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"ACROSS THE EDITOR'S DESK"

By MURRAY E. BURR

Letters in our mail commenting on the Sentinel's stand for Holiness and Truth and Spirituality are quite common. We receive both "BARBS" and "BOUQUETS" from all over the country. Therefore, through the years we have developed a pretty tough hide and our sensibilities are almost shockproof. Recently, though, we received a letter that has touched us deeply. The sincere young man who wrote it, I am sure, would not mind me sharing it with you. I shall not give his name and address, neither the section of the country in which he lives. He writes as follows:

Dear Brother Burr:

Greetings in the Name of Jesus. I am new in the ministry, having just received my local license. I have also been preaching in other churches around the District for the past year. I have read your articles and others in the

Apostolic Sentinel expressing your strong convictions in regards to upholding the standards of Holiness as given in God's word. My convictions are also very strong in regards to our upholding these standards.

If find in the churches that I have visited and

I find in the churches that I have visited and preached in, some will not receive the preaching against TV, bobbed hair, jewelry, and many other things in which the standards have been lowered

in many of our churches.

I felt led to write and ask your advice. I need help. Since people will not stand for this kind of preaching and feeling my call into the Evangelistic field, I feel I must preach my convictions, but how can I do it in a way to be effective and not compromise and yet be received?

I have been criticized and even rebuked for preaching this type message. I have also had preachers

ing this type message. I have also had preachers apologize for some of these messages I had de-

livered.

I have sought God through prayer and fasting. I have been wonderfully blessed when I preached

the message God laid on my heart.

Feeling I must redeem the time and do all I can for the saving of lost souls, I am asking you if you will pray about this matter and advise me as to what I should do about being received by the churches, for my burden for the lost is very great.

Let me say that my wife and I have prayed that God would send us any place, but can't seem to get the will of God. Oh, how I would love to preach to a people that would hear and receive God's Word.

I ask again, please pray about this matter and then state your feelings.

YOURS IN CHRIST.

In reading this young man's letter, my first thoughts were to offer him my deepest sympathy. But after further consideration I cannot feel that he needs sympathy. He needs encouragement—yes; but not sympathy. Men whom God has blessed with strong convictions for truth, and the will to first these convictions are not looking for sympathy. fight for those convictions are not looking for sympathy. They search only for opportunity.

Let me say to this young man that true convic-

tions for Bible standards are a rare thing in the religious world today. This applies to some Pente-costal circles also. It is apparent that this young man must be living in such an area. The spirit man must be living in such an area. The spirit of the great Ecumenical Movement that is gaining momentum in most every denomination of religion is washing over into the Pentecostal church. When we speak of the Ecumenical Movement we are speaking of the popular demand for all churches to unite under a common banner ,thus forming ONE SUPER WORLD CHURCH HEADED UP UNDER PAPACY. Naturally Doctrines, and standards of Holiness of life and conduct, and personal convictions contrary to that of the masses are out. Religious leaders are seeking the "COMMON DENOMINATOR" in religion. I have been taught ever since I have been in Pentecost that this Unity word since I have been in Pentecost that this Unity Movement was coming; that the churches would seek to unite; that out of this would come the Anti-Christ. Yet recently I understand that one prominent Trinitarian Pentecostal Leader stated that he thanked God for this movement toward Unity among the Churches. He stated that he felt such a movement WAS DICTATED BY THE HOLY CHOST. It only goes to show how far astray even GHOST. It only goes to show how far astray even those who one time enjoyed the blessings of the Holy Ghost can go. It is only natural that this prominent leader would look upon the Old Fashioned Pentecostal Standards of Holiness as utter nonsense, even as some of the liberals in our own ranks, and seemingly in this young man's district do so today.

Liberalism whether in politics or religion is always ready to negotiate. Liberalism is not satisfied strictly with God, they want the world also. Truths and traditions and liberty and the spiritual and moral welfare of people are not sacred any more. They are only commodities available for the bargaining table if expediency so dictates. Politically that is the reason why the American people are fast losing their freedom to creeping socialism. That is why communism is sweeping the world unchecked, chipping off part of the free world here, and a part there. That is the reason why the United Pentecostal Church stands in danger of United Pentecostal Church stands in danger of losing completely her marks of separation from the world, and hence her distinction as the spirit-filled Bride of Christ. Liberalism whether political or religious is a doctrine of compromise. Liberalor religious is a doctrine of compromise. Liberalism is afraid to draw a line and say HERE WE FIGHT. Liberalism possesses no stomach for fight. Truth and principles do not mean enough to Lib-Truth and principles do not mean enough to Liberalism for them to enter mortal combat in defense of them. Liberalism does not have the courage or the desire to say, THUS FAR BUT NO FARTHER. Liberalism hesitates; Liberalism compromises; Liberalism temporizes; Liberalism, as the young man mentions in his letter, is always ready to apologize for those who do have convictions. Liberalism, like one of the ancient Kings of Israel, will readily strip the Temple of God of its gold and precious strip the Temple of God of its gold and precious vessels and swap them to a black-mailing enemy for a little more PEACE IN MY TIME. No won-

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A WORD TO THE LAYMAN

By REV. A. L. O'BRIEN Starks, La.

Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treateth out the corn. And the labourer is worthy of his reward. I Timothy 5:17-18.

I have come early this morning to the church and have just finished my prayer. The news broadcast is telling us now that there is extensive radiation fallout on Alaska from recent Russian nuclear tests. This is but another serious problem that we must add to the long growing list of differences, perils and tension that overwhelms our world today. One of the news items in the latest edition of our paper reads, "Scientists call nuclear war final hor-ror of the world." The word of God and the ministry are not alone in heralding this truth. It seems that everything and everyone are foretelling the event that shall without doubt, eventually con-summate this dispensation. Are we treating and responding to these momentous times with proper soberness, alertness and prayerful consecration? WHO CAN SAY HE WAS NOT WARNED?

If the Lord tarries, the ministry of the great United Pentecostal Churches, Inc., shall gather together again the 20th of this October in Kansas City, Mo., for another General Conference. In this all-important meeting ministers from all over the world will gather. Views will be exchanged, important business will be transacted and some of our greatest and wisest ministers will be preaching. In general, it will be a time for preachers to get fired-up, stirred-up and make plans for another year. Perhaps this year they will deliver the BRIDE remaps this year they will deliver the BRIDE into the hands of the BRIDEGROOM. WILL YOUR PASTOR BE DEPRIVED OF ATTENDING THIS CONFERENCE AND RECEIVING THESE BLESSINGS FOR THE LACK OF A LITTLE THOUGHT-FULNESS AND CONSIDERATION ON YOUR PART? Most good pastors would never discussed. PART? Most good pastors would never discuss this need with you. There are hundreds who will not possibly be able to attend unless God moves on some layman's heart. They will be forced to quietly stay at home and in the most cases you would never know how bad they wanted to attend nor perhaps the real reason why they didn't. They must patiently wait till their neighbor returns to hear some of the things that were outstanding at he convention. Some churches have made it a part of their local church by-laws to provide annually of their local church by-laws to provide annually for their pastor's expenses in representing them at the General Conference. However, if your church does not do this, perhaps God will use you this year to be this great blessing to your pastor, HERE IS A WAY THAT ANY LAYMAN MIGHT USE HIS INFLUENCE. Begin immediately to speak with other members in your church that you know are loyal and concerned about your pastor. Tell them you would like to see your pastor go to the General Conference this year in Kansas City, Mo., and that it is every church's responsibility to send their pastor. Then go to someone that holds an influential position in the church, perhaps a deacon or trustee, maybe a Sunday School Superintendent, and secure their aid in getting the matter before the church. Many times these things are neglected because people were not reminded or were not given a chance to help. If receiving an offering

is not desirable or insufficient, your Ladies Auxiliary Treasury, Young People's Department or any department could aid in this worthy matter. However, I would say that in any case, it should be a

matter to be decided by all concerned.

This should not be done later than the week-end of Oct. 15; however, one may leave after Wednesday, Oct. 18. For the sake of some who may not know what your pastor would need for expenses in such a case, I would like to state that in the light of high traveling expenses, together with hotel accommodations and food cost, offerings and other things, that he and his wife have \$150.00 or other things, that he and his wife have \$150.00 or more and not less than \$125.00 if at all possible. These figures, of course, would be the minimum. Remember he is worthy of double honour and God will bless you for being as liberal as you can. TIME IS SHORT; YOU HAVE NO TIME TO LOSE! Begin to pray now about how you can commence immediately and what God would have you to give to this cause. IT MAY BE YOUR LAST OPPORTUNITY TO REAP A REWARD FOR THIS SORT OF BLESSING. THIS COULD BE OUR LAST CONFERENCE!



This beautiful little Lusto-o-stone church is the United Pentecostal Church at Wiley May, Texas, and is pastored by Bro. W. A. Rashall. This has been a landmark church for many years, serving a large rural area. It was formerly pastored by Bro. Willie Ashworth before his death.

We are sorry that Bro. Rachall did not send us a larger picture that would have been suitable for the front cover of the Sentine!

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"REGARDING SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND THE PENTECOSTAL CONVERT"

Due to the massive blow delivered to the Gulf Coast by Hurricane Carla we have not had the time to prepare the final installment on "SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND THE PENTECOSTAL CONVERT." The Lord willing, though, it will be completed in the November issue of the Sentinel. The response from our brethren has been very good. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING COPIES, WRITE ME SOON.

THE POWER OF GOD

By DANIEL P. HUNT

In the year 588 B. C. a great king Nebuchad-nezzer swept through Palestine in great fury. He killed many people and took the wise and wealthy back as captives. Jehovah - God allowed this to happen to Israel because of their disobedience and rejection of him as the supreme God. Families

were torn apart, homes were burned, and there was much sor-row. But the greatest tragedy of all was the destruction of the beautiful Temple in Jerusalem. After 70 years of exile, some of the Jews, by a degree of Cyrus the Jews, by a degree of Cyrus
the Great, were allowed to return to the homeland. After many
trials and delays, the Temple was
finally rebuilt. Thus we begin
in the middle of the restoration
in the life of the Crown Prince
of Judah. Sheshbazzer, later
called Zerubbabel. "Zech. 4:6. Then he answered



and spake unto me saying, this is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel saying, Not by might nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts." Undoubtedly Zerubbabel had already made plans as to the reconstruction of the Temple. But, God spoke to him and made one insertion. That was spoke to him and made one insertion. That was that if he was to rebuild it, it would not be by the might of an army. Neither would it be by the power of what man is capable of doing through his own strength. The plans of the Prince were to be destroyed and God's plans accepted. All the enemy nations around them were opposed to this idea of the temple even being rebuilt. They had done all that they could do to stop its progress. They did not want the Israelites to have place to bring their sacrifices to God. The other nations were idol worshippers and they were against anywether worshipped any other God event Raal one that worshipped any other God except Baal.

Even so, Zerubbabel was determined to rebuild their place of worship. Verse 7 said, "Who art thou O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain." This meant that when the children of Israel marched forth in the power of the spirit of God, that all difficulties would be

In times past God had wonderfully proven himself to the children of Israel. He opened the belly of the Red Sea and they escaped King Pharaoh. In the heart of the wilderness they were without food; God rained the manna from Heaven. He supplied them water from the rock. Any time of the day or night they could witness a representation of the presence of their ever present God. God has always worked in the strangest manner; he used the small to conquer the large.

Gideon. A leader of God's people. Preparing to wage war against the Midianites. He was fairly well equipped with soldiers, 32,000. But God said to let those that were fearful and afraid go back to let those that were fearful and afraid go back home. Gideon's heart sank at the sight of men afraid to fight. But, God still had one more deduction to make. Gideon was to carry them down to the brook for one more test. And finally God said "By the 300 that lapped will I save you." Now Gideon knew that if he was to win this war that God would certainly have to intervene. His great leadership would not help him this time. It would have to be by the power of God. He didn't even have an army, just a band of 300 men. But through

the spirit of God's wonderful power the enemy conquered themselves. God could have won the war by the might and power of the well trained armies. He had them. But, God works in mysterious ways his wonders to perform.

God's people are in the greatest conflict of the ages. In the chaos caused by Satan and his followers, God has a plan. His plans always work. They never fail. In this plan there is a secret for the children of God to throw back the cover page of all the secrets of that wicked deceiver. Adam and Eve in the Garden pawned our lives over into the hands of Satan and he is trying to foreclose on our souls. He has fought and failed. God is the leader of the winning side. The strange thing shout the plan of God is that leader of the winning side. The strange thing about the plan of God is that he always works opposite to the plan of God is that he always works opposite to the plans of man. Yes, Satan has the majority of the hearts and minds of the world. The larger portion of the race are on his side. But, if we are willing to go by the direct plan of God, no matter how reverse it is to ours, we will win in the end win in the end.

The Apostle said that, "He that is in you is greater than he that is in the world." God's side will win by spiritual progress and not by might

As Jesus was dying on the cross, the Roman soldiers were mocking him, that if he was the saviour, why couldn't he save himself? But, he saviour, why couldn't he save himself? But, he could have called down twelve legions of angels, 62,000. What an army! But, he didn't choose to rebuild that mortal temple by the power of his legions. It was restored by the resurrecting power of his spirit. This was the mightiest of might and the most powerful of power.

We overcome sin, not by being strong minded, but by the indwelling of the power of the spirit of God. If we are to overcome the power of sin, it won't be by turning over a new leaf or shaking

or God. If we are to overcome the power of sin, it won't be by turning over a new leaf or shaking the preacher's hand. But it will be by the influence of the indwelling spirit of God. This is the only thing strong enough to conquer the power of Satan

The Bible places Satan as the Prince of the power of the air; but just because he is the Prince doesn't mean that he rules it completely. For God is the King, in full rulership, and the King is

always the highest in authority.

A true Christian's real power lies beneath the heart, of the human body, and exists in the soul. Our power to overcome comes through the spirit

of Christ, which is the Holy Ghost.

David as a young man left behind the well trained armies of Saul, resisting the armour of the mighty The great victory over Goliath was won by using the key that opens the doors to all vic-tories, "the name of the Lord." He wasn't depending on his training; he had none. His experience wouldn't be of much help then; he wasn't old enough to have attained this asset. He had already come to this conclusion, that "when men travail, Cod intowners." God intervenes.'

In our calling, be what it may, our efforts are in vain unless we march forth in the name of the Lord and the Power of his spirit. All of our polish will become putrid and our poetry petrified unless we make the right approach on the enemy. Our programs will become graves without the moving of God's spirit, through which only we can (Continued on Page 10)

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BEWARE OF GRIEVOUS WOLVES

By WILLIAM H. DEAN Pastor, U. P. C. DeLeon, Texas

"For I know this, that after my departing, shall grevious wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock." (Acts 20:29). We of the dispensation of Grace are blessed in the fact that the name of God (Jesus) belongs to us. We should not forget that Jesus is God's name as well as the name of the Son. That is the reason Jesus said, "I am come in my Father's name." (John 5:43). "God has given Him a name which is above every name." (Phil. 2:9) Down through the ages of time men have desired to know His name. Manoah asked the Angel of the Lord His name. He answered, "Why asketh thou my name seeing it is secret." (Margin-Wonderful-Judges 13:18) Isaiah said they should call His name Immanuel. He even went further and said it was Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. This man Isaiah never heard anyone say "Jesus." Many today hear His name and take it lightly or even in vain. Praise Jesus for His lovely mighty name which is indeed Wonderful.

Yet still there is another great outstanding single word that is used to describe that most blessed of all dispensations and that word is Holiness. This word is being taken lightly among many people today. Paul said, "And now abideth faith, hope and charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." (I Cor. 13:13) If we separate or lose one, we lose all. We have faith in holiness, our hope is in holiness but the greatest is our love for Holiness!

It is a wonderful thing to be blessed of God

It is a wonderful thing to be blessed of God and to be in His presence—speak in tongues—shout—dance under the blessings of God, but so many times after the blessings and presence of the Lord have passed, some people's hope becomes vague, their faith weakens because it was primarily based upon the blessings, rather than one the Word. We could all visit a denomination where we could see blessings, but very little holiness. They are saying there is nothing to fear, continue on as you are, no need to become unduly alarmed concerning your consecration to holiness! "The time has come that judgment must first begin at and House of God." (I Peter 4:17). The real ministers of God have a charge to keep. "Preach the Word, to be instant in season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine, for the time has already come that men will not endure sound doctrine." ... Paul told Timothy, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of the Truth." We know perfectly the day of the Lord cometh as a thief in the night so let us of the day be sober, putting on the breast-plate of faith and love (charity) and for a helmet, the hope of salvation. (I Thess. 5) A helmet covers, protects, and secures our mind that it is stayed upon God and His way of Holiness. This hope concerns both our faith and love for God and His coming. Keeping our salvation today is a serious thing because of darkness, lukewarmness and indifference, carelessness creeping upon us. God's people are a PECULIAR PEOPLE, peculiar because they have a zeal for God with works such as righteousness and holiness.

It's a wonderful thing that today our Constitution protects the minority as well as the majority. This liberty was won by blood, tears and prayer and

it can only be maintained for children of God by tears and prayer and perhaps even blood. Our nation speaks by its laws—Rome speaks by its laws against Christians. Jesus said, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's. (Matt. 22:21) Divine worship does not belong to Caesar. No man or set of men has a right to come between a Jesus Name Holiness worshipping child of God and his God. God's people have died under the flags of many countries. They had a loyalty and that was God first. David said, "I will walk at liberty; for I seek thy precepts." (Psalms 119:45) Jesus does not promise us freedom from pain and toil, not even from persecution and death, but He does promise us a liberty which is freedom from sin and condemnation. As a Veteran of World War II being wounded in combat three times in three foreign countries, (two times seriously), I know it isn't an easy matter to face possible death even with a weapon in your own hand. A carnal minded, pleasure loving, lukewarm, so-called child of God can never stand the powers of hell when they are turned loose. I know for myself I could only stand by His grace and being filled with His spirit.

I read a story of a small boy trying to lift a large stone. His dad asked, "Have you used all your strength, son?" To which the boy replied, "Yes." The dad said, "Not so, son, you have failed to ask for my help"! In this hour when compromise will cause the lamp of Truth to burn dimly, may we as God's people be UNITED using all our strength that our Lord Jesus has promised us in the closing hours of time to preserve this Glorious Gospel of Jesus Name Holiness.

NOTICE TO ALL WRITERS

We are always happy to receive articles, reports, pictures and poems from all our readers. We try to give every one of them utmost consideration. SEND US GOOD MATERIAL. Type it carefully and double space it. Be sure that your spelling is right. The deadline on all material is the 15th of each month. And something very important—BE SURE TO SEND YOUR CUT OR MAT, OR BETTER STILL, A GLOSSY PHOTOGRAPH OF YOURSELF WITH YOUR ARTICLE..

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SEVEN MAJOR ENEMIES OF OBEDIENCE

By B. E. ECHOLS

Have you ever took notice from God's Word, that obedience is "a must" if one desires to enjoy God's blessings and be saved? It is also something that God requires of all His children after they are saved. We are admonished by our Lord's mother, to obey Him exactly and thoroughly—"What-so-ever He saith unto you, DO IT." Obedience was the secret of Naah's success in building ence was the secret of Noah's success in building the ark for the salvation of his family; for "Thus did Noah, according to all that God Commanded him" Anyone who starts out to serve God must be determined to obey Him regardless of the cost.

One of the devil's biggest jobs is to keep people from obeying God. He knows that if he can keep people from obeying God he will surely defeat them. He leaves nothing undone to keep us from properly and timely obeying the Lord. We should keep the admonition of Isaiah 1:19 constantly in our minds, knowing: "If . . . (we are) willing AND OBEDIENT . . . (we) shall eat the good of the land." God loves and pays more attention to obedience than He does to a lot of sacrifices

Sam. 15:22).

We are informed by God's Word that the devil has come down unto us "having GREAT WRATH, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time" (Rev. 12:12), to deceive and keep us from obeying God. Yea, he is constantly walking about "seeking whom he may devour" (1 Pet. 5:8) and hinder from obeying the Lord. Therefore we need to watch and pray or he will succeed in doing this very thing. Oh my brother, sister, and friend "Beware lest he (the devil) take thee away with his stroke (just one act of disobedience, as he did with King Saul): then a great ransom cannot deliver thee." I hope that none of you will let any of the following things hinder you from obeying the Lord. May God stamp them upon your mind and help you to be benefited by reading and studying this message, and each point in parbecause he knoweth that he hath but a short and studying this message, and each point in particular.

1. That Great Enemy — Unbelief is one that has hindered or kept many people from obeying God. The writer of Hebrews (3:12) warns all Christians, as follows: "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you AN EVIL HEART OF UNBELIEF, in departing from the living God." Then in verse 19, chapter three, he adds: "So we see that they could not enter in BECAUSE OF UNBELIEF." We need to be "strong in faith," as Abraham was not allowing ourselves to "stagas Abraham was, not allowing ourselves to "stag-ger... at the promises of God through unbe-lief." Abraham grew so strong in faith until he "against hope believed in hope" (Rom. 4:18-20). That is, when it was contrary to reasonable thinking and positively in reverse to the laws of nature, with no hope whatsoever from such sources, he believed God and exercised hope in His promises concerning Sarah bearing him a son after she had far surpassed the age of child-bearing. God help us not be hindered from obeying

Him by this "great enemy—unbelief."

2. That Great Enemy — Fear is keeping many people from obeying the Lord. Such fears as Such fears as persecution, the loss of employment, the loss of social standing, of being misunderstood, of losing the love or favor of someone, of being ostracised or cast out if they do obey God, etc., are some of the fears that keep many people from obeying God. Fear can greatly hinder the operations of "spiritual gifts" among both the laity and the ministry. If you doubt this statement read Acts 18:1,

istry. If you doubt this statement read Acts 18:1, 5, 6, 9, 10 and Joshua 1:1, 6-9. God admonished these two great men of faith not to be hindered by fear, in carrying out His instructions and in the exercising of their gifts.

Remember, the Lord hath said, "Fear not, little flock; for it is your (heavenly) Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom"— and fulfill all His promises (1 Kings 8:56). If you are hindered from obeying God by this "great enemy—fear," seek the Lord until you get filled or refilled (as the need may be) with His love—which casteth out all fear (1 John 4:18). This kind of love is only shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost. See Rom. 5:5 and Gal. 5:22. You might also be helped by reading the following scriptural exhortations God has given to His people to help hortations God has given to His people to help them not to fear and disobey Him. See I Pet. 3:13, 14; Prov. 1:33; 3:25; 26, 2 Tim. 1:7; Isa. 35:3, 4; and Mark 4:40.

3. That Great Enemy - Pride has been a great hinderance and has kept many folk from obeying God. It is still working on folk today, both the saved and the unsaved. The Psalmist informs us that "The wicked, through the pride of His countenance, will not seek after God"—or obey Him in any manner or measure. "Therefore pride compasseths (bindeth) them about AS A CHAIN," until they connot obey God—even when they know that they chould bride also handers the minds that they should! Fride also hardens the minds of people to the extent that it is not easy for them to believe and obey the Lord. See Daniel,

4. Oppositions and Threats Often Become Great Enemies to Obedience. So many people are prone to think everything should operate smoothly and in perfect order if they obey God and live for Him. Such ideas are contrary to the teaching of His Word. For "... All that will live godly in Christ Jesus SHALL SUFFER persecution," which is one form of opposition. Paul and Barnabus informed the new converts of Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch "that we must through MUCH tribulation enter into the kingdom of God" (Acts 14:21, 22.) We may as well expect opposition, from both men and devils, if we are going to obey God and live for Him. Paul speaks of being opposed and hindered by Satan upon several occasions. (1

Thes. 2:18; Rom. 15:22 and Acts 18:1, 5, 6). God will bless and lead us, in spite of opposition and threats, if we will believe and obey Him. See Acts 4:5-7, 15-17, 23-33. It is evident that the Lord leads His children in such paths in order that He may prove His care for them; also manifest His delivering representations. fest His delivering power and give grace to over-come every opposing force—be it men or devils,

praise the Lord!

Those Great Enemies-Worldiness and Pleasure Seeking also keep many people from obeying God. With some church folk, these things have first place in their lives; for they are "lovers first place in their lives; for they are lovers of pleasure more than (they are) lovers of God." Paul's indictment of Demas was, "For Demas hath forsaken me, HAVING LOVED this present world." The danger in being given to seeking worldly pleasure and keeping up with the fads and fashions of this world is, one gets so taken up with them until he had no time for God and up with them until he had no time for God and church and soon forgets both—with the awful (Continued on Next Page)

JERRY ENSEY WRITES



August 9, 1961 Box 6582 Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Bro. Burr:

Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus.

I have been waiting about writing you until I had some kind of report to send in to you and let you know how things were coming along. this is not a new work in the Texas District but still "as cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country." Certainly, this is a "far country." It is not across the ocean but it is isolated from other churches and fellowship. It does get lonely out here sometime but Jesus has been so good to us we don't think about it much. It is truly wonderful to be working for the Lord in a new field like this. It has been my desire for years to some day begin a new work. this is not a new work in the Texas District but desire for years to some day begin a new work.

And it has been the thrill of my life.

For several months we had Sunday School in a

community center and the night services in my living room. About three Sunday nights back one young lady prayed through and we all got happy and shouted. The next day my landlord told me I would have to quit having services there. But as soon as that ceased God opened something better up for us. That very week I went to see a man about using a vacant lot of his for a tent revival and I found out that he owned a church building also. He said no one was using it now and he said I could use it. It is about 35x55 feet and a pretty nice little building. It is rent free and in a populous settlement just outside of town. The first Sunday we took over we had 31 in Sunday School. The next Sunday we had 40. It certainly made us feel good to see the response that was made. I am enclosing a snapshot of our little group. There have been three who have prayed through since we came and four baptized. We took five young people to the District youth camp and one of them prayed through there.

We are starting a revival Aug. 13. We are trusting God for an outpouring of his Spirit. There seems to be a good bit of interest. We need the prayers of the good people of the Texas District. Much can be done here if we can turn loose everything and buckle down to the task. Not being sponsored I cannot devote my full time to the ministry. But we have found that God is still Jehovah

Jireh.

If you could put some kind of report in the Sentinel I would appreciate it. Not for my personal glory, but there are some who have sent us offerings and many have been praying and I would like for them all to know how prayer is being answered. And I want to say thanks to all of them for all they are doing in there too. It means

so very much to have friends.
God bless you, Bro. Burr, for your stand for the truth and your wonderful articles in the Sentinel. They strengthen us every month.

Will be looking forward to seeing our report.

Yours for harvest souls,

JERRY R. ENSEY.

SEVEN MAJOR ENEMIES—Cont'd.

consequences of Psalms 9:17 to follow. A person who forgets God is certainly not going to obey Him even in trival matters, much less in the greater and more important things. In conclusion on this point please read Romans 12:1-2, I John 2:15-17; James 1:27; Hebrews 11:24-26 and Luke 8:14 You are deemed for convertice (Control of the Second of the Se Luke 8:14. You are doomed for corruption "and the pit" if you ignore these scriptural admoni-

6. That Old Enemy-Traditionalism is keeping many people from obeying God-before and after they are saved. Traditionalism incorporates those they are saved. Traditionalism incorporates those laws and regulations (doctrines and teachings) of men that are handed down (often orally) from one generation to another. Jesus had this to say about traditionalism, ". . . In vain they do worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." Then Paul adds: "Beware (be on the lookout or watch) lest any man spoil (hinder) you through philosophy and vain deceit after the

you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men . . . and not after Christ."

Traditionalism keeps many people from properly obeying God in the matter of water baptism, being administered (by immersion) in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of their sins; also Jesus Christ for the remission of their sins; also from paying their tithes, giving freely and liberally to God's cause, etc. They pay attention to what men have to say about such things and ignore the plain teachings of God's Word. Read the following references (1) concerning being baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins (Matt. 15:17-19 with Acts 2:37, 38; 4:10-12; 10:34, 42, 43 and Luke 24:45-47); then, these concerning giving and tithing (Acts 20:35! Prov. 11:25; 2 Cor. 9:6-9 with Mal. 3:6-14; Matt. 23:23; 1 Cor. 9:14 and 16:1, 2).

7. Procrastination Is One of the Greatest and

7. Procrastination Is One of the Greatest and Most Subtle Enemies of Obedience that we know anything about. Beware lest this enemy of obedience prolongs your good intentions until you never obey God. This subtle enemy of obedience has kept many people from obeying the gospel of Jesus Christ and has corrupted many after they were saved. Oh, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation" that needs to be worked out with fear and trapplies (Phil 2 to be worked) out with fear and trembling (Phil. 2:12) and with

much carefulness (2 Pet. 1:10).

The enemy of One's soul gets the "halter of sin" back on church folk when he succeeds in getting them to procrastinate and put off obeying God until some future time. For, "... To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it NOT, to him it is sin" and "he that committeh sin is of the devil ..." (I John 3:8). Remember God requires promptness in our obeying Him as well as exactness. See Exodus 22:29 and Psalms 119:59,

Finally, my friend and brother, pray through and be spiritual that you may evade all these enemies of obedience, ere you lose your soul and suffer remorse of conscience and eternal punishment in a lake of fire (Matt. 25:41-46). However on the other hand, "If ye BE WILLING AND OBEDIENT, ye shall eat the good of the land" and eternally enjoy all those good things God has in store for those who love and obey Him. See Acts 5:32 with 1 Cor. 2:9 and Rev. 21:1-7.



QUESTIONS NSWERED

By REV. O. F. FAUSS Asst. Gen. Supt. U. P. C.

(Editor's Note: Please address all questions to Rev. O. F. Fauss, 201 Twickenham Trail, Houstion 9, Texas. This column is arranged for the purpose of helping those seeking enlightenment, advice or help. Foolish questions, or those of a questionable intent will be avoided. Also DO NOT REQUEST a personal answer, or as some— DEMAND that I write them a personal letter, time and other duties will not permit.)

QUESTION No. 106. Is there any scripture in the Bible against drinking coffee? I see some drink it and others preach against it. I drink some for breakfast, but I want to be clear on

ANSWER: We read in Romans 14:17, "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but right-eousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." And then the 20th verse: "For meat destroy not the work of God." Our experience with God, our dedication and consecration to Him, is not bound up in what we eat and what we may drink, only as it is injurious and detrimental to our health. Jesus called the people unto him in Mark 7:14-15, and said unto them: "Hearken unto me every one of you, and understand: there is nothing from without a man that enter into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man." Then in the next few verses, His disciples ask Him concerning the parable, (v. 17-23) He answered them by saying: "Do ye not perceive, that whatsoever thing from without optowth into the man, it cannot defile him; because the same it cannot defile him; because the man it cannot define him; because the man it cannot define him; but the man it cannot defile him; because the man it cannot define him; but the man it cannot define him entereth into the man, it cannot defile him; be-cause it entereth not into the heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats? 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, and evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: all these evil things come from within, an defile the man."

Therefore, our concern should be: not so much what we got an dripk but that which we called the man." what we eat or drink, but that which we allow to conceive and grow in the heart.

However, we should not eat or dring anything that is harmful to our bodies. Some people can't even drink the water in their area, others—milk don't agree with them. I've known some people who would make a big howl over a cup of coffee, or tea, or soda water, and at the same time hold enough bitterness in their heart to condemn a multitude.

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In the earlier days of our Pentecostal blessing, in certain parts of the country, the strong coffee they drank, became habit-forming, and was believed to be against their health, hence it was preached against, not by a certain chapter and verse, but because of the effects it was thought to have upon their bodies. Also certain meats were preached against, until we learned that: "meats destroy not the work of God." Yet we all know that anything that is defiling to our body know that anything that is defiling to our body is against the will of God for us, such as intoxicating drinks, narcotics, tobacco, etc., all of which are against true holiness, as well as our health.

The 14th chapter of Romans, deals with both the strong (in faith), and the weak. Those who were still bound by certain traditions of the law, and those who through a deeper knowledge of God's law for us today, were beyond stumbling over the lessor matters, such as: observing certain days, abstaining from certain meats and drinks, all were reminded in verse 19, "Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

AN OPEN LETTER TO TEEN-AGERS

Denver, Colorado

Always we hear the plaintive cry of teen-agers, "What can we do? Where can we go?" The answer is, "Go home!"

Hang the agreement

Hang the screen windows. Paint the woodwork. Rake the leaves. Mow the lawn. Sweep the walk.
Wash the car. Learn to cook. Scrub the floors.
Repair the sink. Build a boat. Get a job.
Help your minister. Visit the sick, assist the

poor, study your lessons. And when you are through

read a book.

Your parents do not owe you entertainment. Your city or village does not owe you recreational facilities. The world does not owe you a living but you owe the world something. You owe it your time and energy and your talents, so that no one will be at war, or in poverty, or be sick or lonely.

In plain, simple words, grow up! Quit being a crybaby. Get out of your dream world and develop a backbone, and start acting like a man (or a

You are supposed to be mature enough to accept some of the responsibility your parents have carried for you for years. They have nursed, protected, excused, and tolerated you, and have denied themselves needed comforts so that you might have every benefit. They have done so gladly, for you are their dearest treasure.

But now, you have no right to expect them to bow to every whim and fancy of yours just because selfish ego instead of common sence dominates your personality, thinking, and requests. In heaven's name, grow up and go home!

> August 27, 1961 Weslaco, Texas

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTED IN WESLACO, TEXAS

A new Sunday School was started on August 27, 1961, in the Stephen F. Austin Grade School cafeteria with 21 being present.

A three-week tent revival preceded the opening Sunday School with several children and young people praying through to the Holy Ghost and four being baptized in Jesus Name.

Bro. Preston Branum was the evangelist during Bro. Preston Branum was the evangelist during the revival. He has just resigned the church in Comanche, Texas, to come here to establish a church. The neighboring churches of the "Valley" cooperated in a wonderful way by attending and supporting the tent revival. Other churches in Section 7 also supported the revival effort. We appreciate everything that has been done for the cause of souls here. Pray for Weslaco that God will give us a harvest of souls. will give us a harvest of souls.

Our new address is 994 Academy Drive, Weslaco,

Bro. Preston Branum.

Blunt Advice to Preachers

Make no apologies. If you have the Lord's message, deliver it; if not, hold your peace. Do not spoil the appetite for dinner by too much thin soup. Say good things from the start and stop before you get prosy. Do not keep on talking after you are done. You are a specialist under a great commission and not an all-wonder to do house cleaning for the world. Your gospel message is deeply dyed with sacred blood. Leave self out of the pulpit and take Christ in. Preach the gospel and let Christ take care of your reputa-

Do not scream too much water stops mill wheels, and too much noise drowns sense. Empty vessels ring loudest. And when a man is empty he often yells. Powder is not shot, and thunder is not lightning. If you have lightning you can afford to thunder. The Holy Spirit with the truth does the work. You are not a preacher, no matter whose hands have been laid on your head, unless you know the truth, and are anointed by the Spirit. A horse that can run is a racer, with or without a pedigree.

Do not scold. Do not abuse faithful souls who come to meeting on rainy days because others do not attend. Always preach as well as you can. not attend. Always preach as well as you can. Christ preached marvellously to one woman at the well and one rabbi at night. Do not repeat sentences, saying "As I said before." If you said it plainly before, say something else after. Do not end passages of Scripture or quotations with a "and so forth" — say what you mean and stop. Leave out words that you cannot define. Stop declaiming and talk in a natural tone. Come down from your stilted homilaties and savered tones and from your stilted homiletics and sacred tones and become a little child so that child-like believers can understand you. Do not tire yourself and everybody else out. Do not preach till the middle of your sermon buries the beginning and the end buries both. Beware of long prayers — except in the closet. Where wearings begins, devotion

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Do not begin too low, nor get excited too soon. Be moderate at first, host the gate a little way when half done, raise it more when nearly done, let on a full head of water, and shut down promptly. Do not skip over too many good places to stop. Do not use a blunderbuss on your audience—aim at a mark like Nathan before David. Stop and look where the ball struck, then take aim and look where the ball struck, then take aim and look where the ball struck then take aim and look where the ball struck then take aim and look where the ball struck then take aim and look where the ball struck then take aim and the same ways to be a struck to be fire again. Pack your sermons. Make your words like bullets in cartridges. A board hurts a man most when it strikes him sideways. If your sermon is narrow and shallow, in mercy make it short; if it is wide and deep, let it run longer. Do not think every brook is deep because you cannot see the bottom. Do not call a man a deep diver because he brings up mud. Have a clear head and your words will be clear. Know what you are talking about and others will understand you. Be earnest—God never intended the gospel to be preached in cold blood. Shake your heart out at them. Speak as a living man to living men.

them. Speak as a living man to living men.

I know a man who might be a good preacher but for two faults: (1) He had no delivery. (2) He had nothing to deliver. Speak to the people as your Master did. Do not feed bones to babies, nor dishwater to adults. Respect honest convictions and do not abuse people for believing what you once believed yourself. Keep clear of gluttony, dyspepsia, and pious grumbling. Remember that every sermon may be the last you will preach or that your audience will hear. Any coward can praise God,

but it takes a royal hero to follow Him. Paul kept the faith, but he lost his head; but God will one day give it back to him crowned. A setting star may rise again, but a fallen star never. Keep in view the coming of the Lord. Let your watch cry be: "Maranatha!" Walk closely, work earnestly, watch constantly, please God. Like for Christ. Love souls. Preach the Word.

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THE POWER OF GOD-Cont'd.

Creeds and formalities do not touch the throne of grace. Programs (alone) do not supply the need of man for God. What is needed is a personal touch of God's spirit.

Majestic structures built by man have little to do with a sinner finding God. The might and power of man's accomplishments cannot reveal to an eternity bound world the need of their never dying soul, C. G. Finney said, "Power from on high is the

supreme need of today.

Many Christian people have failed because they sought only to do the things that result in verbal glory and honour.

And the key that opens all doors to successful Christian living is "real old-fashioned prayer." With some this key has never been used, thus having doors that have never been opened and problems that go unsolved.

But, as the atomic age has touched a new dimension of power by a thing as small as the atom, so a Christian can reach a new atmosphere of spiritual power by daily talking to God. Leonard Ravenhill said "We may preach and fail; but we can't pray and fail. We may sing and fail; but we can't pray and fail." and fail.

The world needs men today that will serve God in the sin-condemning, soul-saving power of his spirit. Let us all pray for a real siege of old-fash-ioned "spirit filled" revivals in our entire move-



EVANGELIST TOM SIMISON If interested in a Revival this young man can and will be a Blessing to your Church. I personally recommend him. You may contact him by writing: EVANGELIST TOM SIMISON, care N. J. Jones, 212 Morgan Street, Hillsboro, Texas.

"PIN PRICKS"

"If men would search for souls as diligently as they hunt for deer or pheasants, the church would grow."

A lack of faith in God is like a mouse in a corn crib worrying about whether it has enough to live on or not.

Resist the devil so vigorously that he will feel like a lion in a den of Daniels.

It isn't the size of the dog in the fight that counts but rather the size of the fight in the dog.

Before you criicize a person, walk in his shoes for a while.

Convictions have little meaning without courage.

One excuse often used for not becoming a Christian is, "I don't understand the new birth."
Of course; not many people understand love, but they get married anyway.

If Jesus had been no more serious than many of us about our religion, he might have lived to be an old man.

You cannot be weak in church attendance and strong in the Lord.

Life without God is somewhat like Russian roulette; you don't play long without disaster.

—Compiled by Leon Anderson

EDITORIAL ACROSS THE EDITORS DESK der Liberalism is so quick to heap abuse and ridi-cule on the heads of those who do have God-given convictions not to sell out to the world.

Perhaps I am not qualified to give advice teo this young man. Yet I will voice my opinions. First of all, I would forever put out of my mind any thought of compromising or backing up one inch from my God-given convictions. He tells us that God wonderfully blesses him when he preaches that God wonderfully blesses him when he preaches along this line. Permit me to inform him that God will always bless and anoint the truth. And contrary to what the Liberals say, God will also bless him with many souls if he will only preach the truth and stand for true Holiness and Doctrine. Over the country the churches who are being blessed with real growth and the Evangelists who are being blessed with the mightiest revivals are those who are uncompromising in their stand. This goes for areas or districts also. Mark your strong, growing, aggressive, progressive districts and invariably the majority of their preachers will be strong Holiness. and New Birth men. Pentecost's poor weak liberals whiningly say, "Oh, I can't preach such a message, I'd drive all my people away; I could never build a church preaching that type of message." What they overlook is that we cannot build a strong, correction whether without a strong agreement. aggressive church without a strong, aggressive message. Strength begets strength. Weakness begets weakness. There are many poor, innocent people starving under the ministries of such men.

But all over the country God is raising up strong young men and placing strong convictions in their hearts. Strangely many of these young men have come out of weak, compromising churches, and taken their stand on the side of Holiness and truth because they have seen the failure of liberalism. No doubt that is what God has done in reference

to this young man.

Therefore, I would say in conclusion, pray, wait on God, keep sweet in your soul. Don't let bitterness nor hate nor frustration overcome you. We

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must contend for the truth, but we must not be contentious. If God has called you, in his time he will make openings for you. I could not tell you to be a trouble maker, regardless of how wrong the Pastor may be. If he absolutely forbids you to preach your convictions, then the burden would be left completely on him. In such a case I'd preach strictly to the sinner or refuse to preach at all. But where the command was not iron-clad, I'd certainly bring in the truth, though not every night. There is a wise way to preach the truth and there is an unwise way. I am sure that if you will pray and seek God with all your heart, the Lord will lead you in a way where your ministry will be effective and many churches will open their doors to you.

Burnet, Texas. We recently closed a revival here in Burnet with Bro. Thomas Simison of Indianapolis, Ind., as our evangelist. Four were baptized and four prayed through.

The saints were greatly encouraged and revived. We highly recommend this fine young man as an able and consecrated evangelist.

J. S. WYATT,
Pastor of United Pentecostal Church of Burnet, Texas.

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Recipe For Fellowship Among God's People

By SISTER DELLA SEARCY
WHAT IS PERFECT LOVE?
Perfect love is THE light that is A candle setting on a hill.

It is always shining and can be seen afar off. It bursts forth like the beauty of a rose in the

spring.

It glitters like a diamond in the sunshine.

Perfect love speaks evil of no man. It doesn't gossip. It doesn't backbite. It doesn't find faults. It doesn't show partiality.

It doesn't have respect of persons. It doesn't covet. It doesn't boast.

It is not heady. It is not high-minded. It is

not proud.

Perfect love treats the other fellow just like it

wants to be treated.
That is the reason you never hear it talking about anyone.

It may not agree with its fellow man, but it will strive to be at peace with him. It loves its enemies. It feeds them when they are

It clothes them when they are naked. It never tries to get revenge.

It never holds a grudge. It never pouts. It is

never puffed up.

It is gentle. It is kind It is kind. It is patient. It is long suffering.

It strives to be in unity of the spirit.

It practices true hospitality, not only among the brethren but to all people. It never falsely accuses anyone.

Perfect love always knows that it is right before it speaks.

The question again is what is perfect love? Perfect love is the divine nature of the true and living GOD.

That comes and makes its home in the hearts and lives of all true regenerated borned again people.

The gospel of Jesus Christ is the gospel of perfect love.

And if preached and practiced by all God's people everywhere.

It will bring true fellowship in the unity of the spirit in the family of God.

There is only one Saviour. And there is only one plan of redeeming love.

And by one spirit we are all baptized into one body (family).

ABIDING FAITH

Lord Jesus, I covet abiding faith in thee. Faith when the pathway I cannot see, Faith that trusts though things go wrong, The same as when my heart is filled with song.

Faith to trust, though I'm tired and weary The same as when life looks bright and cheery. Faith to trust when finances are low, The same as when money seems to flow.

Faith that abides though health is gone, The same as when my body is healthy and strong. Faith when I'm lonely, faith when I'm sad, The same as when my heart is happy and glad.

Faith when I'm facing Jericho's wall, That through Thy power I can see it fall, Faith of Paul and Silas if a prison we view For preaching Thy Name, the plan sure and true.

Faith that is lasting, Faith that is true, Faith to ever believe, Jesus, in you. Faith through my troubles and trials and cares, Faith to help others their burdens to bear.

Oh, for Faith that reaches out; Faith in God above, Faith, precious faith, that worketh by love.
Faith that helps others thy salvation to see,
I want Faith, dear Jesus, Abiding Faith in Thee.
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