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"For the promise (the gift of the Holy Ghost) is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

(ACTS 2:39)

An Open Letter to America

By JEAN C. WOOD

Dear America:

How long has it been since you sang: "God Bless America, land that I love; stand beside her, and guide her, through the night with a Light from above. From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam — God bless America, my home sweet home."? Did you mean it when you sang it?

The words of songs speak to me and this song "God Bless America" has spoken to me recently and set me to thinking some serious thoughts. I'd like for you, America, to think about these truths which have emerged from my search for answers.

If you are one of those people who claim to believe that "God's in His heaven and all's well with the world" you are either living in a fools' paradise or you are like the ostrich with his head in the sand who said he didn't believe there was such a thing as fire and all the while his tail was burning off! To pick up a newspaper or turn on the news will readily reveal the fact that all is not well with the world — there is turmoil, strife, tension, perplexity and distress as never before in history. It seems that almost every day someone discovers a new problem that we didn't know existed the day before! The increasing pressures of the times are sending men to many places in search of relief — to alcohol, to tranquilizers, to other narcotics, to pleasure, to the psychiatrist's couch — to so many other places except the one place they can find help, relief, the answer. The place where the answer is found is in God's Word — the Bible!

This lovely nation of ours (and don't ever think for a minute that America is not a lovely place — I've been to enough other places and seen how other people live to know what I'm talking about; America is still a lovely nation). was founded on Godly principles by God-fearing people. That is why this nation has been more

abundantly blessed and enjoyed more prosperity than any nation ever has before. But the trend today is away from God's Word and His principles rather than toward them. And so many of you, Americans, seem to want to hide your head in the sand like the ostrich and make believe it'll all be alright after awhile! Listen to what God says about it: "Besides this, you know what a critical hour this is, how it is high time now for you to wake up out of your sleep — rouse to reality." Romans 13:11, Amplified. You say: "What is reality? I can't even tell what reality is anymore because everything seems to be so mixed up — someone says this and someone else says something else, so what is reality? What can I know for sure is truth?" I'll tell what is truth — God's Word is Truth! It is time for America to take a new look at the Book!

Hear what the Book says: "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." Proverbs 14:34. Well, "any people" includes America, doesn't it? Did you notice it did not say "sins" it said "sin" is a reproach? What does that mean? It means that all the problems and distresses and perplexity we are seeing and feeling in America today, and indeed throughout the whole world, are not social problems, not political problems, not even religious problems; they are spiritual problems! Certainly they are manifested as social and political and religious problems, but basically and at the root of them all is the greatest problem of all — the spiritual problem, because man's inhumanity to man results from his ungodliness toward God. You see, man is a spirit, he has a mind and he lives in a body. God made Adam in His image, a spirit, but He gave him a mind and wrapped it all up in a body of flesh.

When Adam decided he didn't need God and disobeyed Him, he sold the whole human race from then 'til now and on 'til God stops it, all "down the river" — he sold us all into that state of separation from God called sin. Adam died

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Editor's Comments...

Some things come only by prayer! It is not accurate to say, "It will happen whether we pray or not." In many specifics, God waits to be asked. Naturally there are many blessings of God which are given without respect to the one who receives them . . . Rain falls upon the just and the unjust . . . the sun shines upon a man's fields whether he is good or wicked . . . But in many of the specific blessings of life, the Heavenly Father waits to be asked before He bestows them.

Having made man a free moral agent, with a sovereign will of his own, God will not violate man's freedom by imposing upon him that which the man does not want. Therefore, in many of the personal blessings of life, God gives as man requests. And He will not give if man does not ask!

Prayer, rightly understood, is an integral part of man's relationship to God. By prayer man exposes himself to God's will — opens his heart to the wisdom of the Heavenly Father — submits himself to the Divine purpose. Prayer is not just getting things from God — though there is that aspect to it . . . it is consenting to God — yielding to God — once God's will has been made known through prayer. Blessings falling upon a man whether he wants them or not may turn out to be a curse. Getting accustomed to the good things, he is inclined to treat them with contempt . . . taking them for granted, he grows indifferent to the Giver.

"The goodness of God leads to repentance . . ." Therefore, blessings of God — received whether he asks for them or not — coming with commonplace regularity — may be the very things which condemn a man. Indifferent to the Giver — he does not repent — and piles up judgment against himself. In the economy of God the richest benefits of Heaven are reserved for those who want them — who ask for them. "You have not because you ask not!" — James 4:2. "Ask and you shall receive!"

And I will bless thy name for ever and ever.

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Memo

Dr. John G. Lake's Message on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit

The outpouring of the Holy Ghost is the greatest event in Christian history – greater than the crucifixion, of greater import than the resurrection, greater than the ascension, greater than the glorification. It was the end and finality which the crucifixion, resurrection and glorification sought to accomplish.

If Jesus Christ had been crucified and there had been no resurrection, His death on the cross would have been without avail, insofar as the salvation of mankind is concerned. Or if He had risen from the grave in resurrection, but had failed to reach the throne of God and receive from the Father the gift of the Holy Ghost, the purpose for which He died and for which He arose would have been missed.

There was no failure! Jesus went to the ultimate, the very throne and heart of God, and secured right out of the heavenly treasury the Almighty Spirit and poured Him forth upon the world in divine baptism; that is why we are here!

THE BIRTH OF CHRISTIANITY

The day of Pentecost was the birthday of Christianity. Christianity never existed until the Holy Ghost came from heaven. The ministry of

Jesus in this world was His own divine preparation of the world for His ultimate and final ministry.

The ministry of Jesus during His earth life was localized by His humanity. Localized again in that His message was only given to Israel. But the descent of the Holy Ghost brought to the souls of men a universal ministry of Jesus right from the heart of God. Heavenly contact with the eternal God in power set their nature all aflame for God, exalted their natures unto God, and made the recipient God-like.

Supposing that Jesus were on the cross, and we were privileged today to look into His face at this hour, I wonder what the feeling of our souls would be? Suppose we were to follow today behind the weeping company that bore His dead body and laid it in the tomb, what would our feelings be? Supposing we were to meet Him as many met Him in the garden in the glory of His resurrection? Or supposing God in His goodness would let us look into that scene of scenes at the throne of God when the heavens lifted up their gates, and the Lord of glory came in? Oh, if we could beloved, we would have a better comprehension of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

I believe that the first essential in a real Holy Ghost church and a real Holy Ghost work is

Every day will I bless thee;

to begin to surround the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the reverence due an experience so sacred and so terribly costly.

I have been reading the remarkable story of Sadhu Sundar Singh, an Indian holy man, who renounced the world absolutely, never married, never took any part in the affairs of the world, separated himself to religious life, practiced meditation on God and the spiritual life. When Sundar Singh found the Lord Jesus he conceived the idea of becoming a Christian Sadhu. They walk from place to place. They wear no shoes? they sleep on the ground, and their lives are utterly abandoned to God.

The baptism of the Holy Ghost is peculiar to the Lord Jesus: "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." Jesus Christ, the glorified, must lay His hands on you and me and bestow upon us all His own nature, the outflow of God, the substance of His soul, the quality of His mind, the very being of God Himself. "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you?" A temple of God, a house of God in which God lives!

BECOMING THE TEMPLE OF GOD

Sometimes I have tried to get it clear before my soul that God was in me. I have tried to note the incoming influence and power of that pure, sweet, living Spirit, of the eternal God. I have tried to realize His presence in my spirit, in my soul, in my hands, in my feet, in my person, and in my being — the habitation of God, God equipping the soul to minister to the world, equipping the soul that he may live forever in harmony with the mind of God. For all the God-like qualities of your heart are due to the fact that God by the Spirit dwells in you.

The baptism of the Holy Ghost was the incoming of God in personality in order that the man, through this force, might be moved by God. God lives in him, speaks through him in the impulse of the soul. God has His dwelling place in him.

You may have God! That is the wonder of the baptism of the Spirit! It is not a work of grace; it is God possessing you. Oh, your heart may have been as sinful as the heart of man was ever sinful. But Christ comes to your soul. That spirit of darkness that possessed you goes and in its stead, a new spirit comes to your soul. That spirit of darkness that possessed you goes, and in its stead a new spirit comes in, the Spirit of Christ.

When God baptizes you in the Holy Ghost, He gives you the biggest gift that heaven or earth ever possessed. He gives you Himself. He joins you by one Spirit to Himself forever.

THE SURRENDERED LIFE

The requirement is a surrendered heart, a surrendered mind, a surrendered life. From the day that a man becomes a child of God, baptized in the Holy Ghost, it was God's intention through Jesus Christ that man should be a revelation of Jesus, not of himself any more. What do you look for in a man baptized in the Holy Ghost? You would look for a revelation of the personality of God, God moving in him, God speaking in him, through him, using his hands, his feet, a mind in harmony with God, a soul in touch with Him, a spirit united in Jesus Christ.

It is not for my heart to discourage any man, nor to make you disbelieve for one moment in the trueness of your own baptism in the Holy Ghost. I believe God by His Spirit has baptized many in the Holy Ghost. But beloved, we have not comprehended the greatness of God's intent. Not that we have not received the Spirit, but our lives have not been sufficiently surrendered to God. We must keep on ascending right to the throne, right to the heart of God, right into the soul of the glorified.

THE HOLY GHOST NOT A GIFT OF POWER, BUT OF GOD HIMSELF

The common teaching that my heart these days is endeavoring to combat is that God comes to present the individual with a gift of power, and the individual is then supposed to go out and manifest some certain characteristic of power. No! God comes to present you with Himself. "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you."

Jesus went to heaven in order that the very
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DR. LAKE'S MESSAGE

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treasury of the heart of the eternal God might be unlocked for your benefit and that out of the very soul of the eternal God, the streams of His life and nature would possess you from the crown of your head to the soles of your feet. He went, that there would be just as much of the eternal God in your hands, feet, and in your brain as each is capable of containing.

MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

Dear ones, I want to repeat a little of my own personal history on the subject of the baptism of the Spirit.

I knelt under a tree when about sixteen years of age in repentance and prayer, and God came into my soul. I was saved from my sins, and from that day I knew Jesus Christ as a living Saviour. There never was a single moment of question about the reality of His coming into my life as a Saviour, for He saved me from my sins. My friends said, "You are baptized in the Holy Ghost."

Some time later, I think when I was yet under twenty, I met a Christian farmer, Melvin Pratt, who sat down on his plow handles and taught me the subject of sanctification, and God let me enter into that experience. My friends said, "Now, you surely are baptized in the Holy Ghost."

Then the ministry of healing was opened to me, and I ministered for ten years in the power of God. Hundreds and hundreds of people were healed by the power of God during this ten years, and I could feel the conscious flow of the Holy Spirit through my soul and my hands.

But at the end of that ten years I believe I was the hungriest man for God that ever lived. There was such a hunger for God that as I left my offices in Chicago and walked down the street, my soul would break out and I would cry, "Oh God!" I have had people stop and look at me and wonder. It was the yearning passion of my soul, asking for God in a greater measure than I knew.

But my friends would say, "Mr. Lake, you have a beautiful baptism in the Holy Ghost." Yes, it was nice as far as it went, but it was not answering the cry of my heart. I was growing up into a larger understanding of God and my own soul's need. My soul was demanding a greater entrance into God, His love, presence, and power.

MY BAPTISM IN THE HOLY GHOST

And then one day an old man strolled into my office, sat down, and in the next half hour he revealed more of the knowledge of God to my soul than I had ever known before. When he left I said, "God bless that old grey head. That man knows more of God than any man I ever met. By the grace of God, if that is what the baptism of the Holy Ghost with tongues does, I am going to possess it." Oh, the wonder of God that was then revealed to my heart!

I went into fasting and prayer and waiting on God for nine months. And one day the glory of God in a new manifestation and a new incoming came to my life. When the phenomena had passed and the glory of it remained in my soul, I found that my life began to manifest in the varied range of the gifts of the Spirit. I spoke in tongues by the power of God, and God flowed through me with a new force. Healings were of a more powerful order. Oh, God lived in me; God manifested in me; God spoke through me. My spirit was deified; I had a new comprehension of God's will, a new discernment of spirit, a new revelation of God in me.

THE MANIFESTATION OF THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

Then a new wonder manifested. My nature became so sensitized that I could lay hands on any man or woman and tell what organ was diseased, and to what extent, and all about it. I tested it. I went into hospitals where physicians could not diagnose a case, touched a patient and instantly I knew the organ that was diseased, its extent, condition, and location.

Don't you remember when you first were baptized in the Holy Ghost and you first spoke in tongues, how you bubbled and babbled it was so wonderful, so amazing? We just wanted to be babies and go on bubbling and exhilarating. And now we are wondering what is the matter. The effervescence seems to have passed away. My! It is a good thing for you that it did. God is letting your soul down, beloved, into the bedrock, right down where your mind is not occupied any more with the manifestation of God. God is trying to get your mind occupied with Himself. God has come into you and He is drawing you into Himself. Yes, you will (if you received that standard of baptism),

but you will do an awful lot more than that, bless God. You will speak with the soul of Jesus Christ. You will feel with the heart of the Son of God. Your pulse will beat with a heavenly desire to bless the world, because it is the pulse of Jesus that is throbbing in your soul. And I do not believe that there will be a bit of inclination in your heart to turn around to another child of God and say, "You are not in my class. I am baptized in the Holy Ghost."

That is as foreign to the Spirit of the Son of God as night is from day. Beloved, if you are baptized in the Holy Ghost there will be a tenderness in your soul so deep that you will never crush the aspiration of another heart by a single suggestion, but your soul will throb and beat and pulse in love, and your heart will be under that one to lift it up to God and push it out as far into the glory as your faith can send it.

I want to talk with the utmost frankness and say to you that tongues have been to me the making of my ministry. It is that peculiar communication with God when God reveals to my soul the truth I utter to you day by day in my ministry. But that time of communication with me is mostly in the night. Many a time I climb out of bed, take my pencil and pad and jot down the beautiful things of God, the wonderful things of God that He talks out in my spirit, reveals to my heart.

INTERNAL REVELATION MADE INTELLIGENT BY INTERPRETATION

But if you want to make that medium of internal revelation of God intelligent to other folks, then it must be translated into the language that they know. That is the reason the apostle said, "Let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret," that the church may receive edifying. Paul says, "In the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue." Your revelation from God is given you in tongues, but you give it forth in the language the people understand.

Beloved, settle it. It is one of the divine mediums and methods of communication between your spirit and God's. And as long as you live, when you talk about tongues, speak with reverence, for it is God. When you talk about healing, speak with reverence, for it is God. When

you talk about prophecy, remember it is God.

THE FINAL OUTPOURING

The marvelous wave of God came over the country from 1900 to 1906 when hundreds of thousands of people were baptized in the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues! But listen! John Alexander Dowie, riding on the wave of that wonderful manifestation of healing power, wanted to build a church and stamp it with healing only, and his church practically did that, and died. Other churches branded theirs with holiness only and died. Others advocated an anointing of the Holy Ghost called "baptism," and they died in power also.

Later on we wanted to build a great structure and stamp it with tongues. And after a while the tongues got dry. Somehow the glory and glow had gone out of them. They became rattly and did not sound right. What was the matter? Nothing was wrong with the experience. God had not departed from the life, but was hidden from our view. We were absorbed in the phenomena of God, not in God Himself. Now we must go on!

I can see as my spirit discerns the future and reaches out to touch the heart of mankind and the desire of God, that there is coming from heaven a new manifestation of the Holy Ghost in power, and that new manifestations will be in sweetness, in love, in tenderness, in the power of the Spirit, beyond anything your heart or mine ever saw. The very lightning of God will flash through men's souls. The sons of God will meet the sons of darkness and prevail. Jesus Christ will destroy the antichrist.

A DELUGE OF THE SPIRIT IN AFRICA

In 1908 I preached at Pretoria, South Africa, when one night God came over my life in such power, in such streams of liquid glory and power that it flowed consciously off my hands like streams of electricity. I could point my finger at a man, and that stream would strike him. When a man interrupted the meeting, I pointed my finger at him and said, "Sit down!" He fell as if struck, and lay for three hours. When he became normal, they asked him what had happened, and he said, "Something struck me that went straight through me. I thought I was shot."

At two o'clock in the morning I ministered

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There is a universal desire among believers to be a more effective witness unto Jesus and to live a more satisfying Christian life. The past two decades have been marked by a renewal of spiritual power and gifts within the Church of Jesus Christ. Thousands have testified of a Baptism in the Holy Spirit with supernatural evidences. Others seeing the wonderful results of this spiritual encounter are asking: What is this Baptism in the Spirit?

Before one can come to experience the power of God, he must have the authority of being a son by the grace of our Lord Jesus (John 1:12). The gift of the Holy Spirit as power is for believers only. If you have not had your sins forgiven and your life made anew by turning from your self-centered life and responding to Jesus as Lord, then this is an absolute necessity. You cannot go on with God unless you first start with Him. Jesus has promised "All who come to me I will never, no never cast away." John 6:37.

One great evidence that you are a child of God is that you desire to please Him in all that you do, and you desire to share the life you've discovered in Jesus with others. However, within

ourselves we do not possess this kind of power. With the new birth has come an awakening desire to accomplish the will of God in this world. His will is that all should hear of the provision of forgiveness through the shed blood and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth from the dead. The greatest thing that has ever happened in the life of a believer is the life transforming encounter he has had with Jesus. He is the greatest! We can now share Him. Jesus has said we are to be witnesses unto Him. Witnessing to Him is not a program rather it is the sharing of a historical and personal event. Thus the necessity of the word of witness. Only the spoken word can tell men that Jesus is God in human flesh and that on the cross He bore the guilt of men and that on the third day He arose again from the dead and lives today as the Supreme Lord of all. Only a word of witness quickened by the power of the Spirit can tell of the living Jesus.

In the early church the baptism in the Holy Spirit was a part of normal Christian initiation (Acts 2:38). After men repented from sin and turned in faith to Jesus, it was expected that they



What Is the Baptism in the Holy Spirit?

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be baptized in water and then receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Often this was accompanied by the laying on of hands by other spirit-filled believers (Acts 8:17). In this experience the Holy Spirit empowers those who are already members of the Body of Christ. The baptism, like salvation, is a free gift of God promised to all who will believe and accept.

Naturally one wants to know exactly what this baptism in the Holy Spirit is. It is a second encounter with God (the first is conversion) in which the believer begins to receive the supernatural power of the Spirit into his life. It is the divine equipment given by Jesus to empower believers for service (Luke 24:49). Jesus refers to it as "The Promise of the Father." Thus it is a spiritual baptism (immersion) by Jesus Himself into the personality of the Spirit in which the Lord begins to exercise His sovereign possession, control and use of the disciple in a supernatural way through the Holy Spirit. It brings us into a closer relationship with Jesus and thus we become an instrument of redemption. The baptizer in the Holy Spirit is the Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 3:11; Mark 1:8). Jesus as the ascended Lord does this work in the life of His asking child. It furnishes us with a personal evidence of the resurrection of Jesus.

HOW THEN CAN YOU RECEIVE THIS SCRIPTURAL EXPERIENCE

First, you must believe the promise is unto you (Acts 2:39) and come to the Lord Jesus in prayer desiring Him to fill you with His Spirit. Luke 11:13. This is the promise of the Father and it is His personal desire for you to experience His fullness. Believe in God's promise.

Second, ask Jesus to baptize you in the Holy Spirit. We do not have to beg Him nor become "holy enough" to receive. Remember the Holy Spirit is a gift. You cannot earn Him. He is the equipment we need for holy living and a bold witness (Acts 4:31). Jesus paid for this gift with His own precious blood and He is anxious to clothe you with His power.

Third, have a clean heart. Confess all the things you are conscious of that displease the Lord in your life. Jesus' blood cleanses us and this

removes all blocks to His power (I John 1:7,9).

Fourth, you must yield yourself to the Lord Jesus the Baptizer. The Spirit fills our vessels as they are yielded to Him. Remember the Lord will not force Himself on you. He comes to those who long for Him.

Fifth, praise the Lord. Give Him the glory and thank Him for the gift of salvation and Himself. The disciples on Pentecost were worshipping Jesus (Luke 24:53) when the Spirit came. Whenever Jesus is glorified the Spirit can be received in power (John 7:39). The Spirit glorifies Jesus and He longs to do it through our lips. Magnify the Lord!

Sixth, by faith receive the Spirit. "Whatsoever things you desire when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you shall have them." Mark 11:24. God will honor His promise as we meet His conditions and by an act of faith accept and receive the Holy Spirit in His baptismal fullness (Galatians 3:14). By a definite act of faith commit yourself to Jesus and receive His gift.

Seventh, expect the Spirit to manifest His presence. Praise flowing from within is the key mark that the Spirit has been received. The normal Scriptural evidence of the Holy Spirit baptism is that one speaks the praise of God in the language the Spirit gives. (Acts 2:4; Acts 10:46; Acts 19:6) This speaking in the power of the Spirit consummates one's experience and gives you an objective evidence of the Spirit's presence. The Lord declares "open thy mouth wide and I will fill it." Psalm 81:10. Begin to speak and the Spirit will give the words. Speak on until the joy of the Lord becomes your portion.

Jesus longs to fill each of His disciples with the Spirit. It brings glory to Him and power to the believer. Ask today and be filled with the Spirit. ●

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TONGUES AND THE "CHRONIC SEEKER"

By DON BASHAM

If I were asked to name the greatest barrier to receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues, I would be obliged to say it is a lack of understanding about the way the miraculous power of God is released in the Christian's life. The principle involved is one which, when understood and applied, puts a person in the proper position to receive what God has promised. The principle is simply this: **The power of God is released by an act of faith on man's part.**

Before we apply this principle to receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit with speaking in tongues, let us examine it in Scripture. One example is the story of the healing of the woman with the issue of blood. (Matthew 9:19-22, Luke 8:43-49) As Jesus made his way toward her, surrounded by a crowd of people, the woman said to herself, "If I touch even his garment I shall be made well." When she managed to touch him, immediately Jesus stopped and said, "Who touched me?" Peter chided him, saying, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you." But Jesus was insistent about a **particular** touch. "Someone touched me, for I perceive that power has gone forth from me," he said. And when they identified the woman, Jesus commended her saying, "Daughter, your faith has made you well,

go in peace."

Now obviously, there were other needy people pressing against Jesus? the sick, the lame, the troubled. But the one who received the miracle was the woman who touched him in faith. There was no miracle in her reaching out, and there was no power in Jesus' garment. But her seemingly irrational act, the foolish act of reaching out in **faith**, was the key to her healing. The power was there in Jesus all the time, but something was required of the woman before that power was released in her behalf. And it was the combination of what the woman did and what God did that gave her her healing. Her simple act of faith triggered the flow of God's power.

This same principle holds true when it comes to receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. I've seen the principle demonstrated repeatedly all over the United States and overseas as well. Once a person understands that he has a vital part to play receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit, it is a simple matter for him to receive. But without this understanding, and unless he is willing to act in faith, he may have great difficulty.

Many of those we've come to call "chronic seekers" receive the baptism and begin to speak in

tongues in a matter of minutes after hearing the simple teaching which makes this principle clear.

Essentially, the baptism in the Holy Spirit is comprised of two parts; first, receiving the Holy Spirit by faith, and second, manifesting the Spirit's presence through speaking in tongues. Speaking in tongues is **not** the baptism in the Holy Spirit, but is the verbal expression or overflow of it. We can put it this way: If I ask any of you, "Are you a Christian? Are you saved?" You would respond saying, "Yes, I have accepted Jesus Christ as my savior." But your words are not your salvation, they are the vocal expression of your salvation. So it is with speaking in tongues. Tongues are **not** the baptism but they are the vocal expression of that baptism.

The principle that man must play an essential part in releasing the miraculous power of God in his life applies to the baptism in the Holy Spirit especially in reference to receiving the evidence of speaking in tongues. Speaking in tongues is supernatural, it is miraculous. But like other miracles, it too is comprised of two parts; man's part and God's part. But many people have not understood this and have waited for God to do it all. They've never done their part, they've never reached out in faith, and hence, have never spoken in tongues.

Suppose the woman with the issue of blood had just stood wistfully to one side as Jesus passed and said, "Well, I sure wish the Lord Jesus would come over here and heal me." You can bet she wouldn't have received her healing. She had to reach out and press through to touch the Lord. And when she did all she could do, God did what He could do, and she was healed.

From repeated experience I find this is the problem with most "chronic seekers," and most "trunkless elephants." When it comes to speaking in tongues they have failed to reach out in faith. **They have been waiting for God to do what God was waiting for them to do.**

A few years ago I was speaking in a Pentecostal church in an Eastern city. My subject was the baptism in the Holy Spirit. At the close of the service, the minister gave an altar call for people wanting the baptism. To my surprise over twenty people responded. In those days I had assumed that most members of Pentecostal churches had long since received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. I've since learned this isn't necessarily true. Many Pentecostal or Full-Gospel churches offer little or no teaching on the baptism in the

Holy Spirit and many of their members have not had the experience.

Anyway, the minister pointed to an elderly man kneeling by the front pew. "See that man?" he said to me. "He's seeking the baptism. Would you go over and pray with him?"

So I went over and sat down on the pew where the man was kneeling and gave him just a few words of instruction about how we receive the Holy Spirit by faith and then speak in tongues in faith. Then I said, "Now we'll pray that God will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and enable you to praise Him in other tongues. After I pray I want you to open your mouth in faith and begin to praise God in tongues."

We prayed and immediately the brother opened his mouth and began to speak in tongues, tears of joy streaming down his face. I returned to the minister and said, "Well, the brother received." To my surprise the pastor began to jump up and down with excitement.

"He did? Are you sure?" And then he ran over to the brother and knelt down and listened to him praising God in tongues. Then the minister began to weep for joy.

I thought to myself, "This is an emotional bunch of Pentecostals I got mixed up with tonight." Then the pastor came back to me wiping the tears from his face with his handkerchief and explained.

"This brother's been seeking the baptism in the Holy Spirit for **twenty-seven years!**"

Do you see the point? For over a quarter of a century that devoted Christian man had been waiting for God to do what God had been waiting for him to do. Earnest, sincere man that he was, he didn't want to "fake anything." So he had never taken that step of faith.

"I don't want to open my mouth and speak — I want the Holy Spirit to speak through me!" I've heard many a chronic seeker wall himself off from the baptism in the Holy Spirit with that complaint. Let me say it again. The miracles of God are comprised of two parts; man's part and God's part. Speaking in tongues is that kind of miracle. And the miraculous part isn't the act of speaking; it's the language. **You** speak; the Holy Spirit provides "the utterance," the words, the syllables. **You** must speak the words the Holy Spirit provides. And if you don't open your mouth

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Time has allowed us to look backward to events that happened before the awakening began in Reedley, California.

**SOME SOW, SOME WATER,
BUT GOD GIVES THE INCREASE**

Within the Full Gospel Tabernacle congregation, prayer groups were organized not by the Pastor or the Church Board, but by earnest people within the congregation who felt desperately that God must touch us, especially our young people or the church would die. A prayer group met on Saturday evening, another on Tuesday, another on Thursday and many of these had been in progress for two years, others for four years. The Saturday prayer meeting had been meeting much longer.

The young people, under the guidance of Joe Peacock and his wife, Lynda, had begun cottage prayer meetings with the youth. One of the prayer captains was Melody Johnson, who would express her desires to Joe and Lynda in such a way as, "Let's have a prayer meeting party."

The tragic drug problems that involved families of our church and families of our community gave me deep concern. Prayer alone could not lift my burden.

I was impressed to conduct a special youth rally. Unless youth could hear what was a real answer to their problems, we would surely collapse as a church as far as fulfilling our purpose in our community.

With the help of friends and businessmen of the city, we leased the auditorium in Dinuba and engaged the youthful band called the Solid Rocks, a Youth for Christ group from Fresno. Together with local groups and Teen Challenge of Fresno, we launched our first rally. Over 250 attended, paying to get in. The impact of the witness of Teen Challenge was effective. A second rally was held the next month and over forty came forward making decisions for Christ. From these rallies we opened a coffee house called the Carpenter's Shop in Reedley. A Youth

Employment Center and a Teen Camp was conducted through the summer months. In September, a weekly schedule was directed by Joe and Lynda Peacock. Faithfully, the doors were kept open and many found Christ. The town of Reedley came to accept the ministry of the "Youth Rescue Mission."

In January of 1971, we were asked to promote a Gospel Rock Festival in the foothills for the Sugar Pine Camp out of Fresno. Coming to help us at this time was Pastor Jim Slentz. Together, we sought for a man to help in this one-day rally who would take not only the responsibility of master of ceremonies but who would be led of God in bringing young people to Christ. The date was set for Saturday before Easter.

We called Youth With a Mission offices in Burbank and Winkie Pratney suggested to us a Brother Tony Salerno. Brother Salerno agreed to come to us if he could bring a group of young people called the Agape Force to do a special invasion for that Easter week. Brother Pratney and Brother Salerno with some of their young people, came to visit us prior to this meeting, and they felt led to stay in our town for the week's invasion. Now, that invasion is spiritual history.

About twenty young people came. By the end of the week 150 were dealt with for salvation. Of these, many stepped out for Christ counting the total cost. Among these youths were leading atheists.

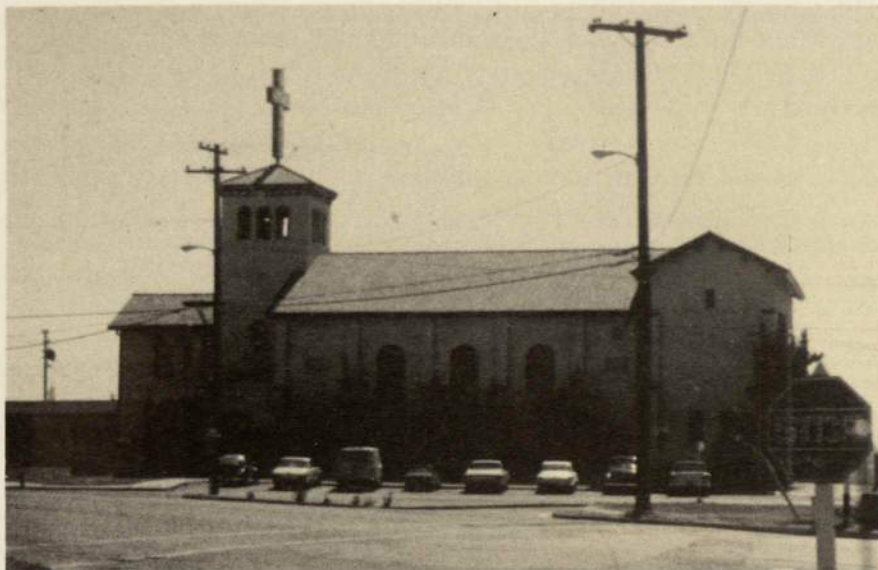
Many of the Agape Force had to return to school. The final number left behind to pick up the heavy load of ministry was about seven. Others would come in and join on the weekends. Brother Salerno was able to return sometimes three days during the week, making countless long drives from the L.A. area to Reedley, sleepless nights, as he had other obligations of ministry he had to keep. He'd return to rally forces, give directions under the direction of the Holy Spirit. The revival kept cresting higher and higher week after week.

There is no way to calculate just how many were dealt with in the prayer rooms, but sometimes as many as 500 tracts a week were used as a means of spreading the Word.

Youth groups came in from the mountain towns, coastal areas and even from the Los Angeles area. Many of these found Christ. Night after night the youth mission room was packed. Many times the doors were locked after it was filled to capacity then second services were held.

Reedley Awakened by Revival

BY REV. MEL HARREL



Full Gospel Tabernacle, Reedley, California

with adult friends to battle demon forces. At 5:00 A.M. the young man was delivered from mental possession of Satan.

THE CONSECRATION CAMP

June 14th opened our Consecration Camp which was held in the Full Gospel Tabernacle of Reedley. Our teachers were: Winkie Pratney, Tony Salerno and Dr. Phil Opperman.

The daily classes averaged about fifty with the evening classes swelling to perhaps over a hundred or more. What a beautiful sight to see youth scattered over the building each with their Bibles, notebooks and textbooks eagerly drinking in the Word of God. The messages were heart-searching and God was bringing them to a place of walking holy before Him. From junior high through college and some young professional people joining in, the Word of God was honored and the Holy Spirit flowed through the camp.

Dr. Opperman's assignment was to teach about the Holy Spirit with the wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit being the main theme. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday the youth were carefully instructed. On Thursday, Dr. Opperman gathered them in the prayer room of the Full Gospel Tabernacle, which was in the basement, but is now our "Upper Room." The young people waited on the Lord. From one of the youth who was there, he described the meeting as such, "It was silent, then there was a gentle sobbing from one, then another, then suddenly almost at once like a great breath, all began speaking in other languages . . . like on the day of the first Pentecost when like a mighty rushing wind the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit." So it happened that night.

No record was kept of how many received, but it is believed that perhaps over fifty received the Holy Spirit that evening. One of the young people expressed himself, "Wow, now I can pray to God and the devil can't hear me."

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Invitations came from churches in the area for youths, from the Carpenter's Shop to give their testimonies. The Mennonite Brethren Church of Reedley, The Colony Covenant Church near Kingsburg, the American Baptist Church, Southern Baptist Church, First Mennonite, and the Spanish Mennonite Church are some that the youth ministered to. Civic clubs, such as the Kiwanis of Reedley and Kingsburg, the Full Gospel Businessmen of Fresno, Christian Businessmen of Kingsburg and the Assemblies of God Men's Fellowship of Kingsburg. At the latter is where Barry McGuire, former Broadway singer and actor accepted Christ.

CAMPUSES CHANGED

The impact on the campuses in the Reedley area was reported by the teachers. Bible carrying students, formerly apathetic, now alive in Christ, were studying. Bible clubs were formed at Grant Junior High School, Reedley High School, Dinuba High School and Parlier High School. Teachers report of students lives so drastically changed that whole class rooms were feeling the impact of the revival. Plans by outside groups to make trouble in two high schools were revealed; one, the plan for bombings

and the other was a threat to cause trouble as to disrupt school completely. Trouble subsided on these campuses and school finished without difficulty. Many have expressed this was possible because of the spiritual awakening among the youth of Reedley.

"WE WRESTLE NOT AGAINST FLESH AND BLOOD"

The revival sweeping the area did not keep back attacks from the enemy, Satan himself. In the second week, financially it looked as if not enough money would come in to keep the doors open. In prayer, the Agape Force, the Pastors and evangelists claimed victory in Jesus' name. By the weekend, over \$900.00 had come in to meet the needs.

Threats came from a neighboring town. Young people armed with a gun were coming in to break up the meetings. Before they arrived, plans were intercepted by the local police and it was stopped. Fire bombings were threatened on the day of the big youth rally scheduled for a weekend outside the Carpenter's Shop. The bombings did not take place.

One of the young people on the original Agape team was totally brainwashed by an anti-government group. Youth were gathered together

"This means that in this final 'shaking' all that is impermanent will be removed, that is, everything that is merely 'made,' and only the unshakable things will remain."— Hebrews 12:27, J.B.P.

Everything is being shaken and tested. But there is a Divine purpose in it all, that His eternal truth may stand out more clearly, and unmistakably, when all human traditions and accretions have fallen away, unable to resist the energy of the shock. And who will bewail this too bitterly? Shall we weep because the winds strip the trees of their old dead leaves, if only the new spring verdure may be able to show itself? Who shall lament that the heavy blow shatters the mould, if only the perfect image shall stand out in complete symmetry? Who shall mourn over the passing away of the leaves and the earth, if, as they break up, they reveal beneath them the imperishable beauty of the new leaves and the new earth in which dwells Righteousness?

THEOLOGICAL SYSTEMS ARE BEING SHAKEN

There was a time when men received their

theological beliefs from their teachers, their parents, or their Church, without a word of question or controversy. There was none that moved the wing, or opened the mouth, or chirped. It is not so now; the air is filled with questionings. Men are putting into the crucible every doctrine which our forefathers held dear. There is no veneration shown for time-honoured creeds, or theological distinctions, or doctrinal formularies. The highest themes, such as the Nature of the Atonement, the Necessity of Regeneration, the Duration of Future Punishment, are being criticised in the public press.

Many children of God are very distressed about this, and fear for the truth of the Gospel. They speak as if there were no other agents in the conflict but those of moral birth. They lose sight of the eternal issues at stake, and the unseen forces which are implicated in the conflict. Is it likely that God, will allow this precious Gospel to be overshadowed or robbed of all essential elements? Has He maintained it in its integrity for these ages; and is He now suddenly become a mighty man who cannot save? When it seemed as if evangelical doctrine had died out of the world in the sixteenth century, because it lingered only amid some

A TIME OF SHAKING

By DR. F. B. MEYER

obscure and humble saints, He raised up one man, who rolled back the tides of error, and reared once more the standard of Gospel truth; and can He not do it again?

In these terrible shakings, not one jot or tittle of God's Word shall perish; not one grain of truth shall fall to the ground; not one stone in the fortress shall be dislodged. But they are permitted to come, partly to test the chaff and wheat as a winnowing fan; but chiefly that all which is temporal and transient may pass away, whilst the simple truth of God becomes more apparent, and shines forth unhidden by the scaffolding and rubbish with which the builders have obscured its symmetry and beauty. "The things which cannot be shaken shall remain."

ECCLESIASTICAL SYSTEMS ARE BEING SHAKEN

It is not enough that any religious system should exist; it is asked somewhat rudely to show cause why it should continue to exist. The spirit of the age is utilitarian, and is reluctant to consider any plea for mercy which is not based on a clear evidence of service to its pressing necessities.

Teachers of religion are challenged to show reason for assuming their office, or of claiming special prerogatives. Methods of work are being weighed in the balances; missionary plans trenchantly criticized; religious services metamorphosed. Change is threatening the most time-honoured customs; and all this is very distressing to those who have confused the essence with the form, the jewel with the casket, the spirit with the temple in which it dwells. But let us not fear. All this is being permitted for the wisest ends. There is a great deal of wood, hay, and stubble, in all our structures which needs to be burnt up; but not an ounce of gold or silver will ever be destroyed. The waves may wash off the weed which has attached itself to the harbour wall; but they will fail to start one constituent stone. The simplicity of early Church life has been undoubtedly covered over with many accretions which hinder the progress of the Church and impede her work; and we may hail any visitation, however drastic, which shall set her free. But the Church herself is founded on a rock, and the gates of hell shall never prevail against her.

Well was it for the Church of Christ, when the days of persecution lay surely on her. Never was she so pure, so spiritually powerful, as then.

And if such days should ever be allowed to return, and God were to shake her fabric with the fierce whirlwinds of martyrdom, there would be no need for anxiety. The time-servers, the mere professors, the creatures of fashion would stand revealed; but those should have experienced the work of God in their souls would endure to the end, and their true character would be manifested. "The things that cannot be shaken will remain."

OUR CHARACTERS AND LIVES ARE CONSTANTLY BEING SHAKEN

What a shake that sermon gave us, which showed that all our righteousness, on which we counted so fondly, were but withered leaves! What a shake was that commercial disaster, which swept away in one blow the savings and credit of years, that were engrossing the heart, and left us only what we had of spiritual worth! What a shake was that temptation, which showed that our fancied sinlessness was an empty dream; and that we were as sensitive to temptation as those over whom we had been vaunting ourselves.

What has been the net result of all these shakings? Has a hair of our heads perished? The old man has perished; but the inward man has been daily renewed. The more the marble has wasted, the more the statue has grown. As the wooden centres have been knocked down, the solid masonry has stood out with growing completeness. "The things which could not be shaken have remained."

"Go on, Great Spirit of God: shake with thine earthquakes even more violently, these characters of ours, that all which is not of Thee, but of us, and therefore false and selfish, may be revealed and overthrown, so that we may learn our true possessions. And as we see them saved to us from the general wreck, we shall know that, having been given us by Thyself, they must partake of thine own permanence and eternity. Let us learn the worst of ourselves, that we may learn to prize Thy best."

THERE ARE A FEW THINGS WHICH CANNOT BE SHAKEN

GOD'S WORD

Heaven and earth may pass away; but God's Word — never! All flesh is grass, and all the
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Grape Juice

Steve walked along the street humming a merry tune to himself. He was on his way to his weekly Scout meeting, but his mind was on the beauties of nature that were beginning to show forth the coming of spring. He was enjoying the feel of the spring breeze that tossed the gray moss, hanging from the trees, up in a playful gesture.

He stepped around a mud puddle as he headed into a wooded section that separated his subdivision from the area where his scout master lived. The trail through the woods was only two blocks long, but this was the place to really enjoy the beauties of spring.

Steve's excitement over the beauties of the woods was dashed to pieces as he looked up to see Percy Wallerman approaching him on the trail. Percy was the school bully and had taken a strong dislike to Steve when Steve had told the truth about an incident that caused Percy to get punished by the school principal. Percy had told Steve he was going to mess him up good when he got a chance.

Fear gripped Steve's heart as he saw the evil grin spread over Percy's face. "Well, what a nice thing to happen to me! I've waited a long time for this opportunity." Percy gloated as he rubbed his

When Steve was Afraid

by Anna Lee Carlton



For Children

hands together in a threatening way.

Steve knew that Percy was able to do what he had promised as far as size and strength was concerned. Instantly into Steve's mind popped a Bible verse that he had recently memorized, "When I am afraid I will trust in Thee." Then he remembered Daniel in the lion's den and another verse that said angels would stay around those that feared the Lord.

As the distance between the boys lessened Steve silently said, "Lord, I am terribly afraid, but I trust you to send me help."

Percy stopped and surveyed Steve with

such bravado and assurance. "Man, I can hardly wait to mess you up."

Steve stood up straight and looked Percy in the eye. "I'm afraid you'll have a pretty hard time of it. You will have to fight angels, too."

Percy threw back his head and roared with laughter. "Now that is the best joke I've heard yet. Maybe you think you are an angel, huh?" He stepped forward quickly and grabbed Steve by his wrist but Steve was able to get free and side stepped the big boy's lunge at him. All of a sudden Steve felt a new strength and fear left him. Percy whirled around to grab Steve once more, and as he did, he fell flat on his face with a loud thud.

This was all Steve needed to get away. His feet flew down the trail until he came out at the houses near the scout master's home.

Steve didn't say a word to anyone about his encounter while at the scout meeting and he took the longer way home which was on busy streets.

At home he told his Dad about the incident. Dad asked, "What do you think made Percy fall like that? Is he that clumsy?"

Steve said, "Dad, I think the Lord sent an angel to push him down so I could get away."

Dad nodded, "It could be. Whether an angel or not God certainly answered your prayers."

The next day Steve noticed that Percy avoided him and he saw a big bruise mark on his face.

Herbie, a guy in Percy's class, told Steve he overheard Percy telling some of his friends to 'stay clear of Steve because he knows magic'.

Herbie quizzed Steve. "What does he mean? Do you really know magic?"

Steve shook his head. "No! But I know God."



AN OPEN LETTER TO AMERICA

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spiritually and consequently all are dead spiritually until they are “born again” by the re-generation of God’s Spirit in Christ Jesus. Now the cause of everything evil in the world – sins of all kinds, sickness, disease, sorrow, pain, hatred, injustices, cruelties, prejudices – the whole “evil bit” is a result of that unregenerated, Satan-owned, spiritually dead and separated-from-God state that every person is born in and stays in until he is “born again” by receiving God’s provision, His own Son, Jesus, and believing on Him. Romans 5 and 6 is such a beautiful exposition of this great and basic truth. The evil nature, the Satan owned spirit of man results in all of the evil of the world – even good moral people have this evil nature within them unless they are “born again” and sooner or later it will assert itself in one way or another.

We can institute social reforms, we can get on our soap box and preach what “you ought not to do” and “what you ought to do” – we knock ourselves out doing and going and telling and marching and protesting and this is all like lopping branches off a tree – the tree is still there and some more branches will grow back. (This is like preachers preaching that you shouldn’t smoke, drink, commit adultery, etc, etc. – it’s true that we shouldn’t do these things but it has to go deeper than this.) Well, maybe we do go a bit further and say, “you shouldn’t want to do these bad things” – we jump on our soap box and we preach “you’ve got to love – you just must make yourself not be prejudiced” or “you know you should be more concerned about man’s inhumanity to man” etc, etc. – this is going a little further down and chopping at the trunk of the tree. (This is like preachers preaching that you shouldn’t even want to smoke, drink, commit adultery, etc, etc. – this is true, too, but it still has not gotten to the crux of the matter).

NOW – when we introduce people to the Gospel and tell them that Jesus not only died to take away their sins, but He arose to take away the SIN (separation from God) and to give us a new nature which is the very nature of Jesus and God Himself – this nature is LOVE – it is Jesus living in and through us, then we are getting at the root of the tree. When John the Baptist preached the Advent of Jesus he said: “The axe is laid at the root of the trees” Matthew 3:10. Jesus has come to change the nature of men. “Therefore if any

person is ingrafted in Christ, the Messiah, he is a new creature altogether, a new creation; the old previous moral and spiritual condition has passed away! Behold, the fresh and new has come!!” 2 Corinthians 5:17, Amplified. After all, when a man’s heart is full of Jesus and His love, there is no room in it for hatred or prejudice or cruelty or anything but LOVE, for Jesus is God and God is love! 1 John 4:8.

America’s number one problem is heart trouble, medically speaking. I want to say that America’s number one problem is “heart trouble”, period! God’s Word says: “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?” Jeremiah 17:9. You say, “Not me – my heart is not deceitful and wicked,” but God says yes, it is – as a descendent of Adam the first man, the heart is wicked because sin came into the world through that one man, Adam, and spread to all men (Romans 5:12) and God says “All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.” Romans 3:23. Oh, yes, whoever you are and wherever you may be, your heart, out of which originates all the issues of life, is wicked and sinful unless and until you have accepted God’s remedy for your “heart trouble.” What is God’s remedy? He tells us in His Word: “A new heart also will I give you and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.” Ezekiel 36:26.

A very learned man among the Jews came to Jesus once with questions in his mind regarding this matter and this was Jesus’ reply to him: “I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, that unless a person is born again (anew, from above), he cannot ever see—know, be acquainted with and experience the Kingdom of God. I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, except a man be born of water and even the Spirit, he cannot ever enter the Kingdom of God.” John 3:3,5, Amplified. Jesus was telling this man and us that we all need a new heart and it can only come from God above – “Marvel not – do not be surprised, astonished at My telling you, you must all be born anew from above.” John 3:7, Amplified.

To get back to America’s problems now – remember Proverbs 14:34: “Righteousness – uprightness and right standing with God, moral and spiritual rectitude in every area and relation, these elevate a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.” Amplified. And out of the deceitful and wicked hearts of men comes sin

manifesting itself in various ways about which Jesus said: "For out of the heart come evil thoughts (reasonings and disputings and designs) such as murder, adultery, sexual vice, theft, false witnessing, slander and irreverent speech." Matthew 15:19, Amplified. A very wise man named Solomon said out of the heart come the issues of life (Proverbs 4:23) and the wisest man who ever lived, Jesus Christ, said: "Out of the abundance (overflow) of the heart the mouth speaks." Luke 6:45. So it should be very clear to all by now that all the problems, perplexities, distresses and reproaches America is experiencing today are due to SIN and originate in the hearts of men.

Many well-meaning people, realizing America has problems which are dragging her down in every way, are today doing what they feel will help to alleviate this perplexity. The political attack on the problem is to legislate, pass laws and make people be good. The social attack on the problem is to appeal to the "better side of man" and make him want to be good. The "religious" attack (and by "religious" I mean those who claim to be doing God's work but not doing it according to God's Word, nor do they have God's power with and behind them. "For although they hold a form of piety, true religion, they deny and reject and are strangers to the power of it — their conduct belies the genuineness of their profession." 2 Timothy 3:5, Amplified, and by the way the rest of that verse says "Avoid all such people — turn away from them!") is a combination of the political and the social attack with some pious platitudes thrown in which make it sound like God is too good to bring judgment on anyone.

The only answer, and it is the basic answer because all of the issues of life, good or bad, spring originally from this source, is the regeneration and change in the hearts of men. This is the spiritual solution, the real solution, and when the hearts of men are right with God, the issues or problems of life will be taken care of by God Himself. Jesus promised this when He said: "But seek for, aim at and strive after first of all His Kingdom, and His righteousness, His way of doing and being right, and then all these things (answers to life's problems) will be given you besides." Matthew 6:33, Amplified. Remember, Jesus also said: "Except a man be born again (get a new heart from God) he cannot see the Kingdom of God." John 3:3.

Oh, America! Won't you quit trying to pull

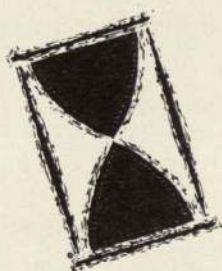
yourself up out of the quicksand of turmoil by your own boot-straps and get in a position for God to bless you with the answers and solutions to your problems? Here is the position from the mouth of God Himself: "If My people who are called by My Name shall humble themselves, pray, seek, crave and require of necessity My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from Heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14, Amplified. The Bible says: "All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the spirits — the thoughts and intents of the heart." Proverbs 16:2, Amplified. America is called by God's Name, we are known as a Christian nation, but America has "heart trouble" and must humble herself before Almighty God, seek His face and His ways and accept His Son, Jesus Christ if this lovely land is ever to be healed of the sicknesses she is suffering from today. Someone has said: "Yes, but what's the use — civilization is a goner anyway." It is true that Jesus said that before He comes to earth again we will hear of wars and rumors of wars, nation against nation, kingdom against kingdom, famines and earthquakes (Matthew 24:6,7) and perilous times are foretold (2 Timothy 3) but this should be all the more reason for those of us who know this to find safety in God — "The Name of the Lord is a strong tower: the consistently righteous man — upright and in right standing with God — runs into it and is safe, high above evil, and strong." Proverbs 18:10, Amplified. Yes, civilization may be a "goner" — the boat may sink — but thank God the passengers can be rescued if they won't reject the Rescuer!

Yes, God will bless America again when America humbles herself before Him. Jesus said: "Sky and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away." Matthew 24:35, Amplified. . . . "the Word of the Lord (divine instruction, the Gospel) endures forever." I Peter 1:25, Amplified. Hear His Word today: "If My people who are called by My Name shall humble themselves, pray, seek, crave and require of necessity My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from Heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land." II Chronicles 7:14, Amplified.

HEAR, AMERICA — HE'S TALKING TO YOU!!! ●

Jean C. Wood
February 27, 1970

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9:00 to 10:30		ARTHUR WALLIS						DEREK PRINCE
10:45 to 12:15	REGISTRATION	E. JUDSON CORNWALL						LORD'S SUPPER
2:00 to 3:30		WENDELL WALLACE			DEREK PRINCE			BAPTISM
3:45 to 5:15		COUNSELING AND RECREATION						
7:30 to 8:15		SINGING AND WORSHIP						
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CONFERENCE SPEAKERS...

DEREK PRINCE was educated in Britain as a scholar of Greek and Latin at Eton College and at King's College, Cambridge. From 1940 to 1949, he had a Fellowship (equivalent to a resident professorship) in Ancient and Modern Philosophy at Cambridge University. He has also studied Hebrew and Aramaic, both at Cambridge University and at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. In addition, he speaks a number of other modern languages.

Converted from philosophy to Christianity while serving as a soldier in World War II, Derek Prince has since devoted his life to the study and exposition of the Bible. He has served at various times as a minister, educator and missionary in five continents: Europe, Asia, Africa, North America and Australia.



E. JUDSON CORNWALL is actively engaged as pastor, teacher, conference and camp meeting speaker, missionary teacher and teaching evangelist. For the past five years he has averaged preaching once a day.

The Santa Clara Assembly in Eugene, Oregon where he has pastored since 1959 has developed into a well rounded "body ministry" among the saints. The congregation has 20 or more denominations worshiping together giving it a most distinctive hue. Perhaps because of this unusual "ecumenical" congregation, God has opened many doors of ministry among the "historic churches" to Pastor Cornwall. He has also ministered widely among believers of many faiths who are just experiencing the glorious outpouring of the Spirit.

Pastor Cornwall is an enthusiastic teacher whose main theme is "Relationship to Christ."

ARTHUR WALLIS is the younger son of the late Captain Reginald Wallis, who was well known as a speaker and writer on both sides of the Atlantic, prior to the second World War.

Arthur was born in Dublin in 1922, where his father was at that time General Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. After the family returned to England, he was educated at Monkton Coombe School near Bath. His father's sudden death in 1940 precipitated a spiritual crisis, and he heard the call of God to full time service, though this was not to be fulfilled until after the war.

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DR. LAKE'S MESSAGE

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to sixty-five sick who were present, and the streams of God that were pouring through my hands were so powerful, the people would fall as if they were hit. I was troubled when they fell with such violence. And the Spirit said, "You do not need to put your hands on them. Keep your hands a distance away." And when I held my hands a foot from their heads, they would crumple and fall in a heap on the floor. They were healed almost every one.

That was the outward manifestation. That was what the people saw. But beloved, something transpired in my heart that made my soul like the soul of Jesus Christ. Oh, there was a tenderness, a newborn tenderness of God that was so wonderful that my heart reached out and cried and wept over men in sin. I would gather them in my arms and love them, and Jesus Christ flowed out of me and delivered them.

During that period men would walk down the aisle, and when they came within ten feet of me, I have seen them fall prostrate, one on top of another. A preacher who had sinned, as he looked at me fell prostrate, was saved, baptized in the Holy Ghost, and stirred the nation with his message of love.

In eighteen months God raised up one hundred churches in the land. Those hundred churches were born in my tabernacle at Johannesburg. The multitude of those who composed these hundred churches were healed or baptized in the Holy Ghost under my own eyes as I preached or prayed.

I continued in the ministry of healing until I saw hundreds of thousands healed. All the time my heart kept saying, "Oh God, let me know you better. I want you; my heart wants you too, God." There was a cry in my soul for a greater consciousness of God, a yearning for Christ's own life and love.

THE GREATER MANIFESTATION

So beloved, you pray through. Pray through for your church, pray through for your work. Oh, God will come! God will come with power greater than your eyes ever beheld. God will come with waves of heavenly love and sweetness and blessed be God, your heart will be satisfied with Him.

How are you going to get Him? Oh, I

would abandon my soul. I would abandon my soul to God. Oh, I would discard the selfishness of the world. When a man enters into Jesus Christ, he enters into life anew.

The greatest manifestation of the Holy Ghost baptized life ever given to the world was not in the preaching of the apostles; it was not in the wonderful manifestations of God that took place at their hands. It was in the unselfishness manifested by the church. Think of it! Three thousand Holy Ghost baptized Christians in Jerusalem from the day of Pentecost onward who loved their neighbors' children as much as their own, who were so anxious for fear their brethren did not have enough to eat, that they sold their estates, brought the money, laid it at the apostles' feet and said, "Distribute it. Carry the glow and the fire and the wonder of this divine salvation to the whole world." That showed what God had wrought in their hearts. Oh, I wish we could arrive at that place, where this church were baptized to that degree of unselfishness.

That would be a greater manifestation than healing, greater than conversion, greater than baptism in the Holy Ghost, greater than tongues. It would be a manifestation of the love of I Corinthians 13 that so many preach about and do not possess. When a man sells his all for God and distributes it for the kingdom's good, it will speak louder of love than the evangelists who harp about love and oppose tongues and the other gifts of the Spirit.

That was the same Holy Ghost that came upon the disciples and caused them to speak in tongues. No more grabbing for themselves. No more bantering for the biggest possible salary, no more juggling to put themselves and their friends in the most influential positions. All the old characteristics were gone. They were truly saved. Why their hearts were like the heart of Jesus; their soul was like the soul of God. They loved as God loved; they loved the world; they loved sinners so that they gave their all to save them.

Do you want Him? You can have Him. Oh, He will come and fill your soul. Oh, the Holy Ghost will take possession of your life. He will reveal the wonder of heaven, the glory of God, the richness and purity of His holiness and make you sweet and God-like forever. ●

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TONGUES AND THE "CHRONIC SEEKER"

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and begin to speak, there will be no speaking in tongues. Let me give you one more illustration and then we'll be ready for the actual instructions for those seeking the baptism.

A minister friend of mine was present when this incident took place and related it to me. The pastor of a small denominational church had been seeking the baptism in the Holy Spirit for several years without success. He was one of those "chronic seekers" we've been talking about, an earnest Christian brother who didn't want to "fake anything." Although he had been prayed over by many people many times, he still had not received. Nationally-known evangelists had prayed for him, every charismatic speaker and evangelist who came to town had laid hands on him and prayed but with no results. Yet the man was determined; he kept seeking.

One night in a small church, following a revival service, ministry was offered for those seeking the baptism in the Holy Spirit. My friend was present and saw this earnest pastor make his way to the front of the church. Reaching the altar he flung himself down on the floor and began to pray. No one went to minister to him personally because it never did any good. All his friends had worn themselves out praying with him.

But after a few minutes everyone was amazed to hear him begin to pray aloud in tongues; in a beautiful clear language. All the people around began to rejoice that the brother had finally received his heart's desire, and listened gratefully as he continued to speak in tongues.

Then, to their surprise, the minister pushed himself up from the floor and said, "I don't want you people to get the wrong impression; I still don't have the baptism in the Holy Spirit. I'm not speaking in tongues, I'm just making up funny noises. I finally got so tired of waiting for the Holy Spirit to speak through me that I just decided to open my mouth and begin to babble out sounds. But that's not the Holy Spirit, that's me! I hate to disappoint all of you, but I still don't have the baptism in the Holy Spirit."

Then it was the minister's turn to be surprised, for there were three young Chinese college students sitting on the front pew of the church. They had been viewing the whole of the proceedings. One of them answered the minister.

"Brother, we hate to disappoint you, but

you've been praising God in perfect Chinese for the last three minutes and we have understood every word you said!"

See the point? Because of a lack of understanding about his part in the miracle of speaking in tongues, the minister had not only robbed himself of the experience for years, but when it finally happened, refused to accept it. All God had been wanting was for the man to step out in faith; to open his mouth and begin to praise God with the sound of his voice so the Holy Spirit could furnish him a new language of praise. This is exactly what happened on the day of Pentecost. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. —Acts 2:4

Time and again I've had people read that scripture aloud. Then I would ask them, "Who began to speak in tongues?" And they usually reply, "The Holy Spirit began to speak." But they are wrong. The Holy Spirit did **not** speak. The 120 spoke. "They were filled . . . and began to speak . . . as the Spirit gave them utterance" (furnished the words.)

The Holy Spirit doesn't speak in tongues, **you** speak. And it is the combination of **your** speaking the words and syllables furnished by the Holy Spirit that makes up the miracle of speaking in tongues.

And that is exactly what finally happened to our "chronic seeker," the earnest devoted minister we've been talking about. When he finally became desperate enough to open his mouth and begin to praise God with what he thought were meaningless sounds, that's all the help the Holy Spirit needed. He began to pour the Chinese language through the man's lips. ●

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REEDLEY REVIVAL

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COMMISSIONED OF GOD

Friday, the last night of camp, the young people at the climax of the service were called forward. The very presence of God rested heavily upon the evening service. The youth were called to stand where the hands of the ministers could be laid upon them as each life was dedicated to His service. Some were to leave for full time service for the summer, others were to stay at home, support and press the home front forward for Christ.

The Spirit of God, through His gifts, was made manifest confirming His Word that had been planted in the hearts of the youth. The congregation itself was moved deeply by the presence of the Lord.

The entire body of youth then moved to the Chapel where a communion service was held. Two large loaves of bread and one large common cup was used. The story of the first communion was told, the bread was broken and passed from one to the other, then the cup was passed.

Through the gift of prophecy, God spoke again to the entire body. God Himself, through His Word and the wonderful Holy Spirit, touched, anointed and commissioned the youth to go into all the world preaching the Gospel. First at home, then our beloved land and then the whole world.

HOMES ARE CHANGED

Parents, whose homes were battle grounds, now express how the love of God, through the lives of these youth, have brought not only harmony in the home, but the communication gap has been bridged. The trend of our times is children to hate parents and rebel against any adult authority. What a wonderful answer Christ becomes to these nation-destroying problems.

THE WATER BAPTISMAL SERVICE

Sunday afternoon, June 20, 1971, around two hundred people gathered at the Kings River near

Reedley to watch a baptismal service.

Fifty-three candidates for water baptism gathered for instruction prior to the main service of the afternoon. What a beautiful sight to see the faces of so many youths beaming with happiness. Just a few weeks before many were trapped in drugs, some hopelessly entwined in rebellion against everything and everyone. Others were haunted with restlessness, being driven endlessly with a search to find the answers to problems in their lives and problems about them. Now, they were at peace with themselves, with the peace of God reigning within.

Barry McGuire, former Broadway performer and recording artist, sang at the opening of the afternoon service. He began with such meaningful words, "You know, this is Father's Day," and he looked up to the blue sky overhead, then looked over to the quietly flowing waters of the river, "And this," he said, "Is the Kings River, how fitting." Barry then sang:

"Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of the world
Will go strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace."

Many hearts were touched and tears streamed down the cheeks of many. This burly, large young man, fully bearded with a full shock of hair to his shoulders, once trapped in the quagmire of sin just a few weeks ago, now was totally free of the past and clean from sin by "His precious blood," and singing of the beautiful Saviour.

After sharing with them the Word of God, Pastor Slentz, my associate minister, and I waded into a very cold Kings River and called for our first candidate. Each giving their testimony of praise for his salvation; fifty-three were baptized.

The crowd dispersed and almost all had gone home when a young lady, Vicki, as we know her, came dashing across the park and stood breathlessly before me and tears in her eyes said, "I'm too late." "It took me all this time to talk my folks into letting me be baptized." I said, "Surely, it is not too late." We walked into the water and baptized this precious girl and this

was the fifty-fourth.

RESTITUTION

The Holy Spirit began to speak to many about making restitution. Several youths went to the local Police and apologized for pushing and using drugs. Athletes, Doug and Morris Buller and John Blanchard, confessed publicly, before their coaches in a Kiwanis meeting to drinking and using marijuana during the season they were on the school's athletic teams. They asked these men and the people of the town to forgive them and told how Christ had come into their lives.

Other young people went to businesses in town and asked forgiveness for taking clothes, shoes and records. The people of the town were deeply moved at the courage and conviction of these youths whose lives had been totally changed.

CAMPS

The Reedley Youth Ranch conducted a Junior camp at Huntington Lake. (The Reedley Youth Ranch is an outreach for youth launched as a preventive program). About twenty of the teens from the Carpenter Shop, came to counsel. Eighty-four were in camp and quite a large number of these junior children were not Christians. By Wednesday all had accepted Christ but one and many received the infilling of the Holy Spirit. The presence of the Lord moved continually on the mountain top. Campers from North Shore joined in the evening services which were conducted by the McCRARY FIVE and several of the guests accepted Christ.

This is not the end of the AWAKENING, it is only the beginning. ●

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And thy saints shall bless thee.

A TIME OF SHAKING

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glory, of man, his opinions, his pretensions, his pomp, and pride, as the flower of grass, beautiful, but evanescent; but the Word of the Lord shall stand for ever, and this is the Word which by the Gospel is being preached. Let us not fear modern criticism, it cannot rob us of one jot or tittle of God's truth. Scripture will shake it off — as the Apostle did the viper which fastened on his hand, and felt no hurt.

GOD'S LOVE

Our friends' love may be shaken by a rumour, a moment's neglect, a change in our estate; but God's love is, like Himself, immutable. No storm can reach high enough to touch the empyrean of his love. He never began to love us for anything in ourselves, nor will He cease to love us because of what He discovers us to be. The love of God, which is in Jesus Christ our Lord, is unassailable by change or shock.

GOD'S ETERNAL KINGDOM

"We receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken." Amid all our revolutions and political changes that Kingdom is coming. It is assuming body, and shape, and power. It is now in mystery, but it shall soon be revealed. And it cannot be touched by any sudden attack or revolt of human passion. "The God of heaven shall set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed."

Let us count up our inalienable and imperishable treasures; and though around us there is the terror of the darkness, or the pestilence of the noontide, we shall be kept in perfect peace. This world of change and earthquake is not our rest or home. These await us where God lives, in the city which hath foundations, and in the land where the storm rages not, but the sea of glass lies peacefully at the foot of the throne of God. We may well brace ourselves to fortitude and patience, to reverence and godly fear; since we have that in ourselves and yonder which partakes of the nature of God, and neither thieving time can steal it, nor moth corrupt, nor change affect. ●

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PRAYER

to the Holy Ghost

My Pontifex Maximus, Holy Ghost,
Shore yet my bridge across
this Tiber, time.
Eternal Rome's a lie,
its wasting clime
Has seven-hilled the least esteemed
as most.

Of many earthy strangers can she
boast;
Arch me to them, prevent
the selfish crime of isolation,
then, by love, sublime
or jarring parts:
Make them and me your host.

Then show that unseen City here and there;
Make clear her twelve
foundation stones, for all
In Rome is cracked and sinks;
her endless days,

By Him who is her light,
shine everywhere
Against this night.
Then in salvation's wall
Make us her gates of everlasting praise.

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God Is Building a House

In God's Word we see how God has built in the past. This will help us to know how He is building at the present.

In the Old Testament, Noah built an Ark according to God's plan for the deliverance of the "preacher of righteousness" and his family. Moses built the Tabernacle according to God's specifications so that Jehovah could dwell in the midst of His people. Later, in Canaan Land, Solomon built the Temple to manifest the glory of God.

These buildings of God were temporal, "a shadow of things to come." Only through Jesus do "we have a building of God, and house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." 2 Corinthians 5:1.

THE PLAN

To build for God, we must first receive the revelation of God's specifications for His Building. The masterbuilders for God in the Old Testament did not begin to build until the Word of the Lord came unto them. Noah and Moses waited upon the Lord. Moving to build without guidance from the Holy Spirit would have been presumptuous. The results would have been devastating. The ambitions and imaginations of Noah and Moses had to be laid aside. They must build according to God's Blueprint. They were to obey it in every design, dimension, and detail.

In building Solomon's Temple, no workman knew the total plan or design, but he did his part to the smallest detail. The details in family roles may seem insignificant and of a small matter in the overall building program of the Church. The man must be a good husband and father; the woman must be a good wife and mother; and the children must be obedient to their parents "in all things." These are important and essential details in God's Royal Blueprint. The building of a Christian home and church is not complete until we are obedient to every detail of instruction as given in God's Word. "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it." Psalm 127:1.

We must find out the area which the Builder has called and qualified each one of us to do and do our best to please Him Who has called.

THE FOUNDATION

The support of every building is the foundation. Here is where the building begins. The foundation of the order of church life begins in the home. Christ is Lord of the home. If it doesn't work at home, it won't work in the Church.

For years now we have been a nation of builders, but today few have been successful in building a home. Most American homes have every material convenience that money can buy, but the LORDSHIP of Christ is being left out. The house whose

members manifest the Word of God in their lives is a home where the very presence of Christ can be felt. Its foundation rests on loyal husbands, submissive wives, and obedient children.

Teaching in this area is challenging and sometimes perplexing but very rewarding in building for God.

From Ephesians 5:17 through 6:4, the center scripture is 5:27. "That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." To use this text for a sermon and not mention family order as the divine will of God for the restoration of His Church would be taking the scripture completely out of context.

What difference is there in the life of a Christian home and those about us? Peace and joy in our own homes can bring peace and joy to those who live about us. Only Christ can replace the crisis that now exists in the American home.

The foundation of the ministries of the Christian Church begins with the apostles and prophets. Notice Ephesians 2:20. "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone." In another epistle, Paul writes that the foundation of God's Building is Jesus Christ, 1 Corinthians 3:9-11. Now we must harmonize both scriptures. Ephesians 2:20-22 tells that every ministry in the building "fitly framed together"

proceeds from the "Chief Cornerstone."

When Christ "ascended upon high, he led captivity captive, and gave (ministerial) gifts unto men . . . And he (Christ) gave (to the Church) come apostles, some prophets . . ." Ephesians 4:8-11. These ministers "are not their own." They have been given unto the church "for the perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry . . ." Ephesians 4:12.

The local church does not belong to these foundational ministries. The ministries belong to the Church, 1 Corinthians 3:21-23. It is Christ, the Apostle, and Christ, the Prophet working in them and through them. "Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily" Colossians 1:29. Praise the Lord for the TREASURE of these ministries as we see there distribution in earthen vessels 2 Corinthians 4:7.

THE MATERIAL

Through church tradition all great ministries and saints of God are in the past and all the great blessings and rewards are somewhere in the heavenly future. This would not give God any material to build His Church at the present.

Today's Church needs the material for building that the prophet of God has to deliver. "He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward." Matthew 10:41. Receiving a prophet means receiving his message. In receiving God's prophet, you are rewarded with the same truth that God has given directly to His prophet. It is the revealing truth of God that is needed to set men free. "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32.

The building assignments undertaken for God were never easy. Perhaps Noah was 120 years in building the Ark with gopher wood. Moses and Solomon had hundreds of men working on the selection and preparation of materials for building the House of God.

In building the Temple, costly

hewed stones were joined together with other hewed stones "within and without" in silence. 1 Kings 6:7; 7:9-12. This indicates that much of the work done in shaping the stones was produced in the quarry with painstaking precision.

The work in the erection of God's Holy Temple will be silent to the ears of this religious world. From within and without God is changing each individual, family, and congregation from "glory to glory." From within, we can feel the upsurging of His resurrection power. From without, our spiritual eyes can behold "the working of His mighty power" in others.

Our bodies are "the temple of the Holy Ghost," and to each individual "lively stone," God says: "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do his good pleasure." Philippians 2:12b, 13.

The Lord also has a message for each home builder and their individual role. "And whatsoever (this especially includes the five preceeding verses on family order) ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men." Colossians 3:23.

Each individual also has a role in the building of the local congregation of believers. Each of us is a functional part of the Body of saints that assemble themselves together to exhort one another. Hebrews 10:25. We must remind ourselves that it is God who hath "set the members everyone of them in the body as it hath pleased Him." 1 Corinthians 12:18.

As in building Solomon's Temple, God's spiritual house will rise from the foundation with His planned accuracy with the hewed stones from His quarries "jointly framed together" with His cedar beams shaped from His forest of Lebanon.

After God confused their language, the builders at Babel could not communicate with one another. This broke down the unity that was needed to continue the work.

In building for God we are dependent upon one another. We must recognize and welcome the diversity of

gifts. Let us not despise our own "one talent," and at the same time, envy the workman with five. It is God who gives "to every man according to his several ability." Matthew 25:15.

Remember, it is the Lord that assembles His material together. "And God has set some in the church." 1 Corinthians 12:28. First, one kind of ministry, then another, until the variety of functions blend and harmonize into the one Body lifting the HEAD in so many different ways for the glory of God.

MONUMENTAL VISION

The task is tremendous and the opposition is great, but "where there is no vision, the people perish." Proverbs 29:18. Faith, wisdom, courage, and perseverance will be needed to fulfill the vision.

All the work done by the builders and workmen of the Old Testament was diligently pursued unto an appointed end. We are in the endtime. The endtime is a short time. The same generation that sees the restoration of God's natural people, the Jews, also will see the restoration of God's spiritual people, the Church. Luke 21:28-32; Acts 3:21.

Notice Romans 9:27,28. "Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved. For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth." After the material is ready, it doesn't take the Lord of the Building long to put it together.

"Be not deceived, God is not mocked." When God builds, He is able to finish. Luke 14:29,30. Jesus said: "I (Jesus) will build MY church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matthew 16:18. God is building a House and the glory of the Lord will be manifested through it.

There is a world order unfolding. It is the anti-thesis to God's divine order for the restoration of His Church. We will either be drawn into one fold or the other. May we pay the price of accepting God's choice this day. ●



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Tribute to the Holy Spirit

By **GEORGE KATZ**

Time itself is said eternal without an end or start,
Yet you came from beyond its limits;
Before the universe, you were a part.
You were one of them, a part of all,
A third member of the heavenly Godhead,
The Father, the Son and Thee Holy Ghost.
Throughout the ages you have been known
In great deeds of wonder and majesty and power,
From the time of Adam to the Roman Empire.
Moses, Elijah, the prophets of old; as all
Men of God were led by your hand,
To tell of the Son and his Promised Land.
For this purpose, oh Holy dove, doest thou fly,
From pole to pole ever ringing clear,
"Jesus is Saviour," for all to hear.

Timeless teacher, telling men of all ages
Of the truth, the knowledge of God's precious Son,
Fulfilling the words, "It is done."
Thou, oh convictor of man's mortal soul,
Hast told the multitudes, hast brought their hearts
To saving grace, to be members of the Holy Race.
Blessed Spirit, the winged sweeper of time's vastness,
Come to us from the heavens above,
To give us the power of God's holy love.
Sweep upon us the winds of righteousness,
Never ending, always going on and growing,
Planting seeds and then sowing.
Reap a harvest from the earth,
Rich and full with the ripeness of the Son,
And make us all brothers, in the Spirit just one.

Trier, Reprover, Purger, Remaker,
Everlasting Worker of the molds of Men's souls,
Changing and building, from a weed to a rose.
Try my heart, its thoughts ideas and emotions,
Bring into the Father's light the intents of within,
My deepest secrets, my chambers of sin.
Reprove me, dear spirit, from the words of the Lord,
Impress on my being thy truths and ways,
That I might be more than saved.
Purge me, Spirit, burn with the seering heat of holiness

The ugliness and filthiness of my life,
Destroying the wrong and bringing the right.
Remaker, Redoer, take the old man away,
Replace him with the loving Son, with Thee,
Let your precious fruits be seen in me.

Oh winged Spirit of endless time,
Give to us in our final hour,
As at Pentecost, your holy power.
Fly through all of earth's kindgom,
Proclaiming the hidden truth of the past,
Give us the strength to work to the last.
Rekindle the fire which time has put out,
And melt the hardness of men's hearts,
That all in you may become a part.
Build us into a wall, brick upon brick,
Held together with mortar of love, from God sown,
With Jesus Christ as the corner stone.
Teach each Christian his part and place,
And empower him with weapons from on high,
To fulfill his work and then humbly die.

Oh Holy Spirit, my cry is to thee,
Destroy the weak, the useless, the evil of our day,
And reveal to us, a more perfect way.
Let the mask of hypocrisy flee from the Church,
Changing the luke warm into boiling hot,
And let it start here, in this very spot.
Let me be filled with your holy love,
Power and knowledge and fruits from above;
Give me the wisdom to do the Father's will,
Teach me and guide me into realms of high,
Working for God until I die.

My cry is for this, oh winged dove,
That all Christians might receive the love,
The love of Jesus which breaks all walls and fears,
Give it to us all, quickly, for the end is near.
Oh winged Spirit, oh holy dove,
Give us your power, give us your love.

—George Katz
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