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Editorial.

*" Thou, O Lord, shalt endure for ever Thou art the same,
and Thy years shall have no end "* PSALM CII 12,27.

O how gloriously great is our wonderful God ! Let us not fail to begin the year with adoration, not a mere outburst of jubilant praise, but a deep and silent heart-worship as we realize something of His infinite majesty. " Thou art the same ! " What a rest it brings to the soul ! It is like the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. Which of us is not conscious in some measure of the ever changing nature of everything around, and even we ourselves—we are changing, and the milestones along the road of time tell us that we are journeying on—ever on, and within only a few short years we will be gazing upon the city which hath foundations we shall have reached the goal

Change ! We do not care for the sound of the word though we are forced to recognise it, and no more did the Psalmist, only he discovered the silver-lining behind the cloud, he found a new view-point and that made all the difference. Look for one moment at this dear old Psalm, and we will follow the writer in thought. Watch him as he directs his prayer to the Throne and pours out his complaint to the God of his fathers. He need scarcely tell us he is " in trouble," for as he continues his prayer we can soon see that he seems almost overwhelmed. Then at last he reaches a climax, " My days are like a shadow that declineth and I am withered like grass," he exclaims, and then with a sigh of infinite relief, his eyes rest upon the Lord Himself as he utters the words : " But *Thou, O Lord, shalt endure for ever,*" and then, later " But Thou art the same and Thy years shall have no end "

Look yet once again and see what a contrast is here :- " My days" (v 11) " Thy years" (v 27) A glance at the declining shadow

on the sundial where it stands, amidst the paling light, on the garden path, reminds him of his swiftly passing days. But then another at the 'everlasting hills' and the star-spangled heavens tells him of a God behind it all and greater than all who shall endure when all else shall have passed away. Have we learnt the secret yet? Here it is in the words which may be familiar:

"To be miserable, look within;
To be distracted, look around;
To be happy, look above."

As certainly as we look within shall we find disappointment and shadow and gloom, but one steadfast look upward reveals to us Him who knows no change—Him who remains, Him who fails not. Blessed be His Name! Dear reader, let me remind you that Jesus stands at the portal of the opening year. He has blessed you, O, so richly in the past; He has led you with His own strong loving hand; He has caused His glorious face to shine upon you. Listen! He is the same! and the prospects only brighten as the days go by. Take heart! Look up for your redemption draweth nigh. He is still on the Throne for us, our soon-coming Lord.

"We can almost hear His footsteps
On the threshold of the door,
And our hearts, our hearts are longing
To be with Him evermore."

STRANOCUM.

A Mission has just been concluded in this country district by Mr Phillips and Mr. Kingston. At first it was uphill work, there being a great deal of prejudice and indifference, but towards the end of the mission God's blessing was realized upon the meetings. We rejoice to hear of several souls saved and there are not wanting signs that God will continue to work.

ARMAGH.

* Armagh in which Mr Darragh and Miss Adams have been working during the last month or so has been proving itself once again to be a hard place. However, God answered prayer in that several were saved and greater numbers attended the meetings than ever before. We praise God for signs of blessing, and ask the prayers of our readers that there may be a real awakening in this city.

MERTHYR.

The work at Merthyr began in January last, and it has been an uphill fight from the beginning, but the Lord be praised for He manifested His power in the salvation of many souls during the first nine months of the year. By the end of September we realised that the place was ripening for a harvest and therefore arranged a series of prayer meetings to be followed by evangelistic services. From the beginning the Lord moved in the salvation of souls and the meetings were continued for five weeks, some being saved each night. The Evangelistic Services were followed by a week's Bible Studies dealing mainly with the truths of sanctification and the Baptism in the Holy Ghost.

On 24th November we had a Baptismal Service when twenty-two followed the Lord through the waters of baptism. This was the fourth baptismal service held there since the opening, 45 in all having been baptised. Surely we can look back over the past year and say. "The Lord has done great things for us whereof we are glad." Merthyr is a hard place for the Lord, for surely it is the seat of Satan, but for the encouragement of those who

are also working in hard places we would pass on the truth which the Lord revealed to us while pleading for this place. He showed us that Calvary was the hardest of all, yet He overcame, therefore we could trust Him to smash this hard place also. To Him be all the praise and the glory for ever and ever. Surely we have proved the truth of the prophet Jeremiah's words: "Ah, Lord God! Behold Thou hast made the heaven and the earth by Thy great power and stretched-out arm and *there is nothing too hard for Thee*," (Jer 32, 17). We earnestly ask all the saints to pray that the Lord will continue to work in our midst to the praise of His glory.—R S.

Is Jesus Christ the Great "I Am" Or is He the Great "I Was"?

By MRS. AIMEE SEMPLE MCPHERSON.

"And when they say unto me, What is His Name? What shall I say unto them? And He said, Thus shall thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. This is My Name forever and this is My Memorial unto all generations" (Ex 3 14, 15)

Have you ever stopped to think of the thousands who to-day preach Christ as "The Great I WAS?" and of the comparatively few who really preach and know Him as "The Great I AM?"

Shut in my closet of prayer to-day, with my Bible and the Spirit my Guide, I muse a while o'er its pages, then pray for the world with its throngs who, in teeming millions, walk through this life in need of "The Great I AM."

As I ponder and pray in the stillness, I dream as a dreamer of dreams. A steepled church stands before me—a church with open doors. Within it I see the preacher stand, hear his voice in earnest call. 'Tis the throng that flows through the street outside that holds my anxious gaze.

"Pit-a-pat! Pit-a-pat!"—say the hundreds and thousands of feet, surging by the church doors of our land.

'Pat! Pat! Pit-a-pat!'—hurrying multitudes, on business and—pleasure bent.

From out the church door floats the voice of Pastor and Evangelist in an effort to halt the down-rushing throng in their headlong race toward destruction, and attract their attention to the Christ.

"Stop! Stop, Giddy throng, surging by like a river, take your eyes from the bright lights of the gilded way," they cry. "Leave the paths of death, enter our open door and listen while we tell you the sweet though ancient story of "The Great I WAS."

"Eloquently, instructively, we will tell you of the wonderful power Christ 'used' to have, the miracles He 'used' to perform, the sick He 'used' to heal. 'Tis a graphic and blessed history of those things which Jesus did almost 1900 years before you were born. They happened far, far away across a sea which you have never sailed in a country which you have never seen, among people you have never known.

"Wonderful, marvelous, was the power that 'used' to flow from "The Great I WAS." He 'used' to open the blind eyes, unstop the deaf ears, and make the lame to walk. He 'used' to show forth such mighty works and even manifest them through His followers that the attention of the multitudes was arrested and gripped in such an irresistible way that thousands were brought storming at His door of mercy, to receive blessing and healing at His hand.

"Of course, these mighty works Christ 'used' to do are done no longer,—for some reason. Perhaps Jesus is too far away, or is too busy making intercession at the Father's throne to be bothered with such little things as the physical infirmities of His children, else His ear may have grown heavy

or His arm be short, or maybe these mighty works were only done to convince the doubters in that day, and since we have no doubters (?) in this civilized day and age, the miraculous has passed away and is no longer necessary.

At any rate the fact remains that the signs and wonders which He once declared should accompany His preached Word (Mark 16) are seen no longer. The power He once displayed, till the glory of His majesty and love in coming to destroy the works of the devil, flashed and played through the gloom like the lightnings around Mount Sinai are now dark, cold, dead. And, as for the visible manifestation of His power, we are left desolate as though the light which once shone in the darkness had gone out.

"Come, come to this attractive feast, unheeding sinners. Turn now from your Sunday golf, fishing, theatres and novels. Come enter our doors that I may tell you the story of "The Great I WAS," and the power that 'used' to be." But—

"Tit-a-pat! Pit-a-pat!"—On go the thousands of feet on to the cinema and on to the dance, on to the office, the club and the bank.

"Pat! Pat! Pit-a-pat!" "Why don't you stop, your wayward feet? Do you not know that you are headed for sorrow? Why is it that the theatre is overflowing whilst our pews are empty and bare?"

"Pat! Pat! Pat! Pit-a-pat!" "Oh, stop a moment, the maddening ceaseless, pattering of multitudinous feet and tell me why you take such interest in the world about you and show such lethargy, carelessness and lack of active interest in my story of "The Great I WAS," and the power He 'used' to have and the deeds He 'used' to do? Why is it that people grow enthusiastic over the ball-game, the boxing-ring, the cinema, and the dance, while we see no revival of interest or turning to the Christ?"

On and on they go, paying no heed, neither turning their eyes from the glittering baubles beyond.

"Why is it, dear Spirit of God," I ask, "they do not listen to that dear Brother's call? They do not seem interested in the power Christ 'used' to have. In a steady stream they pass by the church and on into the world of grim realities and the problems which they must face.

"Pat! Pat! Pit-a-pat!"—there are young feet, old feet, light feet, heavy feet, glad feet, sad feet, joyous feet, tired, discouraged feet, tripping feet, lonely, groping feet, straight feet, sick and crippled feet, eager, searching feet, disillusioned, disappointed feet, and, as they pass, a message is somehow tangled up in their pattering, which rises from the cobble-stones like a mighty throbbing from the heart of the world.

"Tis not so much what Christ used to do for the world in answer to prayer in bygone days," they seem to say "but where is His power NOW? And what can He do TODAY?"

"Ah yes!" sigh the crippled feet from the pavement, "we are not so vitally interested in the sick He 'used' to heal, the limbs He 'used' to make straight and strong. (Of course we are glad to know that somewhere, sometime, in the distant past Christ healed the sick in far-off lands). But we live in the great today—and Ah me!! we are very worn and weary! We yearn for healing, hope and strength today. We stand in need of succour NOW. But you say these mighty provisions for the healing of the body (as well as the soul), which Christ promised in Psalms 103, Isaiah 53; Matt. 8; Mark 16; Jas 5, were not at all lasting but were mainly for the Jews who lived in other days. And in reality your teaching says Christ's healing of the sick, when He walked this earth, was not so much for the demonstration of the tender Saviour's love and sake of relieving the sufferers' pain and a pity for the sick themselves, as to build up His own cause and make the world believe and, accomplishing this, He withdrew the life line of hope and coiled it up again. So, as the church cannot supply my need, I must pass on in further search of help from another source."

"And we," say the tired, discouraged feet, "are also glad that in a far off land, He gave the weary rest: and they, who had well nigh lost faith and trust in their fellow-man, found truth and grace in Him.

"But you say He is afar off now? That we live in a different dispensa-

tion? His promises were largely for the Jewish people anyway? Then there's not much for us here, so we walk past your door seeking elsewhere a haven of rest and hope."

"And we, the glad, young, joyous feet, send up a rippling echo from the pavement, "we are in search of something that can give us joy and happiness *today*. You say God '*used*' to make His little ones so happy that they danced and shouted for joy. We, too, want joy! Not the joy that '*used*' to be but joy of heart *today*. As it is taken away from the church, we seek it in the world.

"And we," say the heavy, groping, lonely feet, "are bereaved and seek comfort and rest. For us the shades of night are falling. The knowledge that Christ '*once*' dried tears and bare the heavy load is blest indeed, but Oh! we of *today* need succour *now*. Preaching 'The Great I WAS' can never satisfy our longings. WE NEED 'THE GREAT I AM'."

"The Great I AM"—why yes! That's it exactly! That's what this old world needs. A Christ who lives and loves and answers prayer *today*. A Christ who changeth not but is the same *today* as He was yesterday, and will be evermore. A Christ whose power knows neither lack nor cessation. A Lord whose Name is 'I AM' forever, even unto all generations.

When the Lord bade Moses go, call the children of Israel from the flesh pots and bondage, sin and sickness of Egypt, Moses inquired of Him, "When they shall ask who sent me? and *What is His Name? what shall I say unto them? and He said, "Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. This is my Name forever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.*

Oh, what a wonderful Name! What a wonderful promise! Glory! Glory to God!

Moses did not need to go about apologetically and say, "The Great I WAS" hath sent me unto you, His name is 'I WAS' because He '*used*' to do great things—long ago. He expended the last of His power in creating the heavens and the earth and all that in them is. He is quite far off now and the necessity for this miraculous manifestation of His power is no longer needed, seeing that all things have now been created. He does not do mighty works today but please come, follow and obey the message of "The Great I WAS."

Why, I doubt whether they would have followed such a call. The message which Moses bare rang clear and firm—I AM hath sent me. He walked with assurance. The solid rock was under his feet. His God was a living God—a miracle-working God. Moses knew his business was to preach and deliver the message God had given him. "The Great I AM" had contracted to back up that message with signs following. I AM—I AM—I AM!" rang in the ears of Moses every step he took.

Ah! It gives a servant of God so no heart to know that 'I AM' hath sent him. No more apologizing. No more hanging the head and resorting to earthly means, no more trembling and fear of failure, no dread now that the crowds will not follow! Head erect, footsteps firm and full of assurance, hands pointing unhesitatingly to the way, voice ringing clear and authoritative—*I AM, I AM hath sent me unto you!*"

"I AM" lives today. He will tabernacle in our midst. 'I AM' will deliver us from our enemies. He will guide us by His hand. 'I AM' will feed us with the bread from the heavens and give us water from the rock. 'I AM' will deliver us from the sickness and the diseases of the Egyptians, saying, 'If you will walk in My ways and keep My statutes none of the diseases which have been put upon the Egyptians shall come nigh you. 'I AM' will lead us to the promised land—"

Oh, the blessed assurance, the authority, the majestic glory of the name 'I AM!' No wonder the children of Israel left the flesh-pots and the bands that bound them. No wonder the weary eyes of the toiler looked up with new interest and hope. No wonder that hands which had hung down were lifted and the feeble knees made strong when Moses could promise them that

when the Lord said unto those which were weak "be strong and of a good courage, for the Lord will do great things, he meant just what he said. He did not have to say, "The Lord *'used'* to do great things," but could triumphantly declare "The Lord *'WILL'* do great things; for He is The Great I AM, and though heaven is His home, the earth is His footstool "here He answers the prayers of His people."

During Moses' ministry, the sick were healed, the lepers cleansed, the plague stayed

Oh, Moses—how we envy you, the great commission GO ' call my people out of bondage into liberty, out of darkness into light; out of sin into holiness, out of sickness into health! But tell us, just when did the day of supernatural, miraculous manifestation of the power of God end?—When did "I AM" become "I WAS"?"

Why, little children, "I AM" hath never changed! His power is just the same in this thy day as it was in the days of yore. Did He not say, "This is My Name FOREVER—even unto ALL generations?" They who have faith shall see the lightnings of His glory flash in power of answered prayer today, as in the days of old. Elijah and Elisha lived in a day when doubters said the miraculous had passed away and "I AM" had become "I WAS" but through faith and prayer they proved His name to be "I AM" unto their generations. After the ascension of the Only Begotten of the Father Jesus Christ, the disciples proved that "He who was dead is alive for evermore"—the Great I AM, who saves and heals and baptizes with the Spirit's power.

On and on through the centuries, though surrounded by unbelief and scepticism, there have always been the Elijahs and the Peters who have proved that "I AM" is His name even unto their generation. John Wesley believed that Christ was not only to save but to heal the sick in *his* day. In his biography he tells of the lame made to walk, cancers which melted away and even a lame horse made whole through answered prayer, thus proving "I AM" to be the Lord's Name even unto *His* generation

Then, surely He has not changed at this late hour! Surely, He is the same today Elijah, Peter, John Wesley, and an army of others who had heard and obeyed the message, "Thus shall you say—I AM hath sent me." were ridiculed and persecuted by those they loved the best. Even so to-day, though it means being despised and misunderstood, get alone in the wilderness of quiet and stillness before God. Seek His face till your soul is kindled with the flame of love from the burning bush. Get your authority from God Inquire of Him, "When they shall ask who sent me and what is His name? what shall I say unto them?" Hear His reply, "Thus shalt thou say unto them 'I AM' hath sent me" and let it ring in your soul forever, louder, clearer, more wonderful in its revelation of the ever-living Christ with each new step and turn of the way. Victory is assured and the only solution to the problem of drawing the multitude is to lift up, not the dead, but the living Christ, not the Great "I WAS" but The Great "I AM"

Thanks! Thanks! for that message, dear Lord! The clouds of uncertainty are dispelled—the shades of night rolled back. We see Thee in a new and glorious light, even as the Sun of Righteousness with healing in Thy wings. "I AM." is Thy Name today and shall be evermore!

"I AM the Lord, I change not"

"I AM the Lord that hath chosen thee and called thee by thy name.

"I AM come down to deliver thee and to bring thee up into a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey

"I AM (not I WAS but I AM) the Lord that *healeth thee.*

"I AM He who was dead but am alive forevermore"

"I AM Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

How the "I AM'S" of the Lord come rolling in, like the billows of a full, overflowing sea, whose tide rises ever higher toward down-bending heavens

Glory! Glory! My own poor heart is running over like a tiny cup that would seek to hold the ocean! God is speaking in my ears, "I AM THAT

I AM." The earth resounds with His voice The eternal hills and the mountains swell the song " *I AM shall be My Name for evermore.*" And away up yonder the glorious stars of heaven echo back again—" *Even unto all generations this shall be my Name.*" Angels and chreubims bend low ovr r heaven's balustrade and sing a new song of inspiration—" Go forth, my child, and this thy cry shall be, ' *I AM, I AM hath sent me unto thee,*' "

Again, I see the steepled church —But now the scene is changed

" Pat! Pat! Pit-a-pat—The street that lies before it is still with people filled But they are no longer passing " *by* "—the crowds are passing in "*in*" They fill the pews and the galleries. They stand in the aisles and climb to the window sills. They pack the doorways and stand on the stairs The streets and the lanes are filled. The Gospel nets are full to the bursting and there is no more room to contain the multitudes that throng the place.

And out o'er the heads of the people I hear the message ring :-

" Awake! thou that sleepest, arise from the dead! The Lord still lives, today. His power has never abated His Word has never change! The things He did in Bible days, He still lives to do today Not a burden is there He cannot bear nor a fetter He cannot break

" Here bring your sins, He'll wash them away. Here bring your sickness He'll heal you to-day We serve not a dead but a living God—not ' I WAS' but 'The Great I AM'

" Come young, come old, come sad, come glad; come weary and faltering of step; come sick, come well; come one, come all unto " *The Great I AM* " There is food for the hungry, there is strength for the faint, there is hope for the hopeless, and sight for the blind "

" Pit-a-pat! Pit-a-pat! " Faster and faster they come! The church is o'erflowing, they are filling the streets Their faces are shining, in their eyes the light of hope has been kindled by the taper of faith through the preaching of " *The Great I AM* "

They are reaching out their hands for forgiveness, for the healing of the crippled and sick They are thirsting for the joy of salvation, hungering for the Bread of Life. They are seeking the power of the Holy Ghost and something practical which can meet the immediate and pressing need of the great today, and fit them for the morrow. And they have found the source of sure supply *in the church*—the house of God—from under whose altar and o'er whose threshold runs the ever deepening stream of life. They seek no further, through the briars of the world—they have found " *The Great I AM* " and sing.

" Wisdom, righteousness and power,
Holiness for evermore
My redemption full and sure,
Christ is all I need "

Burdens are lifted, tearful weeping eyes are dried, the sick are healed, the crooked made straight Sin-guilty hearts are cleansed and made holy. Empty water-pots are filled with wine And the cold, worldly church has risen from the dust in garments glistening, white With oil in their lamps and sheaves in their arms—they worship—" *The Great I AM* "—

The Bridal Call!

Items of Interest.

Miss Hobbs and Miss Weymouth of Bexhill expect to set sail very shortly for Swaziland Mr Bull of Sandown, Isle of Wight, is waiting to go out, but is held up for lack of funds Let us take this need very specially to the Lord in prayer, and pray that He will thrust forth yet more labourers into His harvest.

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We are glad to be able to report the safe arrival in Swaziland of Mr. F Bromberger Pastor Norman Burley writes, " For some weeks our people have been praying for our brother's safe passage across the high seas So

it was with no small joy that all who were able to do so met at the station a few days ago, to bid him welcome to this corner of the vineyard of the Lord. School children and grown-ups, all bright and smiling formed three long lines at the spot where the Pretoria coach always stops, and as they heard our brother's hearty "hallelujah," saluted and shouted their joyous greetings. Meanwhile the sisters, Rex and Myself shook him, hands, arms, shoulders, head and all, each one eager to say the first "Welcome to Africa Welcome in the name of the Lord." All the baggage was snatched up, every one of the natives vying with the others to carry the new "Umfundisi's" things. And then began the march to the Mission. All the way they sang 'Praise, praise, the Gospel has come to us,' changing impromptu to "Praise, praise, the Umfundisi has come to us." We were a very happy crowd. And at night the Church overflowed with people as our dear Evangelist David gave the right-hand of fellowship on behalf of the people to our Brother. It was a scene of joy and praise, the beginning we believe of happy service of each to the other. May the Lord be glorified thereby."

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Our brother, Dan Wilkins, writes a most interesting letter from his newly-reached destination—Cochabamba, Bolivia. In describing the journey out he says "I had a very pleasant voyage. I sailed from Liverpool July 16th and arrived at the above address on August 30th. It gave me pleasure to witness for Jesus all along the way. The Saviour gives us grace just to tell others of His great love. God be praised for His goodness to the sons of men! I heard a brother once say "I would rather be a missionary than a king." One morning on board ship I got a glorious opportunity to give my testimony to the Captain and read to him Mark 16 17. When I related to him God's wonder-working power as manifested in various parts of Wales he remarked "You know the Welsh are very emotional!" I assented "This may be true to a degree. Praise God there is a possibility of having holy emotion which gives locomotion to the work of God." I remember hearing Bro. Wigglesworth once say at Zion College: "We are in a moving movement, not a monument." I now live at a height of 8,000 feet. My habitation is a mud hut! No pictures on the wall, no carpet on the floor, but our heavenly Father can transform a mud hut into a sanctuary by His hallowed presence. Altogether there are six Pentecostal missionaries in Bolivia. Please pray for us. We feel our weakness; the odds are great against us, yet God has called us to labour in this dark land. Jesus died for the rude Indian. True their eyes are darkened by superstition, but the light of the world is Jesus. Again we intreat you, please pray for us."

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The Pentecostal Convention at the Hayes, Swanwick, Derbyshire has been arranged this year to take place from April 25 to May 2. Full details will be given in a later issue.

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At present preparations are being made for Pastors Stephen and George Jeffreys to hold revival services in a fine building known as the Methodist Church, Park Crescent, Clapham Common, London which has been rented for twelve months. Further particulars will be announced later.

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Prayer is asked for the revival services to be conducted by Pastor Stephen Jeffreys in the Co-operative Institute, Grimsby, commencing the 8th of this month.

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After several years of faithful service in hired buildings, the Pentecostal friends in Edinburgh and Leith are looking forward to having a hall of their own. The blessing that rested on the work in the old premises in Bridge Street made a larger, better place desirable; and then God let the desire

become a need by a notice to quit ! A good situation for the new hall has been secured at Bonnington Toll, just where Edinburgh and Leith meet, and the friends are full of praise to God for the generous promises from His people that have justified proceeding with the new building, which is to have sitting accommodation for about 250, with a baptistry, ante-rooms, etc. It is hoped to open it with the usual Convention at the New Year (Dec. 31 to Jan 2) when Pastor Saxby will be among the speakers. Further particulars may be obtained from the Pastor, Donald Gce, 107, Bellevue Road, Edinburgh.

“ His Loveliness.”

By PASTOR E. C. BOULTON.

“ His speech is the very perfection of sweetness ! • And Himself the concentration of loveliness ” — Cant. v. 16 (Sp. v. 11)

“ Hast thou seen Him, heard Him, known Him ?
Is not thine a captured heart ?
Chief among ten thousand own Him
Joyful choose the better part ”

What a priceless privilege is thine O child of God ! To behold Him in whom dwells all the Divine fulness ! He whose glory exceeds that of the noonday sun, and in whom all the Divine attributes find their fullest expression !

It is not difficult to discern those who have lingered long in the Divine presence—a few moments in their company is sufficient to announce the fact that “ the secret place ” is well known to them. There is a glory which cannot be veiled—a sweetness and gentleness that refuses to be hid—a fragrance which clothes the whole life, giving to it an irresistible power of attraction. Thus in intimate communion with Christ, the soul ultimately become immersed in God.

Art thou by nature hard and unyielding, and is there that in thy disposition which repels ? Betake thyself to the chamber of meditation and prayer, and there tarry until He speaks somewhat of His loveliness into thy poor barren nature,—learn to drink deeply of His Spirit. Here in this place of revelation thou shalt exchange the spirit of heaviness for the garment of praise, and thou shalt come forth with “ songs and everlasting joy upon thy head ”. Take thy difficulties, thy burdens, thy sorrows, these things which make thy soul to smart, take them to Him, look upon Him and thou shalt find deliverance therefrom.

Dost thou realize a resistance to the operation of the Holy Spirit, which threatens to thwart His plan for thy life ? A shrinking fear which prevents thee from launching forth upon the promises, and trusting thyself wholly to Jesus ? Tarry awhile in His holy presence and thou shalt discover that perfect love casteth out all fear, and into thy life shall come a wonderful and blessed freedom, which will enable thee to do the will of God with delight.

Here thou shalt find thy tongue loosened in praise, and thou shalt acquire the holy art of prayer. O soul beset by fierce temptation get thee up to the mountain, and there alone with God thou shalt learn the way to victory! Contemplate His strength until courage flows into thy timid faltering heart! Gaze upon His purity until thy iniquity is purged, and thy dross consumed, so that remains nothing but pure gold!

Is thy heart cold and sluggish? Unresponsive and unmoved? Come thou into His banqueting chamber, and feast upon His loveliness, and soon thou wilt find thy heart aglow with holy purpose and passion, and within thee will be kindled the flame of an unquenchable love, and from the place of vision thou shalt go forth to the field of service, carrying with thee somewhat of the glory of that inner sanctuary! Know you not that it is His purpose to reveal His Son in thee? That thou art called to be conformed to the image of thy Lord? See to it that thou dost not miss the mark! Yield to Him and He will work in thee until "thy poor life be all divine."

"Work on then Lord, till on my soul
Eternal light shall break,
And in Thy likeness perfected
I satisfied shall wake."

Note. These short devotional articles by Pastor Boulton will be continued every month.

Bible Study Course.

By DR. W. R. G. PHAIR

FOREWORD

May the writer suggest, from experience, a delightfully refreshing and profitable way of using bible-studies?

Appoint an evening when several friends can gather weekly round the table, with Bibles open and reference books handy. Let each one also bring a good notebook

Begin with prayer. At the first meeting arrange a few important details. If a leader or teacher is present, let him take charge, or arrange that several take charge in turn. Fix the times of meeting—both opening and closing, and decide to work to them promptly. Lastly appoint a Secretary. All this can be done in a few minutes.

Then begin the first evening's study.

Read the portion through, each taking a verse

Take up the different points suggested, examine them and test them by the Word. If several scriptures are given, let all the places be found, so that they may be read (with the necessary portion of context) in rotation without gaps of waiting. Discuss freely, but keep to the point. Remember your object is study,—not debates. Note conclusions in notebook, also undecided points. If further information is desired by the circle on any important point, let the Secretary write to whomsoever is considered likely to supply it. The first letter of the Secretary might be a notification to the writer that the circle is formed.

Close the study with prayer.

Suggestions for Bible Study. No. 1

Scripture . Genesis I, 1-5

General Remarks on the Chapter Notice the brevity, simplicity, yet grand scope of the record of creation—full of teaching, yet often but little understood—attacked continually by infidels and enemies, yet standing, and to stand in God's strength. (1 Cor I 25 : III 19 Ps 119, 89) First let us consider :-

I The Fact of Revelation This scripture is unique inasmuch as it records facts and scenes which occurred before man's existence—therefore no man was present (Job 38, especially vv. 4 and 21 {R V}). It follows that no man is competent to originate this record—his testimony is ruled out of court simply because he is not a witness. The record came from God, or it is worthless. The fact of direct revelation from God to man is established as a matter of necessity, with the opening verses of His Word.

II. What is revealed in this record ? Among other things -

(a) The existence of God.

(b) The power of God

(c) The wisdom of God

(d) The goodness of God. Everything made good, God blessed.

(e) The non-eternity of matter. God is before all (Col I.17).

This disposes of materialism, pantheism, etc

(f) Life did not evolve—the higher from the lower,—but was created in its separate forms by successive creative acts

This disposes of the theory of evolution in general

(g) Man was not evolved from a lower form of life, but was created complete, after another pattern, and at another time (comp Gen II.7)

This annihilates what is termed 'Darwinism'

We would expect that God's record would be entirely at variance with much that is called science' (1 Tim 6 20) but is in reality only man's theory. Science in reality is knowledge of truth. All truth whether moral or physical must be a unit. It is absurd to speak of truth contradicting truth. It is our knowledge that is defective (1 Cor 8 2). Go through the chapter, picking out the name 'God' and write down the verbs, thus 'God created' 'God moved'

Verse 1. 'In the beginning' chap John I 1 Which 'beginning' is first ?

Verse 3 'Let there be light' (see commentary in II Cor 4-6)

Light a type of God 1 John I 5-7, 1 Tim vi 16, Jas I 17

Light of the Lord Jesus John I 7, 8, 9; ix 5, viii 12; John xii 35, 36, 46, Rev xxi 23.

Light of the Holy Spirit 'Oil for the light' Exodus 27, 20-21, etc Matt. 25, 3 4.

Light of Truth Ps 36 9, 118, 27, 89, 15; 119, 105 and 130.

Light of the Believer Matt v 14, Eph v 8 1 Thess v 5-8

Verse 4 'divided the light from the darkness. Exodus x, 23, xiv. 20, II Cor 6. 14, Jno. 3 19, Isa 5, 20

Objection raised by sceptics "The account makes light appear before any mention of the sun" And why not? This is a good instance of man's wisdom. (1 Cor 3 19) Is the sun the only source of light then? Whence came the light in Exodus x 23; xiv 20, Matt 17 2, Acts 9, 3; 12, 7. Not from the sun

We know almost nothing of the nature of light,—cannot explain the electric spark, the aurora—do not even know how the glow-worm and firefly give their light. The sun is a light-giver, not light. It is as easy for God to light us without the sun as with it (Job 38, 19 and 24)

(To be continued)

“I will Declare what He hath done.”

Under this heading we hope to publish, month by month, personal testimonies to salvation, healing and the Baptism in the Holy Ghost.—Editor.

“Bless the Lord O my soul and forget not all His benefits.” Praise His Holy Name ! for He has put a new song into my mouth, a new strength into my soul and has healed my body

For many years I had suffered from a severely diseased leg and foot, not daring to put my foot to the ground unless tightly bandaged for support so great was the pain. Recently Pastor George Jeffreys and Evangelists have been holding Revival Services at the New Hall at Leigh-on-Sea, and at the close of the services an invitation was given to those who wished for healing to go to the front. Knowing that the very same Jesus is living and working to-day as ever He did, nearly 2,000 years ago, I went. In obedience to the Word of God, my head was anointed with oil, after which prayer was fervently offered that the disease might be cast out, and that the Lord would heal and bless.

Prayer was wonderfully answered ! The heavens opened, a mighty current of Divine life streamed from the Lord into me, and blessed be His Name I am healed. I have since given my leg and foot a severe testing, by discarding all bandages, walking long distances, and by doing extra household duties and am still thankful to say I am strong and well. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.”—E G

My testimony to the saving, keeping, healing and baptising power of the Lord Jesus Christ. I was deeply convicted for three weeks ; I knew I was a sinner in the sight of a Holy God and could not eat nor sleep. I went to a Gospel Meeting and the Evangelist took as her text Genesis 3 9—“And the Lord God called unto Adam and said unto him “where art thou ?” These words kept ringing in my ear—“Where art thou ?” I could not leave the meeting that night till I got saved. I came a poor lost sinner and found a loving Saviour who said “him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out” He saved me, and keeps me day by day. Glory to His Name.

I praise God for a free and full salvation for spirit soul and body. I suffered with heart disease for twenty years, was attending the Doctor, spent all the money I had, and at the end of that time was no better. The Doctor told me to stop work or I would drop down, my heart was so weak.

Praise the Lord, He sent the Pentecostal people along to Ballymena. I went to hear them preach, and felt the wonderful drawing power of the Lord. I told the dear Sister who was preaching about my disease, she said that Jesus Christ was the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever. Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses” (Matt 8 17). She then said that the Lord was able to heal my body if I had faith to believe. I obeyed the word of the Lord and was anointed with oil according to James, 5, 14, and praise the dear Lord I was instantaneously healed and baptised with the Holy Ghost at the same time. Truly He has done great things for me whereof I am glad. I am at my work every day and have not had an attack of my heart since then which is now over four years ago. “He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed” (Isaiah 53, 5)
—R M. 525

I was brought up a Roman Catholic but a few years ago I went to a Christian home where I heard the plan of Salvation. One night before retiring a few of us got down to pray. I felt my heart was breaking and I could not stand it. I knew I was a sinner and needed to be saved. For a few days I was most miserable knowing if I decided for Christ I would have to come out from the Roman Catholic Church. But thank God He gave me deciding grace to forsake all and follow Him.

A short time afterwards I took seriously ill, and had to go home, and was in bed for a year unable to sit up. I had three Doctors with me, and each of them said my case was hopeless. So I was a case for the Lord. One morning the Priest came in to anoint me for the last time but I refused and said the Lord would look after me.

A dear Pentecostal Brother called to see me. He read the Word and prayed with me and from that time I felt getting stronger and very soon was able to go to the Pentecostal Meetings. I went to the Breaking of Bread Service and we had a glorious time. The Power of God was present to heal. The dear Lord touched me and made me perfectly whole, and I proved Him to be Jehovah Rophi, The Lord that healeth. Since then I have been telling of the wonderful things the Lord has done for me. A few months afterwards He baptised me with the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2, 4. I trust the Lord will make this testimony a blessing to someone.—M. L.

A Present Day Message.

By EVANGELIST W. L. LAKE.

Beloved in the Lord, "have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?" (Acts xix.2). The question is brimful of significance. Perhaps you are saying, as so many are saying that you received the Spirit at conversion. In a sense we believe that every one who hears and truly believes the Gospel has the Spirit; but as the result of hearing an utterly defective Gospel, multitudes believe in Christ unto the saving of the soul, yet have not received the Promise of the Father—the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Doubtless we are in the very last of the 'last days,' and swiftly ebbing time urges that we give this matter of the Holy Spirit-Baptism the earliest and deepest consideration. Believers, world-wide, are on the tiptoe of expectancy for a Revival that in its power and effect shall encircle the whole earth. God's promise is:- "Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord. His going forth is prepared as the morning, and He shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth." "Be glad then ye children of Zion and rejoice in the Lord your God, for He hath given you the former rain moderately, and He will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain and the latter rain." "In the last days, saith God, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh." "And it shall come to pass that whosoever shall call on the Name of the Lord shall be saved" (Hosea vi 3, Joel ii 23, Acts ii 17-21).

This Revival will be unprecedented since the early days of Pentecost, in signs and wonders, conversions, healings, miracles, refreshings and manifestations of the Holy Spirit. *Yes, it is coming, and coming to our land.* The signs are already with us. It is coming as a surprise, coming in an unexpected way, coming not to run along the old groove, or to be harnessed to the old formulæ.

It will be a time of heart-searching when God shall speak to men, and they will be brought face to face with the Living God; when consciences will be smitten by deep conviction wrought by the Spirit of God. Here are the "times of refreshing" to which Peter referred, and they are to continue until Jesus comes. "Repent ye therefore and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that so there may come seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord; and that He may send the Christ who hath been appointed for you, even Jesus" Acts iii 19-20 (R. V.)

As the 'former rain' was given in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the opening of the Gospel era, so the 'latter rain' will be given at the close, for the ripening of the harvest. The great work of the Gospel is not to close with less manifestation of the power of God than marked its opening.

Fellow-believer, what is your present attitude in view of this message and the coming revival? May we reiterate the question. "Have YOU received

the Holy Ghost since you believed—the enduement of power from on high, to render you efficient to stand in your place to do the part that God has planned for you in this great coming movement of the Holy Ghost ?

No prayer is needed for God to institute the Pentecostal blessing ; that He has already done. It remains for all believers to appropriate the privileges of the Pentecostal Dispensation, to receive the " Promise of the Father "—the personal Pentecostal Fulness and enduement of the Spirit,—by surrender and faith. " The Promise " is unto all, but there must be a definite discovery, understanding and recognition of " the Promise ; " and it must be definitely embraced before it is fulfilled in the individual experience, and when the Baptism is received we may expect the same manifestation as at " the beginning "—and " they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance " Acts ii.4

Foreknowledge and Predestination.

By W. F. P. BURTON.

Suppose I am sending an invitation to everyone in a certain district to come to a feast, I know beforehand that some will not come. The reasons for their refusal would be various : some will be too proud to receive my hospitality ; others will be ashamed to appear in poverty's garments ; while some will stay away through personal dislike for me.

ACCEPTANCE

If I had lived in the district for some years, even with an imperfect knowledge, I could judge, with some degree of accuracy, the number of people to provide for,—that is, the number who were to be my chosen guests,—those who were predestined (chosen before) to share in the feast.

Now if I knew the end from the beginning, knew all things, knew what was in man, knew the future as well as the past (as God does), I could even select the places for those who would come, and write a slip of paper with the name on, allocating a place for each.

All this despite the fact that everyone in the district was invited and none would be turned away who were willing to come. It is not my fault—but their own—if they do not enjoy the dainties which I have lovingly prepared for them.

REJECTION.

Moreover I could write another list,—of those who would refuse. Those who were predestined to be shut out of the banquet.

" Mrs. So-and-So will not come. I've sent repeated invitations, both through the post and by word of mouth, through messengers. She has smelled the savoury aromas of preparation as she passed my door. She has seen poor hungry folk pressing in to partake of my bounty, and she has gone by with a haughty toss of her head, believing herself to be so superior to them that she will not be seen in the same company.

" And then there is poor Tom What's-his-name, who has'nt had a square meal for months and looks as hungry as a wolf. He came past and not only did I send a letter after him begging him to come and eat and drink, without money and without price, but some of those who were already feasting went out and, testifying to their own satisfaction, begged him not to be hungry as there was food enough and to spare, while he, poor Tom ! perished with hunger. " But no ! the foolish fellow went his way declaring that such luxuries could not be for the like of him, and even abused some of the feasters telling them that they were hypocrites, pretending to be something more than they were, or they would not be found in such a place "

Yet when all's said and done, I knew that Mrs So-and-So and Tom What's-his-Name would reject all my overtures of grace, and so their names were already amongst those in the list of people who chose " outer darkness " rather than accept my bounty and enter in. Can you blame me for their rejection ? Have I not prepared for the reception of all who will come.

APPLICATION.

UNIVERSAL INVITATION.

God has sent out a universal invitation "*Whosoever will* let him take of the water of life freely (Rev. 22, 17) "Come unto me *all ye* that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest" (Matt 11,23). "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that *whosoever* believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3.16). One could adduce many similar verses to show that God has not invited a small and select few, but has called the whole, wide, sinful world to His feast, because "He was not willing that any should perish but that *all* should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3.9). "He desireth *all* men to be saved" (1 Tim.2,4)

God has done all that was possible to that end: "*What could I have done more* to My vineyard that I have not done in it?" (Isa.5 4) Christ "gave Himself a ransom for *all*" (1 Tim 2,6) God "spared not His own Son but delivered Him up for us *all*." (Rom 8.32). "All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned everyone to his own way and the Lord hath laid upon Him the iniquity of us *all*" (Isa 53 6). Therefore the call goes out 'into all the world' "To every creature" (Mark 16 1-5). The Gospel invitation is "Come for all things are now ready" (Luke 14.17). Nothing has been left for us to do, or to pay for, since Christ cried 'It is finished' (John 19,30). Forgiveness free, redemption free, deliverance free, healing free, the Holy Spirit free, heaven free. With Jesus all things (Rom 8, 32) Everything that is worth having,—and for nothing—to everyone who will come.

HUMAN REJECTION.

"But they have not all obeyed the gospel, for Esaias saith—Lord who hath believed our report" (Rom. 10,16). "I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people that walketh in a way that was not good after their own thoughts." (Isa. 65 2). "And they all began with one consent to make excuse . . . I pray thee have me excused . . . I cannot come." (Luke 14, 18-20). "Their eyes they have closed, lest at any time they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and should understand with their heart and should be converted, and I should heal them" (Matt. 13, 15). All the above Scriptures show that *man is deliberately rejecting God's offer.*

Now let me ask—Who is to blame for men's rejection when God has sent out a universal invitation? Christ clearly blames man for it and regards man as having a free choice in this matter since He says in John 5, 40 "Ye will not come unto me that ye might have life" If men were unable to believe then they could not be blamed, but clearly they *can* believe and refuse to, since the Holy Spirit reproves the world "of sin because they believe not" (John 16, 9).

FOREKNOWLEDGE

Please remember next that God knows everything "Declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times the things that are not yet done." (Isa. 46, 10) "Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not" (John 6, 64).

Now if God, arbitrarily, without reference to any persons own desires or actions, condemned one to Hell and appointed another to Heaven that would be terrible and unfair. But no,—“He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made Him a liar: because he believeth not the record that God gave of His Son. And this is the record that God hath given us eternal life and this life is in His Son” (1 John 5, 10-11). So God appoints and has appointed to 'outer darkness' those that He *knows* will be rejectors, and has appointed as 'heirs of salvation' those that He *knows* will receive Jesus.

Thus Predestination alone is a fearful injustice, and a stumbling-block to those who try to follow it But Predestination on the ground of Foreknowledge is a beautiful and scriptural doctrine for "Whom He did FOREKNOW, He also did predestinate" (Rom 8 29) and so we are "elect ACCORDING TO THE FOREKNOWLEDGE of God" (1 Pet 1, 2).

If we were elected quite apart from our own responsibility or choice, it

would be impossible to be saved however much we sought, and that can never be since "Every one that asketh receiveth, and he that seeketh findeth" (Matt 7, 8)

Belief and Faith.

By PASTOR DONALD GEE

"Can you help me" said a Christian business man one evening as we stood at his door to say good-night "I have felt for a long time that there is a distinction between *belief* and *faith* but I cannot define it?" We confessed that we usually thought the words meant the same thing but readily promised to think a little more deeply. Accordingly the next morning the heart was lifted to God in prayer as the preceding night's question came back to mind and almost immediately that striking passage in James 2 19-20 came before us:— 'Thou believest that there is one God, thou doest well: the devils also believe and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man that faith without works is dead?'

Like a flash we saw a distinction never clearly realised before: paper was reached for and a hurried note sent to the friend expressing the following distinction:—"Belief" is an intellectual assent to alleged facts not necessarily moving the will. "Faith" is a whole-hearted assent to alleged facts, producing volition. Or put still more simply—"Belief" is agreeing to something with the head, without making any difference in the life. "Faith" is agreeing to something with the heart, making a big difference in the life.

Perhaps the theologians may find fault with our definition, but we have personally found it very helpful. In how many things we hold "beliefs" but not a living faith. Faith will always stir a man to do and dare, to suffer if need be, because it has touched his very heart and will,—the spring of all his living faith moves a man. It is amazing with what apathy we can hold our beliefs.

The writer vividly remembers that one morning when a matter of conscience was under discussion the one to whom he was speaking impatiently brushed the objections on one side with the words "that doesn't matter I believe in God too!"

It would be time well spent to go stocktaking among our beliefs, even those which some of us might regard as our distinctively "Pentecostal" beliefs, and see whether the substitution of a bit of living faith would not materially alter our life and ministry.

And is there not a deeper truth still emerging here? That warm, living, mighty faith that will make a man gladly lose his all, and make a man dare all as well,—the faith that Jesus said would move a mountain—whence can be the sufficient spring for such a power as this to capture a man's heart, sway his will, and govern all his action? We believe it is impossible apart from the personal touch. It is the revelation of Jesus Himself to the heart that kindles *this* fire, lighting with the glory of the heavenly vision the days of dark, seeming impossibility, and giving to the ear of our spirits almost the very tones of the voice of our Beloved Lord and Redeemer, as from the throne we hear Him say even to us, "All power is given unto Me—go ye therefore—I am with you always."

Belief may be in our doctrines or our creeds: faith is in HIM

The first Pentecostal believers sold their possessions and goods and parted them to all men. They followed the counsel of the Lord to lay up their treasures in heaven, and when a few years later, Jerusalem was compassed by the armies of Rome, their treasures were laid up in a place where no Roman vandal could get hold of them. It is no occupation for Pentecostal folks of the 20th Century to be gathering up treasures for the soon-coming Antichrist.—Sel

Something Lacking.

My dear Boys and Girls,

Supposing I were to ask you for a list of all the nice things that you like best, I believe you would all include *stories*. How lovely it is when night comes on to listen to one of those wonderful go-to-bed-stories from the Bible. I remember how I used to love the story of Samuel when I was a little boy. I was so interested to think of his mother, Hannah, giving him to the Lord, even from his earliest days, and sending him, while he was still quite a little boy, to live in the House of God. Just try and picture him, dressed something like a priest, going about the Church and doing little things to help old Eli the Priest.

Samuel was a fortunate boy because he had a Godly mother and father. A lot of boys and girls never realize what a blessing it is to have a Christian mother and father who try and point them to Jesus. What a lot of blessings *you* have got when you come to count them! You live in a Christian land with plenty of Churches, Sunday Schools and Gospel Meetings. Then you have got an open Bible and you can read and sing about Jesus. But I just want to ask each one of you a little question. Listen: "*Do you know Jesus?*" I am not asking you whether you know *about* Jesus, but do you know *HIM*? I know lots of things about the King of Spain, but I do not know him, I mean I am not on speaking terms with him. Now perhaps you see what I mean: Do you know the Lord Jesus to speak to? Are you on speaking terms with Him? If you cannot say 'yes' you can never be *really* happy.

"Happy is the boy who believes on Him
Happy is the girl who is cleansed through Him
Never to a child did the Lord say "No"
Let us one and all to the Saviour go"

Now I have almost finished but I want you to hear the sad part of our Samuel story. It is just this that in spite of all the blessings he had "*Samuel did not yet know the Lord*". Think of it! Something was lacking! Although he had a praying mother and even took part in religious meetings himself yet he did not know the Lord. That is what the Bible says about him, and I can't help thinking that he was so like very many boys and girls to-day. Some of them even get Sunday School prizes but they do not know Jesus as their Saviour.

Do you know that Jesus is soon coming back to call *all who know Him* into the air to meet Him and then to go to be with Him in heaven. And then it will be so sad for *those who do not know Him!* They will be left behind and if they are rejecting Him when He comes, they will one day hear Him say those awful words: "*Depart from Me, I know you not*".

Little ones, if you have never known Jesus won't you come to Him now so that you may be able to sing this little verse from your heart:

"He bought me with His precious blood
He died to set me free
Yes, I belong to Jesus
And He belongs to me"

Yours in His Love,

"GREATHEART"

The Last Prayer=Meeting.

The account of it may be found in the sixth chapter of Revelation: "And they said to the mountains and rocks, fall on us and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb." This is the prayer that will be offered!

There will be a great multitude at that prayer meeting. Many prayer Meetings are very thin—few are present. Not so the one before us. All that have treated the Lamb of God unworthily and persisted in it, will be present.

Distinguished persons will be present. They usually have little to do with prayer meetings. They are above such things. They leave such meetings for the poor, the unlearned, the low in life. But they will come to this meeting. We have express mention of this: "And the kings of the earth and the great men, and the rich men and the mighty men," said "Fall on us." They may never have been in a meeting where there was prayer before, but they *cannot* stay away from this.

There will be great emotion in that prayer meeting. It will not be dull, and drowsy and formal. There will be feeling—the deepest feeling. Men must have the most terrible emotions when they are led to cry for the rocks and mountains to fall on and hide them. How dreadful must be the sight of Him that sitteth on the throne, when the fear of Him inspires such a prayer as this? There will be no indifference in that meeting. They will all pray, and what a prayer! It is not addressed to God or the Lamb. They so ill-treated God and carried it to such a desperate length, that they despair, as they well may, of any mercy, hence the dreadful prayer before us. They would go anywhere or suffer anything, to escape or hide from God. They choose that the rocks should fall on them and grind them to powder, rather than to encounter the wrath of the Lamb. TO WHAT DESPERATE MISERY MUST MEN BE DRIVEN when they can offer such a dreadful imprecation upon themselves.

Reader, are you on your way to this meeting? You *hope* not, but it is your manner of life and not your hope that determines this. If you are averse to drawing nigh unto God, you are certainly on your way to this meeting. STOP! THINK! MEDITATE ON THIS! Be persuaded to avoid this meeting. There will be multitudes crying for the mountains to fall on them. Now is the time to escape. Soon it will be too late. THINK OF IT! Soon the door will be closed, NEVER to be opened again. Now is the time to fulfil your dying wishes.

Jesus is the door by which you may escape. (*John* x 7-9) There is no other name given whereby you can be saved (*Acts* IV, 12). Jesus said if you would come to Him he would not cast you out (*John* vi. 37)

COME NOW. Who knows what tomorrow may bring forth? Tomorrow may be too late. COME NOW, and then while the others cry for the rocks and mountains to hide them from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne you will sing, "Worthy is the Lamb that hath redeemed me unto God by His blood."—*Sel*