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Praying for the Government

by Derek Prince

There are various ways the church can make her authority effective in the world. I would suggest four ways: prayer, witnessing, preaching, and doing good. These are the primary ways in which God expects the church to exercise her influence. Let us consider the way of prayer.

God desires the church to exert a controlling influence in the affairs of this world through prayer. This is clearly stated in the scriptures. If the church fails to do it, the church has become salt that has lost its savour.

In 2 Chronicles 7:14 we read: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their

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The Sound of a Different Drummer

by Don Basham

Over one hundred years ago, during a time when this nation was even more divided and ravaged by violence than it is today, President Abraham Lincoln stood over the graves of the good men killed at Gettysburg to call the people of the nation to unite. The Gettysburg address is recognized as one of the greatest orations ever to fall from human lips. It is significant to note that, although he was the head of a divided nation, half loyal and half rebellious; half slave and half free, Lincoln condemned no one, but acknowledged that the tragic deaths on both sides had been in the hope that the nation itself might live. Then he called for Americans not to mourn the mistakes of the past but to step with faith into the future.

It is for us the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. . . that this nation **under God**, shall have a new birth of freedom. . ."

Perhaps it is significant also, that only two years later, in 1865, the national motto, "In God We Trust" first appeared on the face of our coins.

But our nation never lived up to its motto and in many ways today seems to have abandoned it altogether. Somehow, today, the majority of our people seem caught up in a delusion that patriotism is a dirty word, and that any call to honor and decency must itself be considered almost indecent. It is scarcely permissible in many quarters to extol Christian virtues like loyalty, honesty, peace, faith and sacrifice.

Obviously there is the sound of separate drums beating in America today. The loudest and most blatant seems to be the drumbeat of violence and revolution; of lawlessness and rebellion. Back of much of it is the spirit of

lawlessness and the spirit of rebellion: both spirits of Satan, "the lawlessness one" himself. And it is a drumbeat that millions of Americans seem determined to march to today.

But thank God there is another drum beating; beating a wonderful and exciting sound: it is the drumbeat of Christian revival. It is more than Lincoln's call to national unity and greatness; as noble as that call was. It is a call for Christians to enlist in the supernatural move of God; a clear proclamation, confirmed by miraculous signs, that we are not just American Christians, but rather citizens of a heavenly kingdom, and that our national destiny can be fulfilled only as we fulfill our spiritual destiny.

So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God. —Ephesians 2:19

Someone has rightly said, "this is a terrible time to be alive if you are not a Christian, but a wonderful time to be alive if you are." It all depends upon what drumbeat you are stepping to.

It was Henry David Thoreau, a wise American who lived several decades before Lincoln was president, who said,

If a man fails to keep peace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music he hears, however measured or far away.

To those who seem deafened by the drumbeat of rebellion which pounds so insistently in our ears today, we offer Thoreau's simple advice. Thank God for the multiplied thousands who today, having had their spiritual ears opened, are stepping to the sound of a Different Drummer.

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The Co-Ordinator's Report

Eldon Purvis

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land." This is a revelation given by the Lord to Solomon after he had dedicated the temple. Some of you undoubtedly have the attitude: That promise was spoken to Solomon a long time ago in the Old Testament and it does not have much meaning for us today. Let me deal with this objection briefly.

In 2 Corinthians 1:20 we read: "For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us." Not some of the promises — but ALL the promises! Not were, not will be—but ARE! Not merely yes, but if you are still doubtful, yes and Amen! In him (Christ) unto the glory of God by US! "Us" refers to ALL Christians, including you and me. How do we glorify God? By claiming His promises! The more of God's promises we claim, the more we glorify God.

Referring back to the promise in 2 Chronicles 7:14, I believe you can see how this promise refers to you and me today! God speaks of "my people who are called by my name"—this is the King James version. The literal Hebrew translation is: "my people upon whom my name is called." God's people are those upon whom his name is called. If you are a Christian, what does that mean? It means that the name of Christ is called upon you. You are associated with the name of Christ. You are identified as a Christian by the name of Christ. So this promise applies to Christians: God's people upon whom the name of Christ is called.

God says that if his people will do four things, he will do

three things. God's people have to do four things first, before God will do the three things that he is committed to do. It is a conditional promise. God does not say He will do it unconditionally, but he says, "IF my people will meet my conditions, THEN I will do these things."

Looking to the end of the verse first, the last thing that God will do for his people is to heal their land. It is clear that this is the land in which they live. God says that it is within the power of his people to do things which will cause God to heal the land in which they live. Look at the land in which we live. Does it need healing? There is only one answer. YES! The fact that the land needs healing indicates that God's people have failed to do what God told them they should do. The responsibility is with us . . . NOT with the beatnick, NOT with the prostitute, NOT with the man who never darkens the door of a church. The responsibility is with the people upon whom Christ's name is called!

If our land is not healed, there is only one reason. We have not done the things that God requires. I believe that this is precisely the truth. It is simply another way of saying what Jesus said in Matthew 5:13: "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men." If your land is not healed by your presence, then your salt has lost its savour.

What does salt do? First of

all, it gives flavour. As long as we are present in the earth, we give flavour to the earth in the sight of God. In other words, God accepts the world because of the Christians. God deals with the world in grace and mercy, rather than wrath and judgment, because of our presence.

I believe emphatically that it makes a difference where I go. I discovered this during World War II. Other soldiers were safer where I was. Unsaved soldiers knew this. When we were in tight corners in the North African desert, some of those blaspheming soldiers would turn to me and say, "Corporal Prince, I am glad you are with us." What did Elisha say to Elijah? "My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof." Where were they? Not around the kings but around the prophets.

We are the people who are the defence of the country. We are the bulwark of any nation. Consider the example of Sodom. Abraham said to God, "If there are ten righteous men, will you spare the city?" And God said, "Yes". But he could not spare the city because he could not find ten righteous men. I do not know how many men there were in Sodom, but I know that the same proportion still applies. Ten righteous men can preserve a whole city, they give flavour to that city. I feel sorry for this earth when the church leaves. There will be no more salt. Then wrath and judgment will be poured out without any limitation or restriction. But while we are here we are the salt of the earth.

Salt also preserves. It holds

back corruption. In the days before refrigeration, meat was preserved with salt. It kept back corruption. What are we here for? To keep back corruption. Corruption in all its forms—moral, social, political. As long as we are here, we do this. Jesus said, “If the salt have lost his savour, it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.” When the church ceases to fulfil its function as salt, it will be thrown out and trampled under foot of men. These men may be communists or nazis or followers of some other “ism” that has not yet come forth on the horizon. But it will be men who will trample underfoot the church that is not fulfilling its role in the world as salt.

What are the things God requires his people to do? First of all, “my people shall humble themselves.” That is the hardest thing for religious people to do. I do not say this in jest, I mean it sincerely. You hear some people say, “God, make me humble.” God never said that. God said, “Humble yourself.” He did not say, “I will do it for you.” God cannot humble you. God can humiliate you and he may have to, but the only person who can humble you is you, yourself. Humility must come by an inward act of your will. It cannot come in any other way. If you do not choose to humble yourself, you can be humiliated in the dust but still be as proud as a peacock.

The first condition is to humble yourself and submit yourself to God. If we are submitted to God, we will also be submitted to his Word and his authority. It is easy to say that you submit yourself to God, but God’s Word says: “Submit yourselves one to another... Wives, submit yourselves unto

your own husbands” (Ephesians 5:21-22). That is where it is not so easy. Many people claim, “I am submitted to God,” but when the test comes in their relationship to other people, it is obvious that they are not.

If you are to humble yourself, you must be the doer. It is not a bad thing every now and then to get right on your face

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on the floor before God. Have you ever done that? Say, “God, here I am and here is where I belong! I am a worm. I came from the dust and the dust is my place.” Do you think that is fanaticism? You read through the Bible and see the number of men who were on their face before God: Abraham, Moses, David, Daniel. There is practically not one of the great, outstanding saints of God of whom it is not recorded that he was flat on his face before God. If it was a good place for Moses, David, Daniel and others, I do not think it would be beneath your dignity.

“If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves.” This is step number one and you cannot leave it out. God has got his spiritual program arranged in grades: grade 1, grade 2, grade 3, grade 4. Until you pass in grade 1, you never get to grade 2. It does not matter if you have to repeat grade 1 ten years in a row, God will not promote you. That is why some of you have been stuck so long in the same grade. Do not think, “Lord, I couldn’t make it in grade 1, but I will make it in grade 2. Let me pass this one and I’ll make the next.” No, it will not work!

The second step is prayer. “If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray.” Do not start to pray until you humble yourself. Humility comes before prayer.

“Pray, and seek my face”. The third step is to seek God’s face. What does that mean? I understand it means to get directly into the presence of Almighty God. Where every barrier and every hindrance is removed, and you are face to face with Almighty God. You may have a prayer meeting, but that is not necessarily seeking God’s face.

A young man came to me seeking the baptism of the Holy Spirit. He was a youth worker in a church. I told him I could see him on Wednesday evening. He said he had to attend a prayer meeting that evening. I said, “I suppose that would be no good.” “Oh, no,” he said, “that would be O.K. We pray from 8 to 9 o’clock.” That is a prayer meeting, but it is not seeking God’s face. When you seek God’s face, you do not stop until you get into God’s presence... even if it takes all night. There is a lot of praying. That is not seeking God’s face. It stops short of contact with

God.

The fourth step: "turn from their wicked ways." Who? The alcoholic, the young people that won't go to church? No, the CHRISTIAN — GOD'S PEOPLE! The hindrance to revival is inside the church, not outside. It never has been outside.

Do you know where judgment begins? At the house of God. "The time has come," Peter says, "that judgment must begin at the house of God" (I Peter 5:17). To make it doubly clear, he adds, "It first begins with us." Then he asks, "What shall be the end of them that know not God?" God has always operated this way. He begins with the people who know the most. To whom much is given of him much will be required. You say, "Brother Prince, I don't have any wicked ways." I reply, "You never got close enough to God to see. If you had gotten into God's presence, you would have seen your wicked ways. The very fact you say you have no wicked ways just shows how far you are from God."

After these four steps, God says, "I will hear from heaven." God has not committed Himself to hear every prayer. Did you know that? I am convinced that in many churches, prayers go no higher than the ceiling. God has not committed Himself to hear every prayer. In fact, God says, "If we know that He hears us, we know that we have the petition that we desired." The difficulty is not getting God to answer, but getting God to hear.

"Then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin." Whose sin? The sin of the prostitute, or the dope addict? No, the sin of the CHURCH!

"...And heal their land." To me the issue is clear. If a land is not healed, the fault is with the

people of God. I have considered this, prayed over it, and meditated on it. The responsibility for the condition of modern America lies at the door of the professing church. I believe that this is exactly the truth. If our land is not healed, the responsibility rests with us. I share the responsibility with you. I am not telling you something that is true about you but not about me.

How can we bring healing? I am going to speak to you about prayer. I will base my teaching on the first four verses of I Timothy chapter 2:

1. "I exhort therefore, that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;

2. "For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

3. "For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour:

4. "Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." Let us consider these words.

Paul says, "First of all, Pray!" If you by-pass prayer, you can have all sorts of plans, systems and programs, but you do not have the power to operate them. It is like having a building wired for electricity, but not connected to the generator. Nothing is going to work. The wires may be beautiful and the light fixtures may be wonderful, but you are not going to get results, because there is no power. The powerhouse of the Christian church is prayer, and Paul very logically says, "First of all, pray."

Then, what does he tell us to pray for? First, "for kings and all that are in authority." Now my experience is that the majority of God's professing people scarcely ever pray for those

in authority, let alone praying for them first. If you are an Episcopalian, I will grant you that in your prayer book there is a prayer for those in authority. It is a good thing it is there. But I will tell you something else from personal experience as an Anglican. It is one thing to say a prayer, and another thing to pray. These two things are not the same. A lot of people say things out of a prayer book and if you ask them five minutes later what they said, they cannot remember. It is simply a formality.

What is the first specific topic for prayer? "All that are in authority": the president, senators, representatives, governors, mayors, police commissioners, all. Do you pray for them? When did you last pray for the president? Which did you last do—criticize or pray? If you pray for people in authority, you will have less to criticize. God did not call to criticize, he called you to pray. If you are not praying, you are disobedient. I am just a Britisher but I pray for the president almost every day. My wife will bear me witness. We pray together, and there is rarely a day that we do not pray for the leader of this great nation. I am sure that he needs prayer and my impression is that your present president knows that he needs prayer.

What are we to pray for in relation to those in authority? It is the most logical unfolding of prayer that I can find anywhere in the Bible. In the second part of verse 2 we are told to pray "that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty." In one simple phrase: "good government". Would you not agree to that? If we are to live a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty, we must have good government.

In verse 3 Paul continues, "For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour." To what does "this" refer? To the preceding clause, "that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty" —more briefly, "that we may have good government."

Why does God want quietness and order and good government? For a very real and practical reason. Because he desires that all men be saved and come into the knowledge of the truth. Under what circumstances is it easier to bring the truth to all men? Under a bad government? Or under a good government? Under a government that is just and impartial and maintains law and order and civil liberties? Or under a government that cannot suppress violence and disorder and cannot control the situation and is unjust and dictatorial? Which kind of government makes it easier to bring the truth to all men? Any sensible person would have to answer: a good government. That is why God wants good government, because it forwards the propagation of the gospel, which is his aim in this dispensation. There is nothing difficult, there is nothing complicated, it is entirely sensible and practical.

Let me say it again! The Bible says, First of all in Christian activity: PRAY! The first topic of prayer is all those in authority. What are we to pray for? That we may lead a godly, quiet and peaceable life. Why are we to pray this way? Because that helps to propagate the gospel. Is that not logical? Have I convinced you? To me this is plain simple common sense. It is not a remote mystery. Thank God, the mysteries have been dispelled by the light of God's Word! It is plain, it is practical, it is simple, it is down

to earth, it works. I believe that it is the will of God for us to have a good government. Let us not talk about other countries or nations. Let us concentrate on this one. Good government for the United States is the will of God.

What does the Bible say will happen if we pray for things according to God's will? I John 5:14-15 tells us: "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him." In other words, if you know that you are praying according to the will of God, then you know that God hears you; and if you know that God hears you, you know you have the petition that you presented. If it is the will of God for this nation to have good government, and if we pray for good government

knowing it is the will of God, we know that God hears us; and if we know that God hears us, we know we have the petition that we desired. If we do not have good government, what is the reason? God's people have not met his conditions and prayed.

Generally speaking, you can say that Christians get the kind of government they deserve. There is a time lag. It does not happen instantly. But by large, Christians are responsible for the government they live under. If you would take less time to criticize and more time to pray, you would have less to criticize.

There is a very definite, scriptural reason why this is so. Why are God's people responsible? Because we are the only people who have the means to accomplish the results. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this

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world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Ephesians 6:12). Paul says "We wrestle." Some Christians punctuate this verse wrong. They read, "We wrestle not" — period! That is not what Paul says. Paul says, "We wrestle—but not against flesh and blood." Paul was taking his metaphor from the ancient Olympic games. Historians agree that of the various contests in the Olympic games, wrestling made the greatest demands upon the participants. Our Christian experience may best be compared to a wrestling match. In wrestling, no holds are barred. Every part of your being is involved. This is the Christian life. We are in a wrestling match, but not against flesh and blood. Paul says that we are not fighting human beings.

What are we fighting against? "Principalities" — unseen kingdoms. "Powers" — the realm of authority occupied by these unseen kingdoms. "The rulers of the darkness of this world" — more literally, "the world rulers of the present darkness." "Spiritual wickedness" — more literally, "spirits of wickedness."

Where is the contest taking place? "In high places." More literally, "in heavenly places." This is a revelation of the Word of God that every Christian should know. There is an organized kingdom set up in opposition to God and to all God's purposes. It is the kingdom of Satan. Jesus said that Satan has a kingdom. Furthermore, he said that Satan is in complete control of it. It is not divided and it is in total opposition to God.

This kingdom is set up in an area called "the heavenlies". The majority of Bible commentators would agree that this is not "the third heaven", which is God's dwelling place, and it is not the first heaven, which is

the visible heaven, but it is the second or intermediate heaven. There is an unseen kingdom that is above the level of this world, and it is the kingdom of darkness. It is a kingdom in total opposition and in complete unrelenting hatred towards God, all God's purposes, and all God's people. This includes you and me. The devil hates you with all that is in him. He will do everything he can to harm you and to destroy you. He comes to steal, to kill and to destroy. He is an extremely powerful person.

It is our business as Christians to bring this kingdom down. It cannot be done by presidents or generals because they do not have the weapons. If it were a question of fighting against flesh and blood, we would turn loose the tanks and the armoured cars and the airplanes. But tanks and armoured cars and airplanes are totally ineffective, because it is not against flesh and blood.

Many of the political leaders are coming to the same conclusion. They realize they do not have the means to handle the situation. They may not use the language but the implication is there. It is clear to me that almost all the political leaders in this country acknowledge that they are facing problems for which they do not have the answer. That is exactly what the Bible says.

It is not against the flesh and blood. You can kill nazis, but you cannot kill nazism. You can kill endless numbers of men, but you do not deal with the spiritual forces behind them. Merely killing men is not going to solve the problem. Paul says in 2 Corinthians 10:3-5, "For though we walk in flesh, we do not war after the flesh"...our warfare is not in the fleshly realm, it is not in the carnal realm, it is not against

flesh and blood. "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal"...they are not bombs, guns or tanks, but they are "mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds." This refers to Satan's strongholds.

Note where the strongholds are! "Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." The alternative reading for "imaginations" is "reasonings". The warfare is in the realm of the mind: reasonings, imaginations, thoughts and knowledge. You cannot change a man's attitudes by executing him. He will go out with the same attitudes.

During the Mau Mau emergency in East Africa the British authorities executed some of the Mau Mau leaders by hanging. I know a missionary who was there when they were executed. He said that they went to the gallows repeating, "I'll come back, I'll come back." It was not the man who was speaking. It was the demon in the man. You can kill the man's body, but the demon within the man will come back.

We are not wrestling against flesh and blood. We are on a different plane; we have different enemies, we have different weapons. But the weapons which God has given us are mighty! They are invincible, if we will use them. If we are defeated, it is not through a lack of armour. It is through the failure to use it.

I want to go into the Old Testament to give you two examples that draw back the veil of the unseen spiritual realm that dominates and controls human affairs. I believe spiritual factors are absolutely decisive in world affairs, in national affairs and in personal

affairs. We have to acknowledge the truth of historical events, the impact of social and economic factors. They are real factors, but the dominating, controlling, decisive element behind all of them is the spiritual. That is why the church is the decisive factor in world affairs, because the church is the only agent that can enter into this realm and operate there. It is perfectly logical.

The 28th chapter of Ezekiel contains a most remarkable unfolding of this double kingdom: the seen kingdom with the natural human ruler, and the unseen kingdom behind it with the Satanic ruler. In the first nineteen verses of this chapter we have a lamentation, or a bitter reproach, against two persons. One is called "the prince of Tyrus", the other is called the "king of Tyrus". The prince of Tyrus is a human being. He claims to be God, but in fact he is a man, and as a man he has to die. But the king of Tyrus neither is, nor was, nor ever could be a human being. Study the very clear identifying marks that are given in verses 12 through 18, and there is only one conclusion: this king of Tyrus is none other than Satan himself. Behind the visible kingdom of Tyrus with its prince, there is the invisible kingdom of Tyrus with its king, the world ruler of darkness, who is Satan. The course of affairs in the visible kingdom is determined by the affairs of the invisible kingdom. It is the invisible which is decisive.

I believe that behind every kingdom, every nation, every great city there is an invisible rulership. There is a rulership over the state of Florida, there is also an invisible spiritual power controlling Miami. I have traveled widely and I have noticed that when you go to certain cities you can feel the

presence of spiritual powers. They are not always the same. I was in Berlin a couple of years ago and the atmosphere was impregnated with sexual impurity and lust. Other cities have different influences. In Chicago the prevailing spirit is one of violence. In New Orleans it is witchcraft. If you are sensitive, you can feel the unseen powers that dominate and control. There is never a breakthrough in the Kingdom of God until these spiritual powers have been brought into subjection by prayer. When that happens, the avalanche of revival will flood a nation or a kingdom or a city. The great barrier to a real move of God is in the unseen realm.

This was vividly illustrated recently in Argentina. A missionary by the name of Miller went to Argentina with all sorts of plans for carrying out God's work. But God shut him up in a little mud church for more than a month and all he had to do was pray. He prayed until the spiritual powers controlling Argentina were brought into subjection. In that very strongly Roman Catholic country God miraculously opened the way for the largest stadium in the whole country to be taken over by a little insignificant American preacher whom nobody knew. At the end of a month 200,000 people were gathering daily to listen to his message. This is one of the most remarkable moves of God recorded in church history and was the result of binding the unseen forces.

Another Old Testament example of spiritual powers is found in the tenth chapter of Daniel. Daniel set himself to pray for twenty-one days with special earnestness for divine intervention on behalf of his people. At the end of this period an angel came with a revelation that was the answer

to his prayers. The angel told Daniel: "From the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words." Daniel prayed for twenty-one days, yet his prayer was heard the first day. Why did he have to wait twenty-one days for the answer? In verse 13 the angel went on to give the reason: "But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days: but, lo, Michael one of the chief princes, came to help me..." This "prince of the kingdom of Persia" was not a human being. These events did not take place on the human plane. It was an angel who brought the message, and it was an angel who opposed the angelic messenger. Another angel, Michael, came to the assistance of the first angel. This was a spiritual warfare of angels in the heavenlies.

Notice, it was what happened on earth that decided the course of events in heaven. This is a tremendous truth. Nothing happened until Daniel started to pray. It was Daniel's prayers that got the angel through, not the angel that got Daniel through. Daniel got the angel through! If only God's people would see that the issues are settled by us. They are not even settled by the angels.

Revelation 12:11 tells us: "They" — God's people on earth — "overcame him" — Satan — "by the blood of the lamb, and by the word of their testimony." We are the decisive factor in the affairs of the universe. I am not exaggerating one bit. If Daniel had not prayed, things would have never happened in heaven. He had to pray for twenty-one days to get the answer. What delayed the answer? This was not because Daniel did not pray according to the will of God. There was

nothing wrong with his prayer. Satan, in the person of the prince of the Kingdom of Persia, was the reason for the delay.

Many times you do not get your prayer answered, not because you are praying wrong, but simply because you have to pray that wicked old prince out of the way. If you are not prepared to do it, you will not get the answer to your prayer. You have to pray through. You have got to challenge Satan. Most people are afraid to do this. If you get into this realm you will face problems and temptations that do not come the way of the average Christian. Unseen forces will be directed against any person that sets himself to praying intelligently for those in authority. If you do not have any guts and gumption, do not even begin. My language may seem unrefined, but I mean it.

In verse 20, after the revelation had been granted, the angel said: "Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia: and when I am gone forth, lo, the prince of Grecia shall come." None of these are human beings. They are the Satanic rulers behind the earthly kingdoms. These kingdoms are significant because they were the ones that successively dominated the Holy Land. First Babylon, then Persia, then Greece, then Rome. Behind every one was a major Satanic prince. The issue of events was decided not in the heavenly realm but on the earth below, by the prayer of one man, Daniel.

God said in Ezekiel 22:30-31: "I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none. Therefore have I poured out mine indignation

upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath..." "If I could have found one man," God said, "in all the nation, I could have spared them." Think of it! One man could have turned the tide for a whole nation. Yet there was not even one man willing to do it.

God is looking for a man! And when I say a man, I mean a man. It is about time that Christian men started acting like men. Leadership was never intended to be in the hands of ladies. I do not say this to

criticize ladies, because it is the men's fault. I am firmly convinced that American men have abdicated from their three main responsibilities — as husbands, fathers and spiritual leaders. God is looking for a man. One man to stand in the breach and make up the hedge. If he cannot find one, things will go the way of Israel under the old covenant. The issue is up to you! If you cannot see it, may God open your eyes. And if you do not acknowledge your personal responsibility, may God grant you to repent. ◀◀

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America is Returning to God!

By Thomas R. Nickel

The history of America, which is short, and the history of Israel, which is long, have a great similarity. Both nations were founded by people who worshipped God. So long as both nations worshipped God, both nations prospered. When both nations neglected that worship, calamities followed.

The greatest calamity came upon Israel when she rejected her long-awaited Messiah, Jesus Christ. The Holy City, Jerusalem, was trodden down by Gentiles for almost two thousand years, while the Israelites remained a dispersed and persecuted people. At long last, many Jews began accepting Jesus Christ as their Messiah, and Israel once again became a nation, in a single minute! In a single day, during a six-day war forced upon Israel by those determined to totally destroy her as a nation, the Holy City, Jerusalem, once again was restored to Israel, no more to be trodden down by Gentiles! Since that momentous event, many Israelis have accepted Jesus Christ as their Messiah, and they are looking forward to His return as their Leader!

From time immemorial, the inhabitants of the land we call the United States of America worshipped God. They called themselves "The People", and they worshipped the Creator and Ruler of the universe as "The Great Spirit". These people, later called "Indians", believed in life after death, and they prepared for this life by placing in the grave with the deceased those things which might be used in the future

"Happy Hunting Ground!" God has been worshipped in America before the annals of history! It has been the natural, normal relationship between the created and the Creator!

In 1492, when Christopher Columbus, who believed the world to be round, in contrast to the prevalent accepted theory that the earth was flat, desired to change the long Eastern route to India to a shorter route westward, the Catholic Queen Isabella of Spain pawned her crown jewels to raise the money for his venture. The money was supplied by three Jews, who also accompanied Columbus on his voyage to America. Setting foot upon the New World, Columbus knelt, kissed the ground and claimed the Land for God in the name of the King and Queen of Spain.

"For God and Country" became the motivating objective of the brave Conquistadores and the dauntless Catholic Priests who, together, in the name of God and Spain, claimed the land from what is now Florida to what is now Missouri, under the direction of Hernando de Soto, and later by Ponce de Leon, and the land from Mexico northward to Texas thence westward to California, under Francisco Vasquez de Coronado. Father Junipero Serra, later, established Missions in California to teach Christianity to the Indians, and the Missions remain to this day.

Although attempts were made by England's Queen Elizabeth, a dedicated Protestant, and her successor, King James I,

the patron of the scholars who produced The King James Version of The Holy Bible, to establish colonies for the purpose of spreading Christianity to the Indians of America, the real beginning of the American Nation came with the arrival of the Pilgrims in The Mayflower in December, 1620. Before landing, these pilgrims seeking a new land in which all peoples could worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience, without interference from any governmental authority, banded themselves together in The Mayflower Compact, which began with these words: "We whose names are underwritten, do by these Presents, solemnly and mutually in the presence of God and one another covenant and combine ourselves into a civil Body Politick." God so honored their worship and their toil in the wilderness that the Pilgrims, in gratitude, the following November held the First Thanksgiving to God in America.

In order to find religious freedom to worship God without any governmental restriction, almost a thousand Puritans landed in America in 1630, founded Boston, and established the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Shortly afterward, thousands of other Puritans arrived. Because a chief Puritan belief was that every person should be able to read and obey The Holy Bible, a school was founded in 1636 called "Harvard College", and in 1647 a public education law was enacted so that even youngsters could learn to read and obey

the Bible.

Other groups came to various parts of the Eastern Seaboard, seeking religious freedom. Everywhere, schools were established so that all could learn to read and obey the Bible. A forerunner of American government and religious policy was established with the founding of Pennsylvania by William Penn as a haven for Quakers: he called his colony a "Holy Experiment", for he established total religious toleration and formed a truly democratic form of government.

This freedom of religious worship in America caused the colonists to feel more and more that "God is our King", and when England began acts openly, declared "necessary for the preservation of the colonies in due subordination", the people issued their Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, asserting that all men "are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights" and declaring their "firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence" in their just cause! The Declaration of Independence was preceded in 1774 by a formation of a Continental Congress. The Articles of Confederation carried this significant affirmation: "It has pleased the Great Governor of the world to incline the hearts of the legislatures we respectively represent in Congress to approve of and to authorize us to ratify the said Articles of Confederation and perpetual union."

In the devastating eight-year war that followed, in the face of utter defeat, George Washington knelt in the snow at Valley Forge and prayed to God for His assistance. The mighty army of England was defeated at Yorktown, and the colonies became free and independent, with God as their

King!

When the colonies joined together to form the United States of America, unity was obtained only after Benjamin Franklin suggested that prayer to God be offered that He might direct their efforts.

In forming the Constitution of the United States, the Third Article of the Bill of Rights, adopted by Congress on March 4, 1779, contained this guarantee of the freedom of religion

to all citizens: "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishing of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof!"

In the War of 1812, which did not end until Christmas eve, 1814 the British army captured Washington, Capital of the United States, and burned the Capitol and most of the nation's governmental buildings, including the White House. Our Government existed only out in


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the woods, yet their King was the Almighty God, and He preserved America! The turning point of the war, which brought victory to the United States, was the failure of the powerful British navy to capture Fort McHenry. During a 25-hour bombardment which began on September 13, ending on the 14th, the American Fort withstood 1,800 volleys from the powerful British battleships. Francis Scott Key, an American civilian, was being held captive by the British. He watched the conflict throughout all its fury. During the night, the rockets' glare gave him proof that the American Flag was still flying over Fort McHenry. By dawn's early light, he saw the flag was still there. Taking an old letter from his pocket, he wrote "The Star Spangled Banner", which was set to music and became the National Anthem of the United States. Frances Scott Key realized, from his vigil through the night, that only God could have saved America, and he gave God the credit in these lines: "Blest with victory and peace, may the Heaven-rescued land, Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation. Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just, and this be our motto: 'In God is our trust'!"

America, under God, became the most prosperous nation on earth. People from all over the world flocked to our doors, bringing their religion with them and enjoying our religious freedom.

World War II found America with a small Army, her Navy destroyed at Pearl Harbor, and three powerful military nations, Japan, Germany, and Italy, as enemies. President Franklin Roosevelt called on God and the American people. General Douglas MacArthur, General Dwight D. Eisenhower and their

fellow generals prayed. And General George Patton, when he was being totally defeated beyond hope in the famous Battle of the Bulge, called upon God, and God brought victory! America came through the war victorious over all three enemies, and was the most powerful nation the world has ever known!

Then came the convention for forming the United Nations at San Francisco, California, which convention I attended. Prayer to God was ruled out by the United States in order not to offend Atheistic Communist Russia!

Since that event, the United Nations has sat idly in New York as parasites on the American taxpayers while thousands upon thousands of American boys have died in Korea and Viet Nam, with America unable to win a victory over two small enemies, North Korea and North Viet Nam. North Korea captured the Pueblo and her crew and forced the United States to apologize before releasing the crew, retaining the ship.

The United Nations Peace Force was withdrawn at Egypt's request, so that Israel could be destroyed. God, who had been ruled out of the United Nations when formed at San Francisco, in order not to offend Atheistic Communist Russia, brought the greatest military victory to Israel in the history of the world, against the combined forces of the Arab nations, armed and trained by Atheistic Communist Russia! God respected His Sabbath, which He established when He finished Creation in six days, and He finished the war in six days! In this brief time, God returned to Israel all the land given to the Tribes upon their return from their bondage in Egypt and restored Jerusalem, after almost

2,000 years, to the original owners the Children of Israel! Yet there can be no peace until Israel receives back the land extending to the Euphrates, which God gave to Abraham!

In America, the once prosperous nation has seen inflation and foreign trade balance reduce her money to a new low, and her taxes have soared to a new high! Then the Supreme Court ruled, because children saying a prayer in school offended an Atheist, Madeline Murray, that it was unconstitutional. Yet the same nine men overruled the courts of thirteen states and declared the dirtiest, filthiest and most obscene pornographic films and publications to be Constitutional. According to these men, religious liberty for children in schools is unconstitutional but pornographic liberty throughout the land is Constitutional. The courts are giving more and more liberty to criminals in America under the guise of their Constitutional rights, while victims are receiving less and less protection under the same Constitution.

With God ruled out of the schools, Satan quickly took over. In many instances, across America, because of student and teacher riots, great educational centers have been forced to suspend normal functions until law and order could be restored. Riots have overflowed from the campuses into the streets, and violence has filled the land. With pornography given a free and unlimited license, sex has become a national disgrace. With conviction and punishment extremely difficult to obtain, criminals have become more numerous, more bold and more vicious.

Truly, we have sown to the wind and we are leaping the whirlwind!

In the midst of this tragic

and dismal situation, we still have a hope. God spoke it to Israel, but He meant it for America also: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

Already, there are signs that America is returning to God!

The past months, many events have given proof that America is returning to God. These events have been given much attention in the press, on radio and television, not only in America, but throughout the world, wherever these media operate.

On Christmas Eve, anniversary of Christ's birth, 1968, as three American Astronauts circled the Moon, only 69 miles below them they sent a Christmas message to the peoples of the entire Earth. It was read by Col. Frank Borman, Capt. James Lovell, Jr., and Major William Anders, from the opening verses of the Holy Bible: "In the beginning, God created the Heaven and the Earth", on down through the account of the six-day Creation by God, ending with, "And God saw that it was good." Indeed, the prophecy of Isaiah, for the first time, began to be fulfilled: "For the Earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

Earlier Christmas Eve, Commander Borman sent up this prayer to God from Apollo 8 as it circled the Moon: "Give us, O God, the vision which can see Thy love in the world in spite of human failure. Give us the faith to trust Thy goodness in spite of our ignorance and weakness. Give us the knowledge that we may continue to pray with understanding hearts, and show us what each of us

can do to set forward the coming of the day of universal peace. Amen." At the Space Center in Houston, Texas, Communicator Mike Collins repeated softly, "Amen!"

A few days later, at a joint session of the House and Senate, Col. Borman said: "I think one of the things that was truly historic was that we got that good Roman Catholic, Bill Anders, to read from the King James version." Laughter came from all in attendance. Then, looking down at the nine justices of the Supreme Court, including Hugo Black who authored the ruling against religious liberty in public schools, Borman said: "But now that I see the gentlemen in the front row, I'm not sure we should have read from the Bible at all." A prolonged, thundering applause spoke eloquently the combined approval of what the three Astronauts, two Episcopalians and one Catholic, had done while circling the Moon on Christmas Eve, 1968!

Then a few days later, Richard M. Nixon was inaugurated as President of the United States. He took the oath of office with his hand resting upon two family Bibles, held by Mrs. Pat Nixon, one published in 1828 and the other in 1873, both opened at Isaiah 2:4, beginning with, "And it shall come to pass in the last days that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be exalted above the hills" and ending with, "Neither shall they learn war any more."

Five clergymen, Protestant, Catholic, Jewish and Orthodox, including Billy Graham, offered prayers during the inauguration ceremony, asking God's blessing upon President Nixon and upon America.

President Richard M. Nixon, Mrs. Pat Nixon, and Vice-President Spiro Agnew attended the annual Presidential Prayer

Breakfast, a few days later, accompanied by Billy Graham. Robert Finch, former Lieutenant Governor of California and now Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, delivered the invocation.

The first Sunday the Nixons spent in the White House, worship services were held in the East Room, with Billy Graham conducting the services. President Nixon previously had declared that he would bring worship services to the White House, with various ministers officiating.

The greatest Christian religious service ever known to man, observed by the entire American Nation, reported by press, radio and television was the funeral service of General Dwight D. Eisenhower, former President of the United States. Dignitaries of foreign nations joined the officials of the United States, from President Nixon, the Cabinet, the Congress, the Supreme Court, to the humblest citizen, in paying tribute to a great man and a great Christian. Here is Eisenhower's Declaration of Faith: "It takes no brains to be an atheist. Any stupid person can deny the existence of a Supernatural Power because man's physical senses cannot detect it. But there cannot be ignored the influence of conscience, the respect we feel for moral law, the mystery of first life on what once must have been a molten mass, or the marvelous order in which the universe moves about us on this Earth. All of these evidence the handiwork of a beneficent Deity. For my part, that Deity is the God of the Bible and of Christ, His Son!"

One of the many recent demonstrations of the fact that America is returning to God is the issuance by the Post Office Department of the Apollo 8 commemorative stamp, showing

the Earth in the upper portion, the Moon in the lower part, and in the space between, "In the beginning God ...", the first four words of the Astronauts' Christmas message from the Moon to Earth. The photo for the stamp was taken by the Astronauts, and NASA provided it to Leonard E. Buckley, of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, who added the Astronauts' words, which are the first four words of the Holy Bible.

Not only do we find adult Americans in governmental and other high positions returning to God, but there is a new and growing move among young people of America to return to the Faith of our Fathers. In Baltimore, Maryland, 40,000 persons turned out for a Youth Decency Rally. In Cincinnati, Ohio, 10,000 "Teens for Decency" from six states, joined by police and government officials, including Governor James Rhodes of Ohio and Governor Louie Nunn of Kentucky, both of whom spoke, gathered for a rally. The youths waved American flags, sang the Star Spangled Banner, and gave the Pledge of Allegiance. Governor Rhodes said the rally represented a "revival whose ambition is to lift America's moral dedication to new heights." Governor Nunn proclaimed the day as Kentucky Youth for Decency Day. These young Americans, from Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Michigan, and those who held the rally in Maryland, are only the forerunners of a mighty move throughout the nation, as America returns to God!

In Miami, Florida, 30,000 teenagers gathered in the Orange Bowl waving signs, "Down With Obscenity". This great morality demonstration was attended by many of the personalities in the entertain-

ment profession, who joined in the protest against moral filth. Teenage speakers gave talks on God, patriotism, parents, brotherhood and sexual behavior. The keynote of the rally was termed "Five Virtues". These were listed as: "Belief in God and that He loves us; love of our planet and country; love of our family; equality of all men; and reverence to sex."

At Altoona, Pennsylvania, a 16-year-old boy, Richard Stiffler, has started a national drive to obtain the right of students to participate in voluntary prayer in public schools, a right guaranteed by the Constitution which specifically prevents the Government from prohibiting the free exercise of religion in America, a guarantee that binds the President, Congress and the Supreme Court to keep this right inviolate forever. The drive has been joined by high school students in Orange County, California. The Chairman of the Steering Committee, Dale Okada, of Japanese ancestry, says: "The day the Supreme Court declared that prayer and Bible reading was no longer to be part of our morning devotions, this great country experienced a serious setback in its moral, religious and academic freedom".

Open defiance of the Supreme Court ruling against Bible reading and prayer in schools is sweeping through Pennsylvania. A bill has been introduced in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, sponsored by 53 members, setting aside five minutes each day at the start of classes for Bible reading and prayer.

The California State Board of Education has accepted a report recommending that religion and prayer be restored to the public schools' curriculum and that teaching of evolution be taught as a theory rather than as a fact.

The nine-member committee making the recommendation was appointed by Dr. Max Rafferty.

Since man, for the first time since Creation, placed his feet and God's Word upon the Moon, three verses of Psalm 8 stand out as fulfilled prophecy: "O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the Earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens." "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the Moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;" "Thou madest man to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet."

Edwin Aldrin took with him a piece of Communion bread and held Communion on the Moon in conjunction with his Webster Presbyterian Church in Houston, Texas, whose members, including Edwin's own family, took Communion, using the loaf of bread from which a small portion had been taken to the Moon by Aldrin. Michael Collins, a Catholic, was orbiting the Moon awaiting a return of his colleagues to Apollo 11.

Upon the successful splash-down in the Pacific, President Richard M. Nixon welcomed the Astronauts, and immediately had a Chaplain offer up to God a prayer of thanksgiving. Religion, Patriotism and Science had accomplished a tremendous triumph, a combination which has made America the greatest nation on Earth!

Yes, America is returning to God! And God will keep His promise that He made to Israel, but which He also means for America: "And it shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and an honour before all the nations of earth, which shall hear all the good that I do unto them: and they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the prosperity that I procure unto it!"



Of Whom Speaketh The Prophet? PART II

by Derek Prince



This is the second part of a verse by verse analysis of Isaiah Chapter 53. In this analysis the passages directly referring to Jesus are printed in italics.

The first part of this article appeared in the February issue of New Wine. The whole, plus additional material is in the book "Three Messages for Israel", by Derek Prince and may be purchased from us for \$1.25.

Section 5: Chapter 53, verses 10-12

Verse 10: "Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief (It was the purpose, or decision, of the Lord to bruise him so as to make him sick): when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure (purpose) of the Lord shall prosper in his hand."

Verse 11: "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."

Verse 12: "Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great (plural), and he shall divide the spoil with the strong (plural); 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."

Verse 10 describes the climax of God's purposes in the sufferings and death of Jesus. Then it goes on to foreshow his resurrection from the dead, and the results that follow from that.

"It pleased the Lord." This translation in the King James Version uses the verb "please" in a way that is misleading by the standards of modern English usage. A more accurate modern rendering would be: "It was the purpose, or decision of the Lord." This was expressed by Peter in his sermon on the day of Pentecost when he said that Jesus was delivered to the death of the cross

"by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God" (Acts 2:23). The death of Jesus on the cross was no accident. It was the fulfilment of God's purpose clearly foreshown in the prophecies of the Old Testament.

"He hath put him to grief." In the Hebrew this is a single word, meaning literally "to make sick." In Micah 6:13 the same word is used, and in the King James Version it is translated "I will make thee sick"—with the additional phrase "in smiting thee." Thus the whole phrase in Micah 6:13 is closely parallel to the one in Isaiah 53:10. *The meaning is that through the wounds which Jesus received, the sickness of the whole human race came upon him on the cross, and was borne by him in his body. Because Jesus has thus borne the sickness of all humanity, God now offers health to all humanity through faith in his name. The results of this faith are clearly seen in the New Testament in the healing of the lame man recorded in Acts 3:1-16. In the last verse of this passage Peter explains the healing of this man as follows: "His name (Jesus) through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all." Because Jesus was made sick with the sickness of all humanity, those who believe in him may receive "perfect soundness." This is the climax of the provision which God made through the sufferings of Jesus for the physical well-being of the whole human race.*

The next part of the verse goes on to reveal the climax of God's spiritual provision through these sufferings. "Thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin." Where the King James Version says "offering for sin," the Hebrew uses just one word—"asham"—which means literally "guilt." Thirty-five times in the King James Version this same word is translated "trespass offering" (mainly in the book of Leviticus). Thus the same Hebrew word is used to mean both "guilt" (or "sin"), and the offering brought to atone for guilt or sin.

In this double use of the Hebrew word "asham" is revealed the true spiritual significance of the "sin offering." Under the law of Moses, when a man brought an offering—usually a sheep or a goat—for a sin which he had committed, the sin of the man was symbolically transferred from the man to his offering (the sheep or goat). Thereafter, the punishment for the man's sin came upon the offering, instead of upon the man himself.

This picture of the sin offering reveals the true spiritual purpose of the death of Jesus. Jesus became, by the will of God, the sin offering for the whole human race. The sin of all humanity was laid upon him. Just as his body was made sick with the sickness of the whole human race, so his soul was made sin with sinfulness of the whole human race. For those who accept this revelation of God by faith, the result in the physical realm is "health" and in the spiritual realm it is "righteousness." In Second Corinthians 5:21 Paul refers directly to this spiritual result of the sufferings of Jesus, as revealed here in Isaiah 53:10, when he says: "God made him (Jesus) who knew no sin, to be sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

The full result of this exchange may be summed up as follows. Jesus

was made sick with our sickness that we might be made whole with his health. He was made sin with our sinfulness that we might be made righteous with his righteousness. This is the complete fulfilment of the purpose of God in the death of Jesus.

The second part of verse 10 speaks of the resurrection of Jesus and of the results that follow from that. "He shall see his seed." In verse 8 it was foreshown that Jesus would be cut off by death without any natural posterity, or descendants. But now Isaiah foreshows that, as a result of his death, he shall see "his seed"—his descendants, those that come after him, those that are reborn through faith in his death and resurrection. These are the people of whom Peter speaks when he says that "God hath begotten us again into a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (First Peter 1:3). The "seed" here promised to Jesus are all those who through faith in his death and resurrection are reborn (begotten again) into the hope of everlasting life in him.

In John 12:24 Jesus himself spoke prophetically concerning his own death, and said: "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." In these words he referred to the purpose of his own death. If Jesus had not been willing to die and be buried, no one else would ever have been able to partake of the eternal life which he had in himself. But through his death and resurrection, all who believe in him can be born again and become partakers of his eternal life. Those who receive eternal life in this way are his "seed"—his "posterity"—the result of his death and resurrection.

This revelation is very wonderfully contained in the genealogy of Jesus given in Matthew 1:1-16. In Matthew 1:17 this genealogy is summed up as follows: "So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are fourteen generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ are fourteen generations." A careful analysis of this genealogy will show that from Abraham to David are exactly fourteen generations. Likewise from David until the Babylonian

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Breaking Bread...

by Rev. Charles Simpson

"And He took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them. . . ." (Luke 22:19). "And they continued daily with one accord breaking bread from house to house. . . ." (Acts 2:46).

Continued from the Gospel of John

Writer: John; Date: 90 A.D. (Approximately);
Origin: Ephesus; Theme: 20:31.

SUBJECT: THE WORD IS . . . KING OF ISRAEL

1. Jn. 1:1
2. Jn. 1:14
3. Jn. 1:36
4. Jn. 1:37
5. Acts 19:1-6
6. Jn. 1:38

(1) "When all things began, the Word already was." (NEB). (2) This same Word — eternal — condescended to be manifest in flesh. (3) John the Baptist bore witness that this same creator was the sacrificial Lamb that would take away the sin of the world. (4) He pointed this out on more than one occasion. On one occasion, he did so in the presence of two of his own disciples. Apparently, he meant for them to follow Jesus. Not all of John's disciples followed Jesus. (5) There were still disciples of John long after he died, even long after Pentecost. Though they certainly believed Jesus was the Messiah, they still followed a ministry that God had concluded. It is not easy to leave something God has used to bless in the past. For Andrew and the other disciples this was a great step of faith.

(6) Jesus' first question to the two idealistic, would-be-disciples was; what do you want? They really didn't answer His question. Perhaps they couldn't. Many people today couldn't answer that either; but they know that there is a spiritual hunger.

Rather than answer Jesus, they asked another question, "Where are you staying?" This really indicated that while they didn't know how to express their need they wanted to know Jesus better.

captivity there are exactly fourteen generations. But in the third section of the genealogy, from the Babylonian captivity to Christ, there are only thirteen generations. In other words his third section of the genealogy is incomplete. The last generation—the fourteenth generation—is not given.

Where shall we look for this “missing” generation? The answer is that this “missing” generation is the “seed” promised in Isaiah 53:10—the “posterity” of Jesus—those who are born again and receive eternal life through faith in his death and resurrection. The same revelation is given in Psalm 22. This is one of the great “messianic” psalms, clearly foreshowing the sufferings and death of Jesus. In verse 16 his crucifixion is clearly foreshown: “The assembly of the wicked have enclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.” Then the last portion of this psalm—just like the last portion of Isaiah chapter 53—foreshows the results that follow from the death of Jesus. In particular, in verse 30 it is said: “A seed shall serve him: it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation.” This “seed” who are to serve the Lord are the same “seed” promised in Isaiah 53:10. They are the “missing” generation, the fourteenth generation, required to complete the third section of the genealogy of Jesus.

Let us now return to the last part of Isaiah 53:10. “He shall prolong his days.” These words necessarily imply the resurrection of Jesus. In verse 8 his death had already been foreshown. Yet, after death, it is now stated that “he shall prolong his days.” Logically, this demands his resurrection. Only by resurrection out of death can He “prolong his days.” The New Testament very clearly emphasizes that Jesus rose from the dead into an everlasting life. In Romans 6:9 Paul says of Jesus: “Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.” Again, in Hebrew 7:25 it is stated concerning Jesus: “Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.”

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7. Jn. 1:39

8. Jn. 1:38b

9. Jn. 1:41

10. I Sam. 10:1
I Sam. 16:13

11. Lev. 4:3,5,16

12. I Sam. 24:6,10

13. Matt. 2:1-6

14. Acts 1:6

(7) Jesus' answer to a question was always dictated by the Spirit of Wisdom. Had He told them where, they might have decided to come some other time. But He said, “Come and see.” It is only as one follows Jesus that he learns where Jesus dwells. Human nature wants to learn WITHOUT committal. “Tell me Lord, if I like it I'll follow,” is our bargain. Jesus' reply is always, “If you follow, you will see.” Sitting in a Sunday School class or Worship Service is not discipleship. Obeying Jesus in faith is. It's only in practical discipleship that we discover His abiding place.

They did follow and they discovered where He abode. (8) Only about two hours were left in the day, but they were spent in Jesus' abiding place. (A couple of hours there will always bless.) We are not told what they said but it must have been exciting and convincing. (9) Andrew found Peter, his brother, and said, “We have found the Messiah.” “Messiah,” comes from a Hebrew word which means, One especially anointed of God. (Usually referring to the King.) “Christ,” comes from a Greek word that means anointed One. Our use of the word, “Christ,” differs in meaning from the Jewish use of the word Messiah, though their true meanings are the same. Gentile believers think of the Christ as a Saviour or intercessor. Looking back on the cross, we think of Him primarily as the Lamb of God. This is certainly a true picture of Jesus. But this is not the whole picture. The Jews thought of a King. (10) Israel was a theocracy, supposedly governed by a divinely anointed king, ruling by God's choice and power (Holy Spirit). (11) While “Messiah” sometimes was used as an adjective for the Priest, (12) it usually referred to the Holy Spirit—Anointed King. Since the fall of Jerusalem, 587 B.C., the Jews had not known a king of their own. It had been much longer since they had known an anointed king. (13) Hence, the longer the Jews were in bondage to other nations, the more “Messiah” came to mean, one whom God would send to be the anointed King—deliverer of the Jews. (14) This thought even prevailed among the disciples of Jesus after His resurrection, before Pentecost. Though Jesus did not become the national deliverer, the

Verse 10 closes with the phrase: "The pleasure (purpose) of the Lord shall prosper in his hand." Jesus, risen from the dead, became God's appointed representative, to carry out his will in the whole earth. After his resurrection Jesus appeared to his disciples in Matthew 28:18, and said "All power (authority) is given unto me in heaven and in earth." In Acts 5:31 Peter says of Jesus: "Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince (Chief Ruler) and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins." Jesus, risen from the dead, is the authoritative representative of God, to carry out God's purpose of blessing and salvation both for Israel and for all nations.

Verse 11 reveals further results of the death of Jesus. "He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied." The word translated "travail" implies hard, exacting, painful labour. This describes what Jesus endured on the cross. However he now sees the results of this labour in all those who through his sufferings and death have received forgiveness, healing, and eternal life, and this is the satisfaction—the reward—for all that he endured on their behalf. In Hebrews 12:2 it is said that "Jesus . . . for the joy that was set before him endured the cross." This joy, which made him willing to endure the cross, is fulfilled in all those who are now blessed through his sufferings.

"By his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities." Through the knowledge of Jesus and of what he has done on the cross, all those who believe in him are justified—made righteous. In Romans 5:1 Paul says: "Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." This justification by faith in Jesus is made possible by the knowledge that Jesus has already borne in himself the "iniquities" (sins) of all men and the punishment due for these sins.

Verse 12 proclaims the great triumph of Jesus on the cross over all the forces of evil, and states four facts that made this triumph possible. This triumph is set forth in the promise that God will "divide to him (Jesus) a portion with the great (plural), and he (Jesus) shall divide

15. Isa. 9:6,7
Isa. 11

16. Jn. 1:45

17. Rev. 19:11-16

anointed King of Israel, in His first coming to earth He will indeed restore the Kingdom of Israel. (15) While He is the Christ (anointed) Lamb, He is also Messiah the (anointed) King.

It is easy for Gentile believers to see how the Jews need the revelation that Jesus is the Christ Lamb. However, many gentile believers do not yet realize, as the Jews shall instantly in a day of great trouble, that Jesus is also Messiah King. He is not president, chairman, leader, governor, but KING!

Andrew's message to Simon was that they had found the King. Apparently they had been looking for him. (16) Phillip referred to Jesus as the One about which Moses and the Prophets wrote, when telling Nathaniel. And to Nathaniel this meant the anointed King. When Nathaniel was convinced of Jesus, He said, "Thou art the Son of God; Thou art the KING of Israel."

(17) The Word is so much to us, depending upon most apparent needs. He is bread to the hungry, water to the thirsty, life to the dead, Lamb to the sinner, Baptizer to the believer, and to the Kingdom of God and Israel He shall soon be the revealed, Anointed, Deliverer, KING.

the spoil with the strong (plural)." The "great" and the "strong" refer to Satan and all his evil spiritual powers that resist the purposes of God's mercy and seek the destruction of the human race. God's triumph over these evil forces through the death of Jesus is stated in similar language by Paul in Colossians 2:15: "And having spoiled (stripped) principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it (the cross)." The Satanic "principalities" and "powers" referred to by Paul in Colossians 2:15 are the same as the "great" and the "strong" referred to in Isaiah 53:11. Through this complete defeat of Satan's evil spiritual powers, Jesus is now able to take from him his "spoil"—that is, to liberate the sinners who have been held by Satan as his prisoners.

In the last part of verse 12 the triumph of Jesus on the cross is based on the following four facts:

(1) "He poured out his soul unto death." In Leviticus 17:11 it is stated

that "the soul of the flesh is in the blood." Thus Jesus poured out his soul when he poured out his blood. His soul, thus poured out, became the ransom for the souls of all men.

(2) "He was numbered with the transgressors." In Luke 22:37 and Mark 15:28 this phrase is directly applied to Jesus. He was identified, in the first instance, with the two thieves who were crucified with him; but beyond this he was identified with all sinners of all ages and all races.

(3) "He bore the sin of many." Not merely was Jesus identified with sinners. He actually took their sin upon himself. In First Peter 2:24 Peter says concerning Jesus: "who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree." In Romans 8:4 Paul says that "God condemned sin in the flesh"—that is, in the flesh (the body) of Jesus. Jesus bore in himself sin itself and the condemnation (judgment, punishment) of sin. The sin of all men has already been punished in the body of Jesus. For

this reason, God is now able with perfect justice to offer pardon and reconciliation to all who repent of their sins and accept by faith the substitutionary death of Jesus on their behalf.

(4) "He made intercession for the transgressors." This is the climax of the ministry of Jesus on behalf of sinners. His intercession began while he still hung on the cross. In Luke 23:34 it stated that Jesus, while on the cross, prayed for those who had crucified him: "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." However, this ministry of intercession, begun on the cross is now continued in heaven. The intercession of the risen Christ in heaven sets the final seal upon the pardon for sinners purchased by his death. This is clearly stated by Paul in Romans 8:34: "Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us." The same truth is stated in Hebrews 7:25: "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." The continuing intercession of Jesus in heaven completes the work of salvation that begins through faith in his death and resurrection on earth.

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This study of Isaiah's prophecy can best be concluded by making a summary of two different kinds of facts revealed by the prophecy. First, there are the actual historical events in the life of Jesus that are foreshown by Isaiah. Second, there is the spiritual significance of these events, showing the various ways in which they fulfilled the eternal purposes of God.

First, we shall summarize the events of the life of Jesus, setting them out in the historical order of their occurrence, rather than in the order in which they occur in Isaiah's prophecy. The following are the main historical events, foreshown by Isaiah, fulfilled in the life of Jesus:

(1) Jesus came to Israel at a time of prolonged spiritual dearth.

(2) Jesus grew up in childhood with the watchful eye of God the Father upon him.

(3) Jesus led a sinless life.

(4) Jesus had no outward splendour to distinguish him from the other men of his day.

(5) Jesus in his earthly service perfectly fulfilled the will of God.

(6) Jesus ministered directly to the sick and the suffering.

(7) Jesus was despised and rejected by his own people.

(8) Jesus was unjustly arrested and tried.

(9) In his trial Jesus did not speak or make any defense on his own behalf.

(10) Jesus was numbered together with criminals.

(11) Jesus endured such terrible physical suffering that he lost even the appearance of a human being.

(12) Many people attributed the sufferings of Jesus to God's judgment upon him.

(13) Jesus died without leaving any posterity.

(14) Jesus was taken away from burial with criminals.

(15) Jesus was buried in the tomb of a rich man.

(16) After death and burial Jesus arose with an endless life.

(17) Jesus has been exalted by God above all others.

(18) Jesus has received complete authority to carry out the will of God.

(19) The message of the death of Jesus has been carried to many Gentile nations.

(20) Through this message many

Gentiles have received spiritual cleansing.

(21) Many Gentile kings and rulers have acknowledged Jesus and worshipped him.

Second, we shall summarize the main spiritual purposes of God which were accomplished by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus:

(1) Jesus was made the sinless substitute for the whole sinful human race.

(2) Jesus took upon himself the pains and sicknesses of the whole human race, that those who believe in him might be physically healed.

(3) Jesus was made sick with the sickness of the whole human race, that those who believe in him might have continuing physical health.

(4) Jesus took upon himself the sins of the whole human race and suffered the full punishment for those sins, so that those who believe in him need not be punished, but can be forgiven and reconciled to God.

(5) Jesus was made sinful with the sin of the whole human race, so that those who believe in him can be made righteous with his righteousness.

(6) Jesus now lives eternally at God's right hand and intercedes for all who acknowledge him on earth, thus completing the work of salvation made possible by his death and resurrection.

(7) Through the death of Jesus, Satan's claims against the human race are cancelled, and Jesus is now able to liberate the sinners who have been held as prisoners of Satan.

(8) Those who are spiritually reborn through faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus are now reckoned as his "seed"—his posterity—a special "generation" set apart to serve God. ◀◀◀

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by Derek Prince

What the Resurrection Means for Us Now

"AFTER TWO DAYS he will revive us: IN THE THIRD DAY he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight." (Hosea 6.2)

This is the only prophecy of the Old Testament which explicitly states that the resurrection would take place on the THIRD DAY, after Christ had lain in the tomb for two days. But the remarkable thing about this prophecy is that it does not say that God will raise up "HIM" (Christ), but that God will raise up "US" (that is, all who believe), and "WE" (all who believe) shall live (that is, be alive from the dead) in God's sight. Thus this prophecy not merely reveals (800 years in advance) the day on which the resurrection was to take place; but it also reveals in a most wonderful way the true, spiritual meaning of the resurrection.

Just as a coin has two sides, so there are two sides to the death and resurrection of Christ. The first side is God's, revealing what Christ has done. The second side is man's, revealing what we must believe. On God's side, Christ came to make Himself one with us, as sinners. He shared our sorrows and our temptations; He took our sins and our sicknesses upon His own body; He died our death. Now it remains for us, as sinners, by faith to make ourselves one with Christ. There are four great steps of oneness with Christ, through which we must follow by faith.

First, we must see and accept Christ's death as our death.

"Our old man was crucified with him" (Romans 6.6). We therefore "now reckon ourselves to be dead indeed unto sin" (Romans 6.11). Being dead, we are freed from sin, for "he that is dead is freed from sin" (Romans 6.7).

Second, by our act of faith in being baptised in water as believers, "we are buried with him in baptism" (Colossians 2.12). In the New Testament the baptismal service is a burial service. Just as, in the natural order, burial follows death, so, in the spiritual order, baptism follows believing. "He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved" (Mark 16.16).

Third, we are revived — quickened, made alive, raised up — with Christ (Hosea 6.2 Ephesians 2.1,5). The second part of the baptismal service is a resurrection. "Wherein also ye are risen with him (from the dead) by the faith of the operation of God" (Colossians 2.12). The same Holy Spirit of God that gave life to the dead body of Jesus comes to dwell in us, as believers, and to give us new, divine, resurrection life, sufficient for spirit and body alike. "The Spirit is life because of righteousness . . . He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you" (Romans 8.10,11).

Fourth, we are raised up together with Christ and made to sit together with Him in heavenly places (Ephesians 2.6).

God's plan for us, as believers, does not stop at resurrection from the dead; it goes right on to ascension into heaven. In God's sight, we, as believers, are now seated with Christ on His throne. We have been made both "kings and priests" (Revelations 1.6) — "kings" to rule, and "priests" to intercede. This is not something which is going to happen in the next age; it is something which, in God's sight, is already accomplished. If we are made by faith conformable to Christ's death, we may also by faith know the power of His resurrection (Philippians 3.10).

God is waiting for His believing people to enter now by faith into this risen, victorious, glorious life in Christ.

Asbury College Report

Wilmore, Ky. — After 185 consecutive hours of singing, praying, testifying and decision making in Hughes Auditorium, the continuous aspect of the Asbury College spontaneous revival is over. But, the revival in all of its important points continues to swell and spread.

It is anticipated that the college will become almost deserted over the weekend as an estimated 500-600 of the 1000 students have already accepted "witnessing assignments" across the Eastern third of the United States. With requests still coming in, this figure will definitely increase.

Equally important has been the continual flow of requests for prayer from around the world. These prayer requests are individually prayed for as they come in by the congregation meeting in Hughes Auditorium.

At six o'clock this evening they will begin gathering again in Hughes to continue the ministry of intercession. The Asbury group rejoiced greatly on Tuesday night as a steady stream of witnesses reported how God had sent similar outbursts of revival wherever the message has been carried.

International News

Prominent Catholic Pentecostals Urge Prayer, Faithfulness

by Ray Armstrong

HOLLYWOOD — "Baptism of the Holy Spirit," a strange term to Catholics but yet a reason for the gathering of some hundred Catholics and a score of other Christians at a "Day of Renewal" here at Chaminade High School, Dec. 27.

The meeting, hosted by Father Daniel Doyle, S.M., chaplain of the school, brought together a large number of Catholics who have experienced "the baptism," a scriptural and experiential phenomenon.

Most of the Catholics who came were persons who were deeply devoted to the renewal of the Church and who at the same time had experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives. They had also come to hear addresses by Kevin Ranaghan, theology instructor at St. Mary's College, South Bend, Ind. and Stephen Clark, leader of a charismatic community in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Both Ranaghan and Clark have, for the past two years, been associated with the Catholic Pentecostal Movement which movement expresses faith in the fact that God through His Holy Spirit is renewing in men the gifts given to believers in the early Christian Church—gifts of prophesy, healing, discernment of spirits, speaking in foreign tongues and interpretation of tongues.

Ranaghan is author of the

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book "Catholic Pentecostals" (Deus Books, Paulist Press) and Clark has authored pamphlets on the relationship between Confirmation and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and on the Spiritual Gifts which St. Paul mentions in his first letter to the Corinthians, chapter 12.

The opening session began with prayer and various persons giving witness to the manner in which they believe God is acting toward men in the world today. One testified to an immediate deliverance from homosexual tendencies, another witnessed to a healing from a disease similar to leukemia, a third said he was able to lead two patients in a hospital to a state of spiritual and bodily improvement during his own stay in the hospital.

The emphasis in Clark's address was on renewal which, he said, could be attained only through a deeper life with God. This deeper life he said could be attained by seeking Him, and Him alone.

Most people, Clark continued, seem to seek renewal by spending their time with organizations, councils, training programs, and personal communications rather than seeking the One who can and does help without fail.

"We begin to see things happen in our own lives and in the life of the community in which we exist when we rely on the power of the Holy Spirit," he said. "We understand Scripture more clearly and see God's hand moving in a way that could not be seen before—when we live in the Spirit."

Clark stressed time and again the need to yield our lives to

the power of God for He has made promises to us through His Son that are made manifest in the power of the Holy Spirit.

He described faith as a reliance on God and not on self and so renewal amounts to the believers letting God work through them as instruments.

"This development in the spiritual life can take place through individual prayer. However," he added, "the development also takes place in community — which is a place where believers pray as the Body of Christ and testify to God's healing power and His power to deliver from our attraction to sin."

Ranaghan, the day's main speaker, has travelled widely through the United States recounting his experiences of the renewal of the charismatic gifts of the Holy Spirit among Catholics and telling of how he was introduced to this newness of life.

A three-fold theme developed from Ranaghan's initial question "After the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, what?" The themes which sprang from this question were "worship, witness and community."

Worship, he said, takes on new dimensions. "The Baptism of the Holy Spirit lifts one to a new level of faith wherein one wants to worship the Father continually and to search the Scriptures avidly."

"Thus, for Catholics, it gives new levels of understanding and meaning to the Mass, to individual and common prayer. All aspects of the liturgy are seen afresh in terms of the liturgy being prayer of the entire Church to the Father through His Son.

"A personal experience of the Holy Spirit affects personal witness," he said. "Just as the Apostles who experienced the Holy Spirit on Pentecost were

compelled to proclaim the truth to such an extent that the people of Jerusalem thought they were drunk, similarly the newly-filled believer overflows with the love of God and is impelled to speak of the Only-begotten of the Father — Jesus.”

The experience of the power of the Holy Spirit draws one to a more lively prayer life. “Seek from the Lord which form of prayer is best for you,” Ranaghan said. “Being Catholics, we should remain within those forms of prayer which have constantly been manifested in the life of the Church through the ages — the Divine Office, the Lord’s Supper, meditation and dialogue prayer.”

And, he went on, “one should not ever forget that the development of a discipline of prayer is a gift of the Holy Spirit and so should be prayed for.”

“Community life,” said the young theology instructor, “may take shape in the parish or it may call one to develop

new forms of Christian community — the center of the world’s trouble spots or again these communities may be far from civilization. “And there are,” he said, “such communities of prayer and love springing up throughout this country.”

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“There is a definite cultural clash which takes place — the kind of language, or prayer, of music — all are different from

what the Catholic has known.

“But, in love we have come to accept the ways in which others praise an worship God, in spite of the avowed differences in doctrine which have not yet been worked out. The Holy Spirit has broken down many of our hang-ups and will work out the doctrinal differences in His own time.

“We can’t solve all of the doctrinal differences now, so just stay cool.

“What is clear, however, is the leading of the Lord, calling us to stay within the Church. We know that the Lord is working with great power in our days and so we should seek what the Lord wants from these manifestations of His power,” he said.

The afternoon session began with workshops on specific aspects of God’s power as experienced by those attending. Father Robert Hall, pastor of the Church of the Holy Comforter (Episcopal), Miami, spoke on healing; Dr. Derek Prince of the Holy Spirit Teach-

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The day ended in a way similar to its beginnings — song, prayer for specific needs of individuals, but with an added dimension. One participant burst forth with a prophesy in a strange tongue which was promptly interpreted by another and confirmed by a third party. The prophesy: I come quickly, says the Lord and I shall cleave the earth." (See I Cor. 14-27-33).

But, all was done in order and all praised God for having brought about this unique gathering.

Religious Experience Of the Pueblo Crew

By Rear Admiral James W. Kelly
Navy Chief of Chaplains

The uniform is beautiful!
The cross is beautiful!

These were among the first words spoken by the PUEBLO crew when they met Navy Chaplain Marvin E. Snyder, Jr., at the base camp near Panmunjon on the day of their release, Dec. 23, 1968. Most of the men expressed their joy at seeing the chaplain with a broad smile; some were moved to tears. They described their release as a "miracle." It was "an answer to our prayers." "This is a happy day. We are going back to our wonderful country."

The chaplains have given me a thrilling account of the religious experiences of these men, and have reported that almost to the man Protestant and Catholic Crew members during their confinement had moved in the direction of a deeper religious commitment, greater faith, and habitual prayer life. Their morale, patri-

otism, and their respect for their commanding officer and loyalty to one another were an inspiration. This is a report of some of their religious experiences.

One of the PUEBLO Lay Leaders (a person who assists his command in religious ministrations), Lt. Stephen Harris, told how he had given up efforts to have worship services before the capture of the PUEBLO since never more than two showed up. But as one man said of his captivity, "All we had left was religion."

Some of the men said their memories of Sunday School days were dim, but they worked together to come up with a reasonably accurate list of the books of the Bible. Such familiar Scriptures as the 23rd Psalm were written out, and shared. One mentioned that he had trouble remembering the Ten Commandments but with help came up with them. It seems everyone prayed openly before one another, although they had to avoid being seen in the acts of worship by their captors.

They had no Bibles or religious materials. Now worship services were not permitted. They were told, "The Russians shot God down with a rocket."

They were reprimanded for thanking God for their food (potato soup, rice, and turnips). They were told "These are the gifts of the Korean people." One man when called out of the mess hall for saying grace said, "I was thanking God for His blessings." He was informed, "This is a mess hall, not a church. You can't pray here."

Missionaries and ministers were held up to scorn by the North Koreans.

They presented a picture of a priest sickening his dog on a child and another of a missionary branding a small boy in the

forehead with the word "thief" for stealing an apple. The PUEBLO men were told that every cross in Korea was an antenna for sending espionage messages.

A petty officer related, "I left religion out of my life when I joined the Navy. I have a Japanese wife and two lovely children who just love Sunday School, but I haven't helped my wife to become a Christian or encouraged the children. It is going to be different now." These sentiments were echoed time and again by these men.

Everyone seemed to be asking about a worship service following their release. An Army Jewish Rabbi was made available to the two Jewish members of the PUEBLO crew. Protestant Divine Services were conducted by Chaplain Snyder and a Catholic Mass by Chaplain Hamilton at the 121st Army Hospital at 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. respectively, on the day of the release. Almost every man attended and some must have attended both services.

It may be appropriate to mention the loyalty and admiration of the men for their commanding officer. As Captain Bucher entered one of the dining areas where Chaplain Snyder was visiting with the men as they ate, there was a spontaneous standing ovation for their skipper.

Perhaps the religious experience of the PUEBLO crew during the long eleven months of their captivity can be summed up by saying that every effort to take away their faith in God only caused them to move in the direction of God. Every effort to subvert their faith only caused them to re-affirm it. I am certain that the men of the PUEBLO would want to give full credit for this to Almighty God.

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"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

"My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; Keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh." —Proverbs 4:20-22

