftly approaching.

Let your light shine.

Proclaim the Everlasting Gospel, and, by the grace of God, live it.

Pray that by God's grace you may lead some one out of darkness into light; some one out of ignorance into a saving knowledge of Jesus the Christ; some one out of the Broad Way that leads to hell, into the Straight and Narrow Way that leads to Heaven.

How often we sing:

"Work, for the Night is Coming;"

"Rescue the Perishing,"

"Throw out the Life-Line."

and other hymns of similar import! Merely to sing them without living them will bring no blessing to our fellowmen.

Thanks be unto God, the Zion Movement, which has been so greatly owned and blessed of God to the Salvation, Healing, and Cleansing of the people, still lives and is steadily advancing against the strongholds of the Devil.

The meetings in Shiloh Tabernacle in Zion City are growing better every week, and there are many signs of a glorious future.

Zion is not looking for a world-wide revival.

Zion believes that the signs upon every hand point to the approach of her King, and did He Himself not say:

"But as the days of Noe were, so shall the coming of the Son of man be.

For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

Did He not also say:

"Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?"

Zion does not believe the world is growing better.

Zion believes the world is growing worse.

Zion believes it is her mission to witness, first of all, against the apostate churches; to call upon all of God's people to come out of Babylon.

Zion believes a people must be gotten ready for the coming of the King.

Zion believes the Church, without spot or wrinkle—the Bride—must be prepared.

Repentance, Confession, Restitution, Faith, Obedience. Holy Living must be boldly proclaimed without fear or favor to all the nations.

Zion will command all people everywhere to repent and to submit to God.

May God bless Zion in the United Kingdom.

May God bless Zion on the Continent of Europe.

May God bless Zion in Asia.

May God bless Zion in Australia and New Zealand.

May God bless Zion in South Africa,

May God bless Zion in America.

May God bless Zion in the Islands of the Sea.  
 May God bless Zion everywhere—and let all Officers, Members and Friends everywhere say, AMEN.

Let all Zion everywhere honor the Triune God—God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Let all Zion help all others get the faith of God which covers three things, Salvation, Healing, Holy Living.

Zion proclaims the tri-partite nature of man. Man is a trine being, consisting of spirit, soul and body.

The Christian Ordinance of Baptism is Triune Immersion: "Into the name of the Father, into the name of the Son, and into the name of the Holy Ghost."

The toils of the present year have been many. The blessings have been many.

The coming year, by the grace of God, will see many marked advances along every line in Zion's work for her Lord and Master.

Your attention is directed to the Program for the All-Night of Praise, Prayer and Testimony, December 31st, 1908 - January 1st, 1909, to be found elsewhere in this number.

Come to Zion City at that time if you can. If you cannot, be with us in spirit and unite with us in crying to God for the SALVATION OF ZION CITY:

"Blest be the tie that binds  
 Our hearts in Christian love."

May God bless Zion everywhere!

WATCH YE THEREFORE, AND PRAY ALWAYS.

## THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE NINE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

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The Holy Spirit before Pentecost was in Heaven. He made intermittent visits—that is: He would come and go. On the day of Pentecost He came, and has been here ever since: He has not gone back.

**Christ the Image of God the Father.**

The next thought is this: Jesus Christ was the image of whom?

Answer: God the Father.

Let us look at Hebrews 1: 2:

Hath in these days spoken unto us by his Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds;

Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of His person.

As Christ was the image of God, what are all believers ultimately to become—finally to become? The image of whom?

Answer: Christ.

Look at 1 John 3. Christ is the image of whom?

Answer: The Father.

General Overseer reads:

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear. . . .

Who shall appear?

Answer: "Christ."

"We shall be like"—who?

Answer: "Christ."

"For we shall see Him (Christ) as He is." Then we are to become like who?

Answer: Like Christ.

Now, as Christ was the express image of the invisible God, so all believers are finally to be the express image of Jesus Christ, who is the express image of God. Well, that is a wonderful prophecy, is it not?

You notice that I often quote in my prayers II Corinthians 3:18. Now you couple with that I John 3:1-2. There is no more beautiful passage in the Bible than II Corinthians 3:18: the law of moral transformation. Everybody, you know, is either possessed by the Holy Spirit or by the Devil,—one or the other, and everyone is reflecting the image of Christ or the image of whom?

Voices: The Devil.

"But we all, with unveiled face,"—see, that has reference to Moses, who put a veil over his face because the glory of God shone from his face so brightly that people could not stand it.

"But we all with unveiled face, reflecting as a mirror the glory of God."

### Whose Image Do We Reflect?

You look into a looking glass and it reflects whose image? Your own. As a person looks into your face whom does he see there? Christ or the Devil?

"But we all, with unveiled face, reflecting as a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image, passing from,"—what?

Answer: Glory to glory.

O, that is wonderful to think of, that a man can become more and more like Christ every twenty-four hours! There is a certain work which must take place in people before they can go to Heaven. You might be put into Heaven as a mere locality and be in Hell all the time you are there.

### Consciousness of Fitness or Unfitness for Heaven.

I found, the other day, a letter I lost in 1905. It was a letter from a young lady. Her parents had sold their farm and were coming to Zion City. One day I got a letter from this young lady, and I lost it, but I answered it, for I remembered what was in it. I was looking through a book in my library the other day and I found that letter in the book. In this letter she said, "I presume that you all know that my father, who is a member of your Church, has sold his farm and intends to go to Zion City. I thought that if Dr. Dowie only knew that I went to dances and to theatres he would not permit me to come to Zion City, and therefore I would get to stay." Now, as I read that letter over I thought to myself: there is a wonderful sermon—"I go to dances and theatres, and thought that if Dr. Dowie knew this he would not admit me to Zion City." She realized that Zion City was no place for her. I wish that a lot of people had only as much sense. Heaven is no place for them, and there is no use indulging in this nonsense about God and Heaven. Do you think a covetous man, if taken into a certain locality called Heaven, would it be Heaven? Why, he would be in hell; and I want to tell you, my brothers and sisters, that there is a certain work which has to be done in every individual. There is no use to stand over the remains of a person and preach a funeral sermon and say he has gone to Heaven when, in all probability, he was never born of the Spirit of God, and therefore is exactly the same after the spirit goes out of the body as before. He will be no more in Heaven when the spirit goes out of the body than I am now, unless with reference to locality, if one takes the position that Heaven is a distinct and separate locality, which I am not so sure about. Heaven is union with God; Hell is separa-

tion from God. I believe some people are just as much in Hell today as they will ever be, save for this, perhaps, that they are permitted to meet and mingle with God's people here. I do not know whether they will on the other side; I believe they will be more segregated there. I wish we could be here. That was the idea in founding Zion City.

#### Repentance Man's First Duty.

Well then, just remember that the first thing a man must do is to repent; and until he has done that it is not worth while preaching anything else to him. When a man comes around and says, "O preach a sermon on something else," and I say to him, "Have you repented?" "No." Well then I say, "That is the only lesson you can get until you have repented." The first lesson must be learned before you can learn the second. A man must repent. Take the subject of Divine healing. It is useless to give a man teaching on Divine healing until he has repented. Teach that man repentance first. Show him that he cannot get faith, live a holy life, grow in grace or go forward until he does repent. He cannot do it. If there is one here this morning that has not repented, he is not entitled to another sermon until he has repented.

Except a man be born from above he cannot see the Kingdom of God.

I have heard hundreds and thousands of Church members mouthing about the Kingdom of God, and talking about the Kingdom of God, who have never seen it, because they have not been born from above. All their transactions and dealings prove that they are of the world, worldly—walking according to the flesh and not following the Spirit of God.

#### God is Revealed to Man Through Christ.

I will ask you this question now, following the thoughts that we have already had. Through whom did God reveal Himself in the flesh?

Answer: Jesus the Christ.

And through whom does Christ reveal Himself?

Answer: The Holy Spirit.

#### God's Works are Orderly.

So, you see, there is great order in the ministry, so to speak, of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Paul knew what he was talking about when he said that God was a God of order. That is just what a lot of people do not like. They say, "I want to speak. I want to speak. I am not going to be under any leader. I am going to do as I please." Some say, "There ought not to be any leader to preach this afternoon. The people ought to come together and sit a little while. Then all at once somebody will jump up and preach." I decline. I have no time to waste or any of my life to throw away. God is a God of order and not of confusion.

#### Three Manifestations of Divine Ministration.

Let us go back now to that wonderful statement in John 7: 39:

The Holy Spirit was not yet given because that Jesus was not yet glorified.

The ministry of God the Father was exercised under what Law. The ministry of Jesus the Christ, under grace, and the ministry of the Holy Spirit, under election.

God the Father came down upon Mount Sinai and spake to Moses.

Jesus the Christ came and lived, loved, suffered, died and rose again and ascended to His Father,

Then the Holy Spirit came; and now a people are being prepared for the second coming of Christ.

#### Christ will not Come Until the Lord Shall Build up Zion.

This morning, as I was coming along the sidewalk, I met one of those crazy, deluded fellows. When about a rod off, he looked up, and I could see the evil spirit in his eyes, and he shouted: "Jesus is coming! Jesus is coming! Coming soon. Perhaps today!" That was the Devil. Jesus is not coming today, nor Jesus is not coming soon, either, as we count time, because Jesus cannot come until, as the Psalmist says, "When the Lord shall build up Zion," then He shall appear. And the Word also says the Heavens must retain Christ until what?

Answer: "The times of the restoration of all things."

Christ will never come until during the times of the restoration. Never. Now we ought to talk sense, and those poor deluded people—Well, it is just simply the same as the damsel who trotted around after Paul and Silas saying, "These be men of the Most High God?" That is a beautiful saying. They were men of the Most High God, but they did not care to have that testified to by the Devil. Paul turned around and rebuked her and cast the Devil out of her.

One morning going down Shiloh Boulevard, one of these fellows came out of the Post Office. When he saw me my presence seemed to occasion the outbreak of the Devil, and he took off his cap and shouted, "Glory to God! Pentecost has come! Now where is he? Now that is the voice of the Devil: do not make a mistake about it.

There are some of the best people on God's earth in Zion City. That is to be expected. The contest is over Zion City, and the Devil is determined to destroy it, and you will get victory only through prayer. You can pray the Devil out: that is the only way.

One man down here the other night got down on his knees and cried for two hours, "Christ is coming! Christ is coming!" That is the Work of the Devil; and all that kind of witnessing is meant only to cast reproach upon the doctrine of the second coming and bring it into disgrace. The so-called gift of tongues is the work of the Devil to bring into the pit one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

## SKILLED WORKMEN THE NEED OF THE KINGDOM.

"Study to Shew Thyself . . . A Workman that  
Needeth not to be Ashamed. . . ."  
2 Timothy 2:15.

(BY O. L. TINDALL.)



AUL realized the importance of having the right kind of men for the work of God. He did not believe in mere novices, or in bunglers. He himself was a thoroughly trained man—an all round man. He had all the natural qualifications for the work and then he had supplemented them with a good literary education, and training. He was a scholar. He knew Hebrew, Greek and Latin no doubt, and he had studied philosophy and poetry, as you see by his address to the scholars of Athens. He could quote from their poets, and he knew their philosophy. He was at home with the

weeks, or Scythians, or Romans, or Jews. He could adapt himself to any of them; he knew their mode of thinking. When he met the Pharisees he knew how to answer them. He knew the customs of his day and their creeds. On one occasion he got the Pharisees and Sadducees fighting each other by declaring that he was a Pharisee and believed in the resurrection of the dead, which the Sadducees rejected. He saved himself from the mob by standing on his Roman citizenship and insisting that he had no political and legal rights which it would be well for them to respect; and so thought the magistrates.

Paul was evidently a great man and was raised up for the work. His natural qualifications fitted him for his place and work. He also had a trade, and could make his living when it came necessary, or best for the interest of the cause. In addition to all these, he had a divine equipment which came through the power of the Holy Spirit, which he set above all the powers, and without which he would have been nothing. He claimed, "By the Grace of God I am what I am." He did not depend on his worldly wisdom, nor on his excellency of speech. He knew, full well that "it was not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit saith the Lord of Hosts;" and yet he resorted to good advantage all of his natural, and acquired powers and gifts, and recommended to his son in the gospel, Timothy, that he study to show himself a workman not to be ashamed.

That shows it requires a little study and care to fit one's self for the Master's use. It is not all supernatural, not all a miraculous gift, let down from heaven full-fledged. Paul was not satisfied to put *anything* into the work. He did not think a man could do work for God and be efficient without some study and care. He did not approve of laying hands suddenly upon any man. Paul wanted *choice* men for the Master, *skilled workmen*, such as could bring in a report that they would not be ashamed of, and so he would not be ashamed of them either.

Why should not the church be as wise in this regard as is the world? Bless you, a man is not considered fit to go out to lead men until he is drilled for years. A soldier of his country must be trained in a most rigid way, and with severe discipline. The leaders must go through a thorough course in the Military Academy, and only a carefully chosen class of young men are even allowed to enter those schools. All this care is taken to fit men for that awfully cruel business of war. Shall we be less careful and painstaking to get men to lead our hosts for the salvation of men? Nay, verily. How silly for men to suppose that God approves of a man's going out as a leader, and teacher who does not know how to do his work. Many do not know their Bible, and preach it but little; and yet that is his main business, as the Apostle indicates that he must be able "to rightly divide the Word of Truth." That is his whole business, and yet how little of that is done. How unskillful many are who go out to teach and preach. The Bible is not preached. It is not based, and theory, and opinions, based on their own darkened intellects, and the philosophies of men. It is no wonder those persons come in after an all night fish and say, "We fished all night and caught nothing." Ought not a man be ashamed of such a report? And yet these high-salaried preachers in our churches work year after year and come with the doleful cry, "We took nothing"—only their salaries.

The old Episcopal prayer is very appropriate for most of the preachers today. "Oh Lord, have mercy upon us for we have done all the things we ought not to have done, and left undone all the things we ought to have done. We are of no use. There is no help nor health in us." I wonder why they do not go into some other kind of business where they could do something and make a success of it?

The churches of today are dead failures. They don't rightly divide the Word of Truth. They don't preach it. If they did, the Truth would have its effect, and men would be saved

and they would be healed too. *The trouble is in the Pulpit.* The Word is wanting. It is the sword, and it is sharp and double-edged and quick as lightning. Just as well tell me that you can take a sword and thrust it into a man's body and it will not affect and move him, as to tell me that you can preach the Word of God, the Sword of the Spirit, in its fullness and power, and have no effect upon men. It will slay men just as much and as surely as does the Damascan blade of tempered steel.

This cry that men are gospel hardened and will not hear and obey the truth, is false and vain. It is only an excuse of those men who are not good workmen and approved of God. They preach only one side of the Gospel. They are afraid to slay men who sin, and put in the sword to the hilt. They tickle only their ears with the point of the sword. Give it free course and it will not return unto you void, but it will accomplish that whereunto it was sent. The word is powerful and quick. and it is the power of God unto Salvation.

Give us trained men who know how to handle, not their own eloquence, and logic, and learning, and opinions, and their philosophies. and science so-called, nor old women's fables, nor their visions, and dreams, and unknown tongues, but men who know how to handle the Word of God and rightly divide it. Give them Hell as well as Heaven. The one is as real as the other. Tell men they are in danger of hell fire. Christ did so. Don't be more loving than your Master was, you need not be more tender than was He.

The old Sword has two sides to it. It is double edged; it cuts up, and down, both. The Gospel is a savor of life unto life, or of death unto death.

"Behold the goodness and severity of God," cries the Apostle—"on them that fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in His goodness; otherwise thou also shalt be cut off."--Romans 11:22.

Paul preached the *whole* truth, and nothing but the Truth. That is what will do the work. The truth will set you free.

#### Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth.

Some men preach only certain parts of the Bible. They play only on one string of their fiddle. That does not make good music. The seed is the Word of God. You must be wise in sowing. Adapt your seed to your soil. Some soils and climates would not raise corn at all, but are good for wheat. Some soils will raise only grass, and some places are adapted best for vegetables, and some for fruits, etc. So it is with the good seed of the Kingdom. You cannot make one sermon answer for all occasions, and for all congregations. Some truths, and most precious ones, too, would be quite out of place for some men. It would be, as Christ said, like throwing pearls before swine. What does the hog care for precious pearls or for diamonds? He would only tramp them under his feet. There are truths in God's precious Word that would be just as little understood and appreciated by some men as would be the pearls by swine. You must get down to men where they live, and adapt your preaching to their conditions. A man must learn his a, b, c's before he can read. He must get his arithmetic before he takes up conic sections. Paul says, I cannot speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto babes and as unto carnal. He found a fornicator among them, and he must take out that vile man, and clean up some of the filth first.

If you are a fisherman, as you should be, be wise as a serpent. Don't go for a wary trout as you would for a whale. Whale fishing is one thing, and catching suckers is quite another; and yet gospel fishermen must be prepared for both.

Zion people are "slum workers," and they also fish on the avenues. They are not afraid to tackle a whale. They know how to throw the harpoon as well as the silver hook with the bamboo pole. We sow beside all waters, and we fish in all

streams. Zion goes to all creatures, the command says. The Methodists go only to Methodists, and the Baptists only to Baptists. They are sent only to their own sect. Zion workers are instructed to miss no man, high or low, white or black, male or female. Zion has a mission to all men, and a message for all. We have one for all the churches, as well as for the brothels and saloons. These churches need, most emphatically, to be called to repentance. Were they converted, the rest of the work would be an easy matter. They stand as a great stumbling block in the way of sinners.

#### How Can I Work.

I answer: In various ways. First of all, learn *how to pray*. "The prayer of a righteous man availeth much." You can pray rain out of a dry sky. You can break the heart of an unjust judge, and make him avenge you and give you your rights. You can pray the prison doors open and set the captives free, and let the Apostles out of their dungeons to preach the gospel in the temple. You can save Sodom, there be but ten righteous men in it.

#### Prayer is the Lever that Moves the World.

If we but know how to pray as we ought, then the field is won.

Disease and sickness flee before its face. Sin and iniquity are put away from you as far as the East is from the West.

Cannot all pray?

Need any one say "I am idle, for no man hath hired me"? No, the way is open to the most humble and most afflicted of earth's great throng.

Can you not speak a *word*? "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver."

Can you not "say to them of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold your God will come . . . and save you?"

Can you not carry a cup of cold water to the fainting ones on the field, or a loaf of bread to some hungry worker or afflicted saint? Can you not carry a cheering message of love to those in prison, and go to the sick and tell them of the Great Physician who can and will heal all their diseases?

If you do these little deeds of kindness as you go on your journey in life, and do them for "*My sake*," think you that you will be ashamed in that day, when God shall make up His jewels? Think you that anyone is left out of the call for workers in "My vineyard"? Nay, verily.

Because you cannot, on the ocean, sail among the swiftest fleet.

You can stand among the sailors and lend a hand to those you meet."

God has so arranged his work that all may have a share in it, and there is no excuse for idle hands. The Devil always finds mischief for them to do. It is a dangerous thing to be at ease or idle in Zion.

Are you alone in your field or city? That is no excuse for being idle. It is all the more need of your being busy. One man can chase a thousand. Poor Jonah, with a message from God set all Nineveh in an uproar, and brought them to repentance. You get your message and go out. Did He not promise to go with you, even unto the end of the world?

We need not many teachers, says the Apostle. But workers and simple witnesses are greatly needed. "The laborers are few." Zion should be as busy as bees, for the world is perishing, and the time is short. "Awake, thou that sleepest."

Zion is a working Church. She is the Kingdom of God out Fishing.

Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of Truth."

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; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

## All Night With God

1908 in ZION 1909

FROM THURSDAY  
DECEMBER 31, AT  
8:00 P. M.



TO NEW YEAR'S  
DAY, AT SUNRISE  
IN

## SHILOH TABERNACLE

Zion City, Illinois, U. S. A.

### Wilbur Glenn Voliva

(Successor to John Alexander Dowie)

General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church  
in Zion

Assisted by other Officers

- 7:45- 8:00 p.m. Devotionals.  
8:00-10:00 p.m. The "Messiah" by Zion Choir, Orchestra and Band.  
10:00-11:00 p.m. Praise, Prayer and Testimony Service.  
11:00-11:30 p.m. Second Sacrificial Offering for Shiloh Tabernacle, and distribution of Cards with Zion's Motto for 1909.  
11:30-12:30 a.m. Ordinance of The Lord's Supper.  
12:30- 2:00 a.m. New Year's Greetings to each other.
- RECESS FOR REFRESHMENTS.**
- 2:00- 3:00 a.m. Addresses:  
No. 1 by Elder Tindall  
No. 2 by Elder Richert  
No. 3 by Elder Carey  
No. 4 by Wilbur Glenn Voliva.
- 3:00- 4:00 a.m. Prayer Service.  
1. For Zion Officers.  
2. For Zion Members.  
3. For Zion Children.  
4. For Unconverted Relatives and Friends.  
5. For the Sick.  
6. For Leaves of Healing.  
7. For The Zion Herald.  
8. For Zion Literature in General.  
9. For Zion Commercial Institutions.  
10. For Zion in the United Kingdom.  
11. For Zion on the Continent of Europe.  
12. For Zion in Australia and New Zealand.  
13. For Zion in South Africa.  
14. For Zion in Asia.  
15. For Zion in America.  
16. For Zion in the Islands of the Sea.  
17. For Zion Educationally.  
18. For Zion Politically.  
19. For the Coming of God's Kingdom.  
20. For the Coming of Jesus the Christ.
- 4:00- 5:00 a.m. Question Box opened. All questions must be written out plainly on one side of the paper only and deposited in the question box before 2:30 a.m.
- 5:00- 6:00 a.m. Addresses. Subject: "THE SALVATION OF ZION CITY."

All will be Heartily Welcomed in the Name of the Lord.

Gospel Hymns Nos. Five and Six will be used.

Persons may leave at the close of the hours, but not between.

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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 HOLY SPIRIT AND THE NINE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

[ADDRESS NO. 5.]

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[REPORTED BY MISS B. MACLACHLAN.]

[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.]

GENERAL OVERSEER: Let us go further.

#### The Law and the Sacrifices.

In regular order, the first thing given according to the Bible was the law.

The next after the law we find the sacrifices—sacrifices made of the blood of animals.

We also find types, and ceremonies and shadows; and in the New Testament we learn that the Mosaic law was a schoolmaster to lead us to Christ.

#### Jehovah a God of Order.

The foregoing shows that God is a God of order. Why didn't He send the Christ right in the beginning? Because He is a God of order, and man had to take his schooling; so God gave them the law. It is sacrifices, types, ceremonies and

shadows, and when the law had done its work, then whom did He send? He sent Christ.

Let us look at Romans 8:3.

[Elder Carey Read]: For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh."

Romans 10:4:

[Elder Taylor Read]: For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

Now, you see, in regular order we have the law; we have Christ; then after Christ, whom? The Holy Spirit. There you are. There is the regular order; so you see that God is a God of order all the way through. Jesus Christ did His work. He went back to God the Father. What is the real work of the Holy Spirit? To apply the work of the Christ in purifying and sanctifying the body of believers.

#### Harmony of the Persons of the God-Head.

The next step I want to point out to you is the respect which the different persons in the God-head show to each other.

In regard to Jesus the Christ, God said, "This is My beloved Son: hear ye Him."

Christ said of the Holy Spirit: "He that hath an ear to hear, let him hear what the Spirit says unto the Churches." Where do you find that?

Answer: In the Book of Revelation.

Jesus said that after He went to Heaven. How many times did He say it? Seven times.

Read John 14:10: [Elder Taylor read:]

Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The Words that I speak unto you I speak not of Myself: but the Father that Dwelleth in Me, He doeth the works."

Who was it in Jesus the Christ that spoke the words?

Answer: God the Father.

General Overseer: Who was it that did the works?



Answer: God the Father.

General Overseer: Read John 16:13-14. [Elder Carey read]:

Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself: but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will show you things to come.

He shall glorify Me: for He shall receive of Mine, and shall shew it unto you.

#### Significance of the Temple Arrangement.

In the Tabernacle and the Temple there was an altar, and there was a laver. Which one of these came first—the altar or the laver.

A voice: The laver.

No, Sir. You might just as well say that the Holy Spirit came before Christ as to say that the laver came before the altar. In the arrangements, which came first; the altar or the laver?

Voices: The altar.

What did the altar typify? What did the laver typify?

The altar typified Calvary; und the laver typified Pentecost.

The altar stood for the sacrificial blood, and the laver for the sanctifying Spirit.

When a leper was to be cleansed, among other things the priest put upon the tip of the right ear, the thumb of the right hand, the big toe of the right foot, oil and blood. Which one did he always put on first?

Voices: The blood.

Deacon Clayton reads Leviticus 14:11-16:

And the priest that maketh him clean shall present the man that is to be made clean, and those things, before the Lord, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation:

And the priest shall take one he lamb, and offer him for a trespass offering, and the log of oil, and wave them for a wave offering before the Lord:

And he shall slay the lamb in the place where he shall kill the sin offering and the burnt offering, in the holy place; for as the sin offering is the priest's, so is the trespass offering: it is most holy:

And the priest shall take some of the blood of the trespass offering, and the priest shall put it upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot:

And the priest shall take some of the log of oil, and pour it into the palm of his own left hand:

And the priest shall dip his right finger in the oil that is in his left hand, and shall sprinkle of the oil with his finger seven times before the Lord."

General Overseer: Now what about people today who say, "It does not make any difference what people believe, just so they are sincere. It does not make any difference whether you do this or do that?" It makes all the difference for time and for eternity whether you do what the Lord God Almighty tells you.

I noticed in the Chicago paper yesterday a report of a magnificent (?) sermon, and there is just one sentence quoted as being so very remarkable: "I claim the right to think as I like, and I give to everybody else the same privilege;" and that is quoted by the Chicago press as a magnificent truth and specimen of oratory; and it is an infernal lie. I have no right to think as I like. My thinking does not amount to the snap of my finger. I do not give you the right or privilege of thinking as you like. I demand, in the name of the Most High God, that you think as God thinks. That is Zion's teaching. It is true, too. If you observed the Scriptures as Deacon Clayton read the passage, you will have noted how particular the instructions are to the very letter, even taking in the finger on the right hand. Now the thought is that as the priest always went to the altar before the laver, you will never find a place where the priest applied the oil before the blood. ALWAYS THE BLOOD FIRST.

The blood stood for whom? The Christ.

And the oil for whom? The Holy Spirit.

There is your order.

#### The Sacrifice and the Resurrection of Christ Greatest Events in the Redemptive Plan.

Let me point out something else. The two greatest events in the plan of redemption are the sacrifice of Christ and His resurrection. The order of both of these events was absolutely fixed from the beginning; and their dates were also marked in the Hebrew calendar. Let us see if that is true.

The passover feast was instituted to commemorate the deliverance of the children of Israel from Egypt?

The paschal lamb typified Christ.

And He was the all-sufficient sacrifice for the sins of humanity.

The slaying of the paschal lamb told the very day and week and year when Christ should be crucified. Every time the paschal lamb was slain, as often as the passover was kept, it told the very day of the year—the day of the week on which Christ was crucified. And on what day of the week was He crucified?

Answer: Friday.

According to the Old Testament, when were the wave sheaf and the first fruits of the harvest presented?

Read Leviticus 23:11-16:

And he shall wave the sheaf before the Lord, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it.

And ye shall offer that day when ye wave the sheaf a he lamb, without blemish, of the first year for a burnt offering unto the Lord.

And the meat offering thereof shall be two-tenth deals of fine flour mingled with oil, an offering made by fire unto the Lord for a sweet savour, and the drink offering thereof shall be of wine, the fourth part of a hin.

And ye shall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor green ears, until the selfsame day that ye have brought an offering unto your God: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the Sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven Sabbaths shall be complete:

Even unto the morrow after the seventh Sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the Lord.

General Overseer: When were the wave sheaf and the first fruits presented?

Answer: "On the morrow after the Sabbath."

That would be Sunday, would it not. "And ye shall offer that day." "On the morrow after the Sabbath."

#### The Day of Pentecost Fixed.

The day of Pentecost was also absolutely fixed. Read the 14th verse:

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And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete:

Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the Lord.

Now that fixed the day of Pentecost.

#### The Day of the Crucifixion and of the Resurrection Fixed.

The very day of the year and week of Christ's crucifixion was fixed by the slaying of the paschal lamb. The day of the resurrection was fixed by the presenting of the wave sheaf. The day of Pentecost was absolutely fixed by the counting of seven Sabbaths complete:

This talk about tarrying TEN DAYS to be endued with power from on high, is folly. There was no real significance in tarrying ten days. I have got to tarry so long until ten o'clock. Why? Because I cannot have it a minute sooner. I have got to wait for that time to come. And they tarried "ten days." Why? Because ten days yet remained for Pentecost to come. It is folly for people to say that Pentecost just happened to come. No; it was fixed away centuries before it ever came; and when the seventh Sabbath ended Pentecost came, did it not? Yes. The day was fixed.

Who was the real Wave Sheaf or the First Fruits of the lead?

Answer: Christ.

He was presented where?

Answer: In Heaven to God the Father.

The presentation of the wave sheaf under the old Mosaic Law fixed the day of, what?

Answer: The resurrection.

And then, seven Sabbaths after that fixed?

Answer: Pentecost.

#### **Pentecost Not to Be Repeated.**

The wave sheaf was presented in Heaven to God the Father. The time arrived for the Holy Spirit to come, and I want to tell you this: You can no more have Pentecost repeated than you can have Jesus the Christ born again in the manger at Bethlehem. Do you get that point? That is one thing I am sure about.

Well, now, there is something further.

When the High Priest disappeared behind the veil in the Holy of Holies, the people were in great suspense, were they not, or fear that he would do something wrong and be stricken dead. What was the sign to the people that the High Priest was alive?

Answer: The sound of the bells on his robe.

What was the sign to the people that Christ was alive in Heaven?

Answer: The sound of the coming of the Holy Ghost. The coming of the Holy Ghost was proof to the people that Christ was in Heaven.

What is the use for all this silly twaddle of a lot of ignoramuses: "Have you got your Pentecost yet?" O Fools and slow of heart! Pentecost cannot any more be repeated than the birth of the Son of God in Bethlehem can be repeated; and I don't propose to sit around and expect things to come that cannot come. You may as well pray for the 4th of July to come on the 6th of September.

The word "Pentecost" in the Greek simply means fiftieth. That is, they counted fifty days from the morrow after the Sabbath. The Christ was resurrected on Sunday (Lord's Day), and the disciples were assembled both times on the Lord's Day. That is true—eight days after—that is on the next Lord's Day week.

When I hear people around Zion City talking about this accursed gift of tongues business being of God, if it were not that I had crucified the old man long ago, I would feel, like hitting them, for they have no sense. If you did not know in the beginning that the whole thing was of hell, I tell you so now.

Paul says, "I have told you often, and I tell you now with tears: they are the enemies of the cross of Christ." I tell you these fellows are the enemies of God, and their teaching is of the Devil.

#### **The Holy Spirit Epoch.**

On the day of Pentecost (though I did not intend to take that up now, because I have got to preach this afternoon) the Holy Spirit came. He has been here ever since. He has never gone away, and you cannot have Pentecost repeated, so you do not need to ask for it, because you will not have it repeated. That was an event that was the beginning of another epoch. Epochs, you know, are periods of time characterized by decisive events.

Pentecost came. There was a sound as of a mighty rushing wind. There you are. If you want to have Pentecost repeated the Devil will repeat it for you and send you a counterfeit.

I will say what God wants me to say, if I have to come and be here all alone; and when I know a thing is from the Devil, I will say it with all the emphasis that God gives me. You don't need to ask the Holy Spirit to come "with a sound as of a rushing, mighty wind." That "rushing, mighty wind" sound had a purpose, just the same as the sound of the bells had in the Holy of Holies.

#### **Beware of the Counterfeit.**

There is one true thing that I want to say right here: Do not think that everything that glitters is gold. One time my father called me to him and he had in his hand two watches: one was a hunter's case, the other an open-face watch; and he said, "Now take your choice, my boy." So I took my choice. Like most boys, of course, I was very proud of my watch. One day a short time after, I noticed a peculiar spot on the back. It was beginning to tarnish. "O," I thought, "I have ruined my watch." I tried to rub it, and wash it with soap, but that did not make it any better, but worse. I waited for a few days, and finally ventured to my father and said, "Something is the matter with my watch." He took it and smiled, saying, "Well, my boy, I just wanted to teach you that all that glitters is not gold." The fact of the matter is, that the watch I had chosen because it looked brighter than the other, cost only \$1.75, while the other cost \$165. It was solid gold, with Elgin movement, and indeed a magnificent timepiece.

I think a lot of people are about just as big fools in choosing their religion as I was in choosing a watch. I am sorry to say that a lot of people would rather have a counterfeit than have the genuine. That is the reason they swallow Christian Science.

#### **God's Word the Only Safeguard Against the Devil.**

Let me tell you, as I have told you so often from the first time I stood on this platform, that the only safeguard against the Devil is the Word of God. If you get down and say, "O God, give me the gift of tongues," the Devil can give you the gift of tongues in short order. I tell you I do not have to be bitten by a rattle snake in order to know it is a snake. Some people do. I thank God I have more sense than that. I say to you that this is arsenic. You say, "I do not believe it; I am going to taste it and see for myself." All right; taste it for yourself, and then you will not "see" anything else for yourself.

I do not need to attend any of those meetings to know that they are of the Devil. When they make people inmates of the insane asylum, that is enough to prove to me that their teaching is from hell. This alone would satisfy me. No one but the Devil would come into Zion City and attempt to interfere. Do you know that? The Devil is the only one that is holding up the fight against Zion City, and when they get together this afternoon down in that Hospice, they are a seething, rolling mass of hypocrites of the rankest type. There they are with the "molasses" running out of their mouths. I am always suspicious of a softy. "But," they say of some of their preachers, "He is so gentle, (So is a snail) so sweet; and he is so lovely; O, he is so nice!" But I tell you a prophet of God, a man of God, is a veritable terror to every man that does wrong. The Devil is so lovely; he can caress you, kiss you, hug you, pat you, and call you "little darling" and all the rest of it, but beneath are his foul claws ready to tear your heart out. . . .

Some say, "Be careful lest ye be found fighting against God." I believe God's Word. I am fighting the work of Hell, and I will fight it to a finish.

Every demon-possessed man and woman in the country will stand up (I have had them in my office) and say, with a great air of spiritual sanctity, "Be careful! be careful! Better be careful; you might commit the sin of blasphemy against the Holy Ghost!" My God knows my heart. He knows that I love Him and serve Him, and would die for Him. I do not propose to mince matters about any of the Devil's counterfeits, and I tell you the whole thing is of Hell.

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; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.



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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.,  
 December 12, 1908.

Inasmuch as the present year is rapidly drawing to its close, it is once more fitting that I should call the attention of all the Officers, Members, and Friends of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion throughout the world to the motto given at the last All-Night meeting for the present year—"Jehovah hath founded Zion."

Zion's Watchwords, beginning with 1896, down to and including the year 1908, have been as follows:

- 1896. "Come, and let us join ourselves unto the Lord in a perpetual covenant."---Jeremiah 50:5.
- 1897. "Arise ye, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God."---Jeremiah 31:6.
- 1898. "Guard the deposit."---1 Timothy 6:20.
- 1899. "Go Forward."---Exodus 14:15.
- 1900. "I will bring you to Zion."---Jeremiah 3:14, 15.
- 1901. "Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion to the Lord our God."---Jeremiah 31:6.
- 1902. "Thy God Reigneth."---Isaiah 52:7.
- 1903. "Till He Come."---1 Corinthians 11:26.
- 1904. "I Will Come Again."---John 14:3.
- 1905. "Incarnation."---Colossians 1:27.
- 1906. "God Reigns."---Psalm 93:1, 97:1, 99:1.
- 1907. "God Reigns."---Psalm 93:1, 97:1, 99:1.
- 1908. "Jehovah Hath Founded Zion."---Isaiah 14:32.

You will observe that the same Watchwords are given for the years 1906 and 1907. The Watchword for 1908 was selected after earnest prayer and careful consideration.

The lapse of more than eleven months has abundantly proven that the motto was well chosen, and all persons, who, at any time, have been actively associated with the Zion Movement, who had already firmly grasped the truth that Jehovah had established Zion, have remained steadfast, loyal and true.

Not only did I fully realize, but also those associated with

me in counsel, that it was impossible to go forward until we had a company thoroughly grounded and rooted in this truth.

Without any hesitancy whatever, I declare to one and all that the Zion Movement is not one of many movements, neither is it simply a movement, but it is THE MOVEMENT for these last days.

The motto for 1909 will be selected within a few days, and at the All-Night Meeting, as shown on the Program, cards containing this motto will be distributed, and the same will be printed in the ZION HERALD and LEAVES OF HEALING the first week in January.

Zion at Headquarters will be glad to welcome all who can come to the All-Night Meeting. All who make the sacrifices necessary to come will be amply repaid, and not only should those who have remained loyal, steadfast and true, come; but those who have been discouraged and troubled, not knowing just what to think or where to stand.

Preparations also ought to be begun immediately after the All-Night Meeting for the Convocation in July. Some very important conferences will be held at that time and a number of important questions settled.

Zion everywhere should go forward in faith, earnestly praying morning, noon and night that God, in His own way and time, will give the entire Zion estate back into Zion's hands, to be developed with an eye single to His glory, for the good of mankind and the extension of God's Kingdom. Several conferences have already been held preparatory to the submission to the Receiver of a proposition for the purchase of the entire estate. Our enemies are laughing, and so is God who sits in the Heavens, and He is laughing at them.

The founding of Zion City was indeed a great accomplishment, but in many respects its redemption now would be a greater accomplishment. God is able and willing; it only requires a faithful people, ready to deny themselves, make any sacrifices and give their all, and their lives, if need be, and the problems will speedily be solved.

God the Almighty, whom we serve, is the God of deliverances; and in the Bible, which we firmly believe, are to be found many remarkable narratives of deliverances wrought by God for His people.

Some people ask, "Where will Voliva get the money to buy the Zion Estate?" The question of money is by no means the first or the most important, but WHAT DOES GOD WANT? Great things have been wrought through prayer, and if all Zion will cry to God day and night with tears, He will hear their prayers and Zion City will be redeemed and become a joy to many from all parts of the World.

Go forward, O Zion! Do not let it be said in the Day of Judgment that you stood by the Zion Movement in the days of prosperity, and then forsook her in the days of adversity.

It is he who endures to the end that will be saved.  
 It is he who is faithful unto death that will receive the crown of life.

What have you been doing, reader, during the last two years while some of us have been toiling day and night? Have you been praying?

Have you faithfully supported THE ZION HERALD and LEAVES OF HEALING?

Have you faithfully paid your tithes into the Storehouse, and given offerings as God has prospered you?

Let one and all answer these questions in the fear of God.

Pray morning, noon and night for Zion at Headquarters, and for Zion throughout the world.

WATCH YE THEREFORE, AND PRAY ALWAYS.

## VOICES OF VICTORY.

Testimonies given at a Divine Healing Meeting held in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, Tuesday afternoon, September 22, 1908, Conducted by General Overseer Willbur Glenn Voliva.

[REPORTED BY THOMAS FROST.]

**T**HE Service was opened by the singing of Hymn No. 180, "'Tis the Blessed Hour of Prayer."

Elders Moot and Taylor then offered prayer, which was followed by the singing of one stanza of Hymn No. 181, "I Need Thee Every Hour"

General Overseer: Brother Cummings, I will give you two or three minutes to tell what you wanted to tell on last Lord's Day morning.

Brother Cummings, who is well advanced in years, spoke as follows:

I want to tell this people what God has done for me, thinking it might help someone who is here.

Three weeks ago tonight I was suddenly taken with what seemed to me to be cholera. Then in addition to that, I had cramps in my limbs. That kept up pretty well during the night. The next day Brother (Elder) Taylor, who lives next door to me, came in. He laid hands on me and God heard and answered prayer.

I tell you God has done a wonderful thing. He will do just as much for any one of you. I fought for several hours and could not possibly stand up, but God heard and answered prayer most wonderfully.

I am thankful that I am here to say at least "Amen" again for a few times. Thank the Lord for it. He will do the same for anybody.

#### Healed of Rheumatism.

Mrs. O. L. Tindall: I would like to tell what the Lord has done for me. I think it was some time in May I was taken suddenly with what proved to be a severe attack of rheumatism. It first came in my back, then in the side, then my thigh and all the way down my left side. I was in great pain. I never knew what real suffering was until this came upon me.

I came to the Divine Healing meetings and was prayed for often. I seemed to get better at times, but then it would come on again. I did not get entirely free of it for some time. I kept coming until I felt ashamed of myself for coming to the Divine Healing meetings so often. I felt there was something wrong with me, or somewhere, as I did not get my healing; but I kept at it.

One sister who came to me said, "I had rheumatism very severely, and I was healed suddenly--all at once." That was very encouraging to me. I thought there certainly was healing for me. Rheumatism, I think, is a very stubborn disease; but God is able to heal anything. I was trusting God and Him alone for my healing. One Lord's Day morning, as I was getting ready to come to Church, I said to myself, "I must get my healing this day." I came to Church, took my seat, and there seemed to me a quiet peace come over me, and I had not a pain during the service. I felt sure God had healed me. I felt like getting up in the congregation a just telling the congregation and testifying right there. on Lord's Day afternoon; but, of course, there was no opportunity, and it would have been out of

place, perhaps. I did not do it, however. I have testified once before, when I had opportunity.

I cannot praise God enough for His healing power.

After That Lord's Day, I had some pain from the rheumatism, but I would not give in, because I felt God had healed me. Now I have no pain, no remnant of the pain at all.

I feel sure I have a perfect healing and I am praising God every day, and I want to thank those who have prayed for me and have had sympathy for me, for I feel that many have been interested in me whom I did not know had any thought of me at all.

I praise God for what He has done.

Mr. Sprinkel: I praise God for His love and mercy to me. Last week I ate something that made me sick a night and a day. God is good and merciful and kind, and He healed me without my having to go to others. I bless and praise His name that He hears just a little speck of humanity even like me. Hallelujah to God!

A Sister: I feel like praising God for Zion, and for what He has done for me, and keeping me steadfast and from being led away by anything else. I thank Him for what He has done for me and my home. We have a little baby in the home, which weighed only eight pounds when born, and was badly crippled, but in answer to prayer he has been healed, and now weighs eighteen pounds. I feel that I have great reason to praise God. Pray that I may be faithful and do my duty.

Mrs. Henry: I want to thank God this afternoon for answering prayer for my son in Philadelphia. I received a message that he was very sick. I sent a request to the General Overseer to pray for him, and he got deliverance in a few days. Then a message came saying that he was dying. I sent another message to the Overseer. About 1:30 p. m. the Overseer prayed for him and he got deliverance. I thank God He is able to heal to the uttermost. Pray that my son may get close to God, and give his life to Him.

#### Healed of Hay Fever.

Mrs Biddle: I thank God for what He has done for me. For ten years I have suffered every Fall from Hay Fever. Last year I suffered more than usual. This year I fought hard, but it came on in spite of my attempts to keep clear of it. God wonderfully answered prayer for me. Ordinarily that disease does not leave until the frost comes. I thank God He has delivered me long before the frost comes, and that I had only a light attack.

Mr. David Basinger: I thank God I learned to trust Him. In 1892, typhoid fever got into our family and nine of them had typhoid fever. I thank God none of them died. They all got through without the aid of any doctor, except the first two who got a doctor, but they gave him up right away. Then we commenced to receive Divine Healing and have experienced it right along until now. I am very glad I learned to trust Him and that He takes care of me in my old age. I feel more vigorous now than I did twenty years ago. It is now pretty nearly sixty years since I had any medicine or a doctor in my family.

You all know how God healed my hand. [The brother had a large cancer on the back of his hand and was wonderfully healed in answer to prayer. His testimony appeared in LEAVES OF HEALING, Vol. XXI, No. 7, Feb. 22, 1908.] I am glad and thankful. I have been very thankful ever since I have been back from Kansas. I enjoyed the Convocation meetings

and all the meetings since. I am going back again to Kansas and will take all the literature I can. They are hungering for Divine Healing. That is what they wrote to me.

A sister testified to deliverance from itching and burning.

A sister thanked God for healing, cleansing and keeping for herself and family, and healing of her mother from a trouble of years standing.

A sister praised God for healing received lately. Had pains in knee and hand, and, in answer to prayer, they have all gone.

A sister thanked God for many answers to prayer, and for His wonderful keeping power.

A Sister: I praise God for Zion teaching, The Lord has been very good to me. He brought me into Zion. Then He has healed me of many, many troubles. The physicians said I never could be well and I would have to undergo an operation. God graciously healed me wonderfully. I thank God He gives me health and strength, and enables me to extend His Kingdom. I pay my tithes and offerings. I have been prayed for again and again, and the reason I did not get the victory was it was my own fault. One morning as I sat up in bed, I said I would not get up. I put my hands to my head and said, "Lord, I believe." I vowed and called upon Him to deliver me before I left the bed. I said, "Lord, I will not leave this bed until you heal me." It was my own fault. I have been several times delivered just by holding on and believing Him and taking my vow that I would be true to Him in every way, and asking Him to lead me in thought, word and deed, that I may be pure, true and loyal. I did get my healing. I have been healed of various troubles. May God bless us all and enable us to keep looking to Him until we get deliverance.

A sister thanked God for many victories given her husband. God twice delivered immediately when twice severely hurt.

A Sister: I thank God for His wonderful goodness to me. First of all I thank Him most—well next to my salvation—for bringing me into Zion and for keeping me. I do thank Him for the way He is blessing His Word to me and teaching me. I ask an interest in Zion's prayers that I may learn to trust Him more and better each day. (Amen).

### ADDRESS BY THE GENERAL OVERSEER.

The most important thing in this service is the Word of God.

This afternoon, there is not time sufficient to read more than two selections at the most. I wish there were time to read the story of all the miracles in the Old and in the New Testaments. You would find them very interesting.

#### A Systematic Study of Divine Truth.

When I was in Australia, where I had very little to do, (to hear some wise people tell it,) I made, among other books, two books, one arranged in regular order, containing all the miracles of the Old and New Testaments, by cutting up two or three Bibles—you can get them for a very small amount. There are just fifty of these miracles. There were three persons resurrected from the dead, as there were, so far as the record goes, in the ministry of our Lord Jesus the Christ.

In the New Testament, in the four Gospels, there are thirty-six miracles recorded. Twenty-six of them are *miracles of healing*, and ten of them are simply miracles like the stilling of the tempest, and the feeding of the five thousand. In the Acts of the Apostles we find a number of very remarkable miracles.

It is our duty, as ministers, to give the people the Word of God. Then it is your business to walk in the light which shines upon your pathway; to lay hold of the Word of God and to take Him at His Word and trust Him for perfect deliverance.

I am constrained to read two narratives because of certain cases here this afternoon.

I want you to notice the first part of the third chapter of the Apostles.

#### The Man Lame From His Birth, Healed.

"Now Peter and John . . ." Peter and John were two of the twelve Apostles. Peter, you know, denied the Savior, then he repented. On the Day of Pentecost, he with others received the Holy Spirit. He preached a sermon and three thousand people were added unto the Lord. In this third chapter of the Acts we have the wonderful healing wrought in the name of Jesus. Peter and John were going into the Temple at the ninth hour. What hour would that be?

Voices: Three o'clock in the afternoon.

"And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried . . .", just as this brother was carried in,—you saw two men carry him in—(pointing to a man in a chair, who could not walk), whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

Who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked an alms.

And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him, with John, said, *Look on us.* And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

Then Peter said, Silver and gold . . ."

That is one of the things, my brethren in the ministry, which proves that the early preachers were not very rich. As I told them in Chicago last Lord's Day, it is one of the mysteries how any minister can be rich except rich toward God.

These two Apostles did not have "silver and gold."

#### A Command in the Name of Jesus Obeyed.

Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none: but such as I have give I 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: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

As I read these wonderful lines, they impress me as being so simple that a little child can understand them. When I look at you people that are sitting in these chairs and unable to walk, it seems to me such a simple thing for you to get up and walk. In your own strength you could never do it, but in the name of the Most High God you can do it. It seems to me, further, that the moment you do exactly what you are told to do, in the name of the Lord, you will walk. Until you do that you will not walk.

Now, notice this: Peter gave a command, "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." "And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength." There is the Divine "I will." That is what you people have to get. "I will, in the strength of God, rise up and walk."

As long as you say you cannot walk, you will not walk. I could have said this afternoon, "I cannot talk." I have done much talking in the last sixteen years, and especially the last two years, that would wear any man out. I could say, "I cannot talk." But I think I am getting along very well.

"Forsake Not the Assembling of Yourselves Together."

That leads me to say to you people who stay away from

God's House on the Lord's Day because you do not feel just right: you are making one of the greatest mistakes of your lives.

I wish to emphasize here, never stay away from the Lord's Day afternoon service. Never. If you have to miss any service through the week, you ought never to stay away from the Lord's Day afternoon service, and especially when I am away. If you do not feel very well, sometimes the best thing you can do is to come to the meeting. I do not say people might not be sick and unable to come. There are some unable to come, and it would be the height of presumption for them to attempt to come; but, generally speaking, if you feel a little indisposed, it is a good thing to rise up in the name of the Lord and go forward.

#### The Divine "I Will"

I went into the baptistry in Melbourne when I had a raging fever and baptized thirty-five and forty people. I came out of that feeling better than when I went in. I got on the platform with scarcely enough voice to be heard ten feet from the platform. I do not give the snap of my finger for the human "I will". Some people say, "What tremendous will power he has got!" I do not want any "tremendous will power". That is of the earth earthy and belongs to carnal men. We need to get rid of that human "I will." When you can have God in you saying, "I will", then something will be accomplished. Will power has taken a great many people to destruction. There is where some of us who are characteristically strong have got to be on our guard, and know it is God leading us and guiding us.

#### Getting into Contact With God.

This man, when commanded to rise up and walk and the Apostle took him by the hand and lifted him up, walked. When Mrs. Ruby was healed in Zion Home, Chicago, that was all there was to it. Dr. Dowie said to her, "Now, will you promise me, believing you have met the conditions, to do exactly what I tell you to do? When I come to pray with you and command you to get out of that chair and walk, will you promise me, in the name of the Lord, you will do it?" She hesitated. Then he talked with her until she finally said she would.

Simply saying "I will" does not amount to much unless you say that in the name of the Lord. It just seems to me that the moment the man reached the tip of his little finger toward God, God met him and put forth His power and healed him. There has got to be a coming together so far as you are concerned and God is concerned. You have got to be brought into contact with the source of life. It is getting into touch with Him.

#### Seek Healing for God's Glory.

There are a great many things, my brothers and sisters, that enter in. As God looks down upon you, you are asking Him to heal you. I believe God knows all about your life from the present moment to the end. I believe God has provided healing for you, and that He will heal you for a purpose. I believe that Divine Healing was restored through John Alexander Dowie for the purpose of creating a movement to do a certain work, just as the signs and wonders in the beginning served to help establish the Christian dispensation. It seems to me that the restoration of Divine Healing has been for the purpose of creating a movement to effect certain purposes in this period of the dispensation of His grace. I do not say God is going to refuse to heal persons for this, that, and other reasons. I cannot say; but I think it is always better to take a position that is safe.

If you can say to God this afternoon, "The only reason I want to be well is to serve You and my fellowmen, that is the only reason," God might say, "What about the strength I did

give you? What have you been doing with it? How have you been using it? How have you been improving your time?"

#### Every Talent To Be Used.

When God calls a man to be a steward in His Kingdom, and He entrusts that man with ten dollars, and he misuses them, when He asks God for more money, you do not hear an audible voice necessarily, but the Spirit of God will say, "How did you use that which I gave you?" The same is true of healing. There is a young man to whom God has given a talent for singing. Why is he not in Zion Choir using the talent? There is a young lady with a talent for singing. Why is she not in Zion Choir singing—using the talent? "Oh, it is too hot." There is another one there to whom God has given a talent for playing on an instrument. Why is he not up there in the Orchestra? You know what the Bible says: When a man has a talent and he does not use it, what does God do with it? He will take it away and give it to another man who does improve the talent God has given him.

#### Strength, Health and Power Come From Attending the Means of Grace.

I know I am strong and well today because I have used what God has given me in His service. If you want to get good, strong and vigorous, exercise yourself for God. If you want a good strong voice to sing, use what little voice God has given you. Whatever God has given you, use it for His glory.

Do you study your Bibles? Do you pray every day? Do you attend the means of grace when the table is spread here and there is the Bread of Life and the Water of Life? Do you avail yourself of the feast that God has caused to be spread? The Word says, "Forsake not", what?

Voices: "The assembling of yourselves together."

It is a very serious thing for members of this Church, unless they have a good reason to give to God, to absent themselves from the House of God, or to absent themselves from the Lord's Supper.

What would you do if God healed you?

#### The Entrance of Knowledge Giveth Light.

I remember a Mrs. Grote—may be you remember reading her testimony—who was a Roman Catholic and her husband was a saloon keeper. She had a distant relative living in Covington, Ky. Late one night, this saloon keeper and this lady from Covington came to my house in Avondale, Cincinnati, and wanted me to go to see this saloon-keeper's wife. I studied the matter over and I said to him, "No, I won't go tonight," and looked at him. I said, "You go home and I will pray for her and call tomorrow morning." I wanted to put them to a little test because the priest was coming in every day. So the next morning I went. When I entered the room, I saw a woman who looked more like a corpse than a live person and she was suffering excruciating agony. Of course, she knew nothing but what the priest told her. I asked her for a Bible. She brought to me a Douay version, which is the Roman Catholic Bible. I was not very familiar with it. I could not use it very well. I wanted her to take the Bible and read it. I took my Bible. On the shelf were fifteen or twenty bottles of medicine and powders. I opened up the scriptures to her. That is the proper thing to do. That is what Elder Richert or I can do, just open up the Word of God to you. She responded to the teaching of the Word. She had in the bedroom an altar that cost \$150.00. Of course, I did not broach the subject of the altar. I do not pretend to give people the truth all in a minute. I talked to her about the Word of God and read to her certain passages. She would say, "I did not know that was there," and "I never heard of that before." I showed her, according to the Scriptures, that affliction was the work of Satan and that Jesus the Christ had come to destroy Satan's work. Then I prayed. The mother was a very staunch Roman Catholic. It was reported to the priest what had hap-

pened. He came into the house and said, "Now, you have got to undergo an operation. We are going to compel you to go to the hospital and undergo an operation. You may die, but it is the only chance. If you do not do what we want you to do and you die, we won't allow you to be buried in sacred ground." That was a very serious matter. You do not know how to appreciate that. If any here have ever been Roman Catholics, you will know what that means. To be denied burial in sacred ground is a terrible calamity. When I went to her again, she told me of it. I said, "Don't bother. You are not going to be buried. Don't make any calculations." Her husband was down below selling whiskey. I got them to come to the meetings, and read the Bible. She had a tumor on the right side just above the hip. Several days passed. One evening they called for me and said she was uncontrollable and she was tearing the bed clothes to pieces. I got there as soon as I could. In less than two minutes she was quiet—as quiet as anybody could be. I prayed for her, taught her, and called there day after day, and I helped to bring that woman to Zion Home in Chicago. She was perfectly healed and all that tumor came away. She was baptized, came out of the Roman Catholic Church, and was a faithful member in Zion.

When I went to Cincinnati, after I returned from Australia, she was as glad to see me as any person there. She went along as a faithful member of Zion until the "gift of tongues" craze struck Cincinnati, and she was carried away by that delusion.

I have often thought of that case—how wonderfully God healed her—and I have never given her up, nor many others. They must come back.

I received a letter today from a young man which brought great joy to my heart. I am glad to know that his parents were in this Tabernacle last Lord's Day, and if the parents would only do right we would soon have a lot of young people doing right. This letter went on to say, "I have made up my mind to take a decided stand, and herewith enclose my Renewal Application form."

So I say every one that has Zion in his heart—they may stand aside now—but will come back sooner or later.

#### God Heals People to Assist in Establishing His Kingdom.

I believe that, generally speaking, God is healing people not to be Methodists, Presbyterians, Congregationalists, or any thing else, but to be children of the King and members of the Kingdom of God, and to go forward and establish His Kingdom among the children of men. He is not healing you to trot around after every religious vagabond in the country. Some of you will get your healing quicker if you will only get a little more stamina. Compromising in thought is detrimental. God calls upon you to be faithful even unto death.

When I saw that hot tar, which they were using for the roof of the Administration Building, I remembered some of my church history: how they used to take the Christians and because they would not give up Christ, throw them into caldrons of boiling tar. I thought to myself, "My God, if I were called upon, it would be a joy for me to go into a caldron of tar for Christ's sake. I do not think people deserve much credit for dying for Christ's sake. It is a joy. It is a joy to serve God."

Last Lord's Day, as I pictured the Kingdom of God, there were many tears running down the cheeks of the people in the audience.

Zion has a message, and I believe that if you will be a little more devoted and true, God Almighty will bless His organization as never before. Here is where He wants you.

One lady came up and shook hands with me and said, "This is the first Zion meeting I have been to in a long time." Tears ran down her cheeks. She said, "O, how I have missed Zion. I have some money left. I would like to put every dollar of it into your hands to extend the Kingdom of God." I said, "You pray to God. God will make it plain to you what to do."

There were others there who used to be in Central Zion Tabernacle every Lord's Day. When we go to Chicago the next time, you will see them begin to come back.

(TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK.)

## All Night With God

1908 *in* ZION 1909

FROM THURSDAY  
DECEMBER 31, AT  
8:00 P. M.



TO NEW YEAR'S  
DAY, AT SUNRISE  
IN

### SHILOH TABERNACLE

Zion City, Illinois, U. S. A.

#### Wilbur Glenn Voliva

(Successor to John Alexander Dowie)

General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church  
in Zion  
Assisted by other Officers

- 7:45- 8:00 p.m. Devotionals.  
8:00-10:00 p.m. The "Messiah" by Zion Choir, Orchestra and Band.  
10:00-11:00 p.m. Praise, Prayer and Testimony Service.  
11:00-11:30 p.m. Second Sacrificial Offering for Shiloh Tabernacle, and distribution of Cards with Zion's Motto for 1909.  
11:30-12:30 a.m. Ordinance of The Lord's Supper.  
12:30- 2:00 a.m. New Year's Greetings to each other.  
**RECESS FOR REFRESHMENTS.**  
2:00- 3:00 a.m. Addresses:  
No. 1 by Elder Tindall  
No. 2 by Elder Richert  
No. 3 by Elder Carey  
No. 4 by Wilbur Glenn Voliva.  
3:00- 4:00 a.m. Prayer Service.  
1. For Zion Officers.  
2. For Zion Members.  
3. For Zion Children.  
4. For Unconverted Relatives and Friends.  
5. For the Sick.  
6. For Leaves of Healing.  
7. For The Zion Herald.  
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9. For Zion Commercial Institutions.  
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12. For Zion in Australia and New Zealand.  
13. For Zion in South Africa.  
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15. For Zion in America.  
16. For Zion in the Islands of the Sea.  
17. For Zion Educationally.  
18. For Zion Politically.  
19. For the Coming of God's Kingdom.  
20. For the Coming of Jesus the Christ.  
4:00- 5:00 a.m. Question Box opened. All questions must be written out plainly on one side of the paper only and deposited in the question box before 2:30 a.m.  
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## The Gospel of the Kingdom

### THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE NINE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

[ADDRESS NO. 5.]

Address Delivered at the Early Morning Meeting, Lord's Day, Sept. 6, 1906, at Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, by General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva.

[REPORTED BY MISS B. MACLACHLAN.]

[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.]

#### The Blessed Reality of the Holy Spirit's Presence and Power.



On the Day of Pentecost they spake in Tongues:

And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

And they were all amazed, and marveled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans?

And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,

Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,

Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

They all understood, did they not? I am talking about the day of Pentecost now. We see that on the day of Pentecost they spake in tongues and all the nations there understood them; and they preached the Gospel. That is true, or it is false.

#### Repentance—Baptism—the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost will never be repeated. Let us look at the thirty-eighth verse of the second chapter of the Acts. I can hear somebody say, "I have him now." All right.

"Then said Peter unto them, Repent!" That is the first thing. Ah, how some people like to get away from repentance and feel good. Ah, yes. I remember down in Urbana an old fellow got up in a meeting and shouted, "Thank God, I am sanctified! I have been sanctified for seventeen years! I have had no temptation to sin! God saved me and sanctified me!" And the next week he was arrested for choking his wife. That was the spirit of the Devil. I will rebuke every evil spirit that opens his mouth; and I will do the right thing. Whenever I recognize it is the spirit of the Devil I will shut it up in short order, and without any ceremony, either.

Now notice: "Repent!" That is the first thing; and the second thing is, "Be baptized, in the name of Jesus the Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive" what?

Voices: "The gift of the Holy Ghost."

There is not anything said of the "gifts" of the Holy Ghost there, and there is all the difference in the world between the two words, "And ye shall receive 'the gift' of the Holy Ghost."

On the day of Pentecost they spoke in other tongues, and I tell you they preached the Gospel, and every man understood them. For instance, a Mesopotamian was there and some one preached in his tongue, and he heard the Gospel. There is some sense in that, is there not? If I were in Chicago, in the midst of Italians, and received the gift of Italian and preached the Gospel to them, and they understood every word, then I would take some stock in that.

#### Lying Has, for a Basis, Demon Possession.

Look at the lies. I can account for all lying on the simple basis of demon possession. You have heard that great story about so-and-so getting the gift of Chinese, and going on their way to China to preach the Gospel to the Chinese: and these people preached that and printed it in their papers. What has become of them now? Elder Royall writes from China that the party came there and could not speak a word of Chinese. They returned to Shanghai stranded, without money and without friends, seeking somebody to teach them the Chinese language. What became of the four who went to the Zulus in South Africa? Every one of them died of the African fever, and nobody ever understood a syllable they uttered.

#### The Beginning of the Dispensation of the Holy Spirit.

I am talking about what happened on the day of Pentecost. I am not talking about the tenth of Acts, or the eighteenth of Acts. They had the gift of tongues, and the people understood them, did they not? That was the beginning of the dispensation of the Holy Spirit.

Now, to go further into this subject. The Apostles laid hands on them and they received the Holy Ghost, as recorded in the eighth chapter of Acts. When they laid hands on them they received the Holy Ghost, certainly. Is that feeling? Do you "feel" that you have the Holy Ghost? Is the Holy Ghost something that can be felt with the material fingers? Jesus said, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." When a man repents and turns to God, God will keep His promise; and when a man obeys God and is filled with the Holy Spirit, it is not a question of feeling. It is not a work of the flesh, and you do not find any place in the Word of God authorizing a lot of little girls and boys to stretch themselves out on the floor, stiff as death, getting a lot of gibberish. You do not find any place authorizing anyone to hold meetings day and night, praying God for the gift of tongues. Nowhere. It is the work of the Devil, and they are playing with Hell fire. Now that is the eighth chapter of Acts.

#### Epoch Making Occasions

Go over into the tenth chapter of the Acts. There we have another epoch—the preaching of the Gospel to the Gentiles.

#### The Holy Spirit in the House of Cornelius.

Notice: In the house of Cornelius, while Peter was preaching, the Holy Ghost fell upon them and they spoke with tongues and magnified God. Peter, in rehearsing it, says, "The Holy Ghost fell on them as on us at the beginning." There is a world of meaning in that sentence: "As at the beginning:" showing that these were special epoch-making occasions, and that Pentecost was the birthday of the Holy Spirit. Its date was fixed centuries before. It will never be repeated. The same is true in the House of Cornelius—the taking of the Gospel to the Gentile people—it will never be repeated. But you know when a deceitful, dishonest man wants to trick the people, he will pick out one little passage and build up a whole system on that passage. He will quote that all the time, and keep at it, and there are people who are fools enough to believe it. "See what a lovely Bible teacher he is!" I would like to get hold of a lot of these "lovely Bible teachers" for about three hours, and show them the Word of God. God Almighty has to make a teacher. So much for the House of Cornelius.

#### The Holy Spirit at Ephesus.

Over in the nineteenth chapter of the Acts you have the only other reference to the history of the early Church. Notice (Acts 19:6):

And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came upon them, and they spake with tongues and prophesied."

Two gifts of the Holy Spirit were there manifest—the gift of tongues and the gift of prophecy; but there are people who make the gift of tongues the whole thing; and they teach that diabolical doctrine; and I tell you that since the time the Devil was kicked out of Heaven he never perpetrated a ranker falsehood on humanity than that the sign of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is speaking in tongues. There is where God Almighty, through the Apostle, says that, in the latter times, some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy; and then you have what we have here—insanity and murder. I tell you the Holy Ghost never makes people insane. The Holy Spirit never deprives a man of his reason and common sense, and I brand the whole thing before God as having come from the pit. By the grace of God, Zion, it is possible through prayer to drive it back into Hell, where it came from.

One thing more. If I have not convinced you now—and I am about done with this thing—my skirts are clear. If you want to go to Hell, you may go. I will warn you. I have warned you.

Now in the fourteenth chapter of First Corinthians, Paul tells you about the gift of tongues, and he does not think very much of it, does he? Now notice: Paul says, "I had rather speak five words with my understanding than ten thousand words in tongues." Paul also says emphatically—and these deceived and deluded people are violating his teaching every day—that if there is no interpreter present, keep silence. If there is an interpreter present, let them speak in order—two, and not more than three at the outside. There you are . . .

#### The Bible the Guide, the Holy Spirit in the Body—the Church.

There is your Guide Book, Zion. The Holy Spirit dwells in the body of believers. As to the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, that is entirely in God's hands—"He divideth severally as He will;" and you had better keep your hands off God's work. "He divideth severally as He will." This diabolical lie that speaking in tongues is the sign of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is just on a par with the diabolical lie that the keeping of Saturday is the seal of the one hundred and forty-four thousand. My brothers and sisters, God will deal with them; God will smite them. If they will not repent He will destroy them; and I would rather see one thousand drop dead today than see Zion City die. I would rather see two thousand burned to death today than see Zion City destroyed. I tell you, I am willing to leave this in God's hand. I am not afraid of the fight. I am not afraid of anything that is coming. Let them go ahead. God Almighty will do His own work in His own way and in His own time. I tell you, as sure as God Almighty ever established Zion City—as sure as God Almighty ever called together His people, if these people do not repent He will destroy them root and branch. He will have them utterly destroyed. Let us go forward. It does not matter what you think, or what anybody thinks. If God Almighty has called me and has anointed me for this work, every man that lifts his finger against me must go down. If God has not called me, time will tell. I am very happy. I am well satisfied. . . I am going to follow the Word of God. I have given you the teaching, and I challenge the world to overthrow it. There is the Word of God for you. Now you talk about teachers, and about this one and that one being a teacher. Don't be fools. How can a man teach that does not know his Bible? Do not be deceived by every little soft fellow that comes to town. I want to know whether a man is teaching the Word of God. That is what I want to know; and I want to say to you that Pentecost came once—it will never come again. You can never have it repeated: it is absolutely an impossibility, any more than you can have the birth of Jesus the Christ repeated. There is just as much sense in people getting down and praying

for Jesus Christ to be born again as to pray for Pentecost to be repeated. Now there is the teaching: there is the Bible. The Holy Spirit is in the Church; the gifts are in the Holy Spirit. He divideth the gifts severally as He will; and unto one He will give the gift of wisdom, and to another the gift of knowledge, and to another the gift of faith, and to another the gift of healing, to another the working of miracles, to another the gift of prophecy, to another the discerning of spirits, to another diverse kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. And they are all given to profit withal.

Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles? have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?

He divideth the gifts severally as He will.

O, get the gift of the Holy Spirit and let the gifts of the Holy Spirit alone if you want to keep out of the hands of the Devil; and whenever you pray in contradiction to the Word, the Devil will answer you. Now make no mistake about that. You pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit and you are on safe ground. If you pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit you are on the Devil's territory, and he will answer you. It is more important that a man should be brought to repentance than that fifty thousand should speak in tongues without repentance. Now that is the position.

Has any one a question to ask?

The Apostle says, "Earnestly desire the best gifts"—"covet earnestly." Do you not suppose that I desire all the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Church? Most assuredly.

A voice: The gift of tongues is a sign for unbelievers, and in Zion City everybody professes to be believers.

General Overseer: That is a good point; a very good point.

The audience then stood, and the General Overseer offered the closing prayer.

## VOICES OF VICTORY.

Address given at a Divine Healing Meeting held in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, Tuesday afternoon, September 22, 1908, by General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva.

[REPORTED BY THOMAS FROST.]

## DIVINE HEALING ADDRESS

[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.]

### Signs and Wonders Evidence of Faithfulness.

I just feel led to emphasize today, my brothers and sisters, God wants you to be steadfast. He wants you to be true and loyal to Himself and His Word. Honor God. Exalt the Christ. Pray for the Holy Spirit. It seems very easy. It is easy.

In the beginning, Zion was built up through the signs and the wonders. As long as Zion was faithful to God, they had the signs and the wonders. When we get right again, and everything in good order—we are getting there—we shall have far more wonderful signs and wonders.

This story of the man at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple is all that I am going to read. "Immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength."

Why cannot you walk? Because of injury. Why cannot this brother walk? (Pointing to man in chair) Because his legs

are weak. Why could this man, at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple, not walk? For the same reason, because his legs were too weak. He had to get the strength of God into his legs. The moment you say, "Yes, in the strength of God I will walk", you will walk home and tell the story. That was the way Zion was built up in the beginning. That is the way He will do it again.

### Joy Over Deliverance.

And he leaping up, stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

That is something to jump up and down over. I would have no objection if you jumped clear over this desk or over that organ—I would jump with you. You ought to jump and leap for joy and praise God. You have got to build up the spirit of hope and expectancy. You should come here on the Lord's Day and expect God to do great things. God will do it.

I want to call your attention to one other portion of Scripture. In the 14th chapter of Acts we read:

The same heard Paul speak: who steadfastly beholding him—

You notice that in both these stories the Apostles fastened their eyes upon them.

And perceiving that He had faith to be healed, Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet.

He commanded him to stand upright on his feet, and he leaped and walked.

And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lyconia, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men.

I simply read these two selections of Scripture to point out to you that the command was given. They obeyed the command.

Take that fifth chapter of John where the story of the man at the Pool of Bethesda is told, where Christ said, "Wilt thou be made whole?" He had been sick thirty-eight years and he said he had no one to help him into the water. Jesus said, "Rise, take up thy bed and walk." Afterwards, when Jesus saw him, He said, "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon thee." Sin must be repented of and put aside.

### Have Childlike Simplicity and Faith.

It is a difficult matter, when talking about Divine Healing, to put into words just what you feel. For instance, it is difficult for you to tell of your own experience. I know what I do. When I have to go to God for healing, I simply say, "My God and Father, this body is yours. I have consecrated it to you. Now I ask you to make me well. I do not worry about anything and leave it there. That is the proper thing to do. It is very simple and easy. The more childlike you are, the quicker you are going to get deliverance.

When I was a little child, I would pray to God and ask Him for everything and anything. If I lost my pocket-knife, I would bow down at once by my little trundle-bed and ask God to tell me where to find that knife. That is childlike. There is nothing too simple or too little for a little child to take to God. Take a little child, when mama or papa gets sick, she will get off by herself and say, "O Lord, make mama well." Such a prayer is worth more than the prayers of all the preachers put together. It is a good thing to be a little child again in simplicity, honesty, innocency, trust and faith. If we all had the qualifications of a little child, we would soon accomplish wonders in establishing the Kingdom of God. You never see a little child worrying about where it is going to get the next suit of clothes, when the one it has on is worn out. It never worries where it is going to get its supper from. They trust father and mother. Well, then, why do not we trust our Heavenly Father? The more childlike we are, and the closer to God we get, the more blessings we will get.

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"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts."—Isaiah 55,8, 9.

Divine Healing!

Divine Healing is simply taking God at His word.

Divine Healing must be preceded by Salvation.

God works from the inside to the outside--from the spirit to the body.

Satan's agents--the medical poisoners and surgical butchers--look at your tongue, feel the pulse, shake their empty heads, and foolishly attempt to heal from the outside.

Do you believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God?

Do I hear you answer Yes?  
 Then what do you do when you are sick?  
 Some, yes, and the great majority, both in the world and in the so-called churches, reply, "We call in the doctors and take drugs;" some adding, "and ask God to bless the drugs."  
 Some, (sad to say, a small number,) answer, "We trust God absolutely."

No individual, unless ignorant, does believe the Bible when he turns away from God and trusts his body to doctors, drugs, and surgeons.

Zion stands uncompromisingly for Divine Healing.

Zion is the only Movement today that teaches and lives Divine Healing.

Give me the name of another one, if you can.

The members of all other so-called movements which profess to teach Divine Healing do, in the last analysis, turn to doctors and trust in the arm of flesh.

Zion's trumpet gives no uncertain sound.

God's Word is true.

God's promises never fail.

Look upon all things as they were in the beginning:  
 "And God saw everything that He had made, and, behold, it was very good."

- There was no sin.
- There was no sickness.
- There was no disease.
- There was no suffering.
- There was no pain.
- There was no poverty.
- There was no distress.
- There was no death.
- There was no curse on man.
- There was no curse on the animal kingdom.
- There was no curse on the vegetable kingdom.

Look at all things as they are now. A great change has taken place:

- There is widespread rebellion against God.
- There is sin on every hand.
- There is sickness.
- There is disease.
- There is death.

There is hell in many breasts.

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No Devil, no sin, is true.  
 No sin, no disease, is true.  
 No disease, no death, is true.  
 No death, no hell, is true.

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What is God's remedy for sin? It is the blood of Jesus, His only begotten Son, who gave His life as a sacrifice for all mankind.

What is man's remedy for disease? Rank mineral and vegetable poisons, horrible concoctions inspired of the Devil.

What is God's remedy for disease? The precious blood of Jesus, and how terrible that so many should trample the blood under their feet, and this they do when they turn from God to man in sickness.

"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 put none of these diseases upon thee, which I brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee."—Exodus 15:26.

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Obedience means exemption from sickness.

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Divine Healing is beautiful.  
 Divine Keeping is better.

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Disobedience means sickness and death.

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The rebellious against God look at Exodus 15:26, and say, in effect:

I will not hearken to Thy voice.  
 I will not do right in Thy sight.  
 I will not give ear to Thy commandments.  
 I will not keep Thy statutes.  
 I will do as I like, and go as I please--and if I get sick, I will go to the doctor take medicine and get well.

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Fools that many are! God said, "I am the Lord that healeth thee!"

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Man's claim to heal is a farce, a delusion, and a snare, a trick of the Devil.

The Devil makes people sick, and then deceives them by saying:

"God, your dear Heavenly Father, has made you sick."

How many preachers are there who still teach the lie that God makes people sick?

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All sickness, all disease, is from the Devil.

"And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day? (Luke 13:16)

Note: "*Whom Satan hath bound.*"

"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." (Acts 10:38.)

Note: *All that Jesus healed were oppressed of the Devil.*

Sin, disease, death and hell are the works of the Devil.

"He that committeth sin is of the Devil; for the Devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the Devil." (1 John 3:8.)

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Oh, ye sick and suffering ones!  
 God loves you.

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

God is able to heal you.

God is willing to heal you.

Put away your drugs.

Discard all doctors.

Keep clear of all surgeons.

Turn to God,

Repent! See Matthew 3:2; 4:17; Acts 2:38.

Confess! James 5:16.

Restore! Luke 19:8; Matthew 5:23,24.

Have faith! Mark 11:22-26; Romans 10:17; Hebrews 11:1.

Obey! Matthew 7:24-29; John 14:21,23; Acts 5:32.

Live an holy life. 1 Thess. 5:22-24; II Peter 3:11.

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Let God be exalted.

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WATCH YE THEREFORE AND PRAY ALWAYS.

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## VOICES OF VICTORY.

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### Righteousness Exalteth a Nation.

What a wonderful future there is before this body of people if they will only do right. The Zion Movement is more interesting to the rank and file of the public than any other movement on the face of the earth. The Zion Movement has something about it that makes it interesting to seekers after truth and makes it a terror to evil doers. I want to see people saved, healed and blessed and truthful, honest and pure. There was a time when they could pick very few flaws in Zion. The ideal was high. The standard was a high one. That must be so again.

### Take Time in Praying With the Sick.

Today I am going to have you go into the prayer room ten



the yesterday, today and forever. Two weeks ago today, [Lord's Day, August 16], I was taken with bowel trouble. My mother sent in a request for prayers, and on Wednesday I was healed again and went to work around the home. I do thank God for His love and mercy. I do thank Him for His Son Jesus who died for our sins and sicknesses. God's promises are true. He will never fail us if only we will trust Him. I have found the sweetest Peace in casting every care and fear on Him who is the Father for me.

I do thank God for Zion. I do feel that God has founded this city, and that she will go forward.

I do pray for you, that God will guide.

I thank God for the HERALD and LEAVES. I feel that they will strengthen me.

I thank God that He does save, heal and keep, in Jesus' name, all that come to Him. Praise His name.

This last week is my first work away from home, so enclosed you will find tithes for last week's work. I thank God from the bottom of my heart for it, and feel that it was through Him it came.

Yours in the Christ,  
(Signed) W. D. LEITCH

### Prayers Answered.

How many there are in Zion who can say with the Psalmist, "Lord, my God, I cried unto Thee and Thou hast healed me."

The Associate Editor desires to thank God for healing from blindness brought on by sedentary work and from some heavy lifting beyond his strength while establishing the new printing machinery.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.

### Testimony of Mr. Marshall Moulton.

At the Testimony Meeting, October 25, in Shiloh Tabernacle, Mr. Marshall Moulton, of 3110 Ezekiel avenue, Zion City, testified, in answer to questions propounded to him by the General Overseer:

I was one of the first to come to Zion City, and have lived here seven years. I came here from Chicago, and have been a member of Zion for thirteen years. Before coming into Zion I was affiliated with no church; and for thirteen years I have consulted doctors, drugs, and surgeons, and accepted Divine Healing. We have one daughter ten years old, born since we came to Zion.

When I first heard of Dr. Dowie, I was lying dying with heart disease, in Chicago. Somebody jocularly said to my wife, "Why don't you take your husband down to this man on the North Side who is healing everybody. The janitor in our building claims to be healed, and is telling everyone." She did not think it would go with me, but I immediately began to take an interest in it, and inquired where the meetings were held. I insisted on my wife taking me down to hear Dr. Dowie. The first time I ever heard him preach I believed that he believed and knew what he was talking about. The signs were following, and I there was something besides theory. The first Tuesday I was taken down to Hall No. 2 and prayed for there, I was immediately healed. In four days I went to work. I ate a hearty supper, whereas for months before that I could take only beef and boiled milk. My pulse was 45 when I went down there, and the next night it was 65, and the next day normal. It took my wife nearly a year afterwards to get into Zion. She was a

Methodist and had a lot to drop I did not; but we are all in Zion today, and by the grace of God I intend to stick to Zion through thick and thin. My little daughter was born in Zion and she does not know what the taste of medicine is, and we are all happy, trusting God. Since we have come into Zion we have experienced God's keeping power. We have never had anything except a little lagrippe, or something of that kind, but have been immediately healed when an Elder has prayed for us.

GENERAL OVERSEER: Now, two sentences in that testimony constitute great sermons. One was in regard to a man believing what he says. A man who believes a message and impresses the people that he believes what he is saying, is the man that is going to accomplish something, and the reason why the majority of ministers are failures today is because they do not impress the people that they really believe what they are saying themselves. Then another sermon was that it took his wife a year to get into Zion. Now you know the statement is often made that the churches are composed chiefly of women, but it is true that the Gospel of the Kingdom of God appeals to men as well as women, and what we want is manly Christians.

### Testimony of Mrs. Agnes J. Nicholson.

Mrs. Agnes J. Nicholson of 3100 Emmaus Avenue, Zion City, testified as follows, in answer to questions:

I have lived in Zion City four years, coming here from Toronto, Canada. I was formerly a Congregationalist, coming into Zion seven years ago. Eight years ago we discarded doctors and drugs. At that time our little daughter died, and from that time to this we have never had a doctor. That opened our eyes. We had this teaching before, but did not accept it; but we saw that there was nothing in doctors.

I thank God, today, for Zion. We have had many healings in our family. Last fall I was healed of pneumonia. I praise God every day for Zion. I would never go back to doctors.

Christ is our Great Physician.

### Testimony of Mr. John G. Nicholson.

Cured of the Tobacco Habit Through Zion Teaching.

Mr. Nicholson confirmed his wife's testimony and added:

While I cannot testify to any great healing of sickness in my own behalf, yet I can testify to God's keeping power.

One thing I can testify to is to deliverance from the use of tobacco. I was a user of tobacco. It was through the prayers of Zion people that I was led to give it up. It is many years since we first heard of Zion in 1903. I went to hear Dr. Dowie in Chicago several times, but, as my wife has said, we rejected the truth, and not until we went to Toronto and passed through a great sorrow did we come to our senses and accept God as the Healer; and I have had no desire to go back to doctors or drugs. I do not see any place else to be but Zion, and I thank God for Zion every day.

### Testimony of Mrs. Caroline Johns.

3110 Ezra Avenue, ZION CITY, ILL.

Healed of Stomach Trouble, Diphtheria and Typhoid Malaria.

I have lived in Zion City six years, coming here from Dyer, Indiana. I have been a member of Zion for fourteen years, and have accepted Jesus as my Healer for fourteen years.

God healed me at once when I went to Zion Home Number

One, Chicago. I was sick about fifteen years before I went to Dr. Dowie's Home in Chicago. My husband was a physician himself, but he died before I got my healing. The doctors really could not do any more for me at the time, my stomach was so bad. I could not eat anything. I used a stomach pump for about eight months before I got my healing, and that was the only thing that gave any relief. One physician said it was an organic disease.

I will say that I did not have faith for my healing when I went there (Zion Home). I went there to please a friend; but after I heard Dr. Dowie speak, I got some faith. Dr. Dowie said that if there were some who had not faith enough for themselves, he had the faith, so I was healed. I do not know whether I would have received it otherwise or not.

I have since been healed of diphtheria and typhoid malaria. I thank God for all the blessings in Zion. I have no desire to go back to doctors and drugs.

### Testimony of Mr. Chas. A. Suttie.

2720 Elim Ave., Zion City, Ill.

**Kept by Divine Power. Healed of the Tobacco Habit.**

I have been in Zion City five years and five months. I came from a pig-sty in Wisconsin. (Laughter.)

I have been in Zion nearly nine years, and have not used drugs or been to doctors for about the same length of time—nine years. I never regret taking God as my Healer and Keeper, and have never had a day's sickness since I came into Zion—that is to say, to be in bed.

A couple of times I have been delivered in the meetings. One year ago, in September, I think it was, I had been ailing for two or three days with a lame back and it hurt me to breathe, and I about reached the place where I would have to give up. The meetings were then being held in the Tent on 33rd Street. I made up my mind to go to the meeting. On my way I had to stop two or three times to get breath. I was delivered and never had any trouble with it afterwards. I have had another deliverance similar to that.

Before coming into Zion, I was a user of tobacco for sixteen years and in answer to prayer, I was delivered from that habit.

I have never missed a meal on account of sickness, since coming into Zion.

### Testimony of Miss Emily Currie.

2600 Elim Avenue, Zion City, Illinois.

I came from Ontario, Canada, and have been in Zion City about five years. I did not belong to any church, and before coming to Zion, did not make any profession to be a Christian.

I came into Zion through reading the Leaves of Healing, brought to my attention through a visit from an aunt. She was a member of Zion.

I have been a member of Zion about nine years.

I have had a good deal of sickness in my life before coming into Zion, and have taken a great deal of medicine. Since coming into Zion, however, I have had excellent health, except a few times when afflicted by the Devil, but then, God always healed me.

I thank God He has kept me faithful during these times of testing. I always thought that as long as the General Overseer remained true to Zion principles, I would stand by him.

I praise God for Zion.

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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

### The Balm in Gilead

"Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?" Jeremiah 8:22.

BY O. L. TINDALL

ZION, in Jeremiah's time, was in much worse condition than is Zion today. The prophet, in trying to comfort and encourage the people, exclaimed "Is not the Lord in Zion? Is not her King in her?" "Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there?"

God had borne long with His wavering people. He had forgiven their iniquities times without number, almost. He had healed their backslidings and restored them for several centuries. How full of compassion and long-suffering with that rebellious people!

All that strange history was written for us—"for our admonition," much of it, and for our encouragement, says the Apostle, "upon whom are come the ends of the world." We are to take lessons from their varied experiences. Let us be wise in selecting our lessons, and see how they apply to Zion and to us today.

God remains the same yesterday and today. God always wanted them to have a land as their possession. It was the only way they could live, and be uncontaminated by the world.

In the New Testament He says the same thing: "Come out from among them and be ye separate."

He put them first in a garden, and then He told Abraham, "the father of many nations," that he would give him a land.

How hard he tried to carry out His plan and will with Abraham's children; but, No, they would not. Their wicked hearts lusted after the leeks and onions of Egypt and to be like the nations about them. Finally, God had to give them over to their own lusts. [Romans 1:21-----] and they were carried into captivity, and their city and land laid waste.

God has called us in a similar way. Shall we make the same blunders and fail like they did? or shall we take warning and learn from their failures and their successes?

We live in the Gospel age, and the age of the Holy Ghost in His fullness. We ought to be able to do more and better than the old patriarchs, who lived only in the shadow, while we live in the full day light. We have Jesus the Coming One to show us and we have their lives and witnesses to help us.

#### Keep the Standard Aloft.

Some people say we should throw the whole thing up and cast it aside because we did not succeed entirely the first time. Is that the lesson we should learn from history? Why, certainly not. Did any prophet ever go before the people with such a message? Even Jeremiah in this extremity, when they apparently had sinned away their day of grace, said, still there is a balm in Gilead and a Physician there. What a false prophet is the man today who will say, as did one the other day, that we had no hope only in the world and in sinners, and he bade them come into our city and save us. He did not tell the people who had sinned that they should repent and God would have mercy upon them. No; but he told them to make a league with Mammon and they would then be helped out of their distresses. He said there was no balm in Gilead for poor Zion. What kind of a prophet, or preacher, is that to come to God's people? We have some of that kind now in Zion City—wicked prophets, such as Jeremiah had in his day—"popular preachers" who save their own skins and are in no danger of

going to prison and the dungeon, as did this faithful man of God. They say, give it all up and abandon the Kingdom of God, and give it over to the Devil and his hosts. That is the kind of a question Zion and Zion City is up against today.

#### On Which Side Do You Stand?

The question is on which side do you stand? Are you for the Egyptians, or for Zion? Don't you believe there is any balm in Gilead, or do you think your only hope is in "Babel or Beer?" How easy for them to redeem us! You say, only let in a few millionaires with their ill-gotten gold and then Zion City would be a "Go"; and how hell would rejoice, for she would gloat over it and say, as Moses said the Egyptians would say if the children of Israel failed, "Aha, your God tried to deliver you out of my hands and He failed." So say the wicked men and apostate preachers now. They want it understood, distinctly, that God and His people cannot build cities, and do business, and run schools, in a Christian way and succeed. Only the Devil and his methods can make a success in the affairs of this life. So will it go out if Zion fails in her enterprises, which were given her of God to do and to execute. The name and honor of our God and of His Christ are at stake.

#### Zion's Redemption Depends Upon Her People.

It depends upon us, my Christian friends, whether Zion be redeemed or not. There is a balm and a Physician in Zion *able to save*. Will we let or hinder Him? It depends upon us now.

Why could not the Great Physician heal and do many mighty works in Nazareth in the days of His humiliation? Whose fault was it? Was not the Physician there mighty to save? Yes; but they despised Him. They would not suffer Him to heal them. They thwarted His good pleasure toward them, and the Master admitted, shall I say, His defeat, for He said, He "could do no mighty deeds there because of *their unbelief*."

Said the Psalmist of the people, "They limited the Holy One of Israel." That is the only thing that will defeat Zion. Not all the gates of hell can prevail against God and His Church, but His own people may defeat His purpose, only for a time, but it is a long, sad time.

God has been delayed, lo, these centuries. God intended to have not only one city, but a whole land, a nation full of cities, all His own. But the people *would not*. He will have it so in the end, for the whole earth shall be filled with His righteousness and salvation, as the waters cover the great deep, and all the kingdoms of the wicked world shall become the Kingdom of our God and of His Christ. But, oh, how long! Are we hindering, my brother or my sister!

"Why is not the health of the daughter of My people recovered?" Go and ask the Master, as did the first disciples and apostles.

*"Why could not we heal Him?"*

Why, my preacher friend, and elder, and deacon, why not? Is it because there is no Physician there? Was that the case when Peter and James and John asked the question? Was He not standing close by, full of all His power and love and compassion, waiting to be gracious? Why not then, and why not now?

The answer is just as near as was the Lord Himself.

*"Because of Your Unbelief"—*

little faith, said He. In the mind of Christ it took but little faith to heal sickness and disease of all kinds, even the faith as a grain of mustard seed was quite sufficient. Why is it lacking now? Why is there less faith now than then? I answer, because the preachers have preached it out of the people. Instead of telling them there is a Physician and a Balm in Gilead, they say, No, the Physician is gone now; and that is what the people hear from all your pulpits except Zion's. Zion says "Faith

comes by hearing," and she says boldly that Jesus the Christ is just the same today; that He is still the Healer of His people; but we have to cry against ten thousand preachers who are falsely telling the people that the Great Physician is no longer near---the sympathizing Jesus. It is hard to get faith back into the hearts and minds of even Christians after they have been raised on pills and powders, and soothing syrups. This is a faithless generation, and the preachers are the cause of it, and must bear the blame. "Like Priest, like people."

#### "Why is Not the Health Recovered?"

Ask James; he answers it, also. He does not say it is because there are not enough doctors and drugs, or that people do not get hold of the right herbs and minerals. He did not say there was no Balm for us, and no physician able to heal us. He did not say as do the preachers, "The days of Miracles are past." No, He said "The prayer of faith *shall save the sick*." "Well, why then is not the health of my daughter restored?" say you to James. "I have asked many times and got no answer." "Yes," says the man of God, "but the reason you receive not is,

*"You Ask Amiss."*

"And how is that?" says the suffering one almost in despair. James is very plain and frank with the sick one, and says to him, All you want to be healed for is, that you may be relieved of your pain. You never prayed much before you got sick, and you would not pray now if you were not in pain." A pig will cry for relief when he is suffering. If you had health, would you glorify God with it, or use it for your own aggrandizement, and selfish interests only, to make more money for your pleasure and profit? Does not God heal men for His glory? Did He not refuse the prayer of His best friends when their brother died? And why? That God might get more glory and to "the intent that ye might believe."

Why do you want to be healed? This is the question to be asked and answered. Do you realize that "you are not your own," but have been bought with a price, and that these bodies must be given a living sacrifice unto Him? Have you given them unto Him?

God does not intend to give talents, or blessings to men to hide away in a napkin, or to be spent on their lusts. Do you not know that God requires a complete sacrifice and consecration before He can do much with us or for us? When we have done all it is not much. "What can we render unto the Lord for all His benefits unto us?" But little, 'tis true, and yet God must insist upon that. In the early days it meant the loss of all things to be a Christian. Life was in danger. Property was confiscated. Men were cast out of society and their friends forsook them. Fathers cast out their children and mothers despised them, and the World hated and persecuted until Christians were counted the offscouring of the world.

#### The Price of a Christian Profession.

It cost something then to be a Christian, even, and yet Christ insisted that a man must be willing to pay the price, it mattered not how great it was. He said that one must be willing to lay down property at His call, and throw up his business, leave his nets and fishing or the more lucrative job of tax gathering, sell all that he has and give it away, and follow Him at the cost of even life.

Do you say He is a hard Master? Are you willing and able to drink the cup? Have you reached the place where you can take joyfully the spoiling of all your goods for the cross of Christ?

You have never yet been put to the test. You don't know. Well, how do you stand the little sacrifices that you have had to make? Did you falter and go away sorrowful, and almost break your heart, and say, "It is more than mortal can stand?"

How did you meet the disaster, as you called it, in Zion

City? If a man put his property in Zion for the glory of God and for His Kingdom's sake, was it not the same thing? Would He not bless you in doing it, if you but remain faithful to Him?

These are some of the questions we must meet. If Zion would be redeemed and go forward, she must meet the issue fairly. She must get where God wants her, and meet the conditions plainly laid down in His Word. Then will the health of the Daughter of His people be recovered, and she will find the Physician standing by the bedside of all His suffering ones and She Shall be Healed.

**Growth in Grace and Knowledge.**

Growth in nature is a sign of vigor and strength. A law equally sure applies to spirit life. Spiritual development is not only possible, but spiritual life actually must grow in order to abide. As a proper environment is required for the functions of nature to be performed and produce healthful plant, vegetable or animal life, so must the surroundings of the believer in Christ be such that the Spirit of Life Himself may have unhindered contact in the life of him who hath the Christian hope.

Faith and obedience are essential factors to growth and knowledge. Indeed, growth and knowledge may be said to have their existence in faith and obedience. "Without faith it is impossible to please God;" and having a consciousness of the presence of the Divine realities, their laws must be obeyed, the result being a growth in knowledge and in power.

The expression "grace" may be appropriately rendered "gift," or "gifts," because it is that which is bestowed in compliance with the promptings of the Holy Spirit, or the Spirit of Truth, who is given to every man to profit withal, God the Father, in His infinite wisdom providing for all the introductory faith to receive instruction and knowledge. The power to believe and to obey is, therefore, freely given to all, in order that the spiritual horizon may be broadened and growth in knowledge for God's glory ensue. The human heart has, therefore, only to act.

God does not want humanity ignorant, but has provided every avenue of enlightenment that His perfect laws may be known.

The Apostle Peter, in the second book, chapter three, verses fifteen to seventeen, warns God's servants to be careful of what they know, and having learned the truth "to beware lest they being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from steadfastness;" and, as a sure preventive of so deadly a calamity, he adds: "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." With a living faith and obedience anchored in the Christ, the source of all wisdom, and power and knowledge, growth continues and perfect fruit is the sure result. — a conscience void of offense, and all knit together "in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of God." T. F.

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; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

"And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful Witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the Prince of the kings of the earth. Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood,

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Editorial Notes by the Associate Editor

CHRISTMAS!

The Birthday of interest to the whole world!

"They shall call His name Emmanuel"—God with us.

How glorious to wear a Heavenly name—to be named of a loving Father—"And thou shalt call His name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins."

"Where is He that is born King of the Jews!"

"And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, art not the least among the princes of Judah: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel."

A Kingdom?  
 Yes; the Kingdom of God.

"I have set My King upon My holy hill of Zion."  
 "I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said it unto Me. Thou art My Son; this day have I begotten Thee."

Where! Where! Where shall He reign?

"Ask of Me, and I shall give Thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for Thy possession!"

Heaven bowed low, and from her portals ushered forth the Heavenly host in joyful acclaim:

"GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH PEACE, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN!"

Did a birthday ever before reveal to the world more hope and joy, and promise?

"And of His Kingdom there shall be no end,"

Is there place for sin, and sickness, and death in such a realm?

"Wist ye not that I must be about My Father's business?"

"Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

"Thou art My beloved Son; in Thee I am well pleased."

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

Life in the highest and best sense means fidelity and service—a complete abandonment of self to the service of the ideal.

Christ brought the ideal and in His own person exemplified it in a practical manner; and, presenting the ideal, His command was that it be patterned after. Hence it was that prophecy was fulfilled in Christ: "The people which sat in darkness saw great light: and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death, light is sprung up."

Darkness, and sin, and sickness, and misery, and death were in the world; but Christmas came, the light began to shine and the cry of the World's Light Giver echoed throughout Galilee, "Repent: for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

A new order of things had been ushered in. The Sun of Righteousness had risen with healing in His wings. No longer would an enthralled race be left without a Deliverer. Christ had come as the angel had said: "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 Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

As does the rising sun o'er earth dispel the shades and shadows of night, so from each person will the Christ, "the Light of the World," dispel all gloom, sickness, disease, and even death, and restore health and strength, thus setting the captive free.

"And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness, and all manner of disease among the people."

"And His fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto Him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatic, and those that had the palsy; and He healed them."

"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."

Souls of men, why will ye scatter  
Like a crowd of frightened sheep?  
Foolish hearts! why will ye wander  
From a love so true and deep?  
Was there ever kinder Shepherd,  
Half so gentle, half so sweet,  
As the Saviour who would have us  
Come and gather round His feet?

Can frail humanity, untouched by the example of the One Mighty to Save, fathom the compassion of the God who would enter into fallen man's condition?

"They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. . . . I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

"It is God! His love looks mighty,  
But is mightier than it seems:  
'Tis our Father, and His fondness  
Goes far out beyond our dreams,  
There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
Like the wideness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in His justice,  
Which is more than liberty.

Ah, yes! empty form, untempered with the love of God, falls impotent before the altar of consecration and service; and so Christ delivered to the multitudes that soul-stirring and testing Sermon on the Mount to show people how to live.

God knew humanity's needs, for from the foundation of the earth He was providing for them. When man fell, He planned a way of escape by offering His Only Begotten Son as a ransom for the sins of the world. Love! What will one not give for love.

There is no place where earth's sorrows  
Are more felt than up in Heaven;  
There is no place where earth's failings  
Have such kindly judgment given.  
There is welcome for the sinner;  
And more graces for the good;  
There is mercy with the Saviour;  
There is healing in His blood.

Let Zion's King be exalted at this Christmas time.

Zion in Zion City rejoices in the continuous outpouring of God's blessings.

From almost every part of the country comes word that prayers are being offered that Zion City may be saved as a place of refuge for the oppressed of earth.

The enemy of all righteousness has tried industriously to make Zion City a city of the world; but the Sword of the Spirit disputes the right of the enemy to trample under foot that which God has planted.

"Jehovah hath founded Zion." Can God's work be destroyed and brought to naught? No, No; the Kingdom of God must become the joy of the whole earth.

O Zion, do you love the Christ of God? Do you trust your case before the Righteous Judge in the hands of your Redeemer? Do you expect Him to come to earth again, to bring to you the decision as to where you will spend eternity? "Yes," do you say? Then remember that He cannot come until the toilers in the vineyard which He planted shall have prepared for His return. He has said, "Make straight His paths." Are you allowing Him to provide daily strength to build up Zion's walls?

"And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established (*i. e.*, "prepared") in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it."

ZION SHALL BE THE CAPITAL OF THE WHOLE EARTH.

"And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob: and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for out of ZION shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."

Zion has to formulate the world's educational system and to legislate for all the earth. She must solve the problems of commerce, and manufacture, and supply, and demand. She must demonstrate in actual practice the teachings of her Savior on the Mount. She must inculcate the principles of Christian cooperation and hold up in disdain the withering, blighting curse of selfishness and competition. She must show the world that in Zion the strong do bear the burdens of the weak; or, better still, she must live the laws of the Kingdom so perfectly that all shall be strong, and that poverty will be forever banished from her midst.

The great commission of Zion's Saviour must be obeyed: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel (of the kingdom of God) to every creature." Make them to know the source of authority and law; and "Teach them to observe all

things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

With us! Oh, glorious thought! Bright was the night with heavenly glory when Jesus the Christ, our Saviour, our Redeemer, our Counselor, entered into the circle of humanity as a babe. Glad Christmas day was that to the dying world; but, hallelujah! Christ became a man; he increased in stature and in wisdom, and waxed strong in spirit, and he revealed the love of God, a servant of servants, to lift up, and fill with hope, and to cause to live.

To those who trust in the Christ, Christmas joys are perpetual, for He has said, "Lo, I am with you" and "I am coming again."

The Christmas in commemoration of Christ's birth, while an occasion of great joy, is not to be compared with that Eternal Christmas which awaits Zion—when the Christ shall come again.

"When the Lord shall build up Zion, He shall appear in His glory."

Listen, Zion! "When the Lord shall build up Zion. . . . Are you helping to usher in the worldwide Christmas under the reign of the blessed Lord; when the new, the perfect life through the Life Giver, shall join with "all the holy angels" who shall come with Him, in ascribing praise to Him in the song of Moses and the Lamb?

Zion, Go Forward; "great shall be thy triumph when the King shall come."

"He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His Kingdom there shall be no end."

## God's Witnesses Testify to His Healing and Keeping Power

At the Early Morning Meeting, October 25, 1908, in Shiloh Tabernacle

"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy."—Psalm 107:2.

"For this purpose the son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the Devil."—1 John 3:8.

### Testimony of Mrs Phoebe Nowlan

2716 Ezekiel Avenue, Zion City, Ill.

Before coming to Zion City, five years ago, I lived in Corn-

ing, New York. I was formerly a member of the Baptist Church.

I joined the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion about six years ago, and have accepted Divine Healing and trusted God ever since.

Before I learned to trust God for healing, the Doctors' bills for myself and family used to be anywhere from \$40 to \$200 a year. I have never had any use for doctors since I trusted God.

My husband was sick for six months, and my daughter was sick for fifteen months, during which time the doctors could not do anything for them. We did not know Divine Healing then. They ordered her from one place to another, but she eventually went home.

Since coming to Zion we have been blessed. My family are not very strong, but whenever I see one of them weakening, we go to God in prayer, and we are blessed. We have no use for

doctors. I am getting better and stronger than ever I expected to be.

### Testimony of Deaconess M. A. Boyd.

2704 Enoch Avenue, Zion City, Ill.

I came from Chicago to Zion City seven years ago. I have been a member of this Church for thirteen years. I formerly was a member of the Episcopal Church. I gave up doctors in 1902. God has healed me many times. One time, I had a very serious trouble, and the doctor said I could not live without an operation.

God wonderfully blessed me. I thought over the matter. I knew it would cost a good deal. I think God led me. I said one day, "Doctor, I am not going to have an operation. I am going to live as long as I can."

That made him angry.

I have had no medicine for thirteen years; not a drop.

God has wonderfully blessed me. About two weeks ago I contracted a serious cold and was wonderfully delivered by praying.

### Testimony of Deaconess Luella F. Mason,

2202 Enoch Avenue, Zion City, Illinois.

I came from Toledo, Ohio, to Zion City six years ago, and have been a member of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion nine years.

I was healed through Dr. Dowie's prayers twelve years ago. General Overseer: How did you come to Zion?

Mrs. Mason: I was sick and suffering from inflamed spine, when LEAVES OF HEALING was brought to me by friends who knew that the doctor had pronounced me incurable. I read LEAVES OF HEALING.

These friends and Dr. Dowie prayed for me, and I was healed.

I have lived Zion teaching ever since—twelve years—although I have been a member only nine years.

We have four children. We have a Zion home, and during all that time we have never had a dose of medicine in the house, nor a doctor. We have never had a case of running sickness in the house. Our children have never been sick so that we have had to be up with them at nights. The eldest one is eight years of age.

When our boy Daniel broke his jaw, one of the Overseers prayed for him, and he was not taken to a doctor.

### Testimony of Mr. W. C. Clough.

2203 Ezekiel Avenue, Zion City, Ill.

I have been in Zion City about six years, having come from England. I have also been in South Africa.

I came out of the Church of England into Zion about ten years ago.

General Overseer: Did you join the Church of England?

Mr. Clough: I suppose I grew up in it. I joined it, I suppose, when I was confirmed, at, I think, the age of fourteen.

General Overseer: Were you a saved boy? Did you have a knowledge of conversion?

Mr. Clough: I was a respectable devil. [Laughter].

General Overseer: That is a very good answer. That is what the most of them are from the Bishop on down. They are a bad lot.

Mr. Clough: I gave up doctors, drugs and devils fourteen

years ago, and have had no use for them since. I thank God I have lived fourteen years without doctors and drugs. I could say a good deal regarding my experiences in trusting God for healing and keeping, but I cannot give it all now. I will give some.

My first experience was in South Africa, where God wonderfully delivered me from camp fever. He healed me instantly in answer to prayer. I have been healed in Zion City of appendicitis. I have had a few accidents. I had one accident on the twenty-ninth of June, at Kenosha, falling twenty-three feet. I was badly injured. I thank God He wonderfully delivered me. I wish, also, to thank God for delivering my little boy

### Testimony of Mr. Irving Brison.

3002 Elin Avenue, Zion City, Ill.

I came to Zion City from Chicago about eight years ago. Previous to that I came from Nova Scotia in 1899.

I have been a member of Zion about nine years and nine months, having been led into Zion out of the Methodist Church by reading LEAVES OF HEALING.

It is ten years now since I accepted Divine Healing. I had a physician to set a bone in my ankle, which was the last business I had for him. A few months after that, I had no use for doctors, and have trusted God since for healing. God is my doctor.

As I have time for only a few words, I will give my last experience. One week ago last Monday I fell and broke a rib in my right breast. I was working in Milwaukee at the time, and I came home to Zion City on Tuesday morning. I came to the Divine Healing meeting here and one of the officers prayed with me. I was very lame and could hardly walk about. I had to stand bent over.

I went home and when I went to bed I was lame, but I got fixed so that I could rest nicely. I rested the remainder of the week and on Monday I went back to work. I worked every day last week. Although I am not perfectly healed—I still have a little sore spot in my breast—I thank God He has practically healed me. I believe He will complete the healing.

### Testimony of Mrs. E. D. Dulmage.

2500 Edina Boulevard, Zion City, Ill.

I have been a member of this Church twelve years and nine months. I came from Chicago to Zion City seven years ago.

Before coming to Zion, I was not a member of any church.

General Overseer: How did you come into Zion?

Mrs. Dulmage: The first time I heard of Dr. Dowie was through reading about him in the Chicago papers. I read about a friend of mine being healed of tumor. At that time I was a great sufferer myself.

She told me that if I would go, I would be healed. I told her I was not a Christian, and that God's blessings belonged to His own children. She said, "If you go, you are one who will get saved."

At that time, I was torn to pieces internally by the doctors' brutality at the birth of my third child, leaving me helpless.

For three and one half years I never turned in bed, and I never knew what it was to be without pain.

I went to hear Dr. Dowie in January, 1896. I saw the Christ as my Saviour and that He had promised deliverance to me. I promised to serve Him all my life, if He would only heal me for His glory. It was at a Divine Healing meeting, one

Tuesday, when Dr. Dowie laid his hands on me. The torn parts of my body went back to their places instantly.

Although it is nearly thirteen years since I was healed, I have never suffered from these injuries since.

I have been healed of a tumor also, which dropped from my body. I did not know I had it until the time of the healing, which was perfected about two weeks after Dr. Dowie prayed for me. I realized then that I had been healed of tumor.

I believe God "is the rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."

I never doubted the word of God for one moment. If we will take God at His Word, no matter how many Devils there may be around, or what trials we have, God will cleanse this City and deliver it for Christ's sake and for His glory. (Amens.)

**Testimony of Mrs. M. Bright.**

2614 Gilboa Ave., Zion City, Ill.

I came to Zion City from Australia four years and four months ago, and originally from Scotland. I have been a member of Zion nearly seven years, having been previously a member of the Presbyterian Church.

It was through the LEAVES OF HEALING that I was brought into Zion.

I have trusted God for healing now for seven years.

I have so many things to thank God for. that it would take me all night to enumerate them. But just here I will say that, for twenty-five years, I was a martyr to dyspepsia, and during that time I swallowed medicines, in fact at the time I decided to trust God, I had forty bottles—I thought I could not live without taking medicine.

My husband was a dispensing chemist (a druggist in this country), and he used to say I was his best customer, but I did not pay him any money.

I was determined to get healing; but it was not Divine Healing that brought me to Zion—it was the prospect of community life. I have been in business all my life, and I have seen the rottenness practised in the world.

I said that Dr. Dowie was either a fraud or a prophet.

One wonderful testimony in the LEAVES OF HEALING seemed to convince me that that man must be a man of God. I could not get away from it. I went to one of the Zion meetings in Adelaide, and I have never had any occasion to go to any other meetings since.

I was the second one whom Overseer Voliva baptized in Adelaide. I have never had a desire to go to any other church since.

I thank God that He has kept me faithful during all this fight.

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## The Gospel of the Kingdom

AFTER a season of silent prayer, the General Overseer announced Hymn No. 223, "Nearer, my God, to Thee," the first two and last stanzas.

General Overseer: This morning I intend to take up certain passages of Scripture which you have read scores and perhaps hundreds of times, but I'll venture to say that you have never understood much of their meaning, and would not, if asked, be able to give a very satisfactory explanation of them. Please turn to Philippians, Second chapter, and the fifth verse:

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name:

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things in earth, and things under the earth;

And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### Another Comforter Promised.

In the Gospel according to St. John, Fourteenth chapter, sixteenth verse.

Jesus is talking. This is His valedictory or farewell address.

And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter.

"Another Comforter" simply means that Jesus Himself was a Comforter. Now, He is going away, and He says, "I will

### The Holy Spirit and The Nine Gifts of The Holy Spirit

Address No. 6

An Address delivered at the Early Morning Meeting, Lord's Day, September 13, 1908, in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, by

General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva

REPORTED BY MISS B. MAC LACHLAN

pray the Father and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you unto the age."

Even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him; but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you and shall be in you.

It does not matter what people say. I do not propose to accept any man's own estimation of his work, but I am going to know what his work amounts to when

tested by time and the Word of God. A man may profess to have this, that, and other things, but the Word of God is our guide.

A man may talk about having received the gift of the Holy Spirit, but if you know for a certainty that that man has never repented, why, you know that he is as sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal.

The world cannot receive the Holy Spirit.

The world cannot see the Holy Spirit.

The world does not know the Holy Spirit.

But ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you and shall be in you.

The eighteenth verse:

I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

In one verse Jesus is presented as "another Comforter," and in the next verse it is plainly Jesus Christ Himself.

Passing on to the twenty-fifth verse:

These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.

But the Comforter, who is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall—

Do what?

Voices:

Teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance whatsoever I have said unto you

The Fifteenth chapter and twenty-sixth verse:

But when the Comforter is come, whom *I will send unto you from the Father*, even the Spirit of truth which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify"

Of whom?

Voices: "Of Me."

Jesus the Christ glorified God the Father. The Holy Spirit glorifies God the Son.

#### Why Expedient for Christ to Go Away?

The seventh verse of the next chapter:

Nevertheless I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart *I will send Him unto you*.

These are very simple words, very plain words, but the all-important question is, why was it expedient for Christ to go away? Why could not the Holy Spirit come without Christ's going away. Christ said:

It is expedient for you that I go away"—

It is better for you sorrowing, broken-hearted apostles, that I should go than that I should stay.

For if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you.

The sending of the Comforter was entirely dependent upon Christ's going away:

Nevertheless I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away."

None of the Apostles understood it.

For if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you.

And when He is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

Of sin, because they believe not on Me.

Why was it necessary for Christ to go back to Heaven before the Holy Ghost could come, and before He could reprove the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment?

Howbeit, when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will shew you things to come.

He shall glorify Me: for He shall receive of Mine, and shall show it unto you.

All things that the Father hath are Mine."

In the second chapter of Philippians we are told that Jesus "Made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men." Jesus gave up, emptied Himself, laid down those things — attributes which made Him to be in the form of God—which things made Him, in some sense, equal with God, but to be equal with God was not a thing to be grasped at.

Please turn to the twelfth verse of the fourteenth chapter of John:

Verily, verily I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also;

This is very plain. Note the remainder of the verse:

And greater works than these shall he do, because I go unto My Father.

This is not so plain, and the reason why he shall do "greater works" is what: "Because I go unto My Father."

It impresses us as something very remarkable that a man who believes on Christ should do greater works than Christ did, and the reason why he that believes on Christ shall do greater works, is because, as the Christ says, "I go to My Father." This seems, at first, very difficult to understand, but the second chapter of Philippians is the key to the explanation, and, having the key, the explanation at once becomes easy.

Elder Tindall then led in prayer, the General Overseer following in earnest prayer.

General Overseer: I will ask you to keep in mind the various passages of Scripture that have been read in the fourteenth, fifteenth and sixteenth chapters of the Gospel according to St. John.

It is very significant that the first direct statements which we have concerning the Holy Spirit were made by the Son of God in the upper room in the City of Jerusalem, and, perhaps, on the way from that upper room to Mount Olivet immediately before His apprehension at the hands of wicked men, His trial before unjust and unfair magistrates, and His crucifixion.

#### The Holy Ghost's Title—"The Comforter."

In the fourteenth, fifteenth and sixteenth chapters of John we have, for the first time in our study from Genesis to the fourteenth of John, the name which the Holy Ghost should bear during His ministry from Pentecost to the Second Coming of Christ. And what is that name?

Answer: "Comforter."

In the Greek language it is "Paracletos"—Paraclete. There is not an English word adequate in meaning to translate it. Please notice what Dr. Thayer says in his Greek lexicon on this word "Paraclete:" Para-Kletos (Para-Kaleo), Summoned called to one's side.

One who pleads another's cause before a judge; a pleader. Counselor for defense; legal assistant; an advocate.

One who pleads another's cause with one; an intercessor. Christ in His exaltation at God's right hand, pleading with God the Father for the pardon of our sins.

[You see that Christ was a Paraclete. He said, "Another Comforter." The very same title He gave to the Holy Ghost. He applied to Himself.]

A helper, succorer, aider, assistant. So of the Holy Spirit, destined to take the place of the Christ with the apostles (after His ascension to the Father,) to lead them to a deeper knowledge of Gospel truth, and to give them the Divine strength needed to enable them to undergo trials and persecutions on behalf of the Divine Kingdom." John 14:16-26; John 15:26; John 16:7; Matthew 10:19; Mark 13:11; Luke 12:11.

Was there ever a time before the night that the fourteenth chapter of John was spoken when the Holy Ghost was referred to as the Paraclete? No; there never was a time. Just so the words "Holy Ghost" are never found in the Old Testament, simply "Spirit"—"the Spirit of God was upon him." In the New Testament we have "Holy Spirit"—Holy Ghost.

#### Jesus the Christ So named before His Birth.

In our study of the life of Jesus the Christ we go back to the ninth chapter of Isaiah, and find, in the sixth and seventh verses: "His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." When we come into the New Testament, in the first chapter of the Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-first verse, we find: "And they shall call His name" what?

Voices: "Jesus."

General Overseer: "For He shall save His people from their sins."

Now, I will ask this question: Was the Son of God in His incarnation named before He was born?

Voices: Yes.

General Overseer: All these names, both those in Isaiah and those in the twenty-first verse of the first chapter of Matthew, were given to Christ before he was born—before He became incarnate in the flesh.

Then is it not true that the Son of God came to fulfil a name rather than to receive a name?

What about the Holy Ghost? Did He come to receive a name, or did He come on the day of Pentecost to fulfil a name?

What name was that? "Paraclete;" translated as "Advocate," "Comforter," "Helper," and so on.

#### How Learn the Mind of the Holy Spirit?

You cannot find out the mind of the Holy Spirit by going to a dictionary. You cannot find out the mind of the Holy Spirit by going to a Greek lexicon. You cannot find out the mind of the Holy Spirit by studying classical or patristic Greek, or the Greek of the fathers. You have to look to God through earnest prayer, the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and the study of history, in order to find out the mind of the Holy Spirit. After the Holy Spirit came and began to dwell in the body of believers, wonderful history was made. You study the Acts of the Apostles and you will begin to see what the word Paraclete means. In other words, you have to find out the meaning of the names "Wonderful," "Counsellor," "Mighty God," "Everlasting Father," "Prince of Peace," "Jesus," "Paraclete," through the works, actions and conduct of the persons concerning whom it was predicted that they should be called so and so.

Any of the words Advocate, Helper, Comforter, are appropriate, but, while that is true, you must keep in mind that all of them put together do not convey an adequate idea of the mission of the Holy Spirit.

So much, now, for that point: "And I will send you another Comforter." "I will not leave you orphans, I will come to you." Then again, He speaks of the Father sending the Comforter. I think that if you will keep in mind that the word Paraclete comes from two words meaning "called to one's assistance," that that describes, as nearly as you can get at it, the ministry and the work of the Holy Spirit.

#### Christ Promises to Send "Another Comforter."

Jesus the Christ had been here on the earth walking with the apostles. He had been right with them, and the time had come when He was going away. As He told them of coming events, sorrow filled their hearts. The Savior said they should rejoice because He was going to the Father; but they were filled with sorrow because Christ was going away. He said, "You pray, and I will send you another comforter;" "And I will pray for the Father, and He will send you another Comforter." "I will not leave you orphans (desolate), I will come to you." Therefore, the Holy Spirit is the One that the Apostles called to their aid, or their assistance.

#### The Personality of the Holy Spirit.

In regard to the question as to whether the Holy Ghost is an influence or a person, I do not propose to discuss, only it seems to me that no one, but the most ignorant, could ever question the personality of the Holy Spirit. That the Holy Spirit came to take the place of Jesus the Christ ought to be sufficient to convince any person that the Holy Spirit is a person and not an influence emanating from the Father. A great deal has been written upon this subject of the Holy Spirit being a person or influence. I believe that the Holy Spirit is a person just as much as Jesus the Christ or God the Father.

#### The Personality of the Devil and His Power.

I believe the Devil is a person just as much as I believe that God the Father is a person. The Devil is very cute, you know, trying to get people to believe that the Devil has no existence. You know some people say that there is no Devil, that it is the evil in a man; and then, when a man is tempted, it is simply the evil in him tempting him.

I remember once preaching in Atwood, Illinois. I said in regard to that position, "Was Jesus Christ tempted?" They said, "Yes." "You have taken the position now that the only evil is the evil within a man, that there is no Devil. Was Je-

sus the Christ tempted?" "Yes." Do you believe that it is true that Jesus the Christ did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth? How then was He tempted by evil when there was no evil in Him?" The temptation came from without, and the Devil is always on the outside before he gets on the inside. He never gets on the inside unless you welcome him; and I am sorry to say that thousands and tens of thousands of people are the habitation today of lying spirits, simply because they yield to them. For instance, in some countries you will find altars to the Devil, and the inmates of the house enter into compacts with the evil spirits, and they bow down at the altars and worship them. There are plenty of people in America doing the same thing; and there are people in Zion City doing it. All spiritualistic mediums are doing it; Christian Scientists are doing it.

But, I tell you, we have got to get down before God in earnest prayer. That is the only way to drive the evil spirits out. Dr. Dowie's position on this question was a wise one. When people possessed of the Devil came to him for prayer, He always prayed first and then laid His hands on them. This casting out of Devils—I tell you you had better be sure that you are called by God Almighty to do it. If you do not, you will be like the sons of Sceva mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles, who attempted to call out evil spirits, and the evil spirits said, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know: but who are ye?" and the evil spirits leaped upon them and they fled naked and wounded.

#### The Holy Ghost Sent Once For All.

The Holy Spirit is a person, and was sent by God the Father, once for all, and He will not be given again. The water has been given, go and drink it. You do not need to stand around agonizing for six months, "I want water! I want water!" Water is plentiful. It is the same with the Holy Spirit: He has been given, go and appropriate Him. Go and claim Him. Jesus was born once, but He will never be born again. Christ was crucified once; He will never be again. The Holy Spirit was sent once; He will never be sent again. The sound as of a rushing mighty wind and the tongues of fire will never come again, for they were signs, so to speak (as was the star and the appearance of the angelic hosts) accompanying the birth, so to speak, of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. He is here now and is "Given to them that obey." If we obey God, the Holy Spirit is given to us. It is not a matter of feeling.

One poor old fellow the other night lay for two hours on the floor kicking with his heels and yelling for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Bryant went down and said, "Brother, keep your feet still." If I had been there I would have said, "Stand up on your feet like a man and quit your communion with devils. God Almighty does not have to be hallooed at." God Almighty does not have to be bawled at, any more than a loving mother has to be bawled at. Fancy a mother who bought a red wagon and a rattle box for her little boy for Christmas, saying to Johnnie, "Now Johnnie, I have bought you a little red wagon and a rattle box for Christmas," and then Johnnie would have to get down on his knees and plead with his mother, and bawl, and work himself up into a perfect frenzy pleading with his mother before she would give him that wagon and rattle box. There is just as much sense in that as in men and women hallooing to God and bawling for months for the gift of the Holy Spirit. The singular thing to me is that some people cannot see this. And, as I said, there would be just as much sense for people to pray for the 4th of July to come on the 10th of December as there would have been for the Apostles to have prayed for Pentecost to come ten days before the crucifixion.

#### The Time for the Holy Spirit's Coming Fixed—Meaning of Pentecost.

The time for the coming of the Holy Spirit was fixed by God in eternity. It was recorded in the ritual of the Hebrew (CONTINUED ON PAGE 206.)



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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.,  
December 30, 1908.

**CHRISTMAS!  
NEW YEAR!**

The former is past, the latter is approaching.

"A Merry Christmas!" "A Happy Christmas!" a few days ago were heard on every hand, but now, already, the last sounds of the greetings have died away; and not again for twelve months will these greetings be heard, and not even then by many who have heard them this year—for they will have passed from the earth to stand before their God, to give an account for the way in which they received and appropriated the greatest of all gifts—Jesus the Christ.

As one reflects upon the Christmas season just passed, it is with feelings of mingled joy and sadness: joy that so many, yet comparatively few, have lifted their voices and hearts to God, their Heavenly Father, in praise, adoration, and thanksgiving for His great love wherewith He has loved them, and which love

prompted Him to give His only begotten Son to die for them; sadness, that an immense multitude of people have had little, if any, thought of either God the Giver, or of Jesus the Christ, the Gift, and have simply made use of the season as a time for shameful extravagance, vulgar display, feasting, drunkenness, and gluttony.

Thanks be unto God, Zion has, so far as I know, spent the Christmas season in a way acceptable unto God. Happy greetings have been exchanged, and there is no reason to believe that they did not come from kind, loving, earnest hearts.

Thanksgivings have been rendered unto God, and earnest prayers offered that Zion people everywhere might become more and more Christlike in thought, word and deed.

Gifts of various kinds have been made as tokens of love, all of which gifts have reminded those who gave them and those who received them of the wonderful, great Gift, Jesus the Christ, the Anniversary of whose birth all observed on the 25th day of December.

On Christmas Eve, under the direction of Deacon John H. Sayers, Superintendent of Zion Junior Seventies, assisted by Conductor Thomas and many other workers, hundreds of bright, happy boys and girls sang songs and spoke pieces appropriate to the season, and at the close of the exercises, each child received a small gift.

It was indeed a happy time, and Christ was recognized in every part of the service, and honored by one and all present.

This meeting on Thursday night, December 24th, had been preceded by two of the most wonderful meetings ever held in Zion, meetings where the Holy Spirit filled the people, and where the importance of saving Zion City for God and Zion people was impressed upon the minds and hearts of all present as never before.

In these two meetings, one on Monday night, December 21st, consisting of fifty officers; and one on Tuesday night, December 22d, consisting of not less than five hundred members over nine thousand dollars in cash and pledges were received to help in fighting for the salvation of Zion City.

Some, who were charter members of the Church, have remarked that these meetings were, in some respects, more blessed than any they had ever experienced in Zion.

The meetings in Shiloh Tabernacle on Lord's Day, December 27th, were all well attended and greatly blessed by God to the people.

In the afternoon a Christmas service was held, the Choir rendering that thrilling, inspiring anthem, entitled, "The Birthday of a King."

The following texts of Scripture were used as a basis for the address:

"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." Isaiah 9:6, 7.

"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins." Matthew 1:21.

It has been said by some one that the prophecies of Christ's first and second comings run through the Old Testament like two golden threads.

The first coming of Christ, which called forth

"Glory to God in the highest,  
And on earth peace,  
Good will toward men"

now a matter of history.

The Second Coming yet belongs to prophecy, but many signs on every hand indicate that the time is fast approaching when it will become a matter of history.

The source of the stream of Messianic prophecy is to be found in Genesis 3:15. This is the first intimation of the coming DELIVERER, and from this source, the stream continues widening and deepening until it reaches its sublimest sweep in the 53rd chapter of Isaiah.

The prophecies above quoted, one from the Old Testament, and the other from the New, are indeed wonderful.

"FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN"—here we have the doctrine of the Incarnation.

"UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN"—Christ was Heaven's gift to a poor sin-stricken, disease-smitten world.

"AND THE GOVERNMENT SHALL BE UPON HIS SHOULDER"—here we have rule and authority delegated to Christ.

"AND HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED

WONDERFUL,  
COUNSELLOR  
THE MIGHTY GOD  
THE EVERLASTING FATHER  
THE PRINCE OF PEACE."

This is, indeed, a glorious constellation of titles plainly indicating the nature of the Messiah's work.

"WONDERFUL" in His pre-existence (Phil. 2:5-11), in His Incarnation, His Divinity, His humanity.

"COUNSELLOR"—the truest and best friend to whom one and all can go in times of trouble and perplexity, resting assured that He will always give proper direction. May God help us to learn how to talk and walk with Jesus.

"THE MIGHTY GOD"—the Son of God, the Son of man. He must everywhere stand uncompromisingly against the demon-inspired doctrine that would set the Divinity of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ aside.

"THE EVERLASTING FATHER"—the Father of Eternity, the Father of the For Ever, Father in the sense of possessor or author.

"THE PRINCE OF PEACE"—peace which comes from God through Repentance, Confession, Restoration, Faith, Obedience and a Holy Life. There is no peace for either individuals or nations until they surrender and submit themselves to God.

"THOU SHALT CALL HIS NAME JESUS"—the Son of God came to fulfil a name, not to receive a name.

Every day in the year should be a Christmas Day to all Christians, in that they should study the life, the words and the works of Him, the Anniversary of whose birth we observe in a special manner on the 25th day of December each year.

May God help us, one and all, to be able to say:

I am crucified with Christ:  
Nevertheless I live;  
Yet not I,  
But Christ liveth in me:  
And the life which I now live in the flesh,  
I live by the faith of the Son of God,  
Who loved me, and gave Himself for me.

A merry Christmas, a happy Christmas always depend absolutely upon your full surrender to God and your love and loyalty to Jesus the Christ as disciples.

Let us all love Jesus.

Let us all exalt His name.

Let us hold Him up as the Savior, Healer, Cleanser and Keeper of mankind—Jesus, who was God manifest in the flesh.

In less than forty-eight hours more, the greeting "A Happy New Year" will be uttered by multitudes one to another.

The year 1908 is even now dying, and will soon pass into history. Another year has almost been spent, but how? God knows, and the Day of Judgment will reveal.

How many of the well-meant resolutions made a year ago have been kept? Your record has been made. How many of the three hundred and sixty-five pages in the volume would you gladly, if you could, tear out?

How many sad and aching hearts there must be as some calmly, in the light of God's Word, review the year 1908!

How many have been the thoughts entertained that have blighted and cursed? How many the words spoken that have been like sharp thorns piercing the hearts of others? How many the deeds done that have caused sorrow and disaster!

The record has been made, and will have to be faced in eternity. You cannot roll the wheels of time backwards. You cannot retrace a single step. You must say, "Farewell to the year 1908, and, whether you will or not, enter the year 1909. As you cross the threshold of the new year, breathe an earnest prayer to God that He will overrule your sins and mistakes, and help you to use them as stepping stones to success in His service.

As I meditate, I would have you resolve to read God's Word daily, and to pray in private morning, noon and night.

True, there are many other things which I would have you do, but the two already mentioned are the most important.

Every Officer and Member of the Christian Catholic Apos-

tolic Church in Zion should seek, each day, to be, by God's help, what He would have him be.

Each and every one should be a subscriber for the LEAVES OF HEALING and ZION HERALD.

Each and every one should pay tithes, no matter if the income is only ten cents a day or a week.

Every one should give his offerings as God prospers him.

Every one should keep in close touch with Zion at headquarters; and every one should pray daily with tears to God to save Zion City for Himself and for Zion people.

Truly we can say, "Praise waiteth for Thee, O God, in Zion."

The year 1908 has been, in many respects, a very wonderful year. The All-Night Meeting of December 31, 1907—January 1, 1908 was held in Zion Tent-Tabernacle where we were compelled to worship by wicked persecutors. Shiloh Tabernacle was, at that time, in the hands of the enemy, and the Devil was holding high carnival there; but thanks be to God, He has brought it to pass that Zion people are again in possession of that historic and sacred building, and on Thursday night and Friday morning of this week, a large, earnest company of devoted people will be assembled there praising and blessing God.

During the year, Ziou Stores have been established, and Zion Printing Works have been completed, until now we are able, to do all the work in connection with the LEAVES OF HEALING, ZION HERALD, and in addition to this, a splendid line of job work.

Time and space both fail me to tell of God's great goodness.

Zion's progress is apparent to all, even to her enemies.

The people have been wonderfully kept, and even at the present time, there are very few cases of serious-illness. The spiritual life of all has been deepened and quickened.

My heart is too full for utterance when I sit and think how good God has been. I am God's servant, and yours.

Pray for me, and for those associated with me in this great work, that we may be faithful, steadfast and true until our work is done.

In the name of the Lord, I thank, most heartily, one and all, for their love, confidence and support.

Let all reconsecrate ourselves to God, that the year 1909 may be the most glorious in every respect in Zion's history.

The night is rapidly passing; the morning of the glorious day is at hand. The light is shining. God's hand is over all—over Zion—and He will yet make her a joy to multitudes in all the earth.

Hallelujah! Glory to God!

Let one and all watch and pray.

WATCH YE THEREFORE, AND PRAY ALWAYS.

## The Holy Spirit and The Nine Gifts of the Holy Spirit

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calendar, and it was fixed. Pentecost simply means "fiftieth." All this talk, "Have you got your Pentecost," is of the Devil. Bless your life, you thirsty man or woman, there is the fountain of water that God has sent down to you. What sense is there for you to halloo to God to send water. All you have to do is to go and drink—Repent, obey, pray in faith, claim God's gift.

That is true of the Holy Spirit. He has been sent down, and when Christ comes He will go back. Christ came down and was born in Bethlehem. After He finished His work, He stood on Olivet and went back, and on Pentecost the Holy Spirit came with the sound as of a mighty rushing wind and with tongues of fire. There was not any quibbling about the day of Pentecost. There were present "Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia and in Judea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Lybia about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, Cretes and Arabians;" they were all there, and they heard the Gospel in their own tongues.

Suppose twenty-five of us are sitting here and there are gathered in front of us Chinese, Japanese, Turks, Russians, Italians, Hungarians, Zulus, and so on. All at once Elder Tindall rises up and preaches in Chinese, and the Chinamen present understand every word. Then Elder Taylor gets up and preaches in Japanese, and the Japanese understand every word, and so on: each one in turn proclaiming the wonderful works of God, would there be any room for quibbling there?

In the Eighth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles it is sta-

ted that Peter and John laid their hands on the people and prayed, and they received the gift of the Holy Ghost, but it does not say anything about their speaking in tongues. There never was a more wicked lie perpetrated than this, that the sign of the baptism of the Holy Ghost is speaking in tongues. Where is the Scripture for it? Just like the statement of Mrs. Leatherman in my office, who said that the gift of tongues is the greatest of the nine gifts. That shows how much they know about the Word of God. Dr. Dowie's teaching on that point was sound, and if you have not read Dr. Dowie's sermon on Trance-evangelism and Spurious Holiness, you had better do so, for they will help you in detecting whether a work is of the Devil.

I tell you, when a man prays in the right manner it never ruins him physically. When a man has the gift of the Holy Ghost it never ruins him physically. When a man has the Spirit of God he is stronger than before.

#### Baptism of the Holy Spirit a Figurative Expression.

To hear these wise fellows tell it, to be anointed with the Spirit is one thing, and you can hear them say, "He is anointed with the Spirit, but he has not the baptism." What fools a lot of these people are. I would like to know what the "baptism" of the Holy Spirit is but a figurative expression. Is it a literal expression? Is the Holy Spirit something that can be felt with these tangible hands and seen with these natural eyes? Is He? Well, then, how can an immaterial, spiritual, ethereal being be literally poured out? Why, it is a figurative expression and comes from baptizing a man in water. Baptizing in water is the outward, but the baptism of the Holy Spirit is the real. The "pouring" and "anointing" of the Holy Ghost came from the priest pouring oil on a man's head. What wise teachers! What very wise teachers! Let us take the plain Word of God.

#### The Meaning of "Another Comforter."

What does this passage mean that I read to you: "I will pray the Father and He will send you another Comforter." It simply means that Christ was a Comforter, that He was going away and He would not leave them orphans, but would send "another Comforter."

What is meant by saying, "It is expedient for you that I go away; for, if I go not away, the Comforter will not come?"

What is meant by, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also, and greater works than these shall he do, because I go to my Father."

When Jesus Christ was on earth He had the form of a servant, did He not? He laid aside all those possessions in Heaven which gave Him the right to be on an equality with God; and the only way for Him to take up what He laid down was to go back to Heaven; therefore, it was expedient that He go back. Having gone back, He was infinitely richer than by staying here. "It is expedient for you that I go away. I have come down here, I have taken upon Myself the form of a servant, I have emptied Myself of all those things which gave Me the right to be equal with God. All things that the Father hath are Mine, but I put them all aside and I have come down here. The works that I do shall ye do also, but if I go back to my Father and take up all that I laid down, and sit with Him on His Throne at His right hand, I will be so infinitely richer than then greater works than these shall ye do because I go to the Father."

#### The Estate of Christ Distributed to Believers by the Spirit.

The work of the Holy Spirit is to communicate the Christ, and to apply the work of the Christ in the purifying and sanctifying of believers. Now, which Christ is it that He applies: the Christ on earth or the Christ in Heaven?"

Voices: The Christ in Heaven.

General Overseer: Therefore it was far better for the disciples that He should go back to Heaven and take up what He had

laid down than that He should stay here in the form of a servant, because, when He went back to Heaven, He took up all those things of which He had emptied Himself, and the Holy Ghost would then take the Christ in glory and communicate Him to the Apostles.

The Holy Ghost is the distributor of the Christ of glory.

In Ephesians 1:7 and 3:16 we have two expressions:

In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.

That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory—

It seems to me that these two statements form the key. The estate which the Holy Ghost has to distribute to the body of believers is "the riches of His grace" and "the riches of His glory." "The riches of His grace" are conveyed to us from the Christ in the forgiveness of sins; and "the riches of His glory" from the Throne of God in Heaven in the infilling of believers with all that Christ has provided for them by the entire plan of redemption.

It seems to me that the second chapter of Philippians furnishes the solution of all these passages in the fourteenth, fifteenth and sixteenth chapters of John.

May God guide you and help you to keep close to His precious Word. Amen.

## God's Witnesses to Divine Healing

### A Family Delivered of Typhoid Fever.

#### TESTIMONY OF MR. J. S. SARGENT,

Zion City, Illinois, Lord's Day Evening, October 25, 1908, in Shiloh Tabernacle.

Before joining the C. C. A. C. in Zion, of which I have been a member eight years, I belonged to the Moravian Church.

Except for the last two years, I have lived in Zion City seven years. I am going on a business trip tomorrow morning, to South Carolina. My address will be Anderson, S. C.

I have spent two years in South Carolina. I came from Minnesota to Zion City, seven years ago, and was among the pioneers here.

It is now eight years since I accepted Divine Healing, and discarded doctors and drugs.

There are a good many things in my heart to say, tonight, but I will just refer to a couple of blessings which we have received in trusting God in the last few years.

To begin with, we are a happy family in Zion, and love God with all our hearts. The last two years have been times of deep testing and trial, but God has wonderfully blessed and wonderfully brought us through. I would like to praise God for the wonderful deliverance we had just a year ago.

We went to Anderson, S. C., from here, in faith, without a dollar in the world. My wife said, "If you are going, I am going too." We all went in faith to travel in South Carolina among strange people and in a strange climate, knowing nothing about the business I was going to undertake, but God blessed us from the start.

After being there a year, we were about ready to start on our return to Zion City the first day of July, last year. On the last trip I made on the road, two of the children had typhoid fever, and in answer to my wife's prayers, they were both deliv-

ered in one week, wonderfully delivered. We decided to break up housekeeping, and my wife over-exerted herself. We went to a hotel just for a few days, until I visited some neighboring towns, and while there one of our children was taken with typhoid fever. The editor of the paper had the next room to ours. Of course, we did not have a doctor or drugs. The daily paper took the case up and said the child would die, and that there was no hope for the child. She was delivered in nine days. The hotel people would not give us a particle of attention, and although we were paying \$20.00 a week, they did not offer us a glass of water. In the three weeks we were in those two rooms, no one came near us. My wife had a long battle when it was 102 and 104 in the shade. We had a chance to test our faith. God wonderfully delivered, but before deliverance came, she finally had to give up. Then I came down, For six days before I broke down, I did not have a thing to eat. I simply broke down. I could not get any one to come and help us unless we had a doctor or a nurse. I finally collapsed. God sent us a dear old lady seventy-five or eighty years of age. It was hard to nurse in that hotel. She could not nurse us there; she could not give us the attention and care she might elsewhere. She said, "Brother Sargent, we cannot give you any care in this place." They would not have anything to do with us at all. We were moved out of the hotel on a cot. First my wife then myself, then one of the girls got well after being taken to a little home where this old lady nursed us. I lost seventy-five pounds. I was unconscious for two weeks. My wife, in the other room, could see me every single moment. I had just simply practically passed over, but my wife never doubted one minute but what God would give us perfect deliverance.

The papers had a number of lies about us. A doctor called in and said, "Mr. Sargent cannot live. Mrs. Sargent may live." Thank God we were all delivered, and it was a marvel to the whole community.

As soon as I could walk, we came to Zion City. In a little while I gained sixty-five pounds.

There are so many things I want to thank God for. I thank Him for a wife who had faith when I was unable to exercise any.

I am going back there determined to work for Him and to serve Him and witness for Him. I ask an interest in your prayers that we may be faithful.

### Kept for Fifty Years Without Medicines.

TESTIMONY OF MR. PAUL DUNCAN,

2900 Gilboa Avenue, Zion City, Illinois, Lord's Day Evening, October 25, 1908.

I have resided in Zion City five years, previously coming from Fremont, Missouri. I have been a member of Zion four years. I was in the Little Wooden Hut, Chicago.

Before coming to Zion, I was a Presbyterian. I was also a Free-Mason Devil. I belonged to them just like a good many other fools. I took the third degree. I never heard the name of Jesus the Christ mentioned in the ritual.

Elder Carey: I have been to their funerals, but never heard, in any of their prayers, the name of Jesus mentioned.

Mr. Duncan: They would not allow us to mention the name of Jesus. What Dr. Dowie has said about the Free Masons is correct. I was a respectful Masonic Ma-ha-bone Devil.

I have not used any medicine, I think, for fifty years. I have only been in bed two days, when I had lung fever, when working on the construction of a dam across a stream (before coming into Zion.) I have had no use for doctors since I came into Zion, and when I did have a doctor, which was twice, it is

about fifty years ago. I was healed, about two years ago, of heart disease, after I repented before God. I attended the Divine Healing meetings and was healed. I thank God for that. I was healed without any medicine.

### Delivered From Doctors and Drugs. Healed By Trusting in God, Delivered From Danger and Kept by Divine Power.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF MR. J. B. RENDALL

2408 Gideon Avenue, Zion City, Illinois.

I came to Zion City six and one half years ago. God led us here so plainly that we have been sure that He wanted us to come.

We came out of the Methodist Episcopal Church into the C. C. Church in March, 1900. We discarded doctors, drugs and surgeons in 1898, but were disgusted with them long before that. We have since that time been at the point of death, but doctors and medicine were things of the past and never came into my mind.

Five dear little children have been born to us since that time, all well, bright and happy. What a joy it is, when they do get sick, to ask for healing, and God heals. Praise His dear name for ever.

Mrs. Rendall had been under a Christian(?) doctor's care for nine days, but was getting worse all the time, and was at the point of death. We put away the medicine and prayed. Her healing was instantaneous. I had suffered for twenty years, and taken all kinds of medicine. A Christian(?) doctor said I must have an operation, but God wonderfully healed. I have not missed a day's work for nine years on account of sickness.

We did rejoice when word came that "Tomorrow is Testimony Day," "God has done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

In jumping from a train, I almost broke a leg. In a few hours I could not step on it, and I went into a coal shed and prayed, and in a few minutes there was no pain, but I did not stop work. So we could tell of time after time for the past ten years, Hallelujah!

There have been some dark clouds, but we never for a minute doubted the Zion Movement. Our faith in the Zion Movement is much stronger than ever before, since we see how God has been watching over Zion. While He permitted us to be sifted as wheat, He had a man ready to lead us on to victory.

"Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness." May His praise continually be in our mouth, so that others may hear and accept the Full Gospel.

(Signed) MR. AND MRS. J. B. RENDALL.

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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; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

"And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful Witness, and the first-begotten of the dead, and the Prince of the kings of the earth. Unto Him that loved us, and washed as from our sins in His own blood,

And hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father: to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy."—Psalm 107:2.

"For this purpose the son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the Devil."—1 John 3:8.

He sendeth His word

and healeth them.



# 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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## 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



WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA

(Successor to John Alexander Dowie)

General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion

five million three hundred thousand square miles.

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

# 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! Hast up the Highway! Gather out the stones! Lift up an engine 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.

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 no 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 begging me to go to the country, as their need was great. I had 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.

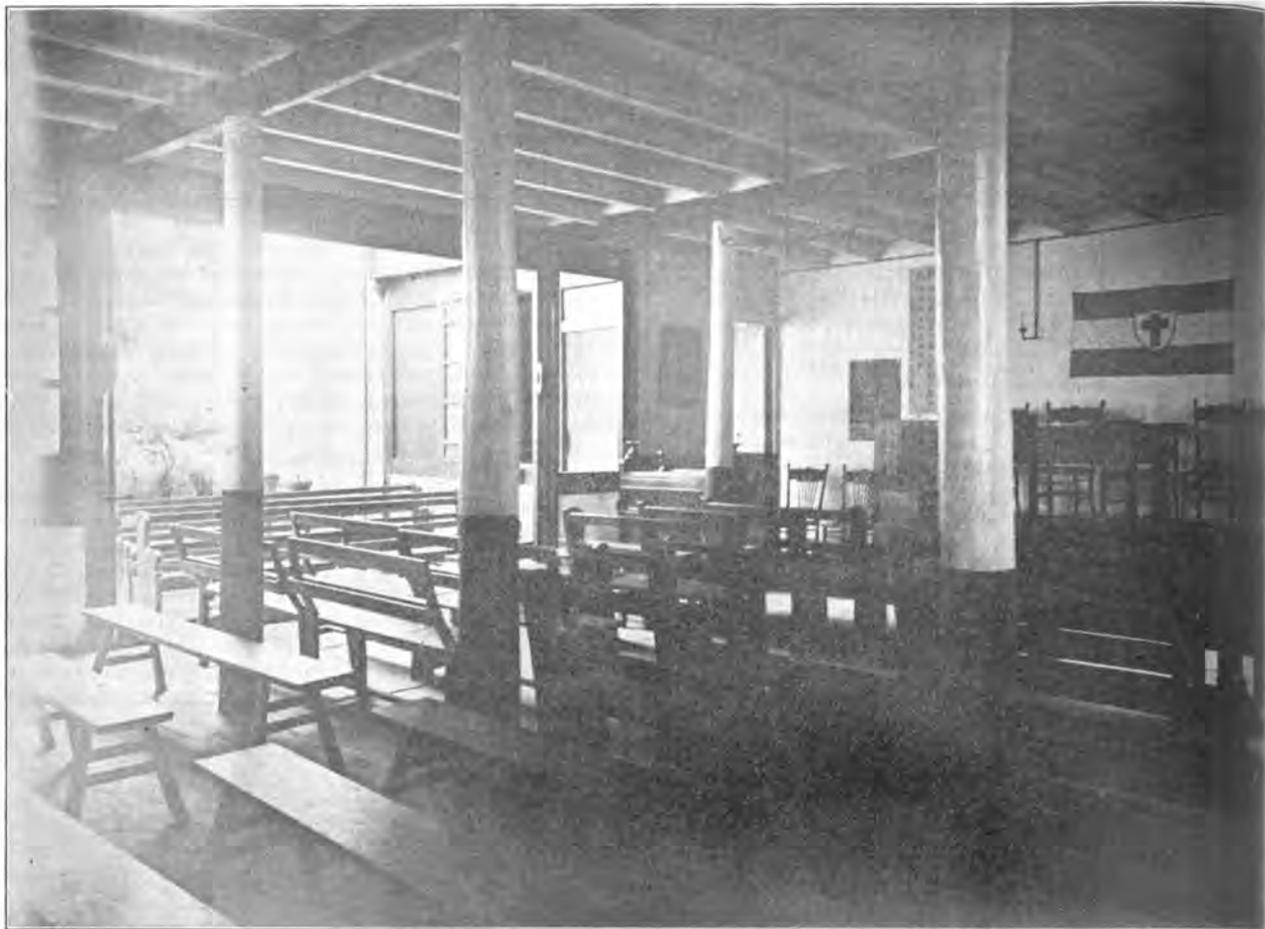
We prayed for a suitable place and for more help. Our hearts overflowed when Elder Viking and Mrs. Viking came to help us in this great work, for Elder Viking is a volcano overflowing with the fire of God and with the love of the Lord Jesus Christ. A new Tabernacle in a suitable place was opened on Tsepoo 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



ELDER F. M. ROYALL



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.



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. It makes a mighty spectacle.

The evening meetings are crowded with men and women, and 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 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 a while? Don't put us off any longer, but come and see us 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



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.

F. M. R.

## 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

thers. 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 time 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 his 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 I 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 at home 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-He church. They never did help Zion City. The Methodists have sold out to the Masonic Order. Zion City is for Zion and 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 the land which the Methodists fenced in and claimed. The Emperor is now asked to give special honors to the people who freed 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 ram-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 foot on, and an old pair of drawers, with their breasts bare, and 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.



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!

E. L. CAREY

## 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.

### 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 hot-bed 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 expen-

sive 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 respectfully 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-



ELDER C. F. VIKING



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

le, or less, through large donations of goods in England. They have butter and jams, and tin goods of many kinds which they 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 good time, and many tend to hinder mission work rather than 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

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.

## Missionary Tour and Some of the Results

Letter of Elder C. F. Uiking

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



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

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.

## 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-

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 baptism, some people would forget to sing perhaps for a whole line, when 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 of 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, when 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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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.

## 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, doesn't 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-

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, Tsepo 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 worshipping 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

make 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 "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.



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

ms. I did not touch food for a whole day, but spent the day 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 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 to deep sin. Clubbing together with a number of friends, Mr. Tsai opened and took charge of a gambling den in Shanghai; there 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.

### 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 of 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 knelt 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.

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."

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

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He sendeth His word

and healeth them.



# 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 Purpose of the Gospel

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How many were healed in the act of obedience in Central 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 *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 things 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 asafoetida 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

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 came 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.

**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 else 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 an 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 faintly 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 not 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 thoroughly 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

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?

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.'"

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 another's surroundings and needs, and profiting by one another's experiences, greater love, sympathy and fellowship are developed.

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?"

Why? Oh, professing Christians! "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.

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

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?

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."

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.

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.

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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."

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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."

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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.

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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.

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

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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 irresistible 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.

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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.

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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 fullness of Christ, has ever been kept in view; and God is rewarding the effort.

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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.

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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.

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

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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.

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WATCH YE THEREFORE, AND PRAY ALWAYS.

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## 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.

**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 "Overlander," 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 Benediction 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

that courage that comes from Him, so that whether it is victory or defeat, we shall always 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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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.

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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

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 which He hath shown 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 it 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 Condition 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 overrides 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.

**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 teach 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 Saviour, 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 our ignorance, but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent." That was his message.

**Repentance 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 Aton 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 calling 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 plagues 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, it 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 bond 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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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.

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.

# 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 Tудie 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 Gideon 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., "
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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 Valkensar,	3106 Elim ave., "
Bessie Wiedman,	2502 Edina Blvd., "
Lois May Wiedman,	" "
Violet Esther Whiteside,	2915 Elisha ave., "
Alma L. Weyant,	1815 Gilboa ave., "

Joseph Samuel Wartzenuft, 1909 Gilboa ave., " "  
 Paul Wartzenuft, " " "  
 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.

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.

## 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 dereliction 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 pleaded 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,

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.

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:

After studying the aims and methods of Zion, and reading the sermons published in the "Leaves of Healing," and "The Zion Herald," I have received untold benefits: physical, mental, and best of all is the spiritual help gained by me.

I am so thankful for the spiritual understanding which gives to us a God who is Life, Truth, Love, Infinite mind, to whom we may look in every need.

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.

The Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion

WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA, General Overseer  
(Successor to John Alexander Dowie)  
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- FIRST—That we recognize the infallible inspiration and sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures as the basis 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.
- THIRD—That such persons must also be able to make a good profession, and declare that they know, in their own hearts, that they have truly repented, and are truly trusting Christ, as the witness, in a measure, of the Holy Spirit.
- FOURTH—That all other questions of every kind shall be held to be matters of opinion and matters that are essential to Church unity.

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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.

"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 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.

#### 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.

**Witnesses for God and Zion at the  
Convocation Meetings, Thurs-  
day 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 do not feel 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 parts.

**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.

**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."

**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 could 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.

**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 in the 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.

**MRS. IRISH:** I thank God today that I am here and I want to testify to His goodness to me. I have been in Ziou 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.

**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.

**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.

**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 inflammatory 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,  
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 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 to 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."

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 will 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 ex-

pects, 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 world.

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. Re-consecrate 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.

## 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 way. 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 up-building 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."

# Undecisiveness, or Halting Between Two Opinions. ¶

I 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 in-fidelity, 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 and 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

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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.

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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

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 spoke 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.

## 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

nees, 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, come 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 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.

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.

(Continued from page 47.)

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

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.

#### **Christ 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 your hearts be broken

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

A humble Zion Seventy,

(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!

**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.

**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.

**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!

**MRS. BEBBE:** 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.

**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 and 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) gradually 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 fifth 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 is anything in it that is displeasing to God, put it away. Con-

quer 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 an 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."

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 Treasurers 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 possession 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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## Editorial Notes

*By the General Associate Editor*

Expansion! Enlargement! Growth! what thoughts those words suggest, both of the present and of the future!

When the Lord shall build up Zion, He shall appear in His glory. Ps. 102:16.

Growth follows the incoming of life. Hence when man becomes a new creature in Christ Jesus—is born again—he should begin to grow and take on strength and form after the pattern of the life within him.

Paul puts it, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus," [Phil. 2:5]; and Peter says, "Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." 2 Pet. 3:18.

There can be no true growth and development without the

mind of Christ. "If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His." Rom. 8:9.

Having the Spirit of Christ is an evidence that fruits of the Spirit are expected. Life in this world is a conflict. The fleshly environment has been polluted by the poisons and false growths propagated by God's and man's enemy, the devil. The Christ life is to eradicate all this evil and divest it of its hold upon humanity, and permit the Spirit of Truth to have the sway to build up what God created for His Own Glory.

Redeemed mankind constitute the growing Kingdom when organized according to God's plan and purpose; and God has chosen to designate His people by the name "Zion."

The great burden of God the Father, and of Jesus Christ His Son, has ever been that man should grow in the image of his Maker. The fact that God sent the Redeemer proves the assertion; for salvation from sin implies the possibility of man's being like God.

It is a principle of life that that which grows will partake of the nature of its environment; hence the importance of a Christian living in the right kind of atmosphere, and partaking of proper food. After getting right he must be kept right. He must abide in the source of his life, Jesus Christ the True Vine.

As surely as the True Vine has eternal life in Himself, so surely shall every branch which abides in the True Vine have eternal life, and develop and grow into the likeness of the Vine. The fruit of the branches shall be the fruit of the Vine. The purpose of the Vine will pass into and become the purpose of the branches. The Spirit that gives life to the one will enliven the other, and the fruits will be identical—all in the Kingdom—"love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance."

"If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit," manifesting in every department of life the principles and purposes of our being.

As Christ is a Redeemer, a Maker of environment and a producer of new and favorable conditions of growth for those who had been lost, so also are His branches to engage with Him in similar occupation.

He went about doing good. We are to do the same. He bore the burdens of the weak, and we likewise should help.



Zion is being built up in the Christ the King through the branches approximating the likeness of Christ, and through the constant setting in to Him as the True Vine of the new branches redeemed from the old and false, and given new life through His Spirit.



Let the thought, "The world saved for God," be your first thought in the morning, and your last at night.



The appointed way of redemption and salvation is through the washing of regeneration in the Word of God. The presentation and application of the Word is through the agency of the living and abiding branches, quickened by the Spirit, reaching out in sympathy and in word and act, impressing life upon the severed branches until they loosen from the false vine of sin and the world and attach to the True Vine; i. e., they confess, repent, restore, and live the new life.



Zion represents the Kingdom—the Vine's members. Her workers, the branches, reach out in their own growth for others. Zion Seventies represent these branches. Their mission is the salvation of the lost. They are helping to build up Zion. They go everywhere with the Word which makes wise unto salvation.



The work of the Zion Seventies is now in a prosperous condition. Everywhere they go, there is resultant joy to the workers, and sinners are reminded of their duty to God, and they are called upon to surrender to Him and let His will be done in them and make them to rejoice in God's love.



The faster men are saved the quicker Zion will be built up and the righteous reign of Christ begin.



Zion City's purpose is to manifest in every day activity the Christ life, by producing an object lesson of true Christian cooperation in matters necessary for humanity's physical needs, and by developing the fruits of the Spirit in an atmosphere permeated with the mind of the Christ. The purpose is to aim at doing the will of God on earth as it is in heaven.



Pray daily for Zion Seventies.

Pray for the General Overseer and officers of Zion.  
Pray that more workers may be sent to the fields of the world; in Australia; in the Islands of the sea; in China; in Europe; in the United Kingdom, and elsewhere.



Pray for Zion: she is doing the work.  
Pray, "Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done in earth as it is in Heaven;" and help to bring it to pass by building up Zion, for her mission is to work for no other purpose.



Keep the Devil afar by keeping yourselves close to God and His Word.

## Report of Free Literature for Week Ending August 7, '09

- 30 Rolls to Hotels of the United States.
  - 12 Rolls to Hotels of Europe.
  - 19 Rolls to Steamers.
  - 32 Rolls to England.
  - 22 Rolls to South Africa.
  - 12 Rolls to Australia.
  - 105 Rolls to States.
  - 48 Rolls to Business Men in the United States.
  - 20 Rolls to Libraries and Christian Associations. Total 310.
- CORA TILBURY.
- 20,910 messages given away and distributed by Zion Seventies.

## SHILOH TABERNACLE

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**The Next Payment is due December 28, 1909:**

Total amount due	\$2625.00
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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 irresistible. 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 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-

Is this or that, have you any right to linger in the devil's  
 when Jesus is such a Wonderful Healer?

If you have been spinning round in a wheelchair an invalid  
 in hereditary disease, or a fall, or an operation, or a growth,  
 fever, or a something else, and continue that spinning pro-  
 of unbelief to this day, I call your attention to the fact that  
 is the same yesterday, today, and forever, the same Won-  
 derful 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 cour-  
 age 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 bother-  
 ing about consequences. The boldness of faith is the working  
 for the Glory of the Father in a saved and healed and fully con-  
 secrated life.



Let Zion everywhere rejoice and render praise and  
 thanksgiving unto God for His great goodness. The  
 old Central Zion Tabernacle building, Michigan Ave-  
 nue 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 thor-  
 oughly 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.

**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.

Wherever 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 Holi-  
 ness, 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.

### In Milwaukee.

J. W. F.

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.

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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# 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

"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, comes 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

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 Babylon'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 conducted 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 when 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

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 through 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 Christ'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 shouldst 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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## 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 awakens 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.

Remember, Zion, from Whom your commission 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 the 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 Kingdom. 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 patriarchs 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 obtain 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 author 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 way 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 allotted 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

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:

Next Meetings, August 23.

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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.

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Rolls to Asia, South America and Mexico.....	1
Rolls to Chicago Papers.....	1

Total.....5

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

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**The Next Payment is due December 28, 1909:**

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<b>Balance needed</b>	<b>\$1604.81</b>

## The Ripened Harvest and the Work of Zion Seventies

(Continued from page 63.)

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 an 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.

In 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, 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 whatsoever 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

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 snpper. 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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WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA, General Overseer  
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Headquarters Offices, Zion City, Lake County, Illinois, U. S. A.

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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, 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

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:

Nellie Mkize . . . . .	Ladysmith, Natal, South Africa
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The following-named believer was baptized by Triune Immersion in Zion City, Ill., Aug. 18, '09, by Elder Reder.

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

Will 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 must not 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 wrote. We'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 teaching 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 and 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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## General Overseer's Notes

HEADQUARTERS OFFICES OF THE  
CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC CHURCH IN ZION,  
CITY HALL BUILDING, ZION CITY, ILLINOIS, U. S. A.,  
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, sit-

ting 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, 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.

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:

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.

## The Ripened Harvest and the Work of Zion Seventies.

(Continued from page 71.)

"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.

# 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 Com-

pany 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.

## Free Literature Distribution for Week Ending August 21, 1909

Rolls to United States.....	77
Rolls to Hotels of the United States .....	8
Rolls to Canada .....	72
Rolls to Hotels of Canada .....	9
Rolls to Libraries, and Christian Ass'ns.....	11
Rolls to Australia.....	69
Rolls to Africa .....	73
Rolls to England .....	18
Rolls to India, China, and Norway.....	17
Rolls to Hotels in Europe .....	21
Rolls to Steamers.....	25

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.

Messages given away and distributed by Zion Seventies since Aug. 1, 1909, 34,970.

## 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.

# 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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## 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 met him; he was only a young man, a captive from Jerusalem, in the heathen court of Babylon. That was a hard place to live in that 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 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

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 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:

- 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:

- Edwin D. Lyon . . . . . 331, W. Kansas Ave., Trinidad Col.

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The Next Payment is due December 28, 1909:

<b>Total amount due</b>	-	-	-	<b>\$2625.00</b>
<b>Cash in hand August 31</b>	-	-	-	<b>1048.06</b>
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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 here," 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 efulgence 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 Philipians 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 and healeth them.

**LEAVES OF HEALING**

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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

want; yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil."

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It is the hireling—said Jesus—that fleeth when the wolf cometh.

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Yes, the hireling is a coward and cares not for the sheep, and the sheep are scattered.

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How true that is today! Where are the sheep, and why are they scattered on the mountains wild and in the deserts drear?

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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.

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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?

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Why this awful destruction that is making havoc everywhere? The sheep are being eaten up by these ravenous wolves in human form.

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Think of the worldliness and greed and fanaticism and false teaching and false prophets that are filling our land!

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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.

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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.

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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?

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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.

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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?"

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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?

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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?

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If you are, then you are not altogether right, something is lacking; you cannot be covered with His feathers, and under His wings, trusting.

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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?

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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!

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It is your business to trust God for His work, when you have done your little part, and not to be afraid.

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May God give Zion an undaunted courage and faith, that will face every foe and fear no evil thing,

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Do you say, "How shall I get rid of this awful fear that haunts my life and hinders my work and usefulness?"

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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.

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, leav-

ing 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:

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

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.

## A Study of the Ages

(Continued from page 79.)

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-

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.

**Carnage Wrought by Satan.**

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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# LEAVES OF HEALING

I am the Lord that healeth thee.

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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

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.

## 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, Preparing 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

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 tortors 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 streaks 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 toward 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 is 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 here 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 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 scenes 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 her 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, will 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 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 discernor 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."

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 up-building of the Kingdom of God as an actual, present, abiding entity---the institution which Christ Himself prayed might come on 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

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.

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"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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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Go Forward, O Zion, great shall be thy triumph when the Lord shall come!

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## A Study of the Ages--- Comparisons and Lessons.

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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

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.*

[CONTINUED NEXT WEEK]

## The Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion

WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA, General Overseer

(Successor to John Alexander Dowie)

Headquarters Offices, Zion City, Lake County, Illinois, U. S. A.

BASIS OF FELLOWSHIP

- 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.  
 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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# 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:

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:

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 full data, the General Recorder will know with whom to correspond in regard to distributing Zion Literature.

## Free Literature Distribution for Week Ending September 4, '09

Rolls to United States.....	63
Rolls to Hotels.....	18
Rolls to Invalids.....	45
Rolls to Libraries, Christian Associations and Editors.....	6
Rolls to Business Men.....	15
Rolls to Steamers.....	20
Rolls to Australia.....	17
Rolls to South Africa.....	20
Total for Week.....	206
Total number Rolls sent out since August, 1st, '09,.....	180
Messages given away and distributed by Zion Seventies for week ending September 4, '09,.....	14,811
Messages given away and distributed by Zion Seventies since August 1st, '09,.....	59,095

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.

W. 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 out the streets. When in a place where there is no one to pray 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 that 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 my brother when I was sixteen, and he was healed of pneu-

monia. 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!

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. Royall for praying for that girl, for it was wonderful: the devils were cast out and the change is marvellous. *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 marvellous.

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 Heaven, 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

...m? Most surely. One of the first things the Christ taught us 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 charge 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 that 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 the best man, or he will perish; man must fall, and all he builds will fall also. So Christ taught in this Sermon; He begins with the Father, 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 fail.

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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 Readings," "Spiritual Deadness Appalling," "The Great Responsibility of Knowing to Do Right," "Plenty Provided, Let Me 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," 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 good, 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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 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

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."

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.

(Continued from page 95)

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 villains, 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,

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.

# 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 damuation---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

Rolls to United States.....	50
Rolls to Hotels.....	6
Rolls to Newspaper Editors.....	14
Rolls to Libraries, and Christian Associations.....	8
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:

Total amount due	\$2625.00
Cash in hand September 14	1107.24
<b>Balance needed</b>	<b>\$1517.76</b>

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

## Healed for Service

A Divine Healing Address Delivered During the Thirteenth Annual 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; and I had prominent ancestors, and everybody knows me." No; God

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 our 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 presumptive), 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, my God grant it this afternoon! (Amen).

#### Implore Newness and Purity 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 splen-

did 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

printing and Publishing House, and many other important matters demand much prayerful consideration.

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. All the people will only be wholly consecrated, prayerful, and faithful unto the end.

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.

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

The Hymn entitled, "My Jesus I Love Thee," was then sung.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

A Sister: \* \* I have been crippled for a long time, and was unable to walk without the aid of my crutches; but God is

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.

The Hymn entitled "Hiding in Thee" was then sung.

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 Zion until Jesus comes. Please pray for me.

A Sister: \* \* I want to testify to God's goodness to me. I have never 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 nothing 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.

A Sister: \* \* I want to praise God for Zion. I was a member of the Methodist Church, and they used to call me a sinner 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 to 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.

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.

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.

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 Methodist 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 Atone-

ment 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.

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.

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.

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.

# 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 into 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).

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.

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."

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## 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.

He sendeth His word

and healeth them.



# 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

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 a man, or a business, or a state, or of society. Good works, 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 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 added 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, puts away the haughty and the proud spirit, and the egotism. He is the poor publican that smites his breast and cries, "Un-

clean" 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.

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 any thing 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.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

## 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-

Age 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." 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," 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 structures; 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.

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; PRAY."

## 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

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 gets 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

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.**

E. 375 1/2 HOLLADAY AVE., PORTLAND, ORE., }  
September 6, 1909. }

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:

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.

## SHILOH TABERNACLE

The Next Payment is due December 28, 1909:

Total amount due	\$2625.00
Cash in hand October 1	1139.24
Balance needed	\$1485.76

**The Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion**

WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA, General Overseer  
(Successor to John Alexander Dowie)

Headquarters Offices, Zion City, Lake County, Illinois, U. S. A.

**BASIS OF FELLOWSHIP**

- 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.
- 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.
- FOURTH--That all other questions of every kind shall be held to be matters of opinion and not matters that are essential to Church unity.

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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.

Since they began work in Des Moines, they have sold 788 Leaves of Healing, 578 Zion Heralds and 53 Voice From Zion, and have given 10,000 messages.

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They now go to Polk City for a season of Seventy work.

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# LEAVES OF HEALING

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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

By O. L. Tindall

(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 spiteful 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 notes 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 notes, 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 before 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 prejudiced 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

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.

## 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

have a little part in helping to brush away the scalding tears. God knows that in my heart I never 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 you 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 the 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

### Z E A L !

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-

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 of 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 selfishness 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 wan-

dering, 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 transgression."

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.

## God to Dwell With Man.

(Continued from page 111.)

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 Christian 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

God to help me to set the right example before this people.  
 Millions are perishing! Millions are starving! Millions  
 living in worse than pig-sties! O God, help us to be a true  
 urch, and to follow the Christ, the True and Loving  
 epherd!

Soon it will 'all be over, and the last word shall have been  
 oken, and then we shall all be received into that Heavenly  
 nd where there will be no more scalding tears; where never  
 ain will you hear the heart-rending cry of the sobbing mother  
 er wayward sons and daughters; where never more will you  
 e the thorns piercing the hearts of mankind; but where flow-  
 , plucked from the Paradise of God, will ornament the bosom,  
 d all together shall sing the song of Moses and the Lamb. May  
 d help us all!

He shall feed His flock, like a shepherd; He shall gather the lambs  
 His bosom.

Are there not some here today who want to be gathered?  
 me who once ascended the hill and stood upon its summit;  
 t who are now descending it? Some who see the sun of their  
 es sinking behind the Western Horizon?

How well I remember, when a little boy, going to the edge  
 the woods, with my Testament in my hand, and watching the  
 n sinking in the West, and in my childish way would say,  
 Now it has half disappeared, now it has two-thirds disappeared,  
 w it is gone." How much like life, when we see it slowly  
 bing 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  
 his shore, it will only be for a brighter and more glorious rising  
 on the Eternal Shore.

Ah! it is true that a Christian can look forward to the time  
 his departure with intense joy, and why should he not! Yes,  
 en a man has lived out his life, and it is all behind him, and  
 looks at the little company of loved ones around him, and  
 ars 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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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 wait 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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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 possession 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-

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 scorcercer, 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 shouldst 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 unto 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

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 unflinching 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

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 worshipping 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 Romayne, 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 confidence 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

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!**

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## 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;

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.

[CONTINUED NEXT WEEK]

**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.

Number of calls made.....	965
Number of messages given .....	1213
Number of Leaves given .....	2

ZION'S

All Night of Praise,  
Prayer and Testimony

December 31, 1909  
January 1, 1910

Shiloh Tabernacle  
Zion City, Illinois

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

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.

**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.

He sendeth His word

and healeth them.



# 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

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 cavalier 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 of goodness 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."

## 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 discursing 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 believing 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, "Blesséd 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

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 resemblance 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 morning. 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 second 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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**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

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,"—whosoever 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 resurrection 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.

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 Phillippi. 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 all 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 shouldst 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 shouldst 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

giving the blessing. And so, in the Name of Jesus the Christ, 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 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, as, 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 huck 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, altogether, 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 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.



He sendeth His word

and healeth them.



# 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

### 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.

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SHANGHAI, CHINA, Sept. 17, 1909. }

REV. E. L. CAREY, Ecclesiastical Sec.,  
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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

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.

## 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

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 upon 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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## 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;

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.

DELIGHT YOURSELF in the Word of God.

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PRAY MORNING, noon, and night.

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MAKE AN absolute surrender to God—keep nothing back.

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BE AS passive in His hands as the clay is in the hands of the potter.

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THE 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.

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THE REDEMPTION of Zion City ought to touch every Zion heart throughout the world.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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DO YOU want Zion City saved?

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ARE YOU praying for its redemption?

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THEN SHOW your faith by your works.

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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 was 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.)

# 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 VanBremen had charge of the work on this occasion.

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:

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 wherunto 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

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:

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 cooperated 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 Kingdom.

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.

He sendeth His word

and healeth them.



# 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

### "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 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 impurance. The devil tricks men more just here than anywhere else; and why? Simply because we are not rightly taught 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 do 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?

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 patriarch 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 exam-

ine 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."

## 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 Respector 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-

er, 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 to 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 study 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 to 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 it 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 consequently 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; that 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. For 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 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 are born with a spirit of lying; and oftentimes if the mothers will only just look back over their own conduct, they will find 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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**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 may 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 interest, 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

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 now, 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 so 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 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!

**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.

Amount due	\$2625.00
Cash in hand toward this payment	1587.92
<b>Balance needed</b>	<b>\$1037.08</b>

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.

**Important Questions For All  
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 of the Word every day?  
Do you draw nigh to God in prayer every day?  
Do you regularly return thanks for table?  
Do you maintain a family altar?  
Do you have a regular subscriber to LEAVES OF HEALING and ZION LITERATURE? If so, do you read and study them prayerfully, and then recommend them to others that they 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$111,857.34</b>

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**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 for.

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.

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.

# ZION'S



All Night of Praise,  
Prayer and Testimony

December 31, 1909  
January 1, 1910

Shiloh Tabernacle  
Zion City, Illinois

# Plain Instructions

To One and All Interested in the Redemption of Zion City.

## How to Make Investments.

### PLAN NUMBER ONE

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He sendeth His word

and healeth them.



# 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

### 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 for 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

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.

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 weaknesses, 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 when 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 dis-

appeared. 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 Baptistery 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, child-like prayer, and rest in God.

Let us bow our heads in earnest prayer.

After a season of earnest prayer and the benediction of the General Overseer met and prayed with those seeking healing.

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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 wil-

derness 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.

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.

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.

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).

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.

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).

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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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.

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 twinkling 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:

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 Herald 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	
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

them missed the car usually taken in returning, 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 and 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 Boulevard at 6:35 p. m.

The following literature was disposed of last Saturday evening:

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.

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."

ised 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	
	Prin.	Int.	Prin.	Int.	Prin.	Int.	Prin.	Int.	Prin.	Int.
\$ 1	\$12.19	\$.73	\$ 60.95	\$3.65	\$121.90	\$ 7.30	\$182.85	\$10.95	\$243.80	\$14.60
2	24.38	1.46	121.90	7.30	243.80	14.60	365.70	21.90	487.60	29.20
3	36.57	2.19	182.85	10.95	365.70	21.90	548.55	32.85	731.40	43.80
4	48.76	2.92	243.80	14.60	487.60	29.20	731.40	43.80	975.20	58.40
5	60.95	3.65	304.75	18.25	609.50	36.50	914.25	54.75	1219.00	73.00
10	121.90	7.30	609.50	36.50	1219.00	73.00	1828.50	109.50	2438.00	146.00
15	182.85	10.95	914.25	54.75	1828.50	109.50	2742.75	164.25	3657.00	219.00
20	243.80	14.60	1219.00	73.00	2438.00	146.00	3657.00	219.00	4876.00	292.00
25	304.75	18.25	1523.75	91.25	3047.50	182.50	4571.25	273.75	6095.00	365.00

# 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 prom-

# 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

I, \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_ 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.

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

### 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

people, and some parts of the city are disgusting, repulsive and sickening. I just note one scene. There are towers built of mud and 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 Mokaushan 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. ROVALL.

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,

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

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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 whosoever 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

receptfulness of riches, choke the WORD, and he becometh unfruitful.

But he that receiveth seed into the good ground is he that beareth 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 recompense 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."

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.

IN THE Bible, every question that confronts mankind is answered, and a solution is found for every problem.

UNLIKE HUMAN productions, it has neither preface nor introduction. It begins with the greatest fact in the universe: the great FIRST CAUSE—"In the beginning God."

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.

THERE IS SALVATION for every one who will repent, confess, restore, believe and obey.

THERE IS HEALING for all who will meet the conditions.

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.

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.

"HE THAT dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High," can claim the protection of God the Almighty.

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

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 Overseer: 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 persuaded 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?

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 of 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." What 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 as 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 a good 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

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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 time-piece. 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,



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

### 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-

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.

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.

## 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.

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 give 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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 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.

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 abscess on his leg below the knee. They took him to a hospital and stuck a knife into that abscess, 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

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 Convocation 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.

# 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 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 every 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:

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:

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 habitués 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.

# 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.

# Special Zion Herald

Ten Thousand copies of the SPECIAL DOUBLE NUMBER of the ZION HERALD have been printed. Every Zion officer, member and friend in Zion City and throughout the world should mail them to their relatives and friends, and help to give this valuable number a wide circulation.

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# Cottage Prayer Meetings.

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## DIVISION NO. 1

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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

Company A.....	1912 Gideon Ave.
Company B.....	1821 Hermon Ave.
Company C.....	2316 Gideon Ave.
Company F.....	2706 Gilead Ave.

## DIVISION NO. 3

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

Company B.....	2829 Elisha Ave.
Company D.....	2915 Elisha Ave.
Company E.....	3217 Eshcol Ave.

# Shiloh Tabernacle

**Latest News: 11:25 a. m.**

**November 24, 1909.**

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He sendeth His word

and healeth them.



# 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 of any 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

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, nowadays. 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 into 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 revered—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 and 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.

"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 and 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 ever 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, or 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 one 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 the 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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**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!

THEY 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 fellowship 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.

## Results of Abiding in Christ.

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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.

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.

#### Publius 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

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 chapter 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.**

<b>Amount of Principal and Interest</b>	<b>\$2,625.00</b>
<b>Cash in hand Dec. 3, 1909</b>	<b>2,187.92</b>
<b>BALANCE NEEDED -</b>	<b>437.08</b>

## 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:

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.

He sendeth His word

and healeth them.



# 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 cushion, 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 brought 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 Caesarea, 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 Respector 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

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.

## 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

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 Laodicean 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.

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 running 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.

## 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 the 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."

**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, sa'an, 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 Subtlety 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,

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 glaring 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 VanBremen, 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	Isaiah 2:11
Ps. 35:13	Isaiah 5:15
1 Kings 21:29	Isaiah 10:33
2 Kings 22:19	Matthew 18:4
2 Chronicles 7:14	Matthew 23:12
2 Chronicles 12:6,7 and 12	Luke 14:11
2 Chronicles 30:11	Luke 18:14
2 Chronicles 32:26	2 Corinthians 12:21
2 Chronicles 33:12 and 23	Philippians 2:8
2 Chronicles 34:27	Colossians 3:12
2 Chronicles 36:12	Micah 6:8
Exodus 10:3	2 Samuel 16:4
Proverbs 6:3	Acts 8:33
Psalms 10:10	Proverbs 15:33
Psalms 113:6	Proverbs 18:12
Daniel 5:22	Proverbs 22:4
Isaiah 2:9	Colossians 2:18
Jeremiah 13:18	Colossians 2:23
James 4:10	1 Peter 5:5
1 Peter 5:6	Acts 20:19

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He sendeth His word

and healeth them.



# 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

### 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 moun-

tains 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 incense 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 Mandarin; 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.

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 bless 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.

### 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.

### 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 benefit 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.

### 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.



ZION HOME

... had the great joy of reporting in last week's Herald that the Hospice property had been purchased by the General Overseer, and, as soon as arrangements could be made to take possession, it be opened and conducted as a Zion Home.

... the favor of God continues to be poured out, and after a number of conferences with the lady who has been conducting the premises as a definite arrangements have been made to turn the whole property to the General Overseer just as soon as the inventories can be completed which will be (it is hoped) by Friday of this week.

... already many letters are coming in, asking for accommodation in the new Zion Home, not only from people in Zion City, but some from elsewhere.

... the hearts of Zion people everywhere are greatly rejoiced at this happy move.

... happy and prosperous days for Zion are seen ahead. The memory of the ten days, when Zion Homes were conducted by Dr. Dowie, is fresh, and the thought that Zion can again have a home where the Kingdom may come from far and near to learn the will of God more perfectly, is a source of great inspiration.

... the enormous proportions of Elijah Hospice make it possible to accommodate hundreds of guests at a time. The large, well-lighted and well-ventilated rooms, with all necessary accommodations, the spacious parlors and corridors, where friends may be met and exercise taken, together with the general prayer and assembly rooms will afford every comfort for the guest.

... every effort will be exerted to have the dining-room a place of joy and blessing to every guest. The Zion Home occupies, perhaps, the most prominent place in Zion City.

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.

**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 offices 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!

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 our 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 Christ 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.

The 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 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.

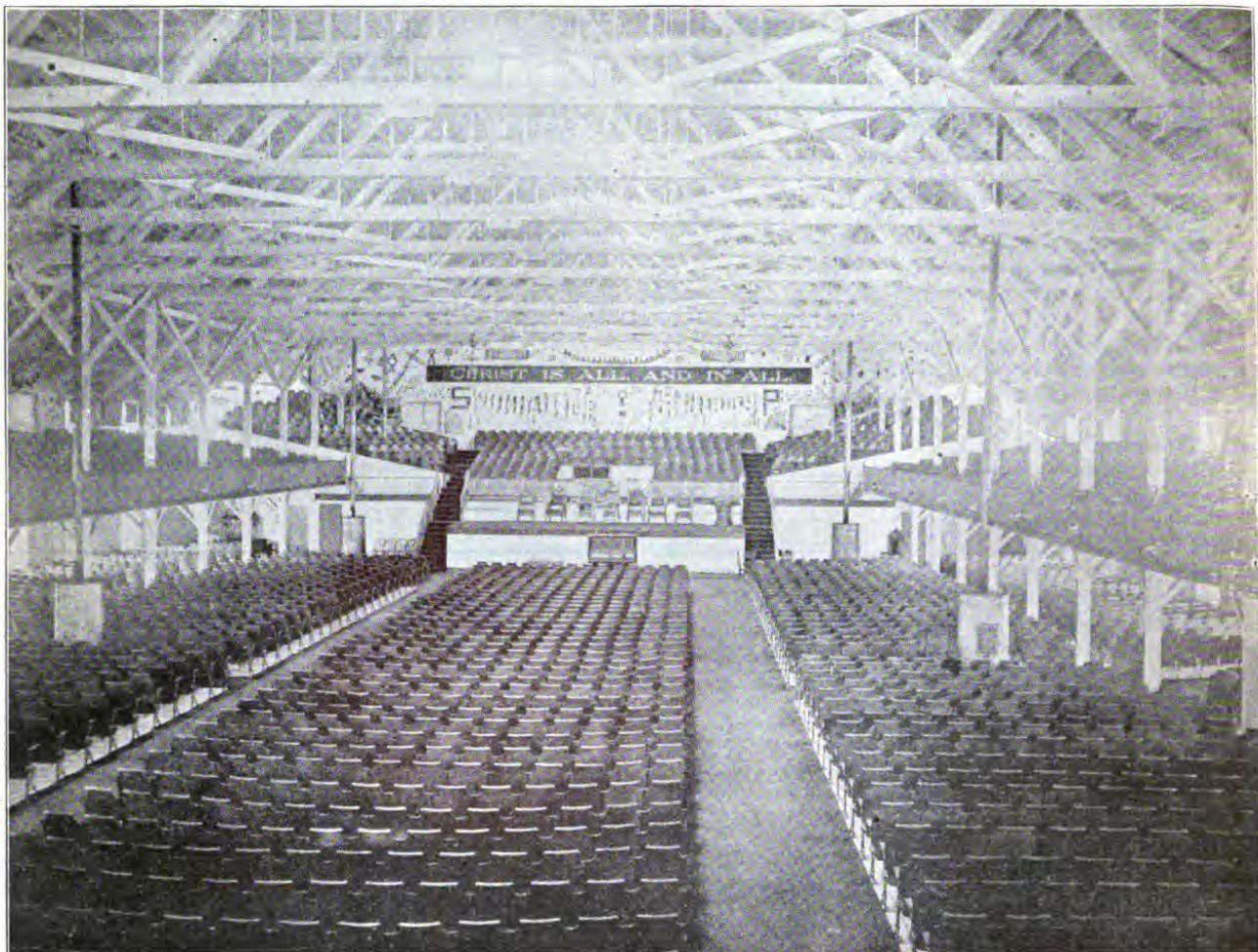
It would be a splendid thing to have a little card or a notebook with Bible subjects and passages of Scripture grouped in the best way possible at hand, during the lunch-hour, on the train, when waiting for someone, when retiring, upon rising, etc. One month of systematic work in the line indicated will 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, steadfast 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.

# Helps in Bible Study.

(Continued from page 201)

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 uniors, 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 subject.

## SALVATION.

### THE DIVINE SIDE.

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
Came to save sinners . . . . .	1 Tim. 1:15
Came that they might have life . . . . .	John 10:10
Appointed unto salvation . . . . .	1 Thess. 5: 9
Whose you from the beginning . . . . .	2 Thess. 2:13
By whose 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 Cbr. 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,

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:

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

#### IOWA

Banks and Anderson, traveling representatives from this department report work done in Sioux City, Iowa, for the week ending Dec. 4, 1909, as follows:

Calls made	500
Leaves sold	57

Heralds sold	33
Tracts sold	1
Number of pieces distributed	591

# ZION

## PENNY TRACTS

*The following penny tracts, convenient for carrying in the pocket, or sending in ordinary size envelope, have been prepared:*

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He sendeth His word

and healeth them.



# 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 and 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

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 meet-

ing. 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 too 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.

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.

Oh! may God fire every spirit here today with a 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. (Amen!)

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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**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 meas-

ured man's needs, and promised that adown the ages the Deliverer would 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 outcasts of Israel, and 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.

"**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 forth 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 into 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 look 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 rigetousness,  
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 Christmas 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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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 and 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 appointed? 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.

# 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 mission 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:

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.

"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.

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.

Persons coming from outside of Zion City should write at the earliest possible date to Mr. H. C. 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.

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and healeth them.



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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

### 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, be-

longing 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

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 luried 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 of 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 Shin-tism 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

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 topeheavy 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 kindest 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:

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."

Calls made . . . . .	1600
Messages given . . . . .	2000
"Leaves" given . . . . .	60
"Leaves" sold . . . . .	40
Total number of pieces distributed . . . . .	2100

### 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, O Lord.

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 always, 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."

# 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 me 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-ridden 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 labored incessantly 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 scound of a funeral dirge, and the sounds meet and commingle all the way through life; but to-

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 they 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 whereby 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 veil.

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

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 stretched to you will become too short and finally you will slip into the River, and then, when human arms fail, will you reach out for the hand of the Christ? No; not unless you do 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 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 tolling 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 earthly 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 the 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 are living in places that would be unfit for swine! When you sit down in your 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 yourselves 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

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."

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## The Gospel of the Kingdom

### RULE IN THE CHURCH

"He that ruleth, with diligence"

Romans 12:8. By

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The subject of rule in the Church of Jesus Christ is a very important one. Much hurt has come to the cause of Christ because this question of ruling has not been properly understood, taught and practiced. Power is wasted unless it is rightly controlled and utilized. Electricity has always been in the world from creation's dawn, but it was wasted on the desert air, for the most part, until it was harnessed and broken to work like a wild colt. So with all force and power. Fire is a good servant, but a bad master; so with air and water. It is the same with spiritual power and with the forces in the Church. They are many. The body has many members, but they must be put to their proper use and office, or they are powerless. Forces of all kinds must be marshalled, or there will be scattered fragments, working to no purpose. So argued the great Apostle. Said "We have gifts differing, though they be in the same body. If a man has prophecy, let him attend to prophesying; if teaching, let him attend to his teaching; or ministry, let him wait on ministering," and so on. "He that ruleth, with diligence." Ruling in the Church is reckoned as one of the gifts and offices, the same as prophecy, or teaching, or any other. No one seems to raise any objection to rule, except in religion, unless he be a rank anarchist who would do away with all rule and government. As the so-called church goes today, there is nothing but anarchy in it. Rule and government are, for the

most part, only a farce. Ministers are afraid to use the rights and authority that God has put into their hands as the rulers of the flock. The way the churches are constituted and managed to day, no real authority can be exercised, for the preachers are only the tools of their people. They must obey their mandates, or the people will discharge them or withhold support and starve the preachers out.

Authority is entirely misplaced. Just as well allow the children to supplant the head of the family, when he tries to exercise authority, as for the Church or congregation to supplant their head. God never built His Church on such a flimsy foundation as that. No institution on earth could endure for an hour under such conditions.

The Church of God must be ruled by men who have the gift of rulership, the same as a prophet must have the gift of prophecy. God bestows the gift of ruling the same as He does the gift of prophecy, or any other.

It is a foolish and absurd idea and teaching that every man is his own ruler or boss in religion any more than he is such in an army or in a civilized government.

A ruler may not know everything, or be able to do everything in his realm; but he must direct and keep things in order. A president of a great university may be far from being an expert in many of the departments; he might be quite ignorant of many of the branches taught under him: but he is the head, and he directs the affairs of the great and complex institution that carries on a great variety of work.

The Lord calls a prophet for a certain work; so with the teacher. Even the man who gives is also called for a certain work—"Let him give with simplicity or liberality." Another man is given to exhortation.

The ruler recognizes these gifts as from God, and it is his business to see that every member is in his place, and does his duty. A ruler ought to be able to discern whether a man is a false teacher or a false prophet in sheep's clothing, and so guard his sheep from these wolves.

The head cannot see nor hear, but the head directs the eye. He says to the eye, "Look not upon the wine when it is red." "Feast not yourself upon those things that pollute the mind." The head governs the eye, though the head cannot see. So of the ear: it is only an organ of the body, and it may defile the whole body by what it hears. Take heed what you hear and how you hear. Does not the ear need government and direction from a wise head? Faith comes by hearing, and so does all sound doctrine. Shall the ear listen to the blasphemy of the street and the ribald songs of the gutter, and the low theater? Is it in the man that walketh to direct his steps? No; saith the Lord of Hosts. The feet must be directed in the paths of righteousness, or they will go astray. Just as well turn the young babe or child out upon the wilds and expect him to go right as to expect a babe in Christ, or a child of God, to walk uprightly, unaided.

The teaching in the Church must be guarded. Said Paul, "If any man preach any other gospel than what we have preached to you, let him be anathema." All the ministers must speak the same thing.

Good order and right living must be insisted upon. All troubles and disputes should go back to the Church authorities for settlement. If God intended that every man should be a law unto himself, why did He ordain and set any officers in His Church? Can we not trust men to rule in the Church as well as in the State and in the army? Shame on the Church of the living God if we cannot govern and manage the affairs of God's Kingdom on the earth as well as the world governs her affairs? Cannot the Kingdom of God do all things better than the Kingdom of darkness? Can we not trade better? Can we not have better schools? Can we not have better politics? If we cannot, let us serve Baal, and quit business in the name of the Lord.

## TRIUNE IMMERSION

Its Historical and Biblical Position

By Elder C. F. Viking.

### I.

What concerns us most, of the Historical Testimony of Baptism, is what mode was used in the 2nd and 3rd centuries, A. D. Whatever mode was used after that period can only help us inasmuch as it shows what the Church, in later periods, unanimously understood to be the earlier and proper mode, thus adding weight of testimony, yet of a secondary degree.

If there are any historical evidences of Triune Immersion in the second century, that is what concerns us most, for such are testimonies of the first degree, and of the utmost moment for our study.

There is no lack of writings and interpretations of baptism in later centuries, especially since the time of the Reformation; so were it not for the fact that God has given unto Zion an unbiassed mind and a true knowledge of baptism, to write on this subject would only add confusion.

That Triune Immersion is so little known and practiced outside of Zion, in the Protestant churches, finds its cause in the theological seminaries. It is not taught or discussed there. It is a lamentable fact that prejudiced hand-book historians, in dealing with Triune Immersion—which, of course, they had to mention—have not given it its proper notice.

Many a Baptist preacher, when confronted by Zion on the subject of baptism, has emphatically denied that there was such a thing as Triune Immersion in the early centuries at all. He has taken his full course of Seminary work, read Church History through and through, but in all his research on Baptism, which a Baptist is supposed to be clever at, with the help of the professors of Church History and students of learning, he has not seen Triune Immersion; or, if he saw it, it was printed in small lettered paragraphs, squeezed in between, or put at the end of the text, and very little, if any notice was given to the subject. The fellow may have read or heard the professor say, "Some practiced three dips, but it was condemned as heresy."

It is, of course, interesting to note the perfect unity of decision come to by the various standard writers of Church History regard-

ing Triune Immersion. We shall, necessarily, condense their voluminous testimony, yet not so as to lose the important facts. The historians and cyclopædists base their arguments and conclusions on the proofs from the Church Fathers, of whom Tertullian stands out as a great champion in the second century, (between the years 150 and 220 A. D.) who, in writing on the subject of baptism, uses the expression, "TER MERGIMATUR."

We quote from the Dictionary of Christian Antiquities by Smith and Cheetham; History of the Christian Church by Philip Schaff, D. D., L. L. D., Dictionary of Religion by Rev. W. Benham, B. D., F. S. A.; Dictionary of Theology by Rev. J. H. Blunt, M. A., F. S. A.; The Cyclopædia Britannica, the 9th edition; Chambers' Encyclopædia; The American Encyclopædia; Cyclopædia of Biblical Theology and Ecclesiastical Literature by McClintock and Strong, and others, as follows:

Dictionary of Christian Antiquities by Smith and Cheetham, Vol 1, 11. "The words (*ter mergimatur*) just quoted have reference to the triune immersion then customary and the use of the words implicitly prescribed in Matthew XXVIII.

At p. 49. "Triple immersion, that is, thrice dipping the head while standing in the water, was the all but universal rule of the Church in early times. Of this we find proof in Africa, in Palestine, in Egypt, at Antioch and Constantinople, in Cappadocia. Lastly, the apostolic canons, so called, alike in the Greek, the Coptic, and the Latin versions, gave special injunctions as to this observance, saying that any bishop or presbyter should be deposed who violated this rule."

At p. 50. "While Triune Immersion was an all but universal practice, EUNOMIUS (*Circ.* 360 A. D.) appears to have been the first to introduce single immersion. It comes before us again a century later in Spain: but then, curiously enough, we find it regarded as a badge of orthodoxy in opposition to the practice of the Arians."

Cyclopædia of Biblical, Theological and Ecclesiastical Literature by McClintock & Strong:

"Triune Baptism.

\* \* \* The first who departed from this usage was Eunomius, the Arian."

Among the Church Fathers:

THEODORET (a. 390 A. D.) *Horælicarum Tabularum*, Lib. IV, Cap. 111:

\* \* \* "He (Eunomius) both destroyed the custom of holy baptism given from the first by the Lord and the apostles and made exactly an opposite law, saying that it was not necessary to dip thrice the one being baptized, nor to use the name of the Trinity, but to baptize once only into the death of Christ."

History of the Christian Church by Philip Schaff, D. D., L.

L. D., Vol. II, p. 248, "Taken from Tertullian and later writers, \* \* \* This act of turning from sin and turning to God, or of repentance and faith, on the part of the candidate, was followed by an appropriate prayer of the minister, and then by the baptism itself in the triune name, with three successive immersions in water with the deacons and deaconesses assisting."

Vol. III, p. 486. "Immersion continued to be the usual form of Baptism, especially in the East, and the three-fold immersion in the name of the Trinity. Yet Gregory the Great permitted also the single immersion, which was customary in Spain as a testimony against Arian polytheism."

Dictionary of Theology by Rev. J. H. Blunt, B. D., F. S. A.

"That immersion was the ordinary mode of baptizing in the primitive church is unquestionable. Tertullian says, "*Ter Mergimatur*," we are thrice immersed \* \* \* Immersion in the name of each Divine person was, indeed, the ordinary mode of baptizing (triune immersion), during as long as twelve centuries."

Encyclopædia Britannica, 9th Edition, Vol. III, p. 351, "The custom was to immerse three times, once at the name of each of the persons of the Trinity, but latterly the three-fold immersion was abolished."

Chambers' Encyclopædia, Vol. I, p. 723.

"The ancient practice of exorcism immediately before baptism has been rejected as superstitious by almost all Protestant Churches; as has also that of immersing three times (triune immersion), or sprinkling three time with reference to the three persons in the Godhead."

American Cyclopædia, Vol. II, p. 290

"The Latin Church favors affusion three times applied, in the names of the three persons of the Trinity; it, however, admits of either immersion or sprinkling. The original rubric of the Greek Church requires a triune immersion."

Dictionary of Religion by Rev. Benham, B. D., F. S. A., p. 99

"Of other ancient ceremonies of minor importance space forbids to speak at length; the chief of them, exorcism and anointing, were, with the Triune Immersion, retained in our first reformed Prayer Book of 1549, but laid aside with it in 1552."

In summing up this evidence, it becomes clear:

1. That there is no doubt whatever, but that Triune Immersion was the universal mode of baptism in the second and third centuries.

2. That none of these men, from whose works we have quoted, who, themselves, for the most part, as far as baptism goes, have been affiliated with sprinkling, none of these have been able to find any backing for the modes of sprinkling, and infant baptism in the first few centuries of the history of the church; but, on the other hand, have had unanimously to declare that Triune Immersion was the mode universally practiced.

3. That single immersion, the mode used by the Baptists, had never been in existence nor advocated in the first three centuries, as it was first originated by one Eunomius, in the fourth century.

4. That a century or more later single immersion had gained ground, and was held to be equally good with Triune immersion in Spain.

5. That Triune Immersion gradually disappeared so that, at the dawn of the 20th century, it was almost lost, but was brought into light by Zion, and is the only true baptism of christians.

6 That, contrary to all Historical Facts, Triune Immersion is rejected and held in superstition by almost all leaders of protestant churches of our time.

7. That such facts are kept hidden in colossal libraries and immense bookcases and not given to the people.

8. That it remains for Zion to put these facts into the hands of the churches, and to make war on every apostasy until within their walls shall know the truth.

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## EDITORIAL NOTES

*By the General Associate Editor*

"RIGHTEOUSNESS exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people."

MAN'S WHOLE duty is to obey God and keep His commandments.

THE SECRET of power is in obedience. The promise of God to dwell with man, is based upon man's desire to obey.

"THIS IS His commandment, That ye should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as He gave us commandment. And he that keepeth His commandments dwelleth in Him and He in him. And hereby we know that He abideth in us, by the Spirit which He hath given us."

GOD HAS given an infallible test of knowledge that one abides in Him—the Spirit of Christ. "If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His."

TO BE righteous is to be Christ-minded: "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."

CHRIST is our righteousness, "But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, Who of God is made unto us wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption: that, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord."

CHRIST CAME not to do His own will, but the will of His Father Who sent Him. He prayed, and He taught His disciples, likewise, to pray, "Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven."

RIGHTEOUSNESS in man's heart comes from earnest desire. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness;" and the man or the woman who will not do this will forever remain poor, and will never enjoy the pleasures of heaven.

ONE MUST first present himself unto God a living sacrifice, and then, ever after, do as Paul told Timothy, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Paul meant here that Timothy—and the truth is just as applicable to every other Christian—should study the Plan of life which God had given. Jesus the Christ had set the example; He was the Pattern after which every thought, word and deed was to be shaped.

THE RIGHTEOUSNESS of God is broader than His universe, and man dare not attempt to try to narrow it, nor to presume that, because of God's mercy and lovingkindness, he can do as he pleases and not be called to judgment for his unrighteous acts. Christ is the standard of weight and measure for everything that man does.

Christ came to establish forever the Kingdom of God, and Righteousness is the Rule of His Kingdom. Every physical atom is to be subject to the control of Spiritual force. God spoke and the world was. He spoke again, and out of the earth came vegetable life; and again, and man took his place in the earth to be an honor and a glory unto God His Father. Order is the result of righteousness, and never once has one of God's laws encroached upon another. Every function is perfect. "And God saw that it was good."

ZION EXISTS today for no other purpose than to exemplify as nearly as possible, the reign of righteousness upon the earth, and that Heaven's law must direct all things. God's people are peculiar; they are "in the world"—i. e., among the people of the world, but "they are not of the world," i. e., they have an heavenly heritage and citizenship not after the manner of men and women who seek for self-pleasure.

THE DIFFERENCE between the Christian man or Christian woman's thought, word, and act should be as marked as day and night—or more intense—as righteousness and sin.

WHY ARE these untold thousands of men, women and children in the land today suffering the pangs of hunger, practically destitute of raiment and shelter, and, too often, with no one to speak a word of cheer or comfort, or of hope? Why? Because righteousness is not done; because man does not love his neighbor; because lust has killed love; because men's and women's thoughts are of themselves and for themselves; because their vision is limited solely to their own interests, and, in reality, because they say, by their acts at least, "I don't care whether other men, women and children have any food, shelter, raiment, or comforts, or not; in fact, I have nothing to do with it. I'm looking out for myself; let others get out of the way."

That is what the world is---selfish and unrighteous; and the blood of countless slain ones---slain by greed, slain by indifference, slain by the don't care spirit, slain by selfishness---all for self---is ever fresh upon the garments, yea, dripping from the very bodies of every selfish man and woman of the world. God, with most people, is nowhere.

ZION STANDS as a rebuke to all this, and says "God is with us," and that righteousness shall be exalted; that love shall rule; that true happiness and usefulness can come only in obeying God's commandments.

ZION BELIEVES that that nation (or people) which will not serve God shall perish. Oh, do we not see on every hand the awful scourge as the result of unbelief—the result of what mankind has brought upon itself?

ZION CITY is for God's people. Men, women, you who love God, do you love Him enough to help in the salvation of Zion City? The keeping of Zion City for God is worth far more than all the money of the earth; for money, apart from using it for God's glory, is valueless; it cannot save humanity; it cannot show them love, kindness, longsuffering, mercy; it cannot set into motion forces that will minister to humanity's needs; but Zion, Zion City, and Zion truths and principles will make humanity to enjoy all things which God has in store. The homeless will be supplied with food, shelter and raiment under proper and healthful circumstances; the sad will be made to rejoice; the sick will be made well, and the mildew of hell will be forever wiped away in righteous rule.

ZION IS God's vine; she is of Divine planting, and woe be to the man or woman who, by indifference, or direct attack, hinders in the upbuilding, and prevents a bountiful harvest of the fruits of righteousness.

NO CHRISTIAN should count any sacrifice too great in order that Zion City may be saved and used for God's work in the earth.

ZION, EVERYWHERE, PRAY, WORK, GIVE.

## Having The Mind of Christ

An Address Delivered in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, at the All-Night Meeting, Dec. 31, 1909, Jan. 1, 1910, by

*General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva*

I cannot express in words the great joy that fills my heart, as I welcome you, one and all, in the name of the Lord, to the All-Night meeting.

Before the few remarks which I shall make in the short time at my disposal, I wish to place two selections of Scripture. The first one you will find in Philippians the second chapter and the fifth verse:

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.

The second is in the Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter and the thirty-fourth verse:

A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another, as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

There are many things in my heart that I would like to say to the officers, members and friends of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion.

### Reasons for God's Blessings upon Humanity.

First of all, I desire to thank God for the manner in which He has blessed us as a people; and if we had been more faithful, God would have more richly blessed us; for his blessings upon humanity, first of all, are the result of His great mercy and lovingkindness, and the best of us merit nothing at God's hands.

In the second place, God's blessings are the result of our reconciliation to Him through Jesus the Christ, and of our love and devotion to Him.

### God Loves All Humanity.

God the Almighty loves all humanity: such love did He have that He gave His only begotten Son to die for the sins of all mankind; but tonight I would impress upon your minds that there is a still greater love which is within the reach of every child of God.

Among the last words that Jesus the Christ uttered before His crucifixion, were, "He that hath My sayings, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me: and he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father; and I will love him and will manifest Myself unto him."

And again, in the twenty-third verse of the fourteenth chapter of John, in response to the question why He made Himself known to the apostles and not to the world, Jesus said, "If a man love Me, He will keep My words: and My Father will love him, and we will come unto him and make Our abode with him."

There is a love then, within the reach of every child of God, that is greater than the love which God has shown toward other humanity; and I exhort all of the officers, members and friends of this Church, to live for this great love of God during the year Nineteen Hundred and Ten, as never before.

When I say that God has been good to us beyond measure, the words but very feebly express the real facts.

A few days ago in Chicago, a man said to me, "Why do you not tell the Chicago papers of the progress Zion is making?" I said to him, "I believe that the best and safest policy, in the long run, is to do the work in the fear of God, and then let the work speak for itself."

The first selection of Scripture which I read to you, is, of the most marvelous in the entire Word of God.

#### The Possibility of Having the Mind of Christ.

You who have read the Gospel story, and have become acquainted with the self-denial, self-sacrifice, humiliation and suffering of the Christ—when exhorted to have the same mind that Christ had, will be tempted to say that it is beyond the reach of any human being.

In reading the New Testament, it seems to me that nowhere else in the entire life of the Apostle Paul will one find such proof of Heavenly inspiration as that which is recorded in the second chapter of Philippians.

In his writings, Paul was noted for his diversions and sudden flashes of inspiration—which accounts for his abrupt termination, or sudden breaking off, and taking a flight—as he does in this second chapter of Philippians.

In order to understand the exhortation, you will need to study the first chapter, but I will go back only as far as the beginning of the second chapter tonight.

In speaking to the members of the church at Philippi, Paul says, in substance, "You profess to accept Jesus the Christ as the Son of God and as your Savior, you profess to find sweet comfort in the love which He showed by His words, by His works, by His suffering, by His death and by His triumph; you profess that there is, in His life, an exhortation to well-doing, you profess that there is sweet fellowship with the Spirit of God; now, brethren, if your professions are real, and not so many idle words, then I call upon you to prove your sincerity and the reality of your profession, by doing certain things; fulfil ye my joy by being of one mind, of one heart, of one accord, and having the same love; that nothing may be done through faction or vain glory, but that each esteem other better than himself, looking not upon your own things, but upon the things of others."

And then Paul—as if by a sudden flash of inspiration, it seems to me—transcended any height which he had ever reached before, and exhorts them to have the same mind that the Lord Jesus the Christ had: "Let this mind be in you, that was also in Christ Jesus."

My brothers and sisters, as I stand here before you tonight, and you are very much in my heart, and I realize that I am your shepherd, and that some day I shall be called to stand before God, and give an account of my ministry, I say to you, Have the same mind that the Lord Jesus the Christ had.

#### The Sacrificial Love of Christ.

The Lord Jesus the Christ travelled all the way from heaven by way of earth—yes, and also by way of hell—back to God His Father. He was possessed of the attributes that would have made Him equal to God the Father. He looked at them, and He looked at Heaven, with all that Heaven meant; and then He looked down upon this earth, and saw poor, sin-stricken, diseased, suffering and dying humanity.

Then came the moment when it was necessary for the Christ to make His choice: either to keep His attributes that made Him to be on an equality with God, and to retain Heaven with all that Heaven meant, or to lay that all aside and to come down to this earth to live, to suffer, and to die the most cruel and ignominious of all deaths, in order that humanity might have salvation, healing and cleansing.

What did the Lord Jesus the Christ do? He laid them all aside, put them all down; He laid aside all of the attributes which made him to be in the form of God, and took upon Himself the form of a servant.

Then, my brothers and sisters, the very next step that Christ took, was the step of self-denial, of self-condescension, the step of voluntary humiliation,

Can you measure the distance from being in the form of God to being in the form of a servant?

#### Christ's Meat and Drink to Do the Will of the Father.

Following the self-denial of the Christ was His self-sacrifice: a broken heart over the conditions of humanity, a supreme and absolute surrender to the will of God His Heavenly Father, and so much so that He could say to His disciples, "My meat and drink is to do the will of My Father."

#### The Calls and the Offers.

Therefore, my brethren, if you would have the mind of Jesus the Christ you must make your choice: on the one side you will find God calling, through the Holy Spirit, asking you to make a full surrender. He offers you life and joy and peace; together with self-denial, self-sacrifice, persecution, and, finally, life eternal; but, on the other hand, Satan calls upon you and offers you all the Kingdoms of this world: wealth, worldly honor, the plaudits of mankind, lucrative positions, glittering gold, houses and lands and the cattle upon a thousand hills.

#### Which Will be Chosen.

There it is, you can make your own choice; if you choose God, you must let the world go; if you choose the world, you must lose sight of God the Almighty.

The most foolish thing that a man ever did was to try to serve both God and Mammon at the same time. It cannot be done.

O, I earnestly pray that if there is one here tonight who is trying to serve both God and Mammon at the same time, that he will be convinced now of his sin and shown the folly of his conduct, and that he will turo, sincerely repenting, unto his God and Father tonight!

Zion, have the mind of the Christ.

O, what a beautiful life to live, to have the mind of the Christ! Some people follow Him closely, but there are many who follow Him afar off only; those who follow Him closely have their cup of joy full to the brim and running over; but those who follow Him afar off, go around scarcely knowing or having tasted of the joys that God has prepared for them if only they would make a full surrender and put their trust in Him.

There is a great struggle going on in every breast; and I ask you tonight, Zion, my brothers and sisters, to face the Word of God squarely and boldly, and to take God at His Word without fear, favor, or compromise, and then go forward determined to serve your God at all costs.

"Have this mind in you, which was also in Christ Jesus!"

O, it is such a joy to be completely lost in the service of God! It is such a joy to lay all on the altar for God! If all will do that, then the windows of Heaven will be opened, and each will realize, as never before, what it is to be a true follower of the Lord Jesus the Christ Who set the example.

#### Love the Fulfilling of Divine Law

The second selection of Scripture that I read exhorts us to love one another. My brother, my sister, are you obeying the Word of God? When you are brought to the place where you must deal with certain questions, are you careful to follow the Word of God?

Among other things, the Word of God tells us that we must "overcome evil with good." Have you reached the place in the Christian life where you can do a kind deed to the one who has cruelly wronged you?

Have you reached the place where you can "overcome evil with good?" Or, are you still in the place where you say, "He hit me, and I will hit him; I will resist evil and stand upon my dignity?"

But the Word of God says, "Overcome evil with good."

The Word of God tells you that "if your brother smite you

on one cheek, turn to him the other also;" which means, simply, that you are to rise above taking notice of every little provocation and every insignificant affront and insult.

**The Kingdom of God is First**

The Word of God says, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness." Are you doing it? God says, "If ye abide in Me and My words abide in you, ye shall ask whatsoever ye will, and it shall be done unto you." Have you claimed that promise?

The Word of God says, "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 you." My brother, my sister, how much of the power of God is there working in you?

How is it with each one of you when you are face to face with Satan and his foul works, Do you find yourself unequipped? Do you find yourself unable to obtain any answer to prayer or unable to fight the battle? If you do, it is because you have not the Word of God in you, and you have not the power of God in you, and then Satan's darts soon put you to flight.

**Faithfully Rely Upon All Of God's Word**

Zion, I exhort you to stand for the Word of God from cover to cover.

I believe that the whale swallowed Jonah; and if my Bible told me that Jonah swallowed the whale, I would believe it.

I believe that Daniel was thrown into the lions' den, and that the angel of God closed the lions' mouths so that they could not hurt him.

I believe that the three Hebrew children were thrown into the fiery furnace.

I believe that the walls of Jericho fell down; and there is one thing in this connection which we all ought to learn: that God required the people to shout before the walls of Jericho fell down. And God requires of you and me that we work by faith in the salvation of Zion City; and that we do some of the shouting before the city is saved, and not leave all of the shouting until after it is saved. Anybody can shout after it is saved; but it takes men and women of faith to shout before it is saved.

**Bury The Adamic Nature And Live In The Christ**

My brothers and sisters, there is a great deal of the "old man" hanging around, and of the "old woman" too; and I pray that God may kill every "old man" of sin, and every "old woman" of sin—the carnal nature—that there is in this congregation.

Ah, how much sin we find in this world! How much I have seen of it during the past week! I am astonished at the manner in which many people act, and then take up a lot of my time in straightening them out—and some deacons, too.

**Necessity For Union Of Spirit**

My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so; we ought to set the right example; and I do earnestly pray that the Spirit of God may fill every member of this church.

(Amens)

Elder Royall, in his Greetings from Shanghai, China, strikes the key-note which I have been preaching for some time.

He says, "Greetings from Zion in China to Zion in Zion City and throughout the world at the All-Night Meeting. This

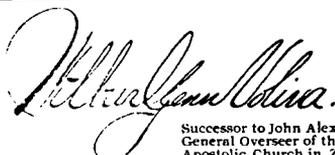
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**For God  
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Successor to John Alexander Dowie  
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has been the most blessed year of Zion's work in China. Pray that the unity of the Spirit shall not be broken by criticism or in any other way."

My prayer tonight is that God will cast every devil of criticism out of this Church (Amens). During the year Nineteen Hundred and Ten, if you cannot say something good about your brother or sister, then do not say anything at all.

**Think Of The Good And That Which Uplifts**

Zion, it is a good thing to have deaf ears for everything that comes from the devil; and a good thing to have open ears and an open heart for everything that comes from God.

Instead of talking about sin all the time, talk about righteousness.

Instead of talking about disease, talk about health.

Instead of talking about death, talk about life.

Instead of talking about hell, talk about Heaven.

Instead of sitting around talking to the devil, sit down and talk with God and commune with Him. Let your conversation be in Heavenly places.

Ah, my brothers and sisters, as I look back over the year Nineteen Hundred and Nine, I can see many mistakes and many failures and shortcomings; but I say, "Father, it is not for me to sit down by the side of my mistakes and shortcomings and failures, and to pine over them." But I say, "Father, forgive!"

**Life To Be Spent In Saving Humanity And Upbuilding The Kingdom**

I know that God is merciful, loving and kind, and the right way for me to do is to step upon my mistakes and failures and shortcomings and, by the help of God, to go forward during the year Nineteen Hundred and Ten and make a glorious success—of what? A man's life should all be spent for the salvation of the sinful, the healing of the sick, and the establishment of the Kingdom of God.

That is Zion's mission and she has no other mission.

**Zion's Only Mission**

Zion, the mission of every officer, the mission of every member and the mission of every Seventy in this Church, is to live for the salvation, healing and cleansing of poor humanity.

As I sat in my office today and communed with God, I said "My Father, when I shall come to the close of my life's journey, I want to be able to look back and see, just this and nothing more: many people saved through my humble, earnest efforts; many people healed through the telling of the old, old story of Jesus and His love; and that is all I want to see."

Our ambition ought not to be to have a fine tombstone after we pass away, but simply to have nothing more than a wooden slab to mark our last resting place; but we ought to seek to have a monument more lasting than granite or marble: Yes, one composed of the saved and the redeemed through our humble, earnest efforts in preaching the Gospel of the Lord Jesus the Christ.

If you want to live, die to self, to the things of this world, and the fleeting pleasure of this life.

Are you abiding alone tonight? Or, are you sacrificing life itself for the salvation of the world? This ought to be the best

body of people on the face of the earth; but there is room for vast improvement, for we all are imperfect.

Zion, I exhort you now to begin each day by looking into the face of your God. When a man or woman tells me that he or she has no time to read the Word of God, I say frankly that I do not believe it.

During the past three weeks some others and I have toiled day and night; and yet there has never passed a single day, but that in the early morning, before taking up the heavy duties of the day, I have knelt before an open Bible and looked up into the face of my God and prayed earnestly; and I know that He will answer my cries, for His promises are faithful, and they cannot fail.

#### Begin Each Day With God's Word--Get Your Orders

I exhort you to start out the New Year by beginning each day with the reading of God's Word and in earnest prayer.

Then pray at Noon and thank God that He has spared your life so far through the day, and then close the day with prayer.

Set out the family altar in your home. Return thanks at the table. Show your gratitude to God, and fall into line with the performance of every Christian duty.

#### God Works With And For Those That Trust Him

I am so thankful that the same God Who caused that the barrel of meal and cruse of oil should not fail, is today able and willing to undertake the lifting of the burdens of Zion, to redeem every foot of Zion City; and to make Zion far more glorious than she ever has been in the past, if only we will all be true, steadfast and faithful.

## Report of Literature Distributed

By the

### Zion Seventy Department

From August 1, 1909, to January 1, 1910

The following figures tell many wonderful stories of love, sacrifice, and devotion to service. When one stops to consider that nearly two hundred thousand people, in the short period of five months, have been seen by Zion Seventies and talked with face to face concerning the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, it represents a vast work; and, best of all, it means that those people gave a thought if no longer than for a minute to the things of eternity. When it is remembered that God has declared that His Word "shall not return unto Me void, but shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it," what hope is inspired that some, at least, will find the message precious and yield themselves to its influence.

Again, when it is known that nearly fifteen thousand, in the same five months, were sufficiently interested to purchase Zion Literature for study and further consideration, hope should be increased, and prayers should be many and earnest that the literature be as good seed cast in a manner to bring forth much fruit.

A mighty force for evangelizing the world, is the Zion Seventy Organization. The mission of the Seventies is to hunt people out and bring them face to face with the Eternal Truth. The great Commission given by Christ says, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." The lost and unconcerned ones are to be sought out to be presented with the

message which speaks to their spirits and demands that they yield themselves to the authority of heaven.

To be a messenger with the Gospel truth is the greatest privilege that can come to the lot of man. What an honor to be a representative of the King of kings and Lord of lords! How rich the reward in peace of mind and spirit for this present life, and oh, the joy that is set before each faithful one in anticipation of the Crown of life!

The report follows:

ZION SEVENTY REPORT FROM AUGUST 1-09 TO JANUARY 1-10.	
Number Leaves Sold .....	8,381
Number Heralds Sold .....	5,964
Number Tracts Sold.....	524
Number Messages Distributed.....	198,872
Number Rolls Free Literature.....	2,309
Total Number Pieces Literature Distributed.....	216,050

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He sendeth His word

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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

### TRIUNE IMMERSION

Its Historical and Biblical Position

By Elder C. F. Viking.

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.)

#### II.

The biblical position of Baptism can easily be found by every honest student of the Word of God. The trouble in the past has not been with the text, nor with the masses of the people, but with the interpreters, or teachers (?). They have twisted and strained and materialized and spiritualized and interpreted words and phrases to suit their own creeds. But the Bible itself, taken as it stands, on baptism, destroys any claim of sprinkling, pouring, washing, single immersion and infant baptism at one blow.

The words of Jesus, in Matthew 28, verses 18 and 19 and 20, give no uncertain sound, and tell exactly the whole truth. Jesus said:

All authority hath been given unto Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the consummation of the age.

This gives the true formula and mode and meaning of Triune Immersion.

To baptize a person is to immerse or dip him into water; for the literal meaning of the word "baptize" is "immerse." "Baptizing them" means immersing them and nothing else.

Jesus did not say "sprinkling them," or "washing them," or "pouring them," but He said, "immersing them," and He meant it.

The minister who sprinkles, or washes, or pours, and calls it baptism, saying to the candidate, "I baptize thee," is uttering an age-long lie in the sight of God and man every time. He does no such thing as baptize. He says he baptizes, but that does not alter the fact that he does not. If he said, "I sprinkle thee," or "I wash thee," or, "I pour on thee," then he would be about right, for that is what he is doing, yet it is not baptism. It is straining at gnats and swallowing camels to try to find any trace of sprinkling and infant baptism in the Word of God. It is simply not there. These counterfeits of the devil have come into existence in a later period, and have gained such a hold on Christendom that the greatest part of the nominal church depends upon sprinkling for regeneration of heart and reception into God's Kingdom.

But true baptism even, does not change any one's heart: it only confirms something and testifies to some change that has already taken place with the candidate. He is not baptized into a Christian, but *as* a Christian. A true baptism confirms that he is a Christian; it seals, or stamps him *as* a Christian; it testifies to the fact that he is a Christian; but it never makes him one. There is, therefore, no regeneration in baptism. No person, whether old or young, can be made a Christian by baptism. To an unconverted person and to an infant, baptism becomes only a water bath.

It follows, then, that those who have only been sprinkled with a little water in the hair, or washed on the forehead by the wetted tips of the right hand of the minister, or poured upon by a small portion of water from a silver bowl, or immersed by a single immersion, have not been baptized according to the command of Christ. They are still unbaptized.

They cannot excuse themselves any longer, for the word used for baptism in the New Testament, in many different countries and languages, is immersion. Take the Greek "baptisma,"

the Latin "mersio", the German "taufe", the Holland "doopen", the Danish "dobe", the Swedish "dopa", the Chinese "tsing-ti", the English "baptise" or "immerse", and many others, and the verdict is unquestionable.

The Baptists think that they are a peg ahead of everybody else in baptism, but the strong testimony of the Church Fathers and historians stares their leaders in the face, and becomes almost a nightmare to their pet theories from which they cannot get away. There are no other leaders of any organization so afraid of the truth of Triune Immersion as the Baptists.

We do not blame the people, for very few read Church history; and those who read, use mostly miserable handbooks which, of course, are worded to suit the creed.

In a true Christian's baptism, we find:

(a) The Fatherhood of God is most distinctly set forth. To be immersed "into the name of the father" is a most blessed realization of the believer's relation to God. It sets forth the yielding of an obedient child in public to God the Father, and it proclaims to the world that a new birth has taken place before, of which the baptism is an outward seal.

(b) In a true baptism, where the believer is immersed "into the name of the Son," he publicly acknowledges Jesus; and before all the world in this baptism, which is a type and likeness of Christ's death and resurrection, he confesses his repentance towards God, and faith in Jesus as the Son of God, his Savior.

(c) In a true baptism, the believer, having been immersed "into the name of the Holy Spirit," comes forth into an active service of God in the Holy Spirit's power and newness of life, and equipped for the warfare against the world, the flesh and the devil, being willing to do the bidding of the Triune God.

This a, b, c, of Triune Immersion can never be crowded into a single dip, for it will then lose both the mode and the meaning and be no baptism at all, but a mere counterfeit which should be done away with for ever.

Jesus did not say, "make disciples of all nations by baptizing

them": the whole wording of the commission has five distinct divisions, viz.

- 1st, Christ's Authority;
- 2nd, Making of Disciples;
- 3d, Baptism of Believers;
- 4th, Teaching them Obedience;
- 5th, The presence of the Christ.

The second and the third are no more the same than the first and the fifth. It then follows from Christ's authoritative command, that those to be baptized must first be converted. They must first become disciples; that is, first repent of their sins and believe unto salvation; and then, as disciples, they must be baptized.

This is the way the apostles of Jesus understood this Commission which the Acts of the Apostles fully proves. This is also Zion's way. This numerical God-inspired position of the Commission in Zion is most wonderful. First, we have the authority in the ministry, then we see conversions of sinners to God; and lastly, we have the blessed presence of Jesus, as He promised.

Without the first, there is not the second, for without authority in the ministry, sinners will not repent. Without the second, there is not the third, for a Triune Immersion is not valid unless the candidate is converted. Without the third, there is not the fourth; for an unconverted man, though immersed three times, cannot obey. And without the fourth, there is not the fifth; for Jesus cannot dwell in a worldly heart and church.

I, therefore, in the name of God, the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, call upon all who may read this, and who may not have repented of their sins, to turn to God at once in true repentance and confession of sins, and then to come unto Zion for baptism and further teaching in Divine things.

## Proof for Trusting God for Healing

An Address Delivered at the Weekly Divine Healing Meeting Held in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, Tuesday afternoon, April 27, 1909

*By General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva*

The meeting was opened by the singing of "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," followed by the recitation of the Twenty-third Psalm and Prayer.

Before the General Overseer gave the lesson on Divine Healing, he made the following remarks on the Triunities of the Bible:

One of the things that we learned in the early days of Zion was that man was composed of spirit, soul, and body. There are many beautiful triunities running through the Bible. It is remarkable, as we study the Bible, how many accurate mathematical statements we find. For instance: we have the number seven, which denotes completeness. We find the threes just as remarkable as the sevens.

You will find that you will appreciate the Christian Ordi-

nance of Triune Immersion more as you grasp the triunities of the Bible. The word "triunity" simply means three in one, and one in three.

A good deal of time is spent by a number of people in this city, and, of course, elsewhere, speculating about the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation. Some people are never satisfied unless they are feeding on speculative theories—they will take anything except the plain Word of God. They want something that is high-sounding and has the appearance of great learning. I pity such people. Just the healing of one person here this afternoon would be worth far more to the Kingdom of God than all that kind of talk for the next ten thousand years. Some people like it, however. They do not like a man unless he indulges in such talk. What is there in it after he has indulged in it?

What I want to see, and it will come in time, is: the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion preaching the Everlasting Gospel; getting the sinner saved; the sick healed; ministering to the widows and orphans; establishing homes to alleviate the distress of mankind; and daily adding, one by one, one good deed after another—a practical, everyday Christian work.

I noticed some people nodding their heads on a recent Lord's Day when I said I would give fifty dollars for a woman who played cards that was of any use in a prayer meeting. The reason why this Church attracted thousands upon thousands of people, and the reason why it attracted you, was because of the simple, faithful presentation of the word of God. That is the way to succeed again. There is no other way.

What I want to see is an army of faithful, humble workers

sent out to proclaim the Gospel by handing out tracts and by showing the people that there is a church in existence where Christian character is the test of fellowship, and where they can find a Church home in which they can be satisfied, because of being a member of a Church that fights evil of every kind.

First of all, in this series of triunities, we have one God in how many persons?

Voices: "Three Persons."

#### The Names of the Trinity in Their Order.

GENERAL OVERSEER: Yes; one God in three Persons, or three Persons in one. Christ was God manifest in the flesh. In order, therefore, we have:

First, FATHER;

Second, SON;

Third, HOLY SPIRIT. These three are one, and they all agree.

In Hebrew we have for "spirit, soul, and body"—one man in three parts—three words:

The first is "RUACH," which means "spirit;"

The second, "NEPHESH," which means "soul;"

The third, "BOSSA," which means "body."

In the first chapter of Genesis, we have the expression, "Wherein there is life" (margin: a living soul.) The word used for the "soul" of animals is the same word used for the soul of man—it means the animal life, the blood: but in Genesis 2:7, we are told, "God \* \* \* breathed into his nostrils the breath of life" (or the spirit of life) "and man became a living soul."

#### GOD the Father of the Spirit, but the Maker of Soul and Body.

The spirit of a man proceeds from the FATHER, whereas God is the MAKER of the soul and body. That is another very beautiful truth which we learned in Zion. God is the FATHER of that which proceeds from Him, and He is the MAKER of that which is external to Him. There is a difference between being the Father and the Maker. God is MAKER of the body, but the FATHER of the spirit.

The Greek word "pneuma" is translated "spirit;" the Greek word "psyche" is translated "soul;" and the word "soma" is translated "body." In English, the three parts of man are spirit, soul and body.

We in Zion do not talk about the "Immortality of the soul" like the churches do; neither do we believe in that doctrine. The Bible does not teach that the soul is immortal, but that *the spirit is immortal*. That infidel who argues against the immortality of the soul, quotes Scripture which says that the *soul* that sinneth *shall die*." The spirit is immortal, and when the body dies the spirit goes to God Who gave it. Death, therefore, is the separation of the spirit from the body.

Now, we have one Faith covering three things:

SALVATION, HEALING, HOLY LIVING.

If a man has Salvation and Healing, and is living a holy life, he has about all, has he not?

VOICES: "Yes."

#### The Tri-une Baptism

We have one Baptism into three names—Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Of course, the word "name" in the Scriptures is singular: "into the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost."

We have one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism.

Jesus went about doing three things; what were they?

VOICES: "Teaching, preaching, healing."

GENERAL OVERSEER: In the Garden of Gethsemane, how many times did Jesus fall upon his face?

VOICES: "Three times."

GENERAL OVERSEER: How many days was Jesus in the heart of the earth?

VOICES: "Three days and three nights."

General Overseer: How many cords are not easily broken?

Voices: "A threefold cord is not quickly broken."—*Ecd.* 4:12.

General Overseer: There are some important truths here for Zion to grasp. You cannot get them in any other church in existence: they do not know anything about them. They jumble them all up, and talk about the "immortality of the soul," and they pray to Christ and to the Holy Spirit; whereas in Zion one of the most important truths of all truths we were taught was that we should pray to whom?

"Voices: "God, the Father."

General Overseer: I want you to use your Bibles, and start in on these passages of Scripture on Divine Healing. I will give the references, and I want you to read out the passages.

Genesis 3:16:18. Unto the woman He said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow, and thy conception: in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children, and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

"And unto Adam He said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it; cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life.

Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field.

GENERAL OVERSEER: This selection of Scripture plainly teaches that, before sin entered into the world, there were no briars and thistles: therefore there was "nothing to destroy or hurt in all God's earth."

Job 2:7 So went Satan forth from the presence of the Lord, and smote Job with sore boils, from the sole of his foot unto his crown.

GENERAL OVERSEER: The Book of Job is often cited to prove that disease does not come from satan. Each one should get this passage into his mind so that when anybody says that affliction is not the work of satan you can give them Job 2:7.

Luke 13:16 And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?

I John 3:9—He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

That is another good passage for all Zion workers to have at hand. It seems to me that you and I ought to be engaged in the same work as our Master. He set the example. He was engaged in destroying sin. We ought to be engaged in the same kind of work—fighting satan's kingdom. That is Zion's work. I love to go out and fight the kingdom of darkness. As I told you a while ago, we are not going to send workers out to give some great interpretation of prophecy. That is not our business. You are not called to that work: you are called to preach the Gospel, and show the sinner how to get Salvation; to show the sick how to get healing. That is the practical every-day work of Zion messengers.

Psalms 103:2-3—Who forgiveth all thine iniquities: Who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; Who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies.

Psalms 105:37—He brought them forth also with silver and gold; and there was not one feeble person among their tribes.

Psalms 107:20—He sent His Word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

I want you to notice that 105th Psalm. It is well to get that passage in mind; this is a wonderful Psalm. We have had it twice recently for our Scripture lesson. What is the striking statement in the verse? "There was not one feeble person in all their tribes." We ought to work to that end in Zion.

Jeremiah 17:5,14 Thus saith the Lord: Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord.

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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.,  
January 14, 1910

TO THE OFFICERS, MEMBERS, AND FRIENDS OF THE CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC CHURCH IN ZION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD:

Peace be unto you!

"Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ."

In the Name of the Lord I most heartily thank you for your Christian love, loyalty, faithful prayers and earnest support, and may God, in Jesus' Name, in the Holy Spirit's power, richly bless and reward you all.

OWING TO the great pressure of work in connection with the REDEMPTION OF ZION CITY, it has been impossible for several weeks for me to take any active part in preparing either ZION HERALD or LEAVES OF HEALING. Their preparation has been wholly within the hands of Deacon Theodore Forby, General Associate Editor. He has done his work well and proven himself a faithful servant of God and of Zion. The contributing editors, Elders Carey, Tindall, Richert, Royall and Viking, have also rendered valuable assistance.

THE TWO most valuable agencies on the human side of Zion's work are LEAVES OF HEALING and ZION HERALD. Every Zion person can be an earnest preacher of the Gospel of the Kingdom by simply circulating Zion literature. There is nothing like it in all the world; and it is my intention to spend a good part of the year 1910 in promoting the circulation of LEAVES OF HEALING, ZION HERALD and other Zion Literature. Properly directed, consecrated, self-denying and self-sacrificing efforts will soon treble the circulation of both papers. They now circulate in many different countries, and soon, by one and all taking a decided interest, they will be circulating in every country throughout the world.

SINCE LAST communicating with you, the Christmas season has once more come and gone, the year 1909 has passed into history, and the year 1910 has been born.

Nowhere else in all the world was a happier Christmas season spent than by Zion in Zion City. It was not, with Zion, a time of feasting and gluttony, a time of lavish extravagance and wasteful gift-making, but a time of rejoicing, praise and thanksgiving unto God for Heaven's choicest Gift: the Gift of His love—Jesus the Christ, the Savior of all the world. It is sad to think that multitudes pass through the Christmas season without ever a thought of Jesus, Whom God gave, Whom willingly came, lived, loved, suffered and died for the sins of humanity.

Appropriate Christmas services were held in Shiloh Tabernacle, and the minds of the people were directed to Christ as Heaven's choicest Gift—the Gift of all gifts—the Gift of God's love; and they were exhorted to show their appreciation by being His faithful disciples, and living lives wholly consecrated to God and to His service. It was pointed out that the making of gifts one to another was perfectly proper, and that every little gift should remind them of God's Gift, and that behind every gift should be a heart full of love—the love of God.

ON CHRISTMAS EVE, Christmas exercises were held under the superintendency of Deacon Forby, who is in charge of the Intermediate and Junior Seventies, and, at the close of the exercises, a little token of love, in the way of fruit, candies and nuts was given to each Zion Junior. It was indeed an inspiring sight to look into the faces of hundreds of Zion boys and girls, many of whom have been born in Zion, never tasted a drop of medicine, and have never known anything else but to trust God absolutely for everything.

IN CONNECTION with the dying of the old year and the birth of the new, Zion held her All-night of Praise, Prayer and Testimony. It was a time of spiritual refreshing, and many said it was the best All-Night Meeting they had ever attended.

MAY THE readers of Leaves of Healing all reconsecrate themselves for the year 1910, and may they honor God in every word, thought and deed.

BEGIN AND close each day with God, and, during the day,

walk in the footsteps of Jesus, following His example in self-denial, self-sacrifice and faithful service to poor, sin-stricken, disease-smitten humanity.

Set up the family altar.

Return thanks at the table for God's goodness in supplying you with food, shelter and raiment.

ZION'S WATCHWORDS for 1908 and 1909 were:

"For Jehovah hath founded Zion."

'For Jehovah will save Zion.'

The Watchword for 1910 is:

"For God is with us."

All who are acquainted with Zion's remarkable progress during the last two years and a half, will agree that no more appropriate motto for the year 1910 could have been chosen. Well may Zion exclaim, "What hath God wrought!"

ZION REJOICES primarily in her spiritual progress. The faithful preaching of the Word has been received, believed and acted upon by many, and their lives prove that the Word of God has taken a deep hold upon them.

Zion's mission is the faithful proclamation of the Gospel, the salvation, healing and cleansing of the people, the establishment of the Kingdom of God—precisely this, and nothing more.

God has manifested His power in the saving of the sinful, in the healing of the sick, in the deepening and quickening of the spiritual lives of a multitude of people.

The Convocation of 1909 cannot and never will be forgotten by those who were present, and the whole influence of the fifty-four meetings held, eternity alone will reveal.

THE INFLUENCE of Zion literature upon the lives of many people in many different parts of the world cannot be put into words or figures.

THE PEOPLE have been called upon to face the Word of God squarely and boldly. Personally, while I never, at any moment of my life, had any doubts concerning God or His precious Word, yet today, if possible, I believe it more firmly than ever; and the one great passion of my life is to preach and to live God's Word.

CHRISTIANITY is not a theory, but a fact.

Christianity is not merely a doctrine, but a life.

The Christian religion does not consist merely in singing, praying and preaching, but in action against every form of iniquity in both low and high places.

ZION FOLLOWS the Word of God and recognizes but two classes of people in the universe: loyal subjects of God, and rebels against His government. Therefore Zion, in the Name of God, commands all rebels to submit themselves unto God, to recognize His government, and to place themselves under His rule.

ZION SMITES the lie that the Church should not control the education, the business, and the politics of the people. Zion boldly proclaims that any education, business or politics that will not mix with the Christian religion is the education, business and politics of the devil.

Do you believe the Word of God: that "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty"?

Are you following God afar off?

Are you lingering near the border where sin, sickness, disease and death abound, or are you dwelling in the secret place of the Most High, where sin, sickness, disease and death are unknown?

Do you insult your God, as tens of thousands of Church members do—by saying that it keeps you busy, takes all your time, talent and strength, to get "bread and butter"—food, shelter and raiment?

WHAT DID Jesus say? "Seek first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things (food, shelter and raiment) shall be added."

Are you living a mean, selfish life, toiling day and night to add acre to acre, farm to farm, house to house; to pile up gold and silver, with no thought of your responsibility to God and to humanity?

O THAT God would stir up all Zion throughout the world to take Him at His Word and to give a demonstration of Christianity that would shake the entire world from center to circumference!

MY BROTHERS and sisters: "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."

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

Poor	{ Sin-stricken, Disease-smitten, Suffering and Perishing	Humanity needed	{ A Savior, Healer, Cleanser and Keeper
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Jesus the Christ was in the form of God. He emptied Himself. He took the form of a servant. He was made in the likeness of men.

Jesus did not look upon equality with God as a thing to be grasped—or, held on to tenaciously. He humbled Himself. He became obedient unto death; yea, THE DEATH OF THE CROSS.

(1) "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in Heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Who will heed the exhortation to have the same mind that Jesus the Christ had?

THE AVERAGE professing Christian has no conception of what he is missing by simply playing at Christianity instead of living it, as demanded by the plain Word of God. Men and women were placed upon this earth to prepare for eternity, and not to live a self-centered life, which, sooner or later, will bring the certain penalty of disease, suffering, remorse and death.

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To SAVE your life, you must be willing to lose it.  
If you would live, you must die.

Jesus laid ALL down, humbled Himself; suffered for humanity, and then took up all that He laid down, and more, too.

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THE PERSON who lives for others will erect a monument compared with which the finest and most costly monuments of marble and granite sink into utter insignificance. In many cemeteries you will find \$10,000 monuments erected over ten-cent men; and, furthermore, no bigger liars can be found upon the face of the earth than many of the monuments erected by the ill-gotten gains of selfish men.

On many tombstones are found such epitaphs as, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord," when a far more appropriate epitaph would be: "He lived like a hog and died like one, and no one is any the richer in good things for his having lived."

"Dollars and dimes, and dimes and dollars," and the Holy Spirit, do not dwell in the same temple.

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JESUS THE Christ, with all the attributes which made Him to be in the form of God and on an equality with God, saw poor, dying humanity. He had to take His choice: either to say, "I will retain My attributes and remain in the form of God, and let humanity perish forever; or, "I will lay aside the attributes and the form of God, and take upon Myself the form of a Servant, and die for humanity that they may have salvation, healing and cleansing."

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THE MIND OF CHRIST is clearly set forth in Philippians 2:6,7,8.

Jesus the Christ is humanity's great Example; and what else is the life of a Christian but the repetition, in a measure, of the life of Christ?

What are you willing to do for the salvation of the sinful?

What are you willing to do for the healing of the sick?

What are you willing to do for the establishment of God's Kingdom?

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THE GREATEST and most powerful sermon that can be preached to the whole world at the present time is the redemption of Zion City; and in this great fight in the Name of the Lord for one city of God upon this earth, every Zion officer, member and friend should have a part.

Many times during my ministry in Australia did I say that if the whole earth were one great Zion City then the devil would have comparatively very little hold of this earth; hence the reason why he is so determined to mar, and, if possible, destroy the one city that stands out firmly against tobacco, liquor, theaters, and iniquities of every kind.

A FAITHFUL, consecrated band of people is toiling for Zion City's complete redemption, and their faithful efforts have been richly rewarded; but many who ought to be intensely interested and enthusiastic have stood aloof, looking at their houses, lands and money, determined to save them even if Zion City is blotted off the face of the earth.

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ZION CITY not only must, but will be redeemed, by God, whether through five hundred or one.

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LET TWO pictures pass before your vision, one: ZION CITY REDEEMED; and the other, ZION CITY LOST. Do you want to stand in the Day of Judgment before God and face the fact that when the call came to be a brave soldier and to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, you became a coward and ran away--looking at your houses, lands and money, all of which, at last, when death stares you in the face, you were compelled to relinquish and leave behind?

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EXCUSES OF every kind are inspired of the devil. No body of people since creation's dawn has had a more glorious opportunity for service than the Zion people. Where are and who are the self-denying, self-sacrificing men and women to help establish at least one city to the honor and glory of God?

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GOD HAS already given to Zion: Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City General Stores, Zion Temple Site, the Administration Building, and Elijah Hospice; and, if all will do their duty, the entire City can speedily be redeemed.

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AS THE General Overseer, before God I can truthfully say I have kept nothing back but have thrown myself absolutely upon the altar for the salvation of Zion City and for the redemption of mankind.

When we come down to the close of life, we shall not want to look at our houses, our broad acres, our gold and silver, but at the men and women who have been saved, healed, cleansed and blessed through our faithful, consecrated efforts.

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LET ZION everywhere awake, and go forward in the Name of the Lord to conquer and to establish, not only one city, but many cities for God!

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NOTHING PUT into God's service is ever lost, no matter what men may say; and every one who put money into Zion from the right motive for the establishment of Zion City will, if faithful and true, yet be rewarded.

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MY BROTHERS and sisters, think of these things.

Pray morning, noon and night.

Make an absolute surrender to God, and be as passive in His hands as the clay is in the hands of the potter.

The day is far spent, and the night is at hand.

The coming of the King is drawing nigh.

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WATCH YE, THEREFORE, AND PRAY ALWAYS

# Proofs for Trusting God for Healing

[Continued from page 11.]

Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me and I shall be saved: Thou art my praise.

GENERAL OVERSEER: That is a very important passage. It is easy enough to remember. What are people doing today about trusting in man—in the arm of flesh? What a glorious work has been done here! No other ministry in the world has done such a work for Zion has. Zion was built up in the beginning simply by the work of one man and that one going out and showing the people the way to God. Zion will be built up again in that way.

2 Chron. 16, 12, 13 "And Asa, in the thirty and ninth year of his reign, was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great: yet in that season he sought not the Lord, but to the physicians.

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

What is taught there? Asa in his disease, sought not God, but to the physicians.

Voices: "Physicians."

I would like to know if that is not what the great bulk of our church members do today when they get sick. It is the same old story. Elders, if you do not know what to preach about, preach about Asa.

2 Kings 1:2,3,4,16—And Ahaziah fell down through a lattice in his upper chamber that was in Samaria, and was sick: and he sent messengers, and said unto them, Go, inquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron, whether he will recover of this disease.

But the angel of the Lord said to Elijah the Tishbite, Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say unto them, Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that ye go to inquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron?

Now, therefore, Thus saith the Lord, Thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die. And Elijah departed.

And the angel of the Lord said unto Elijah, Go down with him: be not afraid of him. And he arose and went down with him unto the king. And he said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Forasmuch as thou hast sent messengers to inquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron, is it not because there is no God in Israel to inquire of His word? therefore thou shalt not come down off that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die. And he died, according to the word of the Lord, which Elijah had spoken.

That is a wonderful sermon, Zion. What about some people who go off seeking a better climate? If we are going to trust God for healing, we have got to trust Him for healing; that is all there is to it. I was very much impressed when I read yesterday in one of the volumes of the Leaves of Healing—I think the article was taken from a Lutheran paper—how a writer writes about Zion's work in the "Little Wooden Hut," and spoke about how Dr. Dowie demanded that all human instruments be taken away, so that nothing should stand between them and God. That is necessary. That is a wonderful story about Ahaziah falling down through the lattice work, and instead of seeking God for healing, he sent messengers to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron. The question was, Was it because there was no God in Israel? Why do people run off to patent medicines and surgical appliances and doctors and drudgs, etc.? Is it because there is no God in the Churches? You talk about Zion being a live institution, and about Zion having issues; she has to fight the whole field. She has got the Sword of the Spirit. Do you think that God is a respecter of persons. God will honor you at 23rd Psalm if it is read by a wicked man. God's Word will not return to Him void. We have wonderful truths if we will only grasp them and live them.

Psalm 30: 2, 3—O Lord my God, I cried unto Thee, and Thou hast answered me.

O Lord, Thou hast brought me up out of the grave. Thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

The entire ninety-first Psalm should also be carefully studied.

Zion, what is the 91st Psalm called?

VOICES: "The Household Psalm."

Numbers 12: 9-13 And the anger of the Lord was kindled against them; and He departed. And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle; and, behold, Miriam became leprous, white as snow; and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, she was leprous. And Aaron said unto Moses, Alas, my lord, I beseech thee, lay not the sin upon us, wherein we have done foolishly and wherein we have sinned. Let her not be as one dead of whom the flesh is half consumed when he cometh out of his mother's womb. And Moses cried unto the Lord, saying, Heal her now, O God, I beseech Thee," etc.

That is a wonderful little story. I am impressed most of all by that last part. What a simple prayer from a great and mighty man, servant of God--Moses: "Heal her, now, O Lord, I beseech Thee." Miriam was Moses' own sister, and her sin was what some people would think was a very ordinary one. She complained at Moses because he had a colored wife. She had hatred in her heart, and she was smitten with leprosy. That was her judgment. What is our protection today? How are we protected from disease, disaster, and death?

VOICE: "Under the blood."

GENERAL OVERSEER: By the protecting hand of God. What would happen if God withdrew His hand?

ELDER RICHERT: "We should perish."

GENERAL OVERSEER: That is the plain word of God.

Numbers 21: 4-9 And they journeyed from Mount Hor by the way of the Red Sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way.

And the people spake against God and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt, to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water and our soul loatheth this light bread.

And the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, and much people of Israel died.

Therefore the people came to Moses and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against thee: pray unto the Lord, that He take away the serpents from us. Add Moses prayed for the people.

And the Lord said to Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent and set it upon a pole; and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it shall live.

And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole: and it came to pass that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.

The following passages of Scripture should also be most carefully studied, as bearing upon the subject of Divine Healing.

1 Kings 17:17-22.

2 Kings 4:18-37.

2 Kings 5:1-14

2 Kings 13:20-21.

These passages give you an idea how full the Bible is of teaching on the subject of Divine Healing. We have had twenty passages; some short ones and some long. I want all the members of this church to be well trained in handling the Word of God. I want the little children to be well trained. Just get the plain Word of God, and you will be able to put to flight ten thousand Methodist parsons any day. Do not be afraid. Some one will say that you are a fighter. Well, you ought to be a fighter if you are a soldier of the King. He has given you the Christian armor. I do not know of anybody who has a right to wear an armor except a soldier. I do not know what a soldier is fit for if he is not to fight: that is what he is for. One of the parts of the Christian armor is the Word of God. Let us learn to use it.

Now we will pray for the sick and the afflicted. You have had the Word of God. We started out with Psalm 23, which we repeated together, and it is a lovely Psalm. I do not know how long ago it was written, but it must be several thousands of years and it comes to us with just as much freshness as though it had been penned yesterday.

"The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want." What confidence! What confidence!! God is our Creator and our Pre-

server and our Provider. It is He who sends the rain and the warm sunshine. It is He Who gives the harvest. We "live, move, and have our being" in Him. Let us learn to trust God with childlike simple faith. Let us take Him at His Word. May God grant this afternoon that His power will come upon you and destroy your diseases and afflictions, and set you free. You sick and afflicted ones should never give up seeking for your healing. Why should a man carry a rupture all his life, and never come here for prayer? Why should some go through all their life with chronic stomach trouble, living in misery, and yet never once ask any one to pray for them? Has Divine Healing gotten to be too common? There is where the difficulty comes in. You have a right to seek to be whole in your bodies; it does not matter if you are eighty-three years old. Every member in this church ought to be seeking spiritual and physical blessings. We want you to be witnesses to God's healing and saving power. We want you to become valiant soldiers thoroughly equipped in every particular for the Master's Service.

The Benediction was then pronounced by the General Overseer.

## Plain Instructions

To One and All Interested in the Redemption of Zion City.

### How to Make Investments In Zion Institutions and Industries.

(Wilbur Glenn Voliva.)

#### 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.

Plan Number One is for all persons who have a lump sum of money and desire to invest it all at once.

Plan Number Two is for one and all who desire to save and pay in a definite sum each month until a total amount of so much has been paid in.

All persons desiring to invest under Plan Number Two should fill in the following application form and send it to Wilbur Glenn Voliva, Administration Building, Zion City, Illinois, U. S. A.

### APPLICATION FOR INVESTMENT IN ZION INSTITUTIONS AND INDUSTRIES.

(Wilbur Glenn Voliva.)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ 1910.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ hereby  
 make application to invest in ZION INSTITUTIONS AND  
 INDUSTRIES the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ DOLLARS,  
 on or before the \_\_\_\_\_ day of each and every calendar  
 month until I have deposited in the aggregate the sum  
 of \_\_\_\_\_ DOLLARS.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Postoffice \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

All persons investing money under Plan Number Two will receive interest at the rate of three per cent (3%) per annum upon each separate monthly payment, from the date of each monthly payment until the aggregate sum is paid in, and then a note will be given for the aggregate of said payments, payable on or before five (5) years from date, drawing interest at the rate of six per cent (6%) per annum.

Remittances should be by Post Office Orders, Express Money Orders, or by Bank Drafts payable in Chicago or New York, and all should be made payable to the order of Wilbur Glenn Voliva.

## ZION SEVENTIES

Deacon J. W. Friend

General Recorder

#### PORTLAND, OREGON

Deacon Frank Robinson reports the following for the Seven days ending Jan. 2nd, 1910:

Number of Calls Made.....	329
Number of Messages Given.....	186
Number of Leaves Sold.....	58
Number of Heralds Sold.....	1
Number of Visits Made.....	9
Total Number Pieces Distributed.....	254

#### IOWA

Literature report from Banks and Anderson, for the week ending, January 8th, 1910:

Leaves Sold.....	19
Messages Distributed.....	190

#### COLORADO

Report of work done in Trinidad, Colo., by Mrs. Louella Ferges, for the month ending Dec. 31, 1909:

Number of Calls Made.....	248
Number of Messages Given.....	64
Number of Leaves Sold.....	54
Number of Heralds Sold.....	29
Number of Leaves Given.....	12
Number of Heralds Given.....	11
Total Number Pieces Distributed.....	170

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

### "Fight The Good Fight of Faith"

"Put On the Whole Armor of God"

(By O. L. Tindall)

Paul exhorted Timothy to "fight the good fight of faith." He said to the Corinthians that "the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds."

He said to the Ephesians, "Put on the whole armor of God." Christ said to Peter in the Garden of Gethsemane, "Put up thy sword." He needed not the carnal sword to defend Him.

These passages, with many more that might be quoted, give us an idea of what our great conflict is, and how to fight it. Many other portions of Scripture might be mentioned which would show us how the great conflict of the ages will terminate. God knows the end from the beginning; and so do we, for He has revealed it to us. This He did to encourage us when things look so discouraging all around. It was a most unequal contest when the Christ sent out His handful of disciples and told them to "go into all the world and make disciples of all nations." He admitted that they might be compared to a lot of lambs sent out among wolves. Humanly speaking, it was simply foolhardy to undertake such a campaign, and yet the order from the Captain of our salvation was to go forward into the fight and be of good courage.

Things were about as discouraging and hopeless when Paul, the old soldier of the Cross, said, "Fight the good fight of faith."

Does anyone say that Zion is presumptuous today when she listens to the old command and takes up the battle and expects

to win? Let him remember the Christ and His words, and Paul and his associates and their lives. They were only men of like passions with ourselves. Their strength was not in themselves. They were strong only "in the Lord, and in the power of His might." They conquered all their foes in that power. Paul said, "We are more than conquerors through Him that loved us."

Some men are foolishly idling away their time speculating and studying on what Zion's mission in the world is, and where her place is in prophecy, etc., etc.

Zion's mission and work is plainly set forth in the texts at the head of this article. She is to put on the whole armor of God and go forth into the conflict of faith against the awful powers of darkness which are waging dire and dreadful war upon all of God's heritage, and destroying mankind on every hand. There has never been but one mission for the people of God in every age. God's plan has never changed. It was, and is, relentless war against the Kingdom of Darkness, death and hell.

It is not ours to stop and study speculative questions that gender strife. It is ours to go forward, "not ours to reason why, but ours to do and die." That is what a good soldier of his country is bound to do, and why not we who profess far better things? God is not calling for dreamers, but for men of war to "Fight the good fight of faith."

#### What is Our Mission?

It is different somewhat, perhaps, than the one God gave to Israel when He sent them up to take the Promised Land. He bade them drive out every foe that had taken possession of any of that land; to possess it for themselves and hold it for God and as a future heritage for His people, and to allow no alien within their borders. It was to be known as God's land and God's Government. I do not believe by any means that God ever intended His people should be shut up in that narrow strip of land forever. He expected them, later on, to conquer all the surrounding nations, which they could easily have done; had they

been true to their trust. They might have gone on and obtained the whole promise made to Abraham and to his seed.

Abraham and his seed were not simply to be heirs of old Canaan, but Abraham was the heir of the whole world. We are the heirs of Abraham, or of his seed, as Paul argues in his Epistle to the Romans, because we are of the faith of Abraham. God is not saying to His people today, "Go up and possess Palestine and the old Jerusalem; but He says far more: "Go ye into all the world and make disciples of *all nations*." We are acting under that broader commission. God contemplates nothing short of the conquest of the whole world. "Faith is the victory that overcomes," not simply a little neck of land, but "the world." The parable of the tares, as explained by Jesus Himself, teaches that the field is the world. It is the battleground between the tares, or the children of the devil, and the wheat, or, as He said, the children of the Kingdom. That parable refers to men with flesh and blood, and not to mere wheat and weeds. Neither is it between angels and demons, but real men.

What is to be the outcome? It is plainly stated: The children of God, or the good seed, will be saved, and gathered into the garner, but the tares, the children of the wicked one, will be cast out into the furnace of fire and be burned.

The great conflict in which we are now engaged, is worldwide. We recognize no state lines, nor national boundaries. The world is the battlefield, and against it the conflict must continue until finally the world is won for God. The Bridegroom is coming. Be ye ready, for the hour ye know not.

If ye be able to stand in that great day, in the evil day, then put ye on the whole armor of God.

I desire to speak further on this subject so full of interest to us all.

[TO BE CONTINUED]

## TAKE YOUR CHOICE

Live, and die as the result; or, Die, and live as the result; or Save your life and lose it as the result; or Lose your life and save it as the result. (John 12:24-25)

An Address Delivered at the Early Morning Meeting, January 16, 1910, in Zion Home Auditorium by

**WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA**

General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion

REPORTED BY B. M.

The meeting was opened by the General Overseer giving the Zion salutation, "Peace to Thee!" which was heartily responded to on the part of the congregation with, "Peace to thee be multiplied!"

The Hymn, "There Is A Name I Love," was then sung:

There is a Name I love to hear;  
I love to sing its worth.  
It sounds like music in mine ear—  
The sweetest Name on earth."

The Hymn "Christ Liveth in Me," was announced, upon which the Overseer made the following comments:

### The Christ Life Within.

So far as the thoughts are concerned, this Hymn is one of the most powerful ever written; and the verse of Scripture on which it is based is: "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me."—Gal. 2:20. Nature

has suggested the line of thought, or rather, the form in which the thought is put.

As lives the flow'r within the seed,  
As in the cone the tree,  
So, praise the God of truth and grace,  
His Spirit dwelleth in me.

### CHORUS

Christ liveth in me, Christ liveth in me,  
O what a salvation this,  
That Christ liveth in me!

Another very beautiful thought is that the life which the Christian man lives is a life hidden with Christ in God, surrounded and protected from all the darts of the evil one. In the seventh chapter of Genesis, you will find that, after Noah had finished the ark, God said: "Come thou and all thy house into the ark;" and in the sixteenth verse of the same chapter you will find the words, "And the Lord shut him in." The ark of Noah was typical of our ark, Jesus the Christ.

As to whether Christ lives in me or in you, everybody will know by our words and by our actions. The life of every Christian is simply the life of Jesus Christ repeated, in a measure.

The hymn "Christ Liveth in Me," was then sung, after which the General Overseer said:

Let all turn to the Gospel according to Saint John, the twelfth chapter. It is a wonderful chapter, and I pray that God, by the Holy Spirit, will open up to you the wonderful depth of meaning that there is in it.

Elder Carey led in the reading, following which the General Overseer continued:

### Desire for Closer Walk With God.

GENERAL OVERSEER: We ought to praise God for permitting us to live to see another Lord's Day. What is the object of your life this day? So far as I can understand my own heart, my desire is to see every one of you who professes to be a Christian, get closer to God this day than ever before in your life; and if you have come to this place --- which is for the present our place of worship during a part of the Lord's Day---in the right spirit, seeking the face of God, then He will richly reward you.

### The Difference Between True and False Selfishness.

It is not a selfish desire to want to be closer to God; and, therefore, see to it, first of all today, that you who profess to love the name of God do grow in grace and in the knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus.

There is a true selfishness as well as a base selfishness.

The man who desires his own and others highest good, is a selfish man. That is true selfishness; for the only way that you can really and truly desire your own highest good is to spend and to be spent in bettering the lives of others.

In the second place, we ought to desire to see, today, some one born into the Kingdom. It seems to me a sad thing to pass one Lord's Day and see no one saved. Have you thought of this today? It is my earnest prayer that, before this meeting closes, if there is one here who is not a child of God --- one who has never made a public profession --- that the power of God shall sweep down upon this audience and that the arrow of truth shall strike deep into the heart of that unsaved one, and that when we pronounce the Benediction, and God looks down upon us, we can rejoice in the fact that all go out of this place children of God.

### Need of Spiritual Travail.

There must be spiritual travail before children of the Kingdom will ever be born. There must be that earnest prayer that lays hold of God and that brings Heaven to your assistance, if you want to be used in bringing some one out of the kingdom of darkness into the Light.

What else is there to live for except to live for God and for humanity? I am trying to show you, my brothers and sisters, that the only life worth living is a life spent in God's service; and will it be said of you that you belonged to the Church for thirty, forty, fifty, sixty years and that you were never used of God to the salvation of a single sinner? We had a little foretaste during the Convocation. That was only a little foretaste of what will happen when all the people are on fire for God, and when they make it their business, and their first business, to win people to God.

As I have told you so many times, I do thank God for the wonderful progress that has been made; and I pray God, if I am not setting the right example in every particular, that He may show me, because some day you and I are going to meet, and it will be a greater day than this is. We may meet many days on this earth, here and elsewhere, but there is coming a day when you and I shall meet --- a day that will stand out prominently among all the days of Creation's existence, --- that day that Paul speaks of when we shall "all appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ" to give an account of the deeds done while here in the body.

You must not lose sight of the fact that a record is kept. It is kept by One who never made a mistake --- One who shall judge all men. He will sweep aside the judgments that have been passed upon you by other people, and He will judge you: and you will stand or fall upon your own deeds --- your own lives.

The Great Day of Judgment!

When we stand there, shall we be shame-faced? Shall our countenances fall, and shall there be fear, and dread, and trembling? or shall there be peace, and quiet, and joy?

#### **Be Joyful in the Expectancy of Seeing Christ.**

When I said, a few months ago, in a Divine Healing service, that the day of a Christian's departure ought to be the most glorious time in all his career, some people criticized that. That was in their ignorance. I would be ashamed if I did not look forward to the time when I was to take my departure, with intense joy. If you are not looking forward to that time with intense joy, then you are afraid to meet your Lord. It seems to me that every Christian desires to see his Lord and Master Who has done so much for us.

The same is true of a Church. If this Church is not looking for the coming of the Bridegroom, then that proves that this Church has apostatized---has been flirting with the world, the flesh and the devil, and does not want to see the Lord Jesus the Christ; but if you are living the right kind of life, you are always looking for the coming of Christ. That does not necessarily mean that you are looking with your physical eyes up into the literal sky, but it does mean that all the time, every day you are waiting and watching for the return of the Lord Jesus the Christ from Heaven.

Do you want to stand in the Day of Judgment empty-handed? Do you want to pass away finally, and have it said that the world is no poorer for your having passed away, and no richer for your having lived? or shall it be said, "A good man has gone;" or, "A good woman has gone." "He will be missed;" "She will be missed." If you want that to be true, then you have got to live for others.

#### **A Picture of Selfish Greed.**

Is there a more stupid thing, Zion, than to see a man, created in God's image, who has gotten fifty acres of land, a wife and nice children, a nice little home, piano, pictures and carpets; to see him get up at 4 o'clock in the morning, or as soon as it is daylight, and work all day long, with his eyes upon the farm just across the road? Then, after two or three years he gets that other one hundred and sixty acres, and then he toils harder

than ever: gets up earlier, works harder, goes to bed later---because he has his eyes on neighbor Brown's farm of three hundred acres down the road. When he gets that, a neighbor comes in and says, "Well, I should think you would be satisfied." No; instead of being satisfied he is just like the man who has taken his fiftieth glass of beer---he still wants another glass; and so he goes on, and by the time he is about forty-five he is just like a man that sat in my office the other day, forty years old. Forty years old! He has an income of about \$5,000 or \$6,000 a year now from his land, and he told me that he had worked so hard that he would be compelled to give up working now because he was all broken down in health, and he could not stand hard work any more. I sat in my chair and I looked at him, and I thought to myself, What a stupid, foolish life you have lived! ---and what for? what does it all amount to? If that man had been content, as the Word of God says he should be content, and had spent some of his time living for others, he would have better health when he was eighty-five than he has now.

Now what does it all amount to?

#### **Learn to See and Live the Christ Life**

I am trying to get this people---you people---to see the only true life that there is: the only life that is worth living.

A man comes to me after a sermon like last Lord's Day's, and says, "Well, you hit us pretty hard today." Yes, I hit you hard, and I am going to hit you harder. "Well now," he says, "I do not quite agree with you." "Well," I say, "it does not matter to me whether you agree with me or not. You and I have to meet in the Day of Judgment, and I have to give an account for the way I preached to you people down here in Zion City; and, for aught I know, I might go Home to Heaven, and some of you may stay here behind, and I may be able to look down upon you and, if I have not done my duty, my happiness is going to be marred." I have got to do my duty, and I want to hold up the Word of God before you, and in so doing I am the best friend you have got in this world.

I want to get the people of this Church to see the Christ-life, to see that the only true life is the life "hidden with Christ in God." If you will only live that life, not only will earth yield of her rich treasures into your hand, but Heaven's stores will be opened---because you will be living for God.

Then, when you come down to the close of life, you will be able to look back and see a multitude rescued from sin through your efforts, a multitude healed, a multitude brought out of the kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of Light, out of the way that leads to hell into the straight and narrow way that leads to Heaven. That will be a good deal better than coming down to the close of life and having to look back over fifty or sixty years and not be able to see any one whom you ever did any good. You can see two thousand acres of land that you accumulated, you can see your twenty houses and lots that you got, you can see your bank account and your gold and your silver---but you will have to leave that all behind. You brought nothing into this world, and you will take nothing out; and if you have no treasures in Heaven, and have to go across the River naked, with no treasures on the other side, you will certainly be in a pitiable condition.

#### **What Treasures Are There in Heaven?**

Some people talk about going to Heaven---why they have nothing to go to. If you do not put something up there, you will have nothing to go to---you will have nothing to claim when you get there. If some people should be happy enough to enter Heaven today, they might explore the whole region for their possessions, but they would not be able to find any possessions, because they have laid up no treasures in Heaven.

#### **The First Duty is Salvation for All**

My brothers and sisters, what is the first thing? The first

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EDITORIAL NOTES

By the General Associate Editor

"I MUST be about My Father's business."

THE ONE aim of the Savior of men was to do the will of the Father. To obey, with Him, was better than to sacrifice; and this principle was in Him from His youth.

THE EFFORTS of any person, unaided by Divine wisdom and power, will fail. Selfish motives always lead to destruction, whether these be exercised by individuals, or by communities, or by nations. The true man is he who subverts his own selfish desires and pleasures and expends his powers in bettering the conditions of those about him.

CHRIST CLEARLY told the disciples of the source of Life. "The Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He seeth the Father do: for what things soever He doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

"For the Father loveth the Son, and showeth Him all things that Himself doeth: and He will show Him greater works than these, that ye may marvel. \* \* \*

"For as the Father hath life in Himself; so hath He given to the Son to have life in Himself."

THE LIFE-GIVING power is delegated to the Son. He says, "I can of Mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just: because I seek not Mine own will, but the will of the Father, which hath sent Me."

CHRISTIAN, are you following your own inclination, or are you following God's directions? From what source do you get your marching and living orders? Do you seek light from the knowledge of this world, or have you access to the Fountain of Truth that inspires you to think and act in harmony with the great Master Mind?

"HE THAT hath ears to hear, let him hear." Have you ears? Can you hear? What do you hear? If the Son of God needed to hear the voice of God in order to know and do His will, how much more do men and women need to hear His voice after hearing satan's seducing whispers and following his allurements, in many cases, 10, many years!

CHRIST SAYS: "As I hear, I judge." "For I came down from Heaven, not to do Mine own will, but the will of Him that sent Me."

OH, TO have Life with God, is the Father's will! The resurrection life is the victory, and this life is in His Son.

"This is the Father's will: \* \* \* that of all which He hath given Me, I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. \* \* \* "That every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

CHRISTIAN, FROM what source do you get faith? "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." Is the Word of God a constant lamp unto your feet and light unto your pathway? If not, how can you gain a knowledge of the will of God? How else can you hear? And if you do not hear, how can you judge?

MAN'S FIRST business is to know the will of the Father and then to do it. Who will measure up to the requirement and to everyone say, "I must be about My Father's business."

ZION REJOICES more and more each day in the knowledge of the Word of God, and in the consciousness that the plan of the ages, for man's salvation and healing, and for the uplifting of the true standard of life and action, is being wrought out in her.

DAILY PROGRESS is being made toward Zion City's complete redemption. Hundreds of loyal citizens of the Kingdom are united in prayer, thought, purpose and might to make it possible to proclaim to all the world that Zion's position is fully vindicated. Outside of Zion City's righteousness will never be done; but within cities and communities established for God's glory, cleanliness, health, love, joy and peace ought always to be expected.

LAST Wednesday evening the large Auditorium, the parlors, hallways and reception rooms of Zion Home were crowded by Zion people and their friends who spent several hours, in an informal way, rejoicing over Zion's onward moves, and in thanksgiving to God Who has brought to Zion so many blessings. Zion Band was present and discoursed a large number of beautiful selections. To see so many with the Christian's hope written upon their countenances was a source of great inspiration; and the hearty Zion salutation and response on every hand betokened a tie of fellowship that is witnessed in no places outside of Zion gatherings.

The devotional exercises were full of power, and the atmosphere of reverence was clearly marked.

O THAT men and women, boys and girls, everywhere, could and would say; "I must be about My Father's business."

ZION, "WATCH ye,—stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. Let all things be done with charity."

## Take Your Choice.

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thing, if you are a child of God, is the salvation of others—that is the very first thing. Why, it seems to me that the very thought ought to set a man on fire. You find a poor sinner, and you point him to the Lamb of God, and you see him repent and see him cleansed in the blood of the Lamb and made a bright and shining light, and that man will say, "There is the man that led me to Christ." It will be a joy to meet Him in Heaven.

Some people are expecting to receive a crown. Well, it would be a peculiar crown if it had not any stars in it, would it not? You must remember that the crowns which the saints and the overcomers are to receive will be crowns full of stars; and those stars will be the people that have been saved, healed, cleansed and blessed through your instrumentality.

**Be Firm, but Meek; Have the Spirit of Christ.**

Get more of the spirit of God into your hearts and lives; stand up for the right; stand up for principle, --- but do not be a fighting-cock. Remember that standing up for principles and truths firmly and uncompromisingly is a very different thing from the spirit of jumping right at one like you were going to kill him the minute he may differ with you just a little. That is not the spirit of Christ.

**Be Wise and be Considerate of Others.**

You will never do anything as Seventies if you come face to

face with people and the first time you meet them you attack everything that they have been taught through inheritance and training. You must let your light shine. Let us get to the place as a Church where we can send some of you men and women into Chicago and gather up a thousand little waifs and take them out and keep them here a couple of weeks in Shiloh Park. Let us build an orphans' home,— that will be a sermon. Let us redeem Zion City, and that will be the greatest sermon of all.

The salvation of the sinner!

Let us start out this morning to get somebody saved. I would not be surprised that right here in this congregation, right in Zion City, there is some one who is not saved---some one who has never been born into the Kingdom. May God, this morning, touch any such hearts. That ought to be our prayer; and that is what we are here for.

### First Salvation, Then Healing

Next to the salvation of the sinner is the healing of the sick.

God's Word is true. There is deliverance for every one. The atonement of Christ covers all sins and all diseases: and if you are not healed, that does not disprove the Word of God.

I do not wonder that many people get no healing. If I had no more of the spirit of self-denial and self-sacrifice, if I had no greater hold on God than some that call for prayer, I would never ask God to heal me.

What a glorious thing it is to live so that you can pray and get an answer! You go to the bed-sides of some who, in an unguarded moment, have been attacked by the devil, and you pray for them, and they are healed instantly. Now, I have been asked to pray this last week, and importuned to pray for some whom I know have been full of the spirit of criticism, and as long as health lasted they were not very particular about Zion --- they did not care whether they took any interest in the meetings or not; but when they come down to sickness and suffering, and they think they are going to die, then they get very good all at once. I do not believe much in deathbed repentances. I have never seen a case yet where persons recovered that they were not worse afterwards than before.

### Spending Life For Zion.

I put so much life and strength into my task last Lord's Day that it took three or four days for me to recover; and yet, after that sermon, some people said to their neighbors, "Well, I do not feel under any obligation to sell any properties to put the money in to redeem Zion City." That is all right; that is their business—probably when they get sick God Almighty will not feel under any obligation to heal them, either. This is a free country. This is a Church where the liberty of Jesus Christ obtains. You can do just as you like about that, so far as Overseer Voliva is concerned; but to God an account must be given.

One man came in on Monday morning, and said, "I will bring in \$1,000 in cash. I will sell two properties: one worth \$5,000 and the other worth \$1,500; and I have \$1,500 in paper that I will get into money, and I will bring it all into Zion." He said, "One thing that you said more than two years ago that kept me steadfast in Zion was that you would never compromise; and I have been influenced by that statement in going all the way with God, or not at all."

I want to tell you that never, in any body of people on the face of the earth, would you find any better saints than you will find right in this Church; and the spirit that is shown by hundreds of them is equal to the spirit of God's people at any time in the history of the world; and I want to tell you, by your faithfulness you will gain for yourselves a testimony in all parts of the world, and the people who rise up and redeem Zion City, their names will not only be enrolled in Heaven, but they will be enrolled on the pages of history, and multitudes will come to

this city and call you blessed for having sacrificed to give this poor old world one city of God.

I pity the man or woman, who, after a sermon like the one preached on last Lord's Day, will say, "Well, I do not feel under any obligations to sell my piece of property and use the money to help redeem Zion City." I would like to think the people who talk like that are sprouting wings and getting ready to migrate to a sunnier clime, but I cannot think that.

God's work is not going to stop, my brothers and sisters, because you are unwilling to do anything. You are the loser, not the cause of Christ; and the day will come when such will want much from God, but what have they ever done in God's service. The man that talks like that is his own worst enemy, because the man that does the most in God's service is the man that is going to get the most. That is the plain Word of God.

#### Healing Follows From Heeding God's Word

Now the healing of the sick. The Word of God is full of it; and the Word of God tells us that if we will hear His voice, and will walk in His statutes and will keep His commandments, that He will keep us free from all sickness (Exodus 15:26.) That is what it says. Now the question is: to what extent do you believe it? That is just what the Word of God says precisely: He will keep sickness from our midst and there will not be a weak one amongst us (Psalm 105:37). That is the Word of God. If you will hear His voice, keep His statutes and obey His commandments, He will keep you. Some people do not begin to think about these things until the devil attacks them and they are down sick.

It is a good deal easier for me, with the light that I have, to be kept by God, than it is to get sick and then to get healed; and the same will be true of you. Men and women that have had the teaching you have had all these years—the glorious Gospel of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living—if you step aside and get away from God until you are smitten with a cancer, or consumption, or a tumor, and a great many other things, you are going to have an uphill fight to get deliverance.

#### Why Some Are Not Healed

Many people say, "Well, why is not so and so healed?" Well, it is perfectly plain.

I want to tell you, people that are talking about operations have not reached the place where they can pray the prayer of faith. I tell you the person that is dying, who cannot see anything but a little piece of property, and will talk about it with the dying breath, there is not much room for the Holy Ghost in a life of that kind. And then, another thing: when some got wonderful blessing, instead of praising God for what He has done, it is everything else, until it is no wonder some are not healed. But I want to tell you, my brothers and sisters, until the people learn to follow the Gospel of Jesus Christ they will never see the power of God manifested as they ought to see it.

There sits a man who has a thousand acres of land, who has a fat bank account, and you talk, and talk, and talk about the Kingdom of God and laying up treasures in Heaven, and giving and toiling for others, and he looks at a cent piece for six months. Then, when he is sick, he expects you to lay hands upon him and the Holy Spirit to come in, and he is going to be healed. I tell you, No! We have got to pay the price; and if there is not, down deep in your hearts, a desire that is burning you up for the salvation of the sinful, you have never been saved yourself.

Let there pass before your vision all the sin-stricken in this world, and see how the people are without God, and without hope; wandering hither and thither pursuing the almighty dollar and pleasure, that at last bites like a serpent and stings like an adder. Look at the poor, bent forms! Look into their faces and you will see sin written there! The masses crowd God out of their thoughts; and I tell you, we have families in

Zion City today—do they talk in Heavenly places? Do you ever hear them say a word about Heaven? Do you ever hear them say anything about wanting to do something to save the sinful and to help humanity? No. The only thing is property, and the price of this and the price of that. Such people, my brothers and sisters, are far away from God. Far, far away from God.

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## ZION SEVENTIES

*Deacon J. W. Friend*

*General Recorder*

What shall I render unto Jehovah for all His benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the Name of Jehovah. I will pay my vows unto Jehovah."—Psalm 116: 12-14.

The opening of a New Year is like the opening of a new ledger. It is a favorable time for determining what should be disposed of in the profit and loss column, and for putting into effect resolutions for the new year.

The man or woman who makes no resolutions, or vows, will make little progress in Character Building. Sit down and count the cost, then resolve with the full strength of your character, and by God's help, to pursue the way which deliberate, and thoughtful judgment tells you is the proper course to take.

A true Christian can be benefited by such vows to himself, and to his God, which should be kept, in proportion as he respects himself, and the cause he represents.

God invites you, through His Word, to make a full consecration of yourself—your business, your talents, and your all—to the Lord, and to His service.

The proposition in the words of Jesus the Christ is that you should deny yourself, take up your cross daily and follow Him." And as a reward you shall receive in this present life tribulation from without, but peace and good cheer from within, and in the future life share in the First Resurrection. That change to honor and immortality means the full enjoyment of joint-heirship with our blessed Savior and Redeemer. The terms are clearly stated—cross bearing, self-denial, service for Christ, and being faithful unto death.

The rewards are also as plainly stated, which are crowns of life, members of the Royal Priesthood, an opportunity of helping and uplifting humanity, during this present age, and also the Millennial Age.

The Lord did not urge consecration, but said rather that each should sit down and count the cost. After having counted the cost whoever chose to be His disciple did so by making a vow unto the Lord,—a consecration vow. This was to the intent that thereafter the conduct of life, the words of the mouth, and the meditations of the heart should be in accordance with God's will, and acceptable unto Him.

Let no one lightly make a vow unto the Lord. It carries with it great responsibilities; but, after having made the vow, be determined that, by the grace of God, you will "pay your vow, unto the Lord."

Why should anyone who puts his hand to the plow look back? Why should we, after having renounced the world, and received the gift of the Holy Spirit, and having tasted of the goodness of God, lose the precious blessings of God and return

to the weak and beggarly elements of the world? Take the cup of salvation, which is a cup of self-denial (as far as earthly things are concerned,) but a cup of joy and peace, in the Holy Spirit, and carry with you the blessed tidings of salvation to those who are living in sin.

May your cup of salvation be a cup of joy which shall overflow, and be a blessing to many, is my earnest prayer.

IOWA

Literature report from Banks and Anderson, for the week ending, Jan. 15, 1910. Work done in Sioux City, Iowa:

Calls made.....	280
Messages given.....	280
Leaves sold.....	43
Heralds sold.....	5
Voice from Zion sold.....	1
Total pieces distributed.....	329

OREGON

The following is a report of Seventy work done in the City of Portland, during the week ending Jan. 8, 1910, by Deacon Frank Robinson and wife:

Calls made.....	226
Messages given.....	218
Leaves sold.....	62
Heralds sold.....	3
Visits made.....	10
Leaves mailed.....	4
Heralds mailed.....	2
Leaves given.....	14
Heralds given.....	69
Total Pieces distributed.....	382

OHIO

Deacon Earnest E. Harwood, submits the following report of work done by the Cincinnati Branch from July 24, 1909, to Jan. 10, 1910:

Messages and cards distributed.....	12,500
Leaves and Herald's sold and given..	1,427
Leaves and Herald's mailed.....	253
Messages mailed.....	285
Total pieces distributed.....	14,465

Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD."

The thought which suggests prayer is one's needs. There is within man a yearning for things beyond his grasp, and if these things be proper for man to have, God's Word teaches to ask the Father to supply them.

Christ said: "Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." But it seems plain that He meant one should ask, seek and knock, not for use- less things, or to possess for extravagant purposes, but to secure needful things to be utilized for the advancement of man's Di- vine mission: i.e., consecrated service to God.

Jesus said: "When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye anything? And they said, 'Nothing.'"

The trouble with most men is that they are selfish and un- thankful and forget that their sole duty is toward God.

The Apostle Paul pictures this class, when he says in Ro- mans 1: 21 "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, *neither were thankful*; but became vain in their imaginations and their foolish heart was darkened \* \* \* wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves."

James, the apostle, answers the question definitely why pray- er is not answered when he says (James 4:1-3): "From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?"

"Ye lust, and have not; ye kill, and desire to have, and can- not obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.

"Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts (pleasures)."

Why, then, are some prayers not answered. O Christian, what is your motive! If God gave to you, what would you do with His gift? Would you use it as from God, or would you consume it upon yourself?--- would you heap to yourself treas- ures while all about you were those in need of just the things you possessed in abundance?

Think you the love of God is there?

"But 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?"

The truly rich man, and the one most beneficial to his race, is the man who looks upon all his possessions as a sacred trust, as gifts from God, and uses them in a way to glorify God.

Love is the fulfilling of the law --- and in perfect love for God, mankind cannot be forgotten, neglected, or left without all the help and comfort within the power of one to give.

Every man, therefore, may help to answer his own prayers by being true to the principles which open to all power and to every blessing.

# Why Some Prayers Are Not Answered

By Theodore Forby, General Associate Editor.

That men ought to pray to the Father to supply their needs is everywhere evidenced in the Word of God. Christ taught His disciples to pray in that model prayer uttered in the great- est reverence and in language so simple: "Our Father, which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come.

# List of Zion Institutions and Industries.

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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

### "Fight the Good Fight of Faith"

"Put On the Whole Armor Of God."

By O. L. Tindall

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK)

How important that God's children should be thoroughly equipped for this great warfare in which we are all engaged. We are very careful to drill and train their soldiers for the adversaries that destroy their fellowmen. They are careful to get the best weapons and to study the arts of war. They are anxious to obtain the very best equipments. Oh, the money that is spent for war purposes! See the great standing armies and the great navies, and the young men who are sacrificed on the altar of the god of war! Should the same expenditures and energy be put on the altar for God for the redemption and salvation of mankind, then we would hear no more of war's thunders, and the swords would be turned into pruning hooks, and no more would lift up sword against nation; neither would they learn war any more.

It is the business of God's Church on earth to rise up against the abominations, and to usher in the beautiful day of peace on earth, and good will toward men. Soldiers of Christ, awake and put on your strength. Shall we not be as wise and earnest serving men as are men to destroy their fellows?

This is why I ask you to study with me this subject of the Christian warfare and understand what God would have us do. We can well learn some lessons on this subject from the children of this world, for they are wiser in their generation than the children of Light. They know enough to organize their forces

and equip them with full armor of the very best kind after the manner of the world. They learn to obey orders and to march shoulder to shoulder in a solid phalanx against the foe. That is what the children of Light have not learned. They are only bushwhackers, every man doing as he likes and going as he pleases and, worse than that, they often quarrel among themselves. Is it any wonder that the devil and his forces have taken most of the strongholds and now hold them. Who owns and works the printing press, that wonderful engine of power, either for good or for evil? Who owns the great inventions and industries, the railroads, the factories, the stores, etc? Does any one pretend to say that, for any considerable part, they are run for God and His Kingdom? Certainly not. They have been captured by the devil and are used for him. It is high time that the people of God buckled on the armor and went out to recapture those spoils and bring them back to their rightful Owner.

Has not the great arch-enemy carried away into captivity thousands and tens of thousands of your sons and daughters? Does God intend that to go on forever? Read the 34th chapter of Ezekiel, and get a picture of the awful havoc the devil has made among God's children; how the sheep have been scattered upon the mountains and torn to pieces, and been neglected by their false shepherds. Weary and worn they wander, sick, and famishing for food and drink. But God declares He will raise up a Shepherd Who shall gather the sheep, and heal the sick, and carry the lambs in His bosom, and put away those shepherds who have fed themselves and not the sheep.

God has enough people who profess His name and who honor Him, to do mighty things if they were wise and did not spend their money for that which is not bread, and waste their energies. They need to make a little more careful study of the arts of their warfare, and learn how to battle against sin and satan. They have power given them. They are quite equal to the fray when properly equipped with all of God's armor, and can chase a thousand and put ten thousand to flight. In the Name of the

Lord, the shepherd boy, with his sling and pebbles taken from the running brook, can slay the giant clad in his armor of brass supported with his carnal weapons. God has given us a complete armor that is guaranteed against all the darts of the devil if we will put it on and wear it. No weapon ever forged shall be able to penetrate it. That one little passage written by Paul to the Ephesians is well worth our study for days. It is a description of the Christian's armor. He had tried and tested it by land and by sea, in all kinds of conflicts; with wild beasts at Ephesus; against foes without and fears within; in famines, in persecutions, in distresses, with false brethren; with angry mobs; with stones and cruel beatings with rods; with his own countrymen. No one need fear what man could do unto him so long as he had on this armor of God. It covers the whole man from head to foot.

That is Zion's teaching, that God cares for the natural man as well as for the spiritual. That is where the people of God have failed. They have protected only the spiritual man and given the devil full possession of the body; turned it over to the doctors, generally a most ungodly lot. They have not cared for the material interests of the people. These have been in the hands of the enemy. The wealth of the world has been controlled by the devil. This has given him a tremendous advantage over the people of God, and no wonder he has succeeded with all these powerful engines of war in his possession. See what havoc he makes with the printing press and its product scattered broadcast over the entire world every morning, carrying the news everywhere of his achievements. What are the daily newspapers, for the most part, but messengers of the devil. They are full of foul deeds done by his agents, and contain but the merest pittance of any good. They are the devil's advertising agents of whisky, beer, tobacco and cigarets, quack nostrums; and all the muck of the world is gathered up and distributed and devoured before men eat their breakfast.

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## TAKE YOUR CHOICE

Live, and die as the result; or, Die, and live as the result; or Save your life and lose it as the result; or Lose your life and save it as the result.  
(John 12:24-25)

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[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK]

### Where There is Love of Money, There is No Room For the Holy Ghost.

What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

I want to tell you that where the love of money dwells, the Holy Ghost is crowded out. That is why a lot of people do not get their healing. When a man says to me, "I am going away off somewhere, and I am going out to make money for God and for Zion," I say, "You liar! You are not going out to make money for God and for Zion: you are going out to make money for yourself." They pile it up and pile it up, and then they sit down and look at it. There is the trouble.

**Fault-Finding and Murmuring are Killing to Spiritual Life.**

And the spirit of criticism, fault-finding and murmuring is

causing many to perish; many to perish. The children of Israel all died in the wilderness except how many?

Answer: Two.

GENERAL OVERSEER: Only two, out of how many thousand?

ANSWER: 603,550 over twenty years of age.

GENERAL OVERSEER: Only two entered the promised land; and all the others perished in the wilderness; why? *Because of unbelief and because of murmuring.*

God's Word is true. When I see a person healed, I rejoice. I believe God's Word more firmly than ever when I see some people not healed. It just shows that we must obey the laws and principles of the Kingdom of God in order to get anything from God. We have got to be right. God Almighty does not vary an iota for you or for me, or for anybody else. He is not going to alter His laws, or change His words to suit anybody's case. If God were to heal some people, He would have to set His own Word aside—that is all there is to it.

### The True Object of Living.

The salvation of the sinful, and the healing of the sick, and the establishment of the Kingdom of God, ought to be the object of your being here, and your purpose of living.

"Well, but then I am working in the Lace Factory, and I make \$150 a month." Well, suppose you do. It will be your damnation, too, unless you are close to God. What do you want to make money for if it is not to serve God? God Almighty never put you and me here simply to make money. He put you and me here to prepare for eternity.

There are multitudes of people that live out their sixty-five and seventy years, and are no nearer prepared for eternity than they were the day they were born; no, not as much. The rank and file of the people are so engrossed with the cares of this life that, I tell you, they hate awfully to think of dying; and how they will go to this doctor and that doctor, to this hospital and that hospital, and to this specialist and that specialist, and they will take any kind of drug and have any kind of operation performed; and they will spend everything they have in this world trying to keep from dying. How they do love this life, and how they hate to go.

### Zion's Mission to Get Humanity to Think of God.

Think of Chicago! Think of Waukegan! Think of Kenosha! Think of Racine! Think of Milwaukee! Think of all these towns! There is very little of God in them. They talk of all their great material progress, but so far as the world is concerned, the greater the material progress, the deeper the spiritual degradation. That is always true.

### One's Only Protection to Live a Godly Life.

A man said to me the other day, "I have accumulated property, and I am prosperous." He said, "Every one of my brothers, as soon as they became prosperous, took to drink and now fill drunkards' graves, and I am the only one that is left." He said, "My relatives and friends tell me that I will go the same way; but," he said, "I have withstood prosperity so far." I said to him, "Your only protection is to be a true child of God;" and that is true too.

Now, we are here this morning to draw nigh to God. We are here to shut the world outside; and we are here so far as Zion City is concerned, not to know that there is anything in existence here except Zion.

### Is Profession of Loyalty to God and Zion Real?

This city was launched by Zion; it was built by Zion; it was launched on a certain basis; and God Almighty is going to save this city; and if all our people will put God first, and seek first His Kingdom, in twelve months we will own this whole city. Do not say we cannot, because we can. I can do all things in the strength of God, and so can you; and, I tell you, the most

important thing for us, as a people, is to show this old world we meant what we said ten years ago.

Do not give the world a chance to brand you as liars, and to say that you are unworthy of the cause that you professed to espouse; for when you might have given to this world a chance to the honor and the glory of God, you chose your earthly possessions, and you said "Let her go to the devil for all I care." I tell you that disgrace would attach itself to this city through life and through eternity. I believe the angels would look at us and say, "You were cowards and unworthy the cause you espoused. You did not mean what you said."

Let us make good! We said, "We will stand by Zion with every dollar and to the last drop of blood! Then let us make good." We made a vow; let us keep it, and God will reward us when the time comes. When you see thousands of people coming into this city, then you will rejoice that you remained steadfast and true: you will see your reward with your own

of Zion, and I will blow the trumpet with no uncertain sound; and I tell you, every last man and woman within the borders of Zion City who has marred this city by lifting his little finger, will have to repent before God.

I command those people to repent, or they will perish; and they will find out that the fight in Zion City is not a fight against flesh and blood; it is a fight between God Almighty and the devil. It began in Heaven, and it has been going on ever since. I will never stop until the last son of darkness that has come into this city is either converted and brought to God, or goes.

You see that you live close to God. Let us see, as God pours the money into our hands, that we use it for His Kingdom, and not for ourselves. That is the principal thing.

#### **Zion's Material Prosperity Growing, that God May be Glorified.**

We have a quarter of a million dollars worth of property in this town now, and we are going to get a whole lot more; and I say to every man and woman who has Zion in his heart and who wants to come and work under my leadership, and to be a true brother: Here is my hand, and God bless you; and I will be a true brother to you, and we will all pull together to redeem Zion City and to save the situation. It does not matter what you have done. It is the easiest thing in the world for me to forgive anybody. It does not matter what anybody has said about me, or done: that does not make any difference. They cannot say I have been on the fence, astride the fence, on the top of the fence, under the fence, over the fence, or anything else.

#### **God's Work requires Leadership.**

It is a good thing to stand and know what you believe and where you are. That is the only kind of a man that can lead a people. Some people do not believe in leadership. They believe in an army without a general; they believe in a railroad company without a president; they believe in running a factory without a foreman. Well, I do not. I believe in a leader. I believe very strongly in a leader. There is nothing accomplished in God's work unless God has called a servant and anointed him for that work. God does not leave His people without a shepherd. God does not leave His people without a servant to lead them; but just because one captain ran a boat on a rock, is no reason why you must never again sail on a boat; and because one engineer wrecked a train, is no reason why you must never ride on a train again; because one woman married a man and he turned out bad, is no reason why no other woman should ever marry. (Laughter.) That is the logic, don't you see?

Now, may the Holy Ghost fill this place—every room in it, even to the kitchen. It is a good thing to have the Holy Ghost in the kitchen, and every part of the building, and may the place be filled with the spirit of praise and testimony. It will be dedicated and consecrated to God, and may the streams of blessing flow from this place to all parts of the world. God grant it!

Now, you show the spirit of Christ. Remember that there are hundreds of thousands of people who once were loyal that have, in the time of Zion's trouble, gotten away. I want them to come back. Every one that has Zion in his heart,—I want them all—everyone throughout the whole world.

#### **Die to Self and Live For God and Humanity.**

The subject that I printed on the handbill is a sermon in itself: "Take your choice: Live, and die as the result; or, Die, and live as the result—Save your life and lose it as the result; or, Lose your life and save it as the result." There is a great sermon in that subject, and if everybody could only learn it, what a wonderful Church we would have!

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#### **Work Done for Others One's Abiding Monument.**

It is within the reach of every one of you to erect your own monument. I have heard of men digging their own graves. It is an old saying that many people dig their graves with their hands. What is meant by that? They eat too much; yes. You have heard it said that he put one hundred and sixty acres of land down his throat, too, haven't you? Think of a man owning one hundred and sixty acres of land, a two-story house, furniture and carpets, down his throat, and then going and burning his wife's Bible to get another glass! It has been done. You can erect your own monuments. If the money that is put into most monuments was only spent for the living, it would be a good deal better; but the manner a man has lived, and the manner away from God he has lived, the costlier he wants his monument and his monument. That is the only "show" he has got. He stands no "show" with God, and he wants a show some way; he is sure to want his funeral service "in the Church," you know. No place else would do; and there must be a great display made and a great show made. That is because his life has been empty and hollow, and there has been nothing in it. These things do not endure.

Do something that will endure, Zion! Erect your own monuments, and let your monuments be the saved, the healed, the blessed and the blessed.

#### **Zion Home a Center of Power.**

You pray that God will help us to advertise this "Home" in earth's remotest bounds. Do everything you can to make this place a heaven on earth. Let the spirit of God fill it; and, whatever we are doing in this place, may God help us to do for all of Zion City, until the last smoker, and the last chewer, and the last drunkard will either repent or pack his grip-sack and go. May the fear of God fill Zion City. Ah, my brothers and sisters, there are two classes in this city. The Bible recognizes two classes, and there are two classes here. There are those who are fighting for the Kingdom of God, and there are those who are fighting for the kingdom of darkness.

God will give us the victory; but pray! I am praying every day this year that God, by His Holy Spirit, will touch the hearts of all the people who have ever been faithful, loyal and true to Zion at any time; that He will break their hearts, that, at the next Convocation, we shall see hundreds of people returning home and taking their stand. Many of them are good people; but they are mistaken. They do not like to hear me say that, but I say it.

#### **Evil-Doers Must Repent.**

I am going to do my duty and, if you do not want to be my enemy, that is neither here nor there—I will stand on the walls



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## EDITORIAL NOTES

*By the General Associate Editor*

### Unity! Oneness! Singleness of Heart!

WHAT A blissful satisfaction there is in perfect harmony whether in the home, among friends, or with associates in the daily toil! Disharmony is like a grain of sand in a delicate watch: it grinds and grinds until the watch stops, ruined.

CONCORD and satisfaction have the source of their existence in the individual spirit, for, "as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."

ENVIRONMENT HAS much to do toward promoting unity; and where one's environment is made by his own choice, or as the result of his own acts, his duty is to look well to his thoughts and purposes.

MAN'S THINKING must be directed after the pattern of Divine thought; for, indeed, his power to think, and to project thought into action, is a gift, a talent, a treasure to be used for

the Giver. Thought is a treasure that cannot be wasted with impunity. It has a value—a tremendous force if rightly guided—a value to help redeem men out of harmony with God, and a force to stir men to right action.

CHRIST'S REFUTATION of the Pharisees by words of authority and power stung them to think. His figures of speech had no uncertain meaning, and, as in all Christ's teaching, His purpose was to win humanity to serve God. He said, "How can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart (spirit) the mouth speaketh." "A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things; and an evil man, out of the evil treasure, bringeth forth evil things.

"But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give an account thereof in the day of judgment.

"For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."

THE FORCE of a word not fitly spoken bounds and rebounds for evil beyond the power of recall. It falls upon harmonious surroundings as a messenger of destruction, and harrows innocence like a consuming plague. Its roots are in hell, and its repeated echoes peal with horrible fury.

"The tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth!

"And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity; so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

"But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison."

YET CHRIST'S mission among men was to establish unity and harmony in the hearts of men in keeping with the great unity of Heaven.

"Holy Father, keep through Thine own Name, those whom Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, even as we are."—John 17:11.

"That they may be one, as thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us; that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me."

ONENESS of aim, purpose, and practice among Christians is an end to be prayed for, sought after, and attained. The Christian body, the Church, of all others, should emulate the Divine pattern in Heaven. The will of the Father in Heaven is absolute unity, harmony and peace; and the Christ taught that the same will and condition should obtain on earth. "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as in Heaven."

"And the glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them, that they may be one, even as We are One:

"I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in One; and that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved Me."

THE SPIRIT of unity which should pervade every heart whether in private thought and act, or in thought and act which

influences others, should be none less than the unity of Heaven—the unity of the Father, Son, and obedient children.

PAUL EXHORTS to "keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Why? Because with unity broken there is a breach into which the enemy of righteousness is sure to come like a mighty, raging flood; and outside of the unity of the Spirit there can be no peace; and peace is one of the attributes of the Kingdom.

There is but *one* body and one Spirit, one hope, "One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of all, Who is above all, and through all, and in you all."

POWER FOR service comes through the Spirit of Unity. Strife is the sure result of being out of harmony, and wars and fightings come from lusts—the desires for self—with that spirit of mind the Holy Spirit cannot cooperate.

"BE YE not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

"And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

"And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the Living God, as God hath said, "I will dwell in them and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people."

## Take Your Choice.

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### Activity Promotes Life and Power.

I tell you the more active you are in God's service, the more physical and mental life you will have. In the early days of Zion, the men that watched all night, and worked all day, got along just as well as many today who think they must sleep, sleep, sleep. Activity always begets life; and the Lord Jesus the Christ delivered Himself of those remarkable utterances after He had reached the place when death stared Him in the face.

Now, He had to contend with the same that you and I have to contend with. You feel led of the Spirit of God to sell a farm to redeem Zion City, and then along come the relatives and friends of the devil and they hold up before you all kinds of scarecrows; and so, when the Lord Jesus Christ approached Gethsemane, those around Him wanted Him to save His life; and when He was nailed to the cross the religious leaders tossed their heads and said, "He saved others, Himself He cannot save!" That was true; and He uttered the great truth that, "Except a grain of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abides by itself alone."

### Inactivity Depletes Strength and Kills.

Now, if we are going to take all the sleep we want, and have all the rest we want, and all the ease we want, and if we are going to save all the money we want, and everything else, we will never do any Seventy work, and we will never put forth

any effort to redeem mankind; and we will abide by ourselves alone, and we will lose our lives. You start out today just to let the right arm hang by your side, and never use it but just let it hang there for years, and it will soon wither there because it is not used; and the same is true of every talent that God has given to us. If we do not use that talent, we shall lose it.

### Christ Died to Bring Life and Immortality to Light.

The Lord Jesus Christ lost His life, but He saved it. He died, but He brought forth fruit; and you think today of all the people that would give their lives for Christ! Think of the inspiration His life has been to multitudes, and where would you and I be had it not been for the life of the Lord Jesus the Christ?

### Study the Christ Life and Follow Him.

Now, so far as I am personally concerned, I am more determined than ever to study the life of Christ; more determined than ever to follow that life to the letter; more determined than ever before to follow the Word of God. It is not that we do not know the Bible. We know it fairly well. It is because we do not obey it.

Now, I wonder how many of us have reached the place where we can return good for evil?

Overcome evil with good.

There are a great many of these pointed passages of Scripture in the Word of God, that, if obeyed, will build up one's spiritual life.

### Zion City to be Redeemed and Built Up by Prayer and Sacrifice.

The only way that we will ever have employment in Zion City for all Zion here, and all Zion that will come here, is for some of us to sacrifice self and to lay down all on the altar. We can establish institutions, and we can do it very rapidly, and we can get hold of every institution in sight if only the people are willing to do it. That is the only way, and everybody has got to learn this law of the Kingdom. I have to learn it and live it, and so have you. That is the way we are going to come out; and I hope and pray that the time is not far off when we shall be able, in Zion City, to have employment for every Zion man and woman; and I believe in every man and woman working.

### Possession of Wealth No Excuse for One Not Working.

There is a brother who has fifty thousand dollars loaned out, and he has a nice house, and just sits around and does nothing. Why, somebody has to support him. "O," but you say, "he is rich." I do not care if he has a million dollars; whatever that fellow eats and drinks, somebody works for; don't you know that? There was never anything truer than that. I believe that, in a Zion community, everybody ought to be a producer. Everybody,— I do not care if he has this, that, or the other thing; he ought to be a producer; he ought to be adding something to the commonwealth. That is true as an economic principle. Why, if you have ten houses here in Zion City, and you sit around with your arms folded, somebody has to support you. There is the trouble with this old world today. Half are working to keep the other half, and the other half do nothing.

### Be Pure and Noble of Speech.

May God help us as a people to have no profane one in our midst. O, the most stupid thing a man or woman ever did is to swear. Ah, my brothers and sisters, I have been thinking for months that I would like to preach a sermon along some of these lines. Let profanity never once be named among you.

### What a Wicked and Foolish Thing to Swear.

Another thing, my brothers and sisters: you know it is not necessary to use the Name of God in order to swear—it is the spirit. Your substitutes do not go with God. Where a man of

the world would come out and swear, you have a substitute that is a little more polished.

Again let me warn you: do not repeat other people's questionable speech. That is not right. I have heard ministers on the platform tell how some man swore, and then repeat the oaths. I would not do that—it is a foolish thing, and where a tempter is shown, whether the Name of God is used or not, it is all the same thing, Zion. Guard against that. Let us have no profanity.

There is another thing that some of our people do that is destroying their spiritual life, and that is, indulging in questionable stories and jokes—telling jokes and stories that are demoralizing and that can only destroy their own spiritual life. Now, there is wholesome wit and wholesome humor, and always wholesome fun, but never indulge in anything that is questionable—never. Then you will grow in grace and in strength, and in spiritual power.

I tell you, the devil has wrecked millions through immaturity, and that is the way the devil is getting the world by the throat, today; — by bad books and bad pictures and bad papers; instead of their dwelling in God, and thinking those things that are elevating and that will stamp purity in their very faces. Be in your guard and be careful; keep close to God; and if you will begin each day with the Word of God, and pray, and walk all the way with God, then you will make progress; and there is no other way.

#### Zion Must be Far in Advance of any other Organization.

Now, I have talked thus this morning because I know that is getting right at the very kernel of the Christian religion. I know that we must have a Church here that is far in advance of any other Church in the world. I know that we must have a Church that God's people, as soon as they hear of it and investigate, will say: "That is the Church for me." Let us make it that kind of a Church that Jesus prayed: "that they might be one," as He and His Father were One; and He also commanded them to love one another. We must have that in Zion.

If there is one here this morning that is not saved, give your heart to God. Do it now; why put it off? Why put it off? Procrastination is the thief of time. Delays are dangerous. You know as you sit here this morning—and, if you have listened, you know that the only life worth living is the life of a Christian. You know that the life you are now living, away from God, is a wasted life. Here is your opportunity. Take the first opportunity, and make your way towards God. Let us get Zion City to be a place where there will not be an unsaved one in it: and that is what Zion City means.

I am so glad to think that God will take care of Zion City, and not I. I would despair if I had to clean it up, but God Almighty can do it, and He has His own way of doing it, too. The devil can hinder, and so can you if you do not do right. He will take care of all that, too.

Now, I want you to sing the Hymn entitled "Bless Me Now." I want you all to be blessed. Let us make this hymn a prayer:

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.

#### CHORUS:

Bless me now, bless me now;  
Heavenly Father, bless me now.

After a season of silent prayer, the General Overseer offered the closing Prayer and the

#### BENEDICTION.

## ZION SEVENTIES

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General Recorder

### The Power of Sacrifice

God so loved the world that He gave His only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.—John 3:16.

The Son of God left the glory which He had with His Heavenly Father before the world was. He humbled Himself to become a man, and was tempted in all points like as we are. He was obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross, that we through "His stripes might be healed."

Jesus the Christ laid down His life as a sacrifice for humanity that mankind through Him might be saved, healed, and kept by His power Divine.

He gave the Great Commission unto His disciples to "go into all the world and make disciples of all nations."

Are you, as a disciple of Jesus the Christ, doing all you can to bring others unto Him? You who have received rich gifts from God's bountiful storehouse, are you making any sacrifice to help suffering humanity to a closer walk with God? Do you seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness? You must have an unswerving fidelity to the cause you represent. Keep your heart right, your mind free, and your conscience clear. Center your thoughts upon your work. Be determined that you will do something for the betterment of humanity. Fight the good fight of faith, and remember as you fight that

Not to the strong is the battle,  
Not to the swift is the race,  
Yet to the true and the faithful,  
Vict'ry is promised through grace.

Ever be true and faithful to your trust. You are a steward in the Master's Vineyard, and as such you must improve your talents and render a good account of your stewardship.

Are you living so that, at the close of your ministry here upon earth, you may hear the welcome words of the Master, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant," or will it be said of you, "Thou wicked and slothful servant, \* \* \* Inasmuch as ye did it not unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye did it not unto Me."

What a wonderful opportunity we have in this twentieth century, for doing good, and helping others to scatter the good seeds of the Kingdom, and minister unto the sick. Obey the command of Jesus when He said, "Go your ways; behold I send you forth as lambs in the midst of wolves, \* \* \* and into whatsoever city ye enter \* \* \* heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, 'The Kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.'"

My brother, my sister, improve your time and talents for God. The Gospel Age is fast drawing to its close. You have but a short time to work in the Master's Vineyard. Do not stand idle all the day.

"All flesh is grass, and the goodness thereof as the flower of the field." Think of the sacrifice Jesus made for you. Can you not deny yourself a few pleasures and do more to help others to come to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world?

Lift up your eyes and look unto the fields: behold they are white already unto the Harvest.

#### OREGON

The following is a report of Seventy work done in the City

of Portland, during the week ending Jan. 15, 1910, by Deacon Frank Robinson and wife; also an extract from their letter dated January 17, 1910:

Calls made.....	367
Messages given.....	360
Leaves sold.....	54
Heralds sold.....	6
Visits made.....	10
Leaves mailed.....	14
Heralds mailed.....	14
Leaves given.....	50
Heralds given.....	123
Total Pieces distributed.....	631

"By visits made we mean the houses we enter into, read the Word of God and pray, and minister to the sick, sorrowing, etc.

Yesterday's meetings revealed the fact that we must secure a hall of greater seating capacity. Pray for us, that God will give us Wisdom, Patience, and Perseverance.

Faithfully yours for God and Zion,  
[Signed] FRANK ROBINSON.

IOWA

Literature report from Banks and Anderson, for the week ending, Jan. 22, 1910. Work done in Sioux City, Iowa:

Calls made.....	463
Leaves sold.....	48
Heralds sold.....	23
Tracts sold.....	4
Total pieces distributed.....	538

Following is an extract from a letter dated January 23, 1910, from these two workers:

"Leaves of Healing Vol. 25 No. 2 and Heralds Vol. 3 No. 38 have been received and read with great joy. There is indeed a tremendous spiritual force stored up in these papers which surely must have a very far-reaching effect, and be a powerful agent in the extension of the Gospel of the Kingdom."

## Plain Instructions

To One and All Interested in the Redemption of Zion City.

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(Wilbur Glenn Voliva.)

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(Wilbur Glenn Voliva.)

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Postoffice \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

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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

### Zion in China Going Forward

The True Gospel Stings the Apostasy into Persecution

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SHANGHAI, CHINA, January 4, 1910.

REV. E. L. CAREY, Ecclesiastical Sec.,  
Administration Building,  
Zion City, Illinois.

Dear Elder:

Peace to thee be multiplied! Happy New Year and many more victories for Zion!

The night has been dark and long. The Apostasy, the world, and the devil thought Zion was dead. They joined hands and all was peace. But the thunder of Zion is rolling around the world. The Apostasy said, "Oh, 'Maskee' Dowie is dead and of course Zion is." But Zion has flashed into their doors, Repent! Repent! REPENT!!! And they are so startled that they take any measures they can to keep the people in bondage. Zion frees the people from ecclesiastical bondage.

I have no doubt now but there is a concerted action of all churches in China against Zion. The policy is to appeal to the American Consuls that we preach that the churches are apostate and that what we preach will cause riots among the people. Given now they have already started such an action. In the midst of all this Zion is going forward.

The All-Night with God in Zion City we kept in Shanghai at the same time; and at the midnight hour, when the bells were tolling and ringing out the old and ringing in the new, Zion was

in prayer in Shanghai. Then, as we arose, greetings were given to one and all. It was New Year's day here and it was night in Zion City. The different stations were represented. Messengers had come from Yu Hong, Lingan, Ho Shang, Huchew, Seechew, and Ningpo. We had early morning meetings while they were here and they were a great blessing to all. It was a great time for Zion; for on that day we ordained six deacons and one deaconess. The meeting was opened by Elder Viking reading the Scripture and then leading in prayer. I gave the charge and asked the usual questions, and then proceeded with the laying on of hands and of setting them apart as officers in the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion. Their names are as follows:

#### Deacons

Low Pah Keng, - - -	Shanghai.
Tsing Tsi Ting, - - -	Lingan.
Ting Sing Hwun, - - -	Ho Shang.
Wu Liu Shi, - - -	Huchow.
Wu Tsa Chang, - - -	Ningpo.

#### Deaconess

Tsing King Hua, - - - Shanghai.

The Deaconess is the wife of Tsing Vong Ling. I presume you understand that the first name is the surname; for instance, the first Deacon in the list is Deacon Low and the next is Deacon Tsing, and so on.

So, you see, while the persecution is going on we are getting people ready to send out and do the Lord's work. They are now going back to their homes to take up the work. They understand a little that persecution is before all who wish to live Godly in Christ Jesus.

Of course, this is a perilous time for Zion in China, for when Christians begin to multiply and officers are sent out, that means persecution, and mistakes and blunders from many of them. It means there must be a closer walk with God—a leaning hard on Him. The Holy Spirit must lead and direct.

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# The Healing of Naaman

An Address Delivered at a Divine Healing Meeting, Tuesday afternoon, January 18, 1910, in Zion Home Auditorium, Zion City, Illinois.

BY WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA,

General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion.

| Reported by Miss S. J. B. |

[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK]

Yes, God is the Healer of His people, and He is the Only Healer; therefore we must make no compromises.

**For Salvation or Healing there is no Remedy Aside from God's Remedy.**

One will say, "But cannot I put a little liniment on my rheumatic leg?" No; you cannot. Rheumatism is simply caused by over-eating—over-working the body with Thanksgiving dinners and with Christmas dinners—that is the cause of rheumatism—no matter whether you have it, or whether I have it, that is the cause of it; and then some people will rub a little liniment on their foot, and think by so doing they are going to scare the rheumatism out.

God is the only Healer; but here the people are today with all of their churches, and their preachers, and their societies, and their papers; and yet the rank and file of them are in total ignorance of Jesus the Christ as the Healer, Cleanser and Keeper of His people.

## Thousands Can Witness to Divine Healing.

When I look at many families in Zion City, how thankful I am to God for what He has done for them. Mrs. Ball, God has done wonders for your family. I remember the first time that I sat and talked with you in Central Zion Tabernacle, Melbourne, and I know how many times God has healed you. Why, it is wonderful!

Hundreds and thousands of people could tell how wonderfully God has saved them from their graves.

Ah! I will tell you, my brothers and sisters, if people would only quit looking at the little stock that they have in Zion, and quit looking at the defects and mistakes of John Alexander Dowie, and would look at the hundreds of people who have been saved, healed, cleansed and blessed, they would all be healed this afternoon. Just remember that there are hundreds of people in Zion City this afternoon who today would have been in hell had it not been for the teaching of John Alexander Dowie.

My brothers and sisters, nothing is ever lost that is put into God's work.

Ah! yes, money is a dangerous thing; and there are very few people who can possess money and true Christianity at the same time.

If your pocket-book has the lock-jaw, then it needs prayer; it is a very bad thing to carry a pocket-book that has the lock-jaw. Well, if I do not get the love of money out of the hearts of the members of this Church, it will not be my fault.

My brothers and sisters, I say that when God is prospering us is the time when we ought to go upon our faces before God.

Ah! yes, it was easy enough to be humble in an old tent; but we should be just as humble now when God is prospering us.

Zion, I like to see you all saved to the uttermost. There is nothing that I like to hear better than to hear a man say, "Thank God, I have been washed in the blood of the Lamb, and the stains of sin have been taken from my spirit, and I am consecrated to God." And how I rejoice to hear one who has been sick and afflicted for so long, stand up and say, "Thank God, I am healed."

Yes, I like to see you have your own homes, and to have

them cosy and nice within the bounds of reason; I like to see you dressed neatly and nicely, but all within the bounds of reason, and without any extravagance.

## The Power of Faithful Testimony.

Now, the little captive maid.

Oh! when I get to Heaven, I want to meet that little captive maid. Her name stands out prominently on the pages of history, and in the Word of God. Was it not wonderful that a little maid could do what she did? She did more than most professing Christians do now-a-days.

Just a little timid girl, she was not eloquent; what did she say? She said, "Would God that my Lord were with the Prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy." Now, that is just your work today.

Do you not remember that in the days of the little Wooden Hut, they used to go and get the people and carry them on couches, and some used to carry them on their backs, and tell them of Jesus the Savior. Ah! Zion, witness for God.

How often the mistress of a house will turn you Seventies away from the door; but if you can get the girls out of the kitchen, they are glad to get the papers and to receive the message! That is true in thousands of cases.

Yes, the little captive maid said she only wished her master were with the Prophet in Samaria, for he would make him well.

Today there are thousands of people who do not know of Christ the Healer. Was there not a time when not one of you knew Christ as the Healer? Was there not a time when each one of you were in the same condition as the masses are now-a-days? And that is the reason why we should be very charitable.

## The Curse of National Jealousy.

Now, the King of Syria sent letters to the King of Israel, and Naaman started out, taking with him gold and silver and a train of servants; and when he got to the King of Israel and presented his letter, how did the King of Israel act?—It made him mad, and he rent his clothes and said, "He is seeking some occasion of trouble against me." And that is just how much the King of Israel knew about the Prophet of God—or about the religion of the Jews.

Then it was that the Prophet of God heard the story and sent for him. Now follow this story; your part will come soon.

## A Proud Seeker Humbled.

Naaman thought that when he drove up in front of the Prophet's house, the Prophet would come out and wave his hand over the trouble and he would be healed.

We all have notions and we all have our own way of thinking, have we not? Well, I will tell you, sometimes we have to learn by bitter experience, when our thinking and our opinions do not amount to anything. We have had to learn a great deal during the last ten years; and we have had to learn a great deal during the last three years—yes, and during the last two years; and our ways have not always been God's ways either.

Naaman thought that he was "somebody," and he had the same idea that some people have now-a-days—that they are very important and ought to be given some special attention, and in pride there is one of the great temptations.

Why—"there is a man out there who wants to see you, and he has five hundred dollars." Yes, and there is a poor washer-woman who has a cancer. And the majority say, "Let the man in who has the money—have no time to see that woman." Ah! yes; that is the way it often goes—a respecter of persons.

Now, what did the Prophet do? He did not even go out himself, but sent a messenger out to tell Naaman to dip himself seven times in the River Jordan. My! That was terrible! That was awful! To think that a man so prominent should be treated with such little consideration! And so Naaman got very mad.

Many times I have seen Dr. Dowie send people out of the prayer room, and tell them that he would not pray for them. I remember one woman who came from New York, and was brought in on a wheel chair. That morning Dr. Dowie preached

on Triune Immersion, Obedience and Authority; and at the conclusion of his address, he said to the people, "Are you prepared to do what I tell you? Are you prepared to follow me as I follow God? Are you prepared to obey in baptism and to render full obedience to all the requirements of God's Word?" And that woman said, "Whenever God tells me to." And he said, "Take that woman out, I will not pray for her." And they took her out, and I do not think she ever was wheeled in again.

#### **Blessings Withheld Because of Stubbornness.**

Now, my brothers and sisters, I believe there are many people who fail to get blessing because they are seeing how little they can do and yet squeeze through the gates. You know all the religion that some people want, is just enough to get them through, and merely that much religion does not amount to anything.

The man who has given himself to God, always asks the question, "Now, Lord, I have done this and that; is there one thing more that I can do?" Yes, a complete surrender is the only thing that counts.

When Naaman was told to go and wash seven times in the River Jordan, he became very angry, and said, "Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Why may I not wash in them and be clean?" and then he turned away in a rage to return to Syria.

#### **Virtue in Patience and Perseverance.**

Some people come to Divine Healing Service and then go away and say, "I waited there until five o'clock and was not going to wait any longer; I had to go home and get my supper." Well, when you reach the place where you will come and stay until five o'clock—yes and until midnight, then is when you will get something from God. You cannot get your healing while you are thinking about making hot biscuits; you must shut the world outside and get down to business.

Naaman's servants had more sense than he had; and they said to him, "If the Prophet had bid thee do some great thing wouldst thou not have done it?" and there is a great deal of that same kind of spirit in the world today—even in Zion. "If I cannot have such a position I will not have any at all."

Well, Zion, I am ready to scrub floors, if necessary, and that is the reason why I am where I am today; I am not above any kind of work in the Master's Vineyard. Ah! yes, we are all willing to do some "big thing" but it is the little things—and those who are not willing to do little things never do big things.

#### **Perfect Willingness to Obey Only Sufficient.**

So Naaman listened to his servants; and he returned to the River Jordan and dipped himself seven times, and was healed of his leprosy.

Why was he not healed after he had dipped himself just once? Because God Almighty, through His Prophet, had told him to dip "seven times," and therefore nothing less than seven times would do. When he dipped himself the sixth time, he was still a leper; but when he dipped himself the seventh time he was perfectly healed.

#### **God Knows the Little Thing Which Hinders.**

Ah! my brothers and sisters, there may be just one little thing yet—just one little thing—but God knows what it is; it may be any one of a thousand things, but God always knows what is the trouble.

There was no virtue whatever in the waters of the River Jordan; no, the virtue is in the obedience—doing what God wants one to do.

Now, I will tell you my brothers and sisters, pride may keep back a blessing. If God is training us, if God is disciplining us, then we have to yield to the discipline; and whatever there is about you or me that is not in accordance with God's will, we have to give it up; we have to overcome.

#### **The Killing Effect of Pride and Temper.**

Many people talk about an "absolute surrender,"—but they have not yet surrendered even the tip end of their little finger; there is too much talk and too little of the living; there is the

difficulty. Ah! you know—you know what your trouble is, better than anyone else knows it; and yet some people claim to be ignorant, because they are so proud, and yet if you were to tell them that they were proud, they would deny it.

I have known people to fail to get their healing and die, simply because of an uncontrollable temper; and I have known others to die, simply because they could not get out of their minds the thought of their possessions long enough to pray and to think of God.

#### **The Burdens of One's Possessions.**

It always did occur to me as being a gruesome thing, that the last thing about which a man or a woman should speak before passing away, should be possessions and property. It seems to me that if I knew that in a short time I should stand before the Judgment Seat of God, I should then utter words of more importance than any other words that I had ever uttered. But think of a man or a woman who has professed to be a Christian for forty or fifty years, at the last moment to talk about what shall be done with the property! I tell you, it is mighty hard work to get the Holy Ghost and a house or a farm or other worldly possessions into a person's mind and heart at the same time.

Men and women who have the love of gold in their hearts will never take the stand and say, "Lord, all that I am and all that I have, all that I expect to be and all that I expect to have are on Your altar. Lord, take me as I am, and make me what I ought to be, in spirit, soul and body."

The beauty of a complete surrender of everything to God, is something that the vast multitudes know nothing about.

#### **God's Gifts are Without Recompense.**

Now, when Naaman had obeyed and had done what he was told, then he wanted to make a present of something to the Prophet of Israel; but the Prophet declined to accept anything from him.

And so I say to you Elders, if any person should ever suggest paying you for any service which you may render, and you should take that money, then I will put you out of this Ministry.

God's service is not to be sold, and a minister of God is not to work for dollars and cents—"Freely ye have received, freely give."

If any person who has been greatly blessed, desires to contribute something towards the extension of God's Kingdom, that is a different matter. The reason why Elisha refused to take something from Naaman was because Naaman wanted to pay him for it.

#### **The Awful Consequences of Covetousness.**

The sequel to this story is a terrible thing—an awful thing. I have read it many times, but never before was more deeply impressed with it than I was this morning, as I read this chapter.

The sequel: Gehazi was mad because Elisha would not take something, and so he followed after Naaman; and when Naaman saw him coming, he alighted and said, "Is all well?" and Gehazi answered him, "All is well," and then told Naaman that Elisha had sent him to take from him certain money and changes of raiment.

My! What an awful thing! And we read that story and say "Poor Gehazi!" but there are very many today who will do the very same thing for money. Naaman gave to Gehazi those things for which he asked, and when Gehazi went back and told Elisha what he had done, Gehazi was struck with the same leprosy from which Naaman had been healed, and was a leper until the day of his death.

#### **Some Diseases Are Judgments.**

My brothers and sisters, there are multitudes of people carrying around with them today diseases which are simply judgments upon them; they may not think it, but it is true nevertheless—they are judgments.

Ah! they say "I have always been a good man," or, "I have

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## EDITORIAL NOTES

By Elder F. Richert

"All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep His covenant and His testimonies."—Psalm 25:10.

God will teach His erring, but penitent people, all the ways of Life, for His own ways of dealing with them are infinitely kind and faithful to His covenant.

The paths of God are those in which, in conformity with His own revelation, will and purpose, He walks with men.

These paths are: Grace, for the salvation of men is their goal; and Truth, for, at every step, they confirm the faithfulness of God and the assurance of His promises.

"Surely His salvation is nigh them that fear Him; that glory may dwell in our land."—Psalm 85:9.

This promise was fulfilled when Jesus, Who was the brightness of the Father's glory, dwelt among men.

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and

we beheld His glory, the glory of the Only Begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."—John 1:14.

This verse is the theme of the Gospel and the central truth of Christianity—the turning point of the history of the world.

When our Lord was born, He took upon Himself our whole nature. The glorified Redeemer has exalted humanity and points everyone to the very Throne of God.

John reveals to us the mystery of the Word, which was made flesh, and also the mystery of saving grace by faith, through which we partake of Eternal Life.

The glory which filled the temple at Jerusalem, and which hovered over the Mercy Seat, the glory which Isaiah saw in the sixth chapter, was the glory of Christ.

The glory of Christ was only visible to the eye of faith, revealed not only in the miracles of Christ and on the Mount of Transfiguration, but in the whole life of the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world.

"Mercy and Truth are met together; Righteousness and Peace have kissed each other."—Ps. 85:10.

The truth of God as revealed in His Word, righteousness, the free gift of God, salvation, justification and adoption, peace, redemption and immunity from all disturbing causes which imply prosperity and Divine blessings, have met in a kiss of reconciliation or affection, in Christ our Savior.

What a glorious and beautiful harmony is presented to us in these sublime words: "Heaven and earth blend and are reconciled."

Mercy and Truth, two radiant angels, linked hand in hand, coming from the holy Sanctuary of God, revealing the saving love of God and the Divine blessings, move among the sorrowful homes of suffering and dying humanity and, scattering the sunshine of Heaven's glory, lead penitent sinners to the Cross of Jesus.

Mercy and Truth, Righteousness and Peace are the eternal pillars of the Kingdom of God.

They meet together on the way, one going to make inquisitions for sin, the other to plead reconciliation, and their mutual claims are blended in one common interest—they embrace each other.

At the fall of Adam, Truth exacted the fulfillment of God's threat, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die," and Righteousness had to give to every one his due reward. God must be true in all His ways, and righteous in all His works.

Jesus, the Son of God, reconciled all things in Heaven and on earth; upon Calvary, Truth went to Mercy and embraced her; Righteousness to Peace, and kissed her.

God's just hatred of sin was revealed with terrible evidence in the suffering and dying of Christ.

"God so loved the world, that He gave His only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have Everlasting Life."—John 3:16.

Without shedding of blood there is no remission of sin. When the penitent sinner sees the grandeur of God's law, and the lustre of God's justice, it becomes quite plain to him that he has deserved death.

What an unspeakable relief, what an inexpressible joy per-

meets a poor, condemned and dying sinner when he learns that Mercy and Truth are met together; and Righteousness and Peace have kissed each other.

Access to God, the return to the Father's House, is now opened at all times and from all places.

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."—Matt. 7:7.

The sacrifice of Christ has rendered it just for Him to forgive our sins; and whenever we are led to repent and to forsake the world, the flesh, and the devil, even the righteousness of God is declared in pardon of every transgression.

The truth of God's promises may be seen upon earth in His faithfulness and love.

"Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the Lord thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed My voice, saith the Lord."—Jeremiah 3:13.

You shall be delivered from the judgment to come, and from the power of darkness, only acknowledge your sins.

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive them."

"Turn, O backsliding children, saith the Lord; for I am married unto you; and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion: . . . Thou shalt call Me My Father; and shalt not turn away from Me."—Jer. 3:14,19.

Jerusalem shall be called the Throne of the Lord—the Throne of His glory, for that shines forth in Zion, and the Throne of His Government; there He rules His obedient children by His Word and Spirit.

It is especially the Throne of God's Grace and Mercy; for those who by faith come to Zion, come "unto the City of the Living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels; to the General Assembly and Church of the Firstborn, which are written in Heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus the Mediator of the New Covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling "that speaketh better things than that of Abel."—Heb. 12:22-24.

"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out."—John 6:37.

Every miracle the Savior wrought on earth, every sentence He spoke, every pain He bore, is the eternal foundation and assurance of salvation for every returning and penitent sinner.

Whatever changes may take place in you, no matter how many sins you have committed, there, written in the Rock of Ages forever, stand the words, "Him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out."

"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord has anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek: He hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound."—Isalah 61:1.

Open the Word of God wherever you want to with the hand of Faith. You will be thrilled by the presence of Christ. He

is the Word. He is the Divine and infallible Teacher, the Savior and Healer of His people, the Source and Giver of all Grace and Life, the Conqueror of satan and death, "the same yesterday, and today, and forever."—Hebrews 13:8.

The effects of the redeeming work of Christ are wonderful. He expels sin, destroys disease and heals the sick, curbs passion, punishes and represses crimes, drives back impurity to hell, where it belongs; Christ shelters the orphan, elevates woman, and sanctifies the home.

"I, even I, am He that blotteth out thy transgressions for My own sake, and will not remember thy sins."—Isalah 43:25.

"Sing, O ye Heavens; for the Lord hath done it: shout, ye lower parts of the earth: break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein; for the Lord hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified Himself in Israel."—Isalah 44:23.

All Heaven and all the lowest depths of the earth; all the mountains and forest trees also are moved to one vast choral song of praise for what God is doing to redeem Jacob and to glorify Himself in Israel.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His Holy Name. . . . Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; Who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies."—Psalm 103:1-5.

Unless iniquity is forgiven, redemption and healing are unknown blessings.

The Love of God not only delivers from sin, disease and death, but He makes His children kings, and weaves their crown out of His loving kindness and tender mercies.

"Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."—Matthew 11:28.

Take the yoke of Christ, which is easy, and throw off the yoke of pride, of covetousness, of sensuality, of worldliness, of selfishness, and of worldly ambition.

"Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."—Luke 15:10.

"I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction."—Hosea 13:14.

When the Heavens wax old as a garment, God remains the same, and therefore His people shall outlast all these changes of the Universe.

The brow of Christ that bled beneath a crown of thorns, now wears the diadem of victory. Faith sees the triumph of redeeming love—the crowning work of the Son of God.

Life and immortality, the object of the believer's hope, are clearly brought to light by the Gospel; and the prophecy of Isalah has been fulfilled upon Calvary.

"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."—Revelation 21:4.

In that celestial world there is neither woe nor want; nor griefs nor graves; nor sickness of body, nor sorrow of heart; nor cares, nor sighs, nor sin; where the crown hides no thorn, and the heart bleeds no secret wound; the sky wears no cloud, and the day never darkens into night.

Such blessedness has the Saviour laid up for all those who love Him. Without this radiant hope of glory,—that the morning star will usher in the golden dawn of Eternal Life,—the sad world, where sin, sickness and death abound would darken into the black midnight of despair.

"I am the Resurrection, and the Life; he that believeth on Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. Believest thou this?"—John 11:25.

"Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will uphold thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness.—Isaiah 41:10.

"Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in Thee."—Psalm 33:22.

## The Healing of Naaman.

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always been a good woman." Well, a lot of people do things that I would be afraid to do, and would consider myself foolish to do them.

I profess to believe in God; to believe in the ministry of angels; to believe in the Day of Judgment; to believe that I shall be called upon to give an account for every deed done in my body. Then, I tell you my brothers and sisters, with such professions, we cannot afford to trifle—no, we cannot.

But Oh! how very weak are some people, and how far short they fall; and then when they are down sick, and face to face with death, how frantically they attempt to put things right. But that is a very foolish way to live.

### Strength Comes by Attending the Means of Grace.

Those of you who are well and strong here today, if you always want to be where you can get an answer to prayer, then live every day for God.

I tell you, my brothers and sisters, I wonder at the ease with which some people neglect the House of God on Lord's Day. Now, I know that in our membership we will always have some people who will be denied church privileges which they would love to have, and I am reasonable; but there are a number of people who have absolutely no excuse whatever, who will absent themselves from the House of God; and then they wonder why it is that they do not make any spiritual progress.

If I had to sit at home all of Lord's Day after the way that I have been brought up, it would soon kill me. I was always taught to go to the House of God on Lord's Day. I love the House of God and I love the Word of God. I delight to go to the House of God, and always look forward to Lord's Day with intense joy.

And then there are people who have absolutely no excuse for staying at home, who will attend just one service each week; they are never seen in a prayer meeting; they never lift their voices in praise and gratitude to God; but they do not know what they are losing in this life,—no, they do not.

### Spiritual Growth to be Continual.

A man can grow spiritually every day just as he grows physically; and he grows spiritually by feeding upon the Word of God, and attending to the means of grace, and by earnest prayer.

Ah! when you go to God in prayer, is He just as near and dear to you as your own husband, your own wife, or mother, or father, or brothers and sisters, or the nearest relative or friend that you have on earth?

I thank my God that I am never too busy every morning to kneel before an open Bible. Sometimes it is almost impossible to know how to manage all of my affairs and to get over here to the Divine Healing Service; but I always take the time every morning—three hundred and sixty-five days in the year, to kneel before an open Bible; and it is just as real to me as it is to sit down in a chair and talk with my nearest and dearest earthly friend.

### The Lord Supplies All Needs.

Any man who would set before himself the task of redeeming Zion City, would be a lunatic unless God the Almighty had called him and trained him, and given him the strength to stand up under it; but I am not afraid; my faith is in my God; and when some little trouble comes up, it is so sweet to be able to take it to Jesus.

What is more beautiful than to see a little broken-hearted child who has broken his or her choicest toy, running to mama and crying and looking up into mama's face? Nothing could be more sweet and lovely than that; except the child of God who, when a little ailment or a little trouble comes up, runs right to Jesus and tells Him all about it. What could be more glorious than that privilege! But do not go in a half-hearted way.

You people who are in need of healing—why, just tell God all about it and say, "Father, this body is Thine, it is the temple of the Holy Ghost, and I have no use for it, except to glorify You; now I ask You to heal me, and I leave my body in Your hands." Take God at His word.

" 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus." That is such a beautiful thought.

If I could only put into words what is in my heart; but that is something which no man or woman can ever do—you cannot put your Christian experience into words, you cannot tell it; there is not any use in trying. There are times when it seems to me that all hell is let loose; but soon I feel the presence of my God, and then I say, "Another test; but, thank God, I have stood the test."

But no matter how hot the fire or how deep the water, or how lofty the mountains of difficulty, be not afraid. If we only know how to trust God we will never fear—never fear.

### In Righteousness is the Secret of Success.

What I want to see in the lives of the people who sit under my ministry, is constant spiritual progress. The secret of success is to be right before God; and I do thank God today for the large number of loyal Zion men and women both here and throughout the world. God is so good to us—so very good!

God has wonderfully kept the people, all things considered; and He has most wonderfully kept the children.

When one looks at the human side of life and at the hereditary traits and weaknesses, and thinks of how far many people are away from God, how wonderful His keeping power has been! And I thank God for that more than for anything else.

I thank God, from the depths of my heart, for the beautiful spirit that prevails in this Church; and I earnestly pray that if there is any of the spirit of pride, or any of the spirit of class hatred, or any spirit other than the Spirit of God, that God will burn it out and take it all away.

God has been very good to us, and He will give to us blessings

of which we have never yet even dreamed, if we are only steadfast and faithful, and will live a passive life.

My brothers and sisters, let nothing annoy you—absolutely nothing. We ought to be thankful to God for this teaching, and we ought to thank God for Zion.

#### Thank God for Zion.

Some people have said to me, "I do not like to hear the people get up and say that they thank God for Zion; why do they not say that they thank God for Christ?"

Zion, do we not thank God for Christ?

People—"Yes."

General Overseer—It is very foolish to think that some one does not thank God for Christ, just because he did not happen to say so in a particular testimony.

I might preach a sermon, and talk almost altogether about the Ministry of the Holy Spirit; but that does not mean that I do not honor and love my Lord and Savior. My brothers and sisters, I tell you that we have a right to thank God for Zion.

A few days ago a man who was in the Tabernacle said, "I do not know why Volla talks so much about Dr. Dowie being such a Christian man and about his great teaching."

Zion, I thank God for the Book of Proverbs, and I thank God for the sweet little prayer in the Old Testament, where Solomon said, "Father, I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in." I thank God for the two Psalms that Solomon wrote. I thank God for the wisdom of Solomon, and for his wonderful life; and there were also many things in his life for which I do not thank God. John Alexander Dowie was only a man, and there were many things in his life for which I thank God; but there were also many things in his life for which I do not thank God. I will never thank God for John Alexander Dowie's abominable extravagance—whether it was his fault or the devil's fault, or whosoever fault.

#### Tithes and Offerings Used in the Fear of God.

Ah, when I receive a letter from a member like this: "I herewith enclose you my tithes,—dollars. I have earned this money at the wash-tub, as I have a poor sick husband, who has been unable to work for three years;" I tell you, I would ten thousand times rather die than to misuse one single cent of that money.

I never did, do not, and never will stand for the extravagant expenditure of money; and anybody who does, would better repent quickly. God never gave us this money to be misused. In two years and five months the sum of ninety-four thousand dollars in tithes passed through my hands. God did not give that money to me to be spent for diamond necklaces, but to be used for the extension of His Kingdom; and as long as I do right, nothing can stand before me, and I will go on to conquer and to win for God, and so will you if you do what is right.

My brothers and sisters, as we march forward toward the Heavenly Canaan of His glory, let us be right and be faithful, and serve our God.

#### The Servant of Christ Called to Minister to Others, Not to Be Served.

"Jesus the Christ came not to be ministered unto; but to minister."

Oh! that God would help the servants in Zion ever to remember that they have not been called to be ministered unto, but to minister. You people are not called to serve me; but I am called to serve you. I am your servant, you are not mine. Yes, that is the place of a Christian Minister. And I tell you, Ministers, if you have food, shelter and raiment, therewith be content. I am not bothering about a "rainy day."

#### This a Thoughtless, Thankless Age.

Oh! this is a sad world. The rank and file of the young people, Ah! there is not very much thought of God. Ah! No, there is very little thought of God.

Yes, as I sat here last Lord's Day evening and looked at that lovely congregation—Oh! what a lovely sight it was to behold; but, I tell you, I would have felt a good deal happier if I could only have known that they all were saved, and all in the Ark of Safety. I know that some of them are, and I know that some of them are not, and that they love pleasure more than they love God.

Some young people say, "Well, we have to have some pleasure and some entertainment." But what kind of pleasure? Well, if Zion young people will faithfully attend Choir practice and Band practice, and will go out once a week on Seventy work, and do their work as well, then they have not very much time left.

#### "Delight Thyself in the Lord."

Think of a son of God, or a daughter of God, with all of earth's perishing millions waiting for light and help, wanting to squander his or her time in pleasure!

Ah! my brothers and sisters, have I not stood at the bedside of some of our young people in Zion City, and sometimes I have felt Oh! if all of our young people could only see how stupid and how foolish is all this pleasure business! Let them take street cars to Milwaukee or Chicago, or somewhere else, and help to rescue perishing humanity.

We sing, "Rescue the perishing, care for the dying!"—"Throw out the life-line!"—and many other such hymns, and sometimes I wonder if any serious thought is given to the sentiments thus expressed.

Ah! my brothers and sisters, there is much to live for—yes, there is much to live for. Give yourself to God today. Be faithful stewards, and use what you have for God, and do not be afraid. The redemption of Zion City will cause multitudes here upon the earth to praise God; and it will cause rejoicing among the angels in Heaven.

Ah! I tell you, if the last act of your life were to sacrifice in order that there might be at least one City for God, well might you be the happiest man, or the happiest woman on the face of the earth.

#### Redemption Comes Through Sacrifice.

You know many people have died for Christ. You and I enjoy many things today because others have toiled and died. The heritage which we possess, has been bequeathed after the sacrifice of many lives. You know nothing great is ever accomplished unless some life is sacrificed, or somebody dies for it.

Abraham Lincoln gave his life to free the slaves. The assassin's bullet that cut his life short was fired because he dared to sign the Emancipation Proclamation; but Lincoln knew what he was doing.

May God bless this meeting to your good. Tonight, before you retire, may the words that I have spoken help you to have sweeter communion with God than ever you have had before. I pray that God will work mightily. My earnest prayer is that every man and every woman who has ever stood under Zion's banner, may again take his and her stand for God and for Zion; for that is the one thing that will mean their salvation. Because, when a man has once tasted of the truths and the teaching of Zion, he may wander over the earth, but he will never find any rest for the soles of his feet or be satisfied elsewhere.

I am so glad that the wanderers are coming back one by one. A few days ago I heard of one family of seven; and my prayer every day will be that God will touch their hearts and direct their steps in right paths.

## ZION SEVENTIES

Deacon J. W. Friend

General Recorder

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of Jehovah forever.—Psalm 23:6.

GOODNESS.

The only way to do good, is to be good.

It is what you are—at your work, in your office, in your home, or alone among strangers. Your actions are what will

count when your life here upon earth is finished, and you are ushered into the presence of God to have your account balanced up.

Upon which side of the ledger will your balance appear?

God's purpose is for men and women to live the kind of life He revealed in His Son, Jesus the Christ.

"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."  
—Philipp. 2:5.

The true Christian finds joy of spirit and peace of mind in following in the steps of Jesus.

The result of such a life is kindness and good deeds to others.

Be honest, true and loving in your innermost self.

Let your motive be pure and nothing can defeat you.

Opinions may be put on and off like clothes; words are controlled by your will, **BUT DEEDS ARE WHAT COUNT.**

Do not permit yourself to be troubled over the disappointments of life.

Remember the admonition of Jesus, when He said: "Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things, but **ONE** thing is needful, and Mary has chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her."—Luke 10:41,—and what was it: **Patience and freedom from care and anxiety.**

Choose the good part which shall not be taken away from you. Be good and kind to others. Seek to copy the life of Jesus. He went about **DOING GOOD**; He had compassion on the wayward and erring ones. No sinner was too vile for Him to save; those who came unto Him He in no wise cast them out.

"To err is human; to forgive is divine."

The sun has its spots.

Our best men have their scars.

Is there one who has been tempted and tried, yet without sin?

We must partake of the Divine nature and forgive others if we would grow in the grace and favor of God.

Do not be discouraged.

The kind and loving invitation of Jesus rings down through the ages: "Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Let your life be filled with goodness and mercy, then you may be permitted to dwell in the house of Jehovah forever.

Deacon and Mrs. Frank Robinson submit the following report of work done in Portland, Oregon, for the week ending February 27th, 1910:

Calls made	- - - - -	357
Messages distributed	- - - - -	370
Leaves sold	- - - - -	52
Heralds sold	- - - - -	51
Leaves given	- - - - -	101
Heralds given	- - - - -	77
Penny tracts sold	- - - - -	33
Total pieces distributed	- - - - -	684

The following is report of work done in Council Bluffs, Iowa, by Messrs. Banks and Anderson, for the week ending March 5th, 1910:

Number of calls made	- - - - -	597
Number of Leaves sold	- - - - -	30
Number of Heralds sold	- - - - -	25
Number of tracts sold	- - - - -	3
Number of Penny tracts sold	- - - - -	138
Number of Messages given	- - - - -	597
Total pieces distributed	- - - - -	793

Mr. Stanley Murphy of Chicago sends in the following report of work done in Chicago during the week closing Mar. 6th, 1910:

Number of calls made	- - - - -	299
Number of Messages given	- - - - -	394
Number of Leaves given	- - - - -	140
Number of Leaves sold	- - - - -	10
Number of Heralds given	- - - - -	157
Number of Heralds sold	- - - - -	11
Number of cards given	- - - - -	80
Total pieces distributed	- - - - -	792

Report of disposition of literature in Kenosha Saturday evening and Lord's Day morning, March 12 and 13, seven Seventies taking part in the active work of Saturday evening:

The Zion Herald sold	- - - - -	48
Leaves of Healing sold	- - - - -	35
Penny tracts sold	- - - - -	18
German messages given	- - - - -	28
English messages given	- - - - -	255
Total number of pieces distributed	- - - - -	384

## List of Zion Institutions and Industries.

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**Wilbur Glenn Voliva, General Overseer**  
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**The Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion:** Supported entirely by Tithes and Free-will Offerings.

**Leaves of Healing:** Supported by Subscriptions and Free-will Offerings;

**Zion Herald:** Supported by Subscriptions and Free-will Offerings;

**Zion Bank:** Does a General Banking Business, Solicits Commercial and Savings Accounts; Issues Exchange and makes Collections;

**Zion Stores:** An Institution having at present Fifteen Departments; buys and sells merchandise of all kinds; has capital invested of about \$115,000.00, and does a business of over \$300,000.00 per year;

**Zion Printing and Publishing House:** Prints Zion Herald, Leaves of Healing, Zion Tracts and Books; does a High Grade of Commercial and Job Printing;

**Zion Administration Building:** Occupied by the Headquarters Offices of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion throughout the World, Zion Herald, Leaves of Healing, United States Post Office, Receiver of the Zion Estate

(John Alexander Dowie), Telephone Exchange, James Brister—Zion Dentist, Zion Realty Department, and Accountants of Zion Institutions and Industries (excepting Zion Stores);

**Zion Realty Department:** Buys and sells Real estate, writes Insurance, collects Rents, furnishes Abstracts of Title, and does a General Conveyancing;

**Zion Home:** Is a three-story frame building, 340 feet long and 130 feet wide. The building has 350 rooms, 267 of which are guest rooms. There are five parlors, two lobbies, 25 bath rooms, and 22 toilet rooms. The dining room is 60 x 90 feet, having a seating capacity of 400. The lunch room is 35 x 36 feet, and will seat 75 at one time. There are four large verandas, with a combined length of 680 feet. A roof garden 35 x 50 feet, and tower 70 feet high affording a view of great expanse over City and lake. The building is illuminated by 1200 electric lights.

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

### "That I May Know The Power of His Resurrection."

By O. L. Tindall.

IT is commonly supposed that a person will know nothing of the power of the Resurrection until after death. Little is ever heard of the Resurrection as being a matter of personal experience this side of the grave. We always associate the Resurrection with the next life. But Paul speaks of knowing something of the Resurrection now in this present life. Yes; and something more than a mere historical knowledge which we obtain from reading about it.

#### The Resurrection a Personal Experience.

Surely, were we not once dead in trespasses and sins? and have we not been made alive? Have we not experienced the quickening of the Spirit of Life, not only of our spirits, but of our bodies as well? Has not the Spirit quickened these mortal bodies?

This is only a foretaste of the glorious Resurrection which is promised to all of God's children. Paul describes this great Resurrection in most glorious terms in the fifteenth chapter of First Corinthians: when this mortal shall have put on immortality, and this body of corruption,—this weak body shall be raised in power.

This will not be altogether a surprise to those who have known of this power of the Resurrection in this life which it is the privilege of God's people to enjoy.

#### Our Hope is a Resurrection Life.

"You hath He quickened, who were dead." Jesus showed His power to raise the dead when He said to the son of the poor

widow of Nain, already on the bier on his way to the grave, "Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up and began to speak."

To Lazarus, four days in the tomb, He said: "Lazarus, Come forth," and the dead heard His Voice and came forth.

How good and kind of Jesus to condescend to show us this wonderful doctrine so plainly! Why should anyone doubt it?

Then the crowning miracle of all His life was His own Resurrection when He broke the bands of death and came forth victor over the grave, and so conquered, before the very eyes of both friends and foes, that last of all our enemies, DEATH.

The salvation of a lost spirit, the redemption from sin and the power of satan now in this life, is but a foretaste of that complete and perfect resurrection which awaits us who love His appearing.

#### Death is Prior to, and Necessary For a Resurrection.

Jesus must die before He could have a Resurrection. The seed must fall into the ground and die before it can come forth and bear fruit an hundredfold. So must a man die to the world, and the flesh, and the devil before he can live unto God. It costs something to die. What will a man not give for his life! He is a great friend who will die for another.

Death is a terror to mankind. It is called the "King of Terrors," and yet Christ died for us. He suffered death—the most ignominious death imaginable—that we might live and not perish.

There is a little death for us, but how great is the reward! "I died," said Paul, "yet I live." Yes, and I live more abundantly than ever before. A single grain of corn falls into the ground and dies and then it lives, and has multiplied an hundredfold. There are a hundred, and even more, bright grains of corn now in the place of the one that was sown. It will be the same kind of grain, but it will be raised in power. So we are sown in weakness, but we are raised in power. Our faculties and talents will be increased an hundredfold; yea, a thousand times. Now we know in part, and oh how small is it, but "then shall we know as we are known." "Now we see through a glass darkly, (or as a riddle), but then we shall see Him as He is."

### The Resurrection Should be Commemorated.

We commemorate the death of our Lord by eating the bread and drinking the cup as He taught us, and should we not ever keep in mind this greater (if possible) event and blessing—the Resurrection unto Life? Without the Resurrection, His death would have been in vain and so would be our faith in vain and our preaching; and if there be no Resurrection of the dead then why should we suffer and toil? Life would be in vain. Most lives in this world, even from a human standpoint, would be a vain show, a mere shadow, a vapor, a flower that fades in one brief day. Life would be vanity, sure enough, and a vexation of spirit. But Jesus Christ brought life and immortality to light and showed to this wicked, hopeless world that death does not end all, but that there is a glorious life beyond. This life is only the threshold to the next and better world, and death is only the doorway, the portal that leads to the Mansions on High. It is our privilege to have a part in that glorious Resurrection; but, if we do, we must have the Resurrection Life here.

Easter is set apart for this commemoration. So is every Lord's day. It should be a day of great rejoicing. How the hearts of the early disciples did burn on that glorious day as they talked by the way, of this momentous event! How their dead spirits revived! They were amazed and astonished, and almost doubted their own senses. It was too wonderful for them to believe. The greatest fact in all the Universe for poor, fallen humanity, is the Resurrection from the dead.

Christ is risen! Christ is risen! Therefore, we shall also rise with Him and live with Him if we are ready at His coming. "I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and - - - in my flesh shall I see God."—Job 19:25,26.

## Helps in Bible Study

[Continued From Vol. 24, No. 24]

(By Elder C. F. Viking)

### A NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ON DIVINE HEALING

The New Testament swings open the "Beautiful Gate of Divine Healing" at the very beginning of its sacred teaching.

God is visiting this world in the fulness of love and compassion in the Person of His only Begotten Son, Jesus. It was prophesied ages before that He would come to save and to heal. The wonderful Redemption Song comes down through the ages in words like these:

"Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.  
Then shall the lame man leap as an hart,  
And the tongue of the dumb shall sing:  
For in the wilderness shall waters break out,  
And streams in the desert."—Isaiah 35:5-6.

The New Testament teaching on Divine Healing is very simple and convincing; yes, there are thousands of Bible readers who fail to comprehend that this teaching and healing is meant also for us who now live.

One group of passages quoted below gives, most, if not all, the passages which have been misinterpreted and used as arguments for the need of doctors and drugs, wrongly declaring God as the originator of the modern art (?), the science (?) of healing (?); the mechanical system run by electrical, animal and material power.

Deliverance from sin and healing of diseases are both found

running hand in hand all through the pages of the Divine record. The one is not there without the other and from their very origin in God's plan of the ages, they are inseparable to the very last.

But it is strange that, in our up-to-date age of knowledge, Divine Healing is looked upon as out of date and impracticable, and therefore left out almost altogether; whereas, salvation has been retained, at least in theory, if not in full realization.

How unwarranted and inconsistent such a dealing with God's Word is, our present Bible lesson will show. Salvation and healing and holy living are Gospel through and through—the Full and glorious Gospel of the Kingdom of God.

This lesson is divided up into three divisions with some remarks under each, which, I think, will be of help to those who have had little, if any, teaching on the subject, and who may come to read what is set forth.

A list of single words will also be found belonging to each division, being only one word from each passage, or, in a few cases, a word equivalent to the main thought of the passage, which may be of help to those who wish to commit the whole to memory.

The reader will then find, in all, 50 New Testament passages on Divine Healing in this lesson, and even if they are read through only once, together with an open Bible, or in a Bible class, my work has not been in vain.

"Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth."—2 Timothy 1:15.

### I. MISINTERPRETED PASSAGES.

Lord, if Thou wilt.—Matthew 8:2

He chasteneth.—Hebrews 12:6

Thorn in the flesh.—2 Corinthians 12:7

Large letters I have written.—Galatians 6:11

Trophimus I left at Miletus sick.—2 Timothy 4:20

Neither did this man sin.—John 9:3

Pouring in oil and wine.—Luke 10:34

Anointed his eyes with the clay.—John 9:7

Anointing him with oil.—James 5:14

Use a little wine.—1 Timothy 5:23

Leaves of the tree for the healing.—Revelation 22:2

They that are whole have no need of a physician, but—Matthew 9:12

Luke, the beloved physician.—Colossians 4:14

### REMARKS

1. We need not now use "if" for we know that it is God's will to heal.
2. Love cannot use foul disease.
3. A thorn is not a sickness, nor does it represent sickness, but fretting over it may lead to sickness.
4. Large handwriting for their benefit.
5. Trophimus, no doubt, lacked faith for immediate healing.
6. Some other person's sin.
7. Moistening and cleansing the sores.
8. Clay was immediately washed off.
9. The oil was used symbolically.
10. A strengthening drink for a run-down constitution.
11. Leaves (words) from the Tree of Life.
12. Jesus is the Physician; we need Him when sick.
13. Praising the man, not his former practice.

### FOR MEMORIZING

If, chasteneth, thorn, large, sick, sin, Samaritan, clay, oil, wine, leaves, physician, beloved.

### II. POSITIVE TEACHING

Oppressed of the devil.—Acts 10:38

Spent all her living upon physicians.—Luke 8:43

Bare our diseases.—Matthew 8:17

By Whose stripes we are healed.—1 Peter 2:24

I will; be thou clean.—Matthew 8:3

Wilt thou be made whole.—John 5:6

Children's bread.—Mark 7:27

Freely give.—Matthew 10:8

The same yesterday, today and forever.—Hebrews 13:8  
 Gifts of healings.—1 Corinthians 12:9  
 Gifts \* \* of God are not repented of.—Romans 11:29  
 The power of the Lord.—Luke 5:17  
 Turn again and I should heal them.—Matthew 13:15  
 Ask in prayer, believing.—Matthew 21:22  
 He had faith to be made whole.—Acts 14:9  
 By prayer and fasting.—Matthew 17:21  
 Ask anything of the Father.—John 16:23  
 He gave them power to cure diseases.—Luke 9:2  
 Healing all manner of sickness.—Matthew 4:23  
 They shall lay hands on the sick.—Mark 16:18  
 The Lord shall raise him up.—James 5:15

REMARKS

1. The devil is the first cause of disease.
2. Medicine and doctors are expensive and useless.
3. The Atonement covers healing for the body as well as salvation of the spirit.
4. Jesus also suffered in order to release us of suffering and pain.
5. It is God's will to heal.
6. You are free to choose God's Way of healing.
7. Divine Healing is the children's bread.
8. Divine Healing cannot be bought for money, but is as free as air.
9. The same Savior is also the same Healer.
10. Where the Holy Spirit is present, Gifts of Healings are manifest.
11. God cannot withdraw His blessings and His gifts, because He is Love.
12. This is the power of God and no animal magnetism.
13. The sick must repent and obey.
14. A doubter cannot receive anything.
15. Without faith it is impossible to please God.
16. God answers the prayers of a consecrated life.
17. Must not pray to Jesus, but to the Father.
18. The Gospel of the Kingdom is accompanied by Divine Healing.
19. No sickness is too difficult for God to heal.
20. God honors the laying on of hands for healing.
21. No one but the Lord can heal.

FOR MEMORIZING

Devil, spent, atonement, stripes, I will, wilt thou, bread, freely, same, gifts, forever, power, repentance, believing, faith, prayer and fasting, Father, cure, all manner, hands, Lord.

III. TESTIMONIAL FACTS

He washed, and came seeing.—John 9:7  
 His leprosy was cleansed.—Matthew 8:3  
 His ears were opened.—Mark 7:35  
 Healed him (a man with dropsy) and let him go.—Luke 14:4  
 And the fever left her.—Matthew 8:15  
 Felt in her body that she was healed.—Mark 5:29  
 It (withered hand) was restored whole.—Matthew 12:13  
 He (lame) leaped up and walked.—Acts 14:10  
 Feet and ankle bones received strength.—Acts 3:7  
 Found the servant whole.—Luke 7:10  
 Straightway the man (38 years sick) was made whole.—John 5:9  
 And laying His hands on him healed him (of dysentery).—Acts 28:8,9  
 Devil cast out.—Matthew 5:33  
 Many palsied and lame were healed.—Acts 8:7  
 They were healed every one.—Acts 5:16  
 God had mercy on him (Epaphroditas).—Philippians 2:27

REMARKS

In the New Testament we find almost all the sickness known to humanity, mentioned. Every person brought before Jesus, no matter how hopeless and incurable, was healed and set free from the devil's oppression. Healings took place not only while Jesus was here in the flesh, but long afterward, and

in answer to the prayers and the laying on of hands of the Apostles, Elders, and Deacons in the Church. "Pray ye one for another" is an Apostolic direction to all believers. God has not gone out of business and He has no more handed over to doctors the work of healing those who suffer than He has given to the devil the work of saving immortal spirits. Beware of all doctors, and all drugs, and all devils.

FOR MEMORIZING

Blind, leper, deaf, dropsy, fever, withered, feet, lame, dying, chronic, demon, many, every one, Epaphroditus.

**"He is Not Here;  
 He is Risen."**

*By Elder F. Richert.*

"I will sing unto the Lord, for He hath triumphed gloriously: - - The Lord is my strength and my song, and He is become my salvation: He is my God, and I will prepare Him an habitation;"—Exodus 15:1,2.

The wonderful and miraculous salvation of Israel prefigures with glowing and triumphant words the redemption of the human race. It is also a sublime prophecy foretelling the terrible judgment of God which will come upon the Godless nations and upon the enemies of God and of His people; the triumphant entrance of the people of God into the Promised Land of Eternal Rest; the erection of the temple of the Living God in Zion, and the perpetuity of the rule of God on earth, (Revelation 21).

"And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary, the mother of James and Salome, had brought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint Him."—Mark 16:1.

"And the angel saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: He is risen; He is not here;"—Mark 16:6.

"The Lord is risen indeed!" Such were the joy-inspiring words with which each Lord's day morning, as they met for worship, the early Christians were wont to salute each other; and when we count over all the benefits and blessings which this rising of the Lord secured for mankind, we must praise God in the beautiful words of the Psalmist, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His Holy Name."

How rich is the heritage, which Christ has secured for us; how full our joy; how bright our hope when we behold the risen Savior; how firm a foundation for our faith! If the risen Savior is indeed the object of our faith, then our religion is the communion of our spirits with the Omnipresent and Living Savior, risen from His grave, arrayed in His glorified manhood, and seated on the Throne of God in Heaven.

He is the center of the Kingdom of God, and is in constant and intimate communication with the myriads of beings to whom, by His death, and by His enduring everlasting life, He is made Wisdom and Righteousness and Sanctification and Redemption. In the valley of the shadow of death we can now join the Heavenly Choir in the triumphant song, "Great and marvelous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of saints. - - For all nations shall come to worship before Thee."

Death is abolished; let us rejoice and be glad. Angels, those spirits of purity and love, hasten to meet us here with their message of joy. They sang on the night of Christ's advent; they ministered to the Divine Sufferer in the Garden of Agony;

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## EDITORIAL NOTES

By Elder E. L. Carey.

### RESURRECTION POWER.

"Touching the Resurrection of the dead, I am called in question by you this day."

These are the words uttered by Paul, the Apostle, as he stood his trial before Felix.

Amidst the skepticism and infidelity of the age, Zion takes her stand absolutely for the Word of God.

Why should it be thought a thing incredible that God should raise the dead?

WE PREACH CHRIST CRUCIFIED.  
 WE PREACH CHRIST RISEN.

On these two great doctrines, we as a Church, will stand or fall. If Christ be not raised, our faith is vain; we are yet in our sins, and we, above all men, are deluded and most miserable.

But with a boldness born of a Divine faith and an unwavering trust in the eternal Word of God, we declare: **CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD!**

Man, unguided by God, will always be falling into error. The Sadducees said there was no resurrection neither angel, nor spirit; but Jesus showed them their great error by reminding them that it was written "I AM the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. God is not the God of the dead, but of the living."

"He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die."

To live in Christ, to have His life within us however, we must first die.

Jesus the Christ had to pass through the valley of humiliation, even to the death, before ascending the glorious mount of exaltation and honor.

God has made Him, Who was crucified, both Lord and Christ, and has given to Him a name which is above every name.

Lion of Judah—Hail!  
 And let Thy Name prevail  
 From age to age;  
 Lord of the rolling years!  
 Claim for Thine own the spheres,  
 For Thou hast bought with tears  
 Thy heritage.

All authority has been given to the Christ by God the Father; and so to Him will be given the power to put down all rule and all authority and power, yea, **ALL ENEMIES SHALL BE PUT UNDER HIS FEET, AND DEATH, HIMSELF, SHALL, AT LAST, BE DESTROYED.**

By our union with Jesus we participate in all that He has for us.

The man who calls himself a Christian must make good and follow the Christ or cease his talk and profession.

The world calls for a practical religion.  
 Christ is the Author of such a religion.  
 It is for Christian men today to demonstrate that religion.

Men and women are wanted today who are prepared to die with the Christ. For such as these there awaits a glorious resurrection.

Let Zion, therefore, put on the new man.

If we are Christians, then we are risen with Christ; and if this be the case, let us prove it by seeking those things which are above.

What a wonderful work there is for the Church of God to do!  
**HUMANITY HAS GOT TO BE SAVED.**

The resurrection power of Christ must come upon us. The redemption which God has effected in Jesus the Christ is a complete one. Who can measure the extent of it?

"As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall ALL be made alive." Oh, what a wonderful salvation!

We call upon every man, who will, to enter upon **THIS GREAT CAMPAIGN** for the salvation of poor, fallen humanity.

Let us press forward.  
 Let it be true in our case that old things are passed away.  
 Let us not look back except only to learn our lessons.  
 We have come out of darkness into light.  
**LET US WALK IN THE LIGHT.**

The overcomer shall inherit all things.  
 "I will be his God and he shall be My son."  
 Therefore "Blessed are those that do His commandments that they may have right to the Tree of Life, and may enter in through the gates into the City."

We look for the coming again of Jesus.  
 This is the hope of the Church of Christ. We must therefore be ready when He comes, having our sheaves with us.

We must be wise, as the wise virgins, redeeming the time, for the night is far spent and the day is at hand.

"They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

And then was heard afar  
 Star answering to star—  
 "Lo! these have come,  
 Followers of Him Who gave  
 His life their lives to save;  
 And now their palms they wave,  
 Brought safely home."

## He Is Not Here, He Is Risen.

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they rejoice over every sinner that repenteth, and they bear the spirits of the righteous to the Father's House above. Heaven and earth, angels and men, meet happily together at the open Tomb of the Christ. The Sabbath of the Old Covenant was over forever when the two women went to the Grave, and the first day of the week revealed the rising of the Sun of Righteousness out of the valley of the shadow of death.

Once God said, when He created all things by Jesus, "Let there be light." It was the first act of that mighty drama on which the curtain rose in chaos and fell on Paradise. Now God speaks again, "Let there be light." God is Light, and Christ is the Image of the Invisible God—the Fountain of Light enlightening every man, and, from the conquered tomb, the radiance of His life-giving glory pierces the night of death and shines forevermore to lighten the path of the believer from earth to Heaven.

As the traveler follows the light in a dark night so we must follow Christ, submit ourselves to His guidance, and in every way take directions from Him through the wilderness of this world to our Heavenly Home. And they said among themselves, "Who shall roll away the stone from the door of the sepulcher?"

Pilgrim to eternity, if you are standing at the grave of your fondest hopes, or your loved ones, with a broken mast of faith, and with torn sails of hope, and ask with a trembling heart: "Who shall roll away the stone from the door of the sepulcher?" remember that Jesus is the glorious Conqueror over death and hell. Your night of sorrow shall be turned into the light of joy, and one stone after another shall be rolled away. The empty tomb of Christ proclaims with a voice of thunder, from which sin, sickness and death shrink back into the darkness from whence they came, that Christ, the Son of the Living God, has brought life and immortality to light. His broad shoulders which uphold the Universe, are Divine.

Jesus rose, so all who believe in Him must rise; because the Christ life is their life. There is hope for every man that, if Christ be received as Savior, He will break the chains of death, and bring the redeemed at last to the eternal shore of Glory, where all may stand, the ransomed people, on the "sea of glass, having the harps of God," and in the unchanging morning of eternity, see its beams touching with golden light the calm ocean of God's providence beneath which sin, sickness, sorrow and woe, death, hell, and the devil lie buried forever, and in the rapture of that vision lift up our hearts with thanksgivings to God Who has "led us through fire and through water, and through the desert of this world to the Promised land of Eternal Life, rest and felicity.

IMPORTANT

NOTICE



# The Fourteenth Annual Convocation OF THE Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion

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*Wilbur Glenn Voliva*

(Successor to John Alexander Dowie.)

General Overseer of the *Christian Catholic Apostolic Church*

in Zion

## Bible Study on "The Tongue."

(By S. A. W.)

The tongue is a little member, yet important, but hard to control; and although it has a double protection, viz: the teeth and the lips, even these are futile, unless governed by the Spirit of God.

God's Word says: "The tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things \* \* a fire, a world of iniquity, \* \* an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. No man can tame it."—James 3: 5, 6, 8.

### THE TONGUE AS A SPIRITUAL THERMOMETER

"O generation of vipers! how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh. \* \* For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."—Matthew 12:34-37.

"If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain."—James 1:26.

"If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body."—James 3:2.

A prayerful study of the following passages will enable us to decide as to whether our lives are at high or low temperature:

#### Foolish talking—Jesting:

"Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient; but rather giving of thanks.—Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience."—Eph. 5:4, 6.

#### Psalms—Spiritual songs—giving thanks always:

"Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ."—Eph. 5:19, 20.

They flatter with their tongue:

"For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part is very wickedness; their throat is an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue."—Psa. 5:9.

Reprove, rebuke, exhort:

"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and doctrine."—2 Tim. 4:2.

Their tongue—speaketh deceit:

"The tongue is an arrow shot out; it speaketh deceit: one speaketh peaceably to his neighbor with his mouth, but in heart he layeth his wait."—Jer. 9:8.

Speak every man truth with his neighbor:

"Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another."—Eph. 4:25.

Thy tongue—like a sharp razor:

"Thy tongue deviseth mischiefs, like a sharp razor, working deceitfully."—Ps. 52:2.

How beautiful they that preach the Gospel of peace:

"And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"—Rom. 10:15.

The sinners in Zion are afraid:—fearfulness:

"The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites: Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?"—Isa. 33:14.

They spake the Word of God with boldness:

"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."—Acts 4:31.

How to get the tongue right!

BY PRAYER: "Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips, and from a deceitful tongue."—Ps. 120:2;

"Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth: keep the door of my lips."—Ps. 141:3;

"And whatsoever ye shall ask in My Name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in My Name, I will do it."—John 14:13, 14.

BY WATCHFULNESS: "Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile."—Ps. 34:13.

"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."—Prov. 4:23.

"For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile."—1 Pet. 3:10.

**BY RESISTANCE:**—"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you."—James 4:7.

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. But the God of all grace, Who hath called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you."—1 Pet. 5:8-10.

**BY CONFESSION:**—"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."—James 5:16.

**WHY GET THE TONGUE RIGHT?**

The Lord hates a lying tongue:—"A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood."—Prov. 6:17.

Lying lips are abomination to the Lord:—"Lying lips are abomination to the Lord but they that deal truly are His delight."—Prov. 12:22.

The Lord heareth the prayer of the righteous:—"The Lord is far from the wicked: but He heareth the prayer of the righteous."—Prov. 15:29.

That he of the contrary part may be ashamed:—"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."—Tit. 2:8.

That I should know how to speak a word in season:—"The Lord God hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary; he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned."—Isa. 50:4.

That we may abide in His tabernacle:—"Lord, who shall abide in Thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in Thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor."—Ps. 15:1,2.

**THE GLORIOUS CONSUMMATION**

"As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me and every tongue shall confess to God."—Rom. 14:11.

"And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."—Phil. 2:11.

was He Whom angels delighted to honor, and He Whom God had acknowledged as His beloved Son, in Whom He was well pleased.

Surely the sun ne'er shone on a more wondrous sight.

Never let us forget when reading this story of Christ's suffering, that He suffered for our sins, and that suffering as He did, He made the sacrifice and atonement once for all, that we, through His stripes, might be healed.

Remember how He spake unto His Disciples when He was yet in Galilee, teaching them of the principles of the Kingdom of God, and admonishing them to "Go into all the world and make disciples of all nations."

Let us follow His example of patience, in all the trials and temptations of life, and be not like Pilate, the Roman Governor, a man of rank and position, halting between two opinions, in a case as clear as any case could be, for He, Himself, had said even the third time, "Why, what evil hath He done? I find no cause of death in Him." Yet from cowardice and through fear of displeasing the rabble he consented to the death of the innocent Man.

Pray that God will give us men in all positions of life who will have grace to think right and courage to live up to their convictions.

Remember that Jesus is not dead; He is not in the grave; but HE IS RISEN, and is at the right hand of God interceding for you and for me.

Repentance and remission of sins must be preached in His Name. Therefore, let us be up and doing, and work for the salvation of the sinner, for the healing of the sick, and for the cleansing of the polluted.

**IOWA**

The following is report of work done in Council Bluffs, Iowa, by Messrs. Banks and Anderson, for the week ending March 12th, 1910:

Number of calls made	- - - -	855
Number of Messages given	- - - -	855
Leaves sold	- - - -	49
Heralds sold	- - - -	43
Number of tracts sold	- - - -	3
Total pieces distributed	- - - -	950

**OREGON**

The following is a report from Deacon Frank Robinson and wife for work done in Portland from Feb. 28th, 1910, to March 14, 1910:

Number of calls made	- - - -	277
Messages distributed	- - - -	214
Number of Leaves sold	- - - -	70
Number of Heralds sold	- - - -	67
Penny tracts sold	- - - -	176
Number of tracts sold	- - - -	1
Leaves and Heralds given	- - - -	50
Cottage meetings held	- - - -	6
Total pieces distributed	- - - -	585

**CALIFORNIA**

Evangelist Darms and wife, officers in charge at Los Angeles, submit their literature report for the month of February, viz:

Number calls made	- - - -	500
Number of Messages given	- - - -	600
Leaves given	- - - -	20
Number of Leaves sold	- - - -	70
Heralds given	- - - -	10
Total pieces distributed	- - - -	700

**ILLINOIS**

The Chicago branch sends in the following report of work done for the week ending March 13, 1910, eleven workers having reported for duty.

Calls made	- - - -	158
Messages given	- - - -	198
Number of Leaves given	- - - -	31
Leaves sold	- - - -	21
Number of Heralds given	- - - -	15
Number of Heralds sold	- - - -	14
Number of cards given	- - - -	124
Total pieces distributed	- - - -	403

**WISCONSIN**

Report of Seventy work in Kenosha, Wisconsin, for Saturday

**ZION SEVENTIES**

*Deacon J. W. Friend*  
*General Recorder*

"He is not here, but is risen: remember how He spake unto you when He was yet in Galilee."—Luke 24:6.

**E A S T E R T I D E.**

With the return of spring, Easter comes at a season when the idea of immortality is emphasized by Nature breaking into new life. The bright, warm sunshine, flooding the land, brings back to us the beautiful flowers and the green grass which have been covered by the snows of winter, and the pretty birds return, warbling their carols of praise to Jehovah, Maker of them all.

At this season of the year when all Nature seems in tune, the spirit of Easter is like the spirit of Hope in that it points us once more to the scenes of Galilee, its trials, temptations, and victories, where the Son of God dwelt among men and went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed by the devil.

When His ministry upon earth was about accomplished, and the time of His departure was near at hand, we see Him before Pilate, scourged, crowned with thorns, and wearing a purple robe, mocked, spit upon, despised and rejected of men; yet this

and Sunday, March 19 and 20, ten Sevenites working Saturday evening:

Heralds sold	-	-	-	-	-	37
Heralds given	-	-	-	-	-	14
Leaves sold	-	-	-	-	-	20
Leaves given	-	-	-	-	-	18
English messages given	-	-	-	-	-	189
German messages given	-	-	-	-	-	17
Total pieces distributed	-	-	-	-	-	295

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## The Gospel of the Kingdom

### The Power of Prayer.

"WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE THE PETITIONS THAT WE DESIRE OF HIM."

By O. L. Tindall

A Christian does not have to walk in the dark at all times. Although it is said "We walk by faith and not by sight," faith brings sight. A man believes first for a thing and then he sees it. Joshua believed first that the walls of Jericho would fall before Israel's tread, and in seven days' time he saw the thing take place. Some say that "seeing is believing," but, no,

#### Believing Is Seeing.

Prayer is a wonderful factor. If a man knows how to pray, then all the problems of life are solved, for prayer covers all of life and its duties. If anything is wanted, take it to the Lord in prayer.

"Lord, teach us to pray" was one of the most important things the Disciples ever asked of the Christ. We can ask no better thing for ourselves—just teach me to pray. Only a few people know how to pray. If they did, great things would happen. Prayer is the lever that moves the Almighty Arm.

Wonderful things are accomplished by prayer. Said James: "The fervent, effectual prayer of a righteous man availeth much;" and he then cites us to Elijah who prayed and it rained not for the space of three years and six months, and he prayed again and it rained. The whole kingdom of Israel was moved by prayer. Every man and woman from the king on his throne down to the peasant in his hut, and the animals in the fields, all felt the effects of that one man's prayer. The disciples prayed at the home of Mary, the mother of Mark, and the prison doors swung open and released Peter from his dungeon.

Their prayer caused the earth to quake. Prayer is the same today if it is made right.

If we know that He hears us, then we know that we have the petitions which we ask of Him. That seems a simple thing.

#### Not All Prayers are Answered.

Does not God hear all prayers? It would seem not. Some prayers never reach Him. They are not effectual. A man goes to Washington to make a request for a favor—a post office, for instance—of the President. Many petitions are there at all times. The first thing he does is to get an audience with the man in the White House who has these favors in his hands to bestow. If he can get no audience then he has no hope for his petition. Something is wrong; the President will not admit him at all.

God does not hear some petitions. They do not come right. They do not ask anything "according to His will." The petitioner must ask aright—for the proper thing and in the proper way.

Paul asked earnestly three times that the "Thorn in his flesh" might be removed, but he got no answer except that it could not be granted. God would not hear that prayer even if it did come from a most worthy and faithful Apostle. It was not according to His will. His will is laid down plainly in His Book; just what and just how we should ask. We must study and find out His will in these matters, and then go accordingly, or no answer will come. We must ask in faith. We must be right in His sight. It is the prayer of a righteous man that availeth much.

#### If Prayer Does Not Get the Attention of God, Then No Answer Will Come.

Cornelius, the Centurion in the Roman Army, was a devout man and prayed to God always and gave alms, and it is said an angel appeared to him and told him that "his prayers and alms are come up for a memorial before God."

Now he has the assurance that they were to be answered sure enough in a strange way; and so after some little delay, Paul stood on the old ship amidst the sailors and soldiers on a dark night and in a fearful storm, when all hope of safety was

gone. Nothing but death stood before them. This was their forlorn condition, fourteen days without food, and a great tempest upon them, all in despair, and yet Paul stands up before them and says to them, "Be of good cheer; not a hair of the head of any of you shall perish. There will be no loss of life to any, and they did all eat and were refreshed." How does this happen? There were no signs of any sun or stars in sight; all was dark and black, but Paul had been with God, and He knows the issues of man's life. He sent His angel and told Paul all this, and Paul said to the men, "I believe God, although the elements and surroundings are against me."

Paul got the answer to his prayer and the assurance, and he knew it would come. He knew now that he had been heard. He

did not have to wait till daylight came and the shore had been reached before he knew they would be saved. No; his prayer was answered even amid the storm and darkness.

A man must be in touch with God when he prays. God reveals His secrets to them that fear Him, and makes known His covenant.

Zacharias got the assurance also from the Angel that his prayer was heard, though not answered for months. If we know that He hears us we know we have our petitions; that is, we have within us the evidences that our desires shall be granted. The Spirit bears witness with our spirit.

"Ask, and ye shall receive: seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

## "First Fruits" The Resurrected Christ.

"I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold,  
I am alive forevermore."--Rev. 1: 18.

Addresses Delivered in Zion Home Auditorium, Lord's Day (Easter)  
Morning, March 27, 1910.

[REPORTED BY B. M.]

### Opening Exercises.

The meeting was opened by the congregation singing the Hymn:

Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious;  
See the "Man of sorrows" now;  
From the fight returned victorious,  
Every knee to Him shall bow.

Ref. Crown Him, crown Him, angels crown Him,  
Crown the Savior "King of kings."

After which the following Hymn was sung:

When I shall wake in that fair morn of morns,  
After whose dawning never night returns,  
And with whose glory day eternal burns,  
I shall be satisfied, be satisfied.

Ref. I shall be satisfied,  
I shall be satisfied  
When I shall wake in that fair morn of morns.

When I shall see Thy glory face to face,  
When in Thine arms Thou wilt Thy child embrace,  
When Thou shalt open all Thy store of grace,  
I shall be satisfied, be satisfied.

When I shall meet with those that I have loved,  
Clasp in my arms the dear ones long removed,  
And find how faithful Thou to me hast proved,  
I shall be satisfied, be satisfied.

When I shall gaze upon the face of Him,  
Who died for me, with eyes no longer dim,  
And praise Him with the everlasting hymn,  
I shall be satisfied, be satisfied.

General Overseer—Now we will have that chorus again. Think of all the loved ones who have gone before, and of the great time of reunion! Some of you here this morning have almost run your journey. Some of you have passed your seventieth milestone; some of you have passed your eightieth milestone. What a glorious thing it is to pass away full of years and full of experience, with no regrets and with every assurance that you shall hear the beautiful words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

### The Glorious Easter-time.

The Easter-time is a glorious time, and I do not know that ever in my life has Easter meant so much to me as it does this Easter Lord's Day. I have read a number of times during the last week, each of the chapters in the four Gospels on the Resurrection, and our minds should go back this morning, to the first Easter Lord's Day. You women, especially, ought to think of

that Lord's Day morning, for a few women showed greater faith than the Apostles themselves; and I noticed, in my reading yesterday, that one writer makes the statement that those holy women were "apostles to the Apostles," and even when they took the message to them, they did not believe. I thought how kind, how loving, how merciful, how patient, how forbearing is our God. Although Jesus upbraided the disciples for their unbelief and hardness of heart, yet at the same time, God remembered the frailty of their frame; and "He knoweth that we are dust;" and if there is a person here this morning who has not developed the trait of mercy—the spirit of forgiveness—then such an one has fallen far short of approximating the perfection of our God and Heavenly Father.

May this Easter Lord's Day be another milestone in every life here.

The salvation of Zion City is a great deal nearer now than it was a year ago, and in our services today, as we worship God, let us add another prayer to the thousands already offered, that God will yet redeem Zion City and make it a refuge for thousands of His children from all parts of the world.

This is one of the most beautiful hymns ever written.

"I shall be satisfied  
When I shall wake in that fair morn of morns."

After we have sung the chorus again, let us have the chorus of the "Glory Song." It may be coupled with this chorus; it fits in very nicely:

"When by His grace I shall look on His face,  
That will be glory for me."

### Heaven Not Far Distant--The Angelic Ministry.

I have often told you that Heaven is a good deal nearer than you think. I believe this room is full of angels this morning. The doctrine of the ministry of angels is one of the most plainly taught doctrines in the Bible.

"The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them."

The "fear of the Lord" is a fear to do wrong.  
What did Jesus say about the little children?

"Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in Heaven their angels do always behold the face of My Father."

So there is an angelic ministry.

Last Lord's Day afternoon, in the sermon that I delivered, I placed before you the story of how all the mountains round about Elisha were filled with the Heavenly hosts who had come down to battle for God's servant.

You know, the Church is to be found part in Heaven and part on earth, and they are not so very far apart after all. Now, with these thoughts in mind, let us sing this chorus, and then the chorus of the Glory Song. The main part of the Glory Song for me, is just that one part there, "When by His grace I shall look on His face." O, how we long to see the face of Jesus the Christ, Who has done so much for us!

### The Resurrection the Most important Event in Christ's Ministry.

At Christmas-time we preach sermons on the birth of Jesus,

and we preach sermons on His wonderful life, and we deal with His crucifixion; but the most important part of Christ's mission to this world is His resurrection from the dead.

May God make this a glorious day for all of you. Pray especially for the meeting this afternoon in the Tabernacle.

**Scripture Lesson.**

After the singing of the choruses, Elder Carey read Colossians 3:1-17:

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth.

For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

When Christ, Who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory.

Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.

But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

Lie not one with another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created him:

Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.

Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering;

Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

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.

And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.

With bowed heads, the congregation united in singing the first two stanzas of "Bless Me Now," after which Elders Tindall and Carey offered prayer.

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.

Ref. Bless me now, bless me now,  
Heavenly Father, bless me now.  
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!

General Overseer—The subject of the Resurrection is certainly suggestive of thoughts to any child of God—such thoughts as will be a blessing to each and every one on the journey from earth to Heaven. The Elders will now speak:

**ADDRESS BY ELDER FRED RICHERT.**

**Love's Reward.**

Beloved in Christ: I can say, in the Name of my blessed Redeemer, that this is the most glorious Easter-time that I have ever experienced. During the past week I went in thought, step by step with my Redeemer. I realize that Jesus the Christ must rule supremely in our hearts, and everything must be taken out that is not fit to enter into Heaven. I went with Him in spirit, to Gethsemane, and to the High Priest and to Pilate; and as I have thought I have said, "My God and my Father in Heaven, I have deserved the judgment which Jesus the Christ, the blessed Son of God, had to undergo;" and so night after night I have spent with my blessed Redeemer. This morning, long before daylight, I was in prayer. My cry was, "O God,

roll every stone away which is between me and the glorious Easter joy. Let the light of Heaven—the light of glory, break into my heart with the full assurance that Jesus the Christ has risen. Reveal the resurrection life in my life; and let me be wholly Thine."

**The First Fruits.**

I was reading this morning what God said to Moses, in Leviticus, before the children of Israel entered the Promised Land. He commanded that when they should enter the Promised Land, the first fruits should be offered to God. Then I turned to Corinthians, where Paul says that Jesus the Christ has risen and become the first fruits of them that slept.

As Jesus Christ is the first fruits from the dead, so it is our duty and privilege to present our bodies as a living sacrifice to Him Who has died for us.

**The Ever-Present Helper.**

It is indeed glorious to know that Jesus the Christ is the true, faithful and kind Heavenly Father and Friend, Who bears with our weakness, and in our sorrows holds our hand. In Isaiah the forty-third chapter, He has promised His people that if they go through the water He will not leave them, and even if they have to go through the flame of fire He will not forsake—the flame shall not touch; and, even in the lions' den He is there. He is the mighty Conqueror over sin, over sickness, over trials and over death.

How sweet it is to know that the mighty hand of God upholds as we travel Home to the blessed land, where sorrow shall cease, where God shall wipe away all tears from the eyes of His children, and where pain shall be no more! How glorious it is to look forward to the time when we shall stand before the sea of glass, with harps of gold in our hands, and when we shall sing the song of Moses and the Lamb! What a glorious song that will be, rolling through the arches of Heaven! What a joy it will be to see Him face to face Who has suffered, and bled and died for us!

**The Force of True Love.**

In my meditations, I thought of Mary as she stood at the tomb, weeping. When she saw the angel, she turned away from him. Not even the angel's company did she desire. Her heart was so filled with the longing, and with the desire for Christ, that she had only one thought—only one desire, and that was for her Savior;—and that, only, should be our thought and prayer. Not even angels can fill our hearts this morning with the resurrection glory and with the joy of Heaven. Jesus alone, the blessed Redeemer, Who has died for us, can fill our hearts with His peace, with His joy, and with eternal life.

As she stood there weeping, Jesus stood beside her and said, "Woman, why weepest thou." It is well, once in a while, to weep, and to long for our Lord and Savior. He is our very best Friend. She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said, "If thou hast borne Him hence, tell me where thou hast laid Him." Then He looked upon her with that Divine and Heavenly love, which you can see only in the eyes of the everlasting Savior of the world—the compassionate Son of God—and He said one word—"Mary."

When you are alone with God in the silence of the night, and when He speaks one word into your heart, oh, how that word fills your heart with thrilling joy! Then you know that Jesus Christ is risen indeed, that your sins are forgiven, and that you are washed in the blood of the Lamb through the sacrifice that Jesus the Christ wrought for you. Then, within your heart, there is that sweet peace, rolling like a river from the very Throne of God. Then for you the Sun of Righteousness arises over the mountains and breaks forth with the golden light of eternal life, and reveals joy, and glory, and immortality to you. Then you know that the devil is dethroned in your own heart and that Jesus the Christ reigns supremely. Then you will not fear to stand before the Great White Throne in the last day, because you know that Jesus is your Resurrection, is your Sanctification, is your Righteousness, and is your Salvation.

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## EDITORIAL NOTES

By Elder O. L. Tindall.

"BELOVED, LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER."

When we start on the subject of "love" we feel as if we had launched out upon a great ocean that has no bounds.

The Apostle prays that we might know the length, and breadth, and height, and depth of the love of God.

This would be impossible for one to know entirely. It is the most wonderful subject that ever entered the mind and engaged the thought of man. It is boundless love, matchless love, past understanding.

Faith is a great thing; it removes mountains and subdues kingdoms. Hope is an anchor of the soul, and enters to that

within the veil, sure and steadfast. Knowledge is a wonderful thing; it may understand all mysteries—and so with the other graces and gifts of the Spirit—and yet the greatest of all these is LOVE.

Paul was a great defender of the faith, and is often called the Apostle of Faith. He fought for the faith; he suffered for the faith; he died for the faith, and yet it was this Apostle of strong and sterling nature that paid his highest encomium to Love by saying, "BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE."

John was the Beloved Disciple; "that Disciple whom Jesus loved," said he of himself. But John was not a weak and indifferent man. By nature he was a strong character, full of ambition and zeal and fire, so much so were he and his brother James, that Jesus called them very "Sons of Thunder."

What has happened to John now? Why, it is the love of God which has been shed abroad in his heart and subdued that strong nature and melted it into a kind and gentle and loving spirit. He is none the less strong and robust and enabled to stand the fires of persecution, and even of death of a violent nature.

Love is the most sterling quality in a man's character. It will do more than any other passion, grace or gift. It is the only word used among all the graces and virtues to describe the very nature of God Himself.

GOD IS LOVE.

It would not do to say, "God is Faith, or Hope." No; but God is far more. Everything that God has done has been prompted by this one motive—LOVE. That is what sent Jesus to this cold, wicked world to die. It was love that gave Jesus to die.

He made the world for man: He made it to blossom and to bring forth its fruits for man; He made the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea for man's use and good, and to extend his happiness; and when it was all done, He gave man dominion over them all.

Greater love can no man show than the love which Jesus and the Father showed when they "so loved the world."

John, though full of affection and feeling, is very logical, and says, "If God so loved us we ought to love one another," and we will, says he, if we are Christians at all.

The test of our religion which he puts down plainly, is our love for the brethren. That is the way we know we have passed from death unto Life, because we love the brethren.

John says a man cannot love God and hate his brother.

Love is the test of the New Birth, "He that loveth, is born of God, and he that loveth not knoweth not God."

The religion of Jesus Christ is founded on Love. All of God's dealings with men are prompted by this single motive.

All the law and the prophets hang on these two commandments: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart," etc., and "thy neighbor as thyself."

The love of God goes out towards men of all kinds, and in all he walks of life.

Law was made from Love; yes, and all the strict and severe penalties imposed because of broken law are put there for the good of man.

God's judgments are no more prompted by hate than are His blessings and promises.

The chastenings of the Lord are for those whom He loves.

If a man is a Christian he will be like Christ. If a man is a son he will be like his father, will he not? We are now called "the sons of God."

"Love works no ill to his neighbor."

You would never wrong a person that you really love, neither by word nor act. You will be as careful of his good as you would of your own. You would not take up an evil report about him any more than if it were one against yourself.

You know how careful you are to cover up any evil which might concern, or injure you or your business. His good name, which is better than his purse, will not be stolen by you, and if it is stolen by another you will restore it, if possible, the same as you would his purse.

Love is not only negative, but it is positive as well. It not only refrains from evil and injury to a neighbor, but it does positive good to him. If he is hungry love feeds him; if he is thirsty, it gives him drink; if in prison it visits him; if he is in sin it carries salvation to him; if he is sick it tells him of a Savior Who heals all his diseases as well as forgives all his iniquities.

Love is a hard worker. It never stops to count the cost.

The mother over her babe does not stop for the work or sacrifice. She toils on with no hope of reward, except love.

How different the motive of the man who loves money; he never stops for anything. He works late and early, and endures all manner of hardships, because he loves the filthy lucre.

When a man gets the love of God into him, all toil and labor and sacrifice will be given gladly and never mentioned as a hardship. It will be his joy, his "Delight to do Thy will."

It will be his meat and drink to do God's will, to go to His House.

"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go up to the house of the Lord."

Selfishness is one of the worst roots of bitterness to be taken out of a man. It has no place in a Christian.

When the Love of God is shed abroad in our hearts, then good will be done to all the world, for then it will be

"THE LOVE OF CHRIST CONSTRAINETH ME."

## "First Fruits"---The Resurrected Christ.

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Jesus the Christ said unto her, "Mary!" She had heard that word so often when the Lord spoke to her and taught her of the Kingdom of Heaven, when He forgave her sins, and when He filled her heart with Divine joy and with eternal peace, and with that sacred love which united her for time and for eternity to the blessed Master. Oh, what a joy was hers!

### The Tender Shepherd's Voice.

Jesus the Christs peaks that one word. He says,—"My sheep hear My voice and they follow Me, and I give unto them eternal life." When we hear the voice of God, and when we follow Him, it does not matter where we have to go, for we know that Jesus is with us. It does not matter whether we go through the desert, or through the fiery furnace, or through the deep waters, or through the valley of the shadow of death, for He is with us. The Lord said, "He that liveth and believeth on Me shall never die." May God grant that there shall be no fear of death in our hearts. The glorious thought expressed in the beautiful hymns we have sung should fill our hearts with rapturous joy on this beautiful Easter morning; and, when the day comes, Zion, that we shall be glorified,—when this imperfection shall be swallowed up in Heavenly glory, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, may God grant that we may be found of Him in peace, without spot and blameless.

Oh, I pray to God that the blessed Redeemer may give to all that beautiful, glorious Easter joy; but you cannot have it unless you are willing to die. We must die with Jesus the Christ, and the old man must perish forever, if we would rise with Him in the glorious Resurrection.

### ADDRESS BY ELDER O. L. TINDALL.

#### Hope for Life Beyond.

We have before us this morning, the greatest subject of which a man could think—a subject, too, about which everybody thinks, whether he ever saw the Bible or ever heard a preacher or not. Everybody thinks about the Resurrection.

The Heathen think of it; and they have some very strange notions on the idea of living again.

The Indians have thought Heaven to be a great hunting ground and that they will have great times there. They bury their tomahawks with their dead, and kill their ponies and lay them on the graves, as they expect to have them in the next world.

It is just as natural for a man to think about Heaven, and to think about the next world, as it is for a hungry man to think about his dinner. It is born in man. There is no solution of this life without the solution of the next life.

Paul was absolutely right when he said, "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men (or creatures) most miserable." You might better have been born a horse, or an

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ox, or any other kind of a creature, than to have been born a man, if there be no Heaven; if there be no future. The man who lives this life without any idea of the next life, and makes no preparation for it, is hopeless and purposeless. But man cannot be satisfied with bread and beefsteak,—he craves something more than food. When a man looks back over his life, when he is seventy years old, what has he got that has satisfied?

As I have read the story about the Resurrection and the story about the disciples, I have been struck by this thought: It was very strange that they did not realize it any better than they did. Jesus the Christ constantly kept before them the thought that He had to die. They did not like that. Nobody likes that subject very well. You remember on the Mount of Transfiguration, when they were having such a glorious time, and Moses and Elijah came back from the other world, and Jesus and the disciples were there on the mountain,—what did they talk about? Why, the conversation was of Christ's decease; and the disciples did not like that. Jesus told His disciples very plainly that He must die. They had the notion that they were going to have a great and glorious time here, and that Jesus would set up a great earthly kingdom like David's, and that they were all going to be prime ministers and hold fat offices. They would like to have had Him preach that, but they did not like this subject of death,—they rebelled against it every time. They were interested in thinking of the great time and good offices they were going to have when Christ set up His Kingdom here on earth. James, and his mother, you know, were interested in that subject.

Jesus said: "Death is the first thing. That is what I came for—to die." Without death there is no resurrection, and without death there is no redemption for man.

Now, that is not a very pleasant subject, but that is an absolute necessity. We have to die first, as the Elder has told you. The carnal self does not like the idea of dying; and there is a sense in which it is bad, but it is necessary. If you keep your corn in your crib, it will stay there and never produce more; but, if you put it in the ground, and let it die, then it will come forth: and, how many kernels of grain will one kernel produce? And that is true of other things. Men have figured out what one seed will produce in some kinds of grain, or weeds,

or different plants, and it has run up into thousands and tens of thousands.

Now, that is an illustration of the Resurrection. We are sown, like the wheat, sown a single grain and in the next world it will increase and multiply and nobody can tell how great it will be.

The disciples were like all other people—they did not like death. If a man is not willing to die for the purpose of living why then he does not believe in the Resurrection. I do not care how long you have been in the Church, if you have never died to self you do not believe in the Resurrection. You talk about it, but it is one thing to talk about it and another thing really to believe it.

Those disciples did not believe although Christ told them just as plainly as He could express it, that in three days He should rise again. I do not care what a man says, if he acts the other way, I take it that he does not believe at all.

When Jesus the Christ died, the disciples went off fishing. They said, in effect, "That is the last of Him." The burial of the Lord Jesus Christ, was the burial of their hopes and all their faith. They were all discouraged and disheartened. When Jesus walked with those two men to Emmaus, they told Him to His very face—of course they did not know Him—"We trusted that it had been He which should have redeemed Israel and beside all this, today is the third day since these things were done." They were all disappointed. They all doubted. They did not believe that He was going to rise again.

Now, it is impossible for a man to realize and experience the death of Jesus the Christ, without also His Resurrection. That is a matter of personal experience with us. That is our privilege,—to be dead, and to be alive again; and that is what it means to be a Christian,—that is what it means to be a "Zion" man—to be a resurrected man, to be a man who has been raised from death to life; to live again, and to live a much more glorious life than we have ever lived before; and may we live it! May we live the resurrection! May we have a taste of Heaven here! Unless we have the resurrection life here, we will never have it hereafter.

There are two resurrections: one for the just, and one for the unjust. All are to live again,—those who have done good in

the resurrection of everlasting life, and those who have done evil in the resurrection of damnation. Now to have a part in that first resurrection, we must have that life here, and have it now.

May God give us life, and give it to us abundantly.

**ADDRESS BY ELDER E. W. REDER.**

**Jesus, the Christ, "The Wonderful."**

In the ninth chapter of Isaiah, the wonderful prophecy of the birth of Jesus the Christ,—the Prophet speaks of Him as "Wonderful;" and, as I was sitting here listening to these burning words that have been spoken to you this morning, some of these wonderful things that are in Jesus Christ came before me.

How wonderful it was when the Angel came to Mary and spoke to her those words: "Thou shalt call Him Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins!" What a tremendous thought that is when we look out upon humanity today, and when we think of the wonderful love and grace that provided a Savior for humanity!

Those are indeed wonderful words that Christ spoke to Nicodemus upon that memorable night when Nicodemus had a conference with Christ: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." What a wonderful thought that Jesus the Christ, the only begotten of God, should give eternal life to you and to me!

I have been reading quite often, lately, the first fourteen verses of the first chapter of John. This statement appears there: "In Him was life; and the life was the light of men."—John 1:4. How wonderful that in Jesus the Christ could be wrapped up your life, my life; your welfare here upon earth, and your eternal welfare in that Life which is to come!

Did you ever think of that one Life: that Life where, since death was conquered, there is no sorrow, where there could be no pain, where there could be no disease, and where there could be no death? Truly that is a wonderful Life!—and that Life reaches down to you and to me this day and touches us in every fiber of our nature. It lifts us up when we have fallen down, heals us when we are sick, and gives comfort and blessing and joy to us when we are in sorrow. That Life touches every man, and that Life will touch every man: for, "in Him was life."

Then, as I read on through those verses, and see how He gave us power to become the sons of God,—it is so wonderful!

We had lost everything; we were prostrate; we were dead: life was destroyed and our hope was destroyed, but in Jesus Christ, the "Wonderful," there was that which gave power to us for restoration and brought us back Home again to the Father.

Then, I read on and see that "He was full of grace and truth." Oh, what would all of these wonderful things profit us if it were not for that wonderful GRACE;—that grace which endureth forever; that grace to which we, this morning, are debtors; that grace which has given us the privilege and the opportunity to be here this morning in this place, and to be made partakers of these wonderful blessings in Jesus Christ, our Savior! Then, as Jesus the Christ spoke those wonderful words to His disciples, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me,"—ah, I tell you, what you and I today are permitted to know of God, our Heavenly Father, was revealed through Christ, our Savior: for He Himself said, "No man knoweth the Father save the Son and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal Him." So that wonderful revelation, this morning comes through Jesus Christ, our Savior, and what we are today is because of Him.

Ah, my brothers and sisters, how wonderful was the Christ! Then, as He went down into Gethsemane, the awful weight of our sins rested upon Him. The awful weight of our present and eternal welfare rested upon Jesus the Christ when He wept those drops of blood. Ah, there was not any one to bear that load, only the "Wonderful." He bore it for you and for me. Our sin was laid upon Him; our sickness, our sorrows, our pains, and He bore them upon Calvary; they were nailed to the cross: and the "Wonderful" said, "It is finished."

Oh, today, you and I, because of that, are permitted to enter in and to be made partakers of the Divine nature of Jesus the Christ; but, I tell you, I want to be the grain that drops into the ground,—yes, and decays there, that out of it there may come the resurrection Life through Jesus Christ, my Savior; that I may be among those who have washed their robes and made them white.

May God bless each of you this morning, and may you remember the loving-kindness of God to you. As I think of my past life, I can see now, although I could not at the time, how so many times the Angel of the Lord encamped round about me and protected me. I have often thought, "Father, why hast Thou been so considerate and so careful of me? Why have You spared my life so often?"—when, had it not been for the interposing hand of my Heavenly Father, I certainly would have gone down and satan would have triumphed over me. But the "Wonderful" has kept me, and He has some purpose in doing it; and oh, I thank God today that I can stand before you, my brothers and my sisters in Zion—in the Kingdom of God—knowing and realizing more of God's love and of His grace, and more of His Kingdom, than I could have realized if I had not had this wonderful blessing and privilege of getting the teaching of the Kingdom of God—of Zion.

How wonderful it all is! Jesus the Christ went down into the tomb, and conquered death, and hell, and the grave that you and I might have hope. We need not fear anything. "In Him was life." That Life has power over your lives and that Life will raise us up when we are bowed down, and through that Life we will be permitted to stand before the King, redeemed through Jesus Christ, the "Wonderful."

May God bless you all.

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I am,  
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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

### Alone With God.

(By Elder C. F. Viking)

JESUS knew this secret. He frequently spent hour after hour alone with the Father. He used portions of the night, while it yet was dark—the early dawn; He chose the hillsides, the mountains, the wilderness, the uninhabited places, the shores; wherever an opportunity arose where He could be alone, separated from the world; yea, even from His best friends.

He prepared Himself in secret and fought His strongest battles where no human eye could see Him. It was there that He received strength and power. It was there that His intense love for the salvation of humanity and absolute obedience to His Divine Call grew upon Him.

It was there that He faced and won victory after victory over all the temptations; where He familiarized Himself with the details of His Mission. We might say that alone with God was the school where He prepared Himself for the ordeals which He later went through.

A man may increase in efficiency in public, and in fact, it is a place without which he would lack in knowledge of the needs of humanity and the conditions about him; he may grow almost invisibly on the platform as a preacher, or in the special religious work assigned to him as a Seventy, or worker among the young people; he may reach clearer and clearer thoughts and bring his readers better reading matter, but it is alone with God where he will be molded after God's pattern into the likeness of his Mas-

ter and come forth a refreshed and useful being, a fit instrument in God's hand.

This separation from the throne, or from the family circle, does not mean a cessation from work and spiritual exercise. It does not mean a lazy hour of repose and indulgence, but a period of fasting and prayer, reading of the Word of God and meditating on Divine things, with a heart open to the Holy Spirit's promptings.

The individual does not need to run away with Jesus to some mountainside, or with the Prophet to some running brook, or with the Apostle to the third Heaven; nor does he, necessarily, need to seek the open canopy of the Heavens above, for in the quiet of a small room—an attic corner—he can meet his God and commune with Him. This is within reach of both the father of the house, and the mother of the home, the young people and the guest.

Active religious work does not fill the needs of the vital parts of the spiritual being. To be able to inhale the spiritual atmosphere of God to the full, alone with God, without worrying of meals and cares of this life, a forgetting of the body, is helpful.

At such times the poor body, even, begins to vibrate with a refreshing sense of new life imparted by the Holy Spirit.

"But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwelleth in you, He that raised up Christ Jesus from the dead shall quicken also your mortal bodies through His Spirit that dwelleth in you."—Romans 8:11.

At such times the Word of God becomes very sweet; and page after page of the Holy Bible becomes illuminated beyond the usual verses and chapters and books and markings lost sight of.

At such times the inner man becomes wonderfully rebuilt, refreshed and strengthened in the most holy faith and love—a putting on of spiritual flesh, adding of weights and backbone, boldness and power of endurance.

At such times the spirit soars up into the presence of the glorified Son of God where He is at the right hand of God, for the spiritual, the invisible becomes more real than the visible, the material.

Have you been there? Do you belong to this school? Would you wish to enroll? Well, then, make the necessary preparations for a quiet hour in the day, if you can, or in the night, and seek the face of God for His sake alone.

## The Risen and Ever-Living Christ

An Address Delivered in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois,  
Lord's Day (Easter) March 27, 1910

*By Wilbur Glenn Voliva*

General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church  
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### INVOCATION.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight and, in the Name of Jesus the Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, richly blessed unto this congregation, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. Amen.

General Overseer—In the Gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty-eighth chapter and the sixth verse, we find the words, "He is not here; for He is risen, as He said."

Life cannot be measured by the daily-returning sun, nor by the ever-returning seasons, nor by years. The standard by which God the Almighty will judge every life, will be the noble deeds wrought in behalf of humanity, to the honor and glory of His Name.

Many wonderful lives have been lived among the children of men, and so great have been the benefactions of many that their names have become household words.

#### Christ No Mere Man.

But I am to speak to you this afternoon regarding no mere Man. Therefore, although, in my efforts to describe, I were to summon the very choicest words in the English language, even then my description would be very inadequate.

#### Behold the Christ!

First of all, I call upon you to behold the Son of God in Heaven;

To behold the Son of man upon earth;

To behold the resurrected and triumphant Christ at the right hand of God; and,

By an eye of faith, to see Him as our Coming Lord and King.

I bid you to look into the second chapter of the Book of Philippians, and to read there the inspired words spoken by the Apostle, as dictated by the Holy Spirit, simply this: that Jesus the Christ, Whose resurrection we commemorate today in this Service, was in the form of God Himself.

#### Man Created in God's Image.

It is indeed wonderful to think of man as having been created in the very image of God his Maker; gifted with attributes: love, mercy, kindness, longsuffering, joy, and peace—as was his Maker.

The Psalmist said, in a moment of exhilaration at the sight of God's wonderful works in nature, "What is man?" My hearers, man was created in the very image of God Himself, and it is possible for a man, during all his life from the cradle to the grave and on through eternity, ever to approximate the perfection of God Himself.

This afternoon, if you can grasp, in a measure, man's high estate, then you will be able to see something of the beauty of the Son of God Himself. He was in the form of God, not in

the sense that one material object is in the form of another, but in the sense that He was possessed of the very attributes which make God to be the Infinite One Whom He really is.

At the same time, as you look at Christ in the form of God, with all of His glorious attributes, in Heaven surrounded by all that Heaven means, look at humanity steeped in vice, smitten with disease and dying without hope.

#### Christ Free to Choose.

Jesus the Christ, as the Son of God, was a free moral Agent just the same as we ourselves are. Down upon earth He saw poor, sin-stricken, disease-smitten, suffering, dying, hopeless humanity. On the other hand, He saw these beautiful attributes which made Him to be on an equality with God; and, while God called upon Him to go, yet it was His own prerogative to remain, or to choose to lay aside these attributes and to take upon Himself the form of a servant and come down to this earth to live, to love, to toil, to suffer and to die.

#### Self-Denial at the Beginning of Christ's Ministry.

I call upon you this afternoon to behold our Great Example, Whose Ministry on behalf of mankind began with self-denial, with self-sacrifice, with humiliation, with condescension—even from being in the form of God to being in the form of a servant.

If you will just imagine a king upon his throne, surrounded by all the splendors that money could provide, in the midst of the most beautiful of earthly things, and then see him brought down from that pedestal into the meanest hovel, even then you would not have any conception of what the Christ did when He left Heaven and came down to this earth.

Jesus the Christ, our Great Example in self-denial and self-sacrifice—Who lived, toiled, suffered and died for others, is the One Whose resurrection we have assembled to commemorate this afternoon.

#### A Survey of Christ's Ministry.

In order for you fully to appreciate the force and the beauty and the power of His triumph over death, it will be necessary for you to follow Him in His earthly career from the time when He was born in Bethlehem until—from Mount Olivet's lofty heights—He returned to God His Father, Whom He had left when He saw poor, dying humanity.

The earthly Ministry of Jesus the Christ was bounded on one side by Bethlehem and on the other side by Olivet. Between Bethlehem and Olivet we have, as described in the four Gospels, His teaching, His miracles, His suffering, His sacrifices, His compassion, His pity and His love.

#### Christ All-Sufficient.

Some people have a one-sided Christ, just as they have a one-sided God.

God is love! And oh, how I wish that I might be able to burn that truth into every heart here this afternoon.

God is merciful! Otherwise, you and I would long ago have been cut off.

But while God is love, and God is merciful, He is also a God of judgment and, sooner or later, you and I will be called to stand before the Judgment Seat of God, to give an account of every thought, every word, and every deed of which our lives will have been composed; and how shall we stand then? That is the question.

It is true that Jesus the Christ was kind and loving and compassionate, and that He poured out His very life for humanity. Why, when Christ was upon earth, He lived in the very atmosphere of compassion; you hear Him saying to the poor, sinful woman, "Go, and sin no more."

You hear Him saying to the widow of Nain, "Weep not," because He had the power to restore her son to life and into her arms.

You see Him standing with the sister of Lazarus, and it is written, "Jesus wept."

The Son of God was not only One of love, of mercy, of pity and compassion, but He also hated sin and despised hypocrisy, and He had the strongest words of condemnation for the scribes

and Pharisees who hounded His steps and finally succeeded in nailing Him to the Tree upon Calvary.

#### None other Spoke Like the Christ.

It is written of Jesus that "He spake as never man spake." Ah! what majestic calmness! what self-control! what an attitude towards those who persecuted Him! so that finally, upon the cruel cross, He could say, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Jesus the Christ pointed out that there is not any forgiveness for the man who himself is not possessed of the spirit of forgiveness. Jesus the Christ pointed out that there is not any answer to prayer for those who will not imitate Him in their actions towards their fellow men.

#### Christ Foretold His Death and Resurrection.

The Son of God gathered to Himself the twelve, and told them that He would be put to death; that He would be betrayed and crucified. Standing in the shadows of Gethsemane and Calvary He finally said to them, "Two days more, and the Son of Man shall be betrayed and delivered into the hands of wicked men."

#### The Weakness and Instability of Human Character.

At that very time the scribes and Pharisees, behind closed doors, were plotting His death. Judas Iscariot—one of the twelve—had gone to them and said, "What will you give me if I will deliver Him unto you?" And then the Apostles' hearts were filled with sorrow.

Ah! my brothers and sisters, I would be ashamed of myself this afternoon, were I to offer one single word of criticism of the Apostles. It is true that their hearts were troubled and Jesus said to them, "Let not your hearts be troubled: ye believe in Me, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions."

And then, almost before they could realize it, the cruel Roman soldiers were there to arrest Him; and then all of the Apostles fled except two, and at the Cross there was only one of them, and at the Sepulcher there were none.

Ah! my brothers and sisters, it is very easy now to criticise the Apostles and to say, "Oh, what little faith they had."

But, my brothers and sisters, there have been times in your life when the sun has withdrawn its face and the dark clouds have covered your life, and hope has fled and despair has taken possession of you; when you could not pray, when you could not exercise any faith,—how did God treat you then? Ah, with love and mercy and pity, He reached out the Everlasting Arm and spoke to you—"My son, my daughter, be of good cheer."

And so, my brothers and sisters, I have not any criticism at all to offer regarding the Apostles; if you and I had been there, perhaps we would not have done so well. They forsook Him and not even one remained at His side—no, no! Ah! how often in our Christian life you have forsaken the Christ.

It is all right when there is not a cloud to obscure the sky; it is all right when there is perfect calm and there is the glow of health in the cheek, and when the nerve is steady and the form pliant; but ah, how will you stand when the storm comes and you are called upon to face some stern reality—sickness or death, how will you conduct yourself then? That is the question.

#### Christ's Death Darkens the Heavens and Shakes the Earth.

And so, as I look at the Apostles, and see Jesus put to death there was only one at the Cross and not a single one at the tomb. Ah! that Sabbath was a wonderful Sabbath; it was a High Day of the Jewish Church, and the old priests were there carrying out their elaborate ritual; when, all at once, there was a terrible earthquake and darkness covers the earth, and the Son of God, nailed to the Cross, cried, "It is finished! It is finished!"

And then those who stood around said—only one thing and another something else; but one said, "Truly this was the Son of God." And the veil of the Temple was rent in twain from top to bottom, and the Holy of Holies lay exposed to the view of the vulgar crowd. Never before had anyone except the High Priest been permitted to see into that place, and he only once a year.

Ah! yes, a great change was taking place. And did you ever notice—not only in sacred history, but also in secular history—that when great moral changes take place, old Mother Earth groans and reels to and fro, as though sympathizing with poor, struggling humanity?

#### Why the Son of God was Crucified.

The Son of God crucified!—For what?—For your sins and for mine. Yes, our sins nailed Him to the Tree.

Jesus had told them that on the third day He would rise again. "Ah," you say, "They forgot those words;" but, in the face of the arrest and the trials and the crucifixion, their hearts were crushed; and, yes, I will admit that they lost all sight of what the Savior had said to them; but when the women—you women ought to thank your God today for the prominent part which the women took in the great work of the Early Church. The women were the last at the Cross, and the first at the Sepulcher; but for what purpose had the women come to the Sepulcher? Had they come there to witness the resurrection of the Christ? No; they had brought with them spices with which to anoint His body. Yes, they had lost sight of the promise and had come there to anoint His body—but upon their approach to the tomb they were the first to find the stone rolled away and the Christ not there, as the Angel said, "He is not here; for He is risen."

Ah! how often I have stood in a home that was darkened with sorrow, and have said to those who were mourning, "Your loved one is not here, the spirit has gone to God." But oh, how we cling to the forms of our loved ones! How it tears our very hearts when they have to be taken away from our sight!

And so these sorrowing women, who loved Jesus as their Savior and their Lord, desired to pay their last sad rites of respect, and to show their love for Him Who had been such a true and steadfast friend; and they had gone there to anoint His body, but they did not find Him there.

They were the same women who, as they were on their way to the Sepulcher (they had not thought of His words,) said the one to the other, "Who shall roll the stone away?" Oh, that was to them a great difficulty.

#### The Government Seal and Guard No Obstacle to God's Life-Giving Power.

You will remember that the authorities had said, "Now, you know how that Deceiver said, 'I will rise again the third day,' and therefore we must make the tomb secure, and see that His disciples do not come in the night time and steal away His body." And the Roman Governor said, "Go, and seal the tomb and make it sure, and set a watch."

Ah, yes, we say that if the Apostles had had the faith which they ought to have had, they would have looked beyond the seal and beyond the tomb, to the resurrected Christ.

My brothers and sisters, it is easy enough to believe something after it has taken place; but God wants people who will act by faith, and who will not wait for the reality before they will believe.

How many of you can believe? How many of you demand to see before you will believe? Ah, it is easy enough when everything is prosperous, and when there is not any opposition, to stand for truths, ideas and ideals; but very few are the men and the women who, in the face of disaster and of scorn, can stand—even unto death, if necessary—for that which they believe to be right. Neither the women nor the Apostles believed that Jesus would rise again.

Finally, the women reach the Sepulcher and find the stone rolled away.

#### Humanity Falters at Difficulties.

As I read that portion of Scripture again, I thought how true it is of us that we are always seeing difficulties, and always erecting mountains away ahead; but the man of God, who has learned fully to trust God, does not bother about the difficulties or the obstacles, for if he is truly and wholly consecrated, and when he reaches the place where he thought he would encounter difficulties, behold, they will not be there!

Just so the women, when they came to the tomb, found that

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## EDITORIAL NOTES

By Elder O. L. Tindall.

### TAKE HEED HOW YE BUILD.

These are trying times for every one. The last days are to be trying days—perilous times—when the love of many shall wax cold and faith will be put to the test.

God will have a tried people. Persecutions and tribulations will come. If a man will not endure chastening and scourging for his good, then he is not a son.

God's people have always been a tempted, and tried, and persecuted people. The apostate churches have no persecution, because they compromise with the world, and so the world does not hate them, as Christ said the world would hate His disciples.

There is antagonism between the world and God's true Church. They cannot live together and dwell in the same house any more than can light and darkness.

When light is brought into a darkened house, does not darkness flee away at once?

When Christ comes into His temple do not the buyers and sellers, and the defilers have to go? Would Christ compromise with them and say, "You may occupy one of the outer rooms, or have a billiard hall in the basement, and a drinking and smoking apartment on the side?"

That is the way many churches do today. That is the reason why there are no persecutions now as in times of yore.

Our fathers, who stood firm in the faith, suffered persecutions. They dwelt in caves; they were beaten with stripes; they were sawn asunder; they suffered the loss of all things for Christ's sake.

Christ said such would be the inevitable result of preaching His Word—they will hate you and cast you into prison and think they do God's service when they put you to death.

The reason we do not see such trials now-a-days is because the so-called people of God compromise with the devil and link up with him to help them. The devil says: "I will help you to get the kingdoms of the world if you will fall down and worship me;" and the churches do it, and then say, "We do it so as to win them to Christ."

Some of the class named are saying to the world, "Come in and help us build up Zion City. We cannot do it alone. God Almighty is not strong enough; He must have the help of the devil and his host." So said the coward of a king in Judah, and asked Benhadad to come and help him fight his battles. God permitted a curse upon him for it and rebuked him, and let him come to naught. So He ever will do.

God is always displeased with such conduct and says that He only must be depended upon. Zion must be a tried people. We are to build on The Rock. Nothing short of that will answer. Winds will blow and storms will come and floods will beat upon it; yes, and fire will try it.

Zion is built upon the Rock—the Bible. This she takes as the rule of faith and practice in everything: in home life, in social life, in business life, in school life, in political life, and in the Church or ecclesiastical life.

The Bible is Zion's standard of authority. Wherein we have departed in any respect from its teaching we have suffered; but the principles of Zion are right, and shall forever abide.

Zion is not built upon man, but upon God's truth. Men pass away, even when they are good, and acceptable to God. Men sometimes make mistakes and fail to meet the high requirements. Paul said that Christians are not to build on him nor on any other man. Christians are to build on the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, in what sense? Only in the sense that they follow their teachings and recognize them as men who spake as the oracles of God—inspired men—men sent of God to teach His Word, and make known His will to man.

"Was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?" said he to the Corinthians, who were saying, "I am of Paul." What foundation did Paul lay? Was it himself, or Peter, or Apollos? No; but said he, "I have laid the foundation and others build on it;" but it was the only foundation that could be laid, even Jesus Christ. "We preach not ourselves," said he.

Men are to be regarded highly for their works' sake, as Paul said; they are to be followed as the servants of God and obeyed as those who have the rule over us; but men are not to be worshipped, as the heathen tried to worship and offer sacrifice to Paul and Barnabas. "No," said they, "we are only men like yourselves." "Get up," said Peter to Cornelius, "I am only a man."

Those who have the right idea of Zion and her mission, that she is sent to bring the people of God back to the great truths of God as set forth in His Word, have no trouble to know where to stand today. They stand by the truths that God gave. They remain the same.

The blessed truths of Divine Healing, of Repentance, of Restitution, of Triune Immersion, of honoring God with our substance, of paying tithes, of protest against swine's flesh for food, of spurning the idolatrous worship of Baal, are ever fundamental principles of belief and practice in Zion.

How beautiful is the thought of having one body and not being cut up into pieces, the eye saying to the ear, "I have no need of thee," etc.,—one body, fitly joined together, as Christ prayed and taught, and as Zion teaches; one member assisting another, the strong helping the weak member; cooperation in business as well as in the church.

Oh, Zion has a glorious heritage! Let her cherish it and maintain it at any and all sacrifice. Let Zion take heed how she builds. Let every man build over against his own house. Let the eye be single and do its work, and let the ear take heed how and what it hears, and let the hand be clean, and let the feet be swift to carry the glad message of peace and good will to all men.

What a beautiful temple is the Body of Christ built up according to the pattern which God has given in His holy and infallible Word.

May every Christian be a wise master builder.

May Zion build a beautiful city whose foundations are TRUTH and RIGHTEOUSNESS, whose walls are Salvation and whose gates are PRAISE.

## The Risen and Ever-Living Christ.

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the stone had been rolled away and an angel was there, who said to the women, "Fear not ye, I know that ye seek the Lord; He is not here, He is risen, come see the place where the Lord lay."

### The Resurrection Clearly Proved by Scripture.

This afternoon I am not going into any argument to prove the resurrection of the Son of God, for it does not require any argument. I believe the Word of God and, by the eye of faith, I can see the empty tomb. I read in the Word of God regarding His appearance on eleven different occasions, and I believe in the resurrection of Jesus the Christ. I accept that fact of history just as naturally as we accept the history of the life and works of George Washington.

### Faith Exercised in the Common Affairs of Life.

Some people say, "I believe only that which I can see;" but we all believe things every day that we do not see. In this world there is a great deal of faith placed in men. Every time you board a train you place your life in the hands of the engineer, the fireman, the conductor and the brakeman; every time you board a train or a steamer you show faith in men—even to the extent of risking your life in their hands.

Ah, yes, there is a great deal of faith in men; but where is the faith in God?

Human nature is still the same today, and like the poor, weak and erring Apostles, you and I have not always stood the test.

### Do You Believe God's Word?

Ah! Jesus said, "Believest thou that I am able to do this? and they answered, Yea, Lord."

Do you believe in God?

Do you believe in Jesus the Christ, His Son?

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Do you believe in the Bible as the Word of God?

Do you believe in the resurrection of Jesus the Christ?

If Christ was not raised from the dead, then there is not any resurrection for us; then our faith is vain; then the loved ones gone before have perished and will never be raised to life again.

### All Men Believe in God.

I desire to tell you this afternoon that I do not believe there is such a person as an infidel. The man who says that he does not believe in God or in Jesus the Christ, and who hoots at the resurrection of Jesus the Christ—just let that man become sick, let him come face to face with sickness and death and sorrow, and if you can get at that man's heart, you will find out every time that he does believe in God.

There is not one sitting here this afternoon who desires to think, even for a moment, that what we call "death" ends all that there is; there is not one here this afternoon who, even for a moment, entertains the thought that he will never again see loved ones who have gone before.

### Immortality Brought to Light in Christ Jesus.

Jesus the Christ, the First-Fruits of them that slept, has brought life and immortality to light, and every man that hath Christ hath life—life eternal—life more abundant. It is written, "He fell asleep in Jesus."

Ah! you see the little children playing in the field in the beautiful Spring-time, in the midst of the flowers and the singing of the birds until, as the sun begins to sink behind the western horizon, tired out they wend their way home from their play; one is taken by mother into her arms and soon is fast asleep, and the others stand around and smile and say, "He is asleep." What is more beautiful than to see a sweet little child in mother's arms? Yes, there is something more beautiful, and I will tell you what it is: it is to see the child of God, at the end of his life's journey, fall to sleep in the arms of Jesus the Christ

I M P O R T A N T



N O T I C E

# The Fourteenth Annual Convocation

OF THE

## Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion

will be held, God willing, in

Shiloh Tabernacle

Zion City, Illinois

From July 10th to 20th, 1910

Begin your preparations now to attend.

Full program will appear later in *Leaves of Healing* and *Zion Herald*.*Wilbur Glenn Voliva*

(Successor to John Alexander Dowie.)

General Overseer of the *Christian Catholic Apostolic Church*

in Zion

Who went down into the tomb to conquer death and hell. And now there is, in our breasts, the hope of eternal life.

Oh, thanks be unto God for this beautiful Easter Lord's Day! Why, the resurrection of the dead is not a very difficult matter.

Last year, what a beautiful plant, and what lovely flowers; along come the frosts and the winter's chilling blasts, and then the flowers die and fade away and disappear; but in the ground there is a bulb. The winter comes and goes, and the warm rays of the sun and the moisture come, and soon the bulb begins to burst forth and, in a few weeks, you see the plant and then the beautiful flowers come.

Just so, you put a grain of corn into the ground, it dies and becomes soft and is rotten; but in it is a germ which springs up into a beautiful stalk of corn, which produces many scores of grains.

The body is planted a natural body and it is raised a spiritual body; it is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption; it is sown a mortal body, it is raised an immortal body.

The human body is a wonderful piece of work, and it is "The temple of the Holy Ghost." Ah, yes, you think it is wonderful, and there are many wonderful things in nature.

Do you see the waters standing up like a wall at the Red Sea and at Jordan? At Cana of Galilee do you see the water turned into wine at the wedding feast? Do you hear the Voice of Jesus saying, "Lazarus, come forth!" and all at once the body glows with health? What a marvelous change! And just so, at last the Voice of God shall speak from yonder glorious heights, and then all the dead in Christ shall hear His Voice, and shall come forth into the Resurrection of Life.

"Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first Resurrection, for upon such the second death hath no power."

**Every Sinner is Dead.**

My brothers and sisters, on this Easter Day I desire to emphasize that every sinner here is dead—dead in trespasses and in sins. The Word of God says, "She that liveth in pleasure, is dead while she lives." "To be carnally minded is death."

Ah, yes, last night at ten o'clock hundreds and thousands of broken-hearted mothers were leaning upon their elbows listening for the sound of footsteps—ah, yes, perhaps for the one-hun-

dreth time; and there are the wayward sons in the saloons of the cities, spending their week's wages, losing their manhood and bereft of their senses and their reason. Ah! but a mother's love never dies; and even the most depraved man never forgets his mother.

My brothers and sisters, there are millions of people today whose hearts are not touched by even the sweetest song; no sermon has any influence upon them, and the Holy Spirit cannot touch them, they are dead—dead in trespasses and in sins.

My mission, and the mission of every other follower of the Christ, is to proclaim the Gospel and to live the Gospel, and to seek to make men and women better.

"Dead in trespasses and in sins."

**Christ the Resurrection and the Life.**

My sinner friend, there is power in the Word of God to resurrect you, that you may walk in newness of life. Over yonder in the Book of Revelation, we are told that "blessed is he that hath part in the first resurrection, for on such the second death hath no power."

This afternoon I thank my God that Jesus the Christ came forth a Conqueror; and I look forward to the time—and it may be nearer than you think—When God shall speak and all the loved ones shall be brought forth from their graves. Why, yes, that is not impossible, any more than it is impossible for the corn to grow from the little grain that dies in the ground.

The sweet little child whom you laid away will come forth with a glorified body and with the face of an angel; and if you are true to the end, you will be permitted to stand with all of the blood-washed throng, and sing the song of Moses and the Lamb.

"He is not here, for He is risen, as He said." And then Jesus Himself said to the same woman, "Be not afraid."

My brothers and sisters, I know that this is a sad world. There is not a person here in whose life there has not been some sad experience—not one has escaped.

**Live for Others.**

My brothers and sisters, the only life that is worth living, is the Christian life. Let us see ourselves yonder, down at the close of life, and let us suppose that we have reached the last

moment: there stand around us our loved ones and we are speaking to them our last words of farewell. Ah, the whole past comes up before us and our minds for a moment wander back to our childhood days, and we think of how we have lived.

How shall we feel then? Shall we have to say, "I lived a selfish life; I had no thought of humanity; I have accumulated money; I have houses and lands and cattle and horses and sheep and gold and silver; I have made a great financial success of life?" But, ah! my brothers and sisters, will there be a single man—a saved man or a saved woman—to be placed in your town?

Horace Mann once said, "Be ashamed to die until you have done at least one good deed for humanity."

And this afternoon, as I think about the triumph of our world, what about our own triumphs?

Have you triumphed over yourself?  
 Have you conquered that unruly temper?  
 Have you conquered your selfishness?  
 Have you conquered your envy?  
 Have you conquered your jealousy?  
 Have you conquered your uncleanness?  
 Have you conquered your covetousness?

Are you building up a stable Christian character that will stand the test when trial comes?

My brothers and sisters, have you been resurrected?

Jesus the Christ brought life and immortality to light. My talk to you this afternoon will not avail you anything if you simply listen in half-hearted manner and think, "Well, he talked about the resurrection of Jesus the Christ." Yes, and I am talking about your being dead in sin; and I plead with you this afternoon to give yourselves, spirit, soul and body, to God our Father, and to be resurrected with Jesus the Christ.

My brothers and sisters, I call upon you to face the fact that another opportunity is yours this afternoon, and that you have no answer to your God for it.

Oh what a glorious sight! The Word of God tells us that the trumpet shall sound, that Christ Himself shall descend from Heaven, that the righteous dead shall come forth and the righteous living shall be translated. Yes; the imagination of a man kills him—it requires the genius, the pen, of an angelic messenger to paint the blissful scene of all the redeemed going up to meet the Lord Jesus Christ in the air. Oh, how glad we all shall be when that time comes! Then there will be no more sin, no more sickness, no more death, no more sorrow, no more crying; for God Himself, with His own loving hand, will wipe away the last tear.

Then there will be no more cruel words, no more thorns to pierce the heart; but flowers plucked from the Paradise of God to ornament the bosom; then there will be no more hands wrung for wayward sons and daughters, no more bitter tears to scald the cheek; for all those things will have passed away; and the Kingdoms of this world will become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ.

All in this congregation this afternoon who desire to follow God, and at last to stand upon Mount Zion with Jesus the Christ, please stand, and let us pray together.

The General Overseer then led the congregation in repeating 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. O God, I think of the "Home over There," and the many loved ones who have gone before, and I know that my time here is short. May I have my lamp trimmed and burning, and may I be ready when the call comes. Forgive me, cleanse me, sanctify me, and help me to live a lowly life. Bless my children everywhere throughout the world. Bless Zion City, O God, to the honor and glory of Thy Name; and help me to be kind, loving and merciful, and to do all the good that I can. May God help me. Amen.

Hymn No. 338—"What a Gathering"—was then sung.

On that bright and golden morning, when the Son of man shall come,

And the radiance of His glory we shall see;  
 When from every clime and nation He shall call His people home,  
 What a gathering of the ransomed that will be!

When the blest who sleep in Jesus, at his bidding shall arise  
 From the silence of the grave, and from the sea,  
 And with bodies all celestial they shall meet Him in the skies,  
 What a gathering and rejoicing there will be!

When our eyes behold the city, with its many mansions bright  
 And its river, calm and restful, flowing free;  
 When the friends whom death has parted shall in bliss again  
 unite,

What a gathering and a greeting there will be!

O the King is surely coming, and the time is drawing nigh,  
 When the blessed day of promise, we shall see;  
 Then the changing "In a moment," "In the twinkling of an eye,"  
 And forever in His presence we shall be.

Chorus: What a gathering, what a gathering,  
 What a gathering of the ransomed in that summer  
 land of love;

What a gathering, what a gathering,  
 Of the ransomed in that happy home above.

## ZION SEVENTIES

*Deacon J. W. Friend*

*General Recorder*

"And they stood every man in his place, round about the camp, and all the host ran, and cried and fled."—Judges 7:21.

### STANDING FIRM

There are many instances recorded in the Bible, where men have won great victories by standing firm and never swerving from the post of duty. Take, for example, Gideon with his three hundred faithful men; they stood in their place every one of them, and won a great victory over the host of Midian, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, although armed only with trumpets, pitchers and lamps.

They had faith in the God Whom they trusted, and in Gideon their leader. They knew he would lead them on to victory.

They pressed boldly on, never faltering, and success crowned their efforts.

Joshua won a great victory when, with his followers, he marched around the city of Jericho. They trusted in God and "by (their) faith (in Him) the walls of Jericho fell down."

In order to be successful in any vocation in life one must have faith in himself.

If a man puts a low estimate upon his own value, he will never achieve any great results. If he thinks that being comfortably good, is good enough there will be no great advancement in his character.

"It is not failure but low aim that is crime."

Have high ideals and live up to them. If you attain to your ideals, then set your goal post farther out in the field of endeavor, and know no rest until you reach it.

Take a square look at yourself. There are two questions which should confront every man: "What he ought to be; and what he was meant to be."

Jesus rated Himself as King. He welcomed the praises of children, youths, maidens, men and women who hailed Him as King. He knew the way to the throne was by the way of the Cross; yet He never faltered. He knew He was to be the King.

What a heritage we have! "Sons of God—joint-heirs with Christ." What a blessed privilege! What an ideal! to know that some day we will reign with Christ Who is "King of kings and Lord of lords."

STAND FIRM for that which is right. Be patient and kind to all, but never sacrifice a single principle. Trust God and go forward to victory in His Name.

Seek the lost and erring ones, and bring them into the fold.

ILLINOIS

The Chicago Branch submits the following report for two weeks ending March 27, 1910:

Number of calls made	-	-	-	524
Number of messages given	-	-	-	894
Number of Leaves given	-	-	-	113
Number of Leaves sold	-	-	-	31
Number of Heralds given	-	-	-	138
Number of Heralds sold	-	-	-	27
Number of cards given	-	-	-	363
Total pieces distributed	-	-	-	1566

COLORADO

Mrs. Luella Ferges, Trinidad, Colorado, sends in the following report of work done for the month ending March 31, 1910:

Number of calls made	-	-	-	250
Number of Messages given	-	-	-	175
Number of Leaves sold	-	-	-	87
Number of Leaves given	-	-	-	16
Number of Heralds sold	-	-	-	9
Number of Heralds given	-	-	-	6
Total pieces distributed	-	-	-	293

OREGON

The following is the report of the literature distributed by Deacon and Mrs. Frank Robinson in Portland, from March 21st to March 27th, 1910:

Number of calls made	-	-	-	314
Number of Messages given	-	-	-	307
Number of Leaves sold	-	-	-	37
Number of Heralds sold	-	-	-	37
Number of Penny Tracts sold	-	-	-	54
Number of Leaves given	-	-	-	5
Number of Heralds given	-	-	-	5
Number of Leaves and Heralds mailed	-	-	-	52
Total pieces distributed	-	-	-	497

WISCONSIN

Report of work done by seven Zion Seventies, in Kenosha, Saturday evening and Sunday, April 2 and 3, 1910:

Heralds sold and given	-	-	-	52
Leaves of Healing sold and given	-	-	-	25
English messages given	-	-	-	135
German messages given	-	-	-	10
Total number of pieces distributed	-	-	-	222

## List of Zion Institutions and Industries.

WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA

**Wilbur Glenn Voliva**, General Overseer  
Deacon **W. Hurd Clendinen**, General Manager

**The Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion:** Supported entirely by Tithes and Free-will Offerings.

**Leaves of Healing:** Supported by Subscriptions and Free-will Offerings;

**Zion Herald:** Supported by Subscriptions and Free-will Offerings;

**Zion Bank:** Does a General Banking Business, Solicits Commercial and Savings Accounts; Issues Exchange and makes Collections;

**Zion Stores:** An Institution having at present Fifteen Departments; buys and sells merchandise of all kinds; has capital invested of about \$115,000.00, and does a business of over \$300,000.00 per year;

**Zion Printing and Publishing House:** Prints Zion Herald, Leaves of Healing, Zion Tracts and Books; does a High Grade of Commercial and Job Printing;

**Zion Administration Building:** Occupied by the Headquarters Offices of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion throughout the World, Zion Herald, Leaves of Healing, United States Post Office, Receiver of the Zion Estate

(John Alexander Dowie). Telephone Exchange, James Brister—Zion Dentist, Zion Realty Department, and Accountants of Zion Institutions and Industries (excepting Zion Stores);

**Zion Realty Department:** Buys and sells Real estate, writes Insurance, collects Rents, furnishes Abstracts of Title, and does a General Conveyancing;

**Zion Home:** Is a three-story frame building, 340 feet long and 130 feet wide. The building has 350 rooms, 267 of which are guest rooms. There are five parlors, two lobbies, 25 bath rooms, and 22 toilet rooms. The dining room is 60 x 90 feet, having a seating capacity of 400. The lunch room is 35 x 36 feet, and will seat 75 at one time. There are four large verandas, with a combined length of 680 feet. A roof garden 35 x 50 feet, and tower 70 feet high affording a view of great expanse over City and lake. The building is illuminated by 1200 electric lights.

# THE LAST PAYMENT

ON

## Shiloh Tabernacle

will be due  
**JULY 1, 1910**

Amount of Principal	\$ 2,500.00
Amount of Interest	62.50
Approximate cost of necessary repairs and painting of Tabernacle	1,000.00
Total amount needed	\$ 3,562.50
Cash in hand, April 8, 1910	787.63
Balance needed	\$2,774.87

It is my earnest desire and prayer that this amount of money be contributed by the first day of June, at the latest.

Let every officer, member, and friend of Zion, not only in Zion City, but throughout the world, pray very earnestly about this matter; and then let each and every one, in the Name of the Lord, do his or her duty.

Thanking, in the Name of the Lord, one and all for the generous responses in the past, and praying God's richest blessings upon you,

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



Spirit. This is the weapon for work and aggression to fight the good fight and to overcome the wicked one. Repentance is not power; neither is purity power. They simply prepare the way for power. They are but the preparation of the temple for receiving the Heavenly Guest. The temple, (our bodies) must be clean, swept and garnished, but they must not be left empty if they be clean. They must be filled with the Spirit of God. "Be ye filled with the Spirit," said the Apostle. If we are not filled with the Spirit of Truth and of Power, then the unclean spirit will come back with seven others and will go in and occupy the house from whence he was cast out.

#### The Holy Ghost is Promised to All of God's Children.

The prophet Joel declares, and the Apostle Peter reaffirms that God says in the last days, "I will pour out My Spirit upon ALL flesh." Signs and wonders will be seen. Prayers will be effective. The kingdoms of the world shall tremble, and the earth shall be shaken. God will hear prayer and nothing shall be able to stand before such a people.

Spirit-filled people are what will make an Apostolic Church. It was the indwelling of the Holy Spirit that made the Church powerful and Apostolic in the beginning. Ordaining men to the Apostolic office and saying that they are apostles, when they are not, will add nothing to the power of the Church.

Zion should make good her name of "Apostolic" on these lines as well as on her many other teachings.

#### Zion is Many-Sided.

She believes in a genuine Repentance. She believes in good works. She believes in a true Baptism. She believes in a thorough Organization. She believes in paying her Tithes into the Storehouse. She believes in only ONE CHURCH, and she believes that Zion represents that Church. She believes in destroying evil, and in not compromising with it. She believes in the old Book from cover to cover as the Inspired Word of God, and the Infallible Guide of Life. But, notwithstanding these beliefs, she also believes that a correct theology and a right form of government alone will avail nothing unless all be filled with the Spirit of the Living God that will make her a real power in the world that can DO things and bring them to pass.

"WITHOUT ME YE CAN DO NOTHING."

## Obedience to God, or Paying the Price.

An Address Delivered in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, Lord's Day Afternoon, April 3, 1910.

By *Wilbur Glenn Voliva*,

General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion.

[ Reported by Miss S. J. B. ]

The Processional sung by Zion White-Robed Choir, was, "Come, O Mighty to Deliver."

General Overseer Voliva then offered the

#### INVOCATION:

God be merciful unto us and bless us, and cause Thy Face to shine upon us; that Thy Way may be known upon the earth, Thy saving Health among all the nations. For the sake of Jesus. Amen.

The Choir and congregation joined in the Hymn "Hallelujah, 'Tis Done!"

'Tis the promise of God, full Salvation to give  
Unto him who on Jesus, His Son, will believe.  
Hallelujah, 'tis done!

Ref. Hallelujah, 'tis done! I believe on the Son;  
I am saved by the blood of the Crucified One.

Tho' the pathway be lonely, and dangerous too,  
Surely Jesus is able to carry me through.

Hallelujah, 'tis done!

Many loved ones have I in yon Heavenly throng,  
They are safe now in glory, and this is their song:

Hallelujah, 'tis done!

Little children I see standing close by their King,  
And He smiles as their song of salvation they sing:

Hallelujah, 'tis done!

There are prophets and kings in that throng, I behold,  
And they sing as they march through the streets of pure gold:

Hallelujah, 'tis done!

There's a part in that chorus for you and for me,  
And the theme of our praises forever will be:

Hallelujah, 'tis done!

#### General Scripture Lesson;

General Overseer—Let us now read from the Inspired Word of God, the second chapter of the Gospel according to St. Mark, the first twelve verses:

"And again He entered into Capernaum after some days; and it was noised that He was in the house.

"And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door; and He preached the word unto them.

"And they came unto Him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four.

"And when they could not come nigh unto Him for the press, they uncovered the roof where He was; and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay.

"When Jesus saw their faith, He said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.

"But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning within their hearts,

"Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God only?

"And immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, He said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts?

"Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk?

"But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (He saith to the sick of the palsy,)

"I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.

"And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion."

I desire you to give particular notice to that phrase in the fifth verse: "WHEN JESUS SAW THEIR FAITH."

May God bless the reading of His Word.

Elder O. L. Tindall offered the general supplication to the Throne of Grace, after which the Junior Choir sang the Anthem: "Open the Door for the Children," and the Congregation sang the Hymn entitled, "The Child of a King," and the Senior Choir, the Anthem: "Allelujah, O Zion that Bringest Good Tidings!"

The General Overseer then prayed as follows:

Almighty God, our Loving, Heavenly Father, through Thy tender watch care over us, we are once more permitted to assemble in this, our accustomed place of worship, to sing hymns of praise; to read and study a portion of Thy Word; to call upon Thine holy and excellent Name—rendering unto Thee praise, thanksgiving and adoration; and to call upon Thee for the blessings that we need for spirit, for soul and for body. We beseech Thee to accept the gratitude of our hearts; to bless one and all present this afternoon, and to guide in all that shall be done and said. In Jesus' Name and for His sake, we ask it. Amen.

#### ADDRESS BY THE GENERAL OVERSEER.

General Overseer—In the narrative that I read to you this afternoon—which you will find in the second chapter of the Gospel according to St. Mark, also in the ninth chapter of Matthew and in the fifth chapter of Luke—you will find these simple words: In the second verse of the ninth chapter of Matthew, it is written: "And Jesus, seeing their faith. . ."; in the fifth verse of the second chapter of Mark we have the words: "When Jesus saw their faith. . ."; and in the twentieth verse of the

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**A Special meeting for  
Teaching and  
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**CHRIST IS ALL, AND IN ALL**

fifth chapter of Luke it is written: "And when He saw their faith, He said . . ."

I desire you to follow me closely in this simple Bible study, and I trust that God will guide me in saying something that will help the sick to trust God for their healing, and the sorrowful for comfort and the discouraged for cheer; and that one and all may be richly blessed out of God's bountiful Storehouse with every blessing needed for spirit, for soul and for body.

**Zion's Glorious Truths.**

To me it is an intense delight to emphasize the Zion truths. This morning I spoke very emphatically in regard to Zion as the Theocracy—the rule of God in the heart, in the home, in business, in the State, in the nation and in the world.

**Man's Three-fold Nature.**

Another great and glorious truth, that is taught in Zion, is the tri-partite nature of man.

Doubtless, all of you have been taught earlier in life that man is composed of a soul and a body; and perhaps you have heard a great deal said about the immortality of the soul, and a great deal more, from some quarters, regarding the doctrine of "soul-sleeping," but not until recent years have you heard anything regarding the wonderful truth of the three-fold nature of man.

I desire to stir up your minds, from time to time, lest you should allow some of these truths to slip away.

Man is composed of spirit, of soul and of body; man has three parts—spirit, soul and body.

In the book of Genesis we are told that God made man out of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of Life, and man became a Living Soul.

**A Difference Between Father and Maker.**

In studying this narrative, it is well to keep in mind the difference between "Father," and "Maker." God is the Father of our spirits, but He is the Maker of our souls and our bodies. God is the Maker of that which is external to Him, and He is the Father of that which proceeds from Him. Let us never lose sight of the fact that God is the Father of the spirits of men, and the Maker of their souls and their bodies.

In the Benediction which it is our custom to use in this Church—and which you will find in the First Book of Thessalonians the fifth chapter, the twenty-second to the twenty-fourth verse—we have the expression: "And I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus the Christ."

Again in the fourth chapter of Hebrews and the twelfth verse we have the expression that 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." So that the difference between spirit and soul is plainly set forth in the Word of God.

**Health Begins in the Spirit.**

Those of you who are still in sin, away from God, should understand that God's cleansing work must begin with your spirit, extend to your soul, and then to your body.

Any sermon preached upon the subject of Divine Healing that does not place prominently before the hearers the doctrine of repentance, cannot accomplish very much good.

**Divine Salvation Precedes Divine Healing.**

There is no Divine Healing without Divine Salvation; and to those of you who are seeking healing, I would point out that if you think, even for a moment, that you are going to receive anything from God—that you are going to receive healing for the destruction of that cancer which is reaching for your vitals, or for the destruction of the tuberculosis that is rapidly emaciating you and destroying you—without first of all giving yourself to God, repenting of every sin, placing all under the Blood, making a full and complete surrender to Him, then you are simply wasting your time, for you will never receive any healing until you first pay the price.

**Money Cannot Purchase Salvation or Healing.**

The very moment something is said about the "price," then some people having their minds so full of the thoughts of this world, think that it means money.

There are many people under the delusion that they can purchase a first-class ticket to Glory by contributing ten thousand dollars towards the erection of a church building, or by donating a large sum of money to some charitable cause. Not so. In that Last Great Day, God will say to such, "I never knew you." God does not know them now, and in the Day of Judgment they will still be strangers to Him.

**True Sorrow and Repentance only Opens to Life and Blessing.**

Ah, no, you cannot purchase salvation with money; neither can you purchase healing with money. The price which you will have to pay is a genuine sorrow for your sins.

You will remember it is recorded that the Apostle Peter—simply a human being like ourselves—in the time of trouble, denied His Lord and Savior; and as the Savior looked at Peter, his heart was pierced and he saw his own weakness and sin, and in anguish he went out and wept bitterly.

Ah, my brothers and sisters, it is not any disgrace for you to weep over your sins; but it is a disgrace not to do so. The

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**EDITORIAL NOTES**

*By Elder O. L. Tindall.*

GO FORWARD, O ZION!

This should ever be our watchword,—no backward step, even in thought.

Growth is the central thought of a true Christian life.

Stagnation means death.

It is said that when a tree ceases to grow it begins to die.

To cease to go forward in the Christian life means to go backward. There is no standing still.

Neutrality is a farce in the sight of God. Jesus said so. If a man is not for Me he is against Me. If he soweth not he scattereth abroad.

Destruction goes on constantly. A man dies daily, and hourly. Our bodies waste. Every action, or movement of any member of our bodies wastes and destroys some tissue, however small.

It is only a matter of time when the whole body will be gone, unless this waste is renewed by proper food supply. It is one thing or the other.

We must continue to eat if we would live. So with the Christian. He must feed upon the Bread of Life continually, or his spiritual life will soon ebb away.

We are exhorted to renew our strength. "He that waiteth upon the Lord shall renew his strength."  
 "Give us day by day our daily bread."

The writer of the Book of Hebrews exhorts us after this fashion:

"Therefore, leaving the principles of the doctrines of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment."—Hebrews 6:1,2.

These doctrines are such as, a person ought to learn at the very beginning of his Christian life. They are the A B C's. They ought not to be gone over again and again.

When a man has repented of his sins, and God has forgiven him, that should be an end of it; for God has promised to remember them no more against us forever. They are buried in the deep.

Baptism should be settled once for all. Settle it right and have no discussions about it.

Put away all wranglings over the resurrection of the dead. Do not try to settle mysterious questions that foolish men bring up in regard to it and try to determine just how the dead shall come forth.

The laying on of hands, or ordinations, are done once for all.

Judgment is called eternal, and that is with God, the Righteous Judge, and we do not have to pass upon the destiny of men.

Faith in God is a fundamental and not a doctrine that has to be taken up and discussed. It belongs at the very beginning of life, without which it is impossible to please Him.

We are not to repent every day of dead works. Live men do not have to say at the close of every day, "I have left undone all the things I ought to have done," and vice versa. No.

Paul said, even at the close of a most eventful life, "I have fought a good fight; I have kept the faith."

That is the way for a man to live. The exhortation is based on the idea of childhood and manhood in the Christian life. He would not have a man to remain a babe in Christ all his life.



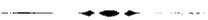
Perfection, here, means full grown—a man and not a child.

"When I was a child I spake as a child, I thought as a child, but when I became a man I put away childish things."

A child may be a perfect child, but not a perfect man. Jesus was a Child and had to grow to be a perfect Man. He did not try to do the work of a man until He became a Man.



Let a babe in Christ be a child and not try to be a man. Some men as soon as they are converted, think they know it all, and begin to teach and preach, when they should be only witnesses of the grace they have received.



Every man should be in his place. He that is called to teach, let him give himself to teaching, to exhortation, to ministry; let him attend to these. He that is called to rule, let him do it with diligence.

The thought is, grow and go forward. This is true of Zion and her mission. She has certain foundations which have been carefully laid, and laid in Truth. A man was very foolish, or very weak, who did not consider them carefully before he began to build thereon. A wise man does that. He sits down first and thinks before he begins to build as to whether he can finish his house, else when he has laid the foundation he finds he is not able to finish it, and he becomes the laughing-stock of all men who pass by.

This is the illustration that Jesus Himself used for those who begin a work and then grow weary and turn back; who put their hand to the plow and look back.

Such men are not worthy of the Kingdom of God. He will not trust them. That is what many have done with Zion. They laid the foundation and are not now able to finish.



God and good men only laugh at such men. Said Jesus: "For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply after he has laid the foundation and is not able to finish it, all that behold it began to mock him, saying: This man began to build and was not able to finish."—Luke 14:28-30.

May that disgrace never come to any Zion people, nor to Zion, nor Zion City. The honor of our God is at stake before all the world.



ZION, GO FORWARD!

IMPORTANT



NOTICE

# The Fourteenth Annual Convocation OF THE Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion

will be held, God willing, in

Shiloh Tabernacle

Zion City, Illinois

From July 10th to 20th, 1910

Begin your preparations now to attend.

Full program will appear later in Leaves of Healing  
and Zion Herald.



*Wilbur Glenn Voliva*

(Successor to John Alexander Dowie.)

General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church

in Zion

# THE LAST PAYMENT ON Shiloh Tabernacle

will be due  
JULY 1, 1910

Amount of Principal.....	\$ 2,500.00
Amount of Interest.....	62.50
Approximate cost of necessary repairs and painting of Tabernacle	1,000.00
Total amount needed.....	\$ 3,562.50
Cash in hand, April 12, 1910.....	817.63
Balance needed,	\$2,744.87

It is my earnest desire and prayer that this amount of money be contributed by the first day of June, at the latest.

Let every officer, member, and friend of Zion, not only in Zion City, but throughout the world, pray very earnestly about this matter; and then let each and every one, in the Name of the Lord, do his or her duty.

Thanking, in the Name of the Lord, one and all for the generous responses in the past, and praying God's richest blessings upon you,

I am,  
Faithfully yours in Jesus' Name  
**WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA**  
(Successor to John A. ex Dowie)  
General Overseer of the Christian Catholic  
Apostolic Church in Zion

## Obedience to God, or Paying the Price.

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worst thing in this world is not merely the committing of sin; but it is worse, having sinned, when the light flashes upon your pathway, to refuse to acknowledge your transgression and repent before God and man and obtain forgiveness.

The first instalment of the payment which you must make to your God, is a genuine, heart-felt, inexpressible sorrow for your past wicked and sinful life.

**"Except ye Repent, ye shall all Likewise Perish."**

There is no use in your looking up into my face and saying, by that look, "Is there not some way by which I can get out of this?" No; there is no escape. "Well," one might say, "I am a very highly educated man, do I have to go the same way as the ignorant man? I am a very rich man, do I have to go the same way as the poor man? I had distinguished ancestors, must I condescend to get down upon my knees and acknowledge my transgressions?" Yes, my brother, my sister, there is only one way—there is only one way for all: rich man, poor man; learned man, ignorant man; the man in the palace, and the man in the hovel; there is only one way. God the Almighty has established that way; and any preacher who will attempt

to condone your sins and to establish some other way, is a criminal in the sight of God.

**Sorrow only, not Enough.**

Sorrow is not repentance. The Bible tells us that "Godly sorrow leadeth men to repentance;" but sorrow is not repentance. Ah, the impenitent who sit under the sound of my voice this afternoon, will reach a point in their lives where they will seek repentance with bitter tears, but will not find it.

**Resisting the Pleadings of the Holy Spirit.**

Oh, how many there are who resist the Holy Ghost, and who do not, when prostrate upon a bed of sickness, profess repentance! While I do not say that death-bed repentance is always a farce, yet I will say, that in all of my ministerial experiences, I have never known of a case where a man professed repentance upon what was supposed to be his death-bed—and he afterwards recovered—that was genuine, and where the person making the profession did not lie. The moment such people are up from their beds of affliction, instead of serving God, they have gone back to the world and been worse than they were before that sickness overtook them.

Does it not seem to you to be a very foolish thing for a man to live for sixty years—I well remember one case where the person was over seventy years of age—to spend all of that time in the service of the devil, and then to take the last five minutes of the seventy years and seek to undo all the evil that has been done in the fifty or sixty-five years before?

**Selfish Sorrow, and Real Sorrow of Heart.**

Now, there are different kinds of sorrow. Here is a cashier of a bank who, during a number of years, systematically robs the institution of many thousands of dollars; and so carefully has he manipulated the books that even the state bank examiners have been unable to discover the shortage. But at last, suspicion is aroused by the fact that although that cashier has a salary of only twelve hundred dollars per year, he and his wife are living in a manner of style which only a salary of five thousand dollars a year could sustain; but soon someone says, "Where does he get his automobiles, and the money that he put into that fine house? and how does he and his wife manage to shine so brilliantly in all the social functions of the city?" And little by little, the suspicion grows that all is not right; and then, some morning, Mr. Cashier does not appear at his office, and search reveals the fact that he has gone to a "sunnier clime;" and then the experts on the books, by long, intricate search, discover money amounting to thousands of dollars, has disappeared.

Finally, the absconding Cashier is traced, captured and brought back to face the bank officials who had reposed so much confidence in him, and then the poor (?) fellow takes out his handkerchief and wipes the big tears from his eyes.

Now, that illustrates one kind of sorrow,—the thief's awfully sorry that he got caught; but he is not really sorry that he took the hard-earned savings of poor washer-women; he is not one bit sorry that he has caused untold misery; he is only sorry that, at last, his crime found him out.

Now, that kind of sorrow will not count for anything with God. Before a man will repent he must have a genuine sorrow for his transgressions. The way in which some people profess to come to God, is simply a farce on the face of it.

Ah, men and women who have served the devil and given the very best years of their lives to his service cannot come to God in a flippant, half-hearted manner; they must be broken down; they must be crushed, and they must be made to realize that they are sinners before man and before High Heaven; and when sorrow of that kind fills the heart, then repentance will come.

**True Repentance Requires Restitution.**

When traveling in a street car a few evenings ago, I noticed a card announcing some revival meetings, and on it were the words, "Get right with God." I thought to myself, "That is a mistake; it does not begin right."

My brothers and sisters, I believe that my first duty towards every sinner who hears me preach, is to say, "Get right with man;" for I do not believe it is possible for any sinner to get right with God until he first gets right with his fellow men. You know that during these annual revivals that are held, there are some people who join the church every year, they are "perpetual joiners"—they join everything in sight. In a certain town I can recall the names of some people there who had joined the Methodist Church every year for about forty years, and they were among the very worst sinners in that town. Now, that kind of business does not count with God.

I remember on one occasion, when I was a boy, a series of meetings were being held in a church not far from my home, and men were professing repentance; and among the number who joined the Church during that revival, there was a certain man who owed a business man a sum of money for a grocery bill, if I remember correctly. After all attempts to get the money had failed, the business man wrote a letter to the preacher (which letter was printed in a newspaper) and in that letter the business man said, "I see that Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ has professed religion and has joined the Church. He owes me ten dollars. Will his repentance towards God pay me my ten dollars? I decline to accept that kind of settlement, because I am still out my ten dollars."

#### **Why there are Backsliders.**

There is a great deal of truth in that little letter. Some people who join a church never confess their dishonesty, never confess their lying, never go and make right the wrongs of their lives; and that is just the reason why there are so many backsliders.

If you are professing Christianity and at the same time have not cleaned up all the rubbish in your life, then you are attempting to erect Christian character upon an unstable foundation, and sooner or later you will find yourself in trouble.

Why does one man who was once a thief, but afterwards professed religion, fall away and steal again? Why will another man who was once a drunkard, but who afterwards professed religion, periodically fall and partake of the accursed stuff? Why? because somewhere in the life there is something that is not made right, which gives satan an opportunity to reach out and take hold of and make use of that which is not made right, and once more to drag the victim down to hell.

#### **Conduct is Proof of Character.**

The religion of any man is valueless if it does not lead him to go and clean up all the wrongs which he has committed towards his fellow men, as far as it lies within his power to make them right.

#### **Only the Clean can Expect Salvation and Healing.**

Every person must clean up his and her life, for unless you do there is no use for you to expect salvation; neither is there any use in your expecting God to heal you.

#### **The Price is Truth, not Money.**

You may come in here with a million dollars and say, "I would give a million dollars for my healing." But you would not be able to purchase your healing from God for ten million dollars. Have you not tried all of the doctors around and you are now worse off than you were when you began? Yes, far worse off. If there is anything on God's earth that the doctors can do, it is to take one's money—that is one system they have never given up, the system of "bleeding;" they have kept it up until the present day.

No; healing cannot be purchased with money. The Word of God says, of one poor woman, that she had been sick for twelve years, that she had suffered many things of many physicians; that she had spent all of her living, and then—instead of being better—she was worse.

#### **Reliance for Healing Must be in God only.**

And so, this afternoon, with some of you who are sick, the drugs which you have taken have been a thousand times worse than the diseases which you had; and your fight, first of

all, is to overcome the drugs which you have taken into your system; for, I tell you, here and now, God the Almighty will never heal you so long as you put your trust in man, and so long as you are looking to drugs.

#### **Surrender, Repentance and Reformation.**

Ah, yes, there must be an absolute surrender, which is the first part of the price you have to pay. There must be a genuine repentance—which is a reformation of life.

Zaccheus said, "If I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I will restore to him fourfold." And this principle is true with every other man. No one will be on sure ground until he has made right every wrong.

Perhaps one may say, "I defrauded a man out of a hundred dollars, and have the willing heart to make it right, but I have not the means." To such an one I say, Go to the man whom you have wronged and tell him that you are sorry you have wronged him, and that you will return to him what you owe just as quickly as you possibly can; and every time you will find that he will be lenient and kind toward you.

#### **The Confessional.**

My brothers and sisters, I have already brought before your minds the subject of confession. There is a confessional in this Church—not a Roman Catholic confessional, where the people go and confess to the priest. I say, unhesitatingly, that I believe a Roman Catholic confessional is an annex of hell.

God's Word demands that you shall confess—not to a priest, but to the one whom you have wronged. You do not need to come to me, but you do need to go to the one you have wronged, and confess to him and ask his forgiveness. I do not want to hear any of your confessions.

Repentance, includes confession and restitution.

Repentance, then includes confession and restitution. There is no escape. Repentance includes confession and restitution. Ah, you may lie to man, but it is impossible for you to lie to God and conceal the lie.

#### **Salvation, Healing and Happiness for All who will Pay the Price.**

I tell you, God's Word is true; and today I feel more like enthusiastically holding up the Word of God to an unbelieving world than at any other time in my Ministry; and I feel more like saying, unto one and all, God's Word is true! There is salvation for every sinner! There is healing for every sick one! There is Heaven for every one who will pay the price!

## ZION SEVENTIES

*Deacon J. W. Friend*

*General Recorder*

"CHRIST IN YOU, THE HOPE OF GLORY."—Col. 1:27.

It is the Christian's hope to have the Christ dwelling with him.

Without this indwelling of the Holy Spirit his life will be storm-tossed and tempest-driven.

If Christ is your hope of glory, the Voice that stilled the storm on the sea of Galilee will speak the blessed words of "Peace, be still" to your troubled spirit, the storm will soon abate, and the troubled waters of sorrow and strife upon the sea of life will become calm and placid.

There are times when one seems to be almost engulfed by the waves of sorrow which appear to roll mountain high, yet, when Christ is your Pilot and Captain, "You can surely trust His might, though the breakers rage in angry fury, He will guide your ship aright."

Our life is a struggle from the cradle to the grave. We must all realize sooner or later that the way to the Crown is by way of the Cross.

"All that will live Godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."

The road to success in the Christian life is rough and steep, the pit-falls are many, yet, if your hope of glory is Jesus the Christ, for you the cry rings down through the ages, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life."

It takes time, patience, and labor to achieve success.

You cannot accomplish any great results, without WORK.

The one who hangs back, has no hope of advancement. It is the one who will PRESS FORWARD, the one who can show his SCARS OF EXPERIENCE that WILL SUCCEED.

Do not become discouraged if you should make mistakes. The man who never made a mistake is the man who never did anything—a mere cipher. Those who are bold enough to KEEP TRYING are the ones who WILL WIN SUCCESS, and be of blessing to their fellow men.

Let Christ dwell in you richly. Let Him be your hope of glory.

Let Him be the Anchor, that keeps your soul  
Steadfast and sure while the billows roll,  
Fastened to the Rock which cannot move,  
Grounded firm and deep in the Savior's love.

#### WISCONSIN

Twenty-five Zion Seventies visited Kenosha last Saturday evening and sang a number of hymns with great power in the street meeting held on Market Square. Ten of these workers remained and sold literature in the saloons and business houses. Literature disposed of including sales at the meeting in Carpenter's Hall on Lord's Day morning:

Heralds sold and given	- - - -	75
Leaves of Healing sold and given	- - - -	48
Penny tracts sold	- - - -	2
English messages given	- - - -	314
German messages given	- - - -	34
Total number of pieces distributed	- - - -	473

## Plain Instructions

To One and All Interested in the Redemption of  
Zion City.

### How to Make Investments In Zion Institutions and Industries.

(Wilbur Glenn Voliva.)

#### 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

Plan Number One is for all persons who have a lump sum of money and desire to invest it all at once.

Plan Number Two is for one and all who desire to save and pay in a definite sum each month until a total amount of so much has been paid in.

All persons desiring to invest under Plan Number Two should fill in the following application form and send it to Wilbur Glenn Voliva, Administration Building, Zion City, Illinois, U. S. A.

#### APPLICATION FOR INVESTMENT IN ZION INSTITUTIONS AND INDUSTRIES. (Wilbur Glenn Voliva.)

—1910.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby  
make application to invest in ZION INSTITUTIONS AND  
INDUSTRIES the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ DOLLARS  
on or before the \_\_\_\_\_ day of each and every calendar  
month until I have deposited in the aggregate the sum  
of \_\_\_\_\_ DOLLARS.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Postoffice \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

All persons investing money under Plan Number Two will receive interest at the rate of three per cent (3%) per annum upon each separate monthly payment from the date of each monthly payment until the aggregate sum is paid in, and then a note will be given for the aggregate of said payments payable on or before five (5) years from date, drawing interest at the rate of six per cent (6%) per annum.

Remittances should be by Post Office Orders, Express Money Orders, or by Bank Drafts payable in Chicago or New York, and all should be made payable to the order of Wilbur Glenn Voliva.

He sendeth His word

and healeth them.



# 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 Church, Its Nature, Object, and Use.

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There is a strong tendency in these days, especially among Protestants, to ignore, or to slightly esteem, church organization. Some say, "I do not belong to any church, but I am a Christian, and can live just as good a Christian outside of the church as inside. The church does not save anyone."

Some despise the church altogether and believe in no organization. This comes from a desire to be under no rule. These people despise government and law. It comes from a desire to have their own way and be put under no obligations, and have no responsibilities, only those that are self-imposed, which are generally of a very easy nature.

The Roman Catholics have gone to the extreme and made the Church the whole thing. They have said the Church is the ark and when a man is in the Church he is saved and it does not matter what kind of a life he lives—he is saved any way. They magnify the Church to such an extent that it all but takes the place of the Christ, the Savior Himself.

Zion takes the middle ground between these two extremes, we might say. We do not think the Church saves a man. He may be in the Church (so far as mortal eyes can see) and still be no Christian at all. But we believe the Church is an institution founded by God Himself, and for a purpose, and not to be despised; that it is absolutely necessary for the success of Christ's great work in the world—a means to an end; that men must respect and use it; that when we ignore it, or reject it, we despise the work and command of the Lord, and throw reproach upon Christ Himself, for the Church is the Body of Christ.

Christ said, "I will build My Church on this Rock." A man who goes around and teaches that there should be no Church is a wicked man and a false teacher. He is striking at the very vitals of Christianity. He tears down the house in which a man lives and exposes him to the cold and killing blasts of winter, and to the destructive storms that sweep over the land.

Christ provided a safe retreat for His children—a fold for His weary sheep and tender lambs. God has a fold for His sheep, as well as green pastures and cooling streams. Christ talked about His fold, a shelter for His sheep and a protection from the howling and devouring wolves that would destroy them. That is what the Church is for.

Christ founded the Church, and if He did He meant that every man, woman and child that professes His Name should belong to it, and identify themselves with it.

#### What is the Church?

It is the Body of Christ. It is made up of the people of God—His children, composed of men and not a code of doctrines, and is not mere sentiment. A Church is made up of human beings, of flesh and blood. It is not, as some suppose, an invisible thing made of air. Christ built His House of men, called living stones. This is the visible form of the religion of Jesus Christ on the earth. You cannot see spirit, neither of God nor of man. What is seen of Christianity is seen in men, and not in sentiment, or in doctrines, or creeds. These have their place.

Said Paul,

"YE ARE OUR EPISTLES, KNOWN AND READ OF ALL MEN." "YE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD."

That is why Christ came in the flesh that men might see God. "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father," for He was God manifest in the flesh.

Now we are Christ's, and this is Christ manifest in the flesh. The Church is His Body. Said Paul: Will a man despise that and yet call himself a Christian? No; unless he does it ignorantly, and by following false teachers, such as we have seen in our midst, who have blinded many. They falsely magnify the Spirit of Christ and ignore and despise His Body which

is the Church. These men are the enemies of the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### The Body is the Machine Which the Spirit Uses.

Christ's Body was only the instrument of His Spirit which was within; but it was essential. So are our bodies essential for the work of our spirits, our minds and wills, etc. The whole intellectual, moral and spiritual nature of a man works and manifests itself through the body and its members. The eyes and ears and mouth are only instruments of the spirit of a man, and of his mind. They are nothing of themselves. When the spirit of a man has flown away can the eye see or the ear hear? No.

That was why Christ built the Church: that He might have a place of abode for Himself; that He might have weapons of warfare; that He might have instruments through which He could work in the world. The Spirit of God dwells in the Body. The outward form must be good or the Spirit cannot do good work. If the eye is defective, then the spirit cannot see through it. We must have a good body. Faith without works, says the Apostle, is dead, as is the body without the spirit, and vice versa.

Steam is of no use unless it be confined in a boiler and have an engine to operate on. What is steam unconfined? Could it run a train of cars and carry its burdens and convey its passengers? No; the machinery must be there and in good working order, or all the power would be lost on the desert air.

It is the same way with the spiritual power; it would be wasted without a body to possess it. It must be controlled. What good are all the waters of Lake Michigan for waterworks in our cities unless you have a good system of pipes to carry it to your houses? so of your gas, and your electricity. They all require outward forms, these unchained appliances. True, they are only cold, lifeless iron, but they must be used. God uses these lumps of clay, our bodies, through which He operates and does His mighty works. That is what the Church is for. It is the Body, the outward, visible form of the Kingdom of God among men. It is "the form of Godliness," as Paul calls it, and the power is the Spirit of God "working in you to will and to do of His good pleasure."

Every true Christian should take his place in the Body and become a member of the Body and do his or her part. We are many members, but ONE BODY. Beware of the man who despises the Body of Christ, which is the CHURCH.

## Obedience to God, or Paying the Price.

An Address Delivered in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, Lord's Day Afternoon, April 3, 1910.

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General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion.

Reported by Miss S. J. B.

[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK]

#### Faith is Necessary to Please God, and to Receive Blessing.

Now, following confession and restitution, we come up against this subject of faith.

In the Bible there is a great deal written about unbelief. One of the first instances that I now call to mind, was when the Children of Israel perished through unbelief; and of the hundreds of thousands who left Egypt for the Promised Land, only

two of the entire number were permitted to cross the Jordan into the Land that was flowing with milk and honey—through unbelief all the others perished. "Christ did there no mighty works, because of their unbelief."

When upon the Sea of Galilee a storm arose, the Apostles awakened Jesus and said to Him, "Carest Thou not that we perish?" Jesus answered them, "O ye of little faith!" Yes, O ye of little faith!

Jesus said to the blind men, "Believest thou that I am able to do this?" They said, "Yes, Lord." Then said Jesus to them, "According to your faith be it done unto you."

The Bible tells us that "Faith is the substance," or the foundation, "of things hoped for; the evidence of things not seen."

Christ said, "When ye pray, believe that ye have that for which ye ask and pray, and ye shall have it."

My brothers and sisters, this afternoon it seems to me that I can hear the Voice of God ringing throughout the world and saying, "O ye of little faith!"

As the Son of God looked forward to the close of the Gospel Age, He said, "When the Son of Man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?"

Where is the faith—the faith of God? Who is there here today who would dare stand up and say, "I have the faith which will not shrink from any earthly foe. I have the faith which will carry me through the waters and through the fires and over the mountains. I have no fear because I have an unwavering faith in God." Who is there who can truthfully stand up and say that? Ah, there is the difficulty!

Any man can believe that he has that which is already in his possession; but only the man of faith can believe that he has that which he is yet going to receive.

You all believe now that we have this Tabernacle; but there was a time when you did not believe it.

You all believe now that we have Elijah Hospice and the Administration Building; but there was a time when you did not believe it.

One year ago, when I stood upon this platform and shook my fist and said, "By the grace of God, we shall have it—we shall have it," did you then believe it?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Well, this afternoon when I tell you that we shall have every foot of Zion City, do you believe it?

People—"Yes."

General Overseer—All right, we will see now whether or not God will reward your faith. There was a time, not very long ago, when all that we had was an old tent, and some old bridge-planks—and they were borrowed.

#### Trust, the Greatest Joy in the Christian Life.

My brothers and sisters, if we have failed to learn how to trust God, then we have missed the greatest joy in the Christian life.

Oh, how sweet it is to trust in Jesus. How sweet it is just to trust God for everything. How many of you trust God for food, for shelter and for raiment? Or, how many of you have anxious thoughts?

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

My brothers and sisters, the greatest joy that could come into my heart this afternoon would be to see every sinner in this congregation saved, to see every sick one healed.

#### Plain Duties.

My duty is to preach the Word, to be instant in season and out of season.

Your duty is to believe the Word, to act upon the Word, and to throw yourself at the feet of Jesus, to press your way through the crowd and touch the hem of Christ's garment, and say, "If I can only touch the hem of Christ's garment, I shall be healed."

My sister, when you and I pray and ask God to heal you of that heart trouble, and there is not any doubt in our hearts, and you are right with God, and I am right with God, then the

answer to that prayer must come, and that is all there is to it, "All things are possible to him who believes."

Well now, judging by results, there is not very much belief. Oh that God would help me stir up each one here this afternoon, and to help you to see how very far beneath your precious privileges you are living. The reason why the battle is lost when it comes, is because the preaching is unheeded, for all through these days and weeks and months and years when you ought to be filled with the power of God—so that when the battle comes you are well prepared—you are not living up to your grand and glorious privileges in Christ Jesus; and therefore when the battle comes you find yourself without the Christian armor, unable to trust, without any faith, but only filled with fear and distrust and doubt; and there is just the source of failure.

#### **Danger in Not Accepting God and Living For Him.**

Last July during the Convocation, in fifty-four meetings—morning, afternoon and evening, when more than twelve hundred people consecrated themselves to God—many of whom came to God then for the first time—and when many others who had gone away from God, returned, and when the workers went throughout the congregation pleading with many to give themselves to God their Father—many stubbornly refused and resisted.

Ah, often I said from this platform at that time, "You may refuse today, but perhaps the next time that I shall see you will be when death is reaching for your heartstrings;" and this afternoon I could tell you of a number of cases where that has come true.

Ah, my brothers and sisters, I ask you to pray very earnestly this afternoon for a young girl—one of those people to whom I spoke. Ah, the other morning when I hastened to her bedside and listened to her pitiful request: "Forgive me for all the hard things that I said," oh, how I wished then that I could take all the young women in Zion City, and lead them in single file past that bedside. Today I have been urged to come again. Oh, how I have pleaded in private with God to have mercy upon her and to spare her young life. (Amen.)

Ah, my brothers and sisters, I tell you it was an awful thing to go through that Convocation, when opportunity after opportunity was given to come to God, to resist and to sneer at it, and now, when near to Death's door, to seek forgiveness.

My heart was very deeply touched when she spoke to me, and I was so glad to say, with all my heart, "I gladly forgive it all," and I cried to God to have mercy upon her and to spare her life. She said, "If God will only heal me I will go back into the Choir, I will give up my old companions, I will do what is right, and I will serve God."

Ah, God knows all about it,—yes, God knows all about it!

Young man, young woman, sitting here this afternoon, will it come to pass in your life that one day, in the early morning hour, I shall be called to your bedside and have to hear you say, "Oh, if God will only heal me this time I will do what is right?"—May God forbid!

#### **Now Is the Time to Accept God's Mercy.**

My brother, my sister, this afternoon—NOW—is the time for you to give yourself wholly to God, your Heavenly Father. Give yourself to God today, attend the services of God's House, read and study God's Word, be earnest in prayer; and then when Satan comes along to deal a blow at you, you will be possessed of the power of God to help you resist and to conquer.

My heart bleeds for every sinner here today. What can I do more than I have done, or say more than I have said, to bring you to God? There is nothing else for which I care to live; but to see the sinful saved, the sick healed, and God's Kingdom established. I would much rather rescue one sinner this afternoon than I would to make fifty million dollars. I would rather see this sister, from Chicago, healed this afternoon, than I would to be President of the United States of America.

#### **"Ye Must Be Born Again."**

Oh, my brother and sister, pay the price; get in earnest; make a full surrender to God and cry to Him for mercy. You may be in health today; you may leave this Tabernacle this

afternoon and go to a cozy little home; you may have a good position and be making money; and you may say, "Well, I am not a bad man," or "I am not a bad woman," or "I am not such a terrible sinner." Ah, yes, but there is only one hope for you—only one—and that is, to be "born again."

Until you are "born again" you are not a Christian, and you are without hope in this world, and what does it avail for you to stand by the bed-side of that child and plead with God to hear you? God will not hear your prayers. You have heard the Gospel preached for years; you have been invited to come to Christ more than a hundred times, and you have had a loving hand outstretched to you more than a hundred times, and yet you have deliberately walked away, quite unconcerned.

Ah, but you wait—wait until sickness comes, wait until position is gone, wait until, in a little bedroom, you are lying fever-stricken at the point of death and you can scarcely whisper. Ah, then the scene is changed and you are not quite so brave as you were, or so bold; you will not talk then as you talk now.

#### **Why be Careless and Indifferent—Future Joy Depends upon Present Action.**

Ah, foolish people! Foolish people!! Do you believe in God? Do you know that sometime you will be called to stand before Him to give an account for the life which you are now living? Then how do you account for your carelessness and for your indifference?

It is not any wonder that victories are lost in so many cases, and that when we cry to God, the Heavens seem as brass—it is not any wonder; the price has not been paid when God's Word is so neglected, when prayer is not practiced, when there is no real communion with God, when there is no faith to fight the battle, then I tell you, my brothers and sisters, it is no wonder that some of the battles are lost and that victory is not given in some cases.

#### **Christ Paid the Price for all Mankind.**

Even though it should happen that no one is saved, it is still true that Christ died to save all men; even though no one should be healed, it is still true that God has placed healing there for every sick and suffering one. God's Word is true, and I desire to fulfil my whole duty—will you do your duty? If so, make a full surrender this afternoon; give yourself entirely to God for time and for eternity—keep nothing back.

#### **Let the Immortal Spirit be made Clean.**

Oh, my brothers and sisters, as your shepherd, I desire to lead you into green pastures—into God's holy Book; I desire to lead you beside the still waters. God has given to you an immortal spirit, and Jesus the Christ poured out His precious life-blood in order to cleanse that spirit from all sin, and your soul from every impurity, and to heal your body of every disease.

#### **Let Temper, Envy, Jealousy and Murmuring Depart Forever.**

Christ now sits at the right hand of God—where He has gone to prepare a place for you; therefore I plead with you this afternoon to place all under the Blood. Let that hasty temper go! Let that envious, jealous spirit depart! Let that spirit of murmuring be cast out! Be possessed by the Holy Spirit—the spirit of meekness, humility, of love and of mercy.

#### **Zion to be a Holy People.**

Zion, we ought to be a holy band. God calls upon you and me today to save this City. Will we be worthy of the call? Will we prove true to the trust and, at last—looking back over our life, will we be able to say, "Father, I have done the best that I could?"

#### **The Kingdom of God First.**

My brothers and sisters, seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.

Now, this afternoon, just where you are sitting, make your consecration today; let the "old man" die, and the "new Man in Christ Jesus" be born. Yield up yourselves as servants to God—right where you sit this afternoon.

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CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC CHURCH IN  
ZION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD,  
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PEACE!

"PEACE BE UNTO YOU!"

"PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU, MY PEACE I GIVE UNTO YOU."

"AND THE PEACE OF GOD WHICH PASSETH ALL UNDERSTANDING SHALL KEEP YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS THOUGH CHRIST JESUS."

Precious word!

Loving salutation!

Wonderful heritage!

Blessed assurance!

After many weeks of silence in the editorial columns of Leaves of Healing—made necessary by the pressure of so many other duties, which are rapidly being increased by Zion's remarkable growth and development—I again lovingly and earnestly greet, in the Name of the Lord, all of Zion's officers, members and friends everywhere throughout the world.

You are very much in my heart, and I make mention of you all often in my prayers, that you may be wholly consecrated to God and that you may receive from Him, in the Name of the

Lord Jesus, and in the power of the Holy Spirit, daily, every needed blessing for spirit, soul and body.

God bless Zion in Australia and New Zealand!

He alone knows the depth and warmth of my affection for all the dear ones in those beautiful, southern, sunny lands.

Across the Pacific Ocean—which, with my wife and child, I crossed in 1901 to preach the everlasting Gospel of the Kingdom—to one and all in Australasia I send loving greetings, and say, with all my heart: May God bless, guide, and keep you!

The mere mention of Melbourne, Sydney, and Adelaide, especially, brings to my mind many precious memories; and to Zion throughout Australia and New Zealand I say: Arise in the strength of the Lord, and proclaim, and live the wonderful truths which made Zion, from 1901 to 1906, to be one of the most talked of topics not only in the principal cities, but smaller towns and even country places of Australasia.

I exhort all Australians and New Zealanders in Zion City to send Leaves of Healing, Zion Herald, and other Zion literature, broadcast throughout your own countries.

Deacon George F. Garton, of 150 Lygon Street, Brunswick, Melbourne, is Zion's official representative in Australia. Supplies of literature are sent regularly to him.

Meetings are held in Protector Hall, 246 Rae Street, North Fitzroy.

Let all Zion earnestly pray that God, through the Holy Spirit, will raise up two consecrated workers to be sent to take charge of the work in Australasia. In the meantime, let every one in Australasia who has remained faithful, loyal, steadfast and true to Zion's principles, truths, ideas, and ideals, be active Seventy workers. Distribute the literature and hold the fort until help from Headquarters arrives.

To Zion in South Africa I say: God bless you and make you a blessing!

I cannot find words to express my heartfelt appreciation of the faithfulness to Zion of Deacon Simon P. Bhengu of Roosboom.

May God bless Zion in Asia!

The faithfulness, earnestness and consecration of Elders Royall and Viking, and their families, and Deaconess Hosken, very deeply touches my heart. May God richly bless Zion in China!

There are still faithful ones in the United Kingdom and on the Continent of Europe. May God bless them all, and may each and every one in his respective community be a light to bless the sinful, the sick and the dying.

To the many faithful ones throughout the United States and Canada: I beseech you, in the Name of the Lord, to accept my heartfelt thanks for your faithfulness in every particular. May God richly bless you, keep you, sustain you, and make you a blessing.

To Zion in Zion City I say: There never lived at any time a nobler and more fully consecrated people. Your love, loyalty,

selflessness, and hearty cooperation in every way have helped fill my cup of joy even to overflowing.

To the isolated Zion members and friends in many different parts of the world I say: Thanks be unto God for your steadfastness! By the grace of God, be faithful!

Zion throughout the world can say:  
 Blest be the tie that binds  
 Our hearts in Christian love;  
 The fellowship of kindred minds  
 Is like to that above.  
 Before our Father's Throne  
 We pour our ardent prayers;  
 Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
 Our comforts and our cares.

Zion people everywhere know what they believe, and are always ready to give a good reason for the positions they take.

Zion believes in God the Almighty, Creator and Father of all,—an unchanging God; the same God that lived in Moses' time, that lived in Daniel's time; a prayer-hearing and prayer-answering God; ever ready to save the sinner when he repents; to heal the sick when the conditions are met; to regenerate, justify, purify and sanctify all who come unto Him by the One Way: Jesus the Christ.

Father!  
 Our Father!  
 My Father!

Zion believes in Jesus the Christ, the Son of God, the Son of Man. Zion everywhere, at all times and under all circumstances, should exalt Jesus the Christ and point all men to Him the Lamb of God Who taketh away the sins and the diseases of the world.

Take the Name of Jesus with you,  
 Child of sorrow and of woe—  
 It will joy and comfort give you,  
 Take it then where'er you go.  
 At the name of Jesus bowing,  
 Falling prostrate at His feet,  
 King of kings in Heaven we'll crown Him,  
 When our journey is complete.

Zion believes that Jesus is ever the same: yesterday, today, and forever.

He is the same Savior.  
 He is the same Healer.  
 He is the same Cleanser.  
 He is the same Keeper.  
 He is the only hope of the world.

From every Zion heart goes up the prayer: LORD JESUS, HEAR ME!

How true:  
 "When by His grace I shall look on His face,  
 That will be glory for me!"

Talk with Jesus.  
 Walk with Jesus.  
 He is your truest and best Friend.  
 Make Him your dally Companion.  
 Imbibe His Spirit.  
 Walk in His footsteps.  
 At last, having overcome all enemies without and all enemies within, you will be permitted to sit with Him upon His Throne.

Zion believes in the Holy Spirit, the other Comforter.  
 Daily pray:

Come, Holy Spirit,  
 Like a dove descending,  
 Rest Thou upon us  
 While we meet to pray;  
 Show us the Savior,  
 All His love revealing;  
 Lead us to Him,  
 The Life, the Truth, the Way.

Every person is controlled, possessed, and guided either by the Holy Spirit, or by satan, and, it may be—and is true in many cases—by many evil spirits.

Zion believes the Bible to be the inspired Word of God. It is her only rule of faith and practice.

Read the Bible.  
 Study the Bible.  
 Meditate upon the Bible.  
 Believe it, receive it, and, by the grace of God, live it.

Zion's mission is to preach and live the Everlasting Gospel of the Kingdom of God.

Zion proclaims the THEOCRACY, and commands all men everywhere to Repent—to give up their rebellion and to submit to God. Zion has no use for a go-as-you-like and do-as-you-please Church.

AUTHORITY!—the Authority of God.

Every person who does not acknowledge the authority of God is a rebel.

Sin is sin, and no amount of soft talk will ever make it anything else.

Disease is disease—the foul work of the devil, and there is only one remedy: THE BLOOD OF JESUS THE CHRIST Poured out upon Calvary for the sins and diseases of all mankind.

God's promises are sure, and will be fully verified unto each and every one who obeys the Word.

Search your heart, reader of these Notes, in the light of God's Word.

Can God save, heal, cleanse, purify and sanctify a person who persists in smoking and chewing tobacco, taking drugs, and using intoxicating liquors? The answer is plain: Verily no!

You may be able to say truthfully: "I do not smoke tobacco; I do not chew tobacco; I do not use the filthy weed in any form; I do not use drugs; I do not dance; I do not go to theaters; I do not countenance intoxicating liquors."

This is certainly a noble profession, and to be commended; but face the questions:

Do you lie?

Are you proud?  
 Are you envious?  
 Are you jealous?  
 Do you backbite with your tongue?  
 Are you full of the spirit of criticising and murmuring?  
 Are you covetous?  
 Are you trying to worship God and mammon at the same time?  
 Do you love money?  
 Are your affections upon earthly possessions, and are you spending your time, using your talents to add house to house, lot to lot, farm to farm? In brief: Are you daily violating the teachings of Jesus the Christ by laying up treasures for yourselves on earth?  
 Are you trusting God fully for salvation, healing, cleansing and keeping?  
 Is your life filled with worry, anxious care, fretfulness?  
 My brothers and sisters, think of these things, and see to it that your lives are fashioned in accordance with the teaching in the Sermon upon the Mount.

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The Zion Movement was called into existence by God for the fulfilment of many of His purposes and for the working out of many parts of His wonderful plan.

The Zion Movement has been opposed by the devil from its inception, and many times has satan circulated the report: "Zion is dead!"

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How often has satan believed that he had disposed of God's work and workers!

He threw the three Hebrew children into the fiery furnace. God protected them and they came out alive.

He cast Daniel into the lions' den, but God closed their mouths and Daniel escaped unhurt.

He slew all the male children in Bethlehem and the borders thereof who were under two years of age; but the infant Christ, through Divine interposition, was protected.

He nailed the Son of God upon the Cross, sealed the Tomb, and placed a guard around it; but Jesus came forth, a mighty Conqueror over the grave and death.

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Many times in Chicago was the report circulated: "Zion will soon see her finish;" but every time, when the smoke of battle had cleared away, Zion emerged stronger than ever.

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Times without number, during the last four years, has the statement been made and the report widely circulated: "Zion is dead and Zion City is destroyed!"

Look at Zion today—all honor and glory be to God!

As a Movement, she is emerging from a terrible conflict, and from many quarters can be heard the saying, "Surely God established Zion."

From the old tent, back to Shiloh Tabernacle.

From the little store, back to Zion City General Stores.

From small, poorly furnished offices, back to the Administration Building.

From Zion Home in a small dwelling house, back to Elijah Hospice.

From darkness that could be felt, into marvelous light!

From apparent defeat, to glorious victory!

From temporary despair, to wonderful hope!

Zion sees the sinful, the sick, the suffering, and the dying, and thanks be unto God! she will soon be better able to preach to them the Everlasting Gospel than at any time in the past.

God's workers pass on to their reward, but His work goes on forever.

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Seasons of fasting and prayer have been observed for the salvation of Zion City. Thousands and tens of thousands of prayers, from men, women, youths, maidens, and little children, have gone up to the Throne of God that everything which has come into Zion City to mar and to destroy might be completely uprooted and destroyed.

An unwavering faith fills the hearts of the Zion people today, in Zion City and throughout the world, that Zion City will be saved.

The salvation of Zion City means self-denial, self-sacrifice, a willingness to give up all that there may be on this earth one clean city—a place of refuge for the oppressed of God's people.

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The work of Zion embraces four great departments: the Ecclesiastical, the Educational, the Commercial, the Political. These divisions are simply for the sake of convenience, for Zion does not recognize anything secular, but to her all legitimate things are sacred, and she knows no line of division between religion and education, between religion and business, between religion and politics.

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Ecclesiastically, Zion is going forward, and it cannot be repeated too often that Zion's mission is to preach the Gospel, save the sinful, heal the sick, cleanse the unclean, and establish the Kingdom of God.

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Zion has suffered many set-backs Educationally. The Public schools have been substituted for the Parochial schools. Many prayers are being offered to God that He will hasten the day when Zion again may have her Parochial schools, where the Word of God will be made the principal text book.

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Zion Commercially, as it exists today, has all been created in the last three years. The progress has indeed been wonderful.

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Zion Politically has had to fight, in Zion City, a vicious element, bent on the destruction of everything that Zion holds dear. They have labeled themselves the "Independent Party."

Any man who talks about being "independent" is a fool. The originator of the Independent Party was the devil. He rebelled against God and set up a government of his own.

The fight in Zion City is the same old fight that began up in Heaven, which resulted in the devil, and all the angels that followed him, being cast out.

At the School Board Election held in Zion City on Saturday, April 6th, the Theocratic Party defeated these so-called "Independents" by a majority of one hundred and one.

At the City Election, held on Tuesday, April 9th, the Theocratic Party defeated the "Independents" by majorities ranging from twenty-nine to forty.

By faith in God I say that never again shall these so-called "Independents"—Zion traitors and would-be destroyers—win in any contest against the faithful Zion people. God is our Helper, and in Him do we trust!

GO FORWARD, O ZION!  
Live for God!  
Retain His love and favor, and ultimate success is assured.

Zion City must be saved!  
Zion City can be saved!  
ZION CITY WILL BE SAVED!!

Leaves of Healing and Zion Herald must now be given a larger circulation.

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On Lord's Day, in places where there are no Zion meetings, do not waste your time fooling around with apostate Churches and Sunday Schools, but get into the homes, find the sinful, the sick and the dying, and give them the full Gospel of salvation, healing and holy living.

"The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few."  
Earnestly pray to the Lord to send forth laborers to minister to the sinful, the sick and the dying.  
Orphans' homes must be established.

Homes of rescue must be established.  
Homes for old people must be established.  
Take your stand! Be firm, loyal, steadfast and true!  
The Methodist Church is not "just as good" as Zion.  
The Baptist Church is not "just as good" as Zion.  
No Church in the world is "just as good" as Zion.  
Zion is either right, or she is wrong.  
God either called the Movement into existence, or He did not

Have convictions.  
Have the courage of your convictions.  
Be courteous and kind, but never compromise.  
God saved you that you might save others.  
God healed you that you might tell others the story of Jesus the Healer.  
Every Christian is a worker.  
Idleness is a curse.  
Hard work kills no one.  
Indifference and carelessness are the sure forerunners of spiritual decay and death.  
Where there is life, there is activity.  
Where there is activity, there are results.  
Zion has the issues.  
No issue, no battle.  
No battle, no victory.  
No victory, no crown.

Stand up!—stand up for Jesus!  
The strife will not be long;  
This day, the noise of battle,  
The next the victor's song:  
To him that overcometh,  
A crown of life shall be;  
He, with the King of glory,  
Shall reign eternally!

WATCH YE, THEREFORE, AND PRAY ALWAYS.

IMPORTANT



NOTICE

# The Fourteenth Annual Convocation OF THE Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion

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Zion City, Illinois

From July 10th to 20th, 1910

Begin your preparations now to attend.

Full program will appear later in Leaves of Healing and Zion Herald.



*Wilbur Glenn Voliva*  
(Successor to John Alexander Dowie.)  
General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church  
in Zion

# ZION SEVENTIES

*Deacon J. W. Friend*  
*General Recorder*

(Contributed by Deacon Frank Robinson.)

"For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense 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;"—Hebrews 2:2, 3.

## SALVATION

What a wonderful theme! Oh, how beautiful the thought! How the word breaks through the gloom, and fills the heart with hope, and expectancy!

Like the morning sun that breaks through the mists of the mountain and fills the valley below with a flood of beautiful light and warmth, so the message of Salvation breaks through the gloom of our earthly cares and sorrows, and fills our hearts by faith and hope with the sunshine of Righteousness, Peace and Joy in the Holy Spirit which a loving Father has sent into this, a world of sin, sickness and death.

Oh, how we all need salvation, and need it all the time! How we need to be saved from our sins; from sickness; from hunger and thirst, and from evil of every kind; also from him who goes about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour, and yet sometimes changing himself into an angel of light so that, if possible, he may deceive the elect.

Oh, how may we get this Salvation of which God's Word is so full? Only through Jesus Christ, the mighty Son of God, Who said, "All power is given unto Me in Heaven and on earth,"—only through Him Who went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil, and said "Follow Me."

There is no other Name given under Heaven whereby we may be saved.

Seventies, how our hearts ought to go out in deep gratitude to our blessed Redeemer Who left His lovely home in Heaven and came to this earth with all its sins and sorrows to reveal the Father's Will. How we ought to thank our Heavenly Father for sending Jesus to pay the price of our salvation which we could not pay ourselves; for the wonders of His love in providing for our needs and pleasures; the sun to rule by day, and the moon by night; the beautiful landscape with its mountains and valleys, its streams and flowers; the birds which fly about in their gorgeous dress and sing the praises of God; for the sweet and beautiful perfumed flowers which gladden our hearts as we look into their beauty and smell their delicate fragrance. Surely our God has supplied every need of ours through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Let us, then, by His grace, go forward and tell this wonderful story to the sin-stricken, disease-smitten and sorrowing of earth, laying aside our own pleasures that we may lift others into the Life, Light and Love of God.

What a privilege to go to each home and say, "Peace be to this house?" then to be able to read the Word of God and offer prayer in some of these homes where, perhaps, the Word of Life has never been read, thereby giving God an opportunity, by His Spirit, of bringing conviction of sin, and repentance to Life through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## OREGON.

Deacon Frank Robinson and wife, officers in Charge of Zion's work in Portland, submit the following report of work done during the week ending April 10th, 1910:

Number of houses visited - - - - 179

Number of Messages given and sent	-	-	-	379
Number of tracts sold	-	-	-	3
Number of Leaves sold	-	-	-	28
Number of Heralds sold	-	-	-	28
Number of Penny Tracts sold	-	-	-	51
Number of Leaves given	-	-	-	4
Number of Heralds given	-	-	-	6
Number of Leaves and Heralds mailed	-	-	-	18
Total pieces distributed	-	-	-	517

## WISCONSIN.

Report of work of three Seventies in Kenosha saloons and business houses, Saturday evening and Lord's Day morning, April 16 and 17, 1910:

Tracts sold	-	-	-	-	2
Heralds sold	-	-	-	-	34
Leaves sold	-	-	-	-	16
English messages given	-	-	-	-	96
German messages given	-	-	-	-	51
Total number of pieces distributed	-	-	-	-	199

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## The Gospel of the Kingdom

### Why Did God Put Officers in the Church?

(By O. L. Tindall)

HERE can be no questioning the fact that God has set in the Church certain officers. He appoints them. God is high over the Church. If not, then it is in vain that we talk about any Church.

#### Christ is the Head of the Church

and must rule it—but how? His plan or method of government is plain; for it is said that He has set men over it, and has given them authority and directions just how to manage His affairs.

The Church is of Divine authorship. It is the Church of Jesus Christ. Its polity is not after the pattern of the world. It is not democratic, neither is it republican in form. It is Theocratic—Divinely appointed. Therefore, men can never elect its officers by ballot. When Paul and Barnabas were appointed to go out to preach and to act as Apostles it is said that the Holy Ghost sent them forth. The Holy Ghost chose them for the work, but the appointment came through other men; and God works through men in His spiritual Kingdom the same as He does in the natural kingdom. Men sow and plant and water the seed, but God gives the increase.

#### Self-Made Men are a Farce.

There are none. Men do not live unto themselves. No man is independent. The so-called self-made man is indebted to his parents, in the first place, probably, for a good, sound physique, and for mental caliber and sound mind and moral stamina,

without which he could have done nothing; and others have contributed to his make-up.

Humanity is as a great network, linked and interlinked together, the threads being more or less dependent upon one another.

#### Independence is a Delusion of the Devil.

Independence is the cry of the self-centered man or woman. Men are dependent the one upon the other, and all are entirely dependent upon the great God Who made them and gave them being, and ever keeps them. The withdrawal of God's protection would mean death to every man. Every one would be like a branch severed from the life-giving Vine.

The Church is the great body of redeemed humanity. God has appointed officers over the Church for a purpose—and why? It is plainly stated: to train them and discipline them, and educate them and bring them up just the same as a father and a mother are placed in the home to bring up the children of the household in the nurture and admonition of the Lord—to the full stature of manhood and womanhood.

The human race, the world over, however, is a sad spectacle of failure to be obedient and to respond to instruction. Leaders who have been sent of God who would train and teach people the Truth, have been lacking. The leaders in the world have been of the earth, earthy. They have been only such as corrupt or selfish men have chosen.

God's plan detailing just how to build up the Church of His own creation, is plainly stated in His Book.

#### God Set in the Church Certain Officers

as stated by Paul in his Epistle to the Ephesians, and in other places, "for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the Body of Christ." To what end? To bring them "into the Unity of the FAITH, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the fulness of Christ."

That is God's object, and the only way to attain unto it is to have men qualified to teach the people in the faith, and to teach the same thing; to have men who can train soldiers and disci-

pline them—officers who know the arts of their warfare, and the tactics of their high calling. Every such officer must have the same military manual or code and follow the map of the campaign, or what confusion there would be in the orders! Officers must be trained in the same school and they must give the same instruction to the soldiers or there can be no unity in their operations, but only confusion in the time of battle.

One word must go all along the line. So says the old Captain of the Lord's hosts. "Let every man speak the same thing."

The political party must have one platform and every issue must be clearly agreed upon, or there soon will be a split-up and the opposing party will win. The political leaders must be right. "Insurgents" and "kickers" must be rooted out or the party is doomed. How quickly they see it. One party cannot favor high protection and free trade at the same time and survive.

God insists on having Unity in His ranks. His people must believe the same thing. There is only ONE FAITH, ONE LORD, ONE BAPTISM. We should all teach the same things. That is why God has selected men to teach and not every man to teach himself or try to teach others. Let there not be many teachers, said the Apostle. A father and a mother must agree in their instruction and training of a family or there will be untold trouble. In order to have union and harmony, God has set one as the head of the household.

Unity must be maintained in order to accomplish anything, and the only way order and unity can be maintained is to establish authority and require all parties to submit to it.

God has set officers in the Church for this purpose: to bring all into the Unity of the Faith.

#### Pray for Self and For Others.

Let all bow their heads in silent prayer. Pray for yourselves; first of all, for spiritual blessing. Let those in need of healing cry to God. Those who have requests for others, bear them up before the Throne of God on the wings of your earnest petitions. Let everyone in this congregation shut the world out, and draw near unto God with a true heart; and may this meeting indeed be a feast to every spirit.

Let all repeat after me, "Lord, teach me to pray." (The congregation repeated same after the General Overseer.) May God grant it.

After a moment of silent prayer, the congregation sang reverently the beautiful hymn, "I Need Thee Every Hour."

Elder Carey then led the congregation in reading in concert Luke 11:1-13:

And it came to pass, that as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, one of His disciples said unto Him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

And He said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in Heaven, so on earth.

Give us day by day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins: for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

And He said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves;

For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him?

And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee.

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 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.

If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?

Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

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?

General Overseer—I desire you to read together the twenty-third hymn, and then I will give you the opportunity to request prayer.

My exhortation every Tuesday in the Divine Healing service is to get down to business. That includes the spirit of earnestness so that you will go straight to God to supply every need. Now, for a few minutes, I will give you the opportunity to state your requests for prayer.

#### Requests for Prayer.

A great number of requests for prayer were then made on behalf of husbands and wives, fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, relatives and friends, for their conversion, healing, spiritual quickening, etc.

General Overseer—My brothers and sisters, no one in this meeting can help being deeply impressed. I find it necessary, oftentimes, to pray to God to help me as I read the numerous requests that come in by letter, and telegram, and telephone, because it would break a man's heart if God did not sustain him. These requests show the conditions of humanity, and all this in the face of the fact that Jesus Christ tasted death for every man, and that He was manifested to destroy the works of the devil.

God does hear and answer prayer. This meeting reminds me very much of some of the first meetings I attended in Zion Home in Twelfth Street.

#### Enemies Within and Enemies Without.

I want to point out to you here, that a man's enemies are the enemies within himself as well as the enemies without. I wonder if all of you present here have reached that place, spiritually, where you have conquered all the enemies within.

## The Works of the Flesh VERSUS The Fruits of the Spirit

An Address Delivered at the Early Morning Meeting, Lord's Day, March 6, 1910, in Zion Home Auditorium.

By *Wilbur Glenn Voliva*

General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion

REPORTED BY B. M.

General Overseer—Let us unite in singing Hym No. 586:

#### My Jesus, I Love Thee.

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine!  
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign;  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou,  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee, because Thou hast first loved me,  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I will love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,  
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;  
And say when the death-dew lies cold on my brow,  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore Thee in Heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow,  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

General Overseer—In this meeting, this morning, I want all of the important passages of Scripture on the subject of Prayer and Faith, so let us bear this in mind from the very first song we sing. Let all sing this hymn from the heart.

After the singing of the hymn, the General Overseer continued:

The very act of standing up and requesting prayer is, to my mind, a very important matter. Asking is the starting place for an answer, and is an indication of earnestness. I remember a request sent in a week ago Tuesday from a certain person, asking prayer that God would deliver him from pride. I am interested in the spiritual progress of every one. My work, as is the work of every Christian, is to help get a people ready for the coming of the Lord. Now, have you victory over pride? Is there any pride still in your hearts? It was pride that helped to bring this work to where I found it. Now that we are getting it all back—and we will get it all back, for God will put this entire Estate back into our hands for His honor and His glory. Of course, anybody can believe that after it is done, but God require men and women who can believe things before they are done. "When ye pray, believe that ye have that for which ye ask and pray, and"—what is the promise? "Ye shall have it." Has every one victory over pride? Is there never anything in any heart of envy or jealousy?

**The Folly of Pride, Jealousy, and Uncontrolled Temper.**

One of the most foolish persons in this world is a person that is jealous of another. There is only one bigger fool, in my mind, and that is the person who thinks somebody else is jealous of him. Is there any pride in you? Is there any envy in you? Is there any jealousy about you? What about that temper of yours? Have you victory over that? If not, why not? Why don't you stand up and say, with tears running down your cheeks, "Pray for me that God will give me victory over my temper"? What about your tongue? Have you victory over that? Is there one here this morning who would stand up and say that he has tamed his tongue? The Bible says, "The tongue can no man tame."

**Criticism, Murmuring and Fault-finding to be Cast Out.**

What about the spirit of criticism of your brethren? Have you victory over that? Criticism ought not once to be named in the Church. What about the spirit of murmuring and fault-finding? I would rather have a rattlesnake in this Home than a gossipier—far rather.

**Enemies to be Overcome.**

It is my duty to remind you of these things; and it is my duty to point out to you that while, in years gone by, Zion could say, "We do not smoke nor chew tobacco; we do not use intoxicants; we have nothing to do with secret societies; we are not yoked up with the things of darkness," yet there were some things in Zion far worse.

Pride is a far more terrible thing than smoking a cigar—and it abominates tobacco with all the power of my being. Envy and jealousy are far more destructive to spirituality than chewing tobacco. A gossiping tongue is far worse than taking a glass of whiskey; and, while Zion was witnessing against these things, the devil was coming in here like a flood, and, before you were scarcely aware of it, he had stricken at the very foundation: because the Psalmist says, "When the Lord shall build up Zion." No man can build up Zion, and if the Lord is not pleased with you and with me, He will warn us—He will deal with us, and, if we do not get right, He will set us aside. God is no respecter of persons. I am not indispensable, and neither are you. God could dispense with me and with you, and raise up His sons out of the stones in the streets.

You can see a cigar, but these other things I would especially warn you against this morning: envy, jealousy, criticism, murmuring, and a hundred other things; the spirit of covetousness—why, there is fifty times as much, if I know my Bible, in it about covetousness as there is about drunkenness.

**This Life a School for Eternity.**

God will never prosper this work with a people that have the love of filthy lucre in their hearts. God, the Almighty, put us here to prepare for eternity. He did not put us here to make money,—He didn't put us here to accumulate money. If God puts into your hands, Deacon Irvine, \$50,000, build an orphan's home, an old people's home, a rescue home; help clothe and

feed the naked and the hungry. That is what God put us here for.

Self-indulgence is a crime. Self-denial and self-sacrifice are two of the sweetest things in the Christian life. My cry to God every day is for this Church, that it may grow spiritually. What do I care for Zion City, materially, unless the people are right. Ten thousand dollars, Deacon Irvine, might be your damnation.

Deacon Irvine—"I have thought, sometimes, that that is the reason why He did not trust me with it."

General Overseer—You ought to be thankful He never has.

Deacon Irvine—"I thank Him every day that He has not."

General Overseer—Let me impress upon your minds that in building up Zion this time, people are going to come into it for what they can give and not for what they can get.

If we had a hundred million dollars today, we could soon find places to do good, to put every dollar of it.

**It is the Heart that Pollutes.**

Now, you know the Pharisees were greatly shocked because the disciples ate with unwashed hands, and then it was that Jesus spoke about that which comes out of the heart of a man. What did He say? Find that passage, somebody. I want you to read what Jesus says about what comes out of a man's heart—those are the things that will destroy.

Elder Tindall read Matthew 15:18-20.

But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are the things which defile a man.

Elder Moot read Mark 7:20-23:

And He said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man.

For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:

All these things come from within, and defile the man.

General Overseer—Now, which is worse: smoking a cigar, taking a chew of tobacco, a drink of whisky, or those things? Voices—"Those things."

General Overseer—There you are. A lot of people got the notion that because they could stand up and say, "I do not smoke; I do not chew; I do not go to theaters; I do not believe in secret societies," they were, therefore, all right and ready for Heaven. A man might say all that, and yet be full of the devil. It is quite possible for a man to say all that, and yet go to hell. Is not that true? What do I care for a man that tells me he does not smoke, when he is a liar, when he is dishonest, when he is envious, jealous, covetous, and full of pride? What do I care for him? He has no Christianity; he has not the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Elder Carey, you find the enumeration of the fruits of the flesh.

**Works of the Flesh.**

Elder Carey read Galatians 5:19-21.

Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations (competitions), wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God.

General Overseer—I tell you, that is a solemn portion of Scripture.

Deaconess Boyd read 1 Peter 2:1,2.

Putting away therefore all wickedness, and all guile, and hypocries, and envies, and all evil speakings, as newborn babes, long for the spiritual milk which is without guile.

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## EDITORIAL NOTES

By Elder O. L. Tindall.

What is your life?

This is an important question, and one that should be answered properly before you begin really to live.

Why live at all?

How do you consider it? said the Psalmist, also the Apostle. "What is man that Thou are mindful of him, or the son of man that Thou visitest him?"

A man should get his viewpoint before he starts. There are many ways of looking at this question. From one standpoint we say, with the Psalmist, Man is as a vapor; he is only as the grass; today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven.

He is like the flower which flourisheth in the morning and is cut down in the evening.

What a frail creature!

The lifestring is only as a brittle thread, snapped in an instant. Yes; man is but a lump of clay. It soon molds and returns again to the dust. This is all true, but is that all?

No; he is an immortal being. Life is continuous. It does not end with this life.

This life is but a mere beginning.

Man is made in the image of God. He is divine as well as human, and vastly more so. Should he then live for his lower, or for his higher nature? Should he live then only as the animal lives to eat and drink? Is the life only for food, and the body for raiment?

Many men do not know why they live. If you ask them they would not know how to answer you. They have not stopped, either to ask or to answer the question, What am I here for?

In conversation with a man the other day this question was brought forcibly to my mind. He had amassed means and money enough for himself a livelihood during the rest of his days, as he supposed. His family also was provided for.

He was studying now as to what he should do. He did not care to accumulate more, or at least to work much more.

The question seemed to be only whether he should retire and do nothing, or go on and make more money.

He seemed to have reached the end of life, or living—enough money to keep him in food and raiment, and shelter, and nothing now especially to live for.

What a goal for a man to reach! It is but a little higher than the ox or the horse. They attain unto that from the beginning. The birds of the air toil not nor spin, and yet they get a good living and all their needs are supplied, and they are happy and entirely above suspense, worry or care.

This is not true of the man who has enough laid up in store for many years.

When a man has a competency for his natural life, he is only then ready to begin to live. He begins now on his true life work, which is to do good and benefit mankind, and to be useful in the world—to do something really for himself.

What a man does for poor suffering humanity is the only thing that will count for himself in the ages to come.

What have you done for my poor children? "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one the least of these, My disciples, ye have done it unto Me."

Have you helped any weak brother over the hard places in life?

Have you lived only for self?

If so, you have no treasures in Heaven. They are all laid up on earth, and that, too, for yourself.

As soon as death strikes you, you are bankrupt

Your millions will count for naught.

Let a man fix in the very outset of life his object for living.  
Is it for self, or is it for God and humanity?

Let a man decide first his destination then he will know  
what train to take.

Is he going to New York, or New Orleans?

He must decide. There are many trains and tracks going  
out from this great station. Where are you going?

A selfish life is a curse to the man, for he is never satisfied.  
He gets no real comfort. His happiness is always just ahead. It  
never is reached.

Have an object in life, then pursue it.  
Paul knew where he was going and he kept his eye on the  
great prize set before him.

The man who lives for pleasure never gets it. It is like the  
mirage in the desert; it is a delusion. He thinks he sees it just  
before him, but it is like the end of the beautiful rainbow; it  
goes on before him and allures him on in his vain chase. It is  
like a man's shadow, he cannot catch up with it.

Everything must bend to this one thing.  
What a beautiful and symmetrical life it makes. But oh,  
my brother, or sister, how important that your goal is the high  
and lofty one that God has set before you, your high calling of  
God in Christ Jesus.

The richest men in the world are just as far from their ambi-  
tion as is the young aspirant with his first thousand, or five  
hundred dollars. It is a delusion and a snare, a "Vanity of  
vanities, and vexation of spirit."

Will men never learn to be wise? Why will they not seek  
God's beautiful plans and work with them? There is only ONE  
WAY.

Zion has set it before all the world. It is the one Jesus  
gave us:  
"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His Righteous-  
ness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

What shall I live for?  
There is only one answer: To glorify God in my spirit, and  
my body, which is God's.

May Zion ever live it and demonstrate it to a dying, unbe-  
lieving world.

IMPORTANT



NOTICE

# The Fourteenth Annual Convocation

OF THE

## Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion

will be held, God willing, in

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From July 10th to 20th, 1910

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Full program will appear later in *Leaves of Healing*  
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*General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church*  
in Zion

# The Works of the Flesh vs. The Fruits of the Spirit.

(Continued from page 131)

## Fruits of the Spirit.

General Overseer—Now, let us have the fruit of the Spirit. What is the use for a man to call himself a Christian unless he bears the fruit of the Spirit.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,  
Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

## Man's Three-fold Relations.

The first three relate to one's self: love, joy, peace.

The second three relate to our fellowmen,—our attitude towards our fellowmen: longsuffering, gentleness, goodness.

The last three relate to God: faith, meekness, temperance.

You see we have our relations to ourselves, our relations to our fellowmen, and our relations to our God.

Elder Carey—It says:

And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

General Overseer—I tell you, it means something to be a Christian, doesn't it. "They that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts thereof."

## Man Needs to Know and to Heed the Word.

I believe, my brothers and sisters, it is true of all who profess to be Christians, that this is just the exhortation they need, and this is just the line along which you and I need to be very careful. Another thing, remember that the Apostle Paul makes the statement that he beats the body and keeps it under, lest when he has preached to others, he himself should be a castaway.

## Resist the Devil's Advances.

Is not there a passage somewhere in the Bible that says: "Neither give place to the devil." Find it, some of you Elders. There is too much giving way to the devil to suit me. Some people may think that I am expecting an impossibility, but I am not. I am working for a Church that will be a living embodiment of these eternal principles of right:—not only here and there a man or a woman, but a Church.

What was it that caused the fall of him who is now satan? Voice—"Pride."

General Overseer—Where is your proof for that.

Voice—"Paul's instructions to Timothy."

"Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

Elder Carey—Ephesians 4:27: "Neither give place to the devil."

Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

Be not ye therefore partakers with them.

For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light.—Ephesians 5:6-8.

## The Devil Has No Claim upon Christ.

General Overseer—Jesus Christ has said, "The prince of this world cometh and hath"—what?

Voices—"Nothing in Me."

General Overseer—Has not the devil a right to his own? Has not he a right to foreclose his mortgage? (Can you object to the devil taking his own property? If a man will serve the devil by drinking, and smoking, and chewing tobacco, and living an immoral life, and serving the devil day and night, what else can he expect—unless that man will repent and turn to God—than that the devil will come along and pay him off: and he will pay him off in sickness and in death.

## God's Word and Promises are Sure.

I tell you, my brothers and sisters, I believe the Word of

God with all my heart, and I have never found it false. When the Lord says, "The angel of the Lord encampeth around about them that fear him," and again, "He keepeth all his bones, not one of them is broken," and a hundred and a thousand other beautiful promises, I say, I have never proven them false yet.

Elder Tindall read 1 Peter 5:5-10.

God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

Casting all your care upon him: for he careth for you.

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

But the God of all grace Who hath called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

Elder Moot read Romans 12:19:

Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

General Overseer—Paul says, "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." It is possible for a man to have been a mighty man of God for forty years, and to have led fifty thousand people out of sins of all kinds and have started them on the road to Heaven, and then to go to the devil himself. That is just what Paul meant by that.

2 Corinthians 2:9, 10, and 11, was then read:

For to this end, also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things.

To whom ye forgive anything, I forgive also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ;

Lest satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

Deacon Irvine read Ephesians 4:30-32:

And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Let all bitterness and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

## The High Standard Imperfectly Imitated.

General Overseer—How far short the Church falls of living it! I tell you, my brothers and sisters, I know that many of our people fall short. We have members that have sinned, and they have grievously sinned. They have not smoked cigars, nor chewed tobacco, nor been drunk, but they have lost their temper.

There is too much friction for us to be God's children,—too much friction. There is too much of this "flying off the handle" over every little thing that comes along. There is too much of the love of money left,—too many that are willing to turn their hand over if there are so many dollars and cents coming their way. I tell you, those things are a great grief to God. They must be.

## Instructions to Govern Conduct toward Others.

Elder Moot read Colossians 3:12-17.

Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

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.

And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.

General Overseer—Well now, our Scripture lesson is taking

a little different turn from what we started out, and we are seeing how rich the Word of God is. I tell you, do not we all fall far short of living it? Yes; we do. There is room for vast improvement.

**Wisdom Comes from God.**

Elder Tindall—Here is a passage relating to the subject of prayer and faith:

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.—James 1:5-8.

**Christians to Have No Concourse with Dis u'ers.**

1 Timothy 6:3-5, was also read.

If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;

He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,

Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.

**The Spirit Contends Against the Flesh.**

General Overseer—That is a very good one. It is remarkable the number of striking passages there are on the works of the flesh.

You see, there is the spirit, and here is the flesh: and in a great many, the flesh is uppermost. You have said things in a fit of temper, and you knew when you said them that you were sinning against God, and you have regretted it five minutes afterwards.

I tell you, it is a shame, a burning shame, the way some people talk. I tell you, it means something to save a soul from death, but a very little thing can drive a soul to hell; and this giving way to a fit of temper is a shame and a disgrace. We live for each other, brethren. Let us pin a flower on the breast of every person, instead of sticking a sword through it. I tell you, we have some people that ought to stand up and ask God to take a half inch off their abominable tongues.

Now, the General Overseer knows nobody. I am partial to none. When it comes to discipline, I know no living soul, and I treat all absolutely alike; but, I tell you, my brothers and sisters, these beautiful Scripture lessons, condemning the works of the flesh, ought to burn into every spirit here.

It is the spirit of the devil that gets into a lot of people; and then the day comes that he forecloses his mortgage, and you wonder where he got in. He gets in somewhere. When the devil gets hold of a person, he can say a lot of mean things—a lot of nasty things; but, I tell you, when the time comes that you see your wife or little child in the clutches of the devil with a horrible, racking fever, you will use your tongue in a different way, but you may find it too late. Now is the time to control your temper, and now is the time not to offend or give place to the devil.

If we had a man in this Church that went off and got drunk, as soon as I could get hold of him I would take him in my arms and I would make him feel that he had a friend. That is Christianity.

**Every Person in His own Proper Place.**

I desire to say right here, my brothers and sisters: when something transpires that demands attention, who are you to set yourself up as a judge? You are not capable of trying these cases,—don't you know that? Then why do you want to create division and to disrupt the Church? Why do that? Because a few people have made a little mistake, why, bless your life, they

are not the only people that have made an error. Hundreds and thousands have made their mistakes. Find me a man or a woman who has never offended in word or deed,—who has never made a blunder. There is where trouble comes in: some people do not attend to their own business.

I wish to say another thing: People have no right to put persons occupying official positions in unpleasant situations. Let each one attend to his own business. A person that listens to gossip is as bad as the one that gossips, and people are not going to gossip very long unless there is somebody to listen to it.

**Room for All Believers in Christ's Church.**

I want to see everybody remain in the Church, from the least to the greatest, from the youngest to the oldest; the poor as well as the rich, the educated as well as the uneducated. Let us not permit the devil to pluck one out of our hands, Zion. You ought to be in earnest in keeping everybody and in not losing anybody.

Now, every man to his work, and every woman to her work: and everybody attend to his own business; and everybody at work to save Zion City and to establish the Kingdom of God. That is the proper thing. You say, my brother, "God helping me, the devil shall not get in a lick at Zion through me." That is the thing to say; and, "I will do everything I can."

(To be continued.)

*Items of Interest*

Concerning



**Shiloh  
Tabernacle**

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1. *There is just one more payment to be met.*
2. *The amount needed is \$2,633.00.*
3. *This amount should all be in by June 15; or, from this date, within the next FIFTY DAYS.*
4. *Every Zion officer, member and friend throughout the world should have a part in this work.*

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*With Christian love, and praying God's blessing upon you, I am,*

*Faithfully yours in Jesus' Name,*

**WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA,**  
(Successor to John Alex. Dowle)  
*General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion.*

# ZION SEVENTIES

*Deacon J. W. Friend*  
*General Recorder*

"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."—Mark 16:15.

## PREACHING THE GOSPEL

After the Resurrection, and before the Ascension, Jesus gave His Disciples a Divine Commission to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations.

He did not give this command to those who were living in sin, but to those who had listened to His teaching and who had renounced the world and had become His obedient followers.

If you want to get sinners saved, you must get out and hustle. In the commercial life, firms who want orders send out ambassadors, or salesmen, who will WORK. If they do not hustle they do not get orders.

In the establishment of God's Kingdom, Jesus the Christ sends out ambassadors—men and women representing His Kingdom. He wants men who are not afraid to hustle—men who will DO THINGS.

Personal labor must be a leading feature in the Seventy work. Launch out into the deep; be fishers of men; back up your profession by your life.

If you want your prayers answered, get out and hustle; do something for God; bring precious souls to Jesus the Christ; point them to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world.

Are you a successful worker in God's Kingdom? How many sinners have you brought to Jesus? What are you doing to help others?

Take upon yourself the responsibility of DOING SOMETHING for your fellow men.

Send out the LEAVES OF HEALING, THE ZION HERALD and TRACTS; scatter the Literature throughout the world; do personal work in your community.

The Seventy who gets out and hustles for Christ is the one who will return with joy. He will bring to himself and others the sweetness of the Christian life.

Go after the sinner as a successful salesman goes after orders. Be in constant communication with Jesus the Christ; let the joy of the Lord be your strength.

Study God's precious Word; meditate upon it; seek to know more of the blessed truths which are contained therein; let it be a lamp to guide you, and when in need of counsel, go to your closet and commune with your Heavenly Father in secret. He will reward you openly and give you grace for His service.

Go forward in the Name of Jesus; God wants you to act promptly. Delays are dangerous. Do not neglect a single opportunity for doing good.

The greatest thing of your life will be the leading of some sinner to Christ.

Be earnest, enthusiastic and consecrated to your work; be filled with the Holy Spirit; trust God; He will never fail you; do all you can for the extension of His Kingdom, and pray for the success of Zion Seventies throughout the world.

### CHICAGO.

The following is the report of Seventy work done in Chicago for two weeks, ending April 17, 1910:

Number of calls made	- - - -	328
Number of messages given	- - - -	755
Number of Leaves given	- - - -	42
Number of Leaves sold	- - - -	25
Number of Heralds given	- - - -	41
Number of Heralds sold	- - - -	13
Number of Cards given	- - - -	200
Total pieces distributed	- - - -	1076

### WISCONSIN.

Despite the bad weather, three faithful Zion Seventies worked in the saloons and stores of Kenosha, Saturday evening last, and their sales, together with the sales by E. J. C. Jensen at the morning service, Lord's Day, April 24, 1910, were as follows:

Number of Heralds sold	- - - -	32
Number of Leaves of Healing sold	- - - -	17
Number of English messages given	- - - -	122
Number of German messages given	- - - -	1
Total pieces distributed	- - - -	172

## Does Jesus See in you Faith or Doubt?

"And Jesus, seeing their faith . . ."

I wonder what Jesus sees as He looks down upon us this afternoon in this congregation. Does He see fear and doubt and distress?—or, as He looks at us, does He see faith?

"Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."

Oh, the precious Bible! How precious is God's Word, and how we ought to read and study it! Then we would have faith in God.

## Special Notice

To all Members and Friends  
in and around  
**Chicago**



## Wilbur Glenn Voliva

General Overseer of the Christian Catholic  
Apostolic Church in Zion

God willing, will preach in

**Central Zion  
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16th Street and  
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**Lord's Day, May 8,  
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**A Special meeting for  
Teaching and  
Prayer for  
the Sick**

This meeting will  
begin promptly  
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To these Meetings All are Welcome  
All Seats Free Freewill Offerings Only Received

**CHRIST IS ALL, AND IN ALL**

He sendeth His word

and healeth them.



# 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 Ordinances of the Church

Their Use and Abuse.

[By O. L. Tindall.]

WE have spoken heretofore of the Church and its object and nature, that God founded the Church for His glory and for man's spiritual good.

We have also spoken of the officers in the Church, and why God put them there; that they were ordained and appointed by God to look after the flock the same as a shepherd is put in charge of a flock of sheep to guard and to feed and fold and care for them.

Officers are put in the Church, or rather over the Church, for the same reason that officers are set in command of an army to drill and train and educate it in the arts of war.

So the Army of God, soldiers of Jesus Christ, requires officers, generals, captains, etc., to train and fit it for service to save men. Let no man despise these officers, for they are ordained of God and put in command in the Church for His glory and man's good.

**Ordinances are from God.**

Ordinances have their place in God's economy. They are for a purpose and must be carefully observed by God's children—used and not abused. I am aware that they are not so numerous under the New Dispensation or Covenant, as under the Old, but that is no reason why they should be neglected and despised. Because Jesus said to the woman of Samaria that the time had come when it was no longer necessary for men to go up to Jerusalem to worship, but that men could worship God

anywhere in spirit and in truth, He did not mean to do away with worship in the House of God and that men could neglect to assemble themselves together for worship.

Because men have abused the ordinances and sacraments and sacrifices, rites and ceremonies, is no reason why men should abandon them altogether. The Jews, no doubt, made the observance of ordinances their whole religion and righteousness, and supposed, because they fasted twice a week and gave tithes of all they possessed that they were therefore righteous and holy before God.

Circumcision was a sure seal to them of Eternal Life, and to their mind there was no hope for the uncircumcised. They washed their hands in a basin of water before they ate and supposed that they thereby washed away all filthiness of spirit and body. They sacrificed their innocent lambs and supposed that they were making all the sacrifice that was necessary on their part, and that the blood of bulls and rams was sufficient to wash away their sins and to make them perfect as pertained to the conscience.

Their righteousness was of this outward kind, as Paul argues; and Jesus said that our righteousness must exceed the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees or we could in no wise enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

The ordinances today are few and simple. Some men abuse them.

**Rome Abused the Ordinance of the Lord's Supper;**

So did Luther, the great Reformer. He insisted on the literal translation of the passage, "This is My Body." Rome says still that the bread and wine are changed into the real body, flesh and bones and blood of Jesus Christ, and that the participant does really and literally eat and drink the body and blood of Christ. This is a gross error. Rome is full of these abuses of the ordinances. She has seven so-called Sacraments. Her religion is of much the same character as was the old Pharisees' religion, made up only of rites and ceremonies and outward form, while they neglect the weightier matters of the law, as justice, and mercy, and truth. Their lives, for the most part, are corrupt.

**The Episcopal Church teaches Regeneration by Water Baptism.**

Ordinances are not salvation. They do not, by any means, make up pure and undefiled religion before God; and yet they have been given us for a wise purpose and have their place in the religion of Jesus the Christ, and they should be carefully observed by God's children. The abuse of them, as Paul says in his Epistle to the Corinthians, is the cause of many being weak and sickly among Christians, and why many sleep.

These simple ordinances which Jesus left us should be much better observed than they are at present in the Churches. Great good should result from their observance in the proper manner.

In future articles I desire to speak of the only two, as we believe, that are given us in the New Testament, viz: The Lord's Supper, and Baptism by Triune Immersion.

What do they mean and teach?

## The Works of the Flesh

VERSUS

## The Fruits of the Spirit

An Address Delivered at the Early Morning Meeting, Lord's Day, March 6, 1910, in Zion Home Auditorium.

*By Wilbur Glenn Voliva*

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REPORTED BY B. M.

(Continued from last issue.)

You know, we are all human beings. Some people can be very sweet until certain things cross them, and then they will turn around and abuse you with everything they can lay their tongue to, and then they will turn around and have a good bawl ten minutes after they do it. They are good people; they love Zion, and would give every cent they have to save Zion City. They will say the meanest things—possibly it is a husband to a wife—while the spell is on them, and there is no person or thing sacred to them,—why? Because satan has taken control and not the Holy Ghost. There is the difference. Then they recover and are very nice people.

**Make Your Home a Heaven.**

You have your own little corner, and you attend to it. We would get along beautifully and accomplish much more if everybody would attend to his own little garden corners. I'll tell you one thing, my brothers and sisters, if any of you ever come into my home to make a call, and you begin peddling around gossip, I will order you out at the door. When I go to my home, I go to Heaven, and I sit down for a pleasant time and talk things that will lift us up towards God: and I want my child brought up in that atmosphere.

**God's Rich Blessings Upon Zion.**

Let us dwell in the secret place of the Most High. Zion is a great institution, my brothers and sisters. The growth of Zion has not dawned upon you. The fact of the matter is, God has given us so much that it nearly makes a man's head swim to undertake to go around and look at it. It is a big contract,—no question about that: and it is just what we should expect of our Heavenly Father—to pour out blessings that there would not be room enough to receive them. He is so good, and a good deal better to us than you think.

**Reconsecrate Everything to God.**

Just turn over a new leaf this morning. I do that very often. Reconsecrate yourselves to God. Every time I do that I read the thirtieth chapter of Deuteronomy. I did that first when only a little boy, kneeling at the roots of an old oak tree. There was the first time I ever read the thirtieth chapter of Deuteronomy. If I find that I have varied the least little bit from the right, I am going to reconsecrate myself to God. If I find I have given way to the devil in one particular, I am going to get back to God right away; and that is the only way to do.

There is no other way. Husband, if you have, in an unguarded moment, said an unkind word to your wife, never let the curtains of night fall until you humble yourself and ask her forgiveness, and seal the forgiveness with a kiss: and then you will start out the next day all right. Have your homes that way, and have your conversation in Heavenly places.

My brothers and sisters, let us get rid of all the spirit of envy and jealousy. There is a place for everybody. I hope and pray that God will give us the wisdom to use all the material He sends to us. We will all find our places sooner or later. Let us not criticise each other.

Let us have the Spirit of the Christ,—that is what I desire—"In honor preferring one another." Ah, we are only human, and if we do not keep close to God, and ask God to keep us in the hollow of His hand, we cannot stand.

Now, I am not finding fault with anybody. The Lord God of Heaven, when He comes to judge you is not simply going to look at your weaknesses and shortcomings. That is the way men judge, but God does not judge that way. "He knoweth our frame, He remembereth that we are dust,"—that is the way God will judge us.

My brothers and sisters, if, in your position, you do wrong towards any brother or sister, God will deal with you. If you lord it over God's heritage, if you are unjust, if you are cross, if you injure some one spiritually, God will hold you accountable for that. Let us do right and let us be patient.

I desire to tell you that very great care is exercised to have everything right, but men and women are only human. If a brother makes a mistake I treat him as a brother, and remember that he, like myself, is only human.

I am in favor of everything that is right for everybody in Zion. I would not, so far as the young people are concerned, rob them of one legitimate joy. If some people had their way, they would deprive every child of a smile. This should be a glad world, and a happy world, and a world full of joy. We should be gleeful and happy.

**The Killing Consequences of Anger.**

You take a man that has a family quarrel and loses his temper: the effect of it upon him physically will be such that he will not recover from it very soon. The moment a man loses his temper, the pulse shoots up and the heart beats faster, and it will take days for his body to resume its normal condition. Why, you know, if some people get mad they will throw a knife at you, or a cup of boiling water, or anything else. That is worse than a good many other things, Zion.

**Be Examples for Others.**

Now, we ought to set the example. We ought to show the world that we are not a lot of fools and fanatics, but that we are God's children—that we are men and women of sound sense and business, and that we are living our religion.

When strangers come here, we must show them every courtesy. Some people do not know how to be pleasant. We must have men and women in all these institutions that are the very embodiment of kindness and of wisdom and of courtesy. Suppose some one does cross you a little bit, there is no use for you to growl back at him. Strangers would say, "I do not profess to be anything, but I have more sense than to act like that." Every man and every woman in every position, from the kitchen on up to the chambermaid, the manager, general manager, and everybody else, ought to say, "This is the King's business.

I will develop, and I will improve my time, and I will increase my strength and power, and I will put it all on the altar for God,"—and God then will withhold no good thing from you, if you will only do right. I tell you, kindness and courtesy go a long way. A discourteous clerk in Zion Stores or elsewhere might cost us thousands of dollars. It does not cost anything to be courteous. Give up this cross cut saw spirit that some of you have, and cultivate a little gentleness. Respect everybody. Get the Spirit of God into you.

Now, if you people here,—and you must be the cream of the Church or you would not be here,—if all you people will just say "Amen" to what I have said, and spread this spirit, it will spread throughout the whole city.

#### Why Cottage Prayer Meetings are Held.

These cottage meetings that we are holding are held for prayer, and the reading of the Word of God. They are not held for criticising. They are held to help the weak, to lift up the fallen. When a man is spiritually sick, pray for him, and help him,—do not kick him. Whenever you are tempted, pray.

#### The True Church to be without Spot or Wrinkle.

I am trying to rub the wrinkles off this morning. You see, the Church has to be a glorious Church, without spot or wrinkle. I would not be surprised if I would die as a scrubber. I would not be surprised if my work as a scrubber killed me. I tell you, there is a lot of scrubbing to be done. These spots are hard to get off. I have not been able to discover any soap and water that will take them off,—the blood of Christ alone can do it. Then, when you get the washing done, you have to do the ironing. It is hard work. Perhaps no work about the house is any harder than washing and ironing.

I am willing, so far as I know my heart, that God shall let the fire burn. I have no boast to make except in the Name of the Lord,—none whatever. I know that should God withdraw His hand, I would not last twenty-four hours. You are only what you are by the grace of God; and I tell you, humanity, when away from God, not only descends to the level of the brute creation, but lower than the brute. It is an awful thing to say, but you know that there are those today who are lower than the brutes that roam the field. That comes from the fact that man is the crowning work of God's hands. A good woman is the best being on earth; but the woman who wants to be wicked can be lower than any man. That is because woman is the highest of God's creatures and has further to fall. In driving piles, as many of you have seen, the higher up the trip-hammer, the harder the blow and the further down sinks the pile. That is a good illustration. A man can never lead anybody nearer to God than he is himself, and the higher you live, the more powerful will be your work.

Let the glory of God shine in your face, and let us not be afraid to do anything in the Master's service.

#### All Should be Workers.

Everybody be willing to work,—that is what we need. It is disgraceful the way some people throw up their jobs. They take a job and work at it a few hours, and, "It is too hard; I cannot stand it." Oh, it is the spirit of the age,—weaklings! You know, it is developing weaklings. I tell you, I would fall down on the floor right at my job rather than to give up, and if I did fall, I would get up and go at it again. Let every man and woman get down to his or her business and stick to their jobs, and make something out of themselves. What is the use to fall down?

#### God within, the Source of Growth.

Get God in the center of your being, and you will be surprised how you will develop and round out. Health comes from the inside. Your looks come from the inside. You can be a little old screwed-up, wrinkled, squinty-eyed, pucker-mouthed, ugly thing, if you make yourself that. A happy, peaceful, cheerful heart will soon paint itself on your countenance. Just as you live you will look, exactly. Oh, it is wonderful! Wonderful!

#### The Beauties of Home. Obedient Children Crowns of Joy.

Ah, I tell you, Deacon Brister, I envy you with those chil-

dren; and I envy you, Deacon Peterson. I think the more children there are in a home the nearer Heaven it can be. I remember a certain family by whom I was entertained in Atwood, Illinois. There were twelve sons and daughters, and at the time they were all at home; and I thought it was one of the prettiest sights I had ever witnessed. They were all lovely Christians with the exception of one boy. Eleven of them were earnest, sterling, Christian characters. The father was at the head of the table and the mother at the foot, and the children on either side. What a beautiful sight! What a lovely sight!

#### Teach the Children to Attend Church Meetings.

Why not have all the little children attend Church? What a lovely thing to have the little children come on Lord's day and say to papa and mamma, "Are you going to Church this afternoon?" If you leave them at home they will run wild, and then when they get to be fifteen or sixteen years of age, they will not desire to go to Church; they would rather go to the lake. Why? Because you never put into their little hearts that burning desire to go to the House of God. I tell you, the time to do that is while they are little. Do not wait till they are twelve or fifteen, for, if you do, you will never do it. Suppose they do make it a little unpleasant for a while,—let them come: they ought to come. God's House is as much for children as for grown people.

Now, I am going to keep at this, because, I'll tell you, it will never do for fathers to lie around all of Lord's day and not go to the House of God. Some of them sleep all day, and while they are sleeping those little boys and girls are out in the back yard, and the Lord only knows what they are doing. The next Lord's day the mother stays at home all day long; and there are mothers at home twenty-six Lord's Days out of the year and fathers at home twenty-six Lord's days out of the year, and many of them never get to the Lord's Day morning and Wednesday evening meetings at all. How can they be expected to grow spiritually and to become powers for God? I tell you, I would rather give up Lord's day morning meeting, and the junior meeting, and the Lord's day evening meeting, if everybody would come Lord's day afternoon.

The Lord forbid that there should be any break in our ranks. We do not want any lost, either among the children or the older people. The united family should be in attendance at services in the Lord's House. It does my heart good to see some young men and women here this morning. Why not? They need this meeting just as much as anybody else, don't they?

#### Treatment in the Home.

Then, look how some men treat their wives. O my, if another lady calls, it is bow and scrape, "Yes ma'am," "No ma'am;" and then, when talking to their wives, it is, "What is it?" Is not your wife as good as any other woman? Is not your husband as good as any other man?

Here is a wife that will go around looking like an old harem-scarum; but just let a knock come at the door, and she will fly up that stairway at a terrific speed and fix herself all up, and get the powder and make a few puffs (laughter), and go down and she is, oh, so nice! Don't you think your husband likes to see you look nice as well as anybody else? Zion, you ought to live for each other.

#### Praying for Divine Power.

I am praying to God that on Tuesday afternoon the services will increase, and that wave after wave of divine power will sweep across the people. I have waited patiently. Dr. Dowie wrote that for more than a year he stood there in Chicago, and nobody would come. Friends begged him to leave; but he stayed. It was a long, dark, weary night. Sometimes it seemed almost impossible to bear it any longer; but he waited and he waited until, at last, the light broke in, and that Little Wooden Hut was filled to the doors and crowds stood outside eager for entrance; and then it was that God healed the afflicted by the score, and Zion was born; and so the time is coming—I cannot say whether in a month, or three months, or a year—when again God will see the time is ripe, and waves of power will

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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.,  
May 7, 1910

### OVERCOMING!

#### THE ENEMIES WITHOUT:

The World;  
The Flesh;  
The Devil.

#### THE ENEMIES WITHIN:

Appetite;  
Covetousness;  
Pride;  
Temper.

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE is the life that overcomes all things that are not of God.

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE is a battle—fierce and terrible, against the arch-enemy of God and man.

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE is a voyage—across a tempestuous sea.

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE is a Journey—along a stormy pathway.

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE is simply a repetition, to a greater or lesser extent, of the life of Jesus the Christ Whose destruction was persistently sought by the devil from the moment the Wise Men from the East asked, "Where is He that is born King of the Jews?" until it was actually accomplished in His crucifixion through the hypocritical religious leaders of His day.

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE is not a life of ease and never, in a single instance during His ministry, did Christ conceal from those to whom He preached that to be His disciple meant the sternest self-denial, the greatest self-sacrifice, the inveterate hatred of the world, persecution, and death.

To be a CHRISTIAN means something.

To be a member of the average Church at the present time means nothing.

John the Baptist demanded repentance, and did not hesitate to brand the Pharisees and Sadducees as a "generation of vipers."

Jesus the Christ demanded repentance.

Peter, on the Day of Pentecost, demanded repentance.

The Apostle Paul preached repentance towards God.

Present-day preaching, for the most part,—with soft soap, downy pillows and velvet slippers, walking around the Ten Commandments, minimizing the awfulness of sin, apologizing for card-playing, dancing, theater-going,—calls upon sinners to "BELIEVE!" "ONLY BELIEVE!" "Signify your intention of becoming a Christian by holding up the right hand, or by standing, or by signing a card."

To Simon and Andrew, Jesus simply said: "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." It is written: "And they straightway left their nets, and followed Him." He called James and John: "And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed Him."

Now when Jesus saw great multitudes about Him, He gave commandment to depart unto the other side.

And a certain scribe came, and said unto Him, Master, I will follow Thee whithersoever Thou goest.

And Jesus saith unto him, 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 another of His disciples said unto Him, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.

But Jesus said unto him, Follow Me; and let the dead bury their dead.

To the Apostles, Jesus said:

Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues;

And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for My sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles.

But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak; for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak.

For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.

And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death.

And ye shall be hated of all men for My name's sake; but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of Man be come.

The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord.

It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household?

Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known.

What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the house tops.

And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father.

But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

Fear ye not therefore; ye are of more value than many sparrows.

Whosoever therefore shall confess Me before men, him will I confess also before My Father which is in Heaven.

But whosoever shall deny Me before men, him will I also deny before My Father which is in Heaven.

Think not that I am come to send peace on earth; I came not to send peace, but a sword.

For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.

And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.

He that loveth father or mother more than Me, is not worthy of Me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than Me, is not worthy of Me.

And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after Me, is not worthy of Me.

He that findeth his life, shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for My sake shall find it."—Matt. 10:16-39.

The Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy: "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."

In the light of the above Scriptures, it means something to be a follower of Jesus the Christ.

Sin is sin, and no amount of gloss over it by mealy-mouthed professing ministers will ever make it anything else.

There is just one way to Heaven, and there is certainly a heavy judgment awaiting those who, by soft talk, deceive people into believing that they are Christians, when, in fact, they have not, in the least degree, complied with the very first conditions of the Gospel.

Sinners must be pricked to the heart by the arrows of Divine truth.

There is no forgiveness of sin without genuine repentance.

God, Himself, cannot and will not forgive an impenitent person.

It is a fact, apparent to all observers, that the vast majority of professing Christians really have never been converted, and to call them Christians at all is a farce. They are, as is abundantly proven every day, worshipers of mammon instead of worshipers of God.

"I do not like a fight."

"I do not believe in fighting."

These are expressions heard almost every day from those who have the audacity to call themselves followers of Jesus the Christ.

The Word of God teaches that a Christian is a soldier.

Paul said to Timothy: "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."

"Fight the good fight of faith."

"I have fought a good fight."

To the Ephesians, he wrote:

Finally, my brethren, be 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.

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.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand.

Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the Breastplate of Righteousness:

And your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace;

Above all, taking the Shield of Faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

And take the Helmet of Salvation, and the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God:

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the Gospel,

For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.—Ephesians 6:10-20.

How does it impress you when you listen to a poor, miserable parson with a little weak voice, read the hymn, "Onward, Christian Soldiers," to a lot of card-players, theater-goers and dancers who, while professing to be Christians, seldom, if ever, go to the mid-week prayer meeting, do not study the Bible, never testify, and never pray?

Surely we are living in the Laodicean period!

Surely God has spewed the apostate Churches out of His mouth!

Babylon—so-called Christendom—has fallen, and is now the habitation of devils and the hold of every foul spirit, and the cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

God is forever done with Churches that are on good terms with the world, the flesh and the devil, and to all of His people in them He says:

"COME OUT OF HER, MY PEOPLE, THAT YE BE NOT PARTAKERS OF HER SINS, AND THAT YE RECEIVE NOT OF HER PLAGUES."

The ZION MOVEMENT is the place of refuge for all of God's people.

We must overcome the flesh, or the flesh will overcome us.

Do not be deceived by such silly talk as:  
 "The evangelization of the world in this generation!"  
 "The world is growing better!"  
 "A world-wide revival is at hand!"

We must overcome the devil or the devil will overcome us.

The Bible plainly teaches that in the last days—and these are the last days—the world shall be as it was in the time of Noah and in the time of Lot: that there shall be almost universal unbelief, as indicated by the question: "When the Son of man cometh shall He find faith on the earth?"

Swearing, smoking and chewing tobacco, and drunkenness, are indescribably terrible, but what about pride, covetousness, a gossiping tongue, an uncontrollable temper?

Christ is coming!  
 The Bride must be gotten ready!  
 A Church without spot or wrinkle must be prepared!  
 "When the Lord shall build up Zion, then will He appear in His glory."  
 "Zion" in the Bible means the Kingdom of God.

"For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.  
 "Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?"

From our childhood days we have prayed: "Thy Kingdom come."

What have we done and what are we doing to establish the Kingdom of God?

We must overcome the world, or the world will overcome us.

How are we to gain the victory?

"Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He that is within you than he that is in the world."

WATCH YE, THDREFORE, AND PRAY ALWAYS!

IMPORTANT



NOTICE

# The Fourteenth Annual Convocation OF THE Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion

will be held, God willing, in

Shiloh Tabernacle

Zion City, Illinois

From July 10th to 20th, 1910

Begin your preparations now to attend.

Full program will appear later in Leaves of Healing  
 and Zion Herald.



*Wilbur Glenn Voliva*

(Successor to John Alexander Dowie.)

General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church

in Zion

# The Works of the Flesh vs. The Fruits of the Spirit,

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sweep across the people, and Zion will shake the world again, and far more than ever before; and then, when God favors us again, let us do right and keep His favor.

**Keep the Favor of God.**

The fear of God is in this place,—you will hear it on every street corner. Zion's opposers know there is something up; they feel it in their hearts. They have the spirit of a slavish fear that something is going to transpire, don't you know that? Some of them will repent and get back into line, but some of them will not repent. Some of them will never quit in this fight until God hurls His thunderbolts of judgment, and that will be the end of them.

God will have His way; and, I tell you, Zion, prayer will conquer; and I say to you, every time you go to God in prayer, ask yourself the question, "How about my life?" You see, there is not much use to go to God in prayer, when you take your sins there and haven't repented of them: they will be a barrier between you and your God. Remember how kind and how merciful God has been.

**Have a Definite Purpose, and Push toward it in God's Fear.**

Ah, you see that very sick one there, almost dead? "Yes, five years ago, ten years ago I was dying, and God raised me up, but I got away. I am so sick." Oh what did Jesus say, in the fifth chapter of John, to the man at the Pool of Bethesda? "Sin no more lest a worse thing come upon thee." I say to myself, "After what God has done for me, and the healing that I have had, if I were to go and sin, I would expect God (in a sense which I think you can understand) to refuse to answer: for I would be sinning against great light."

My brothers and sisters, let us stick to it, and never give up, and God will give us everything. I believe that with all my heart: how, I do not know, and when, I do not know: but that is what I believe. Look at what God has done. The salvation of Zion City is, to my mind, the greatest thing that could be accomplished. What do I care, if I can only look back upon a multitude of saved, healed, cleansed and blessed. That is worth more than all the farms in the United States; worth more than all the properties. Let us see that we have in us the mettle of the martyrs. Nothing can stand before us if we are true.

## Not Try, but Trust

Not saved are we by trying,  
From self can come no aid;  
'Tis on the Lord relying,  
Once for our ransom paid;  
'Tis looking unto Jesus,  
The Holy One and Just;  
'Tis His great work that saves us,  
It is not try, but trust.

'Twas vain for Israel bitten  
By serpents on their way,  
To look to their own doing,  
That awful plague to stay;  
The only way for healing,  
When humbled in the dust;  
Was of the Lord's revealing,  
It was not try, but trust.

No deeds of ours are needed  
To make Christ's merits more;  
No frames of mind, or feelings,  
Can add to His great store;  
'Tis simple to receive Him,  
The Holy One and Just;  
'Tis only to believe Him,  
It is not try, but trust.

## Items of Interest

Concerning



# Shiloh Tabernacle

1. *There is just one more payment to be met.*
2. *The amount needed is \$2,633.00.*
3. *This amount should all be in by June 15; or, from this date, within the next FORTY DAYS.*
4. *Every Zion officer, member and friend throughout the world should have a part in this work.*

*With Christian love, and praying God's blessing upon you, 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.*

## ZION SEVENTIES

*Deacon J. W. Friend*

*General Recorder*

[By Evangelist A. DARMS.]

"He that winneth souls is wise."—Prov. 11:30.

### WINNING MEN.

How wonderful that God has chosen us for service! We know that it was the mission of our beloved Lord to go about "teaching and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness, and all manner of diseases among the people."

He did not depend upon certain places and certain times set apart for the carrying on of His ministry. He used every possible opportunity to reach the unsaved, the sick, and the dying. The Gospels are filled with narratives where He made occasion to win the people back to God.

Was it on a journey—He took time to speak to the woman of Samaria at the well; was it in a home—He raised up Peter's mother-in-law, and healed her of a fever; was it in the public

market place—He called Matthew to follow Him; was it in the high priest's house—He turned and looked upon Peter; was it upon Calvary—He extended mercy to the thief at His side.

He said: "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to finish His work." And when His work was completed He gave His last testimony: "It is finished."

Have you been truly saved from sin? Have you been healed in your body? Are you a true follower of the Christ? If so, there is only one way to prove it: "Lord, what wilt Thou have ME to DO?"

Look about! Think of the nations everywhere, who know not God!

Think of the large cities filled with sin and iniquity!

Think of your own neighbors, friends and loved ones, far away from God!

Have you done your duty?

Is your spirit on fire for God's work?

Have you a desire for winning men?

Are you using every opportunity to reach the lost, the sick, and the dying?

Oh, how many idle hands there are in the churches everywhere—how many drones?

Zion! God is looking down upon you, and He is saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?"

What is the answer? What is YOUR answer?

Before you give it, take your Bible and read in earnest prayer:

"Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to finish His work. Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labor: other men labored, and ye are entered into their labors."—John 4:34-38.

"And they all with one consent began to make excuses \* \* \* So that servant came and showed his lord these things. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled."—Luke 14:18,21-23.

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."—Ps. 126:5,6.

"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: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."—Matt. 28:19,20.

Have you read these commands? What is the answer?

Oh, may Zion everywhere answer: "Here am I, send me."

Read Matthew 10 and Luke 10 and you will see how wonderfully God will use you to be a real soul-winner.

Enter the ranks of the Seventies! Get a good supply of the LEAVES OF HEALING and TRACTS OF ZION. TAKE THE MESSAGE OF PEACE TO EVERY HOME. Let the Holy Spirit guide you. Tell others the story of God's redeeming love.

It requires wisdom; it requires love; it requires faith and courage, but God will give you all these, and even more, He will supply your every need, through Christ Jesus.

"Let us be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

Let every one in Zion be a winner of souls.

CHICAGO.

The following is the report of work done in Chicago for the week ending April 24th, 1910, nine workers having reported for duty:

Number of calls made	-	-	-	-	201
Number of messages given	-	-	-	-	148
Number of Leaves given	-	-	-	-	29
Number of Leaves sold	-	-	-	-	17
Number of Heralds given	-	-	-	-	36
Number of Heralds sold	-	-	-	-	9

Number of Cards given	-	-	-	-	121
Total pieces distributed	-	-	-	-	660

WISCONSIN.

Five Seventies worked in saloons and business houses in Kenosha last Saturday evening despite the fact that the day had been all but pleasant, and the result of their work, together with sales at the 10:30 service in Carpenter's Hall, Lord's Day morning, shows as follows:

Number of Heralds sold	-	-	-	-	32
Number of Leaves of Healing sold	-	-	-	-	21
Number of English messages given	-	-	-	-	75
Number of German messages given	-	-	-	-	4
"Voice From Zion" sold and given	-	-	-	-	3
Total pieces distributed	-	-	-	-	135

What Obedience Will Do.

God's Word says of His people that if they will hear His Voice, and keep His commandments, and walk in His statutes, that He will take away all sickness from their midst. All sickness has not been taken away from our midst yet, and some are falling far short. We have a perfect right, as a people, to claim the promise: "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." God's Word is true.

Special Notice

To all Members and Friends in and around Chicago



Wilbur Glenn Voliva

General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion

God willing, will preach in Central Zion Tabernacle

16th Street and Michigan Avenue on

Lord's Day, May 8, 1910, at 2:45 p. m.

On THURSDAY following, May 12th, at 2:45 p. m., he will hold A Special meeting for Teaching and Prayer for the Sick

This meeting will begin promptly at 2:45 p. m.

To these Meetings All are Welcome All Seats Free Freewill Offerings Only Received CHRIST IS ALL, AND IN ALL

He sendeth His word

and healeth them.



# 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

### Ordinances of the Church Their Use and Abuse.

The Lord's Supper.

(By O. L. Tindall)

#### ARTICLE TWO

**T**HE object of this Ordinance, as Jesus set it forth in Luke 22:19 was as a Memorial, a reminder—"do it in remembrance of Me," and how necessary!

How forgetful are men of their best friends and of their greatest benefactions. Men forget God, the great Giver of every good gift. How earnestly Jesus sought to teach men and to help them and to impress great truths upon their minds. It was not enough simply to give them precepts.

Men want, and need to be helped by their natural senses. God reaches man by sight as well as by ear. So Jesus came to live the True Life and to manifest the Father in the form of man. He said: "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father." He not only taught Divine Healing by precept, but He taught it by example. We must do the same thing now.

#### The Lord's Supper is an Object Lesson.

We need it as do children.

There are only two Ordinances left us to observe, we may say. This one of the Lord's Supper, and Baptism. Why these and no more? They must be very important. The Lord's Supper shows forth His death till He comes, said Paul.

The death of Christ was most important. Without it no man could live, says the Word. No sin could be forgiven without the shedding of blood; there can be no cleansing from iniquity but by the blood. The purification of all mankind is

through the Blood of the Lamb, we are taught.

In the olden times nothing was purified but by the sprinkling of blood. Morning and evening the blood was shed and poured out on the altars, for all the centuries till the Christ came. What did it all mean, and why this awful sacrifice? It meant only one thing: it was the constant reminder of just what we have when we pour out the fruit of the vine of which Jesus said, "This is My Blood of the New Testament, or Covenant." They showed forth His death in the slain bullock and the lamb without blemish. All was typical and pointed forward to the Lamb of God slain from the foundation of the world.

Yes, those broken bodies and that shed blood were daily reminders of this one most important event that man has ever known. It was by the blood on the doorpost that Israel was saved in Egypt. The angel of death dare not enter such a home. It protected every fireside.

It does the same thing today. We are under the Blood, or we are in imminent danger. You say

#### It is a Mystery.

Yes; so it is. You do not see the relations nor understand it. No; but God has said it. The Israelite simply had to obey and put the blood on the post. God did not stop to explain. He says the same thing today, "Do it in REMEMBRANCE of ME."

Do you lightly esteem the Ordinance? This is a vital doctrine. It is the Atonement. It is being attacked by the enemy in a most vigorous way. The Unitarian mocks it and calls it a religion of blood, and ridicules it. Many ministers say but little about it, and many say, "Men are no more saved by the blood. It is mostly by their own morality. Their lofty characters;" and they think that their own rotten righteousness of filthy rags will carry them through.

#### Christ Put His Death Above All His other Teaching.

At the last He declares that it was for this end that He came forth. He only could satisfy the demands and open the Fountain of Life.

The blood of bulls and rams availed as nothing in the salvation of men. Other men died as did He; tens of thousands of men have died before and since, but all of their deaths combined were as nothing when compared with His death. All Nature went into mourning when the Son of God died. The sun was darkened, and the earth did quake. Redemption was at hand. The bars of death were broken asunder; and many bodies of the saints which slept, arose.

Christ died that we might live. It was no death of a mere mortal man—it was the death of the Son of God, for Whom the worlds were framed and in Whom all authority over them is vested. There was something far more than the moral effect of a good example and human sacrifice of devotion to a principle, as the modern scoffers and infidels, and many so-called orthodox preachers declare and teach. The doctrine of the Atonement through the blood of the Lamb is but little preached now-a-days.

The neglect of this Ordinance and the unworthy eating and drinking was the cause of many being sick and many sleeping, or dying, among the disciples at Corinth, said Paul in his Epistle to the Church there. We are to discern in it these great lessons of Redemption. It is not a mere hollow form. Great

blessings are promised with its rightful observance.

God told the Children of Israel that wherever He saw the blood on the doorpost that the death angel would pass over that house. He made to us the same promise, if we take refuge under the Blood of Christ. We may not understand, but that matters not, for God has said it. It means a sweet communion and fellowship with Him as the breaking of bread always does. It means the eating of His flesh and the drinking of His blood, in some way, as He Himself said that a man must do:

"I am the Bread of Life."

"My flesh is meat indeed, and My Blood is drink indeed."

"Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His Blood, ye have no life in you."

It was these "hard" and mysterious sayings of Jesus that offended many and made them turn back from following Him.

The same thing is true today, and you do not hear them much from the pulpits.

O Zion, let us hold fast these precious truths and remember them, and teach men to "observe all things" which the Christ has commanded, that we shall not be sickly and sleep.

(Next article will be on Baptism.)

## The Standard of the Christian Life

An Address Delivered at the Early Morning Meeting Lord's Day,  
April 10, 1910, in Zion Home Auditorium

*By Wilbur Glenn Voliva*

General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion.

[REPORTED BY B. M.]

General Overseer—Let us unite in singing the Hymn entitled "Take My Life and Let it Be." The hymns this morning will all bear on the subject of Consecration. Like many others, this hymn is written in the form of a prayer.

Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee;  
Take my voice and let me sing  
Always—only—for my King.

Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in endless praise;  
Take my intellect, and use  
Every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine;  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my God, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure-store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

After the singing of the hymn, "Nearer the Cross! My heart Can Say," the General Overseer said:

### Zion's Household Psalm.

Let all turn to the Ninety-first Psalm. This Psalm has been designated in Zion for many years as "Zion's Household Psalm."

I know from experience that very good people often read the Word of God and get very little out of it. We have repeated together this ninety-first Psalm in our services scores of times, and, I suppose, ever since this Church was organized. Perhaps some in the Church have repeated it hundreds of times. We have read it at the family altar, we have made use of it in our

private devotions; but the real and most important question is: how much of its force and beauty have we, in all of our reading and studying and meditating, gotten out of it?

### A Difference Between Reading and Studying the Bible.

It is one thing to read the Bible, and another thing to study it.

It is one thing to know the Bible, and another thing to live it.

A hungry man might be near by a richly laden table, but if he did not reach forth and partake, he would die of starvation. How many are there, with the Word of God within their reach—with the table of the Lord bountifully provided with the Bread of Life and Water of Life—who are famishing and perishing,—dying every day? And there are people who occasionally take their Bibles into their hands and read a chapter, who have no life,—there is in them none of the power of God. The Bible says that the man who hears the Word and does not do it is like a man looking into a glass, and then turning away and straightway forgetting what manner of man he is.

I desire you to listen and I will read this Psalm to you. I think, perhaps, for the purpose that I am reading this Psalm, you will get more out of it. It is always a great temptation to me to stop and spend an hour or two in commenting when I read the ninety-first Psalm, but I want to bring before you a number of selections of Scripture in order to show you, however good you may be, how far short, as a people, with all the light that we have, we fall of reaching the standard which is set up by God Himself.

### The Possibilities of Following Bible Teaching.

The Bible is not talking about impossibilities. These things that the Bible talks about are within the reach of every child of God. It would be a very cruel thing for a mother to place upon a shelf food of different kinds, and expect the little child four years old, to reach the food when it was an impossibility because it was entirely beyond its reach. That would be very cruel. God does not place His promises beyond the reach of the simplest and the humblest of His children. The promise of salvation is within the reach of every person. The promise of healing is within the reach of all; and Heaven is for every one who will repent and meet the conditions as set forth in God's Word.

### Take Heed How You Hear.

A Church once advertised for a preacher that would "draw," and a preacher advertised for a Church that would "hold;" and he said it was just as important that a Church should be able to "hold" as that a preacher should be able to "draw." Now, as to how much you can "hold" will depend, first of all, upon the

way that you listen. It is possible for people to sit in an audience and hear a man, and in half a minute after he has finished speaking not to know a single word that he has said.

#### The Shadow or Protection of the Almighty.

God says in this Psalm:

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall"—what?

Audience—"Abide under the shadow of the Almighty."

General Overseer—Then it follows that the person who is not abiding "under the shadow of the Almighty" is not doing what?

Audience—"Not dwelling 'in the secret place of the most High.'"

General Overseer—Every person who is not abiding "under the shadow of the Almighty" is not dwelling "in the secret place of the most High."

"I will say of the Lord,"—

Audience—"He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust."

#### Most Men Prefer to Trust Worldly Wisdom Instead of God's Promises.

General Overseer—The rank and file of the people, not only of the world but in the Churches as well, instead of saying, "I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust," say, like Asa, of the doctors and the surgeons, of the drugs and the knives: "They are my refuge, and unto them will I flee in sickness;"—and to that extent they are idolatrous worshippers. If it was wrong for Asa to seek a physician, and if God permitted him to die because he did it, how about a professing Christian today that does it?

Asa was diseased in his feet, "yet in his disease he sought not the Lord but to" whom?

Audience—"The physicians."

General Overseer—And Asa died.

#### The Bible Everywhere Teaches Divine Healing.

The man who says he believes the Bible, and does not believe in Divine Healing, is either speaking ignorantly, or his profession is false and he does not believe the Bible.

#### The Deceiver, the Snare-setter, the Devil.

"Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler." Now, who is the "fowler," so far as God's children are concerned?

Audience—"The devil."

General Overseer—The devil. As "nice" people say, "The Evil One;" but I say plain "devil," and then the people all understand. A great many preachers have gotten "so nice" that they have dropped the word "hell" and they call it "hades." Some people pronounce it "Had-es." I remember one time in our Hebrew class, the professor said, "I never feel at 'ease' when I hear a fellow pronounce Hades, Had-es (short a; long e)."

Now, we say "devil." Some one says, "You would not say 'devil' before these little children, would you?" (Pointing to two little boys on the front seat.) Yes; I would.

I want these little boys here to know that the Supreme, most loving Being in the universe is, Who?

Voices—"God."

General Overseer—And I want them to know that there is some one that is not loving, that is the great tempter, that goes around as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour; and who is that, boys?

Little Boy—"The devil."

General Overseer—The devil; and the little boys ought to be on the lookout for the devil, shouldn't they? and never yield to him. Now, when a little boy disobeys mamma, who is it that gets him to do it?

Little Boy—"The devil."

General Overseer—But when he obeys mamma, who is it that inspires him to do that?

Little Boy—"God."

#### People are Not Properly Taught and Warned of the Devil.

General Overseer—The reason why many people are ensnared by the devil and are in his clutches today is because preachers and parents have not done their duty. A mother sees a four-foot rattlesnake under the children's bed, but she would not think of polluting their little minds by using the word "snake," so she just leaves the snake there to crawl up in the night and bite those children and kill them: and that is just the way many preachers and parents are acting today. If the Church and the home would each do its duty, you would not see the mental and physical wrecks that you see all around you today.

#### What the Devil has Done.

The Bible tells me a great deal about God, and it has a good deal to say about the devil, too. In fact, among the very first persons mentioned in the Bible is the devil, who entered the body of a serpent and beguiled Eve, and dragged her and Adam down to death. It was the devil who afflicted Job. It was the devil who tried to kill Christ when He was born. It is the devil who is opposed to every good, holy, pure thing; and the Church that is "so nice" and "so modest" that it has dropped the proper name of his majesty of the infernal regions and substituted a mere nicety, is simply drawing the poor people down to ruin, and is no relation to the true Church of Jesus Christ.

God is Almighty,—the devil is only mighty; but it is the devil who causes people to sin; it is the devil who causes people to be sick; and we ought to learn to say these words. You preachers (addressing the Elders) ought to know how to say them. We ought to know how to say: "God," "Home," "Mother," "Heaven."

#### The Devil's Various Names.

In the Word of God, Satan is called: "The devil;" he is called, "Leviathan;" he is called, "The prince of the powers in the upper air;" he is called, "The messenger of the bottomless pit." He is called by a great many other names, all of which truly designate his character.

#### The Curse of Pride.

I think the Bible makes it quite plain that he who is now the arch-enemy of mankind was once an angel of a very high order. He was in Heaven, but he fell through the sin of, what?

Audience—"Pride."

General Overseer—Pride has slain vast multitudes of people, and is keeping vast multitudes of people away from God today.

#### The Devil Cast out for Pride and Disobedience.

Why did not God keep the devil in Heaven and convert him? Instead of doing that, He cast him out; and the devil and the fallen angels are now the inhabitants of the upper regions, —above the earth. Between Heaven and the earth the devil and the fallen angels live. As the time for Christ's second coming approaches, and Christ leaves His Throne and begins to descend with all His saints, and the Holy Ghost is withdrawn from the earth, then the devil and these fallen angels that are in the upper air will come on down to the earth. The Word of God is very plain on that point. (Eph. 2:2; 6:12)

Now, I like to be nice, but God forbid that I should ever get so "nice" that I will not desire to tell the people that the devil is their arch-enemy. I have had mothers say: "I would not take my children to hear a preacher that would use the word 'devil.'" No; you will allow your false modesty to keep you from doing your duty, and, before you are aware of it, the devil has got your children in his clutches and he is dragging them down to ruin. My Bible says: "Resist the devil and he will flee from you."

#### God Delivers from Pestilence.

"And from the noisome pestilence."

Now, what is that? What is meant by "pestilence" here? When the cholera visited London and when the people died so fast that they had to heap the bodies up on wagons and take them out, and dig great holes and put them in: that was a "pestilence," was it not?

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**EDITORIAL NOTES**

*By Elder E. L. Carey.*

"THE VOICE OF REJOICING AND SALVATION IS IN THE TABERNACLES OF THE RIGHTEOUS: THE RIGHT HAND OF THE LORD DOETH VALIANTLY."

ZION HAS great cause for thankfulness and rejoicing.

GOD IS on her side.

BECAUSE ZION stands for righteousness.

The great thing for Zion to be always sure about is to be right with God.

Can any man, who is a close observer and acquainted with the facts, say honestly and truthfully that the religious organizations outside of Zion are right with God? We are acquainted with numbers of God's own dear children in the various organizations, and our heart goes out to them today in great love, knowing the struggles which they are experiencing, and the

opposition with which they have to deal in their efforts to have a pure Church.

Every true child of God longs for and looks to the time when there shall be a Church which is predicted in Scripture and described therein as being without spot or wrinkle.

Every true child of God longs with an intense longing, for that union foretold by Jesus, of all who truly love the Lord Jesus Christ.

What kind of union have the different religious organizations effected, such, for instance, as the Methodists and the Presbyterians?

In Australia, for example, there was a great struggle in connection with the matter of Methodist Union. There were those who were very ardent for the union of the various branches of Methodism, believing that such a union would be a step in the fulfillment of the prayer of Christ. There were those who believed it were better for each denomination to stand by itself. The Unionists won in the contest.

But I repeat the question, What kind of a union was it after all? We, who are in Zion, can see things today in a far different light to what we did in those days that are gone, when we stood in the ranks of the denominations. Up to our light those of us who fought for union, did what we thought was the best thing.

But God has opened our eyes regarding many things since that time, and has shown us Zion which He undoubtedly has established.

The union of Methodism was a union of organizations in which all kinds of evil were tolerated.

I am aware that a statement of this kind will make some, at least, of our Methodist friends very angry; but the truth must be told, and we must be honest with one another. If our friends referred to are really desirous of having a Church conformable to the teachings of Jesus the Christ, a Church of which it can truly be said that it is not sitting in the lap of the world, then let them say whether the Methodist Church can claim to be such a Church.

This brings us in thought to the question of Authority.

If the Methodist Church, or the Presbyterian Church, or the Church of England, or any of the other churches (so-called) have Divine authority, the evils which this day are eating out their very vitals, would be seized upon and rooted out.

The various unions referred to have been unions of organizations in which such things as tobacco smoking, tobacco chewing, dancing, card-playing, affiliation with unchristian and antichristian secret societies are tolerated right along.

Yet it is written, "BE YE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."

Why don't the Churches clean up?  
Answer: Because there is no Divine authority.

Why is Zion emerging steadily but surely from the clouds which have been round her, and leaving behind the troubles with which she has been visited?

Because in her ministry there has been authority; and deliberately and intelligently we can say, Divine authority, for the tree is known by its fruit.

The same thing would happen to the (so-called) churches, or any one of them, if they had the power to bring about such a condition. There is the trouble.

There are those in the ministry of the churches who long for such authority, before whose power the unclean things would flee and by which Righteousness and Truth would be set up.

The events that have transpired in Zion City since the close of May, 1907, and the way in which Zion has come up out of her sea of troubles have certainly been very wonderful.

The signs ought to be sufficient for every one who seeks Truth.

How can any man or woman in Zion doubt but that God intends to give back to Zion the whole of the Zion Estate?

When Zion was compelled, about three years ago, to vacate Shiloh Tabernacle and the Administration Bldg., she started out with nothing, no place for her people to worship in; no offices for her administrators; nothing, not even pen and ink, thrust out into the cold to face the winter blasts without a covering for her people except a tent.

Behold, now what God has wrought, Zion, and rejoice! for it is your right and your privilege to do so.

God has been good.

We are led in our thoughts back to the times of Zion's early persecutions. How the devil raged then against Zion and God's servant! How the allies of evil and darkness gathered together and fought Zion! But God brought all their devices to naught and cut the bars of iron in sunder.

The question that every man must decide about Zion is this: Has God established Zion, or has He not?

An enemy of Dr. Dowie's, in the days when God's favors were being bestowed richly upon him, once said, "Either Dr. Dowie is right or he is wrong. If Dr. Dowie is right, then, in my opinion, we are pretty near the time of the Millennium, and we stand a fair show, without any great delay, of establishing the Kingdom of God on earth."

Dr. Dowie, in commenting on this utterance, replied as follows: "True, O thou persecutor of the Christ and of His servant. His Gospel is the Gospel of the Kingdom of God; and the time is fulfilled, for the time of the restoration of all things which God hath promised by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began, is nearer than many suppose, if, indeed, it has not, in a measure, begun."

As we have already said, the tree is known by its fruit. It was certainly apparent to any man who was seeking the truth and who was acquainted with the work of Zion at the time just referred to, that the work was a Divine one and that Zion was of God.

We ought not to be unduly disturbed because of the evil things that came to Zion. The Children of Israel, as a nation, many times turned from their God and, of course, suffered the consequences. They were ultimately scattered because of their hardness of heart.

God is merciful and full of loving kindness and forgiveness; and if any man who has sinned, or if any community or people or nation who have sinned, will but turn to God, He will forgive them—and he does. The ways of such men or people will be re-established in truth, in righteousness and in peace.

Brethren, God is with us.

It can be truthfully said that there is no people on the face of the earth who are so devoted to God and who are so anxious for the establishment of His Kingdom on earth as the little company in Zion today.

The remnant is a true and faithful one; and with this remnant, the walls of Jerusalem are being built up again.

Just as in the early days of Zion, so, during the last two or three years, it is true that satan, the enemy of all righteousness, the opposer of God's Kingdom, has endeavored to obstruct and thwart Zion in every way, hoping to destroy her.

While the leaders of the (so-called) churches have tried to belittle Zion, and have scoffed at her, the devil has always been wide-awake enough to observe that Zion, small as she was and is, was more to be feared by him, and is more to be feared by him today, than all the other religious organizations combined.

Zion stands for the Theocracy—the Rule of God, the Authority of God, the Kingdom of God on earth.

The claims of Christ must be recognized, and Zion declares those claims, and demands the enforcement of them.

While the churches, in their apostasy, have lulled themselves to sleep, Zion has arisen and declared, and does now declare the Theocracy, the rule of God and the Coming of the King!

"In Judah is God known; His Name is great in Israel. . . . and His dwelling place in Zion."

"When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream.

"Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The Lord hath done great things for them.

"The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad."

"Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy Name give glory, for Thy mercy, and for Thy truth's sake."

Zion, let us go forward.

Press on!  
Work!  
Pray!  
Watch!

There is much to be done.  
There are many people to be saved.  
Now is the time for tolling. By and by the crown will be given.

"HE THAT GOETH FORTH AND WEEPETH, BEARING PRECIOUS SEED, SHALL DOUBTLESS COME AGAIN WITH REJOICING, BRINGING HIS SHEAVES WITH HIM."

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Faith is the substance (ground or confidence) of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

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What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye have them, and ye shall have them.

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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.

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## The Standard of the Christian Life.

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"He shall cover thee with His feathers."

Has God got feathers? What kind of language is that sentence? Is it literal or figurative?

Audience—"Figurative."

General Overseer—Do you know what it is that suggests the feathers?

Voice—"A hen covering her brood with her feathers."

General Overseer—Does not a hen take good care of her chickens? (Laughter.)

This is a very beautiful and powerful figure of speech. As a hen careth for her brood, so God will overspread and protect His children. You watch an old hen when a rat comes around. Now, that is the way God takes care of His children when the enemy is near.

#### God's Word a Shield and Buckler.

"His truth shall be thy shield and buckler."

What is a shield? A shield is a protection used in war, to ward off the thrusts of the spears, or other weapons that are used by the opposing forces.

"Thou shalt not be afraid of the terror by night."

What is meant by "the terror by night?" It does not necessarily refer to disease. It refers to any danger.

"Nor for the arrow that flieth by day."

Of course that refers to satan's work. It does not refer to some fellow standing on the corner with a bow and arrow. It refers to satan's cunning, subtle, under-handed work,

#### The Lurking Dangers of Disease.

"Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness."

What is meant by "the pestilence that walketh in darkness?" You will often find it in your cellar; you will often find it in your kitchen sink; you will sometimes find it in the dish cloth, or in some sink-hole where you throw your dish water. I have known whole families to be stricken down with typhoid fever simply through the carelessness of the housewife in throwing greasy dish water out of the kitchen door. Somebody is too lazy to go away from the house with the dish water, so she just

throws it out from the kitchen door. Then the sun ferments that, and there is a stinking hole created there, from which typhoid fever poisons emanate, and the people breathe that; and sometimes seepage gets into the well and the water is poisoned.

The principal assistant of the devil is dirt. That is the way he works; so I tell you my brothers and sisters, we have got to be a clean people, and we have got to keep our premises clean. That is the reason why I am offering a prize, or a series of prizes, for the best kept lawns and premises in Zion City. If we desire to be a healthy people, why, we must become a clean people.

#### God the Protector.

"Nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday."

"A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand;"—

What about the man that dwells in the "secret place?"

"But it shall not come nigh thee.

"Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked."

What is the "reward of the wicked" that you see? Sickness and disease, and pestilence, and death.

#### Fight for Health which is God's Will.

How often you hear people say, "So-and-So has been sick for fifteen years. You ought to go over and see her. She is the dearest, sweetest saint that I ever saw in my life. If there was ever an angel, she is an angel: she is so patient, so sweet, and so kind." Now, that is all nonsense. I do not know of any place in the Bible where God requires you and me to be patient with disease, or with any of the devil's work. I think that is the reason why some people do not get their healing: they are entirely too contented and too patient. There is where the difficulty comes in. You ought to wake up and have a little more stamina. If you wish to get your sick one healed, you ought to put him on a cot, and get a man to help you, and bring him down the middle of the street. That is the way to get results. You will never get results lying around home and never putting forth any effort at all. Just remember what was said here last Lord's Day about the man whom they were determined to bring to Jesus, and they broke up the roof and let him down through a hole in the roof—right down at Jesus' feet. That is the spirit we need.

The fact of the matter is, some people are not worth healing for they are cowards. Just like a farmer often says about an old horse: "Well, I have put him out there in the pasture, but I am not going to bother any more with him; he is not worth bothering with." Now, there are some people that are not worth healing,—isn't that true? They have lost all interest; they have given up the fight; they just drift, drift and eke out their existence, complaining of their lot, and do not strive to better their condition.

These people who on election day haven't interest enough to get out and cast their vote for God and Zion,—are they worth healing? No; they are not. A man or woman that will come down here next Saturday and die right over here, I will say that person will have a bright and shining crown. We need men and women that will do their duty; if they have to die in the doing of it, not men and women that allow every little difficulty to prevent them from doing their duty, and they do not care. Why, a man that has to be exhorted to do his duty, is dead. There is the difficulty. There is no life there; none whatever. The reason why some people are weak and sickly and have no life, is because they do not put forth any effort. I would be ashamed if I needed any exhortation to do my duty in the Master's vineyard. Some people are always asking, "Lord, do this!" and "Lord, do that!" and what do they ever do for the Lord? Absolutely nothing. Many a man has risen and gone out and done his duty, and died; don't you know that? If the last thing that you ever did was to come down here and cast a vote for the salvation of Zion City, it would be a mighty good time to die. It would be a very fortunate time for some people to die right at that time. God would catch them at the right time.

I remember a man in a Church where I preached at one

time: one Wednesday night he would get up with his face covered with smiles, and say, "Thank God, brethren! I have been on the mountain top all week—never was happier in my life." Next week you would see him sitting with his upper lip hanging down over his mouth, and along about the middle of the meeting he would get up and say, "I have been down in the valley all week. I never was so unhappy in my life." The next week he would be on the mountain top again. One night a brother got up and said, "Brother——, what a pity if God would let you die when you were down there in the valley." That would be true. That is the way with a lot of these people that have revivals once a year. If they could only die during the revival, they would be all right, but if death should catch them during the summer, they possibly would not amount to much.

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## ZION SEVENTIES

Deacon J. W. Friend  
General Recorder

[By Evangelist A. DARMS.]

### SOWING THE SEED.

"Behold, a sower went forth to sow."—Matt.13:3.

As Jesus sat by the seaside, great multitudes thronged Him, eagerly listening to the precious words that fell so tenderly from His gracious lips. They crowded upon Him so much that He was compelled to enter a small boat, and therein He sat and taught the multitudes many beautiful truths concerning the Kingdom of God. Upon this occasion He spake many parables unto the people, and in one of these parables He told them about the "Sower going forth to sow."

"The seed is the Word of God."—Luke 8:11. The field is the world, and the SOWERS OF THE SEED, in this Dispensation, must be the ZION SEVENTIES; those who will take up their cross daily and follow Jesus; those who will deny themselves many so-called pleasures; those who will brave all obstacles, who will overcome difficulties, and press forward, undaunted, to victory. This is a rough old field (the world) in which we have to labor.

You must take to yourself the Helmet of Salvation and have on the Breastplate of Righteousness, having your loins girt about with Truth, your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace, and above all taking the Shield of Faith, and the Sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God, then you are prepared to go forth to conquer the World for God.

Do not let a single opportunity for doing good pass by. Scatter the Messages of Repentance, Salvation, Healing, and Holy Living to earth's remotest bounds.

Send the Leaves of Healing broadcast throughout the land. Let all the Nations know that "Jehovah hath founded Zion and in her shall the afflicted of His people take refuge."

Make a special effort to get these papers into the homes of your friends and relatives, thereby sowing the seed of the Kingdom of God, and eventually winning many to Christ.

**SEVENTIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD:** Let me again urge upon you the importance of personal work. Take an interest in your friends and acquaintances and work for the SALVATION of the SINNER, with as much earnestness and enthusiasm as the commercial man works for orders for the firm he represents. You are ambassadors of Jesus the Christ, and as such you should labor for the extension of God's Kingdom. When the battle seems hard, and you are almost discouraged go to your kind Heavenly Father and commune with

Him. He will strengthen you and give you Overcoming power.

"Take time to be holy,  
Speak oft with thy Lord;  
Abide in Him always,  
And feed on His word;  
Make friends of God's children,  
Help those who are weak,  
Forgetting in nothing  
His blessings to seek."

### COLORADO.

The following report shows Seventy work done in Colorado by a faithful Seventy during the month of April, 1910:

Calls made	- - - - -	462
Messages given	- - - - -	82
Leaves sold	- - - - -	107
Tracts, Leaves and Heralds mailed	- - - - -	15
Methodist Apostasy sold	- - - - -	1
Calls to read and pray	- - - - -	7
Total pieces distributed	- - - - -	205

A sister bought and mailed 16 of the Leaves, thus assisting.

### CHICAGO.

The following report represents the work done in Chicago on Lord's Day, May 16th, 1910, by Seventy No. 1, Deacon T. R. Becker in Charge:

Number Messages given	- - - - -	2,469
Number Notices given	- - - - -	3,850
Number of Leaves sold	- - - - -	108
Number of Heralds sold	- - - - -	97
Total Pieces distributed	- - - - -	6,524

### WISCONSIN.

Fourteen Seventies went to Kenosha last Saturday evening, and the rain preventing them from holding a meeting on Market Square, Deacon Hammond secured the permission of Sheriff Gunter to sing, speak and pray in the jail, where ten men are retained at present, who listened attentively and requested another visit.

Sheriff Gunter, at the Deacon's request, very kindly gave permission to hold a service there each Saturday evening between seven and nine o'clock, which, with the street meeting and the saloon work, will keep the Seventies busy, and is a blessed privilege.

Two went from house to house Lord's Day afternoon, and the total sales including sales in Carpenter's Hall meeting, were:

Number of Heralds sold and given	- - - - -	62
Number of Leaves of Healing sold and given	- - - - -	47
Number of German messages given	- - - - -	30
Penny tracts sold and given	- - - - -	487
"Voice From Zion" sold and given	- - - - -	7
Total pieces distributed	- - - - -	638

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## The Gospel of the Kingdom

### Ordinances of the Church Their Use and Abuse BAPTISM By O. L. Tindall

#### ARTICLE THREE

**C**HRIST'S command was very plain in regard to Baptism. He put it alongside of "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature"—i. e., make disciples,—and then "baptize them into the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."—Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:15.

Peter, on the Day of Pentecost, answered to those who said "What shall we do?" "Repent, and BE BAPTIZED, every one of you \* \* and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

As soon as Paul was converted he was baptized and received the Holy Spirit.

Jesus was our example of the same thing. He was baptized in water and then came the Holy Spirit upon Him to fit Him to preach the Gospel. Said He at His first preaching: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me. He hath anointed Me to preach the Gospel to the poor; He hath sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."—Luke 4:18,19.

Paul, at Ephesus, asked of those who had believed on Jesus if they had received the Holy Ghost since they believed. When they answered "No," he asked them about their baptism, and when they said that they had received the baptism of John the Baptist he commanded that they be baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus. Then he laid hands on them and they received the

Holy Ghost as did Jesus Himself, and as Peter said they would. Baptism is very essential. Jesus Himself said it was necessary in order to fulfil all righteousness. It does not make a man righteous but it "fulfils righteousness." Christ was righteous, but He had to be baptized. There is an inward righteousness and an outward righteousness. The ordinances represent the latter, but in order that they may be efficacious, inner righteousness must exist.

A man is righteous before God, or in his heart, when he has been born of the Spirit and has become a new creature in Christ Jesus, but he must fulfil this outward righteousness by being baptized. This is an outward form, or an outward sign of an inward grace. It is a public confession of the Christ. It is an outward profession before the world. It is a sacrament, the Latin "sacramentum" or covenant. It is the seal to the covenant that man makes with God. God puts His seal to the covenant on His part by giving the Holy Spirit.

To refuse to be baptized would be to refuse to put one's seal or name to a solemn agreement or covenant.

All of God's children in Israel received the sign or seal of circumcision. That was an outward mark of their covenant known to all men. It did not make a man a Jew; but it was his badge.

#### Baptism is an Outward Sign of an Inward Grace.

It means a consecration to God and His Christ. We are "baptized into His death." We die to self and to sin and to the world, and live unto Him. We are "buried with Him in baptism." We are made alive also with Him in His Resurrection. We are buried in the water and we rise again as did our Lord.

How much does this mean? It is our pledge to follow Him wherever He may lead. It is a most solemn vow or covenant made before all men. Men take upon themselves a most solemn vow when they are baptized into that most holy Name. They then bear His Name. They are Christians.

#### The Door into the Visible Kingdom.

Christ, in His conversation in the Wilderness, made the distinction between "seeing" the Kingdom of God and "entering" it.

He said that a man must be born of the Spirit "to see" the Kingdom, that is, to understand it; and he must be further born of water in order "to enter" the Kingdom.

Dr. Dowle used often to make this distinction. He said, "Zion may be in you and you not be in Zion,"—so of the Kingdom. The Kingdom of God may be "within you" and you not be "in" the Kingdom, the same as a man may be a Republican in principle and live in a Republican nation, but he is not a citizen of the Republic until he has taken out his papers of citizenship. This is true of the Kingdom of Heaven. It has its rules and conditions of admission and membership.

A man must be inwardly righteous and he must also observe the outward forms of Righteousness, and keep the laws and rules of the Kingdom.

#### Baptism is by Triune Immersion.

We do not care to enter upon the arguments in favor of Triune Immersion. Zion has given them often. It is simply a command from our Lord. It is the most evident meaning of the words. "To baptize" is to immerse. It has no other meaning. The translators of the Bible have never dared to give it any other translation. They have been afraid to translate it, so they

transferred the word from the Greek into English, hence the confusion on this subject. The word means "to dip or immerse repeatedly." It is a frequentative verb, and that is its common use. We must take the Scriptures as they read unless we are compelled to change them. The command is to baptize into three names. To fulfil the command we have to baptize three times just the same as if God had said, "Give a talent or a dollar to James and to Peter and to John." No one would suppose for a minute that to give the money to James and not the same amount to Peter and John could be what the order meant. He must give the same to each one separately.

This is exactly what Jesus meant when He said, "Baptize them into the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." This was for the purpose of honoring the Triune God and pointing out the three distinct persons in the Godhead—teaching men to honor the Son as well as the Father. That was where the fight was in those days, and where it is today. How many claim to hold to the Father and reject the Son.

This act of baptism puts them on an equality and pledges every disciple to honor and worship and serve the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the Triune God.

Baptism is a Triune Unity—THREE IN ONE AND ONE IN THREE.

## The Standard of the Christian Life

An Address Delivered at the Early Morning Meeting Lord's Day,  
April 10, 1910, in Zion Home Auditorium

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General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion.

[REPORTED BY B. M.]

[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK]

A preacher once preached on the text, "Go to the ant, thou sluggard," and he said that the only difference between the ants and the Church members was that the ants froze up in the winter and the Church members froze up in the summer. Well, I tell you, God expects us to be alive three hundred and sixty-five days in the year, and to be up and doing something, ready to respond to every call. That is what God expects. I would like to see a Church composed of soldiers who were ready at a word to march forth, even to the sacrificing of every dollar and every drop of blood. Then we would accomplish something in this life.

#### Faith, a Wall of Protection.

"But it shall not come nigh thee.

"Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

"Because thou hast made the Lord, which is thy refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling."

Is this true?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—Well, there are very few who live up to it, are there not? There are not very many in Zion, with all the teaching on Divine Healing. I tell you, they fall far short.

#### What Angels Do.

"For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."

Now, if you desire to have the ministry of angels, how must you live in order to have them? Well, that is an easy question to answer. Any child in the Zion Juniors ought to be able to answer it in a second. What have you to do if you desire to have the ministry of angels in your life? You have to dwell in the "secret place of the most High," and live for God with all your being. Angels are sent forth to minister to whom?

Audience—"To those who shall be heirs of salvation."

General Overseer—Yes. They are not sent forth to minister to children of the devil, or to men and women who live careless, criss-cross lives; but to people who live for God.

There is a great thought in that line: "To keep thee in all thy ways."

"They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone."

There is the watch-care of God.

"Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet."

That means that you shall trample upon iniquity of every kind. God will give you victory over all opposition. You will be able to keep Satan and all his work underneath your feet; he will never have any power over you.

#### Why Satan Shall be Defeated.

"Because he (the child of faith) hath set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known My name.

"He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

"With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him My salvation."

#### Man's Wonderful Possibilities Under God.

God's Word is true, no matter how far short you and I may be of measuring up to its standard.

If you die at forty-five, that does not disprove God's Word that with long life will He satisfy the man that dwells in the "secret place of the most High."

What a wonderful thing the spirit of a man is! and what a wonderful thing the body of a person is! Look what the body can stand! See how people abuse their bodies, and how far away from God they live, and yet see what the body can stand. The stuff that most people put into their stomachs would wreck a fan mill or a wind pump, and yet the human stomach stands it. How long would a machine last that was worked twenty-four hours a day for seventy-five years? The spirit of man is wonderful; and so is his body wonderful.

Before we go to God in prayer, I want to have some passages read.

#### Walking with God.

Why was Enoch translated?

Audience—"Because he walked with God."

General Overseer—Yes; because he walked with God; and Enoch was the type of the saints Christ desires on earth when He comes. He walked with God, and he was not, for God took

him. You say there is nothing in the Old Testament that interests you? I find it intensely interesting.

#### What the Bible says Regarding Disease and Sickness.

(The General Overseer then had the following passages of Scripture read.)

And the Lord will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee; but will lay them upon all them that hate thee.—Deuteronomy 7:15.

Now Elisha was fallen sick of his sickness whereof he died. And Joash the king of Israel came down unto him, and wept over his face, and said, O my father, my father, the chariot of Israel and the horsemen thereof.—2 Kings 13:14.

General Overseer—So Elisha died of sickness, didn't he?

The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing; thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness.—Psalm 41:3.

The writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick, and was recovered of his sickness.—Isaiah 38:9.

General Overseer—How many years did God add to Hezekiah's life?

Audience—"Fifteen."

General Overseer—When Hezekiah was told to set his house in order for he was going to die, what did he do? He cried and he prayed to God, and God had mercy upon him, and He lengthened his life fifteen years. I wonder if God ever does that now with anybody.

And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and He shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.—Exodus 23:25.

General Overseer—"He shall bless thy bread and thy water."

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 sickness he sought not to the Lord, but to the physicians.—2 Chronicles 16:12.

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.—Matthew 4:23.

That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.—Matthew 8:17.

Now, that is a passage to show that Divine Healing is in the Atonement.

And Jesus went 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.—Matthew 9:35.

General Overseer—Where was that read from before?

Audience—"Matthew 4:23."

And when He had called unto Him His twelve disciples, He gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.—Matthew 10:1.

And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils.—Mark 3:15.

And Ahaziah fell down through a lattice in his upper chamber that was in Samaria, and was sick: and he sent messengers, and said unto them, Go, inquire of Baalzebub, the god of Ekron, whether I shall recover of this disease.

But the angel of the Lord said to Elijah the Tishbite, Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say unto them, Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that ye go to enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron?

Now therefore thus saith the Lord, Thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die. And Elijah departed.—2 Kings 1:2-4.

Now, you notice the question of the prophet, there: "Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that ye go to inquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron?" What kind of a god was Baalzebub?

Audience—"He was an idol."

In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And the prophet Isaias the son of Amos came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live.—2 Kings 20:1.

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 put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee.—Ex. 15:26.

#### Is the Evidence Believed?

General Overseer—These are some very straight passages of Scripture that we have had this morning. The question is: Am I living up to them? Are you living up to them? Are we, as a people, living up to our privileges? There is the standard as it is set forth in the Word of God. Are we all making an honest effort to live it?—that is the question. Who is in the ascendancy in your life, this morning: the Holy Spirit, or the flesh?

We will go to God in prayer. I want you to sing that hymn with the chorus, "Deeper Yet." The Lord knows that we all ought to get lower down at the feet of Jesus.

In the blood, from the Cross,  
I have been washed from sin;  
But to be free from dross  
Still I would enter in.

Chorus—Deeper yet, deeper yet,  
Into the crimson flood,  
Deeper yet, deeper yet,  
Under the precious blood.

Near to Christ, I would live,  
Following Him each day;  
What I ask, He will give,  
So then with faith I pray.

Now I have peace, sweet peace,  
While in this world of sin;  
But to pray, I'll not cease,  
Till I am pure within.

#### Why All Need to Pray.

General Overseer—My brothers and sisters, in this season of prayer, how can any sit here and not pray? You expect somebody else to do it all. There is not a perfect life represented in this entire congregation. Some people need to cry with a cry that only the Holy Ghost can utter: "Lord, deliver me from that awful temper that is the curse of my life!" "Lord, deliver me from the spirit of pride!" "Lord, deliver me from the love of money!" That is the devil that I am after harder than any other devil that there is out of hell—the love of money. If there is anything on this earth that is cursing the people, rooting the last vestige of divinity out of their being, it is this love of money. Some of you are afflicted with this disease. It is worse than cancer—far worse. I do not know of any disease worse than the money-disease. I'll tell you, it is hard to find any one in the Church that is not afflicted with it.

"Ye cannot serve God and mammon,"—is not that the Word? Well then, what is the use to try to do an impossible thing? God has given you talents and He has given you money. He has given these things to you to do good with in this world. It is either God or mammon.

Some need to cry, "Lord, cast out the spirit of envy—the spirit of jealousy!" Some need to cry, "Lord have mercy upon me, a miserable sinner!" "Lord, heal me of this disease that is daily reaching for my vitals!" I tell you, when in the Sanctuary there is real prayer, God will stretch forth His hand and grant deliverance. "Lord, burn out of me all dross!" "Lord, purify me and sanctify me!" "Sanctify me wholly!"—"And I pray God, your whole spirit, soul and body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ."

I can not say what each one of you shall pray for,—I do not know enough about all of you to say; but you know. The one cry of my heart is, "Thy Kingdom come! Lord Jesus, come quickly! Lord, save Zion City! (Amen.) O God, forgive this people!"—because, if you would have been right, Zion City would have been saved long ago.

I want to tell you, when you pray for your healing here today, God's Word does not say, "I will heal you next summer, or in five years from now." Now, is the time that God will heal you, if you are only right in His sight. You do not have

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## EDITORIAL NOTES

By Elder O. L. Tindall.

"Lord, what wilt Thou HAVE ME TO DO?"

That was the first prayer of the great Apostle Paul when, on the way to Damascus, he had met the Lord Jesus Christ. As soon as he found Christ, his question was: "What wilt thou have ME to do?"

Some people are afraid to ask the Lord that question for fear He will have some work for them, or for fear He will have some unpleasant task for them.

Some do not desire any work. They come into the Church of God simply to get help themselves—to get and not to give.

In such cases they are sadly disappointed, for the Lord will soon come and ask them, "What have you done with the talent I gave you?"

If one answers that he hid it in a napkin, or buried it in the earth, God will say, "Thou wicked and slothful servant, why didst thou not put it in the bank, and then save something to render unto Me?"

Work is God's law of service. There are to be no idlers in His Vineyard; all men are to work, and they are to be always at it. We must do this or die ourselves. Not only will the people as nations perish, but we, ourselves, individually must die if we do not work out our own salvation.

"Why stand ye all the day idle?"

"Work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work."

The world must lie in darkness forever unless men and women who have the Light let it shine out before men.

OH, HOW DARK IT IS!

What darkness prevails over all the earth!

What sadness and sorrow fill all the corners of this sin-cursed and disease-smitten world!

Where is there a home, even, that is entirely free?

How shall the Light come into this darkness and dispel all this gloom?

Is there no hope left?

"Is there no balm in Gilead?"

"Is there no physician there?"

"Why, then, is not the health of the daughter of My people recovered?"

The answer is plain.

It is because God's children have not let their light shine as they should.

The churches have said there was no physician except these homeopaths, and allopaths, and all the other almost innumerable "paths," all of which lead to death and the grave.

They have always been a curse since the time Job said, "Ye are all physicians of no value."

Christ said to His disciples, "YE are the Light of the world;" But the disciple must shed forth the true Light.

Zion has the Light as no other organization has. She carries to the people Christ as the Great Physician Who heals all our diseases as well as forgives all our iniquities.

No one can estimate the value of this teaching and this practice of Divine Healing in helping poor, suffering mankind back to God.

It works today as it did in Christ's time, and in the Apostles' day. It is this Full Gospel that is needed.

The Kingdom of God here on the earth, so far as men are concerned, is a good deal like this world is when the sun has gone down. Christ, the Light of the world, has gone away. The world is in great darkness because professing Christians will not shine for God, although Christ said, "Ye are the Light of the World."

How do men light up the world when it is night?

We make light. Every little hut in the land has a light, if nothing more than a flickering lamp or a candle, or a pine knot.

There is the light of the home. The father provides it in some way. He would not think of leaving his home in the dark.

Then what beautiful and brilliant lights we see in the palaces of the rich.

Yes; they provide light for their bodies, but their spiritual self is as dark as a dungeon.

Then the streets are lighted up. Mark the inventions of men to obtain light for their homes and their highways. Go view that great lighthouse on the rocky coast where the vessel must come with its great cargo of living freight. What a gross neglect it would be if a light was not provided for their safety!

The lower lights are kept burning for the mariners.

But what about the Light of Life to guide these voyagers over the Sea of Time to their Haven?

Are these lights burning?

Is your light burning so that it gives light to all those in your home?

If not, you are guilty of a great neglect.

If your household fall in the darkness, who will have to answer for it?

God expects every home to have its own light. That is your part.

Paul was a great light. He was sent to carry the Light to the Gentiles—to all nations. He was a great light.

Zion is building a great Lighthouse that will shine and throw its beams of light out over all the world.

It is Zion City—God's City set on a hill which cannot be hid.

All the nations of the earth will look to her.

She will be the only city in the world that will be a real Theocracy in action—where God rules supreme, where everything is done for His honor and glory, and according to His law and the Gospel.

Business will honor Him with its substance and pay its tithes into the Storehouse.

The Schools will honor God and study His Book above all books.

Politics will have no graft; only righteous men shall rule.

It will show the world how to do all things for the glory of God and the good of mankind.

The labor question will be settled without a walking delegate.

Labor will be rewarded. Every laborer is worthy of his hire.

We will dwell together as brethren in Unity.

"LORD, WHAT WILT THOU HAVE ME TO DO?"

## The Standard of the Christian Life

(Continued from page 155.)

to wait for six months, or twelve months, or two years. When Christ touched the leper he was instantly made well. When He stood by the bedside of Simon Peter's wife's mother and rebuked the fever, she was instantly healed.

Get right with God! Who are you, my brother, my sister, to set yourself up and say God's Word is not true? Who are

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General Overseer of the

## Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion

will preach, God willing, in

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Lord's Day, June 12, 1910, at 2:45 p. m.

you to say, in a complaining spirit, "Well, why does not the Lord heal me? I have done everything I know to do." It is a wonder to me that God does not strike such people dead that talk like that. The thing for me to do when I do not get an answer is to say, "Look here, Voliva, there is something wrong with you somewhere. You have not measured up to the standard. There are some flaws in you; there are some wrinkles to be rubbed off; there is some crookedness somewhere; there is something wrong somewhere." As you cry to God, God sees the thing, and He will never hear you until you learn your lesson. You are sick because you have an uncontrollable temper and you haven't got the victory over it. You are sick because you are a money-grabber—a miser. You love money, and you will hang on to your money and let Zion City be damned. There are people in this Church, and there may be some in this audience, to whom a \$5 bill is more than the salvation of the world.

#### People are Saved and Healed for a Purpose.

God saves people for a purpose and God heals people for a purpose; and some of you are living here today because of God's mercy upon you ten years ago. If it had not been for God's mercy when the devil instituted proceedings to foreclose his mortgage on you, you would not have been here today; but God called for a stay in the proceedings, and it was entered on the records: "The foreclosure of this mortgage is stayed for five years,"—and it may be that the five years are about up in some cases.

#### The True Church.

I'll tell you, I would like to see a true Church. I have never seen one yet. I would like to see a body of people truly converted, truly saved, and following the Word of God. I would just like to see them. I'll tell you, they would shake the world. Whenever this people reach the place where, as a body, they will say to God, "Here, Lord, is all I have—even my last drop of blood,—to found a Zion City on this earth," then He will save it.

"Well, how much can I make out of it, Lord? What do you think I can come out with at the end?" My opinion is that if a man of that kind got into the New Jerusalem, he would begin to chip the gold off the golden streets before he was there five minutes. Some people love money to the extent that they will deny themselves of the actual necessities of life.

#### Man the Image of His Father.

You know, everybody looks either like God or like satan. A

child looks like his father,—there is nothing very strange about that. If God is your Father, you look like your Father. If the devil is your father, then do not wonder that you resemble your parent.

**The Christians' Privilege is to be Not Sick.**

Ah, I know you and love you all, but, I tell you, there are some of you a long way from being what you ought to be,—a long way. If we were where we ought to be as a body of people, there would never be any sickness in our midst. No; there would not. Do you believe that?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—With all your heart?—that if, as a people, we were where we ought to be, there never would be a sick child or a sick man or woman in this Church? That is the Word of God. That is what it says, and I believe it, and I am going to work year after year to have a people that will measure up to it. I love you too much to be afraid of you. I am not a bit afraid of any of you. My success does not depend upon numbers. God can give me this city with one hundred and fifty people. When a man said to me yesterday, "I do not know what in the world is going to become of this city." I said, "I do. I know what is going to become of it. I am going to get it. By faith in God it is mine now."

**Put All Things Right, then God will Hear One's Cry.**

What is the use for a person to come up here on Tuesday afternoon to be prayed with when that person will not even pray for himself? What is the use to draw nigh to the Throne of God when you know that you are not right,—when you know there is an obstacle there between you and God? What is the use for you to travel in a pathway where there is an obstacle that you have to spend your strength and your time, days and weeks, trying to climb over, when in fifteen minutes you can put that thing out of the road and have a straight, level path.

**Many are Spared Because of God's Mercy.**

Ah, I'll tell you, my brothers and sisters, it is true that some one in your family was sick and God did not permit that one to die: but I'll tell you, in many cases, it was only God's mercy; it was not because you were right, or got right. When the Overseer, or an Elder, or a faithful man or woman cried, God said, "Bless your heart, you are in earnest. I will have mercy and I will spare this time." Yes, some of you are sitting here this morning, not because you deserve to sit here, but because God extended mercy to you; that is all. You served the devil, some of you, for forty years. You gave him all your substance. You drank whisky, and chewed, and smoked tobacco, and served the devil faithfully and well, and you are only living today because of God's great mercy,—that is all. It is just like a father acts who has a wayward boy. He will say, "Well mother, I will help him out of his trouble this time, but I will not do it any more;" and he helps him out and saves him from the penitentiary. The next time he gets into trouble the father says, "Let him go now and pay the penalty of his folly." Then the mother begins to cry, and they have a sad time there for a few hours. Finally the father bends and says, "Well, I will spare him this time, mother. I will spare him this time. My heart is touched by your pleas. I will help him out this time." Later on this son gets into trouble again, and the father and mother both say, "We will let him go this time." That is the way. Ah, you can be careless now, but when you get sick and are nigh unto death, Oh, how you can cry then and plead with God; and God says, "Well, I will spare him this time; I will spare him this time." But, I'll tell you, the next time you get into trouble, God will not spare you again. While, in some cases, God may save the spirit, He will say, "Let him die,"—and he dies.

I wonder how many of you, this morning, believe the Word of God? I wonder how many of you believe, without wavering, with faith in God as you pray, that God will give you the victory?

If you haven't the Spirit of Christ, ye are none of His. That

is what the Word of God says. Just listen now for a few minutes:

Jesus said: "Blessed are the poor in spirit," for what?

Audience—"For their's is the Kingdom of Heaven."

General Overseer—"Blessed are they that mourn,"—for what?

Audience—"For they shall be comforted."

General Overseer—"Blessed are the meek,"—for what?

Audience—"For they shall inherit the earth."

General Overseer—"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness,"—for what?

Audience—"For they shall be filled."

General Overseer—"Blessed are the merciful,"—for what?

Audience—"They shall obtain mercy."

General Overseer—"Blessed are the peacemakers,"—for what?

Audience—"For they shall be called the children of God."

General Overseer—"Except a grain of wheat fall into the ground and die, it"—what?

Audience—"Abides by itself alone."

**The Wages of Sin.**

General Overseer—"He that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap"—

Audience—"Corruption."

General Overseer—Look at the horrible cancers and the horrible tumors! Look at the Bright's disease and tuberculosis! Look at the horrible corruption!—gallons of it from some people. They have sown to the flesh! They have sown to the flesh!! There are people in Zion City digging their graves every day. I want to tell you my brothers and sisters, the preacher does not live that can lay down any hard and fast rules for you; but I know, and you know every time we sow to the flesh. You know it! You know it!! Every time you eat what you ought not to eat, you know it! Every time you drink what you ought not to drink, you know it! You know it, and you pay for it!

The Word of God is true. The man that is dying of tuberculosis today is reaping what he sowed, and that is all there is to it.

**Zion City to be God-Ruled.**

The Word of God is true! Where are the men and women that will live it? That is what Zion City was established for. It was to be a city where God should rule. How many of you acknowledge the authority of God? How many of you take this Bible as the rule of faith and practice? I'll tell you who rules for the most part: it is the "old man" and the old woman," and all you need to do is to step on somebody's toes and you will see the "old man" assert himself in, very short order.

What an awful thing swearing is! What a fool a person is to take the name of God in vain! I hope the day is not far distant when Zion will control Zion City and when every profane man can be arrested and fined. What an awful thing vulgarity is! What a dirty, disgusting thing this chewing-gum habit is! My brothers and sisters, you fathers and mothers, guard your children. There are some people in this city, who, like the children of Israel that fell to worshiping the golden calf, have gone back into every form of sin that there is in the world. It takes a man to walk up hill,—anything can roll down to the foot; and a man may have taken twenty years to reach his place before God, and in two years he can lose it and be at the foot of the hill: and that is just where some people have gone, precisely.

Now, what a spectacle to see millions of men and women, created in the image of God, spending all their time thinking of dirt, and of gold and silver, bending every energy simply for this life and for this old earth; and it is only a little while until there will be a hole dug and the earth will have them in its clutches, and they will go back to it, and they will be nothing but dust. Get to where the three Hebrew children got when they said to the old king, "Our God is able to deliver us, and whether He delivers us or not, we will not bow down and serve you."

Now, I can hear some one say, "Well, what difference does

it make even if there should be a sinner in the camp?" Well, what difference did it make down at Ai that Achan was in the camp? They lost the battle. What difference did it make that Ananias and Sapphira were in the camp?

Some of you people that hobnob with some of these fellows that are doing everything they can to damn Zion City, if you go to the devil, remember that I said so this morning. There is where you will go.

#### The God Who Founded Zion Will Save Her.

Look at Shiloh Tabernacle! Will you commit the sin of saying that that is not a sign from God? Look at Zion City General Stores! Will you dare say that that is not another sign from God? Look at this property and the one across the street! Will you dare say that this is not a sign from God that He will give us this city? If you do, you are one of the greatest sinners that ever lived.

Oh, how it encourages my heart to know that victory is written on Zion's banner! The day will come when Zion's flag will float over every foot of Zion City. God will bring it to pass, and it does not make any difference what the opposers say; and I'll tell you my brothers and sisters, when the history of Zion for the last three years is written, it will read equal to the history of the Children of Israel. The story of Joseph is no more thrilling than many things that have transpired in the history of Zion.

Now, where is the Achan this morning? Let Achan stand up. Let old Mrs. Sapphira stand up. Would you like to see Sapphira? You would, wouldn't you? Well, go home and look in the glass. (Laughter.)

God is a God of order; but it is very amusing how they come around and want to see me, and they say, "Well now, we will all be united some day." They are shaking in their boots and just wondering how they are going to crawl back. Well, there is only one way, and that is right through the front door; and, as they come in, I will say: "My brothers and sisters, there is John Brown returning to the fold! Come up here Johnnie. Get down on your knees. You have been fighting Zion, haven't you?" "Yes, sir." "Will you ever do it again?" "No, sir." "You voted the Independent ticket, didn't you. God have mercy upon you, you miserable sinner." I will put him through a trial like that, until he will cry out, "Lord, have mercy upon me! I will never do it again!" Then I will say, "All right, here is my hand. Take my hand for God and Zion City, and let us go forth and build up Zion City."

A man said to me yesterday (he has been one of Zion's enemies), "Say, I want you to buy my property." I replied: "I don't want your property. Why do you want to move out of here? Come up to the Tabernacle and take your stand. You do not know what you are missing by staying away from the Tabernacle." He said, "Well, I am going to move out." I said, "That is very sad to me to see any family go away from Zion City, off into the world." Yes, it is. When I saw Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ and his wife and those little children sitting in the Northwestern Station waiting for their train to go to Colorado, I thought to myself, "What a sad sight to see that family leaving Zion City!"

Is Zion City something you can play with? Is it something you can fool with? Is it something you can do just as you like about? If it is, then there is nothing in it.

My God, I believe that You established Zion City. I believe that, by the Holy Ghost, You laid your hand upon me and brought me to Zion. That is what I believe; and I have got to stay by it if everybody else goes. If anybody would have any excuse for running away, I would be the one that would have it.

Now, I wish to help you. If there is a stain upon your spirits, I desire to be used of God in erasing that stain. If there is any disease in your body, any pain or suffering, I wish to be used of God, this morning, in having that disease killed and having that pain destroyed. If there is any unhappiness in your life, I desire to be used of God in banishing it, and I desire you to go away from this place full of joy, praising God in your heart. Then I can say, "Lord, I have done a little good today." That is all I live for, is to do good,—nothing else.

Now, pray!—but, I'll tell you, there must be repentance on the part of every one. What about your life yesterday? What about your life during the last week? How many cruel words have you spoken? How many times have you lost your temper? How many times have you made your household a purgatory instead of a Heaven? How have you talked? How have you lived,—not so much your profession, but how have you lived? What about the family altar? What about the prayer service at the House of God? What about remembering your God daily?—for every good thing comes from God. What about your children—your sons and your daughters? What do fathers and mothers mean by permitting their girls to take the 1:50 train down here every Saturday and go down to Waukegan? Such fathers and mothers ought to be thrashed! They ought to be ashamed of themselves for having no control over their daughters. Why does any Zion girl wish to leave Zion City every Saturday? What do you think they desire to go to Waukegan for? To serve the devil, and for nothing else. They will pay for it, and with compound interest. Parents, control your children. Better take that girl and send her to the Reform School, if you cannot control her at home. I'll tell you, my father used to say to us, "If you boys stay here till you are forty years old, you have got to obey me or I will thrash you,"—and he would do it, too.

Here we are today with boys, ten and twelve years old, and the parents have no control over them. Such parents are not fit to have children. I do not know,—well, yes, I do know, too: I know what they go to Waukegan for. They go there to serve the devil,—that is what they go for, and nothing else. To anyone who is a child of God, Zion City is a Heaven on earth; and if you could see some of the letters we get from some families that used to live here and have moved out, how they want to get back here, then you would begin to realize something of the worth of Zion City. Why, when I came back, the other evening, from Chicago, I had to take two bowls of water to wash my hands, and the water looked as though a hog had been wallowing in it. I said, "I wonder if my face is just as dirty." Then I got a bowl of clean water to wash my face. What about a person's nostrils, and bronchial tubes, and lungs? Yes, they need washing, too, but the difficulty is to get at them. Then you think of people living and breathing that kind of atmosphere all the year round! See what pure atmosphere we have in Zion City! and think how thankful to God we ought to be! And then, for the moral atmosphere that is still better! I'll guarantee that my overcoat which I wore down to Chicago last week will not get the tobacco stink out of it for a month. Think of poor little children living in an atmosphere of that kind!

#### The Great Need of Zion Cities.

The greatest thing on God's earth is a Zion City as an object lesson for practical Christianity. We are here on this earth, and we have to stay here until God calls us home,—unless we let the devil destroy us. You see, we ought to ripen for Heaven. As wheat ripens for the granary, so ought we to ripen for Heaven. The greatest thing on God's earth is a Zion City. The greatest sermon that can be preached is a sermon preached by a Zion City. How I would love to tour the world and preach on Zion City—a city of God. Why, the grandest theme a man could have is: "The Gospel in action—the Kingdom of God demonstrated."

#### The Way of the Wicked shall be turned Upside down.

There are some very significant things happening. I'll tell you, Zion's enemies are sorely distressed. They are sorely distressed because they make no headway. One thing I am thankful for, among many other things: I can see a little hope. Some of the people that were with that Independent gang last year are ashamed to be with them this year; and there are others whose consciences are pricking them. As one of them told me the other day: "There are a number of fellows that are running that side that are a disgrace to any decent community; and so they are. But thank God, people are beginning to awake and get their eyes open.

Now we will pray, and I expect you to pray for yourselves.

After we have spent a season in prayer, then I will dismiss you, and I want you to read this forty-fifth chapter of Isaiah. It is a very good one for Zion at this time and it is a very encouraging one. God says in that chapter to His own children: and God says it to Zion, "Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God."

Let us all pray.

## ZION SEVENTIES

*Deacon J. W. Friend*

*General Recorder*

"Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."—Matthew 11:28.

### COMING TO JESUS.

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, there came wise men from the eastern country to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He that is born King of the Jews?"

When they saw the young Child they worshiped Him, and presented unto Him of their treasures, gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

When Jesus grew to manhood, He was led into the Wilderness, and there tempted of the devil.

The evil one not only appeared ONCE, but TWICE, yea, THRICE, and each time Jesus met the wicked one with the Sword of the Spirit, (which is the Word of God). After the third attack, the devil left Him, but only for a season, and behold, angels came and ministered unto Him!

Angels will minister unto you if you are faithful and overcome the evil one.

Even though you are victorious, and by the help of God, overcome temptations, you must continually WATCH and PRAY because the devil will try in many ways to overcome you.

Soon after the baptism of Jesus, when John was standing with two of His disciples looking at Jesus, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God!" They followed Jesus. One of the two was Andrew. He went after his brother, Simon (Peter) and brought him to Jesus.

Can you not find your brother and bring him to the Christ?

The next day Jesus saw Philip and said unto him, "Follow Me;" then Philip found Nathaniel and brought him to Jesus, and as Jesus saw Nathaniel coming to Him, He said, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no guile."

What a wonderful testimony! A man in whom there was NO DECEIT!

Upon a certain occasion we find Jesus "arose a great while before day, and went into a solitary place and there prayed." Many followed Him, and when they had found Him, they said, "All men seek Thee."

Jesus went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil.

What a blessed privilege the Zion Seventies have of preaching the Gospel, and bringing sinners to Jesus the Christ.

One can do no greater work than the rescuing of some unfortunate sinner from the error of his way, and helping him to come to Jesus.

There are many men and women almost crushed by the load of sin and sorrow—if they could hear the blessed invitation, "Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest; take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you shall find rest unto your souls," perhaps they would accept the loving invitation and come unto Jesus and thus find peace and happiness.

What are you doing to bring others to the Savior Who has done so much for you?

Seek to do God's will and help others into His Kingdom, and thus be a blessing to mankind.

Work while it is day.

Grasp every opportunity you may have for doing good.

Be cheerful, earnest and enthusiastic, and do all you can to scatter the good seed of the Kingdom.

Remember that Andrew brought Peter to the Christ.

Philip brought Nathaniel.

Whom have you brought to Jesus?

"Go ye into the highways and byways and COMPEL them to come in," that God's House may be full.

Point them to the "Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world."

Jesus, the very thought of Thee,  
With gladness fills my breast,  
But sweeter far, Thy face to see,  
And in Thy presence rest.

### CHICAGO.

Report of work done for three weeks ending May 16th, 1910:

Cards given	-	-	-	-	688
Notices given	-	-	-	-	30,058
Messages given	-	-	-	-	1,550
Leaves given	-	-	-	-	150
Leaves sold	-	-	-	-	99
Heralds given	-	-	-	-	189
Heralds sold	-	-	-	-	42
Tracts sold	-	-	-	-	71
Total pieces distributed	-	-	-	-	32,847

### OREGON.

Report of work done in Portland, for month of April, 1910:

Leaves sold	-	-	-	-	78
Heralds sold	-	-	-	-	65
Penny tracts	-	-	-	-	73
Leaves given	-	-	-	-	17
Heralds given	-	-	-	-	13
Leaves and Herald's mailed	-	-	-	-	48
Penny tracts given	-	-	-	-	4
Messages given	-	-	-	-	486
Calls made	-	-	-	-	477
Total pieces distributed	-	-	-	-	1261

203 messages were distributed in Warden, Washington, and 3 "Voice From Zion" sold there.

### WISCONSIN.

Saturday evening, May 15, 1910, 22 Zion Seventies visited Kenosha, and a meeting was held in the County jail with gratifying results, some of the prisoners manifesting a strong desire and determination to give up worldly ways and become earnest Christians. Zion, pray for these men!

After the meeting which lasted until nine o'clock, Seventies went to the saloons and stores, with the following result:

Leaves sold and given	-	-	-	-	57
Heralds sold and given	-	-	-	-	64
"Voice from Zion" sold and given	-	-	-	-	3
Penny tracts sold and given	-	-	-	-	247
German Messages given	-	-	-	-	7
Total number of pieces distributed	-	-	-	-	378

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## The Gospel of the Kingdom

### Divine Healing

Why Believe it? Why Teach it?  
Questions and Objections Answered.

(By O. L. Tindall)

**D**IVINE Healing is quite an old story with Zion people; but the love, or faith, of some has waxed cold because of temptations and trials. The doctrine is a most important one for Zion, and for all the world. It is vigorously opposed and assailed by the enemies of God and true Christian people.

One says, "Oh,

**It is not as important as Salvation."**

We may admit that, and yet it must go hand in hand with salvation of the spirit. God joined them together, and let no man put them asunder. Christ put them together. He said: "Why sins be forgiven thee," and, "Arise, take up thy bed and walk. That ye may believe that the Son of Man hath power on earth to forgive sins, I say unto this man, Arise and walk."

That is the Divine logic of Divine Healing. It is a proof of Divine Salvation—of the Divine Savior. Jesus used it constantly for this purpose to prove His divinity and Divine Authority. He appealed to His works as evidence. "Believe Me for the works' sake." It was not on His mere "Ipse Dixit" that He demanded faith in Himself. He never does; neither should we today.

Bring forth your evidence, your witnesses, your works. Deliver the goods or keep still. Men do not care for words, and never more so than now. This is a skeptical age—a material age—an age of cold facts, of laboratories and experiments—theoretical religion has had its day. The churches are dead. They

give no evidence of being anything more than clubs—Divine evidence is wanting in them. God is not in them. They are entirely of the earth, earthy. The devil is far more than a match for them. God must be in the people who will overcome the wicked one. The churches are doomed.

#### Zion Comes With a New Method of Fighting the Devil.

That method is new for this Age, but it is old. It is like that which existed in Moses' day and in Elijah's day, and in Elisha's day, and in the days of all the other old Patriarchs who by Faith wrought Righteousness. It is the same method which existed in Christ's day when He preached the Gospel of the Kingdom and healed the sick, and cast out devils. It is the same that Peter and John had on the Day of Pentecost and which Peter said was for them and their children, and for all that were afar off, "as many as the Lord our God shall call." That means us. It is what Christ gave to all who should preach the Gospel of God to a dying world. Said He;

#### "These Signs Shall Follow."

We use the same plan and preaching and practice that Paul and Barnabas used, the same that the Deacons, Phillip and Stephen, used. Signs and wonders followed.

Zion says the same method must be followed today, for Christ has not changed, neither has the Gospel changed.

#### "The Power of God is Just the Same Today."

The only hope of the Church today is that she shall maintain Divine Healing as a part of the old Gospel.

Zion was built on that foundation, and nothing like it has been seen since the days of the Apostles. John Alexander Dowie's ministry had signs and miracles of healing that equaled any of the Apostles. The results were the same. The fame of it went abroad into all the earth. Dr. Dowie's name was known in every corner of the world. People came to his ministry and crowded his Homes and Tabernacles. The sick and the sorrowing came also and were healed. Sinners were saved. God was glorified, as it was said so often of Christ's ministry when the people saw the miracles, "All men glorified God."

Nicodemus said, "No man could do the miracles which

Thou doest except God be with him." Zion must wring the same confession from the wicked and gainsaying world today. Nothing will do it but Divine Healing and mighty deeds. Eloquent speech, though it be with the tongues of men and of angels, will never do it. Logic and reason will not save men nor convince men. It is not God's order.

#### Divine Healing Helps the Spirituality of the Church.

The enemy says, "Oh, you give too much attention to the body: the soul, or spirit, is the principal thing for men to look after." True, Divine Healing is based on the spiritual. No man is healed, or can be healed, unless he be right with God. It is his spiritual condition that decides his physical healing. It is according to his faith that it shall be done unto him. He is kept well in body on the condition that he hearkens to the Voice of the Lord and keeps all of His commandments, and walks in

His statutes. Divine Healing is not for the sinner unless he repents of his sins and trusts in God for his healing. He has to dwell "in the secret place of the Most High" before he can claim the promise that "no plague shall come nigh his dwelling."

Sickness and sin are put in the same list. Sickness is the consequence of sin. Had there been no sin there would have been no sickness and no death. Death came by sin, said Paul.

Zion must maintain and teach and live and practice this most precious truth which she has received, and which can be found in no other church. She must contend earnestly for the Faith once delivered to her. It is being assailed. The Pharisees fought Divine Healing and said if that kept on those men would soon have the whole world going after them. So says the devil today.

I desire to continue this subject in some future articles, if the Lord wills.

## The Word and Its Witnesses.

Report of a Typical Mid-Week Zion Meeting. Zion Officers, Members and Friends Feast upon the Word and hear Encouraging Addresses and Testimonies at the Mid-Week Rally, Wednesday evening, April 27, 1910.

(Reported by S. J. B.)

The presence of the Holy Spirit impressing the hearts of those present was very noticeable. With deep reverence the Hymn "Abide With Me," was sung, as follows:

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!

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see;  
O Thou, who changest not, abide with me!

I need Thy presence every passing hour,  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me!

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Smile through the gloom and point me to the skies;  
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee!  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

With bowed heads, the audience then joined in singing the Hymn—"Come, Holy Spirit."

Come, Holy Spirit, like a dove descending,  
Rest Thou upon us while we meet to pray;  
Show us the Savior, all His love revealing;  
Lead us to Him, the Life, the Truth, the Way.

Come, Holy Spirit, every cloud dispelling,  
Fill us with gladness, through the Master's Name;  
Bring to our memory words that He hath spoken,  
Then shall our tongues His wondrous grace proclaim.

Come, Holy Spirit, sent from God the Father—  
Thou Friend and Teacher, Comforter and Guide—  
Our thoughts directing, keep us close to Jesus,  
And in our hearts forever more abide.

With an earnestness and confidence betokening implicit trust in the Foundation of the Christian hope, the audience also sang the Hymn, "Arlington."

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
In a believer's ear;  
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,  
And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,  
And calms the troubled breast;  
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,  
And to the weary, rest.

Dear Name, the Rock on which I build  
My shield and hiding-place;  
My never-failing Treasure filled  
With boundless stores of grace.

Jesus my Shepherd, Savior, Friend,  
My Prophet, Priest and King,  
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,  
Accept the praise I bring.

I would Thy boundless love proclaim  
With every fleeting breath;  
So shall the music of Thy name,  
Refresh my soul in death.

#### Declarations and Promises of the Word.

As has always been true in the Christian experience, the Word of God is very bread to the hungry soul; hence Zion reads God's Word, expecting to receive strength for man's every need.

On this occasion Elder O. L. Tindall led the congregation in reading the entire second chapter of the Book of Ephesians.

And you hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins:

Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us,

Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved);

And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus;

That in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace, in His kindness towards us through Christ Jesus.

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God:

Not of works, lest any man should boast.

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

But now, in Christ Jesus, ye who sometimes were far off, are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

For He is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

Having abolished in His flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in Himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

And that He might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby;

And came and preached to you who were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

For through Him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father;

Now, therefore, ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but

fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief Corner Stone; In Whom all the building, fitly framed together, groweth into an holy temple in the Lord: In Whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

As an appropriate expression of praise to God for His great love and mercy in providing salvation and hope for all mankind, the Hymn "At the Cross" was then sung.

Alas! and did my Savior bleed,  
And did my Sovereign die?  
Would He devote that sacred head  
For such a worm as I?

Ref.—At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light,  
And the burden of my heart rolled away,  
It was there by faith I received my sight,  
And now I am happy all the day.

Was it for crimes that I had done,  
He groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity, grace unknown,  
And love beyond degree!

But drops of grief can ne'er repay  
The debt of love I owe;  
Here, Lord, I give myself away,  
'Tis all that I can do!

#### A Prophecy Concerning The Christ.

Elder Reder then read the entire fifty-third chapter of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?

For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: He hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him.

He is despised and rejected of men; a Man of Sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from Him; He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.

Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed.

All we, like sheep, have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid upon Him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and He was afflicted; yet He opened not His mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He openeth not His mouth.

He was taken from prison and from judgment; and who shall declare His generation? for He was cut off out of the land of the living; for the transgression of My people was He stricken.

And He made His grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death; because He had done no violence, neither was any deceit in His mouth.

Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He hath put Him to grief: when thou shalt make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand.

He shall see of the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied: by His knowledge shall My righteous servant justify many; for He shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore will I divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong; because He hath poured out His soul unto death: and He was numbered with the transgressors; and He bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Prayer by Elder Richert:—

Our God and our kind Heavenly Father, we praise Thy Most Holy and Most Glorious Name for this another opportunity of drawing nigh to our Blessed Redeemer and to the Throne of Grace, to bring our sacrifices and our offerings unto Thee, O God, Who hast given Thine Only Begotten Son that we may be set free from sin, redeemed from death, and may live to the honor and glory of our Father in Heaven.

We do thank Thee, dear Father, for Thy guidance during this day. Thou hast been with us dear Lord, as we have traveled another day's journey toward Eternity. We do praise Thee, O God, that Thy protecting care has been over us, and that Thou hast supplied all our needs and hast kept us well, and hast given unto us the blessed assurance that we are in the

right way toward our Heavenly home. Thou hast sustained us in the conflicts against sin and against satan, and hast kept us within the Secret Place of the Most High, and abiding under the shadow of the Almighty—safe and secure. And therefore, dear Father, our hearts are overflowing with praise and gratitude to Thee—especially for the revelations of Thy boundless love toward us. We have been reading, from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, of Thy never-ceasing love toward us; and we thank Thee for the grand and glorious truth of this wonderful revelation of the salvation of our God.

O God, we do thank Thee that Thou art our Father, and that we can draw nigh unto Thee as Thine own children, and can partake of the rich blessings which Thou hast revealed in Thy Word.

We thank Thee that Jesus Christ came down from Heaven from a land of Light, where there is no sin and no sickness and no death, where there are no troubles and no battles to fight; we thank Thee that Jesus came down to this sin-cursed earth to take our sins and to bear our sicknesses; and, O God, we do thank Thee that we can take our loads of guilt and of sickness—and even of death, and lay them down at the foot of the Cross of Calvary.

We do thank Thee that Jesus the Christ is here present in this evening hour; and we pray Thee, O God, to grant that our hearts may be opened, and that the Lord may enter in with the fulness of His glory, and reveal eternal life and the blessings from God the Father, in every heart; and grant, O God, that Thy glory may fill us with boundless hope, and with that conquering faith which Thou hast promised to each and every believer.

Dear Father, we do thank Thee for the Gift of the Holy Spirit. O Lord, fill every one in Divine presence with the power of the Holy Spirit; and grant, O God, that the prayer of faith may arise from every altar to Thy Throne, so that Thou canst open the windows of Heaven and pour down the blessings which Thou hast promised in Thy Word—from Genesis to Revelation.

Father, we are Thine own people; we are a peculiar people bought with the blood of Jesus; and we must be kings and priests, for Thou art willing to crown us with tender mercy and loving kindness; and so we pray Thee to grant, O God, that each one may receive the wedding-garment—the robes of Righteousness; and as we draw nigh unto Thee, dear Father, grant that we may stand upon the holy Hill of Zion, for we realize that Thou art a Burning Fire, and that no sin can stand and abide in Thy presence. Therefore, give us clean hearts, for those alone can see Thee who have pure and clean hearts.

We pray Thee, dear Father, to grant that Thy glory may be revealed in the reading of Thy Word, in the singing of hymns, and in the silent prayers which may arise to Thy Throne; and grant that each one may be strengthened, and may leave this place with the purpose and determination to serve Thee, and to be true and faithful even until Jesus comes.

We pray Thee, Father, to bless the General Overseer; fill his heart with Divine fortitude and courage, and grant, O God, as He leads the hosts of our Lord forward, that Thy Divine Spirit may guide him; and, dear Lord, wilt Thou fill him with the blessed assurance that Thou dost fight for him, as Thou didst for Thy people when they conquered the enemies and crossed the Jordan and took possession of the Promised Land.

Father, we pray Thee to bless the sick tonight. There are some who are suffering, and some who are in the valley of the shadow of Death; there are some, dear Father, who are looking for the dawn of the morning when there will be no more tears, nor sighing, nor death, for all those things shall have passed away. O Father, let the light of Thine eternal life break through the gloom and heal them; and bless all who are looking unto Thee,—in Jesus' Name and for His sake. Amen.

With voices of assurance that God had heard the Elder's prayer, and the prayers of all present, the audience sang the Hymn, "Revive Us Again."

My God I have found the thrice blessed ground,  
Where life and where joy, and true comfort abound.

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**EDITORIAL NOTES**

*By Elder O. L. Tindall.*

“Perfect Love casteth out Fear.”

Love is the highest of the graces.  
 It is the grace which makes us like our Father Who is in Heaven.  
 Love moved Him to give His only Son to die for mankind.

Love is a sterling grace. It is a vigorous plant. It should grow.  
 It must be cultivated as a grain of wheat or corn in order to come to full development.

John speaks about “Perfect Love.”  
 Most people have very imperfect love.  
 We are to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Love is above all the gifts, said the great Apostle Paul; better than the gift of Healing or the gift of Miracles, or the gift

of Speaking in Tongues.  
 Love is the fulfilling of the law.

A man is made perfect in love when he loves God with all his heart, and with all his mind, and with all his strength. Everything in earth and in Heaven is below love.  
 How we love our families: father and mother, and children, and wives and husbands.  
 Men will give their lives for them—gladly die for them.  
 How men love money!  
 They show their love by their works. They toil and endure hardness and sacrifice everything to make money, and then to make more money, and the more they make the more they desire. It is like a fire, the more fuel put on it the harder and brighter it burns.

Fire is not satisfied with fuel, neither is a man satisfied with money, if he loves it. It makes him dishonest. He will cheat his neighbors and defraud and lie and steal, and even murder for money.

Think of the various and numerous things on which men constantly set their affections. They are driven in life by this hidden fire or power within.  
 This is all human and earthly. It is much the same as the animal instinct which impels the brute mother to defend her offspring.

But there is a Divine Love that overshadows all these, and if it is as it should be it will dominate all these. It must be greater, said Jesus, than the love for father or mother, or children, or houses, or lands. If it is not, then God does not accept it.  
 He is a jealous God He says. As a man forsakes father and mother and cleaves to his wife and forsakes all others for her, so says God, must a man forsake all else and love and follow God and he must do it from love and not from policy or for gain; not for the loaves and fishes which he may expect to get by serving God Who is so gracious and good and liberal.

The love of Christ must constrain us in our actions toward Him and toward any another.  
 God has given many tests whereby we may know whether we love Him or not. Some men say that they love Him when they do not. How shall we know that we love Him?  
 One says, “Oh, I feel it in my heart.” Very good, but feelings are very fickle and not always to be trusted; therefore God has given us something more substantial. He says: “We know we love Him when we keep His commandments and do those things which are pleasing in His sight;”—when we obey Him—and again, “when we love the brethren.”

If we hate our brother the love of God is not in us, nor if we shut up the bowels of our compassion to him: if we do not give him help—when naked, clothe him; when hungry, feed him; when thirsty, give him drink.  
 Further, perfect Love will cast out all fear. This is a good and a sure sign,—no fear of anybody, or of anything, even when the storm howls and the sea is angry, and the waves grow

bolsterous, it is all the same—no fear.

“Wherefore didst thou fear,” said the Master to the terrified Disciples in the ship on the sea at night.

“Oh, ye of little faith!”

It was natural to fear under those circumstances, but it was not Christian.

“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear.” Love and fear do now dwell in the same breast.

Christian, are you afraid of this and that and the other thing? If so, then you are not made perfect in love.

Wife, are you afraid of your husband so that you do not do your Christian duty to God?

Husband, are you afraid of your wife and falter in the discharge of your duty?

Are you afraid of the world and of men—afraid of what they will say of you—afraid they will harm or injure you?

Are you afraid you will fail in business if you stand for your colors?

Are you afraid of what men will do to you?

Is the man-fearing spirit in you?

Are you afraid to own your Lord before men, as was said of the old rulers: “They confessed Him not because of the Pharisees lest they would be put out of the synagogue, for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.”

Are you afraid of failure if you start?

Are you trembling for the safety of the Ark of God, even?

Some men are afraid the cause of Christ will fail even when they are at work.

Are you afraid of death, that great King of Terrors, which keeps so many men all the days of their lives in bondage?

No! we shout in triumph over the grave and say, “O Grave, where is thy sting?”

“Thanks be unto God Who giveth us the Victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Fear hath torment. “He that feareth is not made perfect in love.”

“Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not; behold your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompense; He will come and save you.”

## The Word and Its Witnesses.

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Ref.—Hallelujah! Thine the glory!  
Hallelujah! Amen!  
Hallelujah! Thine the glory!  
Revive us again.

’Tis found in the blood of Him Who once stood  
My refuge and safety, my surety with God.

He bore on the tree the sentence for me,  
And now both the surety and sinner are free.

And though here below ’mid sorrow and woe,  
My place is in Heaven with Jesus, I know.

And this I shall find for such is His mind,  
“He’ll not be in glory and leave me behind.”

**ADDRESS by ELDER CAREY.**

Elder E. L. Carey—Now, if you feel as you have been slinging, perhaps some of you will be ready to stand and tell your story to others. Thank God, He IS reviving Zion, and there is hope, and there are good days before us. Press forward and onward. This Movement will be just exactly what you and I make it to be.

Where there is a people, a leader is needed. The leader may be all right, and the people may not be—although it does not usually happen to be that way. History shows us that where the leader is right the people are right. And, thanks be unto God, today we have a leader upon whom the Spirit of God is resting—a leader who is leading Zion’s hosts onward to victory.

God never leaves nor forsakes His people. God brought Zion into existence and, in so doing, gave to her a leader; and under that leadership wonderful things were accomplished—great things were accomplished; hundreds and thousands of people were saved and healed; and today there are many people in all parts of the world who are ready to testify to the wonderful healings and blessings which they have received—you will find them almost everywhere and anywhere.

**The God Who led Zion of old is Present Today.**

My brothers and sisters, that same God is here with us today—this evening; and Zion is fast rising to occupy a most prominent place. God has given unto Zion a wonderful mission, and she must fulfil that mission. We sometimes wonder just what is the exact work which Zion must perform; but we do not need to bother about that.

However, I do believe—and I think you, too, believe—that we are nearing the end of the Age, because we have many signs to show that this is so; and with this thought in mind, and the thought of Zion’s unique and wonderful mission in this world, we cannot but look forward to the future with great expectations.

Jesus is coming! Yes, He is. When He will come, we do not know, we cannot tell; but we are living in strange times—and, for you and for me, we are living in wonderful times.

**Many Ignorant of God’s Plan of the Ages.**

My brethren, I believe that the angels in Heaven would like to be in our places today—helping in this glorious fight. There are many people today who do not understand the conflict in this City, but the day is coming when they will understand it; and oh, methinks they will then wish that they could have seen it before, and that they might have had a part in this work.

A true soldier of Jesus the Christ—a Christian—a man with spiritual vitality, cannot keep out of any good fight. When you were in the churches, before you heard of Zion, some of you were good fighters. I sometimes used to enjoy being in the midst of a fight against the saloon, and so did some of you.

**People Came to Zion for the Love of Righteousness’ Sake.**

Some of you will remember that away back in the good old days of Methodism there were glorious times, and you were happy—even though some others who did not feel as you did were not; because you were fighting for God, and because your whole spirit, soul and body desired to be where there was a fight

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for God and for Righteousness. And now you are in Zion today, and God brought you to Zion because you loved Righteousness and Truth and were opposed to the ways of wickedness and the ways of the world, and you have found Zion to be the best place; and, as the days pass by, that conviction will deepen and strengthen, and you will thank God, more than ever before, for having called you into Zion, and bestowed upon you the honor of being in the ranks of Zion which are being led by our Great Commander, even Jesus the Christ.

#### Fighting for Righteousness a Glorious Privilege.

Brethren, what a glorious fight this is in which we are engaged! It is worth fighting for God; it is worth fighting for Jesus; it is worth fighting so that the Holy Spirit may find an entrance into the lives and hearts of men and women,—is it not? Oh, yes it is! It is worth all the fighting and all the sacrifice, so that into some poor life of misery and of sorrow—of whom there are many around us everywhere today—there may come a gleam of light and some ray of hope and happiness.

#### Joy in Directing People to Noble Thought.

Yes; it is worth the fighting, when one sees the eye lighten with joy, and feels the grasp of the hand in thankfulness to you and appreciation for some little word spoken or some kind act performed—in taking that one and pointing him or her, by that kind word and act, to a life that is far above this sordid life—for that is just what many people make this life to be: a life in which they grovel in the things of this world, and are satisfied only with the "muck-rake." It is worth the fighting, to take their thoughts away from such things, and lead them up to something better, higher and nobler; to take a man or a woman whose only thought has been of a life of selfishness, and to get that one to live an unselfish life, and to live for the good and blessing of others.

#### Faithfulness Certain of Reward.

And so your influence for good will increase and increase and extend; if you are faithful, somebody else is going to be faithful also; but if you are unfaithful, the probability is that your unfaithfulness will cause somebody else to be unfaithful; if you are inactive in God's service, the probabilities are that somebody else will get that same spirit and will also be inactive; but if you are filled with the Spirit of the Living God, and your life shows that God is dwelling therein, then that spirit will go from heart to heart, and from life to life; until many—even through your humble instrumentality, will learn to know God.

Zion, let us praise our God tonight! I, myself, cannot but feel very thankful for what God has done for me and for my brothers and sisters in the Lord. As we read letters that come from many people how glad we are to think, for a moment, that God is able to use us in some little way to help humanity.

#### Zion Seventy Work Urged.

You do not know how much good you may do with your little Seventy work. It may sometimes seem but small to your vision, the face may be turned away from you; but, my brother, my sister, you cannot tell what fruit may be produced from the little tract that you left at the home—time alone will tell. Do not think that any act or service, no matter how small, is too small or insignificant to be noticed, for HE notices it—even God your Father—and there will be some fruit from your labors, for the Word of God shall never return unto Him void—never, never return void; but God's Word will always accomplish that for which it was sent, and men and women will learn to know the right way.

Oh, think of the millions who tonight are in the wrong way—how many there are! Some of them do not know any better; but you and I know better. Then let us each one be filled with the Spirit of God, and give ourselves fully and completely to Him; let us all reconsecrate ourselves to Him tonight, here in this building, and He will bless us.

Now, is there one of you here who feels thankful for what God has done for you? Are you glad because Zion is here? Are you glad for what God has done for you? What blessings have you received this week? If you have received blessing, get up and tell it to others. If you have received healing, if God has

blessed you in body, get up and tell it. Speak for Christ, for Jesus' sake.

#### Thanks and Praise by Deacon Irvine.

Deacon Irvine—I want to thank and praise God for the many blessings that I have received. I thank Him for Zion and Zion City, and that He is saving this City for His people and for His honor and glory.

#### Deacon Robinson Praises God and Exhorts to Faithfulness.

Deacon Frank Robinson—I thank God tonight for this privilege of once more meeting with you, and for the many blessings I have received since returning to Zion City a few days ago. One thought that has been especially close to my mind, has been the thought of PEACE—that wonderful Peace which God gives to His own people. Having just come in from the world, that Peace is very marked in Zion City. Outside, one sees men and women, young and old, rushing and surging from one end of the Continent to the other seeking Peace—not that Peace which comes only through Jesus the Christ, but what the world calls "peace"—and they are not finding Peace.

#### Blessed are the Peacemakers.

During the past months, how often I have carried a message of peace to sad and sorrowing hearts, and I thank God for such opportunities.

At this moment I think of a certain person whom I met in Portland. A few months ago, while crossing one of the bridges in that City, I saw a young man standing on the side of that bridge, weeping as though his heart would break—that poor man had not any peace in his heart. I asked him what was the matter, and for some time he would not answer me. Then, showing me a letter that he had received from his mother, he said, "Oh! my God, what shall I do?" That poor man had gone away from home and left his mother, and he ought to have been at home taking care of his mother; but the peace of God had gone out of his heart, and the torments of hell were surging there, and causing the tears and the heart-aches.

I spoke to that young man of the words of Christ and, from the Gospel, of the wonderful peace of God which passeth all understanding. He promised me that he would do better and would serve his God.

Another scene which arises before my mind, is that of an old man, seventy-two years of age, who has a terrible sore on his face, and in whose heart there is not any of the peace of God.

Men and women are seeking peace by every means and in every way but the right way. They do not know Jesus the Christ; they do not know the One Who was born in Bethlehem when the angels sang that beautiful song: "Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

#### Zion Has and Proclaims the Gospel of Peace.

I thank God tonight that Zion has the Gospel of peace; but we know, that before there is peace there must be a war, Zion has on the armor and we are going forth to war; but it is a warfare that will bring peace. I thank God that it is our privilege tonight to have this peace within our hearts and lives.

My brothers and sisters, have we that peace in our own hearts as we should have it? If we have, then as we come into contact with our fellow-men we will instill hope into their hearts and inspire them with confidence in Jesus the Christ Who alone can give us that peace—that blessed peace which the world cannot give and cannot take away.

#### A Hymn of Confidence.

With an assurance born of deep spiritual conviction, the audience then joined in singing the Hymn "It Is Well With My Soul."

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin,—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought—  
My sin—not in part but the whole,

Is called to His cross and I bear it no more,  
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, oh, my soul!  
 And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,  
 The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
 The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,  
 "Even so,"—it is well with my soul.

**Exhortation of Deacon Friend.**

Deacon J. W. Friend—I thank God for the health and strength which He has given to me, and for His wonderful keeping power and for the many blessings which He has bestowed upon me. I thank God also for the success which I have had during the past few weeks. It does my heart good to return to Zion City. After all, there is no place like Zion City—it is the dearest spot on earth, and we should all do everything within our power to help build it up. Let us go forward to do all that we can for the betterment of humanity; and if you and I are faithful, we can make this to be the greatest work on the face of the earth for the salvation of humanity. Therefore, let us buckle on the armor of God and go forward, in the days that are coming, and scatter the seed broadcast; put the Zion literature into hundreds and thousands of homes and scatter the Zion papers throughout the world. You who are visiting in Zion City, when you return to your homes, do personal work and in this way you will be helping to bring others into this work and into the Kingdom of God. Just as you and I are faithful we will inspire others who will see our work, and thereby will be encouraged, and press forward to do more work for the Master. Let us go forward, conquering in Jesus' Name. Pray for the success of the Seventies throughout the world, and do everything within your power to help make this a mighty Organization, and then I am sure that God will richly bless our efforts.

Now, I desire that all of you who have Bibles to spare, kindly to send them in to our Department, because we need them to send out to the various branches, as we are constantly receiving requests for them; we shall be glad to receive all that you can spare.

**Elder Moot Speaks on the Everlasting Gospel.**

Elder Silas Moot—I feel that I have much for which I desire to praise God this evening. Since the last time that I addressed you, I have been called upon to pass through an experience which has brought to me the realities of the Gospel as they were never brought to me before. Elder Carey chose this beautiful Hymn, which starts with the words:—

"My God I have found the thrice blessed ground,  
 Where life and where joy and true comfort abound."

Thanks be unto God, in the Gospel we have that "thrice blessed ground, where life and where joy and true comfort abound."

It is—and has been—sad to me when I have seen young people not caring to submit themselves to the rule of the Christ. To have their eyes fixed upon Jesus on the Cross and to realize that He has died for them is something they do not desire to consider; and when such is the case I always feel that there is something radically wrong, and that they are not converted; and there is no happiness, no joy and no peace in the heart of a person whose eyes are not fixed upon the Lord Jesus the Christ.

When looking over my letters and thinning them out, I saved a couple that had been written to me from Cleveland, where I had had the privilege of baptizing a husband and father. I remembered having noticed the tears coursing down the cheeks of the wife and the daughter when they realized that he had submitted himself to the Lord Jesus the Christ; and this letter told how that husband and father had, for the very first time in his life, asked for the Bible; and how, when the time came for prayer, he told them that he wanted to pray his own prayer; and oh, what joy they had in hearing him pray—which seemed to them to be beyond anything they could expect.

And so, it is one thing for us to enjoy Christ and the Christian religion, and to enjoy a Zion City, when we are full of life and vigor; and it is another thing to enjoy Christ when these mortal bodies of ours decay—and they will decay, and they will pass

away—yes, it is another thing then, to realize that joy and comfort.

Oh, how beautiful it is to know that Christ is with us all the time, and that the holy angels are with us, and that this blessed Gospel is something that is never ended—it is the EVERLASTING GOSPEL: it begins here, and fills our hearts with joy; it goes with us in our dying hours; and in the Beyond it is ten thousand times more beautiful, even, than it is here. We can enjoy God and enjoy the Savior right on throughout Eternity.

Brethren, let us strive to have this a beautiful City and to make it more beautiful all the time. I do thank God for Zion and for Zion City. I do thank God for the way in which He is leading, and for the leader whom He has given unto us; that He is protecting and leading us forward; and that the prospects are so bright and encouraging. May we, with greater humility and with greater comfort and with renewed energy, put forth every effort within our power, and may we all be filled with the Spirit of God, so that there may soon be one City the inhabitants of which shall fear the Lord and honor the Name of Jehovah, and where the Name of our God shall be praised unto the ends of the earth; so that the time may soon come when the kingdoms and nations of this earth shall become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ. May God grant it!

The Hymn "Jesus, Lover of my Soul," was then sung.

Jesus Lover of my soul,  
 Let me to Thy bosom fly,  
 While the nearer waters roll,  
 While the tempest still is high;  
 Hide me, O my Savior hide,  
 Till the storm of life is past;  
 Safe into the haven guide,  
 Oh, receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,  
 Hangs my helpless soul on Thee;  
 Leave, oh, leave me not alone,  
 Still support and comfort me.  
 All my trust on Thee is stayed,  
 All my help from Thee I bring;  
 Cover my defenceless head  
 With the shadow of Thy wing

Thou, O Christ, art all I want;  
 More than all in Thee I find:  
 Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,  
 Heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
 Just and holy is Thy Name,  
 I am all unrighteousness:  
 Vile, and full of sin I am,  
 Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found—  
 Grace to cover all my sin:  
 Let the healing streams abound:  
 Make me, keep me, pure within;  
 Thou of life the Fountain art;  
 Freely let me take of Thee;  
 Spring Thou up within my heart,  
 Rise to all eternity.

**Free Literature Distribution For Two Weeks Ending May 28th, 1910.**

Rolls to different States	1400
to Hotels of the United States	30
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to Australia	25
to Egypt	15
to England	25
<b>Total for Two Weeks</b>	<b>1505</b>

Total Number Rolls sent out since Aug. 1st, 1909	4404
Messages given away and distributed by Zion Seventies for week ending May 28th, 1910	5400
Messages given away and distributed by Zion Seventies since Aug. 1st, 1909	230,392

**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 enrolment 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

"If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you."—John 15:7.

### ABIDING IN JESUS.

Every Christian throughout the world, should be familiar with the above selection from God's Divine Word. Yet how few know and realize what the "Abiding in Jesus" means.

Jesus said, "As the Branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the Vine; so neither can ye, except ye abide in Me."

To abide in Jesus means to live in Him; to have Him as your daily companion: to walk with Him as He walked with the two Disciples on their way to Emmaus when their hearts were burning within them while He spake to them and taught them the Scriptures.

What a blessed privilege to walk and talk with Jesus!

What a joy to the Christian!

Yet this joy may be yours if you consecrate your life to His service.

If you love Jesus you will keep His commandments, and your Heavenly Father will love you, and the Father, Son and Holy Spirit will come unto you and make their home, or abiding place with you.

Let your spirit be filled with a burning desire for the redemption of mankind.

Seek the lost, and bring them to Jesus.

Will you stand before God, when your work upon earth is finished, without a single jewel? or will you have many precious sheaves, shining jewels, won for God's harvest field, gathered from the depths of sin, and transplanted by your tender, loving care, into God's Vineyard, there to grow, and to blossom, into beautiful, Christian character, as branches abiding in the Vine, bringing forth precious fruit for the Master's service.

You can do this by doing a personal work. Send the Leaves of Healing—the "Little White Dove" of Peace—into the homes of your friends.

In a sermon delivered by the late Rev. John Alexander Dowie in Central Zion Tabernacle, Chicago, Lord's Day,

September 20th, 1896, speaking about the Leaves of Healing, he said, in part, as follows:

"It goes into kings' palaces in Europe, and into the homes of the Boers in Africa; it is read in the South Sea Islands, and in Australia, and we praise God it is being blessed everywhere it goes.

"Every week brings us a story, which is repeated now so frequently; this week of people reading it and believing it, and going to God and praying and getting the healing where they are. That is what I care for. On the very top of it and on either side of the Dove, we have the words, 'HE SENDETH HIS WORD AND HEALETH THEM.'

"We are putting the Word of God into that paper, and it is becoming a power that leads to the healing of people as well as to their salvation.

"Now, I want you to send it abroad. I want every man and woman in Zion to be an agent for this paper, and volunteer agents, buying it and sending it to your friends.

"Be my fellow-workers with God in this matter, and every week send to some friend somewhere, one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine and ten copies. It does not cost you very much—a few cents, a little trouble—and it may be the means of saving husband and wife, and child, and of spreading glad tidings and of winning many to God, because that is often the result. Now, I say that because it is much on my heart."

### OREGON.

The following is a report of the work done in the city of Portland by Mrs. Robinson from May 1st to May 15th:

Leaves sold	53
Heralds sold	9
Penny tracts	5
Leaves given	24
Heralds given	9
Leaves mailed	6
Messages given	203
Calls made	209
10 week's subscription	1
Total pieces distributed	519

### WISCONSIN.

Despite the rain of last Saturday evening, three Seventies from Zion City worked in Kenosha, and the result, including sales at the meeting in Carpenter's Hall Lord's Day morning, are as follows:

Leaves sold and given	25
Heralds sold and given	42
"Voice from Zion" sold	1
Penny tracts given	2
English Messages given	51
Total number of pieces distributed	121

100 Invitation cards—for special service in Carpenter's Hall—were distributed.

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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

### Divine Healing

Why Believe it? Why Teach it?  
Questions and Objections Answered.

(By O. L. Tindall)

#### ARTICLE TWO

**W**HY do I believe in Divine Healing?  
I answer, first, and foremost, because the Bible teaches it. That should settle all questions, especially with professed Christians, and more especially with professed Zion people. They have had more light and teaching than anyone else on this subject, and for them to deny it is worse than for other people.

The Bible is the Word of God, and therefore it must be true, or it is impossible for God to lie. Whatever that Book teaches is absolutely true and right, and must be obeyed. It is our rule of Faith, or Belief, and Practice.

Leaving all objections and difficulties in abeyance, let us see whether the Good Book does really teach Divine Healing through Faith in Jesus Christ just as it was taught and practiced by the prophets of old, and by Jesus the Christ, and by the apostles.

If we can show that all of these taught and practiced it, we surely have good grounds for doing the same thing now, for are we not as a body of Christians, the Church of Jesus Christ, built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the Chief Cornerstone?

The statement of this proposition ought to be enough to carry conviction with Christians without any arguments.

Nothing can be plainer than that God was the Healer and Saviour of His people in olden times. His Covenant was absolutely true with the people, and could not be mistaken. He told them

in Moses' day that if they would keep His commandments and walk in His statutes and do them, that He would suffer none of those diseases to come upon them which came upon the Egyptians.

This you read in Exodus 15:26. The same thing in a more extended way, is repeated in the twenty-eighth chapter of Deuteronomy.

We have the very remarkable healing of Naaman, the Captain of the Syrian Host. It was wrought by God without the use of any medicine or human help. David repeatedly says in his Psalms that GOD IS THE HEALER.

The 103d Psalm says, "He forgiveth all our iniquities and healeth all our diseases."—"He sendeth His Word and healeth them."

#### Isaiah Puts Divine Healing in the Atonement

in that remarkable chapter of his prophecy, the fifty-third chapter. Christ interpreted it as referring to the healing of the body. He said that prophecy was fulfilled when He healed all their sick. (See Matthew 8:16,17.)

King Asa was severely rebuked by the Lord for going to the physicians when he was sick in his feet, instead of seeking unto the Lord, and he paid for it with his life, just as thousands do today. This story you will find in 2 Chronicles, chapter sixteen.

To go to the doctors then was evidently an offense in the sight of God, and an evidence of a man's departure from God, and showed a great lack of faith. God has not changed.

Christ followed the same plan in His life work on the earth. He preached the Kingdom of God, and healed the sick everywhere. He said plainly that was His mission to mankind. He carried Salvation in one hand and Healing in the other. No one can dispute that.

He told the Twelve to go and do the same thing—preach the Gospel of the Kingdom and heal the sick. He told the Seventies to do the same and they did it through His power. When He was about to leave the world He gave His Disciples a wonderful commission: to go into all the world and preach the Gospel, and baptize believers, and He said that signs would follow, and that they should lay hands on the sick and they should recover.

That is recorded in Mark 16. That was His final commission. Has He ever revoked it? Has any man or body of men, a right to revoke, or cancel that declaration or change it?

**Divine Healing is a Part of the Gospel**

just as much as is Baptism. Why do the preachers continue to say, "Go, preach the Gospel" and make so much ado about their great missionary work among all nations and yet carry the Gospel and all the promises to these poor, deluded people?

Why don't they read and believe and teach the whole Commission?

Did not Christ say that His people, (those who believe) should do the works that He did, and even greater works, because He was to go to the Father; that the Holy Ghost should come and then they should be endued with power from on High?

When did those promises cease and become null and void as a part of the Gospel?

Who cut them out of our economy?

Why, the devil, through false and faithless shepherds who would not heal the poor, sick sheep and the lame. So said Ezekiel in the thirty-fourth chapter of his remarkable prophecy. That was a charge against those shepherds. They left out Divine Healing.

**Divine Healing a Reality in the Time of the Apostles.**

The success of their ministry depended largely upon healing and other miracles. These things confirmed the Word which was preached. Divine Healing is so interwoven with all the teachings of Christ and the Apostles and with all their work, that to attempt to cut it out would mean to destroy the whole woof and warp of the beautiful fabric.

This is why I believe in Divine Healing, because the Bible teaches it, and says we should preach it as a part of the Gospel. No student of the Bible can deny this. They must resort to some other weapon besides the Sword of the Spirit—the Word of God—to destroy it as a doctrine and as a privilege of God's people—a promise to all believers.

**The Arguments Against Divine Healing are Never Taken From the Bible.**

They never answer us on this question as Christ answered the devil in the Wilderness, "For it is written." No; it is always something else. If it be so wrong and does not belong to the Gospel as a present-day experience and privilege as all the preachers say, then they ought to be able to destroy the heresy by the plain Word of God. The Word ought to be against it directly, or indirectly, at least. But

**"HE SENDETH HIS WORD AND HEALETH THEM."**

(To be continued.)

## The Word and Its Witnesses.

Report of a Typical Mid-Week Zion Meeting. Zion Officers, Members and Friends Feast upon the Word and hear Encouraging Addresses and Testimonies at the Mid-Week Rally, Wednesday evening, April 27, 1910.

(Reported by S. J. B.)

(Continued from last week)

**ADDRESS by EVANGELIST A. DARMS.**

"I do not think there is anyone here this evening who has more for which to thank and praise God than I have; and I do thank Him this evening for the blessings which He has given unto me, and that He spared me from going down into the grave; and I have realized how true are the words of the Apostle—"All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose."

When I was taken down sick, and had to give up my work in Cincinnati and go to California, together with my beloved wife, I often wondered what it all would mean to me, and what would be the outcome of all this affliction.

But there were many lessons which I had to learn, and I believe that the most important lesson I had to learn, was to lose sight of everything else except God—to be shut out of everything else, and to be shut in—hid with Christ in God.

**Studying to Learn God's Way.**

For six months I was unable to go anywhere—never attended a church service—alone with my wife here and there in different places, and yet every day was a blessing—and what brought that blessing? We took the Word of God and started in with the first chapter of Genesis and read through the Sacred Pages until we had well nigh read through the entire Bible; we had had a new revelation of God's wonderful love toward us, and His Word has become to us a living power in our lives.

Then we took the "Leaves of Healing," that brought their sweet messages from God's Throne—and from this place—to our lonely hearts; and each week my dear wife read the messages of our leader, and of these beloved Elders, and those messages

brought such comfort to our hearts, and hope and blessing to us.

I will never forget the beautiful sermons that were delivered in connection with the teaching on the Holy Spirit. Oh, how we thanked God that the Comforter had come, and that He had found His place in Zion in a larger and fuller measure than we had ever known before; and I believe that the blessings of those sermons will go down to us in history in years to come, in welding our hearts together and preparing us for the great onward movement of Zion.

And then we took "Gospel Hymns," and started with the first hymn in the book and went clear through and sang every one of them, and they have become more precious to us than ever before.

And so God has blessed us through all these days of training, when we were shut in just as Noah was in the Ark; but we were brought out without danger and with an earnest desire to carry this beautiful message to any others. Almost every day these words are ringing in my ears.

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!" (Isaiah 52:7).

So, with all of these great blessings, we found ourselves in a field that was filled with those who were in need and in sorrow and want, and we went right to work there for God and for Zion.

**Many had Apostatized Because of False Shepherds.**

In the years that had passed there had been many members there in Los Angeles; where used to be a good branch of Zion but, I must say, through the unfaithfulness of unfaithful officers—particularly the last one who was sent there—the entire work went to pieces, as it has done in many other parts of the world. It was not the fault of the teaching nor the fault of Zion that the work was destroyed, but through the unfaithfulness of unfaithful servants that it went to pieces, and that we found ourselves surrounded by a number of former Zion members.

We tried to get them to come back to Zion, but found that impossible, and although they were willing to attend our meetings in the beginning and promised their support—financially as well as in other ways—yet we found that it would mean to lower the beautiful standard which God had given to us in Zion; and that it would mean to compromise with the ways of the churches in general and with the manner in which their missions are conducted.

**Zion's Banner Kept Floating.**

We told God that we would not do that, and that we would not compromise; and whatever we have not done in our work here, I can say that we have kept the banner of Zion floating, lifting the standard higher than ever it was before there; and the people have come to learn what Zion stands for.

We received many offers of various kinds; but I think it would perhaps be better not to tell of them, as it would seem rather an insult to receive such offers—as this one, for instance: we received one offer to be provided with funds to start a work; and from another Movement we received an offer to go to foreign fields; and we have received various other kinds of offers.

But I thank God that not at any time was there any other thought in our hearts than to stand firmly for Zion, even though we had to stand alone; and I am so glad to be able to say that our labors have not been in vain. I thank God that He has given to us a few who have come to see eye to eye with us in Zion.

There is Brother and Sister Fisher, in Los Angeles, who, in answer to our prayers, have been brought—after many sorrows and afflictions and sickness—to God and taken their stand boldly and firmly for Zion. And there are also many others.

So while we toiled alone for several months in that great City, we now have two or three Seventies who will go with us in our work.

**God Blesses in Seventy Work.**

God has wonderfully blessed us in our Seventy work. We have encountered a great many difficulties and opposition; but I could spend a great deal of time tonight telling of marvelous healings wrought through our ministry, and blessings that have come to many.

Just to mention one or two: My wife entered a home where a woman was lying in bed suffering with terrible convulsions. She had been in a hospital, and because she was a Jewish woman and had absolutely no money, and they could not do anything for her, they threw her out upon the street without even some one to take her home.

However, she was taken to her home and put to bed; she could not understand a word of English, but her husband could. After a few moments, my wife came out and called me in. I at once realized the situation—that they were Hebrews, and cared nothing for the Church of Christ and God's people, and they had even gone back upon their own belief; and yet I saw her need, for she was suffering terribly. God put it upon my heart to have her husband read to her in the Hebrew language, the Covenant of Divine Healing. He did not want to do it; but I said, "You have to repeat this to your wife; she is dying;" and he did so.

Finally we got to the One Hundred and third Psalm, and when we reached the words, "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities, Who healeth all thy diseases," I stopped and made him repeat that to his wife, and he repeated it in the Hebrew language. That woman was instantly healed and the convulsions left her. A few days later we went there and found her well. I tried to interest them further in the Gospel of the Kingdom, but they were perfectly satisfied to stand still.

**Healed of Rheumatism in Answer to Prayer.**

At another home where we called, a woman stepped to the door, and I handed to her a Zion message. She looked at it and said, "That is from Dr. Dowie, or Zion City; I will have nothing to do with it, so you do not need to bring that message around to me." I said to her, "Now, Sister, I did not come to you in the name of Dr. Dowie, but I come to you in the Name of the Lord Jesus the Christ, to bring salvation to your home; is all well? are you all well?" She said, "No; I must say that I am very sick; I have a terrible time with my Rheumatism." I said, "That is what we are here for, to bring peace to your house; we will pray for you." She said, "I do not know that that will do any good, because I am a Free Methodist and our preachers have prayed for me and it does not do me any good, but you may step inside."

So we stepped in and read to her a portion of the tenth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke, and prayed with her.

On the following Sunday that lady attended our meeting, and after we had proclaimed the Gospel she stood up and told how she had abused us and would have nothing to do with Dr. Dowie or Zion City, for which she was very sorry; she said that while she had not had any faith for her healing, yet she had been instantly healed in answer to prayer, and that every bit of her Rheumatism had left her, for which she gave God all the glory.

We have had more wonderful healings than these.

**Wonderfully Healed after Being nearly killed, and Given up by Doctors.**

One other case I will mention: of a woman upon whom a doctor performed an operation for rupture; he made an incision in the bowels and all the bowels gushed out, and the food passed out of that opening, and she was in a dying condition.

The nurse happened to know us, and asked the lady whether she would not like to have us come and pray with her. She had heard a great deal about "mental healing," etc., but nothing about Divine Healing.

When we went to see her I said, "Trust God and you will live, for God is able to heal you, no matter what they have done to you." And so we committed her to the Lord, and called to see her occasionally, and by and by she dismissed the doctors and took no medicine, but only looked to God for her healing, and she was healed.

In the meantime, however, she began to lose her mind and hey said that she was going insane, as she was unable to remember anything. I told her again to trust God and He would restore her mind and she would get well and strong. We again prayed for her, and in a few days her mind was clear again, and she was in her right mind. She was getting along fine; but after a few more weeks, when she seemed to be improving very much, drowsy set in in both feet and extended up to her knees; and she was soon in such a terrible condition that it seemed as though death was setting in. The nurse thinking that the woman was soon to die, came and called for us. I said, "Trust God, and you will live; God will destroy this drowsy and make you well." We commended her to the Lord, and in

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## EDITORIAL NOTES

By Elder O. L. Tindall.

### "THE WAY OF THE WICKED SHALL PERISH."

That is the declaration and decree of God.

It should make all good men and women to rejoice and be exceeding glad.

The way of the wicked SHALL perish.

This would be a glorious world were it not for sin, and iniquity.

All the evils of this earth come from sin, or the transgression of God's Law.

God has pledged Himself, and confirmed it with an oath, that He would make all things to abound for man's good and happiness if he would not sin.

He would stop all these destructive storms, as Jesus did on the Sea of Galilee.

Jesus rebuked the winds and the waves, and they obeyed Him at once. God can do the same thing now.

Earthquakes can be used of God, as for instance in the case of Paul and Silas. The earthquake shook the foundation of the prison and all the doors flew open and the bands of all the prisoners were loosed.

The rains are God's sprinklers for our gardens and fields, and He has promised to send the former and the latter rain on His people.

When Zion becomes a holy people and lives up to her privileges, and dares to claim these exceeding rich and precious promises, as Peter calls them, then she will see fulfilled all these things which have been spoken concerning her.

Prosperity on every hand will come to her just as fast as she is worthy of it, and will use it for the glory of God and not upon her own lusts, or pleasures.

Why is God slow in giving us more?

Simply because we are slow in accepting it.

The thirty-fifth chapter of Isaiah is our ideal and this world has got to work up to it.

We should live the ninety-first Psalm, then no plague would come nigh our dwellings.

We would have no need of doctors.

Doctors were never made by God. He has no use for them. He never made any place for them in His Kingdom. They only belong to the Kingdom of darkness.

Some men who use them and their poisons, admit that they are only for the unbelievers. They and their whole business are only a concoction of the devil.

A Pharmacist, in the New Testament, is a sorcerer, and his lot is placed with the unbelievers and the adulterers, whoremongers and idolaters.

They, themselves, admit that their practice has been wrong from the foundation of the world up to the present time. They have only been going from one experiment to another.

This Age repudiates all the old practice of the cult in the past. The next generation will do the same thing. As fast as they are exposed they move on to another fad and work it for a time.

Learned physicians say they haven't a book in their libraries ten years old that is of any use at present. Why should they go on deceiving the people and destroying them, and robbing them of their money and their health?

"SUFFERED MANY THINGS OF MANY PHYSICIANS—SPENT ALL HER LIVING—was NOTHING BETTERED, but RATHER GREW WORSE," is the old story sent down to us from Christ's own day, and still it goes on.

Why will not men learn God's Way of Healing?

Is it not plain?

"Is any sick among you, let him call for the Elders (not doctors) of the Church; and let them pray over him; \* \* and the Prayer of Faith shall save the sick, and the LORD (not the doctors or drugs) shall raise him up."

Do you need any plainer instructions than that, as to your duty when you are sick?

Does the weak-kneed preacher tell you that that passage does not mean what it says?

Believe him not. He is working in the interest of the physician who shares with the parson some of the "tainted" money that he gets for his service to you.

It is a case of where the birds of the air steal away some of the seed (the Word) which was sown in your heart by the Son of Man Himself.

The birds represent the devil, said the Christ in the Parable, and the devil's agents are the false shepherds and the physicians. They have stolen away that good Word. They have made it to read, "Send for the doctors instead of the Elders," and you and all the people have been foolish enough to believe their lies.

The Bible speaks of people being fed on lies.

Divine Healing is the bread of the children of God. So said the Christ as He talked to the poor woman of Canaan as she came with her tormented daughter, vexed with the devil, to Christ for healing.

"Is it meet to take the bread of the children and give it to the dogs?"—trying and testing her.

Well, may we change the question and ask, "Is it meet to take the food of dogs and give it to His children?"

But thanks be unto God, He says the ways of the wicked shall perish.

Ultimately all these evils will be done away with. God hath said it, and that settles it.

God has begun His work now.

He will begin with you and with me.

Let all our evil ways perish.

Save only the good.

God will destroy the tares.

He will root out every plant that the Father hath not planted.

He will destroy every tree that bringeth not forth GOOD fruit.

What a glorious day that will be!

We are God's stewards.

We are His husbandmen.

How are we caring for the little patch, or garden spot which He has given us to look after in His great Kingdom?

Are the weeds and the thistles all cut?

Have we cleansed our hands and purified our hearts?

He made provision for that: "In that day there shall be a Fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness."

"The Blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all in."

ALL sin shall be destroyed, and Righteousness shall fill all the earth.

# Wilbur Glenn Voliva

General Overseer of the

## Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion

will preach, God willing, in

**CENTRAL ZION TABERNACLE**

Michigan Avenue and Sixteenth Street

**CHICAGO**

**Lord's Day, June 12, 1910, at 2:45 p. m.**

## The Word and Its Witnesses.

(Continued from page 163.)

a very short time every trace of that dropsy had left her; and when we left there she was being taken around in a chair.

Last fall we returned to see her, and when we stepped into the house, instead of being taken around in a chair, she had gained forty-five pounds, and was glorifying God for her wonderful deliverance.

And so I could go on this evening relating a great many wonderful cases. Our meetings are not large, but we go on working for God; and I trust that God will put it upon the hearts of some workers in Zion City to come out to California and push the battle to the gates of the enemies.

My wife has worked very hard and very faithfully, and is more earnest for Zion and for God's work in Zion than ever before; and God has made her a great blessing. And now we want to go forward. Remember us in earnest prayer, that God may continue to bless us.

**Testimony of Mr. Joseph Friend.**

I thank God for His goodness to me, for He has blessed me many times. A year ago this Winter I had a severe spell of the "Grippe," but it was only a few days until I returned to my work, perfectly healed; but the devil got another blow at me, and I fell over upon a box. My son came and helped me up, and wanted to send for a carriage to take me home, but I said "No; God will see me safely home; I do not want to be hauled home; I will walk home." After reaching my home I became very sick and they sent for an Elder; but it seemed that just at that time the Elders were all busy, and so a Deacon came to see me, and we prayed together. In less than one minute every pain and ache had left my body, and from that day to this God has protected me and kept me. All through this Winter, whenever I would take a cold my wife would say to me, "Now, you have a severe cold, you must be careful and take care of yourself;" but I said, "Never mind about that, by morning God will have healed me;" and the next morning I would rise, perfectly well, with no cold in my body. I thank God for His goodness and mercy to me, and I give Him all the glory.

## Free Literature Distribution For Week Ending June 4, 1910.

Rolls to different States	160
to Hotels of the United States	35
to Steamships	10
to Germany	15
to Australia	15
to England	15
<b>Total for One Week</b>	<b>250</b>
Total Number Rolls sent out since Aug. 1st, 1909	4654
Messages given away and distributed by Zion Seventies for week ending June 4, 1910	5400
Messages given away and distributed by Zion Seventies since Aug. 1st, 1909	230,392

### 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 general. By having full data, the General Recorder will know with whom to correspond in regard to distributing Zion Literature.

## ZION SEVENTIES

*Deacon J. W. Friend*  
*General Recorder*

And the King shall answer, and say unto them, Verily, I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me.—Matthew 25:40.

### WORKING FOR JESUS.

The Kingdom of God is made up of workers, men and women who have increased their talents which God has so graciously given unto them.

When the Son of Man shall come in His glory, and shall gather all nations before Him, there will be a separation: those who have ministered unto the poor, the sick and the sorrowing, will be permitted to remain forever in the presence of the King, while those who have not improved their time, their talents, and their opportunities, will be banished from His presence.

Where will YOU stand?

How are YOU building for Eternity?

You are molding a character day by day, and every hour draws you nearer to the Judgment Seat of God.

It is for YOU to choose whether you will stand or fall in that day.

How can you appear before God with the excuse, "I have had no opportunity"?

In Zion you are given an opportunity to DO SOMETHING for Jesus.

The Seventies are being sent out into the cities, whither Jesus Himself will soon come, to take from the world His own.

Will you be ONE that will "Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world"?

Have YOU visited those who are hungering and thirsting for Righteousness, and given them spiritual food?

Are YOU visiting those who are sick, praying for them and telling them of the Atonement that Jesus made for all; how He was bruised for our iniquities—"The chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed"?

Seventies! You must BE WORKERS in God's Vineyard. NEGLECT NO POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY FOR DOING GOOD.

While on your visitation from house to house, do not pass a single one by, for nine cases out of ten in the one which you pass by there will be some one whom you could bring to Jesus.

Expect to be successful in your work. MAKE EVERYTHING YOU DO COUNT. Avoid foolish and unlearned questions, for they only gender strife, and cause you to lose valuable time.

GET RIGHT TO THE POINT. Deliver your message in a straightforward, business-like manner. Do not hesitate; the man who hesitates is lost.

Look your man squarely in the eye when you say, "Peace be to this house." Do not be afraid. Remember YOUR MISSION IS TO SAVE THE SINNER—TO BRING HIM TO JESUS.

It requires work to do this, but you can do all things through Christ Who will strengthen you. Abide in Him and let His words, or His teaching, remain in you, then ask what you will and it will be given unto you.

In the harvest field there is work to do,  
For the grain is ripe, and the reapers few;  
And the Masters' Voice bids the workers true  
Heed the call that He gives today.

Crowd the garner well with its sheaves all bright,  
Let the song be glad, and the heart be light;  
Fill the precious hours, ere the shades of night  
Take the place of the golden day.

Labor on! labor on!  
Keep the bright reward in view;  
For the Master has said, He will strength renew;  
Labor on till the close of day.

### WISCONSIN.

Forty-five Seventies went to Kenosha Saturday evening and Lord's day morning. A special musical service was held in Carpenter's Hall Lord's day evening. The Seventies sold and distributed the literature as follows:

Leaves of Healing, sold and given away	149
Zion Heralds, sold and given away	159
"Voice From Zion" sold	1
Penny Tracts given	180
English Messages given	2375
German messages given	137
Invitation cards for the Special service	1842
Total number of pieces distributed	4843

## The Fourteenth Annual Convocation

of the

### CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC CHURCH IN ZION

will be held, God willing, in

Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois

Beginning LORD'S DAY, JULY 10th,  
and Closing WEDNESDAY NIGHT, JULY 20th

Three Services will be held each day

## God Sends Showers of Rain in Answer to Prayer.

Eleva, Wisconsin, May 26, 1910.

General Overseer of the C. C. A. C. in Zion,

Dear Brother in the Christ:

Peace to thee!

Enclosed please find P. O. order for \_\_\_\_\_ dollars, \_\_\_\_\_ for the renewal of my subscription to Leaves of Healing and the Zion Herald, and \_\_\_\_\_ dollars to be applied on the Tabernacle fund.

I wrote you requesting you to pray for rain as it had been very dry here for some time. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, we had a bountiful rainfall on the 17th of the month, and also on the 21st.

I am so thankful that we know our kind Heavenly Father to be a prayer-answering God.

I thank you for your prayers. I pray daily for Zion throughout the world. Oh, may God richly bless His faithful children!

Faithfully yours in Jesus,

Mrs. Lucinda S. Adams.

## Appreciates Leaves of Healing.

Cuddalore, N. T., Gavilan Bridge, India,  
April 5th, 1910.

To the Rev. Wilbur Glenn Vollva,

Editor of Leaves of Healing,  
Zion City, Illinois.

Dear Reverend Sir:

I thank you most heartily for the Leaves of Healing which you have been so kind to send to me week after week.

I am sending by this mail money order for \_\_\_\_\_ shillings which please accept toward the paper.

May God bless you and all your helpers in the holy work of extending the Kingdom of God everywhere.

Kindly remember me in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,

Miss A. Shunmurgan.

## Praises God for Healing of Mumps in Answer to Prayer. God Answers Prayer When Obedience is Shown.

Olathe, Colorado, May 24, 1910.

Dear General Overseer:

Peace to thee!

I do thank God that I can send in my testimony, for He has healed me.

I was taken sick with mumps. The first day, as they were coming on, I worked, and I kept praying, and God answered. At night I told mother and we both prayed. I got up the next morning feeling as well as ever, but the mumps were not entirely gone as there was still some swelling. I was so well that I went out and started working, which I know now was very wrong. This caused the mumps to go down, and I had a high fever, and also considerable pain, but God delivered me from this in answer to prayer.

I then had an attack of stomach trouble. This is an old

chronic trouble I have had, and which put me in my bed for two months before I accepted Zion's truths.

After accepting these Truths God accepted me and healed me. This time I sent a request to you for prayer for my stomach. God has answered your prayer and my stomach is as well as ever. I can eat anything and the food does not hurt me.

I do want to thank God, and tell others what He has done for me, and what He has done for me He will do for anyone that will repent of his sins and seek the Lord.

I found in this trial of sickness that God will not answer our prayers if we have not repented, or forgiven anyone. I feel if I had been right in God's sight I would never have had the mumps.

So far, my wife has not taken the mumps, neither has our little girl eight months old; for this I do thank God. My wife was with me all the time while I was sick, yet God has kept her, and she has never had the mumps.

I do love to see and read the testimonies as they appear in the Herald. They show forth the love of God. I pray that mine may be of some help to someone.

I am sending my tithes and Redemption money, also an offering for the Tabernacle. I pray that God will speedily give us Zion City.

Oh, that they might see that it is God's hand that they are rejecting and not man's! What can man do? Nothing. Praise God! He does draw men unto Him.

I pray God that He will richly bless you and all Zion all over the world, that they may be faithful till the end.

Your Brother in the Christ,

W. D. Leitch.

## Receiving Reward for Her Labors.

Clarendon, Texas, May 23, 1910.

Elder E. L. Carey,

Dear Brother in Christ:

Peace to thee!

Please send me some application blanks as I am beginning to see some fruits of my work among the colored people. One woman wants to apply for membership. She also wants to come to Zion City with me in July. Poor old soul! she has had a hard time. She was working at a place to get money to come to Zion City, and just as soon as they found out what she was going to do they made it so hot for her that it was hard for her to stay, but God let her stay till she got the money she needed, and now she is staying with me till we are ready to go in July to attend the Convocation. She has been wonderfully healed of the snuff habit.

I gave the presiding Elder (Negro) some Leaves and Tracts and when he came back he came to see me and asked for more. I know it is hard to work among the apostates, but I never waver. I make no compromises and I feel that the gaining of this one soul has paid me for years of toll.

We are trying to sell our homes so we can come to Zion City to live. Pray for us that God will send us a buyer, and pray for me that God will reward my labors among these poor, down-trodden colored people.

I thank God more and more for Zion and for her glorious teaching, and my daily prayer is for the salvation of Zion City, that there may be one clean spot on this earth for the children of God.

May the blessings of our God rest upon you and all true Zion everywhere. Pray that nothing will hinder us from coming to the Feast as I have been working to that end for the last two years.

Mrs. G. C. Hartman.

## Plain Instructions

To One and All Interested in the Redemption of  
Zion City.

### How to Make Investments In Zion Institutions and Industries.

(Wilbur Glenn Voliva.)

#### PLAN NUMBER ONE.

**I**NVESTMENTS 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

Plan Number One is for all persons who have a lump sum of money and desire to invest it all at once.

Plan Number Two is for one and all who desire to save and pay in a definite sum each month until a total amount of so much has been paid in.

All persons desiring to invest under Plan Number Two should fill in the following application form and send it to Wilbur Glenn Voliva, Administration Building, Zion City, Illinois, U. S. A.

#### APPLICATION FOR INVESTMENT IN ZION INSTITUTIONS AND INDUSTRIES. (Wilbur Glenn Voliva.)

\_\_\_\_\_ 1910.  
I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby  
make application to invest in ZION INSTITUTIONS AND  
INDUSTRIES the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ DOLLARS  
on or before the \_\_\_\_\_ day of each and every calendar

month until I have deposited in the aggregate the sum  
of \_\_\_\_\_ DOLLARS.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Postoffice \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

All persons investing money under Plan Number Two will receive interest at the rate of three per cent (3%) per annum upon each separate monthly payment from the date of each monthly payment until the aggregate sum is paid in, and then a note will be given for the aggregate of said payments payable on or before five (5) years from date, drawing interest at the rate of six per cent (6%) per annum.

Remittances should be by Post Office Orders, Express Money Orders, or by Bank Drafts payable in Chicago or New York, and all should be made payable to the order of Wilbur Glenn Voliva.

## List of Zion Institutions and Industries.

WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA

Wilbur Glenn Voliva, General Overseer  
Deacon W. Hurd Clendinning, General Manager

**The Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion:** Supported entirely by Tithes and Free-will Offerings.

**Leaves of Healing:** Supported by Subscriptions and Free-will Offerings;

**Zion Herald:** Supported by Subscriptions and Free-will Offerings;

**Zion Bank:** Does a General Banking Business, Solicits Commercial and Savings Accounts; Issues Exchange and makes Collections;

**Zion Store:** An Institution having at present Fifteen Departments; buys and sells merchandise of all kinds; has capital invested of about \$115,000.00, and does a business of over \$300,000.00 per year;

**Zion Printing and Publishing House:** Prints Zion Herald, Leaves of Healing, Zion Tracts and Books; does a High Grade of Commercial and Job Printing;

**Zion Administration Building:** Occupied by the Headquarters Offices of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion throughout the World, Zion Herald, Leaves of Healing, United States Post Office, Receiver of the Zion Estate

(John Alexander Dowie). Telephone Exchange, James Brister—Zion Dentist, Zion Realty Department, and Accountants of Zion Institutions and Industries (excepting Zion Stores);

**Zion Realty Department:** Buys and sells Real estate, writes Insurance, collects Rents, furnishes Abstracts of Title, and does a General Conveyancing;

**Zion Home:** Is a three-story frame building, 340 feet long and 130 feet wide. The building has 350 rooms, 267 of which are guest rooms. There are five parlors, two lobbies, 25 bath rooms, and 22 toilet rooms. The dining room is 60 x 90 feet, having a seating capacity of 400. The lunch room is 35 x 36 feet, and will seat 75 at one time. There are four large verandas, with a combined length of 680 feet. A roof garden 35 x 50 feet, and tower 70 feet high affording a view of great expanse over City and lake. The building is illuminated by 1200 electric lights.



He sendeth His word

and healeth them.



# 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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Price Five Cents

## The Gospel of the Kingdom

### Divine Healing

Why Believe it? Why Teach it?  
Questions and Objections Answered.

(By O. L. Tindall)

#### ARTICLE THREE

**W**E have said that we believe Divine Healing because the Bible teaches it, and we are commanded to teach it the same as any other Truth in the Gospel. It is a part of the Gospel.

Every true minister of Jesus Christ is bound to declare "the WHOLE counsel of God," or he is guilty of the blood of those who perish.

#### Witnesses.

What part do witnesses play in this subject?

Is our faith founded on them?

Do they prove that Divine Healing is of God and for all of God's children?

Do we preach it and insist on all men believing it because we show witnesses?

I answer No; not primarily, but secondarily, as Jesus Himself put it, that signs would confirm the Word.

When we base our arguments upon the statements of witnesses we weaken our case. We have something far better than that. We have the testimony of God Himself. He says, "I am the Lord that healeth thee."

God says in His Word that if any is sick he should send for the Elders of the Church and that they should pray over him, and that

**"The Prayer of Faith shall save the Sick, and the Lord shall raise Him up."**

That declaration from God's own Word is better than a

thousand testimonies from men. It is simply God against man. "Let God be true and every man a liar."

Men are liars, but not all and always. Christian Scientists are all liars. Old Mother Eddy built her whole system of healing, and all the rest, on lies. She taught people to deny, in the first place, and ever to stick to it, that they were not sick, even when death had fastened its fatal grip upon their very vitals.

There are thousands of Christian Scientists, so-called, testifying to healings which are altogether false. They are taught to say, "Oh, we are not sick; we are healed," when they are full of disease.

Many false witnesses have gone out into the world. We do not depend upon them, especially on their word. Patent medicines have their testimonies, which are also false. Medicine does not heal. The patient recovers in spite of the poisons. This is often proven to be true where the doctor diagnosed the disease wrong, and gave medicine for a complaint that his patient had not at all. A half dozen doctors examine the same case and all pronounce the disease as different. This is often done.

The testimonies of doctors and drugs are in no wise reliable. The best physicians admit readily that

#### Medicine does not Heal.

It only assists Nature, they say; but this, even, is not true. Medicine has killed more men than war and famine. It has been a veritable curse, doctors themselves, being witnesses.

#### Why has Divine Healing come into Disuse in the Church

for all these years, and even centuries?

I answer for this very reason that the preachers have brought the Gospel down to men instead of bringing men up to the Gospel standard. They have said and allowed men to say, "Oh, no one is healed nowadays by faith in Christ as they used to be, therefore Divine Healing is not true now. It used to be, but it has gone from the world now." They have tested the Word of God by mere sinful man.

They quit preaching the Word, and, as Christ said of the Pharisees, they have substituted the traditions of the elders for the commandments of God.

**If no one were Healed would not be Proof that Christ is not the Healer.**

The Apostles themselves failed to heal a certain case, but it was not because there was no healing for him. It was because they lacked faith, as Christ told them. He stood by and when the man was brought to Him He was ready and able to heal him. So is it ever the case. Men may fail, but God never fails. As John Wesley said of the nine gifts recorded in 1 Corinthians 12,

**"The Gifts are Still in the Church, but are not used**

because of the lack of faith."

Zion takes this stand, that it is the bounden duty of the Church of Jesus Christ to preach the Gospel as it is whether men heed it or reject it. Divine Healing stands just the same as does Divine Salvation. Christ is the Savior of all mankind whether they accept or reject His Gospel.

**What use then Shall we Make of Witnesses?**

Much every way.

"Ye are My witnesses," saith the Lord.

The Gospel is built up by witnesses to a very great extent, only as I have pointed out. A man must not pin his faith to that, for there are five thousand witnesses against it to one for it, if it were put to a popular vote.

The Gospel of God does not succeed by majorities, but by God Himself. We have to discriminate between the false and the true. The witnesses did a vast amount of good. The miracles confirmed the teaching. They were of a character that even the old hypocrites themselves could not deny them. They were not mere testimonies of words, but of facts. Blind eyes were opened. Deaf ears were unstopped. Lame men were made to leap for joy. Dead men were raised up to life. No ground was left for dispute. The skeptic could not help but believe. Nicodemus must admit that God was with Him. Yes; "they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony."

(To be continued.)

## Firmness; or, Perseverance Unto the End. With Bible References

Early Morning Meeting Lord's Day, March 13, 1910, in Zion Home  
Auditorium

Conducted by Wilbur Glenn Voliva, General Overseer of the Christian Catholic  
Apostolic Church in Zion

(Reported by B. M.)

The meeting was opened by the singing of the Hymn "What a Friend We have in Jesus," after which the General Overseer said:

General Overseer—I want the central thought of the meeting this morning to be suggested by the second chapter of Hebrews:

"Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip."

There are three hymns which come up before me: "Stand up, Stand up for Jesus;" "True-hearted, Whole-hearted, Faithful and Loyal;" and, "Be Ye Strong in the Lord."

Let us now sing "Stand up, Stand up for Jesus."

After the singing, the General Overseer continued:

General Overseer—Now, before we sing the next hymn, let us have some of the most striking passages of Scripture on the subject of FIRMNESS.

### History of Israel Paralleled in Zion.

You know, the Children of Israel were led out of Egyptian bondage. It is very interesting to read from the first word that Moses spoke to them, the entire history all the way along. The history of the Children of Israel is, in my opinion, being repeated in many of its most important points in Zion.

It is not sufficient for a person to begin the Christian race.

How many people left Egypt and started towards the Promised Land?

Voice—603,550, from twenty years old and upward.

General Overseer—Over six hundred thousand persons left Egypt to go to the land of Palestine, and how many out of the 603,550 ever got to the Promised Land?

Voices—Two.

General Overseer—So then there were 603,548 that failed to reach the Promised Land; 603,548 that died in the wilderness. It is a very remarkable statement.

Now, how many people do you think, from the time that John Alex. Dowie began preaching in San Francisco down to

the close of his active ministry, were led to give up doctors, drugs, surgeons, tobacco, liquors, theaters, dancing, gambling, life insurance, secret societies, competition, and so on? Who can tell me approximately? How many do you think?

Elder Richert—The Doctor himself said over two hundred thousand.

General Overseer—Well, it is safe to say that during the time of his active ministry, from 1888, when he landed in San Francisco, down to, say, 1904, scores of thousands;—the fact of the matter is, you really cannot tell, and I would not be surprised that a couple of hundred thousand throughout the world would be a conservative estimate of those who professed to leave "Egyptian darkness" and start on the way towards the "promised land,"—and we are traveling towards a far better land than did the Children of Israel. Now, how many out of that vast multitude have simply "perished in the wilderness," and how many have gone back to secret societies, to life insurance, to doctors and drugs and surgeons, and to the devil in general? It is almost as bad as the Children of Israel.

I want to review some of those things this morning, so that God through the Holy Ghost, can strengthen you in the faith.

### How much Love and Service God Expects.

God says that we are to love Him, how?

Voices—With our whole heart and mind.

General Overseer—Does God accept any half-hearted service?

Voices—No.

General Overseer—Well, let us have some passages of Scripture on this subject. Be sure when you read a passage that it bears on this subject. It is the Word of God that I want to get into your spirits.

Let us have some of the most striking selections of Scripture on this subject of persevering unto the end.

The following passages were read:

And ye shall be hated of all men for My name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.—Matthew 10:22.

For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end.—Hebrews 3:14.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth and having on the breastplate of righteousness.—Ephesians 6:13,14.

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.—Galatians 5:1.

There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.—Joshua 1:5.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable,

always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.—1 Cor. 15:58.

Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swear unto their fathers to give them.

Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses My servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.—Joshua 1:6,7.

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.—Revelation 3:21.

Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of Mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock.

And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not; for it was founded upon a rock.—Matthew 7:24,25.

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.

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

For consider Him that endureth such contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.—Hebrews 12:1-3.

General Overseer—Would it not be an interesting thing to have everybody tell what is the sin that doth so easily beset? It may not be the same in two cases. What is the one sin that attracts you, and ensnares you, and causes you to fall down?

But that which ye have already, hold fast till I come. And He that overcometh, and keepeth My works unto the end, to him will I give power (authority) over the nations:

And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of My Father.

And I will give him the morning star.—Revelation 2:25-28. But cleave unto the Lord your God, as ye have done unto this day.

For the Lord hath driven out from before you great nations and strong: but as for you, no man hath been able to stand before you unto this day.

One man of you shall chase a thousand: for the Lord your God, He it is that fighteth for you, as He hath promised you. Take good heed therefore unto yourselves, that ye love the Lord your God.—Joshua 23:8-11.

For every house is builded by some man; but He that built all things is God.

And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after; But Christ as a Son over His own house; Whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.—Hebrews 3:4-6.

Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, which is New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from My God: and I will write upon him My new name.—Revelation 3:12.

Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit ye like men, be ye strong.—1 Corinthians 16:13.

Who can count the dust of Jacob, and the number of the fourth part of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!—Numbers 23:10.

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but 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 for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.—Philippians 3:13,14.

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)—Hebrews 10:23.

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness.—Isaiah 41:10.

Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.—Hebrews 3:12,13.

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled.—Hebrews 12:13,14.

Fear none of those things which 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.—Revelation 2:10.

For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord.—1 Thess. 3:8. Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.—Joshua 1:9.

His ways are firm at all times.—Psalm 10:5.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us.

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.—Romans 8:35-39.

But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the Lord charged you, to love the Lord your God, and to walk in all His ways, and to keep His commandments, and to cleave unto Him, and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul.—Joshua 22:5.

#### A Terrible Sentence.

And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God.—Luke 9:62.

General Overseer—Listen to that passage, and see where some people are today. What an awful thing for God Almighty to have to say, "Well, I cannot make any use of you."

But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him.—James 1:4 and 12.

#### Sin Defined.

Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.—James 4:17.

General Overseer—Now, there is another verse that ought to pierce every person's heart. Those two verses are very striking: the one, "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God;" and then this verse that has just been read, "To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." What about a person that knows Divine Healing who will call in a doctor and take drugs? What about families in Zion City that will bring doctors into Zion City? What does God Almighty think of such people. What is going to happen to such people?

And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the Kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony: and they loved not their lives unto the death.—Revelation 12:10,11.

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

For we have not an High Priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.—Hebrews 4:14-16.

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

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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.  
 June 11, 1910

TO ALL OF THE OFFICERS, MEMBERS, AND FRIENDS  
 OF THE CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
 IN ZION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD:

"PEACE BE TO YOU?"

After nearly four months of almost entire silence in the Editorial columns of both Leaves of Healing and Zion Herald, I am once more, through the goodness of God, in a position to address you; and with unspeakable praise and thanksgiving unto Him Who established Zion, and Who has so wonderfully blessed His faithful people in Zion during the last three years, I am able to make an announcement at this time which will fill every Zion heart throughout the world with unspeakable joy.

All readers of this paper will remember how Zion's faithful people and their General Overseer were, three years ago, deprived of the use of all buildings in Zion City, and were compelled to worship in a tent outside of the city limits.

For thirteen months, through summer's heat and winter's cold, the people under my leadership remained faithful and true to Zion's truths, principles, ideals and ideals. No one considered it a hardship to sit for hours upon a bridge plank and listen to the everlasting Gospel of the Kingdom of God, but considered it a privilege and an honor thus to be persecuted for righteousness' sake.

Less than two years ago, SHILOH TABERNACLE was purchased for the sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars.

Looking back to the Fourth of July, 1908, and reviewing all that has transpired since then, well may Zion exclaim, "What hath God wrought!"

In August of 1909, the ZION CITY GENERAL STORES property was purchased for the sum of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars; and a little later, ZION TEMPLE SITE for Eight Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy-five Dollars; and in the latter part of November, ELIJAH HOSPICE and the ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, together with twenty-seven lots, for Ninety-two Thousand Dollars.

Four months ago, ably assisted by Deacons Clendinen, Thurston, Pugh and Forby, negotiations were begun for the purchase of the entire ZION ESTATE. These brethren and myself have spent a good part of the time for the last three months in Chicago.

On May 19, 1910, I made an offer of Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars for all the assets in the hands of the Receiver. This offer has been denominated the "Time Offer," inasmuch as the proposition involves the payment of the sum of Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars during a period of eight years.

On May 24th, the Company with whom we have been negotiating for four months past, made a proposition to the Court to buy the entire Estate for the sum of Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars in cash,—this Company to purchase the Estate, and, under contract previously signed by the representative of the Company and myself, to sell the Estate to me.

The Receiver, Mr. Gus D. Thomas, has already mailed to all Investors, a circular letter, together with a form of ballot, and an envelope addressed to the Clerk of the United States Circuit Court, Federal Building, Chicago, Illinois, U. S. A. In this circular letter each Investor is asked to indicate which of the propositions, as submitted by the Receiver, he prefers, by placing an X in the square immediately following the proposition accepted.

For various reasons, the Cash Offer of Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars is the best offer for all concerned, and should be supported by all the Investors.

Your prayerful attention is called to the forthcoming Convocation, which, God willing, will begin Lord's Day morning, July 10th, and close Wednesday night, July 20th.

As a part of the special preparation which will be made for the Convocation, a prayer service, lasting one hour—from 6:30 to 7:30 a. m., will be held every morning, beginning Monday morning, June 13th. These meetings will be held in Zion Home Auditorium, and all are welcome to attend. The General Overseer will either preside himself, or designate some officer to conduct the meetings in his absence.

Extensive preparations are being made for the meeting in Central Zion Tabernacle, Michigan Avenue and Sixteenth Street, Chicago, on Lord's Day next, June 12th, at 2:45 p. m.

The General Overseer will be accompanied by the Zion Council, Zion White-robed (Senior) Choir, and Orchestra, and the Zion Band.

Fifty thousand notices have been distributed by the faithful seventy workers, and notices will also be inserted in the Chicago Record-Herald and in the Chicago Daily News.

Let all earnestly pray that Zion throughout the world may have a mighty spiritual awakening.

Few, if any, religious movements have ever gone through the same struggles as Zion has during the last few years. Wonderful indeed are the signs that God has established Zion and that she is emerging from darkness into light, and, from what many thought was her death, purer, stronger, better able and more determined than ever to preach the everlasting Gospel to earth's remotest bounds.

God's goodness has been so great to me personally and as the General Overseer, and to the faithful, loyal people who have cooperated with me, that words utterly fail to express my gratitude.

God is faithful.

His Word is true.

His promises never fail.

It pays to do right at all costs.

All compromises are dangerous.

God is with Zion.

Let all be faithful.

Judging the future by the past, who can tell what God will do for Zion in the next two years?

To God be all the glory!

"BE THOU FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH, AND GOD WILL GIVE THEE THE CROWN OF LIFE."

## Firmness; or, Perseverance Unto the End

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Who resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

But the God of all grace, Who hath called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.—1 Peter 5:8-10.

### Friendliness with the World, is Enmity with God.

But if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.

For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.

But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.—2 Peter 2:20-22.

General Overseer—Is not that a terrible thing? Is not that a terrible arraignment of people that name the Name of Christ and then apostatize?—and it is true, too. You will have some people come into a Divine Healing meeting for the first time in their lives, and who have never heard a sermon on Divine Healing before, and they will sit and listen for half an hour, and come down for prayer, and they will be healed.

Then you take some people that have had Divine Healing for the last fifteen years who have gone back to doctors and drugs. For such, you might just as well pray for a gate-post. They will get no healing, for they have crucified the Son of God afresh,—they have trampled the Light underneath their feet.

### Have the Same Mind and Avoid Divisions.

Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.—1 Corinthians 1:10.

General Overseer—Now, in no other way can we ever have a true Zion City. If you are going to have one man advocating one thing, and then another man something else, and have half the Church preaching "competition" and half preaching "cooperation," you will never have a Zion City. All I have to say to people who do not agree with Zion's position is: the world is large, and the thing for them to do is to have an auction sale, nail up the doors and windows of their houses and move out.—go where they belong, for they do not belong here.

### What will Happen to the Disobedient.

And the Lord saith, Because they have forsaken My law which I set before them, and have not obeyed My voice, neither walked therein;

But have walked after the imagination of their own heart, and after Baalim, which their fathers taught them:

Therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will feed them, even this people, with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink.

I will scatter them also among the heathen, whom neither they nor their fathers have known: and I will send a sword after them, till I have consumed them.—Jeremiah 9:13-16.

### The Awful Consequence of Falling Away from God.

For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,

And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come.

If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they cruelly to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.—Hebrews 6:4-6.

General Overseer—I have been waiting for that passage to be read. What a terrible thing that is! and there are people right here in Zion City that come right under that selection of Scripture; and, I tell you, there is no repentance for them,—

absolutely no repentance for them. Why, who is going to sit on the Throne with Christ, and reign with Him? "He that overcometh." Well, I tell you, it is high time some people got down to business and went to work at this matter of overcoming, and they would better start in with themselves,—that is what they would better do. Some people forget that we are free moral agents, and that we always will be free moral agents. What about the angels in Heaven,—are they free moral agents?

Voices—Yes.

General Overseer—How do you know they are? Have you ever met one of them? Have you ever had a conversation with one of them and found out?

Voice—Because it was possible for one to fall.

General Overseer—That is it exactly. Even the angels in Heaven can fall. Now, when the Lord Jesus Christ comes to reign for a thousand years, who will be taken upon His Throne to reign with Him?

Voices—The overcomers.

General Overseer—Will they be free moral agents then?

Yes. Will it be possible for them to fall? Why, certainly; it will always be possible. Well now, is God Almighty going to take upon His Throne (for Christ was simply God manifested in the flesh),—is He going to take people on His Throne to reign over this earth for a thousand years that are in favor of drug stores, and hospitals, and secret societies? I do not believe it for a minute,—not for a single second. Now, some one asks, "What about all the myriad saints of the past that have died that believed in doctors and drug stores, and in secret societies, and in a hundred and one things that we know are of the devil? What about them?"

Voice—I think we will just have to leave them with God.

General Overseer—You and I do not have to give an account for them.

Voice—They did not have the light we have today.

General Overseer—That is true, but they had the Bible; and, suppose they did not have the light: how can they sit on the Throne of the Lord Jesus Christ? I know only one answer to that question, and that is that they have been going to school all this time, and perhaps they are fit now.

#### Christ to Reign on Earth.

Christ has to reign upon this earth, has He not? What has He to reign for? To subdue it and to put His enemies under His feet.

I have a good many thoughts concerning Zion and Zion City that I do not express. "God knoweth them that are His." Now, you start out to build a city for God. You take the Zion City lease and read that paragraph prohibiting certain things;—a lot of people got into Zion City by professing that they accepted it, and after they are in and get a chance, they turn around and trample under their feet every last restriction in that lease. What does God Almighty think of such people? Would the Lord Jesus Christ ever trust such men and women to sit with Him on His Throne? Why, if such people got into Heaven as they got in here, they would turn Heaven into a hell in forty-eight hours.

The Bible is not an idle tale; it is not meaningless. When the Lord said, "To him that overcometh," He meant what He said. He is not going to take a miserable old miser on His Throne, for the first thing he would do would be to take out his penknife and go to whittling up the golden streets. (Laughter). I do declare, the more I observe and the older I get, the more I am convinced that about nine hundred and ninety-nine out of every thousand professing Christians are hypocrites, and when it comes to the almighty dollar and God Almighty, they will take the dollar every time. That is my observation; and, is it not an awful thing that the vast majority of people who profess to be Christians do it from a selfish motive? You just let Zion City be redeemed, and let us begin to go up grade and begin to prosper, and a lot of people will begin to flock back if they can see a good job somewhere, or a chance to pick up a piece of land and make a few hundred dollars; and then God Almighty will have to vomit them out again. Zion is just like the human stomach: whatever it cannot digest it throws off. Deacon ———

in a talk down at the Lace Factory, one time, said that Zion was like a boiling caldron,—that it brought the scum to the top. Little did he know then that he would come to the top, but he did, and the Lord skimmed him off.

Why, the conception of a Zion City is a glorious conception. I noticed yesterday a piece in a newspaper regarding a statement made by the mayor of Wilkesbarr, Pennsylvania. They wanted to run nickle shows on Sunday, and the mayor said, "This town is going to hell as fast as it can go. It is high time that all decent citizens rose up and tried to stem the tide,"—and that is true of all these cities of the world. They are only ripening for judgment. Talk to the average man about the judgment of God, and he laughs at it.

Do you believe the time will come that all the cities of the world will fall? Do you believe the time will come when the isles will flee? That is what the Word of God says. Do you really and truly believe that the Lord Jesus Christ will come? Now, as to what a man believes, his life proves it. A man can say anything, but God knows the heart, whether he really and truly believes it.

How many of you would be willing to sacrifice all you have, if it would save Zion City? Well, that is proven by the number that take part in the Redemption Fund. How many of you would put your houses and lots on the altar? How many would let them go absolutely? How many of you would give them up, if it would save Zion City? That is the question. But, no sir, I will tell you, with the rank and file in this world it is the same as it always has been: "I will look out for myself." That is the policy and that is the spirit. This is a selfish old world; and you will find out, when the Lord comes, that the number that will be ready will be smaller, comparatively, than the number that got into the Promised Land.

In the case of every man and woman that has been wrecked on Zion City soil, mammon has been at the bottom of it; and when the Lord Jesus Christ said, "The love of money is the root of all evil," He spoke the truth.

#### God the Author of the Bible.

God is the author of the Bible, no matter whether you get a verse out of Paul's writings, or John's writings, or from Moses, God is the author. I never read the Bible as though reading the words of any man,—I am reading the words of God, the Almighty. As to how devoted people are, as to how nearly ready they are for the coming of Christ, is shown by the ease with which they fall into sin, the ease with which they fall into criticizing, the ease with which they fall into murmuring. Selfishness is at the bottom of all of it.

#### "Watch ye, Stand Fast in the Faith."

It means something to stand. If we can attract a class of people who will be ready to lay all on the altar for the Kingdom of God, we will be saved a lot of troubles; but if we attract a class that are money-grabbers, the very moment the opportunity comes they will rise up and damn the city.

(To be continued.)

## Obeying God in Baptism

"Baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

The following-named 5 believers joyfully followed their Lord in the Ordinance of Christian Baptism by Triune Immersion Feb. 20th, 1910, at Shanghai China, Elder F. M. Royall, officiating:

Tsai Ying, Paul Mrs.	Tabernacle,	Shanghai, China.
Yuen Cei Cheng,	Teh Fong Li,	Shanghai, China.
Wu Hong Chuon,	Chuhn E. Li, No. 93	Shanghai, China.
Fung Kia Liu,	Ye Loi Fan,	Shanghai, China.
Kas Nye Paul,	Tse Lwo Rd.	Shanghai, China.

The following-named 3 believers were baptized April 13, 1910, at Huchow, China, by Elder F. M. Royall:

Wu Yen King, Miss	The Ferry	Huchow, China.
Wu Yen Tong,	The Ferry	Huchow, China.
Shoo Ching Au, Miss	The Ferry	Huchow, China.

The following-named believer was baptized in Zion City, Illinois, June 9, 1910, by Elder Silas Moot:

Elvira J. Davis,	2916 Elisha avenue,	Zion City, Illinois.
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# ZION SEVENTIES

*Deacon J. W. Friend*  
*General Recorder*

"We will rejoice in Thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners; the Lord fulfil all thy petitions."—  
 Psalm 20:5.

We can truly say, as did the Psalmist, "We will rejoice in Thy Salvation."

What a wonderful love God has shown to humanity in sending His only Begotten Son into the world that He should suffer and die for us, thus placing Salvation within the reach of all. The Atonement upon the Cross was a sacrifice for you and me.

Jesus tasted death for EVERY MAN, and He is able to save even to the uttermost. All who will come unto Him He will in no wise cast out.

**WHO IS GOING TO BRING THE SINNER TO JESUS?**

The man who says, "I can't!" will not succeed. The man who is not rejoicing in the Salvation of God, and whose heart is not overflowing with love for humanity, will not be a successful soul-winner.

But the man who says, "I WILL," and by the grace of God will put his TIME, his TALENTS and his MONEY into God's service, will be the SUCCESSFUL WORKER FOR GOD.

There is no Movement upon earth that has more stability, and aggressiveness than the Zion Movement. It is founded upon Divine Principles, and cannot be destroyed.

Zion has the solution to the GREAT PROBLEMS that confront men of all nations.

Men are judged by their fruits. Consecrate your life to God's service; rescue the fallen; help to build places of refuge for them, and homes for the orphans: **OUR MISSION IS TO SAVE.**

Work DAY and NIGHT. Sweat blood, if necessary, to save some poor sinner.

Our opportunities for doing good are without a limit.

Rejoice in the Salvation of your God, and do all you can to have Zion's banner floating at last o'er every home in the world. Carry the glad tidings of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living to those who are living in sin.

Pray for the success of Zion Seventies throughout the world, and may the Lord fulfil thy petitions.

**CHICAGO.**

Lord's day, June 5th, 1910, two hundred and fifteen Seventies from Divisions Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, went into Chicago via C. M. Electric Railway, having four special cars to carry them to the City.

Many very interesting testimonies were given by the Seventies: in some instances they were called in to pray for the sick. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few."

After distributing about 28,000 messages and 24,000 special announcements for the service in Central Zion Tabernacle next Lord's day, June 12th, and selling Leaves of Healing and Zion Herald, the Seventies returned with great joy, singing hymns of praise, thanksgiving and adoration to God, Who so wonderfully sustained them and gave them a glorious day.

Report of work done by Chicago Seventies for two weeks ending May 29, 1910, by eighteen workers:

Calls made	461
Messages given	943
Leaves given	70
Leaves sold	48
Heralds given	87
Heralds sold	30
Invitation cards given	236
Tracts given	93
Total pieces distributed	1507

**OREGON.**

Report of Seventy work done in the City of Portland by Deacon and Mrs. Frank Robinson for two weeks ending May 29th, 1910:

Leaves sold	13
Heralds sold	17
Penny tracts sold	10
Messages given	148
Leaves given	16
Heralds given	76
Total pieces distributed	280

Four cottage meetings were held.

**COLORADO.**

Report of Seventy work done by Mrs. Luella Ferges for month ending May 31st, 1910 :

Calls made	500
Messages given	35
Leaves sold	72
Leaves and Herald given	15
Tracts sold and given	5
Total pieces distributed	427

In addition to the above, Mrs. Ferges received nine special subscriptions to The Zion Herald, and six calls to read and pray. She writes as follows:

"Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."

Am praying very earnestly that all Zion, who stand alone throughout the world, will take regular quantities of the literature and enrol as regular Seventies. When we remember what the blessed Savior has done for us it is indeed a small matter if we cannot take one-half day each week for God's service and bear the Light to others, which has meant so much to us. With some, perhaps, they are ashamed to own His cause, but oh! the severity of the Savior's words, "Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him will the Son of Man be ashamed, when He cometh in the glory of His Father with the holy angels,"—Mark 8:38; also "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."—John 15:2.

To me **ACTIVITY IS LIFE**; if I did not keep moving I would soon be like the stream of water that ceases to flow—it becomes stagnate. I **PLAN** for my Seventy work just the same as anything else I do, for if we wait for the opportunity to just happen we will never do anything.

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Yours in Christian love,  
 Mrs. Luella Ferges.

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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

### Divine Healing

Why Believe it? Why Teach it?  
Questions and Objections Answered.

(By O. L. Tindall)

#### ARTICLE FOUR

##### Divine Healing and Means.

**A**RE there to be no means used in the case of sickness? This question is often asked. If any, what are they?

How do you get healed?

We believe the enemy of God and His Truth often gets in His work and hinders Divine Healing by seeking to go into partnership with the Lord in healing, just as the devil tried to do with Christ accept of his help in gaining the kingdoms of this world—fall down and worship me and I will give you all these kingdoms and the glory of them."

So he pleads for a hand in it. He says, "Call a doctor and then pray. Take the medicine and pray to God to bless the medicine." They say, "We must use what means we have and help ourselves."

Thoughtless people say, "Men have been healed in that way." Many people who claim to believe in Divine Healing have fallen into that snare of the devil and so dishonored God and this Divine teaching. If the devil cannot destroy a principle or a Truth then he invariably proposes a compromise—give me a share in it." The churches have been swindled out of many blessings of the Gospel in that way.

**There is No Compromise.**

God, in order to do His work, does not link up with the devil.

When King Asa went to the physicians instead of to the Lord, why, the Lord left the case.

Doctors call in counsel, but a homeopath is not likely to call in an allopath, and God does not call in the devil. Where men do try this combination, as do the ordinary Christians and preachers, the result is that the doctor gets all the credit and all the fees.

##### Divine Healing Uses No Means.

so-called—no medicine. It is not God's way to use any of these means.

There are several so-called Divine Healing theories, or cults, which are not Divine Healing at all. They are simply human—of the earth, earthy. God is not the Healer with them.

Divine Healing, as Zion teaches it, is just the same as Christ practised and the Apostles used. It is simply and solely by faith in Jesus Christ. As Peter told the people at the Temple when the impotent man was healed at the hands of himself and John, when they asked him by what power they did it, Peter said: "Why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk." No; he said, it was through faith in the Name of Jesus.

They used no means. Christ used no means and made no provisions for us to use any means, except faith, the same as in the case of salvation. He asked the sick or afflicted man no questions except, "Believest thou that I can do this?" and then He laid down the universal rule and law on the subject.

##### "According to Your Faith Be It Done Unto You."

It is the same law that He gave in regard to Salvation. Whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have Everlasting Life. Healing comes in precisely the same way.

##### Why then, Are Not All Christians Healed?

The answer is easy and plain: It is because all have not faith. And why have they not faith? Because the preachers have taught them lies. They have said Divine Healing is not for them now; it stopped with the Apostles.

FAITH COMES BY HEARING, said the Apostle, and they

the Christ went about doing good: Feeding the hungry; comforting the sorrowful; healing the sick; opening the eyes of the blind; unstopping the ears of the deaf; and He scattered love, joy and peace wherever He went.

The Christian in the earth, as joint heir with Christ, is to do the same thing. A proof of our kinship is love. "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. \* \* Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down His life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."

The Christian, rich in fruit-bearing has the opportunity to prove the love of God for a lost world, and to prove the genuineness of his own profession. Here is a test—the right use of the very first fruit of the Spirit:

"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?"

"My little children, let us not love in word neither in tongue, (i. e., mere empty profession) but in deed and in truth."

Each one may know that his citizenship in Heaven is unquestioned, and that he is bearing the fruits of the Spirit. How?

Hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God: And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. And this is His commandment, That we should believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as He gave us commandment: And he that keepeth His commandment dwelleth in Him, and He in him. And hereby we know that He abideth in us, BY THE SPIRIT WHICH HE HATH GIVEN US."

Oh, the privileges of sonship with the Father, and the glories of the fruits of the Spirit!

## "The Baptism of the Holy Spirit."

An Address Delivered at the General Assembly in Shiloh  
Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, Lord's Day Afternoon,  
June 19, 1910.

*By Wilbur Glenn Voliva,*

General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion.

The PROCESSIONAL Sung by Zion White-Robed Choir  
was: "WHO IS ON THE LORD'S SIDE?"

INVOCATION by the GENERAL OVERSEER:—

God be merciful unto us and bless us,  
And cause Thy face to shine upon us;  
That Thy Way may be known upon the earth,  
Thy Saving Health among all the nations;  
For the sake of Jesus. Amen.

The Congregation joined in singing the Hymn, "THE SOLID ROCK."

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

REF.—On Christ, the Solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the vale.

His oath, His covenant, His blood,  
Support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
O, may I then in Him be found;  
(Clothed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne!

GENERAL OVERSEER—If you have read the announcements distributed throughout the City yesterday, you probably have in your minds the statement that all of the meetings now being conducted (and the one this forenoon lasted for six hours) are begun with the reading of Luke the eleventh chapter and the thirteenth verse. I will now ask you to read this verse with me—not only the officers on the platform and a few people sitting around near the front, but I desire that everybody shall repeat this verse of Scripture.

(The General Overseer then led the entire congregation in reading Luke 11:13.)

"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?"

Elder Carey will now read to you the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. I intend to have this chapter read about thirty or forty times during this month and the first part of next month. I desire that you shall live in the Acts of the Apostles.

It is my intention that, tomorrow, if I can find the time, I shall dictate, for publication in tract form, all the passages of Scripture in the New Testament on the Subject of the Holy Spirit, and I shall put a copy of that tract into the hands of each and every one who attends these meetings from day to day.

This afternoon I desire to present to you, in the light of God's Word, the doctrine of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and so I wish you to give very close and prayerful attention to the reading of the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. Elder Carey will read it to you now.

ELDER CAREY then read the entire second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles:

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

And there appeared unto them cloven tongues, like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them:

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

And there were dwelling at Jerusalem, Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

And they were all amazed, and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans?

And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia.

Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and Proselytes, Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?

Others, mocking said, These men are full of new wine.

But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

For these are not drunken as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.

But this is that which was spoken by the Prophet Joel:

And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your

daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

And on My servants and on My handmaidens I will pour out, in those days, of My Spirit, and they shall prophesy;

And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood and fire, and vapour of smoke:

The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord, shall be saved.

Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did, by Him, in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that He should be holden of it.

For David speaketh concerning Him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face; for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:

Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:

Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with Thy countenance.

Men and brethren, let me freely speak to you of the Patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.

Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God hath sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;

He, seeing this before, spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.

This Jesus that God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

Therefore, being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, He hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

For David is not ascended into the heavens; but he saith himself, The Lord saith unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,

Until I make thy foes thy footstool.

Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus Whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day were added unto them about three thousand souls.

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart.

Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

The JUNIOR CHOIR then sang the song—"SOLDIERS OF THE CROSS."

We are soldiers of the cross,  
Followers of a Leader grand;  
With our faces ever to the foe,  
Firmly we will take our stand.

To the earth's remotest bounds,  
Where the tropic islands are,  
We will ever bravely onward march,  
In the trail of Bethlehem's star.

Where the nations bow them down  
To their gods of wood and stone,  
We will bear the blessed Word of God,  
With our heavenly armor on.

REF.—Bearing high above our heads,  
King Immanuel's banner bright,  
All its blood-stained folds, so dear,  
Shall be our guiding light.

After Elder Richert had offered the general supplication the GENERAL OVERSEER spoke as follows:—

**PRELUDE**

Each morning a meeting will begin here in this Tabernacle at six o'clock. You may come in and go out at any time you desire. No time is set for closing the meetings—that is not my business; but we will start the meetings at six o'clock every morning. I do not know just how long these meetings will run.

I feel something like a certain preacher who went to a town to conduct a series of meetings. The first night he announced that he would speak on the Subject of "REPENTANCE," and on the second night and the third night he announced the same Subject; and then some of the people went to him and said, "See here, we are getting tired of this." "Well," he said, "I propose to continue to preach on the Subject of Repentance until you all have repented;" and so the fourth night when he went upon the platform he said, "Have all of you people repented?" and as there was no answer he said, "My subject for this evening will be 'Repentance.'"

**Strivings of the Spirit.**

Now, my brothers and sisters, another milestone has been reached in Zion's developments, and I propose to lead you, by the grace of God, into green pastures, and to ask you, "Have you received the Holy Ghost?" and I do not intend to let up until every last devil has been cast out, and until every body and every soul and every spirit is completely possessed by the Holy Spirit.

Everybody will be given an opportunity, and I believe that after a few more days we will be here all day and all night. That is, you may not, but I will be. I will not eat any breakfast—in fact, I have not eaten breakfast since the year 1897, and I will have no dinner and no supper, and I can get along without any sleep. I can die upon this platform, if necessary, in order to bring Zion to the place where God wants her to stand.

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## EDITORIAL NOTES

By Theodore Forby  
General Associate Editor.

PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD; MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT.

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the straightening out process—Repentance—a preparing of the way for the Christ to cast the seeds of Truth.

Isaiah says: "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him: and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

"For My thoughts, are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts."—Isa. 55: 7-9.

The way for the Christ to travel is the heart of man. All things that hinder or offend must be removed. Oh, what a cleaning-up process! The heart is desperately wicked,

"for out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: these are the things which defile."

Oh, what a desert to travel! What love must the Son of God have to cover such a journey! But He travels a straight course, and everything that offends must be taken out of the way.

The cry today in Zion is: "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight!" What a digging is in progress! The command is that "Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain."

In the lives of men, what are these valleys to be exalted? what are these mountains and hills to be made low? what are the crooked places to be made straight?

The Holy Spirit finds them, and reveals them to every one's consciousness. Every one knows whether he is innocent or guilty. These valleys, oh how deep! these mountains, oh how high and rough! and they are all named and countless victims have been slain by their deceitfulness. Here are some of their names: "The works of the flesh are manifest: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings and such like—they which do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God." And then there is pride, and selfishness, and covetousness.

Where is the help? Is there any rescue? Yes; God sent forth His Son and "whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but shall have everlasting life." But what of these valleys and these mountains, how can they be crossed? "REPENT ye! Turn to God; He will abundantly pardon. Unload your heart of its burdens—CONFESS!! CONFESS!! Empty yourself before God, and ask Him to fill you with His Holy Spirit.

Bring forth fruits meet for repentance. Bear the fruits of righteousness. Let the Holy Spirit have His way in your heart and life.

Zion has always exacted a high standard. She has ever commanded that obedience to the law of God is essential, and that it could not be varied an iota without bringing upon the trespasser sure punishment.

During the past two weeks, beginning at 6 o'clock in the morning, and lasting oftentimes far into the day, there have been held some of the most remarkable meetings in Zion's history.

These meetings have been held, primarily as "cleaning-up" occasions, where, under the searching fire of God's truth, people could lay open their lives and see how they stood in the sight of God.

God's Word is being prayerfully studied, particularly those portions bearing upon repentance, consecration, holy living, and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

There can be no question that all things are possible to a people filled with the Holy Spirit; and on the other hand, it is equally true that nothing lasting can be done if the Holy Spirit does not guide.

Zion realizes in a very forceful manner that every heart must be pure, holy and submissive to God's will in all things—that there can be no exceptions, and that every member must be thoroughly consecrated to the service of God.

Zion has prayed much for the salvation of Zion City—not only for the land and properties composing the Zion Estate, but for every person within the City. Zion is conscious of many mistakes and failures, but she stands fast in the faith that Jehovah hath founded Zion, and that Zion City shall be redeemed.

It is being realized more and more that "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain;" that although Paul may plant and Apollos may water, it is "God that giveth the increase." Therefore it is that Zion waits upon the Lord expecting deliverance not only of Zion City as a community from the hands of the devil, but of the inhabitants individually.

The fires of God's truth are burning. Many who have crept into Zion City and have opposed the Zion Movement, are getting their eyes open and beginning to see that it is "hard to kick against the goads;" that God will have His way in spite of their opposition; and that the efforts of the enemies of Zion to open Zion City to the rushing flood of the world, the flesh and the devil, are surely being brought to naught.

The meetings now being held daily—and they will continue right up to the opening of the Convocation, and then merge into the Convocation program—are a fitting preparation, especially to the people of Zion City.

Already the influence is being felt in distant places. God's fire of truth is burning. Letters are coming frequently from people who have been cold and indifferent—and in not a few cases, openly rebellious—begging forgiveness, and asking for prayers that God will restore to them the joys of salvation and help them back to Zion.

Some who have gone out from Zion during the past few years have never had any peace of mind and heart since. The thought of Zion ever comes up before them, and night and day they are tormented. Some from beds of sickness, write, and telegraph, asking forgiveness and prayer that God will again hear their prayer for restoration.

Where the Love of God and His Kingdom has once entered the heart, and coldness has followed, there can be no rest, no joy and no peace, until repentance, and restitution have been made, and until the rebellious spirit is driven out and that one gets into line in the performance of duty.

"He that putteth his hand to the plough and looketh back is unworthy of the Kingdom of Heaven."

God knows His own; and He is caring for His own people and for Zion City. In due time everything will come out right.

Zion, do not forget to pray earnestly for the General Overseer during these days of arduous service in the Special

Meetings; also remember every officer, that God's Holy Spirit may fill them and guide in their ministrations.

"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong."

## TO SUBSCRIBERS

**A**FTER prayerful, thoughtful consideration of the needs of subscribers, and of the great objects and purposes to be advanced by the publication of Zion Literature, it has been decided to consolidate THE ZION HERALD and LEAVES OF HEALING under the name ---so familiar and so dear to all Zion ---"LEAVES OF HEALING."

The purpose is to increase the size of the publication, but to leave it in Magazine form, consisting of eight pages enlarged so as to give almost twice as much matter as the present Leaves of Healing.

The first issue of "LEAVES OF HEALING" in the new form will be issued Friday, July 8, 1910, being Volume XXVI, No. 1, and the subscription price will be **only 50 cents a year.**

Our great desire is to get Leaves of Healing into the hands of multiplied thousands of people in all parts of the world, and for this reason the subscription price has been reduced to **only 50 cents** a year. This reduction may seem startling---from \$3.00, the present rate for both The Zion Herald and Leaves of Healing, to only 50 cents---but we believe that God will help to provide the means by increasing the subscriptions and the circulation. The work is God's; and certainly every member of Zion, and every friend of Truth and Righteousness, can well afford to secure and send in a number of subscriptions at this remarkably low rate and thus help to get the message of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living before the minds and hearts of countless thousands.

There will be one more issue of The Zion Herald, and two more issues of Leaves of Healing in the present form, closing Volume XXV.

All present subscribers for The Zion Herald will receive the Leaves of Healing in the new form instead of the Herald.

In another place in this issue will be found form of Subscription blank for Leaves of Healing. Let everybody use this form and begin at once to push and keep pushing to secure and send in subscriptions, and help to get 15,000 or 20,000 or more subscribers before the close of the Convocation soon to be held.

The work is the Lord's, and He has commanded that the Gospel of the Kingdom of God shall be preached to all nations.

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## "The Baptism of the Holy Spirit"

(Continued from page 195)

### No One can Escape the Holy Spirit's Burnings.

Now, we are digging deep and the fire is burning, and already some are on the run; but you will have to move out of Zion City or else the fire will catch you; you may go to California, but the fire will follow you there; you may cross the Pacific and go back to Australia, but the fire will follow you there—the fire of God from Shiloh Tabernacle. In Zion City will find you in Australia. You would just as well line up and do what is right at one time as another; because God is going to redeem Zion City; and I am praying that He will not have to redeem it with judgment. I would much rather that the Holy Spirit should run from heart to heart until the last one is brought back to God, than that God should have to redeem Zion City by the thunderbolts of His judgment.

I plead with you, then, to come to these meetings, and to pray to God to fill you with His Spirit, and that you may get right in His sight; so that Zion may receive all that God has in store for her.

Zion, arouse! awake! and put on the strength of God! Pray to God today as never before. I am not saving myself one iota; but am willing—as I have told God—that if only I can be instrumental in bringing you all to the place where you ought to be, and can see Zion City saved, then I shall be satisfied.

### Gold and Silver Cannot Redeem Zion City.

Let me impress upon your minds, my brothers and sisters, that Zion City will never be redeemed by gold and silver. I have offered seven hundred thousand dollars cash for this Estate; and I have offered nine hundred thousand dollars to the Investors on eight years' time; but I want to tell you that it takes more than gold and silver to redeem Zion City. Zion City will be redeemed only by the precious blood of the Christ. You men and women must go on and be sanctified and must be sealed with the Holy Spirit, and that requires deep and full consecration.

I pray this afternoon that God will open your eyes, that God will break your hearts, that God will crush you to the earth; that you may rise in resurrection life and glory, with power for service, to go forward to shake the world, and to prepare a people for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

### PRAYER BY THE GENERAL OVERSEER

O God, our Heavenly Father, as we draw nigh unto Thee with true hearts, draw Thou very nigh unto us in this afternoon hour; and grant now, as we study Thy Word, that all hearts may be open to receive it, to believe it and to act upon it. Inspire me, O God this afternoon, and, by the Holy Spirit, drive home every word of Scripture read and every word that shall be uttered. And grant O God, that this may prove to be, in deed and in truth, the beginning of a great and mighty forward movement in Zion. Help us, O God, this afternoon to withhold nothing; but to lay ourselves upon Thine altar, and to make that complete consecration which is demanded in Thy Word, and that we may be filled with Thy Spirit. Hear us, O God, and be with us in great power. We ask in Jesus' Name and for the honor and glory of Thyself. Amen.

GENERAL OVERSEER: before I speak I wish you please

to turn to the Hymn, "COME, HOLY SPIRIT" and let us sing the first stanza:

Come Holy Spirit, like a dove descending,  
 Rest Thou upon us while we meet to pray;  
 Show us the Savior, all His love revealing;  
 Lead us to Him, the Life, the Truth, the Way.

### ADDRESS BY THE GENERAL OVERSEER.

#### Humanity Saved through the Ministry of Preaching.

God the Almighty, in His infinite love and wisdom, has seen fit to save humanity through the foolishness of preaching. The Ministry of Jesus the Christ, when closely studied, furnishes every minister of God with an example of a every step required. I have been greatly impressed with the fact that the very ones for whom Jesus meant His burning utterances, simply passed them on to others.

And how true that is today: oftentimes, when a man delivers a message which God has put into His heart through the Holy Spirit, the people begin to look around at one another, and at the close of the sermon will say, "Well, whom do you think he had in mind this afternoon?" "I wonder who there could have been in the congregation this afternoon at whom he was striking." Well, I tell you this afternoon that I am striking straight at you—straight at every elder, every deacon, every deaconess and every member in this Church, from the youngest to the oldest.

If I understand my call, and I believe I do, when I stand before a congregation my first duty is to strip every sinner and cause him to see himself without hope and lost, in the sight of God. I have no doubt that in this congregation—and in every congregation that a man addresses—there are those who, while they listen to the preaching of the Everlasting Gospel, pat themselves on the back and say, "Well, I am not a sinner, I am a pretty good sort of fellow." But I tell you that, in the sight of God, your self-righteousness is only as filthy rags; and this afternoon, while I do not intend, primarily, to strike out toward sinners who have never named the Name of Christ—I do intend to strike out, straight from the shoulder, at those who call themselves Christians but who are as devoid of the power of God as one of those chairs is of electricity.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, I have decided to speak this afternoon upon the Subject of

#### THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

and to present this Subject in a general way, and then, day after day, in the course of various addresses, to deal with all of the passages of Scripture bearing upon the Holy Spirit's mission to the children of men.

I should be very greatly surprised to find that any man calling himself a Christian, should need to be convinced this afternoon that the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is plainly taught in the Word of God. I should be greatly surprised if it were necessary to spend any time and strength in showing every Christian that the baptism of the Holy Spirit is for every one who will repent, who will confess, who will restore, who will become reconciled to God his Father, and who will make a complete, absolute consecration of himself to God; for nothing short of this ever will bring the seal of God the Almighty, stamping him as His very own.

#### The Real Baptizer.

Now, as we start in to read and study the New Testament—for I shall refer to the Old Testament only incidentally during my address—and enter into the Gospel according to St. Matthew, in the third chapter we find where John the Baptist says:

"I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance; but He that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: He shall baptize you with"—what?

PEOPLE: "The Holy Ghost and with fire."

GENERAL OVERSEER: Yes, "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire."

Now, passing through the intervening passages, I ask you please to turn with me to the seventh chapter of the Gospel according to St. John, the thirty-seventh to the thirty-ninth verses:

"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.)"

The Lord Jesus the Christ was baptized with the Holy Spirit in fulfillment of prophecy and in answer to His own prayer. Please turn with me to the third chapter of Luke's Gospel, verses 21 and 22.

"Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that

Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,

"And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art My beloved Son; in Thee I am well pleased".

#### Jesus was Baptized by the Holy Spirit in Answer to His Own Prayer.

In the vray beginning, I desire to point out to you that Jesus the Christ, the Son of God, Who was begotten by the Holy Spirit in the sinless virgin, was baptized by the Holy Ghost in answer to His own prayer to God His Father; and there God set His seal upon Jesus and owned Him as His Only Begotten Son, and expressed Himself as being pleased with Him.

Now, if you desire to know the prophecy in fulfillment of which the Holy Ghost came upon Jesus the Christ, I refer you to the Prophet Isaiah, the eleventh chapter and the second verse; and, in order to impress it upon your minds, I will turn to it and read it:

"And 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".

#### Believers are to Pray for the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

I might just as well mention now, as later in my address, that it is plainly taught in the Word of God that we should pray for the Holy Spirit; and in support of that, I will give you now only the reference to Jesus the Christ Himself, and later I shall give you other references.

Jesus the Christ was baptized by the Holy Spirit while He was praying, and the Heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove and owned Him as His own, and expressed Himself as being "well pleased."

Now, how are we to reconcile John 7:37-39, which distinctly says, "For the Holy Spirit was not yet given," with the statement that the Holy Ghost descended upon Christ?

#### Prior to Pentecost the Holy Spirit's Visits were Intermittent.

That brings me to another great truth which, in our study of the Holy Spirit, you must be made to realize; and that is, prior to the day of Pentecost the visits of the Holy Spirit to this world were to certain individuals and were intermittent; and never before the Day of Pentecost did the Holy Ghost come forth from the Father to dwell here—for the temple of the Holy Ghost is the Church, the Body of Jesus the Christ—the Body of which the Christ is the Head.

#### The Boundaries of Christ's Earthly Ministry.

The Ministry of Jesus the Christ was bounded on the one side by Bethlehem and on the other side by Mount Olivet.

He Himself said, "If I go away I will send the Comforter unto you." And again, "If I go not away, the Comforter will not come." Jesus also said, "I will send you another Comforter;" which simply meant that He Himself was the Comforter, and that when He went away another Comforter would come. And so He instructed the apostles—the very apostles upon whom He breathed and said "Receive ye the Holy Spirit"—and commanded them to "tarry in Jerusalem and wait for the promise of the Father," which was the pouring forth of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost.

#### The Body of Christ in the Upper Room at Pentecost.

Now, when we come to the Day of Pentecost, where do we find the Body of Christ? We find the Body of Christ in the "upper room," and it consisted of one hundred and twenty souls, and we find them doing just what Jesus the Christ had told them to do—they were tarrying in Jerusalem; and there they were all with one accord and with a spirit of unity and they all were praying for the coming of the Comforter—the Holy Spirit, and on the Day of Pentecost, when God's clock struck the hour, the Holy Spirit came; as is described in the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.

#### The Baptism of the Holy Ghost for All the Called.

I maintain that the Baptism of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost was not only for them, but—as Peter said, which you will remember if you followed the Scripture lesson closely,—"The promise is unto you and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

And I maintain further that the Holy Spirit came on the Day of Pentecost; that He has been here ever since; that He has not gone back to God the Father, and that He will not go back to the Father until the "parousia" of Jesus the Christ—that is, the presence of the Christ, the first stage of the manifestation of the second coming of Christ.

Now, keep in mind that I claim that, according to the Word of God, the Holy Spirit was sent on the Day of Pentecost, and that the baptism of the Holy Spirit was there given for all who should enter into the Ecclesia—the Body of Jesus the Christ.

The Lord Jesus the Christ was given, by God as the Savior of the world, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Begotten Son,"—that is God's part,—"that whosoever believeth

in Him,"—that is man's part,—"should not perish, but have everlasting life."

#### Christ's Sacrifice Must be Appropriated in order to be Effectual.

I claim that Jesus the Christ was sent and was sacrificed, and that He provided salvation for all mankind; but unless man does his part, the sacrifice of the Christ will avail him nothing. And just as God sent Jesus, in Whom man must believe, so God sent the Holy Ghost, and man must receive Him through the prayer of faith, or else He will never avail him anything; and I know that I am on Scriptural grounds in taking this position.

Now find Second Corinthians 1:22 and Galatians 3:4, and read them.

The Holy Spirit was given on the Day of Pentecost. He came as the sound of a rushing, mighty wind, and His coming was accompanied by fire; and all of the one hundred and twenty were baptized by the Holy Ghost, and they all spoke in tongues the wonderful works of God, and devout men from every nation under Heaven heard the Gospel in their own tongue. And then some said that they were drunk.

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## THE Final Announcement

### Regarding the Last Payment on Shiloh Tabernacle



Balance yet needed . . . \$819.61

No money will be received towards this payment after the first day of July.

Between \$500 and \$600 in pledges, made at the last All-night Meeting, are still outstanding. All pledges not paid by July first will be canceled.

In order that all the faithful, loyal helpers may clearly understand the above positions, I will simply state that the positions are taken in order to clear the way absolutely for the **great Semi-annual Sacrificial offering** during the second Lord's Day afternoon service of the Convocation in July.

No words can possibly express my heartfelt thanks to all who have helped pay for Shiloh Tabernacle. May God bless you all, is my earnest prayer.

Faithfully yours in Jesus' Name,

WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA

General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion.

## ZION SEVENTIES

Deacon J. W. Friend  
General Recorder

"And he trembling and astonished, said, Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do."—Acts 9:6.

Saul, on his way to Damascus, to persecute the Christians, was suddenly stricken to the earth by the power of Jesus. He heard a Voice saying, "Saul, Saul, Why persecutest thou Me?"

Saul, was three days without sight and did neither eat nor drink. (It was not until the humble Ananias came to him that he was "filled with the Holy Ghost.")

After he had received the Holy Ghost he became the mighty Apostle Paul.

"Have ye received the Holy Spirit since ye believed?"

Have you consecrated your life to God?

"Consecration" means more than a vow to God to live a better life. It means putting your time, your talents, your life—all that you have, and all that you ever expect to have,—upon God's altar. It means presenting your bodies "a LIVING SACRIFICE, holy, acceptable to God," then crying from the depths of your spirit as did the Apostle Paul,

"LORD, WHAT WILT THOU HAVE ME TO DO?"

After you have made the consecration and cried to God, then look about you for SOMETHING TO DO FOR THE MASTER.

"The fields are white already unto the harvest, and the laborers are few."

Go into the homes of those who are living in sin; tell them what God has done for you, and how JESUS SUFFERED AND DIED FOR THEM. Put a tender, loving arm of pity and compassion around them, and bring them into the fold.

CONSECRATE YOUR LIFE TO GOD. "Be ye filled with the Spirit."

Earnestly seek to do God's will and to be a blessing to humanity.

"Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord,

By the power of grace divine,

Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,

And my will be lost in Thine."

(OHIO)

Report of Seventy work done in the city of Cincinnati by Deacon E. E. Harwood and Isaac Bittle for the month ending June 19, 1910:

Leaves of Healing sold	293
Heralds sold	192
Tracts sold	165
Messages given	6,112
Leaves of Healing given	117
Heralds given	106
Tracts given	32
Total pieces distributed	7,017

Seventeen sick calls and visits were made.

Writing under date of June 19th, Deacon Harwood says: "I believe I can safely say, in presenting the 6112 messages, we have spoken and presented the truth to over 7,000 persons."

### Psalm 15

**L**ORD, who shall abide in Thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in Thy holy hill?

He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor.

In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoreth them that fear the Lord. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not,

He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

**YOU**  
**ARE INVITED**  
to Attend the

### Meetings in Shiloh Tabernacle

NOW BEING HELD EVERY DAY

Beginning Promptly at 6:00 A. M.

The meeting today (Monday, June 20) lasted eight hours

You may come into the meetings and leave at any time.

BRING YOUR BIBLES.

SUBJECT: "The Baptism of the Holy Spirit."

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.

Have ye received the Holy Spirit since ye believed?—Acts 19:2.

Zion City—the same as all persons—must be redeemed, not by Gold or Silver, but by the precious blood of Jesus.

All are welcome to the meetings.

Earnestly praying that the people in Zion City may get to the place where God can sanctify them for Zion's Onward Movement, I am,

Faithfully in Jesus' Name,

**Wilbur Glenn Voliva**

General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion.

## The Fourteenth Annual Convocation

of the

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and Closing WEDNESDAY NIGHT, JULY 20th

Three Services will be held each day

He sendeth His word



and healeth them.

# 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

### Divine Healing

Why Believe it? Why Teach it?

Questions and Objections Answered.

(By O. L. Tindall)

ARTICLE V.

Counterfeits and false Teachings.

**T**HESE have injured the cause of Divine Healing more, we might almost say, than no teaching, or a complete denial of it.

The most pronounced, as we have said, of these counterfeits, is Mrs. Eddy's so-called Christian Science which is neither Christian, nor science. It is not worth mentioning, were it not that so many have been deceived by it. It is simply ludicrous and absurd, as she says there is no such thing as disease, and yet she and its teachers ask you to believe that Christian Science can cure all kinds of disease.

Her teaching is little more than mere mind healing. She says if you think you are not sick, why then you are not sick—it is all imagination, and she quotes Solomon: "As a man thinketh, so is he." It is simply a matter of the mind. If one can persuade himself that he is not sick then he is not sick. Mrs. Eddy seized on a certain truth and tried to make it mean Divine Healing. In many cases, no doubt, all the patient needs is to cease thinking of himself. Such patients imagine that they are sick but they need no medicine, nor healing other than to quit dwelling on their bad symptoms. No doubt the mind has much influence over matter, and may be a sort of medicine for bodily ailments. But this is not Divine Healing. There is no God or Divinity in Christian Science or mind cure. An atheist or profligate may practice either as well as the professing saints.

is of the earth, earthy. It is only human. With the advocates of these cults there is no personal God Who does anything for one. He must work it out himself.

These counterfeits, mind healing, faith healing, etc., have mostly sprung up out of this devilish doctrine of doing something for one's self.

A man is not healed because he believes he is, or believes he will be. Faith, in that sense, does not heal anyone.

**Faith is not the Healer.**

None of these teachings have any right to call themselves or to be called Divine Healing. That kind of thing never opens blind eyes nor unstops deaf ears, nor mends broken bones and troubles of that kind. It takes God to do that. The old Pharisees and Scribes and magicians and sorcerers, or pharmacists, well understood this. They readily admitted that it had never been known that a man born blind had been healed by man or medicine. Christian Science, nor any of those so-called healers, can not cure these kind of diseases.

Divine Healing enters where man goes out. It is God that heals us just the same as it is God that saves us, and in the same way, and on the same conditions.

There is no virtue in a mere prayer of words to heal a disease. To simply believe that one is going to get well does not cure anyone; but sincere prayer directed to the All-wise Father, and faith exercised in His love, mercy and power to heal, avails much, because God hears such prayer and honors such faith and answers with healing.

All the requirements that Christ made on the part of a sick man were of such a nature as to show that there was no virtue in any of them apart from God to heal. Putting clay on the eyes and washing in the pool of Siloam could not restore sight to the man born blind, neither could those acts cure any other kind of ailment or disease; or else multitudes would have done the same thing and carried the clay and the waters to the sick everywhere.

No; these agencies healed no one. Laying hands on the sick by the elders does not heal them. Anointing with oil does not cure. No; it is said, THE LORD—not the feeble little

means—SHALL RAISE HIM UP. The waters of Jordan did not and could not heal the leprosy of the Captain of the Syrian host.

#### How do men get Healing?

All man can do does not heal him. It is God that does the work. Man must do his part. He must have a condition of heart so that God can enter him, and must offer the Prayer of Faith. That is why it is said "The prayer of Faith shall save the sick." That is from the human side. That is the condition on which God will stretch forth His hand and heal His people. Without this no one can hope to be healed. It is the same kind of prayer that is required to obtain Divine Salvation. So a man must first learn to pray. He must pray in faith. He must not regard iniquity in his heart or God will not hear him. He

must be ready to do God's will or He cannot answer.

Said the blind man, (restored) to the cavilers, "If any man be a worshiper of God and doeth His will, him will God hear."

#### God will not heal a man to serve self.

"Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts, (or pleasures.)"—Jas.4:3.

It is required that one be spiritually right before God will heal him of bodily disease. The spiritual is more important. Jesus always inquired about the spiritual state first. How is your faith? not how is your pulse or your lungs.

"According to your faith it shall be done unto you."

Zion stands for the Old-fashioned Divine Healing of Christ's and the Apostles' time. No modern mockery, nor compromise with doctors, drugs and devils will meet the favor of God.

## "The Baptism of the Holy Spirit."

An Address Delivered at the General Assembly in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, Lord's Day Afternoon, June 19, 1910.

By *Wilbur Glenn Voliva,*

General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion.

[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK]

#### Baptism in Water, and the Baptism of the Holy Ghost two distinct Acts.

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is something that follows salvation—something that stands as an act alone,—by itself. One brother said that he was baptized with the Holy Spirit when he was baptized with water. I say No, he was not; the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the baptism in water do not take place at the same moment; they may take place on the same occasion, but they are two different acts; and that is the plain teaching of the Word of God. They heard the Word preached and then they were baptized; and what else did they do? "And there were added—" Now, those words "unto them" are in italics and do not belong there. I do not want God to add anybody to you. God adds the people unto Himself. You will find many expressions where the people were added to the Lord; and therefore I do not believe in that expression "unto them;" but "about three thousand souls were added unto" the Lord, "and they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and in fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers; and fear came upon every soul; and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles; and all that believed were together and had all things common; and sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need."

How are we going to pay for Zion City? Get the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and Zion City is paid for.

#### The Church's Privilege to be filled constantly with the Holy Spirit, and to receive converts daily.

.. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart; praising God and having favor with all people. And the Lord added—"now that "to the church" does not belong there; "there were added such as should be saved." They were added to the Lord. Do not you see, the people tarried until they received the Holy Ghost and had power, and there were how many converts?

People—"Three thousand."

General Overseer—Yes, there were three thousand converts. For a moment, let us look at the churches all over the land—there are hundreds and thousands of them that have not had a genuine convert in the last ten years. Are they churches of the Lord Jesus the Christ, or are they not?

People—"They are not."

General Overseer—No; I tell you, verily no! Dr. Gordon, in one of his books—I think it is the one entitled "If Christ Came to Church"—as he was writing that book he was sitting in his study up in the belfry, and he says, "As I write these words I can look out of the window of my study, and can count a number of churches from which the Holy Ghost long ago took His departure."

#### The Average Church is Dead.

Now, do you know what the work of the average preacher reminds me of? Well, it reminds me of a man standing on the gate-post of a cemetery and exhorting the inhabitants to come and help him make garden. Of all the ludicrous things that any preacher can do, is to stand up before a spiritually dead people and exhort them and plead with them and beg them to do the things that a Christian ought to do.

#### The Spirit-Filled Man is Alive.

Do you see that man there? he will not go to church. Shall you go after him with a club and make him go to church? No; if that man had received the Holy Spirit, you could not keep him away from church.

Do you see that man who does not pay his tithes? Shall you go after him with a club and tell him that he will be put out of his position if he does not pay his tithes? He says, "Well, I will pay my tithes;" and he pays them in order to be able to keep his position. If that man were filled with the Holy Spirit you could not keep him from paying his tithes.

I tell you, my brothers and sisters, when men and women are baptized with the Holy Spirit, they do not keep anything back from God's work, but they will give all to extend the Kingdom of God.

Now, a few days afterwards, how many converts did they have?

People—"Five thousand."

General Overseer—Yes; they had five thousand; that is when the man was healed at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple. Well, I will tell you, you have had a great deal of teaching on Divine Healing, and some of you have had so much teaching that you are case-hardened, and you have had precious little of the Holy Spirit; but the Holy Spirit is received in the very same manner that healing is received—and that is, by meeting the conditions and praying the prayer of faith.

#### The Spirit Comes by the Hearing of Faith.

Listen to Paul:

"This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?"—Galatians 3:2.

Now, I am citing this passage to back up what I say—that the Holy Spirit is appropriated by the prayer of faith. The Holy Spirit was poured out on the day of Pentecost and He has been here ever since, but there are thousands of Church members who have not received the Holy Ghost; they have not appropriated Him by the prayer of faith.

Read to me John 1:12. I desire to show you that, although Christ was given as a propitiation for the sins of the world, unless men believe in Him, and comply with the conditions, His coming into this world will avail them nothing.

Elder Tindall then read John 1:12.

"But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name."

General Overseer—In order to be the sons of God you have to receive Him; and in order to have the baptism of the Holy Spirit you must, in God's way, appropriate Him Whom God has sent.

Sometimes I give this illustration—and it is a very good one; because, you know, water is one of the symbols of the Holy Spirit—not only in the Old Testament, but also in the New Testament. It is as though an inexhaustible supply of bright, sparkling water had been let down in the presence of a large company of people dying of thirst, and that it had been let down with the understanding that it was not only for them, but also for their children and for all who should be designated by the benefactor. That reservoir of water could remain there,

and multitudes could drop dead from thirst if they did not stretch forth their hands and take a drink of it.

And so, notwithstanding the fact that the Holy Ghost has been sent and has been poured out, you could live in the church all your life long and yet never have the Holy Spirit in you. Do you know that? Is not that the condition of a great many people today?

#### Some Spirit will fill the heart.

I desire to bring before you one other portion of Scripture: and that is regarding the man of whom Jesus tells us that the devil went out of him, and that devil wandered around, and then returned to the house (this man's body) and found it empty and swept and garnished, and so this devil went away and got seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they came back and entered into that man, and his last state was worse than the first. That is a very good description of thousands of church members today.

I desire to tell you, my brothers and sisters, you may get rid of the tobacco devil, you may get rid of the whisky devil, you may get rid of the lying devil, you may get rid of the envy devil, you may get rid of the jealous devil; but if you do not allow the Holy Spirit to come in and fill the house, those devils will return and will find the house all empty and swept and garnished, and will then go and get other devils, and they all will enter into you, and your last state will be worse than your first.

#### Why Many Converts Fall Back.

I believe that is one reason why these so-called converts in revivals do not last any length of time. I believe that many of those poor people who come forward are very sincere, and that they do receive deliverance; but they are put into these old apostate churches, with a dude for a preacher, a worldly man for conductor of the choir, worldly men for deacons and trustees; and a lot of theater-goers, card-players, dancers, and worldly people in general for members; and they receive no teaching, and therefore finally famish and die.

#### Negative Christianity is Useless.

Now, I suppose all of you have repented. A man may say, "I do not smoke,"—very good. "I do not drink whisky,"—very good. "I do not lie,"—very good. "I do not play cards,"—very good. "I do not attend the theater,"—very good. But if a gate-post could speak, it could say precisely the same thing. A gate-post doesn't smoke, or drink, or lie, or play cards, or attend the theater.

My brothers and sisters, negative Christianity does not amount to the snap of the finger. Unless you are filled with the Spirit of God and endowed with power for service, to what does your Christianity amount?—not to anything.

Let us look at another question here: a lady told in the meeting this morning regarding a Methodist Church near her home; they sent for a preacher to come out from Chicago and hold a quarterly meeting; so when he started he had just one old woman to hear him. Well, I am surprised that there should be an old woman with as little sense as to go and listen to him.

#### The Prayer-meeting a Key to the Spiritual condition of the Church.

The Ministerial Association of Kansas City had a long discussion recently and a number of the preachers advocated doing away with the weekly prayer-meeting, because they said they could not get anybody to attend them.

I tell you that if men and women have repented of their sins, and have been justified by faith, and have received the Holy Spirit for sanctification, they cannot be kept away from the House of God; but they will attend the meetings, and will pray and testify and praise God.

The average weekly prayer-meeting of the churches is attended by a few women and two men—the preacher and the janitor; and then the preacher will sit there and say, "Will some one pray?" but nobody prays, and the old clock on the wall ticks and the minutes seem like hours; and then the preacher says, "Now, come, do not allow the time to go to waste, these are precious moments; will not some one pray?" And then pretty soon a wretched old hypocrite, whom nobody in the town would trust with ten cents worth of goods, gets down and prays a prayer as long as the moral law, visiting the whole world and spends a day or two at each city, and calls it praying, and it does not go any higher than his head.

Some people say, "I do not like to hear you talk about the churches." No; I do not like to talk about them; for I do dislike to talk about the dead; but they are as dead as door nails, and as dead as Julius Cæsar; and unless we do our duty God will spew us out of His mouth.

God says, "Because thou art lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spew thee out of My mouth."

#### The Manifestations of the Holy Spirit's Power should be expected.

Now, Zion, because the devil has counterfeited the glorious

doctrine of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and because he has, by fleshly manifestations, cast reflection upon it, that is not any reason why we should lay aside such a glorious doctrine. Why should not we expect the manifestation of the Spirit's power and the exercise of the Spirit's gifts in the Church? Has not the devil counterfeited Divine Healing, and every other truth; and you are so afraid of becoming a little excited, or so afraid that you may make a little stir; but I declare, before God, in many cases I cannot detect whether or not the pulse is beating at all.

Why, a mother, when she looks into the cradle—or into the little crib at her sweet little babe and she cannot detect any breathing, and cannot see any signs of life, she is alarmed and throws up her hands and becomes greatly excited. And yet here we are, surrounded by the spiritually dead—with no heart-beat, no pulse-beat, no sign of life, and yet some people are not aroused.

My brothers and sisters, I am working for the salvation of Zion City, and I am determined to keep at it until God hears and answers prayer, and causes these transgressors to roll over in their beds all night and to groan for mercy (Amen). Thank God that there are some who can say "amen." Hallelujah! Some signs of life!

I tell you, my brothers and sisters, when the officers are filled with the Holy Spirit, they do not need any exhortation to pray or to speak, and they do not need to be pushed out to start a cottage prayer-meeting or to go into the Seventy work; but they will go.

#### Pray for the Holy Spirit.

Now, I believe in holding meetings to pray for the Holy Spirit. God has sent Him—and, by the way, do not call the Holy Spirit "it," as I think I heard a few this morning. The Holy Spirit is not "it"; the Holy Spirit is a Person.

Now, I do not say—although I cannot go into that this afternoon—but I do not say that all persons will have the same experience; and there is just where the mistake has been made; and I do not believe that it is a matter of feeling, but I want to tell you that there is feeling about it. No man can be filled with the Holy Ghost without being thrilled through and through, and there will be some feeling about it; but the proof of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is not in any fleshly manifestation. I believe that when some people are filled with the Holy Spirit they will shout.

When a little boy I used to be a Methodist, but there is not enough money in this world to get me to be a Methodist now—although there are some mighty good Methodists and there are a whole lot of mighty poor Methodists. The old-fashioned kind are all right, but they are very scarce nowadays.

And I remember one old lady who, at the "Love Feast," used to get up in meeting, and about the second sentence her hair would come down, and she would clear those benches like a deer and would yell "Hallelujah!" and "Glory to God!" in a manner that would make your hair stand up straight on your head; and I do not believe there was ever a better woman lived.

It is just like this: suppose that your dearest earthly friend had been away for ten years and you were standing at the railway station awaiting the arrival of the train, or on the dock awaiting the arrival of the boat, and all at once you were to catch sight of that loved one, would you stand there like this (illustrating in a low voice) and say, "Hello, there, John?" No, you would shout, "Hello, there, John! Oh, I am so glad to see you!" (Here the Overseer ran across the platform to illustrate)—(Laughter). My opinion is that if some of you were to get filled with the Holy Spirit, you would jump about four feet high.

I will tell you this afternoon that all the average church-member of today is—is a respectable corpse; no life, no signs of life. Ah, yes, some people are very enthusiastic over everything else except their religion, and when they begin to talk about an old hen that has laid one hundred and seventy-nine eggs, their eyes stand out and they are full of enthusiasm telling about it—more enthusiasm over an old hen than over the religion of the Lord Jesus the Christ. I say shame! The old hen is all right in her place, but she does not take the place of the religion of God.

Yes, we go down here to the Lake for a picnic and some people go out in a boat, and all at once we hear a cry, "The boat capsized." Then, I tell you, there is a stir around and everybody is excited, and those who can swim are ready to jump in and rescue those who are drowning. And yet here they are going to hell by the scores and hundreds, and the people are sleeping. If a number of you men were down on the Lake front and all at once the cry went up, "Man overboard!" and you were to say, "I will go in and see what I can do to save him?" would you first stop to yell out, "Are you a Methodist?" or, "Are you a Presbyterian?" or, "Are you a Baptist?" No; I tell you, you would go down into that water for your very life.

Do you believe that everybody is saved who is in this Tabernacle this afternoon? I do not. There are people here this after-

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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.,  
July 2, 1910.

LET ZION EVERYWHERE GO FORWARD!

"When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream.

"Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The Lord hath done great things for them.

"The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad.

"Turn again our captivity, O Lord, as the streams in the south.

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

Zion, as a movement, has reached another milestone in her onward march.

"Surely the Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad?"

Beginning Monday morning, June 13th, Special Meetings have been held every day, beginning at 6:00 a. m.

The first three meetings were held in the Assembly Room

in Zion Home, and all the other meetings have been held in the Prayer Room of Shiloh Tabernacle.

These meetings have lasted: one for five hours, another for eight hours, and still another for sixteen hours. The twenty-third meeting was held this morning, Friday, July 1st.

The subject on which teaching has been given in every meeting has been:

"THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT."

The following passages of Scripture have been read in almost every meeting:

JOHN 3:16—For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

JOHN 1:12—But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.

GALATIANS 4:6—And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

ACTS 2:38—Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be ye baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

GALATIANS 3:2—This only would I learn of you, Receive ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

GALATIANS 3:14—That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

MATTHEW 12:28—But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the Kingdom of God is come unto you.

HEBREWS 9:14—How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

ACTS 1:2—Until the day in which He was taken up, after that He through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom He had chosen.

LUKE 3:21, 22—Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,

And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art My beloved Son; in Thee I am well pleased.

ISAIAH 11:2—And 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.

JOHN 1:33—And I knew Him not; but He that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon Whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, the same is He which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

MATTHEW 3:11, 12—I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but He that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

Whose fan is in His hand and He will thoroughly purge His floor, and gather His wheat into the garner; but He will burn the chaff with unquenchable fire.

JOHN 6:27—Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for Him hath God the Father sealed.

EPHESIANS 1:13—In Whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in Whom also, after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise.

JOHN 3:33—He that hath received His testimony hath set to his seal that God is true.

2 CORINTHIANS 1:21, 22—Now He which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;

Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

2 TIMOTHY 2:19—Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are His. And, Let ever one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

EPHESIANS 4:30—And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

The call given to the people is in Joshua 3:5:  
"SANCTIFY YOURSELVES: FOR TOMORROW THE LORD WILL DO WONDERS AMONG YOU."

In response to the plain Bible teaching on the subject and to the call made, many hundreds have come forward, and, kneeling in prayer, have made a complete consecration of them-

selves and their all to God, and have prayed to God, their Heavenly Father, for the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

The call was first made on Thursday, June, 23, 1910, and, in every meeting from that date to the present, many have come forward in every service; and it is expected that before the close of the meeting on Lord's Day evening, July 3d, every officer and every member in the Church in Zion City will have consecrated himself and herself to God and prayed definitely for the Holy Spirit.

On Monday night, June 27th, nearly one hundred cottage meetings were held in different parts of the city, and encouraging reports of these meetings have been given by many persons.

The Convocation proper will begin, God willing, at 6:00 a. m. on Lord's Day, July 10th, and continue until Wednesday night, July 20th.

The second Lord's Day of the Convocation, July 17th, the usual Semi-Annual Sacrificial Offering will be taken; and there will be a Grand Procession of every Zion man, woman, youth, maiden and child, declaring, among other things, to one and all, that, as a people, we stand for Zion City as originally launched and that we will contend, in the Name of God, for the Principles, Truths, Ideas and Ideals of Zion.

Think of a thousand—yes, more than a thousand—persons, and the number being added to daily, making the following prayer:

My God and Father, I come to Thee in Jesus' Name.

I confess my many shortcomings, and acknowledge that I have lived far beneath my privileges in Christ Jesus. I pray Thee to accept my humble confession and to forgive me, and to blot out my transgressions.

Take me as I am and make me what I ought to be in spirit, in soul, and in body. Give me power to do right no matter what it costs. I place all that I am, all that I have, all that I expect to be, all that I expect to have, upon the altar. I have been purchased with a price—the precious blood of Christ. Take me now, and seal me with the Holy Spirit as Thine own.

I ask these things in Jesus' Name and for His sake. Amen.

The scenes that have been witnessed in Shiloh Tabernacle during the last two weeks have not been equaled since the days of the Early Church, and there are many signs that the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion is now rapidly approaching the day when scenes similar to those described in the Acts of the Apostles will take place.

As the General Overseer, I send forth the call to every Zion officer and member throughout the world to

**"SANCTIFY YOURSELVES: FOR TOMORROW THE LORD WILL DO WONDERS AMONG YOU!"**

Zion people must be a holy people.

Jesus the Christ was given once for all for all mankind, but the mere fact that God, because of His great love for the world, gave Jesus, His only begotten Son, to live, to suffer, and to die for mankind, will avail them nothing unless they receive Him and believe in Him.

John 3:16 and John 1:12 must be taken together.

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

"But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name."

Just as Jesus was given once for all, so the Holy Spirit was sent on the Day of Pentecost for all believers: but HE must be appropriated through the Prayer of Faith. See Galatians 3:2 and Galatians 3:14.

God is more willing to give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him than earthly parents are to give good gifts unto their children.

God is more willing to give than we are to receive.

Jesus said:

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

The hour has come for all Zion to make an absolute surrender to God, to make the consecration which He demands, and to receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit through Consecration and through the Prayer of Faith.

Having once received the Holy Spirit, then Zion people will be endued with power to go north, east, west and south to be God's witnesses,—yes, indeed, to be God's witnesses everywhere throughout the world.

The attention of one and all is called to the decision to consolidate the Zion Herald with Leaves of Healing, and henceforth to print but one paper, LEAVES OF HEALING, in a different and enlarged form.

Zion should have but one paper, for, in Zion, all things are sacred, and the work of the Kingdom is, for convenience, divided into the Ecclesiastical, Educational, Commercial and Political. One paper should represent all these interests.

Notwithstanding the fact that the subscription price for the Zion Herald and Leaves of Healing has been three dollars a year, the subscription price of LEAVES OF HEALING in the new and enlarged form will be only fifty cents (50c) a year,—except to places outside of the United States the subscription price will be one dollar (\$1.00) a year. This rate of one dollar applies to Canada.

All subscribers to Leaves of Healing and the Zion Herald should at once see that whereas but one family have been hitherto supplied with Zion literature for three dollars (\$3.00) a year, now the LEAVES OF HEALING can be sent to six families for an entire year for the same amount of money.

LEAVES OF HEALING in the new form will be sold by all Zion branches at one cent a copy.

There is nothing like Zion literature, and it should be circulated by Zion workers throughout the world.

Go to the sinful, the sick, the suffering and the dying, and tell them the sweet old story of Jesus the Christ—"the same yesterday, today and forever."

It is not without a feeling of sorrow that I cease printing and sending out Zion Herald. Without any doubt, God inspired the launching of the paper, and for the past two or three years it has played a very important part in Zion's battles and developments. However, from all standpoints, it will be far better for the work to consolidate the papers; and now that the subscription price has been made so low—ridiculously low when you look at it from a business standpoint,—the one paper, LEAVES OF HEALING, ought very quickly to have twenty thousand subscriptions.

May God grant that the Little White Dove, which in years gone by took the sweet message of the Gospel of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living to multitudes throughout the world, may again fly in all directions, carrying the Everlasting Gospel of the Kingdom of God to earth's teeming millions.

Once more I would remind all officers, members and friends of Zion that I have made two offers for the entire Zion Estate, viz:—\$700,000 in cash; and \$900,000 on time, to be paid during a period of eight years.

It is expected that a decision in this matter will be reached on July 14th.

Let one and all, everywhere, pray that the Zion Estate will again come into Zion's hands, and, under the blessing of God, be made a place of refuge for multitudes of God's children from all parts of the world.

The work at Headquarters, these days, is exceptionally heavy, and I need the prayers and help of all Zion that my hands may be upheld in the glorious work which God has entrusted me to do.

Zion is not dead;—Zion is very much alive.

Zion is now coming forth from what her enemies thought

to be her tomb, with resurrection glory, to go forward in the accomplishment of her wonderful and far-reaching mission before the second coming of Christ.

**BE THOU FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH!**

WATCH AND PRAY! and work for the extension of God's Kingdom as never before!

Trusting that I shall have the pleasure of meeting and greeting many of you at the Convocation, and praying God's richest blessing, upon you, I am

Faithfully yours in Jesus' Name,  
WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA.

## "The Baptism of the Holy Spirit"

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noon who are going straight to hell, and they know it; and as to how many, since they believed, have been filled with the Holy Ghost, it is a very serious question in my mind.

### A Difficult Task Imposed.

God forbid that I should ever murmur; but God has put upon me one of the hardest tasks that ever was put upon any man—He called me to try to rescue a lot of people who have lost their money, and I would rather be given the duty of rescuing the dead. It is mighty hard work to get any enthusiasm into the heart of a man who has lost a dollar and thirty-seven cents in Zion.

Ah, my brothers and sisters, talk about getting the money to redeem Zion City; we will get it when we get what they got on the Day of Pentecost. There are some of you people whose pocket-books have had the lock-jaw for the last forty years.

Some of you people need to do like a certain man did about whom I was told, and who had piles of money. They were taking up an offering for some cause and, of course, to be respectable, he thought he would put in a ten-cent piece. He took out his pocket-book and watched the ushers coming, and took out a bill; then he put back the bill and took out a silver coin, a half-dollar; then he put that back and took out a quarter, and then just as they were coming nearer to him he put back the quarter and took out a dime; and then just as the ushers came near to him he said, "Go in there! you old human nature!" and he threw in the pocket-book and everything it contained.

There are others of you who are like the young man—you are very respectable, very nice-looking and very nice to meet; but the Lord Jesus the Christ loved the young man and told him, "One thing thou lackest yet, go and sell all that you have and give to the poor, and then come and follow Me."

### With God there can be no Half-way business.

Ah, yes, seeing the Kingdom, entering into the Kingdom, inheriting the Kingdom! God the Almighty does not propose to stand for any half-way business. And I tell you elders and deacons and deaconesses and members of this Church, when you get to the place where you will just throw yourselves into God's hands absolutely, then you will get the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and you never will until you do. Do you understand that? I know what I am talking about. An absolute surrender—there is the price that all have to pay.

One man will come along and say, "Well, I will be a Zion man if you will give me a position at thirty dollars a week." I say, "You are not the man I am looking for."

Another man will come along and say, "I desire to give myself wholly to God." I say, "All right, I will give you a chance." That man puts himself upon the altar and has no thought of position or of money; and that kind of man will be of some use in building up the work of God's Kingdom. When you get the baptism of the Holy Spirit, all the love of money will go. And I will tell you another thing: the Holy Ghost and the spirit of covetousness do not dwell in the same temple. The Holy Ghost will not occupy, or share a temple with any devil; and the demon of lying and of pride and envy and jealousy and back-biting and uncleanness and dishonesty, all have to go. Are you willing to let them go?

### The Rebelliousness of some hearts.

As I was preaching to a certain man not long ago he said, "I do not want to be converted." I have heard people say, "I do not want you to bring the Leaves of Healing to my house any more, because I am afraid that if I read a few more copies I may get converted." Oh, what a sad thing for a man to say; but they do say those things.

I have heard men and women say that if they had to repent in order to receive their healing they would rather die. Ah, it is no wonder that so few receive their healing; and I am not surprised. I have been upon my face before God for more than one person in Zion City; and I have said to my God, "I can get every prayer answered for myself, and I can get prayers answered for the work committed to my hands, what is the matter that when prayer is offered for some men and women, the Heavens are as brass?" And yet I tell you I am not surprised. If I were as far away from God as are the rank and file of people, I would not expect any answer to prayer.

Now regarding these early morning meetings: I am simply going to make the simple announcement and I do not intend to exhort anybody to come. We are going to have the results, even if there are only ten of us who have to stay here until we get them. And as we go along, I will have some things to say that will be a good deal stronger than anything that I have said yet.

I shall fast and pray for days, and from my room of prayer and fasting I shall come to this Tabernacle crying to God to help me, so to speak, that I shall crush every man and every woman to powder, until the yall get right with God. I have no time to talk about money. I say very little about money. I know that if the people are converted and sanctified the money will be all right—no trouble about that. The first thing is to get the people right.

ASK, and ye shall receive.

SEEK, and ye shall find.

KNOCK, and it shall be opened unto you.

Do you hear that little child come up to the door and knock, and you answer "No, you cannot come in now, wait a minute." Then another little knock on the door, "No, I am busy now, you cannot come in here, you must not bother me." Presently another little knock, and you say, "Dear me, I would just as well open the door." Now, that is just the way to knock if you want God to open the door. When God the Almighty looks upon a man of that kind, He says, "That man is in earnest."

### Christian Professors Living far from Privileges.

My brothers and sisters, we live a million miles this side of our privileges in Christ Jesus.

"He that hath My commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me; and he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself unto him."—John 14:21.

My brothers and sisters, study the life of Daniel. Daniel was a man greatly beloved of God.

Now, get to these early morning meetings, even if you can stay for only five minutes; and when you come I do not want to hear any talking. I want you to enter this Tabernacle in silence, praying; and when you enter that prayer-room I want you to kneel, and and if I catch any of you not kneeling I will go for you. I will say, "O God, strike that miserable sinner there, and make him kneel down." I believe in kneeling in prayer. I believe that the only hope for some of the people to whom I am now preaching, is to get them to limber their stiff knees, and to get them to kneel before God. And when I remodel this Tabernacle to put in a pipe-organ, I shall put a little bench between the rows of seats, so that when you come in you will be required to kneel in prayer.

### Dig Deep.

Now, we are going to dig real deep this time. The last Convocation was a great season, but that is now past, and that was not anything compared to what this one is going to be. I did not start these meetings myself, and one glorious thing about them, we cannot close them; and I hope the time is close at hand when they will run on all day and all night. If only we were half as earnest as are the devil's children, we would turn the world up-side-down in a few years.

Just go to Chicago today and watch the theaters, and although it is hot, yet you could see them packed to the very doors, and a dense throng standing there for half an hour before the door is opened.

### No Divine Enthusiasm without the Holy Spirit.

Last night I read the statement of a certain wise man, that "No movement ever succeeds without enthusiasm;" and there will be no divine enthusiasm except where the Holy Spirit dwells.

Ah, my brothers and sisters, if only you were as earnest as some by whose bedsides I have had to stand in Zion City! At the time of the last Convocation, did I not tell you—when more than twelve hundred people came forward to the platform and reconsecrated themselves to God—that the next place where I would see some of them would be by their death-bed? Ah, how often that has come true during the past twelve months; and as I go to the bedside and they look up into my face and say, "Oh, I sent for you because I want you to forgive me for

the way I have talked about you." And I say, "Forgiven," and do not mention it again. And then you can see them gasping for breath and hear them say, "O Father, if only You will heal me this time I will go to church, I will join the choir, I will be a faithful Seventy worker! O Father, if only You will heal me this once, I will do everything You want me to do!"

Ah, yes, my brothers and sisters, but this afternoon is the time to lift your hands to God and to tell Him that you are going to do it now; because it is too late then.

Ah, yes, at the Convocation last year how well I remember saying, regarding certain women who took no interest at all in the meetings, "Mark my word, the day will come when they will plead with me for prayer. Not many weeks ago my telephone bell rang, and it was a message from one of these women, saying that she was very sick and wanted prayer, and I sent Elder Carey to see her.

Along late in the night, about two weeks ago, my telephone bell rang, and there was a message to pray for a former deacon. The doctors had him in their hands and wanted to perform an operation; and the poor boy thought of Zion; but they went ahead and performed the operation, and he never recovered consciousness. But that is all right, the doctors can murder them by the hundreds and thousands and nothing is said. It is popular, you know.

I want to tell you, whoever you are, some day you will have to give an account to God; and I am not going to close this meeting—nor any other meeting—without giving every sinner an opportunity to march down one of these aisles and come upon this platform and say to God, "Father, I have sinned in Thy sight. I give myself to Thee."

**Renewal of Vow.**

Is there a sinner here this afternoon who is ready to do that? In the second place, are there those here who once stood under the banner of Zion and who have not filled in their renewal application forms and are ready to take hold today and go forward and help in this battle?

After the twentieth day of July, all renewal application forms will be withdrawn. I believe that by the twentieth day of July the Zion Estate will be in my hands. I have had faith in God. I have not fallen on my face—scores of times and cried to God in vain to redeem Zion City. I believe that God will give this Estate to me. I believe the day will come when I shall have the joy of floating the Zion Banner over every foot of Zion City. (Amen).

And, I tell you, we will not keep the door open forever on these renewal application forms. Those who do not respond by the night of the twentieth of July—the renewal application forms will be withdrawn.

**Zion's Truths cannot be Escaped.**

Ah, some may say, "We do not have to come back." Well, I tell you, every last one in Zion City will have to come under my leadership, or else they will have to go—one or the other. (Amen). And that is not because I say it; but I want to tell you that God the Almighty has wrought some wonderful signs; and yet some people are blind, and cannot see it.

God planted Zion City, and God is watching over Zion City. And I am where I am today, thank God, because I have been true to principle and have not compromised nor wavered. And among my very best friends, I count men who have come to see that during all these years I have been consistent; and that the only solution of the Zion City problem is for Voliva to have it.

We are going to save this as a Zion City, and I want to get you right, because thousands of people are going to come in here; and I say to you that it will be only a few years until I shall preach to congregations that will pack this Tabernacle to the doors; and I propose to have this Church right.

God never put a sweet little babe into a dead mother's arms; and God is not going to put newly-born spiritual babes into a dead church; and so I say to you—both officers and members—get down upon your knees and go to praying as you never have prayed before.

Ah, a lot of you need healing; how much of an effort are you putting forth to get your healing? Now, I will tell you—get down to business. It is just as easy for a man to get his healing as it was for me to get Shiloh Tabernacle when everybody was against me.

God has led me on step by step and, as I said to three men who came up a few days ago for a conference, "I owe you nothing. I have won in Zion City and I do not owe you anything for what I have today; because if you had had your way I would not have had any church building or any church at all, and no choir, no orchestra, no band, no membership, no store; I would not have had anything in Zion City; but, by the grace of God, I have triumphed over all your opposition." And, as Dr. Dowle used to say, "One man with God is a majority." Now, Zion, let us get down to business.

My brothers and sisters, there is a great deal of repenting to be done. We had a number of confessions this morning, and confession is good for the soul. Yes; and I intend to keep this up until every sinner confesses. The first thing is to let you see yourselves as you are; and yet right in the face of my talks, some people want to tell me what saints they are.

We are going to have a Holy Ghost called, made and filled Ministry in this Church; and we do not want what we used to have here. You will remember that Dr. Dowle, in the Feast of 1905, told the elders that he would send them all out and give them six weeks' trial, and that if they did not produce some fruits he would simply demand the resignation of the whole outfit of them. And he was perfectly right. A man whose ministry does not produce any fruit, ought to resign.

I tell you, a man who is called of God and has the seal of God set upon him, will have the sinner saved and the sick healed, and he will make the devil rise up, in all of his might, and seek to overthrow him.

Now, perhaps some of you do not like this talk. Well, that suits me all the better. I wish that every one of you who is not right, would get mad at me this afternoon. My prayer to God is that I shall never fear the face of any man or any woman. I am not going to be afraid to tell the truth, even if I am shot for it; and I tell you, my brothers and sisters, there is a great lack of spiritual power—you know that just as well as I do.

**Praying for Zion and for all the People.**

Now, Zion, let us get down to business, and then people will be swept into the Kingdom one after another. I am praying for all the people; I am praying for all who ever stood under Zion's Banner throughout the world. I have often said that I would like to see the day when everything in connection with this work would be all right in the sight of God; and I believe that, if I am true and faithful, God will permit me to live to see that day. I hope to be able to bequeath a wonderful heritage to those who shall follow, and we will do it by keeping humble before God and by meeting the conditions of God's Word and having a true apostolic fellowship.

**Zion City built for the Saints of God.**

Now, may God bless you. I want you to sing an invitation hymn. Is there one sinner here who is ready to surrender now. You are not all saints; you may be saints all but about a half-dozen, but there are some sinners here. Are you ready to surrender to God this afternoon? Do you live in Zion City? What right have you to live in Zion City? Zion City was built for the saints. Zion City was built by the Christian Catholic Church in Zion for the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, and Zion City was built to be inhabited by Christians; and if you are not a Christian, then what right have you inside the corporate limits of Zion City—you dirty, stinking tobacco users and low-down whisky-guzzlers, you would better repent and do it in a hurry, because—you mark what I say—I will send an army after you, and I will hunt down the last transgressor within the corporate limits of Zion City, and will bring you to book sooner or later.

Zion City must be cleaned up. Let the fire of God burn. Do you want to help clean it up?

People—"Yes!"

GENERAL OVERSEER—Then get into line and join God's army, and let us go forward to build a City for God. (Amen).

*The Fourteenth*  
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*of the*  
**CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC**  
**APOSTOLIC CHURCH IN ZION**  
 will be held, God willing, in  
**Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois**  
**Beginning LORD'S DAY, JULY 10th,**  
**and Closing WEDNESDAY NIGHT, JULY 20th**  
 Three Services will be held each day

## TO SUBSCRIBERS

**A**FTER prayerful, thoughtful consideration of the needs of subscribers, and of the great objects and purposes to be advanced by the publication of Zion Literature, it has been decided to consolidate THE ZION HERALD and LEAVES OF HEALING under the name ---so familiar and so dear to all Zion ---"LEAVES OF HEALING."

The purpose is to increase the size of the publication, but to leave it in Magazine form, consisting of eight pages enlarged so as to give almost twice as much matter as the present Leaves of Healing.

The first issue of "LEAVES OF HEALING" in the new form will be issued Friday, July 8, 1910, being Volume XXVI, No. 1, and the subscription price will be **only 50 cents a year.**

Our great desire is to get Leaves of Healing into the hands of multiplied thousands of people in all parts of the world, and for this reason the subscription price has been reduced to **only 50 cents** a year. This reduction may seem startling---from \$3.00, the present rate for both The Zion Herald and Leaves of Healing, to only 50 cents---but we believe that God will help to provide the means by increasing the subscriptions and the circulation. The work is God's; and certainly every member of Zion, and every friend of Truth and Righteousness, can well afford to secure and send in a number of subscriptions at this remarkably low rate and thus help to get the message of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living before the minds and hearts of countless thousands.

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In another place in this issue will be found form of Subscription blank for Leaves of Healing. Let everybody use this form and begin at once to push and keep pushing to secure and send in subscriptions, and help to get 15,000 or 20,000 or more subscribers before the close of the Convocation soon to be held.

The work is the Lord's, and He has commanded that the Gospel of the Kingdom of God shall be preached to all nations.

PRAY AND WORK AS NEVER BEFORE.

yard you must place yourself, all that you have, and all you ever expect to have, upon His altar, and leave it there.

Let the Holy Spirit completely fill your life, and proceed from you as RIVERS OF LIVING WATER.

"Except ye be born of the water and of the Spirit, ye cannot enter the Kingdom of God."

This Jesus spake concerning the new birth, the BEGINNING OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE.

In the Gospel according to St. John we have the beautiful story of the Samaritan woman coming to the well to draw water. Her pitcher was empty. She came to Jesus. He told her that if she would drink of the water that He would give her she would never thirst; that He would be within her "a well of water springing up into Everlasting Life."

The well of water signified LIFE ABUNDANTLY.

Is your pitcher empty?

Have you come to Jesus and drunk of that water springing up into Everlasting Life?

Has the well of water within you become so full that it has burst its bounds and become the RIVERS OF LIVING WATER?

God is more ready and willing to give you the Holy Spirit than your earthly parents are to give good things to you.

Consecrate your lives to God and pray that He may fill you with His Holy Spirit.

### CHICAGO

Report of work done by eleven Seventies in the City of Chicago, for week ending June 19th, 1910:

Calls made - - - - -	403
Messages given - - - - -	894
Leaves given - - - - -	68
Leaves sold - - - - -	9
Heralds given - - - - -	22
Heralds sold - - - - -	2
Invitation cards given - - - - -	9
Total pieces distributed - - - - -	1,004

### WAUKEGAN

Report of work done in the City of Waukegan by six Choir Seventies from Zion City, Saturday evening, June 25th, 1910:

Calls made - - - - -	79
Leaves given - - - - -	6
Leaves sold - - - - -	50
Heralds given - - - - -	9
Heralds sold - - - - -	1
Total pieces distributed - - - - -	66

These workers visited the saloons and business houses. A quartet of singers visited the jail where they sang for half an hour to the prisoners.

### CALIFORNIA

The following report received from Evangelist A. Darms shows Seventy work done in the City of Los Angeles, for half month, ending June 15th, 1910:

Calls made - - - - -	1	225
Messages given - - - - -		200
Leaves sold - - - - -		60
Heralds sold - - - - -		60
Leaves given - - - - -		25
Heralds given - - - - -		30
Total pieces distributed - - - - -		375

### OREGON

Deacon and Mrs. Frank Robinson send the following report of work done in the City of Portland for two weeks, ending June 19th, 1910:

Houses visited - - - - -	369
Messages given - - - - -	320
Heralds sold - - - - -	34
Tracts sold - - - - -	13
Leaves sold - - - - -	39
Leaves given - - - - -	3
Total pieces distributed - - - - -	409

### WISCONSIN

The following is report of Seventy work done in the City of Kenosha, Saturday night, June 25th, 1910, by eleven workers from Division No. 1 of the Choir Seventies:

German messages given - - - - -	10
Leaves sold - - - - -	24
Heralds sold - - - - -	39
Tracts given - - - - -	190
Total pieces distributed - - - - -	263

A service was held in the County jail at which one man was reported to have given himself to God. The Seventies returned with joy.

## Zion Seventies

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"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.

Throughout all the ages God has called upon His people to sanctify themselves to His service.

Before God can use you as a successful worker in His Vine-







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